COMING THIS SUMMER.........

JULY

- 7-9 – Regional 4-H Horse Show
- 14-Big E Horse Show entries due!
- 18 – Shirley Kane Memorial Golf Tournament, Holden
- 15 – State 4-H Dairy Show entries due!
- 21 – Worcester County 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7:15 p.m. Spencer

AUGUST

- 4-6 – State 4-H Dairy Show, Franklin County Fairgrounds
- 5 - WORCESTER 4-H fair entries due!
- 10 – Big E Ticket Order Due to State 4-H Office, For Order Form, go to www.mass4h.org (FIRM DEADLINE!)
- 11-13 - Bolton Fair, Lancaster
- 20 – Big E packets due for Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat and Sheep Shows –State 4-H office
- 18-19 – Hardwick Fair

- 24 – WORCESTER 4-H FAIR SET –UP - 4-10P.M. – potluck please bring a dish to share.
- 25 – 4-H Fair – Entry of Andrews Hall Exhibits – 3-10p.m.
- 26- Judging of Andrews Hall Exhibits – 8a.m.
- 26-27 – Worcester County 4-H Fair, Camp Marshall, Spencer – see Schedule of Events for specific times.
- DEADLINE Annual 4-H Club Reports (INCLUDING Financial report & proof of 990N) - County Office

SEPTEMBER

- 1- 4-H Year Begins September 1st. Online re-enrollment in 4-H Begins
- 1-4 - Spencer Fair
- 8-10 – State 4-H Horse Show,
- 8-10 Sterling Fair
- 15-October 1 – 4-H At Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield
- 15- Club news -Deadline for Fall newsletter
- 16- Massachusetts 4-H Day at the Big E
OCTOBER 2nd – 4-H RECORDS DUE!
NOTE NEW EARLIER DATE!!!

- 1-8 National 4-H Week

4-H Fairs:
Hampshire County Fair – July 8, 2017
Cummington Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA

Barnstable County Fair – July 17-23 2017
East Falmouth, MA

Hampden County Fair – July 29, 2017
Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, MA

Berkshire County Fair- August 19, 2017
Pittsfield, MA

Middlesex County Fair- August 25-27 2017
Westford, MA

WORCESTER COUNTY 4-H FAIR – AUGUST 26-27 2017
SPENCER, MA

The number of clubs here and in many other parts of the state have continued to grow this year and it is our hope that this will continue for many years to come. Congratulations and thank you to our new club leaders and volunteers, club members and their parents and many thanks to our continuing club leaders, members, parents and volunteers. You are truly the heart of 4-H and keep it alive here in Worcester County and all across Massachusetts. Please join me in welcoming all and encouraging them to join us at the fairs and other 4-H activities this summer and fall. If you would like to check out the current club directory, go to mass4h.org and click on the 4-H Club directory button. Scroll all the way to the end for a listing of 4-H clubs in Worcester County.

4-H Recognition Banquet

It has been a busy spring with lots of 4-H programs, activities and fundraising events. On March 19th, the 4-H Recognition Banquet was held at Spencer Country Inn. As in the past, Phyllis Eckleberry and her staff did a beautiful job with the food and setup. We are most appreciative of her generosity and that of our sponsors: Spencer Bank, Webster First Federal Credit Union, Mass. 4-H Foundation and the Worcester County 4-H Advisory Council. Because of their efforts, we are able to keep the cost to attend free to award recipients and very low for parents and other supporters.

The Honorable Senators Anne Gobi & Michael Moore and Representative Donnie Berthiaume all continued their strong support of our 4-H members and their families. They brought beautiful citations for each of the special awards winners in their districts plus many from other senators and representatives who could not attend. They did a beautiful job of presenting awards and helping all of our members to feel special.

Thank you to all of our award presenters: Lynne Galvin, Nancy Andrews, Cindy & Jim Baird, Kim Constantine, Heidi Cooper, Peggy Corbett, Kathy Dugan, Karin Farrow, Senator Anne Gobi, Steve, Olivia and Uilleam Harper, Chris and Ally Heintz, Martina Jasiewicz, Mary Jordan, Bill King, Krisanne Koebke, Ryan Mackay, Jim McCullough,
Michelle & McKenzie McLarnon, Norman Mercier, Meg Moschini, Merriellen Moroney, Beth Olson, Diane Samuelson, Alice, Greg & Martin Shaw, Katherine & Robin Stewart, Grace & Wanda Walsh and the Worcester County 4-H Ambassadors. You are great to work with and your efforts are much appreciated. A very special thank you to our Mistress of Ceremonies, Lily Lukaszevicz who did an amazing job!

Although we can’t list all the awards here, below is a list of the special award winners. As I read through their 4-H records to prepare their write ups, I remember being struck yet again by their abilities and accomplishments. They and their parents and their leaders have a lot to be proud of.

