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Above, Shore Blazers 4-H Club dads and friends will be back to take the field in the 4-H Horse Council's 10th annual golf tournament. Standing left to right are Al Heim, Mark Schiffbauer, Dennis Elia and Jeff Samaniego. Shown kneeling, Matt Suter.

4-H needs golfers for tourney

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – “I can’t believe 10 years has passed since we started our annual golf tournament fundraiser,” said 4-H volunteer Phyllis Day.

Day has worked at every one of the tournaments since their beginning in 2004. This year’s tournament fundraiser will take place Sunday, April 21, at the Avalon Golf Club in Swanton.

Members of the Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program are currently seeking tournament players, donations of sponsorship dollars and door prizes.

Tournament entry fees are \$100 per person or \$385 per foursome, but there is an early bird discount to \$375

per team if registered with payment by April 5.

The entry fee includes green fees, carts, registration gifts, door prizes, an Italian buffet dinner and delicious homemade desserts made by 4-H youth. The tournament features longest drive, closest to pin, and putting contests, as well as a hole-in-one car sponsored by Kindle Ford. Tournament registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with the shotgun kickoff at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three tournament teams and the top coed team.

A portion of the proceeds from the tournament are used to fund the 4-H Memorial Scholarship Program, youth participation in state and national 4-H

events and other 4-H educational costs. Proceeds from the tournament have contributed \$14,000 to the scholarship program in the last nine years. With these funds, 24 college scholarships have been provided to Cape May County 4-H youth.

Donations to the tournament are tax deductible. If you would like to play in the tournament, please call the 4-H office, at 609-465-5115, ext. 606, or email thorner@co.cape-may.nj.us.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.



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4-H Equestrians of the Year

The Cape May County 4-H Youth Development Program congratulates the winners of its 2013 4-H Equestrian of the Year Contest, held March 5 at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office in Cape May Court House. Dara Baker handed over her 2012 Senior Equestrian of the Year title to Victoria Speece. Speece is an active member of 4-H, including the Shore Blazers 4-H Club, 4-H Horse Science Team, 4-H Teen Ambassadors, Junior 4-H Horse Council and the Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team. Margaret Barry was the first runner up in the Senior Equestrian of the Year Division. She participates in the Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club, 4-H Teen Ambassadors, Junior 4-H Horse Council and the Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team. Abby Thompson, winner of the 2013 Junior Equestrian of the Year title, received congratulations from her sister Rebecca Thompson, last year’s junior winner. Abby is a member of the Barnyard Buddies Club and the Moonlight Riders Mounted 4-H Drill Team. Pictured from left to right are Dara Baker, Victoria Speece, Margaret Barry, Abby Thompson and Rebecca Thompson. This year’s title bearers will represent 4-H at events around the county and state and at the 2013 Cape May County 4-H Fair to be held July 18, 19 and 20 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Cape May Court House.

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three crimes before they are 24.”

The keynote speaker was attorney David Nash, the program director for the New Jersey Principals and Supervisor’s Association. Nash is also the director of legal education for the Foundation for Educational Administration, of which the NJPSA is a branch.

Nash said the nation is focusing on violence in school right now and it is critical there is training that brings parents and school administrators together. He said New Jersey’s anti-bullying law has been in place for a year and a half, and there are certain requirements schools must follow, including having an Anti-Bullying Specialist (ASB) and an School Safety Team, which should have the principal and at least one parent on it.

However, Nash said bullying is a complex issue.

“How would you define bullying?” Nash asked the audience members.

He received responses such as verbal abuse, physical abuse, demeaning behavior, and he added cyber-bullying, which is attacking someone using the internet or social media.

Nash said in the first year of the New Jersey’s anti-bullying law, there were 35,552 cases of bullying reported. Of that number, 13,684 were actual confirmed cases. He said there is evidence that

one in four children are bullied at some time.

According to Nash, the incidence of bullying spikes between grades 5 and 8, and tends to level off during high school. He said not every unkind act is bullying.

“In New Jersey it has to be a substantial disruption to be bullying. There is a very detailed process we go through to identify bullying,” he said.

Nash said bullying could be some video posted on YouTube as a way of attacking a student, and because of the video the victim is humiliated, cannot focus, and his or her educational process is interrupted. Or it could come in the form of a threat the student dwells on all day at school, also disrupting the child’s education.

Nash said singling out a victim for anything can be bullying. Harassing, intimidating or bullying someone for their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, gender (alone), disability, race, color, ancestry and religion could all be included in this category. However, there are other reasons victims are singled out, such as being too short or too tall, too heavy or because of the type of clothes they wear.

There have been some notable cases of bullying in New Jersey, including the case of college student Tyler Clemente who was videotaped in an intimate exchange with a same sex partner and the video was posted on the

Internet. He also mentioned a \$4.2 million settlement in April 2012, in a case in which a middle school child was punched in the stomach by a known bully and ended up paralyzed. Nash said the school failed to document the student’s history of bullying.

In March 2012, a Morristown high school freshman committed suicide after a bullying incident (Nash said bullying is a risk factor for suicide, but not all bullying results in suicide).

In December 2011, two Wayne Hills High School football players were alleged to have attacked a student outside of school.

A Milburn Hills field hockey team was found to have an annual hazing practice which included creating and circulating a list of freshman “sluts.”

Nash said recent case law has said schools cannot take action against a student for bullying behavior that happens outside of school, unless the victim is harmed.

Nash said not all the bullying is done by students. Nash told of the case of a 10-year-old autistic boy who would come home from school crying, but did not display the same behavior when he was not in school. The father ended up putting a digital recorder in the boy’s pocket, and it was learned that it was the teachers and aides who were verbally abusing the boy. In a similar case a student recorded his abusive teacher with a cell phone and the teacher ended up being fired.

Nash said, generally, such recordings are against board policy, but in the last case, the commissioner of education didn’t care about policy. He said parents should exhaust all other remedies with the school before attempting to make recordings.

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22	4:55	5:30	11:12	11:09
23	5:46	6:18	11:56	
24	6:32	7:01	12:00	12:37
25	7:15	7:41	12:47	1:16
26	7:56	8:21	1:32	1:54
27	8:37	9:01	2:16	2:33

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