UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 - State Visual Presentation Day, Bedford
April 15 - Extended 4-H Scholarship and Campership Deadline
April 16 - 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology, Barnstable County Fairgrounds
May 7 - 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
   (Attendance is important, discussion for fair planning)
May 17, 18 and 19 - State 4-H Dog Camp, 4-H Camp Farley
May 18 - State 4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Camp, UMass
May 25 & 26 - State 4-H Veterinary Camp, UMass

PHOTO GALLERY

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Thanks to everyone who came out on a bitter cold night to join us for our annual 4-H Awards & Recognition Night. From getting those awards to eating some great homemade comfort food, raffles, country line dancing and chatting with friends it all made for wonderful 4-H evening! Thanks so much to Mindy Tagher, Carol Wahlen, Annemarie Taylor, Lori Marquez, Kerry Dyka and Mary Nielsen for helping with decorating and set up and to our beloved kitchen witch aka Lynn Barry for all that wonderful food and her sidekick Kevin Barry and my other half Mark Vollmer who served as Kitchen crew. Then clean-up was a breeze thanks to Mark V and Bob Dyka, Bob Speakman, Mike Marquez and Andrew Wahlen and the rest of Bourne Equestrians, Mindy and Doreen Chagnon.

The following received special 4-H Awards:

**4-H Shining Stars Awards / Adults**
- Volunteer of the Year: Judy Dow
- Outstanding Support: Kevin Barry
- Outstanding Participation: Andrew & Carol Wahlen
- Most Appreciated: Steve Smith
- Outstanding Leadership: Candy LeBlanc
- Most Helpful 4-H Parent Award: Chris Plak

**4-H Shining Stars/ 4-Hers**
- 4-Her of the Year: Lauren Marquez
- 4-H Community Service: Mini Hoofbeats
- Jr. Leaders: Picabo Miskiv
- Making the Best Better Award: Foster Rubinstien
- Big E Stars: Kelsey Beers, Emeline Janowicz, Emily Mack, Hayley Milligan, Picabo Miskiv

**4-H Shining Star Clubs**
- Enrollment Stars: Mini Hoofbeats, Equus Friends & Bourne Equestrians, Otis 4-H Adventure Club
- Community Service Stars: Bourne Equestrians 4-H Club and Cape Cod 4-H Livestock Club

**Clover Awards/4-Hers**
- **4-Her’s**
  - Head: Merrick Rubinstein
  - Heart: Jillian Taylor
  - Hands: Mia Tardiff
  - Health: Shauna Speakman
  - Spirit: Jennifer Cash

- **4-H Volunteers**
  - Kerry Dyka
  - Grace O’Toole
  - David Kooharian
  - Dru Crowell
  - Jan Pitney

**4-H Fair Awards**
- 4-H Advisory Award: Bourne Equestrians
- 4-H Horse Advisory Award: Blue Jeans & Boots
- Beth Born Award: Miriam, Annalee and Jackie May Corrine, Kayla and Megan Jusell
- The Sonny Taylor Award: Annemarie Taylor
- The Vollmer Family Award: Lauren Marquez & Paige Wahlen

Well the Barnstable County 4-H Program has completed another very successful 4-H Food Drive collecting a total of 3086 pounds of food. We had bags of groceries and numerous boxes and even cash that was collected from clubs at different collection sites. There were many folks who helped us achieve our goal and rallied around this worthwhile community service project. From getting the 4-H bags ready with our bright green 4-H stickers and having the kick off at the Harvest Festival to collecting or purchasing food, to dropping it off at one of our collection locations and bringing it over to the Barnstable County Fairgrounds, there was a lot of effort made to coordinate everything but it was so worthwhile.

All the food stored at the Fairgrounds was donated to the Salvation Army this year. It was pretty impressive as we loaded up the van from the Salvation Army at the Fairgrounds putting our muscles to work and packing it full of bags filled with good nutritious food.

Many thanks to the Barnstable County Agricultural Society, aka the Fair, who was not only a drop off spot but let us take over their back room and fill it with bags. Also to the BC Fair staff, Wendy, Pam and Mike for all their help with lugging bags and supporting us in every way as well as welcoming all 4-H folks who came to drop off their bags. There are a few more people that I would like to thank for their efforts as well as a “Thank You” to anyone who donated a bag or money or offered support to this endeavor. Barnstable County 4-H Advisory Council for their resources supporting and promoting this project, staff at the Barnstable County Complex especially from Land Court and some anonymous donors who were extremely generous with their monetary support.