Recipient: McKenzie McLarnon – Two Town Trotters 4-H Club

Keely Walsh Memorial Cup – Given in memory of Keely Walsh who was a 4-H alum and very special young person. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels in the beef cattle project as that was Keely’s love and is also strong in leadership, citizenship and community service. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to McKenzie McLarnon of Charlton.

Recipient: Bill & Clay Constantine - Blackstone Valley 4-H Club & 4-H Ambassadors

Treadwell Cup – Given in memory of George B. Treadwell who was a longtime 4-H volunteer and poultry farmer. Presented to a junior 4-H member who shows great promise in his accomplishments in his 4-H records so far. Presented to Bill & Clay Constantine of Spencer.

Recipient: Sara Prendergast – Northborough Horse & Hound 4-H Club

Standish Cup – Given in memory of the Mrs. Evangeline Standish who was an outstanding 4-H agent here in Worcester County. Presented to a junior 4-H member who shows great promise in her accomplishments in her 4-H records so far. Presented to Sara Prendergast of Northborough.
Recipient: Lauren Olson – Farm Fresh Dairy & Beef 4-H Club

Andrews Cup – Given in honor of Mrs. Nancy Andrews who is celebrating 65 years of volunteer service to the Worcester County 4-H Program. Presented to a junior member who shows great promise in his/her accomplishments in 4-H records in the 4-H Dairy Project. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Lauren Olson of New Braintree.

Recipient: Andrew Leger – Leominster 4-H Club

Overlook Community Service Cup – Given by Overlook Life Care Community in honor of Holly Stevens for her involvement in community service work. Presented to a younger teen 4-H member who excels in community service. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Andrew Leger of Leominster.

Recipient: Sam Dykstra – Sutton 4-H Club

Audette Cup – Given in Memory of Paul Audette who was a 4-H alumni and Connecticut State Police Officer. This award is given to a teen who is a hard worker who overcomes obstacles and strives towards his/her goals. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Sam Dykstra of Douglas.

Recipient: Elina Barrows – Upton Hoofbeat 4-H Club and 4-H Ambassadors

Senator Stephen Brewer Citizenship Cup – Given in honor of retired senator, the honorable Stephen Brewer to an older 4-H teen for his/her involvement in leadership, citizenship and community service. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Elina Barrows of Upton.
Recipient: Hannah Kelley – CMRBN Happy Hoppers 4-H Club and 4-H Ambassadors

G. Joseph Gribouski Award – Given in memory of G. Joseph Gribouski for his leadership in 4-H agriculture programs statewide. Given to a teen who excels in agricultural leadership in our county 4-H program. Presented to Hannah Kelley of Leicester.

Recipient: Megan Howe – Feather Footed 4-H Club

Pease Cup – Given in memory of Howard Pease who was a farmer and avid supporter of youth. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels in agriculture. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Megan Howe of New Braintree.

Recipient: Gwen Costello – Upton Hoofbeats 4-H Club and 4-H Ambassadors

Paige Lavalle Memorial Award – Given in memory of 4-H teen, Paige Lavalle who passed away unexpectedly. Given to a teen who excels in behind the scenes leadership of 4-H programs, countywide and especially at Camp Marshall. Presented to Gwen Costello of Upton.

Recipient: Alison Gorman – Sutton Preservationists and Mighty Millbury 4-H Clubs

Gould Cup – Given in memory of Mrs. John W. Gould who was the president of the Extension Homemakers Council many years ago. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels in the area of Home Economics. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Alison Gorman of Sutton.
Recipient: Katherine Stewart – Two Town Trotters, Huggable Hounds, Gold Nugget Gallopers and Ambassadors 4-H Clubs

Blaisdell Cup – Given in memory of Jennie Blaisdell, an avid horsewoman and 4-H horse club leader. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels in the 4-H horse program. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Katherine Stewart of Holden.

Recipient: Elizabeth Shea – Worcester County 4-H Ambassadors Club

S.E.T.Y. Award – Given by 4-H Program to a 4-H member who excels in one or more of the areas of science, engineering or technology as a youth. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Elizabeth Shea of Hardwick.

Recipient: Emily Connolly – Huggable Hounds, Two Town Trotters and Gold Nugget Gallopers 4-H Clubs

Beverly Desrosiers Cup – Given in memory of Beverly Desrosiers. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels in the dog project. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Emily Connolly of Leicester.

