



AWARD WINNERS: The Oxford 4-H Association held their annual meeting and potluck at the Gencor Offices, Woodstock Jan. 21st. Here, the recipients of the Norman Dickout Judging Awards -2004: Amanda Topp - intermediate, Gijs Arts and Kyle MacLeod (tied) - senior and top overall, Michael Lupton - junior and Mathew Lupton - novice. Presenting the awards are Russell and Bernice Dickout. (Laura Green photo)

Top 4-H judges receive awards at annual event

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Oxford County 4-H Association held their annual pot luck supper and meeting on Jan. 21 at the GENCOR office north of Woodstock.

Canadian 4-H Council President George Klosler lead the gathering of 4-H members, parents and directors with the singing of the 4-H Grace.

Chairman Dwight Hargreaves chaired the annual meeting. Judy Harper-Kukpecz read the secretary report and treasurer Geoff Innes discussed the treasurer's report. Kim Topp gave the nomination committee report.

Thirty projects awards were presented to Russell Brenneman, Anita Brink, Dan Gerber and Chris Ward.

The Norman Dickout Judging Awards were presented by his parents, Bernice and Russell Dickout.

Norman Dickout was very active in the 4-H program as a member, leader and county treasurer. He belonged to the Ingersoll Kiwanis 4-H Dairy Calf Club and enjoyed the judging aspect of the 4-H program.

In 1990; Norman Dickout started the countywide battery blitz to raise money for Oxford 4-H. Award winners

were novice - Mathew Lupton of Embro, junior Michael Lupton of Embro, intermediate - Amanda Topp of Embro, tied for senior Gijs Arts of Thamesford and Kyle MacLeod of Woodstock. Arts and MacLeod were top overall and Gijs Arts was a judging team member who represented Ontario 4-H in a competition in Madison Wisconsin

Lynn Blum of the Mt. Elgin 4-H club was award the Oxford 4-H Volunteer Tribute Award for 2004. A living tribute - a tree will be planted in the spring in her honour at her chosen location.

Congratulation to Dwight Hargreaves who has been selected to receive the Ontario 4-H Arbour Award this year at the Ontario 4-H association annual conference and meeting at the end of February in Barrie.

He also received Oxford 4-H Association "Leader of the Year" award.

Oxford 4-H Association is celebrating 90 years of 4-H in Ontario with an open house on April 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Gencor, which is located on Hwy. 59 north of Woodstock.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the afternoon of 4-H fellowship and renewing old friendships made as a member or leader in 4-H.