Along with the rest of the MA 4-H Program, as this was a statewide effort, we sure proved that our pledge of Hands to Larger Service certainly made a huge difference for our clubs, our community our country and our world!
Another year and another wonderful night for our 4-H’ers to show their stuff! We had so many interesting and creative presentations that I wish I could’ve seen them all! From Dog photography to Bald Eagles, Raising Baby Chicks, Type 1 Diabetes, Sea Turtles, Milkshakes and Thailand, Iditarod and Horse topics galore. Congratulations to all the 4-H’ers who participated, you all did a fabulous job! Our Cloverbud room was full and they were also fantastic. We had the “What is H 4’s” from Equus Friends all decked out in their green and Leapin’ Lizards from Jake Dries! Also thanks to the following judges who had some tough decisions to make that night: Judy Dow, Peter Vollmer, Laura Vollmer, Doreen Chagnon, Mindy Tagher, Leslie Cohen, Corey Eldredge, Barbara Felegian, Michele Arigo, Lynn LaPorte, Kendra Bond, Jess Hayes, Carol Ballard and Deena Dries and to our Teen judges in training, Picabo Miskiv and Emily Mack. A very special thank you goes out to Kerry Dyka who helped with pre-VP things such as purchasing food and set up. Also huge thanks go to Diane Martin and Bob Dyka for all their help behind the scenes with serving dinner to 150 plus people (there wasn’t a morsel left), cleanup and break down of the food area and breakdown of the classrooms. Thanks to Peter & Laura Vollmer for packing up my car! Thanks to the parents and leaders of our 4-H’ers who support this program and bring their children to participate in this very important evening program. Also thanks to the principal and staff at Barnstable West Barnstable Elementary School for letting us use their classrooms and to Jim the custodian for all his help with everything!

4-H SCHOLARSHIP & CAMPERSHIP’S

The Barnstable County 4-H Program, through the hard work and generosity of the 4-H Advisory Council, is pleased to offer numerous scholarship and campership opportunities for 4-H members. Any 4-H’er interested in attending 4-H Camp Farley or other 4-H Camps and/or 4-H Horse Camp, are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are also offered to 4-H’ers pursuing higher education including college, tech schools or certificate programs. Applications and polices for these scholarships may be found on our website at capecodextension.org/4-H Youth Development or can be requested by contacting Judy at the 4-H office at jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org or 508-375-6696.

Applications are due in the 4-H office by April 15th and must be filled out completely. Any late applications will not be eligible for consideration.

HANDS TO A LARGER SERVICE

Hands to Larger Service
an Evening of 4-H Community Service

On Nov 30th at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds a group of 4-H’ers and volunteers gathered to do a few hours of Community Service. We had 3 stations set up. First the Holiday Pin Project, then the Popcorn Buckets project and third were the making of Hospice Pillows. Thanks to some helping 4-H Hands, and to the Cape Cod Livestock 4-H Club who exemplified “Hands To larger Service” by making 800 holiday pins to give holiday cheer to residents of fourteen nursing homes, assisted living homes and senior centers. With the help of The Victrola Society, a choral group composed of senior citizens, the pins are distributed to the residents as gifts from 4-H’ers and trust me when I say they are a big hit!

Quite a few fleece pillows were made for the Mary McCarthy Hospice House in Sandwich. Each time they receive a delivery they are eternally grateful and we always seem to know when they need more. So far we’ve made over 100 in the last 6 months. What a great way to give a bit of comfort to their patients.

For the second year in a row we filled 24 large popcorn buckets, aka gift baskets for Independence House in Hyannis. The baskets are given to Teens that have experienced domestic violence or sexual abuse. 4-H Clubs were asked to bring items to fill these baskets, including hats, gloves, scarves, gift cards to Dunkin Donuts, Marshalls/TJMAXX, Walmart, and Old Navy, also other trinkets that teens would enjoy as well as books, family friendly DVD’s etc. The 4-H Advisory purchased and donated two movie theater passes for each bucket so the teens could go to the movies as well as many other items to help fill up these big buckets.

SUMMER CAMP

Don’t Forget to Register for 4-H Camp!

