Cheshire County 4-H members recently participated in 4-H Day, a communications event held at the Walpole Elementary School on Saturday, March 16th.

The day consisted of various stations set up throughout the school for 4-H members to present demonstrations, speeches, grilled cheese, mousetrap cars, video flix, and displays of posters, photography and table top trifolds.

True to 4-H tradition, judges thoughtfully judged each child’s presentation and carefully analyzed each child’s strengths and provided pointers as to how they could improve their next presentation.

Andrea Sawyer, UNH Extension Field Specialist 4-H Youth Development in Cheshire County, opened the presentation of awards.

Receiving top honors for their posters included: Serena Rathke-Colts and Fillies, Daniela Rathke-Colts and Fillies, Madison Amsden-Colts and Fillies, Imogen Perron-Monadnock Tail Blazers, and Lily Vitters-Monadnock Tail Blazers.


Table Top winners included Jazzlyn Lazzaro-Pitcher Mountain, Margaret Winiecki-Bits and Bridles, Edward Gowdy-Pinnacleview, and Colts and Fillies was the club winner.

Winners in Public Speaking included Andrea Majewski - Switch’n Horns, Chelsey Patch-Pinnacleview, Ava Vitters-Bits and Bridles, Mia DeCamp-Bits and Bridles, and Hannah Stetson-Minis Too.

Demonstration winners were Margaret Thomas and Emily Roberts, Bits and Bridles, Ella Drake-Underkoffler-Independent, Marisa Stetson and Emma Rose Greenwood of Minis Too, Edward Gowdy of
Pinnacleview, Serena and Daniela Rathke of Colts and Fillies, Ryanne Hennessey and Lucy Jackson of Monadnock Mountaineers, Ella Cutts and Aleigha Bressett of Monadnock Tail Blazers, and James and Alexander Linnenbringer of Switch and Horns.

All of the winners were also selected to attend State Activities Day to compete with other 4-H members from around the state in May at Manchester Community College. At this event, members ages 12 and over compete to qualify to attend Eastern States Exposition in Springfield MA.

In the Mousetrap Car Race Eugene Hennessey and Joseph Woods of Monadnock Mountaineers placed first, Sam Thomas of Bits and Bridles placed second, and Colton Stark of Pinnacleview finishing in third.

Lucy Jackson and Erin Weidner of Monadnock Mountaineers placed first in the Grilled Cheese Challenge, Abigail Putnam and Sage Stark of Pinnacleview placed second, and Ryanne Hennessey and Sarah Jackson of Monadnock Mountaineers finished third.

Judges for the day included State Legislators, members of UNH Cheshire County Extension Council, and other community members.

The 4-H members came away with smiles after having received positive feedback and hints for an even more successful day next year!