

4-H Youth Development Program

4-H News



WESTERN REGION
Winter 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

January

What-4-H Night at the Thunderbirds Hockey Game
When- Saturday, January 6, 7:00 P.M.
Where-Springfield Civic Center, 1277 Main Street
Sign up information will be available in early December.
Who-Clubs are encouraged to attend.

What-Hampden County 4-H Fair Meeting
When-Monday, January 8, 7:00 P.M.
Where-91 E. Mountain Road, Westfield
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Boys & Girls Club, Pittsfield
Who-Open to all

What-Hampshire County 4-H Fair Committee meeting
When-January 11, 7:00 P.M.
Where-Michael's of Hadley
Who-Open to all

What-Franklin County 4-H Awards Banquet
When-Friday, January 19, 6:00 P.M.
Where-Greenfield Community College
Invitations will be mailed out the week of December 18th
Who-Open to all

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council meeting
When-January 18, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-WMass 4-H Winter Workshops
When-January 20, 8:30-2:30 P.M.
Where-Hopkins Academy, Rt. 9, Hadley
Registration forms will be at <http://ag.umass.edu/mass4h> after December 20th
Who-Open to All 4-H Members & Volunteers

What-Hampshire County 4-H Advisory Council meeting
When-January 25, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Hadley Police & Fire Station
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-2018 MA 4-H Rabbit Workshop
When-January 27, 2018
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Where-Blackstone Valley Voc. Reg. School
65 Pleasant Street
Upton, MA 01568
Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Workshops have a limit to the number of participants.
Who-Open to all 4-H members and volunteers

What-Hampden County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
When-Monday, January 25, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Westfield Public Library
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

February

What-Beef Steer must be enrolled if you plan to show at the 2018 Big E 4-H Beef Show
When-February 1

What-Record & VP Training
When-February 2, 7:00 P.M.
Where-Hasbrouck Hall, Rm. 236, UMass
Contact the 4-H office,
waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu to register

What-4-H Day at UMass Basketball vs. Dayton
When- Saturday, February 3, 2:00 P.M.
Where-UMass, Mullins Arena
Sign up information will be available in early December. Clubs are encouraged to attend and to make up banner supporting our great UMass basketball team.

What-Hampden County 4-H Fair Meeting
When-Monday, February 5, 7:00 P.M.
Where-91 E. Mountain Road, Westfield
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Brattle Farm, 600 Williams Street, Pittsfield
Who-Open to all

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council meeting
When-February 15, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Window/Poster/Exhibit Week
When-February 19-March 3
Where-Area businesses
Who-4-H clubs set up displays across the region promoting 4-H

What-State 4-H Poultry Workshop
When-February 24
Where-Norfolk County Agricultural School, Walpole

What-Hampden County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting
When-Monday, February 29, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Westfield Public Library
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

March

What-Hampshire County 4-H Advisory Council meeting
When-March 1, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Hadley Police & Fire Station
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Hampden County 4-H Fair Meeting
When-Monday, March 5, 7:00 P.M.
Where-91 E. Mountain Road, Westfield
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Pioneer Valley Regional Visual Presentations
When- Saturday, March 10, 9:00 A.M.
Where-Hopkins Academy, Hadley
Packets will be available in early December.

What-Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association meeting
When-Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Brattle Farm, 600 Williams Street, Pittsfield
Who-Open to all

What-Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council meeting
When-March 15, 6:30 P.M.
Where-Montague Police & Fire Station
Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-Deadline for National 4-H Dairy Conference
When-March 15
Where-go to
<https://ag.umass.edu/mass4h/programs/animal-science-program/beef-dairy>
Who-You must have completed the 10th grade (15 years+), completed three years in the 4-H Dairy Program and provided leadership for the dairy project at the local level

What-Hampden County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting

When-Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 P.M.

Where-Ludlow Public Library

Who-Open to all 4-H volunteers

What-MA 4-H Blue Ribbon Calf Sale

When-March 23 & 24, 2018

Clinics March 23 – 6:00 P.M.

Sale March 23 11:00 A.M.

