UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15  Re-enrollment period ends/all paperwork due to office
November 30  Holiday Community Service Project / All food collected to FG
December 1  Annual food drive ends - Distribute to food pantries
December 15 4-H Christmas Ball for teens
January 11  4-H Awards & Recognition - Christ the King, Mashpee

PHOTO GALLERY

THE BIG 4-H CAMPOUT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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Any questions or concerns can be directed to Judy at 508-375-6696 or jvollmer@barnstablecounty.org

4-H FOOD DRIVE
Remember to get out there and collect some food for our annual community service project. We are encouraging clubs to SET UP a food collection box or hold a special collection day for your club to collect food. Let us know where and when so we can post on our website. Current drop off locations include, 4-H office at the Deeds & Probate Building; Law office of Laura McDowell May, Main St., Dennis; and the Truro Public Library. We are still looking for more drop off locations to publicize for folks. Locations could include Town Halls, Schools or Fitness Centers. If you need more bags or bins please let us know.

ENROLLMENT
All club enrollment forms should be sent into the 4-H office as soon as your club has finished filling them out. Please remember that all enrollment checks need to be made payable to UMASS 4-H. NO CASH PLEASE!! Also, if any member is unable to pay based on income eligibility, a waiver form must accompany their enrollment packet. Any questions regarding the enrollment process can be directed to Chris St. Pierre 508-375-6690 or cstpierre@barnstablecounty.org

FINANCIAL REPORTING
Every club must file the 990-N every year between July 1 and November 15. This can only be done on line; there is no paper form available. It is a brief process and will take no more than a couple of minutes. Instructions are on the website at http://mass4h.org/volunteers/responsibility-filing-internal-revenue-service-irs.

Note, there are no exceptions to these rules. Even if your club does not have a bank account, you must file all these reports. Clubs that do not comply will not be able to re-enroll. If you have questions about any of this, contact Judy or 4-H Director Sherrie Guyott at sguyott@umext.umass.edu.

ADVISORY NEWS
The September “Kick off 4-H” meeting was a great way to get the new 2012-2013 4-H year going and all start off on the right foot. We reviewed the calendar, decided on our community service projects, had committee sign ups and reviewed lots of 4-H club information. Thanks to Chris St. Pierre for coming to help with the enrollment info and to 4-H Camp Farley for hosting us!

These 4-H Advisory/Volunteer meetings are a great way to keep the lines of communication open and to all get together to plan, make decisions and share information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hands to Larger Service the 3rd “H” in 4-H!!!!
Please save the date of Friday night Nov. 30 for a 4-H Holiday Community Service evening to get some projects accomplished for the holiday season. Join us at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds Administration building anytime between 4:00-6:30 p.m. to help out. The food drive ends December 1st so all the food collected should be brought in at this time. The “Popcorn Bucket” Gifts for Teens at Independence House will be assembled at this time so we ask you to help by bringing a donation to help fill those buckets. There will also be other projects to make including pillows for Hospice patients and pins and trinkets for Nursing home residents. We will be serving up some hot chocolate, cider and sweet treats for refreshments.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. the 4-H Ambassadors/Teen club will meet to put the finishing touches on the 4-H Christmas Ball they are planning for Saturday Night December 15th. We will help the 4-H Wanderers who are hosting this dance with decorations, refreshments etc.

From 6:30- 8:00 p.m. there will be a 4-H Horse Workshop for all 4-H horse members to get ready for the Horse Bowl and Hippology County competition which will take place in February. Practice on the Buzz Boards and have some fun and games learning about horse care and management, breeds, trivia and so much more.
**THE BIG 4-H CAMPOUT**

Our first overnight 4-H Camp Out (in a very long time) at 4-H Camp Farley was a smashing success! Lots of fun activities were planned and everyone who attended had a great time with one exception, they wanted it to be longer! The weather was perfect for our overnight camping excursion. Don Depolo led the kids on a geo cash and everyone got a souvenir. We had lots of pumpkins leftover from Harvest Festival so the kids had plenty of pumpkins to carve for jack-o-lanterns which were illuminated at night and placed around the campfire. They even roasted the pumpkin seeds over the fire. Of course they made S’Mores and all the food was delicious, thanks to the Kitchen Witch, Lynn Barry, for the chili and to Kelly Kooharian for her over the campfire apple cobbler and for all her help lugging pumpkins and supplies to camp the day before. Thanks to Don & Brett Depolo, Maddey & Sam Kooharian who were a huge help. Cassidy came to help with the archery; she’s our next Girl on Fire! And let’s not forget our resident camper extraordinaire David Kooharian who led the charge to get this done! Thanks so much to Mike Campbell and Camp Farley who hosted this 4-H event and allowed us to use the grounds to explore and introduce some folks to camping. Hopefully this could become an annual event!