Recipient: Sadie Constantine – Blackstone Valley, Worcester County Teen Exchange and Ambassadors 4-H Clubs

Commissioners Cup – Given in honor of the County Commissioners during the time that Extension & 4-H were part of county government. This award is given to a teen who excels in community service. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Sadie Constantine of Spencer.
Recipients: Brain Leger – Leominster 4-H and 4-H Ambassadors Clubs

Lily Lukaszevicz – Lancaster, Wekepeke and 4-H Ambassador Clubs

Boys & Girls Trustee Cups – Given in honor of the former Worcester County Extension Board of Trustees. This award is given to a 4-H teen who excels as a leader and also is very strong in project work and community service. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Lily Lukaszevicz of Lancaster and Brain Leger of Leominster.

NEW AWARDS THIS YEAR!!

Recipient: Sumner Jordan – Blackstone Valley 4-H Club

Raymond Harper Memorial Cup – Given in memory of Raymond Harper to a junior 4-H member who excels in the beef project. Selection is based on 4-H records. Presented to Sumner Jordan of Rutland.

Recipient: Caroline Hall – Horse Feathers 4-H Club

Shamrock Farm Poultry Cup – Given by Shamrock Farm to a junior 4-H member who excels in the poultry project. Selection is based on 4-H records.
4-H Records
As you can see, several of our 4-H awards are based on members’ 4-H records. If you would like to schedule a record training session with your club members and parents, we could certainly do that. You can also check out the forms online at www.mass4h.org and click on records and resumes. Records will be due for this past year on October 2nd, so give us a call if you would like to setup a time to work on records. We can certainly ask one of the award recipients or our 4-H Ambassadors to join us and share some tips and helpful hints.

Worcester County 4-H Advisory Council Adds Cash Awards For 4-H Fair Rosette Winners in Home Economics Commodities

Thanks to a recent bequest from the Worcester County Homemakers Council, the Worcester County 4-H Advisory Councils will again be awarding additional cash awards to the rosette winners in the Home Economics related commodities at the Worcester County 4-H Fair. So consider checking out these commodities in the fair book for an added incentive!

4-H Fair Horse Show – August 20th

4-H Fair – August 26th & 27th

It’s that time of year again. The 4-H Fair is almost here. If you have not already received your fair catalog by the time you read this, it will be coming to you shortly in club packets. You can also pick one up at the 4-H Fair Meeting on July 21st at Camp Marshall in Spencer.

This year’s fair will be dedicated to Jim and Cindy Baird of West Brookfield. Please take the time to read the dedication in your fair book. Jim and Cindy are great 4-H leaders and have supported the 4-H fair and program for many years.
The Fair is definitely looking for adult and teen volunteers. We need lots of help with setup, cleanup and snack bar in particular. In addition, there are many other ways that 4-H members can get involved both in the exhibit hall and in the barn. If you are interested in helping out, just let us know!

4-H FAIR – THINGS TO REMEMBER!!

First of all, the 4-H Fair continues to be open to all 4-H members to participate in and exhibit at. Now is a great time to get working on your exhibits.

- Use your last year’s 4-H Fair book to figure out what classes you will exhibit in. This year’s should be out in the next couple of weeks.

- Think about the items that you have made at school, in art class or other classes. Would your science fair project make a good educational display?
- Plant some flowers or veggies if you haven’t already done so. Take good care of what you have already planted.
• Grab your camera or your phone and start clicking. Photography has many classes that you can enter.
• Check out the conservation classes. Plan to get outside and work on creating some collections.
• How about crafts, color & design, home improvement. If you look closely at your book now, you’ll find lots of things that you can make to enter at the Fair.

• Dust off your tools and get busy on a woodworking project.
• Don’t forget about the poster contest, challenge classes and figuring out and practicing your favorite recipes.

The point is that there are lots of fun things you can do now that will help you to be better prepared to exhibit your projects at the 4-H Fair.

Please encourage your friends to join you at the 4-H Fair. We hope your friends will have a great experience and want to get involved in 4-H. Ideally we can connect them up with a club but they can also enroll as individual members or start their own club. To enroll in 4-H, just have them give us a call. We will also have enrollment paperwork on hand at the 4-H Fair.

We also are encouraging all exhibitors to get involved in an ongoing event. All exhibitors who wish to may participate in working exhibits and show the process of making their exhibit. For example, an artist can draw or paint, an exhibitor can knit, sew, arrange flowers or anything else that shows their craft. All exhibitors who participate will be awarded fifty points toward their total for the outstanding exhibitor awards.

SAVE THE DATES OF AUGUST 26TH AND 27TH AND PLAN TO BE AT THE FAIR!

4-H Advisory Council Looking For New Members and New Ideas!

The Advisory Council is looking for your input, suggestions and participation as a member if you can spare six meetings a year and would like to get more involved in supporting 4-H.

They are looking for new members. The Council meets every other month on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month. Their main purpose is to provide supplemental funding to 4-H in the form of camperships, scholarships, program support etc. They also coordinate the 4-H Online Auctions and offer input to the 4-H staff in terms of program ideas and direction.