Eastern States Exposition, Mallary Building, West Springfield, MA

All breeds dairy calf sale and clinics.

FB Massachusetts Blue Ribbon Calf Sale

Web www.blueribboncalfsale.com

What-Hampshire County 4-H Fair Ham & Beans Dinner

When-March 24, 5:00 P.M.

Where-Most Holy Redeemer Parish Hall

Who-Open to the public

What-Agriculture Day at the State House

When-March 27, 2018

Where-Boston

Who-4-H, Ag organizations

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From Berkshire County 4-H

The Berkshire County 4-H Program Holds

Awards Banquet

On December 2nd the Berkshire County 4-H Community came together to celebrate their annual Awards and Recognition event. More than 100 people gathered for this fun, “future” themed night to celebrate an array of people for a myriad of wonderful reasons. Opening remarks were given by Angelica Paredes, Berkshire County 4-H Educator, Massachusetts 4-H Youth Development Program, University of Massachusetts Extension. The awards started with years of volunteer service completed:

1st Year: *Henry Cadorette III, Marie Goodermote, Mathew Goodermote, Glenda Matos-Carter, Melanie Richard, Jonathan Rowe, Nancy Smith, Jennifer Soldato, Courtney Sparks, Elysse Tuper, and Haley Vadakin.*

5th Year – *Michelle Daly*

25th Year – *Henry Cadorette Jr.*

45th Year – *Scott Robinson!*

The **Friends of 4-H Award** is a special award because the members and volunteers nominate people or businesses who have helped them, their club, or the program in general. This year's Friends of 4-H winners were: *Laura Allen, Lisa Dachinger, Gail Guarda, and Gregg Petricca.*

The **Fair Honor Roll** are people who go above and beyond, either on the front lines or behind the scenes, to make sure the annual Berkshire County Youth Fair happens. These people are nominated by the 4-H Fair Association members, Advisors, and Extension Educator, they were: *Henry Cadorette Jr., Henry Cadorette III, Laurie Cadorette, Donna Chandler, Jenna Gustafson, Hannah Heath, and Sherry Mangiardi.*

The following award is one a youth must apply for at the annual Berkshire County Youth Fair. The **Loving Hands Award** is based on a 4-H'ers knowledge of their livestock project and ability to care for it. This year's winner is *Isabel Ryan-Smith*. At the Eastern States Exposition, better known as the Big E, youth are chosen through a variety of ways to compete or present at this multistate arena. Those who represented Berkshire County 4-H this past year were: *Faith & Hope Motta* of North Adams in the 4-H action exhibits.

The **4-H Visual Presentation** program is a public speaking program that all 4-H'ers are encouraged to take part in. The following youth were chosen for both the State competition and as presenters at the Big E. *Fiora Caligiuri-Randall, Faith Motta, and Hope Motta.*

The Berkshire County 4-H Ambassadors are youth who are trained to work together to talk to different groups, about the 4-H program. To promote the program, to let people know about the amazing things the youth are accomplishing. The 2014-2015 Berkshire County 4-H Ambassadors were: *Fiora Caligiuri-Randall, Nicholas Soldato, and Thomas Williams.*

Recognized for representing Berkshire 4-H at the **Western Mass 4-H Regional Horse Show** were: *Jazmine Bona, Allison Brazie, Brooke Decker, Katilyn Decker, Amber Dube, Lillee Getchell, Kayli Smith, Devyn Vadakin, Vanessa Wald, Brialynn Wells, Brooke Wells, & Emily Whitaker.*

Competing at the **Massachusetts State 4-H Horse Show** were: *Jazmine Bona, Allison Brazie, Brooke Decker, Katilyn Decker, and Kayli Smith.*

County Medals are given out to youth who submit 4-H records based on the projects they have been working on over the past year. Cloverbuds are youth 5-7 who are not judged, but participate. They are: *Amaya Cannon* and *Devyn Vadakin*. Youth 8-18 must do a more complete record and are judged. Here are the youth who submitted records and the projects they received metals for: *Allison Brazie* (Horse), *Fiora Caligiuri-Randall* (community service, leadership, performing arts, & visual arts), *Brooke Decker* (horse), *Katilyn Decker* (horse), *Daniel Epe* (sheep), *Isaac Epe* (sheep), *Lillee Getchell* (horse), *Faith Motta* (poultry, veterinary science), *Hope Motta* (community service, poultry), *Isabel Ryan-Smith* (sheep), *Kayli Smith* (horse), *Nicholas Soldato* (photography), *Charlotte Tuper* (rabbit), *Vanessa Wald* (horse), and *Brooke Wells* (horse).