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Well even though the weather didn’t really cooperate for this year’s Harvest Festival there was still a lot of fun to be had in the Youth Bldg for kids! Decorating Pumpkins and Halloween bags always a big hit. Making Halloween book marks, recycled birdfeeders, and doing a fun science activity lead by Pat Davis. Food Fun with our Nutrition expert Kim Conrca, baking in the demo kitchen, and lots more! Thanks to everyone who came to help especially the pumpkin washing! Thanks to Diane Martin, Jenn Sonnabend, her in-laws and aunt, Jan Pitney and Annemarie Taylor for all that scrubbing. Thanks to Lynn & Kevin Barry for all their help. Thanks to the following clubs that helped out in the Kitchen or Building. Bourne Equestrians, Cape Cod 4-H Livestock, Coonamessett Farm 4-H, The 4-H Wanderers, Equus Friends, Cape Paws and Mini Hoofbeats. A HUGE shout out to Blue Jeans and Boots 4-H Club for filling the Barn on Saturday with their horses! The stalls were decorated and everything looked so nice. There was always a crowd of folks going through to visit with the horses and learn more about them. You represented 4-H very well!

**4-H DOG EVENTS**

The State 4-H Dog Show was held in June at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds with a good turnout. Congrats to all the kids who participated!

The 4-H Dog Show at the Barnstable County fair this year was also fantastic with 4-H alums as judges and our very own Jennifer Cash winning big as Grand Champion! She and Wicked stole the show!

BIG NEWS.........Jennifer Cash was the Grand Champion of the 2012 Marshfield Fair Dog Show.

Also Muddy Paws 4-H Club was well represented at the Big E this year as well. Kudo’s to all who participated especially Picabo Miskiv and a huge thank you to Judy Dow who faithfully makes sure they participate in this exciting opportunity.

A very Special Thank You to the Barnstable County Agricultural Society for their contribution to the 4-H Program for allowing us to use the grounds and facilities for these events as well as the Barnstable County 4-H Program operating the 4-H Kitchen during the Fair.

**BIG “E” CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Caleb Vorster from the 4-H Homesteaders Club for representing Massachusetts in the Big E photography exhibit.

Pictured here with Senator Scott Brown are Laura McDowell-May, Miriam & Annalee May from CC Livestock Club who participated in the 4-H Beef Show.

**SUMMER FAIR MOMENTS**

Another fair is now history but the sights, sounds and experiences all added another page to our 4-H memory scrapbook. Some of you all stepped up to the plate this year, it was so incredible. Many thanks to the 4-H Clubs who really came through for our first workday. They tore apart the 4-H Kitchen and scrubbed everything in it from top to bottom.

Thanks to everyone who helped get exhibits in on Tuesday before the Fair including and a big thanks to all our judges who truly helped us get all those exhibits ready.

The barn was filled with decorations and lots of information about the breeds and other horse info. Our 4-H horse clubs really continue to make us proud! Keep up the great work!
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.

FFA/4-H Teen Leadership Camp

January 4-5, 2013

All high school age teens should hold the dates for this exciting leadership conference for 4-H and FFA members at the Barton Conference Center in Oxford, MA. 4-H helps with the planning and implementation of Friday night’s activities so if you are interested in helping or have a great icebreaker activity, contact Kim Pond at kima@umext.umass.edu or 508-831-1223, x245. We hope to keep the cost to $50 (usually partial scholarships are available from your county 4-H Advisory Council). Check the website later this fall for registration materials – [www.mass4h.org](http://www.mass4h.org).

4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

This contest, sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is open to all 4-H members. The essay topic is “Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in my Community.” The essay must be 750-1000 words in length and is due to Sherrie Guyott at sguyott@umext.umass.edu by February 1, 2013. One winning essay will be selected from MA for entry into the national contest. For a complete copy of the rules contact Sherrie Guyott.

State 4-H Photography Workshop

All 4-H members ages 8-18, parents and volunteers are invited to come to a day of great fun with their camera on Saturday, November 17th. Professional photographers will help you learn more about taking better pictures through a variety of workshops from which you can choose. Time and location will be determined soon so be sure to check our state 4-H website for more information or email Joanne Brown to receive the brochure at jojofam@juno.com.