

# 4-H Youth Development Program

# 4-H News



## BRISTOL/NORFOLK COUNTY

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## MASSACHUSETTS 4-H NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

### 4-H Open House

We just wrapped up our 17th year of participating at the Cracker Barrel Fair in Wrentham by holding our Annual 4-H Open House at the fair. I would like to thank all the clubs that came through for us and did an awesome job!

A huge thank you goes out to Verna Gurwitz, from our Norfolk County Advisory Council, for coordinating the 4-H food booth at the fair. Thanks also to 4-H members and their friends Olivia Lee, Maria Fabiano, Jenna Woodard, Margaret Wall, Julia Larossa, Lily Worthington, Sarah Lynch, Grace Foley, Nesly Lynch, Libby Lukas, Aviva Shippner and Allison Shippner, and 4-H volunteers Cathy Wall and Maura Woodard for all of their help this year in the 4-H food booth.



Thank you to 4-H volunteer Joe Major and volunteers, parents and members of the Sunny Rock Clubs at Ward's Berry Farm for volunteering to bring their animals for an exhibition on Saturday.

Thanks also to 4-H volunteer Val Stone, leader of the Norfolk Horse Feathers Club for holding their fourth annual poultry show at the fair and to the Thunder Hill Canine Encounters dog club, under the leadership of Cathy Quinn, for supporting our always-popular Costume Pet Parade and for holding their third annual dog show at the fair!

Special thanks go out to 4-H volunteers Kristen Stewart, Cindi Muller and Pamela LaPlante, along with parents and members of the Cottontail Club, for their wonderful animal exhibit throughout the entire fair and for holding their second annual rabbit show.

A big thank you to Sue and George Gibson, leaders of the Barn Bums 4-H Club and their members for setting up their club exhibit that included some of their club's miniature horses!

Our annual 4-H Photography Contest was a huge success with over 70 photographs entered and several rosettes awarded to our talented photographers! A special thanks to Denise Field, wife of 4-H Educator Jay Field, for serving as our judge for the photography contest!



Congratulations to members of the Barn Bums Club and the Citizens of the Future Club who received awards in our first ever Car Making Competition at the fair!

Thanks also to the Norfolk Horse Feathers Club, the Thunder Hill Canine Encounters Club, the Mini Whinnies Club, the Canine Capers Club and the Cottontail Club for donating baskets for our 4-H raffle.

Thanks again to everyone who helped to make sure our 4-H Open House was so successful.

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## Welcome Back to our 4-H Club Liaison, Jim McCullough

Through the generosity of the MA 4-H Foundation, once again, we were able to hire Jim McCullough to serve as our regional 4-H Club Liaison. Jim was a 4-H club member in Ohio and a 4-H volunteer club leader in Ohio and Texas before moving to MA, where he has led a 4-H horse and poultry club, first in Norfolk County and currently in Worcester County.

Jim has been calling and emailing many of our 4-H club leaders in Norfolk and Bristol Counties to see how he can support our region's 4-H clubs. He has already provided curriculum and other resources to club leaders, set up times to attend club meetings and organized records trainings for some of our clubs. If you need help in trying to recruit more members for your club, Jim is willing to contact schools in your area to help promote new memberships for your club.

Please welcome Jim back to our local 4-H regional program by responding back to his phone calls and emails to let him know how he can help your club. Jim will respond back quickly if you leave him a message. His email address is [jmccullough@umext.umass.edu](mailto:jmccullough@umext.umass.edu). He can be reached by phone at the Worcester 4-H Office at 508-831-1223, extension 116. Welcome back, Jim!

## Norfolk County Agricultural High School

The Norfolk County Agricultural High School has asked that we include the information below for any eighth grade student who might be interested in applying to this wonderful school. The Agricultural School and its staff have always been extremely supportive of the 4-H program in Norfolk County, providing meeting rooms for our 4-H clubs and advisory groups to meet, as well as providing facilities to hold our countywide events such as County Visual Presentation Day and our County Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest.