Scott S. Robinson 4-H Scholarship, this college scholarship has been established by Scott's four sons to recognize their father's years of involvement in 4-H programs in Berkshire County. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to an eligible member of the Berkshire County 4-H program.

The scholarship's objective is to reward a 4-H candidate who is seeking to better him or herself with higher education. This year's recipient was *Caitlin Moriarty*.

The final award of the evening is the highest award given in Berkshire County 4-H. The **Top H Award** can only be won by a 4-H'er once as a junior member and once as a senior member. To be eligible, a youth must turn in their 4-H records for judging, the judging committee nominates members, and those nominated records get sent out of the county for judging. This year's Berkshire County Top H winner are: Junior – *Faith Motta*, Senior – *Fiora Caligiuri-Randall*

Congratulations to all.

Special THANK YOU's to: The Berkshire 4-H Ambassadors and Fair Association members for emceeding the evening's events, the Berkshire County 4-H Volunteer Association for funding the event, and to the Boys & Girls Club of the Berkshires for allowing us use of their space to hold our event.

Hope Motta, Faith Motta, Isabel Ryan-Smith, Hannah Heath, Fiora Caligiuri-Randall, Nick Soldato

Berkshire County 4-H Volunteer Association – IS THIS YOU?

What is this group? It is mentioned in each newsletter, on Facebook, and in emails; but maybe you don't understand the role and who can be part of it. The Berkshire County 4-H Volunteer Association is set up for very specific reasons:

What

- ✓ County Programs
 - Awards
 - Visual Presentations
 - Window/Poster Exhibits
 - Helping with Fair
 - If anything new is created, tried, or considered; this is where it happens.
- ✓ Decisions
 - When and where things take place
 - How much to spend
 - If we are offered an opportunity, do we take it or not? Here is where it is decided.



- ✓ Promotion/Recruitment
 - Letting people know about the 4-H program
 - Learning about events happening in the community and seeing if someone is available to have an information table there (for example)
- ✓ Scholarships/Camperships
 - These are for volunteers and members
 - For learning about projects, gaining new skills, or having fun at 4-H Camp!
- ✓ Fundraise
 - Traditionally there have been approximately 2-3 per year
 - These help pay for EVERYTHING listed above

Who

- ✓ Adults
 - ANY adult interested in being a part of the Berkshire 4-H program can be a part of this group.
 - ❖ You **DO NOT** have to have a club to be on the B.C. 4-H V.A.
 - ❖ You **DO NOT** have to have a child in 4-H to be on the B.C. 4-H V.A.
 - ❖ You **DO** have to become a fully screened volunteer (if you're not already)
- ✓ Teens
 - Any senior 4-H'er is welcome and encouraged to be a member!
- ✓ Clubs
 - All clubs are supposed to have representation at the meetings (It does NOT have to be the main club leader).

- Clubs are impacted the most by decisions made by this group and should be at the table while those decisions are being made.

The Berkshire County 4-H Volunteer Association meets on a nearly monthly basis. Many of those meetings are conference calls. The current schedule is the 4th Tuesday of every month, but that has not been well attended. A survey will be going out to volunteers, parents, and teens to decide when future meetings will take place and who will be involved. **PLEASE RESPOND TO THE SURVEY.** If you are interested in being a part of this group, but do not receive emails or check your email often, please contact Angelica at 413-448-8285 or angelica@umext.umass.edu by January 15th. Thank you for your willingness to make the Berkshire 4-H program the best it can be!

Kidding around at Tractor Supply!