Summer is right around the corner and attending a 4-H camp is one of the most exciting things a child can do this summer. Register early as popular weeks fill up quickly. For more information go to:

• Camp Farley in Mashpee: www.campfarley.com
• Camp Marshall and Horse Camp in Spencer: www.campmarshall.org
• Camp Leslie in Georgetown: www.campleslie.org
• Camp Middlesex in Ashby: www.campmiddlesex.org
• Camp Howe in Goshen: www.camphowe.com

Looking for your 26 Random Acts of Kindness Stories! Please submit your stories, pictures or journals, we would like to compile a list of all the wonderful things that our 4-H members did during this campaign.

“Hands to Larger Service”
**April is National Volunteer Month**

**4-H Thanks our 2,332 Volunteers and Collaborators!**

You know you are a volunteer when:

- You don’t get paid money for all the important work that you do (there are other benefits).
- On a regular basis, your significant other looks at you and says, “An other meeting tonight?”
- Knowing that the word “no” is not in your vocabulary, your friends call to ask you to donate your time, talent, and boundless energy to sit on the Friends of the Endangered Slug Committee.
- 97 percent of your wardrobe is made up of t-shirts labeled “volunteer.”
- Your resume is 18 pages long.
- When you lay your head on your pillow each night you know that you’ve done everything you can to make this world a better place to live, work, and play.

Take this opportunity to say “thank you” to a 4-H volunteer this month!

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**Summer of Science**

**June 23-25 at UMass Amherst**

Registration will open in April with materials posted to www.mass4h.org. Our main tracks will focus on Clinical Diagnosis with Boston’s Children’s Hospital, Veterinary Science, Movie Making and Natural Resources. Open to 4-H’ers ages 12-16.

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**4-H Foundation Golf Tournament**

**July 16, 2013**

The Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament will take place at Holden Hills Country Club. The 4-H Foundation will hold an on-line raffle in conjunction with the tournament. Please consider helping to make this fundraiser a success! You could help by:

- Donating a raffle item – tickets to a sports event, restaurant and supermarket gift certificates, a day of beauty at a salon or tickets to a concert are always popular
- Recruit a foursome to play
- Be a sponsor – sponsorship amounts begin at $150
- “Chip in for 4-H” – purchase chip markers (starting at $5) in advance and win a cash prize

For more details about these opportunities, go to mass4hfoundation.org.

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**Congratulations to all Big E Quality Award Winners!**

Members who received the Big E Quality Award at county Visual Presentation contests or at the State Performing Arts contest are eligible to participate in the New England Center area at the Big E. If you received this award you must come to an orientation to learn about what the Visual Presentation, Action Exhibit and Performance possibilities are, how to become a Mass 4-H delegate to the New England Center at the Eastern States Exposition and receive the paperwork necessary to register. Members will be receiving a letter in May informing them when and where the orientation sessions will be held. Hard-copy registration forms must be postmarked to the address on the registration form by **July 15, 2013**. You will receive those required registration forms at the orientation session. From those entries final selections will be made. If you have any questions contact Joanne Brown at 781-246-2340 or jojofam@juno.com or to Sherrie Guyott at sguvott@umext.umass.edu.

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**Calling All Photographers!**

Are you a junior or senior 4-H member who likes taking photographs and you think they look great? How about entering them into the Mass 4-H State Photography Contest. We’d love to see them! Photographs taken since last July may be entered and are due to the Waltham 4-H Office (postmarked) by **July 1, 2013**. All the information you need for photo size, rules, lots, and judging criteria are found at: [http://mass4h.org/sites/mass4h.org/files/pdf_doc_ppt/forms/State%20Photography%20contest%202013.pdf](http://mass4h.org/sites/mass4h.org/files/pdf_doc_ppt/forms/State%20Photography%20contest%202013.pdf). If you have any questions contact Joanne Brown at 781-246-2340 or jojofam@juno.com.

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**National 4-H Congress**

**November 29 – December 3, 2013**

This event provides a tremendous opportunity for Massachusetts 4-H members, ages 15-18 to meet and interact with 4-H members from across the country while taking part in an exciting educational experience. It is designed to address the needs and issues of youth while helping to develop capable, competent citizens. Being selected to attend is one of the highest achievements a 4-H member can reach. For additional information, visit [www.national4-Hcongress.com](http://www.national4-Hcongress.com). To apply for this honor, [submit your application packet by May 18, 2013](http://www.national4-Hcongress.com) to Barnstable County 4-H office. Please contact Judy Vollmer if you are interested in attending.

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*Be sure to visit the official 4-H website at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org) for up to date state news and information!*