- \* Looking for a different high school experience?
- \* Enjoy hands-on activities?
- \* Like being outside?

Then contact the Norfolk County Agricultural School located at 400 Main St., Walpole, MA 02081, 508-668-0268, X11101. They are now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Visit their website at [www.norfolkaggie.org](http://www.norfolkaggie.org) for more information.

## Bristol County 4-H Livestock "End of Year" Awards

Just a final reminder that the end of the year livestock forms can be found on our livestock website, [www.BristolCountyLivestock.com](http://www.BristolCountyLivestock.com). Bristol County 4-H livestock members must have registered at the start of the season and must submit paperwork for at least 3 competitions to be eligible for a year end award.



Paperwork needs to be filled out properly and will not be accepted without signatures from the leader or parent and the show secretary. Livestock show season submission forms can be found on the livestock website. Deadline to submit the form is November 1. Mail forms to: Sandra Dias, 1355 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780.

## Bristol County 4-H Livestock Proficient Performance Award

The Bristol County livestock program is once again offering a Bristol County 4-H Livestock Proficient Performance Award this year. You can download the award rules and application form on our livestock website, [www.BristolCountyLivestock.com](http://www.BristolCountyLivestock.com).

Applicants must be at least 9 years old as of January 1 of the current 4-H year and must have completed at least 2 years of 4-H work (does not include cloverbud years). Applicants must submit completed and signed application to the 4-H Office, 400 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081, by November 1.

## Do You Have an Email Address?

When filling out the new enrollment forms or re-enrolling on line, be sure to list an email address for both parents and members. In addition, if your email address changes during the year either update your online account or let us know so we can change it for you and keep you up-to-date on the latest happenings in 4-H. Don't miss out!



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## New or Gently Used Book Drive



The Thunder Hill Canine Encounters 4-H Club in **Norfolk County** is collecting new or gently used books for a poor elementary school in Virginia. They are in great need of grades 2-5 reading-level books. Books can be

dropped off at a club meeting, the 4-H Office located at the Norfolk County Agricultural School, 400 Main St., Walpole, or call 4-H member Jenna Woodard at 508-359-4217 for pick-up/drop-off. Donations of cash would also be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help!

## WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY TO SUPPORT YOUR 4-H WORK IN BRISTOL COUNTY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The **Bristol County** Advisory Council is inviting at least one leader, parent and teen from each of our **Bristol County** 4-H clubs to attend our next Bristol County Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, December 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee's Room of the Bristol County Agricultural School on Center Street in Dighton. Our primary topic that evening will be to discuss how we can make our Annual County Fundraiser more successful and to increase our overall club participation in this event.

In recent years, our County Fundraiser has had low attendance and club involvement which has led to decreases in the amount of scholarships/camperships and club grants that the Bristol County Advisory Council can offer to our **Bristol County** 4-H members and volunteers. We need your help and suggestions on how to make our fundraiser successful again.

One idea we want to explore is resurrecting a Bristol County Talent Show of some type as the entertainment for the Fundraiser. In the past, our most successful fundraisers included songs and skits by our 4-H members in which grandparents and other family and friends attended. We need your help to have this happen again.

We would like each Bristol County 4-H club to pledge to come up with at least one act, skit or performance for this year's fundraiser. Please discuss this as a club and bring your ideas to the December 13 meeting. If enough clubs participate, practices and rehearsals will be scheduled before the fundraiser, which will be held most likely in March.

Please encourage your 4-H'ers to share their talents at this event! Remember that all funds that are raised go back to our **Bristol County** 4-H'ers and their clubs, so **please plan to attend the December 13 Bristol County Advisory Council Meeting!**



## Norfolk County 4-H Awards Banquet – December 1, 2017

Please save the date of Friday, December 1, for the **Norfolk County** 4-H Volunteer & Member Awards Banquet, which will be held in the cafeteria of the Norfolk County Agricultural School, 400 Main St. (Rt. 1A), Walpole. Norfolk County screened 4-H volunteers and 4-H members receiving awards will be receiving invitations in the mail in early November for the banquet.

## Contact Information

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