4-H and Tractor Supply make a great partnership! Tractor Supply holds fundraisers (buy a clover) several times a year, and the money raised in Mass – stays in Mass! All they ask is that clubs hold events at their stores (can be a fundraiser for your own club, etc.), or help out during their special events if possible. There are two Tractor Supply stores in Berkshire County; Pittsfield and North Adams.

There is a special bond between the Berkshire Jammin' Critters 4-H Club and the North Adams Tractor Supply. One event held was a meet & greet with critters...the critters had fun! (See photo!!)

4-H Volunteer Teri Goodermote and friend!



Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association

The 78th annual Berkshire County Youth Fair is what we are looking ahead to this coming summer. If you are 12 or older, this is a great next step in your 4-H career! Becoming part of the Fair Association **DOES NOT** mean you have to give up your regular club, it means being a part of something more and being able to bring ideas from your club to the fair group...and letting your club know what's going on with the fair! If you are interested in being a part of this great leadership group, call Angelica in the Berkshire 4-H Office (413) 448-8285. The Fair Association regularly meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Pittsfield. (We do plan some conference calls in the bad weather.) This location changes in the summer months when meetings are held at the fairgrounds. This is an excellent group for those members who would like to take a step toward more leadership & responsibility (it also looks AMAZING on college applications!). Come join the fun, or call to find out other ways you can be a part of this group.

PARENTS: Please note, by joining this group for a minimum of two years is the only way your child can later become eligible for the \$500 Robinson College Scholarship.

The next meeting of the Berkshire County 4-H Fair Association is January 9, 2018, 6:30pm at THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. (Conference call if inclement weather.)

Looking for Ideas

If you are not old enough to be a member of the Fair Association, or are a volunteer with a different club, but have some ideas for the fair – share them with us! We are stronger as a community and would love to hear what you have to say.



Email Angelica (angelica@umext.umass.edu), leave a message on the Facebook page "Berkshire County 4-H Youth Fair" or call the Berkshire 4-H Office (413-448-8285) if you have any ideas to pass along to the Fair Association.

Trainings for Up Coming Berkshire Events

As the weather outside gets colder, inside 4-H gets ready for Window/Poster Exhibits and Visual Presentations. *Contact Angelica to come to your club to do a training!* Trainings should be scheduled by February. If anyone is interested in judging either window/poster exhibits or visual presentations, contact Angelica in the Berkshire 4-H Office (413) 448-8285.

Get out your 4-H Records!

I know, they were just turned in, judged, and given back! But this isn't a joke, this is to make EVERYONE'S life a little easier.

Project Records:

- Now is the time to list your goals & how you plan to achieve them!
- One project record form for EACH project (example: one for poultry, not one per chicken)
 - ◆ What if you start a new project at a later date?
 - ◆ You start your project record form when you start the project; list your goals and how you are going to go about achieving them.
- Financial/Time page: starting now will help you be more accurate with this page and see how much you actually put into your projects.

Summary Record:

- This is the section that STAYS in your record, always. You just keep adding to it.
- There are things you may have already done since September 1st that you can add into these sections! Some ideas:
 - ◆ Download the forms from the www.mass4h.org website (under communications) and keep track of everything on a computer, thumb drive, etc.

- ◆ Keep a designated notebook for listing these things to go in your records.
- ◆ Leaders take a few minutes during meetings for kids to write down stuff for records.
 - ◆ If people in your group prefer the notebook method, maybe a parent could be the “keeper of the notebooks”?

From Pioneer Valley 4-H (Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire)

Share the 4-H Embryology Program

Do you know of any teachers who would like to hatch chicks in the classroom as part of our 4-H Embryology Program? We could use your help in promoting this very educational, hands-on experience. We will be doing two hatches, one in March and the second in May. Incubators are available for rent and eggs are available at cost. Training is offered prior to each hatch. Contact Carrie Chickering-Sears (413- 545-5302) or Mary Phelon (mphelon@umext.umass.edu). 4-H families are also welcome to participate.

Franklin County 4-H Awards Banquet

Franklin County 4-H’ers and volunteers will be recognized at the annual banquet at Greenfield Community College, One College Drive, Greenfield on Friday, January 19th. The event is sponsored by the Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council.

