4-H NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21  Annual 4-H Awards & Recognition Night at the Fairgrounds
         “Make Your Own Taco’s & Ice Cream Sundae’s”
June 25  Journaling Workshop
July 9   ServeSafe Training
July 10 & 12  4-H Work days in Youth Building
July 12   Food Handling is Risky Business workshop
July 17   Non Perishable Exhibits entered in Youth Building
July 18   Non Perishable Exhibits judged
July 19   Perishable Exhibits Entered in Youth Bldg
July 20   Perishable Exhibits Judged
July 21-28 Barnstable County Fair dates
July 29   Exhibits leave Youth Bldg

(Refer to the June “special edition” newsletter for a more detailed fair schedule)

PHOTO GALLERY

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Well as the school years comes to an end and summer gets underway it’s time for me to schedule workdays in the Youth Building on Tuesday July 10th & Thursday July 12th from 9:30-2:00. Last year we had such a good turnout and got so much done before the Fair madness so please spread the word and be ready to use some elbow grease to get things cleaned and shiny to show that 4-H Makes the Best Better! Call Judy for more info 508-375-6696 or email jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org

Last call for anyone else who is interested in attending the ServSafe training on Monday July 9 from noon-6:00 p.m. in the Youth Bldg at the fairgrounds. We will be providing scholarships for attendees and so it will be the best deal in town as this can be a costly course to take. This certificate is good for 3 years and then you can continue to keep your certification by just taking a quick review class. Please consider this if you are planning to spend some time volunteering in the 4-H Kitchen.

MUDDY PAWS
4-H DOG EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The State 4-H Dog Camp was held again at 4-H Camp Farley May 18-20th with many participants and their dogs! WOW that’s a lot of woof! The weather was absolutely perfect for this annual event. It was wonderful to have so many 4-H kids and their dogs participating in numerous educational workshops. This annual event focuses on many aspects of dog knowledge including first aid, obedience, grooming, service dogs, dog agility and clicker training. There was a great 4-H attitude and all 4-H dog members participated in a very valuable learning opportunity. Many thanks to Nancy Searle for organizing this event and of course our own 4-H Volunteer Judy Dow and all the other 4-H Muddy Paws parents/volunteers who served as chaperones and also doubled as workshop presenters. We really appreciate your support for being an integral part of this experience. Congrats on job well done!

The State 4-H Dog Show was held Saturday June 9th at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds and once again thanks to Judy Dow for all her efforts who organizes, manages and supports this statewide annual event!

ALUMNI NEWS

Our world traveler and 4-H Alum & volunteer Joe Barry who is back in the Middle East…. yes that’s right he ventured back to Jordan again living with a host family and truly experiencing a whole new world and way of life, again making some incredible observations and will have many more stories to tell. We hope Joe will be a guest at one of our 4-H events to share some of his worldly encounters with us!

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following 4-H’ers who received 4-H scholarships through the generosity of the Barnstable County 4-H Advisory Council; Kelsey Beers a member of the Muddy Paws 4-H Dog club who will be attending Roger Williams University, Caroline Kokkins of Barnstable a member of the Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club who will be attending Cape Cod Community College, Katherine Estes of Falmouth who was a member of the Apples & Oats 4-H club who will be attending Middlebury College, Cleo Hampton of Falmouth a 4-Her in numerous 4-H clubs over the years, and Krista Brown of Sandwich was a member of the 4-H Video Club and will be attending Clark University.

We are so proud of you all and know that wherever you go you will take along all the life skills and fond memories you have gained from 4-H!

The money for these 4-H scholarships is raised at the 4-H Kitchen during the Barnstable County Fair, which takes many days of blood, sweat and tears to stay up and running for 8 days! Please help us continue to fund such incredible 4-H’ers by signing up for a shift or two in the 4-H Kitchen; the schedule has been mailed out to everyone. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!

4-H WALK FOR HEALTHY KIDS

The 7th annual 4-H Walk for Healthy Kids was cancelled due to the construction on the Sagamore Bridge…thank goodness we did as the traffic was horrific and folks wouldn’t even have been able to make it in time and there was construction at the parking lot site that we would’ve used. There is some discussion about doing something in the fall and we will update everyone if we think we can fit something in but the fall is already getting booked up fast with the Harvest Festival, the 4-H Food Drive, a 4-H Horse Show and more!