The Council is working on fundraising and planning their budget for next year. They would like your input as to what kind of support would be helpful to leaders, members, clubs etc. Please e-mail any ideas or specific needs to kiritsis@umext.umass.edu and we will discuss them at the next meeting on September 27th. At 7:15p.m. At the Extension/4-H Office in Worcester, 120 Stafford St., Suite 201. All meetings are open and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The 4-H Advisory Council would like to thank all those who have supported their money makers for the 4-H year.
4-H WINNERS WITH THEIR LEADERS AND THEIR CLUBS AT THE BANQUET

Below are some great club photos from the 4-H Banquet. Congratulations to all of our members who received awards and a great big thank you to their leaders and parents for supporting their efforts! Thank you to Brian Leger who served as our official photographer this year.

2017 BACON-ATERS 4-H CLUB

2017 CMRBN HAPPY HOPPERS 4-H CLUB

2017 FARM FRESH DAIRY AND BEEF KIDS 4-H CLUB

2017 BLACKSTONE VALLEY 4-H CLUB

2017 FEATHER FOOTED 4-HERS CLUB
2017 HORSE FEATHERS 4-H CLUB

2017 HUGGABLE HOUNDS 4-H CLUB

2017 LANCASTER 4-H CLUB

2017 LUNENBURG 4-H CLUB

2017 LEOMINSTER 4-H CLUB

2017 LITTLE FARMERS 4-H CLUB
2017 MIGHT MILLBURY 4-H CLUB

2017 TWO TOWN TROTTERS 4-H CLUB

2017 NORTHBORO HORSE AND HOUND 4-H CLUB

2017 UPTON HOOFBEATS 4-H CLUB

2017 SUTTON PRESERVATIONISTS 4-H CLUB

2017 UXBRIDGE DREAMWEAVERS 4-H CLUB
Shirley Kane Memorial 4-H Golf Tournament is July 18th at the Holden Hills Country Club.

This tournament was named in memory of the late Shirley Kane, a generous and strong advocate of 4-H. The Shirley Kane Memorial Golf Tournament is in its 14th year. This tournament raises many, many thousands of dollars in Shirley’s honor to support 4-H programs across the state to which she was so dedicated. It’s not to late to sign up.

THE MASSACHUSETTS 4-H FOUNDATION SUPPORTS YOU, YOUR 4-H CLUBS AND MEMBERS!!

4-H LEADERS & FAMILIES...TAKE NOTE!

IMPORTANT DATES AND RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS!

REMINDERS:

- The 4-H year begins September 1st
- 4-H Records are due October 2nd.
- Re-enroll by November 1st. Early-bird enrollment fee ($50) ends November 1st.

ENROLLING:
Families will re-enroll their children online through 4honline. Families with members enrolled in 2016-2017 will receive instructions via e-mail in early September. Follow these instructions carefully. If you do have difficulty, you can complete paper forms instead. Brand new members will enroll by completing paper forms since original signatures need to be on file.

4-H FALL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS – Watch e-mail for times, dates and locations. We will come to your regular club meeting if that is helpful. Contact us about a date and time.

- Information updates for the coming year
- Club Enrollment Information
- Statewide Community Service Information
- Networking for all adult and teen leaders
- Hearing directly from 4-H Ambassadors
- What we can do together to strengthen our 4-H program
- Welcoming new volunteers, parents and youth
- Help with 4-H Records!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS to 4-H LEADERS!!

Annual Club Report for the period from July 1st, 2016 through June 30th, 2017 is now due with a copy of your club’s bank statement ending in June 2017.

Absolute Deadline is August 31!
Also, you need to provide proof that you filed your 990-N.

EVERY CLUB NEEDS TO FILE THESE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO TREASURY AND NO BANK ACCOUNT.

If you do not have a bank account, have one other adult sign the financial page verifying as such. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to call Lorraine or Jim and we will be happy to help you! 508-831-1223 x109 or 116.
THANK YOU KATHY & JIM!

As many of you are aware, Kathy Dugan is no longer working in the 4-H Office. We are very thankful for all of Kathy’s hard work and contributions as the 4-H Program Assistant. We are also thankful that Kathy will be continuing as a 4-H volunteer and club leader.

Jim McCullough has been working in our office one day a week for a little over a year now serving as the 4-H Club Support person. He has done a terrific job and we are truly thankful. He has increased his time and responsibilities to include the 4-H Program Assistant responsibilities. We are very thankful for that as well. If you have any 4-H questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact Jim at 508-831-1223 x116.

You all make our work so much fun and so rewarding! Thank you for all you do on behalf of our young people and 4-H!

Sincerely,

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