Registration information was previously sent to Franklin County 4-H families. If you haven’t receive it, contact Tom at 413-545-0611 or waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu

Pioneer Valley 4-H Visual Presentations

All 4-H’ers are invited to present at the Regional 4-H Visual Presentations on Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Hopkins Academy, Rt. 9, Hadley. Cloverbud members, ages 5-7, are encouraged to give a Visual Presentation at the event but will not be competitively judged. Members, ages 8-18, are judged using the Danish

system in which each participant is evaluated against a specific set of criteria and awarded a blue (excellent), red (very good) or white (good) ribbon. Registration materials will be sent out after January 1st.

Window, Poster, Photo & Exhibit Event

Communication skills, public awareness and teamwork! This is what our annual Window, Poster, Photo & Exhibit Event is all about and now is the time to prepare. This is an excellent winter project which offers members an opportunity to work together to develop and set up a window exhibit telling about 4-H or sharing some information on what they have learned in their project. Individual club members may also make a poster using a theme of their choice or enter a photo. This program offers an excellent opportunity to let the community know about the 4-H program. Clubs make arrangements to display exhibits or posters in local schools, libraries, stores or businesses February 19th to March 3rd. Exhibits, photos and posters made by youth 8 years of age and older will be judged and Danish ribbons awarded to each participant. All Cloverbuds (5 to 7 years of age) will receive special Cloverbud ribbons.

JUDGES NEEDED: As we did last year, we are looking for volunteer judges who can judge posters and/or window exhibits in their area. Judges do not need to be active in 4-H. They can be former 4-H volunteers or members, community leaders, parents, etc. We will get score cards and ribbons to judges. If you are interested in judging, please contact Tom at waskiewicz@umext.umass.edu or 413-545-0611.



From WMass Region

Western MA 4-H Winter Workshop

The 4-H Winter Workshop, to be held on Saturday, January 20 at Hopkins Academy, Rt. 9, Hadley, offers hands-on learning for youth and leaders in many popular project areas. The workshop is open to all Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin, Worcester and Hampshire county 4-H members ages 8-18 as of 1/1/18 and volunteers. Some classes have minimum ages. Members ages 8-11 as of 1/1/18 must have an adult chaperone/parent attending (the adult does not have to be registered for the same workshops as the youth). Workshops include Designing a Catapult, 4-H Finances, First Aid, 4-H and Google and much more. A separate email was sent to all 4-H families and leaders.

4-H Day at the Mullins Center

4-H is teaming up with the UMass Basketball Team to sponsor "4-H Day at the Mullins Center" on Saturday, February 3rd for the 2:00 P.M. game vs. Dayton. This is a great time for 4-H to show our spirit for our outstanding UMass basketball team and to promote 4-H to thousands of W. Mass. fans (this game may be televised).

Each 4-H club is strongly encouraged to make a banner (out of a bedsheet or similar material) that shows our support for the UMass Basketball Team ("Go UMass", "4-H/UMass, a Winning Team", etc.). In addition, you should all be wearing 4-H t-shirts, sweatshirts or jackets. Bring your 4-H club banner, if you have one.

For tickets, email Lorelei Riseman at lrisean@umass.edu or call 413-577-7247. You may also mail in your ticket order to:

Lorelei Riseman
UMass Athletics
038 Boyden Building
Amherst, MA 01003

All 4-H'ers, volunteers, family and friends can purchase tickets for only \$14/person. Include your name, address, email address, city/town, state and zip code. You may pay by check, payable to

"UMass Athletics" or credit card. All ticket orders must be placed by January 26th.

Spread the word! See you at the game!

Program Assistants

Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? Do they have a passion for working with young people? If this brings someone to mind, encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at National 4 H Conference Center!

Application deadlines are quickly approaching and we want to give 4 H alumni and collegiate 4 H'ers an opportunity to apply for this amazing opportunity this summer. Our PA's will be making a difference in the lives of thousands of high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Citizenship Washington Focus Programs (CWF) in Washington, D.C.