ALUMNI NEWS

A huge thank you goes to the Barnstable County Agricultural Society for allowing some of our 4-H Clubs to hold their meetings there, for providing space for our 4-H Advisory Council Meetings, 4-H Horse Council meetings and for hosting the State 4-H Dog show each year. We are very grateful for the meeting space and use of the grounds!

THANK YOU!
Well it’s been a busy spring/early summer so far as there are new 4-H clubs and lots of programs happening all over the county, here is smattering of a few going on here in our neck of the woods.

Welcome to the following folks: Kelly Kooharian and Dyan Vorster who have organized the Homesteaders 4-H Club. They will be a 4-H community club focusing on many areas of interests including gardening, small animals, environmental and stewardship projects and science activities.

Another shout out goes to Jennifer Sonnabend and Margaret Cole who are the new leaders of the yet to be named 4-H Club! They are going to be a 4-H community club focusing on agriculture, science, community service and more! We are thrilled to have you as part of the 4-H family!

The 4-H Junior Beekeepers Club have been buzzing with activities including inviting guest Gabrielle Sakolsky, an Assistant Superintendent and Entomologist for the Cape Cod Mosquito Control, who spoke to the 4-H club about mosquitoes. She brought microscopes so that the club could look at mosquito larvae at its different stages of development. The club also met to work on their pollinator garden located in the front of the Youth Building, getting it ready for the Fair.

4-H Junior Beekeepers Club leader, Kalliope Egloff, also operates a hive located at the "Cape Cod Organic Farm" along 6A in Barnstable Village. It's a very active hive, super full of bees, honey, and pollen. Kalliope will be there every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to open the hive.

Blue Jeans & Boots 4-H Club at Smithfield Farm did a great job hosting a Fitting & Showmanship Clinic this spring. They had a great turnout and hope to plan many more as the club is going strong thanks to Anne Jennings and Grace O’Toole! Also welcome back to Jess Hayes Norton who was the leader of the Silver Spurs 4-H Club in Sandwich for many years. She is back on Cape and now I get to visit her at Smithfield! Jess will be helping us with 4-H Judging clinics and with future 4-H Horse shows that are in the works. Also welcome back to 4-H alum Chelsea Hampton who is now a 4-H volunteer with Blue Jeans & Boots too!

Cape Cod 4-H Livestock Club is getting ready for Fair season as well. They will be showing their animals at fair and in fact show season has already started and they are learning as much as they can. The club recently helped out at the Taylor-Bray Farm in Yarmouth Port by getting the animals ready for the Sheep Shearing Festival. They are also great helpers in the 4-H Kitchen so we’ll look forward to seeing them quite a bit at Fair.

The 4-H Wanderers Club are so busy wandering around its incredible! Last weekend they did a trip to Washburn Island and before that they have camped out in numerous places so they keep very active and have some great trip ideas for those of you who like to camp. Make sure and ask them about it when you see them on June 21st!

The Truro 4-H Children’s Garden Club and the Wellfleet 4-H Garden Club have been sprouting all over! What a wonderful way to get kids to eat their vegetables by having them grow them! We have had a perfect growing season so far and hoping for an excellent harvest.

Otis 4-H Adventure Club recently had their annual bike rodeo. The kids were zooming around, having a blast as well as learning about safety gear including getting the proper fit for their helmet, hand signals, and other safety precautions that are needed to safely ride a bike. In spite of a few raindrops everyone had a great time. Thanks to Candy LeBlanc for organizing this fun and very important safety event.

Once again in honor of Memorial Day the Otis 4-H Adventure Club and 4-H Jr. Chef Club placed flags on the 50 monuments found on the memorial path at the National Cemetery in Bourne. After saying the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance the 4-H clubs gathered to pay tribute to the men and women to whom the monuments are dedicated by reading each monument and then placing two American flags on each side of the monument. We had a great group of kids that were very respectful and conscious of the meaning of the activity they were doing.

4-H is once again offering a special 6 week summer program every Wed afternoon on base from 4 – 5:00 at the Crosswinds until July 11th called - "4-H for the Fair". Children will be making special projects to be entered in the Barnstable County Fair. This is a great way to get going on some fun and very hands-on projects and trying to become a blue ribbon winner!

Also, once again we will be offering four different themed pool parties to get all new folks acquainted with each other as well as introduce them to the 4-H Program and what the Otis 4-H Adventure club offers.
Request Tickets for 4-H Day – September 15
4-H is privileged to receive complimentary tickets for all 4-H members, parents and volunteers to attend 4-H Day at the Big E. The tickets are good for **entry on 4-H Day only** and we ask those members attending to **march in the parade** around the Big E Fairgrounds at 5:00 that evening (gather behind the state buildings around 4:30 p.m.). Please help us to promote our great program and wear a 4-H tee shirt or sweatshirt to the Big E on 4-H Day! To order your tickets you must go to the Events section of the 4-H website [www.mass4h.org](http://www.mass4h.org), complete the order form and submit it to Paula Burgielewicz by August 10.

Entry Deadlines

**New England Center:** All paperwork for action exhibits, stage performances, Visual Presentations and the various clothing and textile events is due July 15, 2012. All forms are found at [http://mass4h.org/forms-applications](http://mass4h.org/forms-applications). Remember that in addition to the Fashion Show, Clothing and Textiles Knowledge Quiz and Senior Clothing Evaluation there are new opportunities; the **Senior Quilt Evaluation and Smart Shop program.** Questions about 4-H programs in the New England Center should be directed to Joanne Brown at [jojfam@juno.com](mailto:jojfam@juno.com) or Sherrie Guyott at [sguyott@umext.umass.edu](mailto:sguyott@umext.umass.edu).

**Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, and Sheep:** Deadline for entry packets to be received in the state office is August 20, 2012. Entry packets are now online at: [http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/2010_4_h_Packets.asp](http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/2010_4_h_Packets.asp). Dormitory and health forms are found at: [http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/2010_4_H_Dormitory.asp](http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/2010_4_H_Dormitory.asp). Original forms are required, no faxes will be accepted. Make sure to allow time to get required signatures, including that of your local 4-H Educator. Packets must be mailed to UMass 4-H, 101 University Drive, Suite A-4, Amherst, MA, 01002. Questions about Dairy Cattle, Goat or Sheep programs should be directed to Carrie Chickering-Sears at 413-549-3257 or [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu). Questions about the Dog program should be directed to Nancy Searle at 413-577-0788 or [nsearle@umext.umass.edu](mailto:nsearle@umext.umass.edu).

4-H Policies and Guidelines

4-H volunteers, members and parents are reminded that current program policies and guidelines are found at [http://www.mass4h.org/index.php/about/policy-guidelines](http://www.mass4h.org/index.php/about/policy-guidelines). Policies and guidelines are updated as the need arises and all volunteers, members and parents are expected to be familiar with these and adhere to them.

Massachusetts 4-H Photography Contest and Workshop July 2, 2012

Entries for the State 4-H Photography Contest are due at the Waltham office on **July 2nd**. Winning entries are displayed at the Big E in September. For details on how to enter, go to [http://www.mass4h.org/images/stories/pdf_ppt_doc/forms/State_Photography12.pdf](http://www.mass4h.org/images/stories/pdf_ppt_doc/forms/State_Photography12.pdf).

4-H Teen News

**National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference**

MA 4-H sent two great groups of delegates to National 4-H Congress in November of 2011 and National 4-H Conference in March of 2012 and they would love to share their exciting experiences with you! Contact your local 4-H Educator, Judy Vollmer if you would like to have one of the delegates attend your 4-H club meeting to share their stories. **Attention teens:** if you are considering applying for one of these trips next year this summer would be a perfect time to start your records, get feedback on your resume or just reflect on your 4-H experiences and start making notes. Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Congress will be due in May 2013 and for the 2014 National 4-H Conference applications will be due in November 2013.

**4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest**

All enrolled 4-H members (must be enrolled in 2012-2013) are eligible to participate in this contest sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees. The essay must address the topic “Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in my Community” and be 750-1000 words in length. Cash prizes of $750, $500 and $250 will be awarded to the national winners. Complete contest details are available by contacting 4-H Director Sherrie Guyott. All essays are due to Sherrie by February 1, 2013. One essay from MA 4-H will be selected and entered in the national competition.