CWF Program Assistants will:

Develop and facilitate a unique program experience for over 1,500 high school aged 4 H'ers from across the country in Washington, D.C.

Lead CWF delegates in experience based citizenship curriculum through tours and workshops
Develop and refine teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in a fast paced and fun environment

Become licensed D.C. tour guides

The CWF PA experience begins in mid-May and ends in late July. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Conklin, kconklin@4hcenter.org.

Steerage Rock Riders 4-H Club

Thanks to our friends at Ceric Fabrication (Judy Candage) we were able to donate 21 full turkey dinners to local organizations and churches as well as provide our adopted family with a meal. A total of approximately 825 lbs. We are now in the process of collecting food, clothing and toys for our family which has 6 children between the ages of 5 and 15.





4-H Steam Ambassadors

Exciting News for 4-H Springfield! A professor and Engineering students from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst have agreed to mentor eight young people from Springfield.

The goal for these eight young people who will become 4-H STEAM Ambassadors will be to lead "maker workshops."

Based on performance and commitment to the 4-H STEAM program, eight young people were selected to be 4-H STEAM Ambassadors. These 4-H STEAM Ambassadors will be developing and learning how to lead STEM-related workshops in which participants work on "maker-projects".

Their target audience is 8-14 year-olds in western MA. They will host workshops at the Make-it-Springfield Makerspace, local 4-H events, and community centers.

The 4-H STEAM Ambassadors will meet with their UMass Engineering Mentors in person once a month on the UMass Amherst Campus MIE Innovation Center or the Boys & Girls Club in Holyoke, MA. During these meetings, the UMass mentors will spend time leading STEAM workshops and instructing the 4-H STEAM Ambassadors on skills such as soldering, CAD design, 3D printing, coding, etc. In addition to meeting monthly in person, the 4-H STEAM Ambassadors will use an application called SLACK to communicate with the Engineering mentors.

We look forward to seeing this collaboration blossom into something unique and impactful for everyone involved. As Steve Jobs famously said, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." At 4-H, we are passionate about creating spaces for young people to explore their creativity, talents and interests, and giving them opportunities and guidance to become the leaders of today.



Pioneer Valley Horse Fever 4-H Club

On December 20th, Pioneer Valley Horse Fever 4H club collected gloves, socks, and toiletry items to assemble “love packs” for the homeless. The club assembled over 40 packs that will be given to the Springfield Friends of the Homeless shelter and will make Christmas a little brighter for those in need. This is the second year that the club has done this project and they hope to grow it even more next year by donating even more packs.



State 4-H Fashion Show at The Big E

Start now and you will have plenty of time to sew, knit, or crochet a garment and/or quilts/blankets to show off your hard work and talent at The Big E on September 15! All members are welcome to exhibit in the show. Watch for details coming soon or email Danica Brown at danicalbrown26@outlook.com for more information.

Blanket/Quilts for BayState Children’s Hospital Community Service Project

Through its pledge of "hands to larger service," 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people to volunteer. We are encouraging each 4-H member to make a blanket/quilt that will be displayed at the Big E and then donated to Baystate Children's Hospital so patients will have a warm blanket to comfort them throughout their stay. Baystate Children’s hospital cares for sick infants and kids from birth to 18. They try to provide a homemade blanket to each child during their stay to comfort them and brighten up the room. The blankets are to be delivered to the Big E by 8:00 on September 15th. You may arrange delivery through a member who is attending or a 4-H educator. Blankets/Quilts can range from 12”x12” to a 66”x90”. Requirements include: must be washable, made of new and clean material, and no buttons or embellishments. Blankets/Quilts smaller than 24”x24” cannot include no-sew flannel or fleece tied blankets or fringed blankets. If you have any questions or would like a pattern or further directions please contact Danica Brown at 413-627-9641 or email at danicalbrown26@outlook.com.

Valentine’s for the Troops

The Hilltown Misfits 4-H Club is having their fifth "Valentine's for the Troops" drive this January. They will be accepting donations for the care packages at the 2018 Rabbit Workshop, January 27, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School. For more information, contact Sherry Whitmore at nicholsdrivingschool@gmail.net



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!



2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR