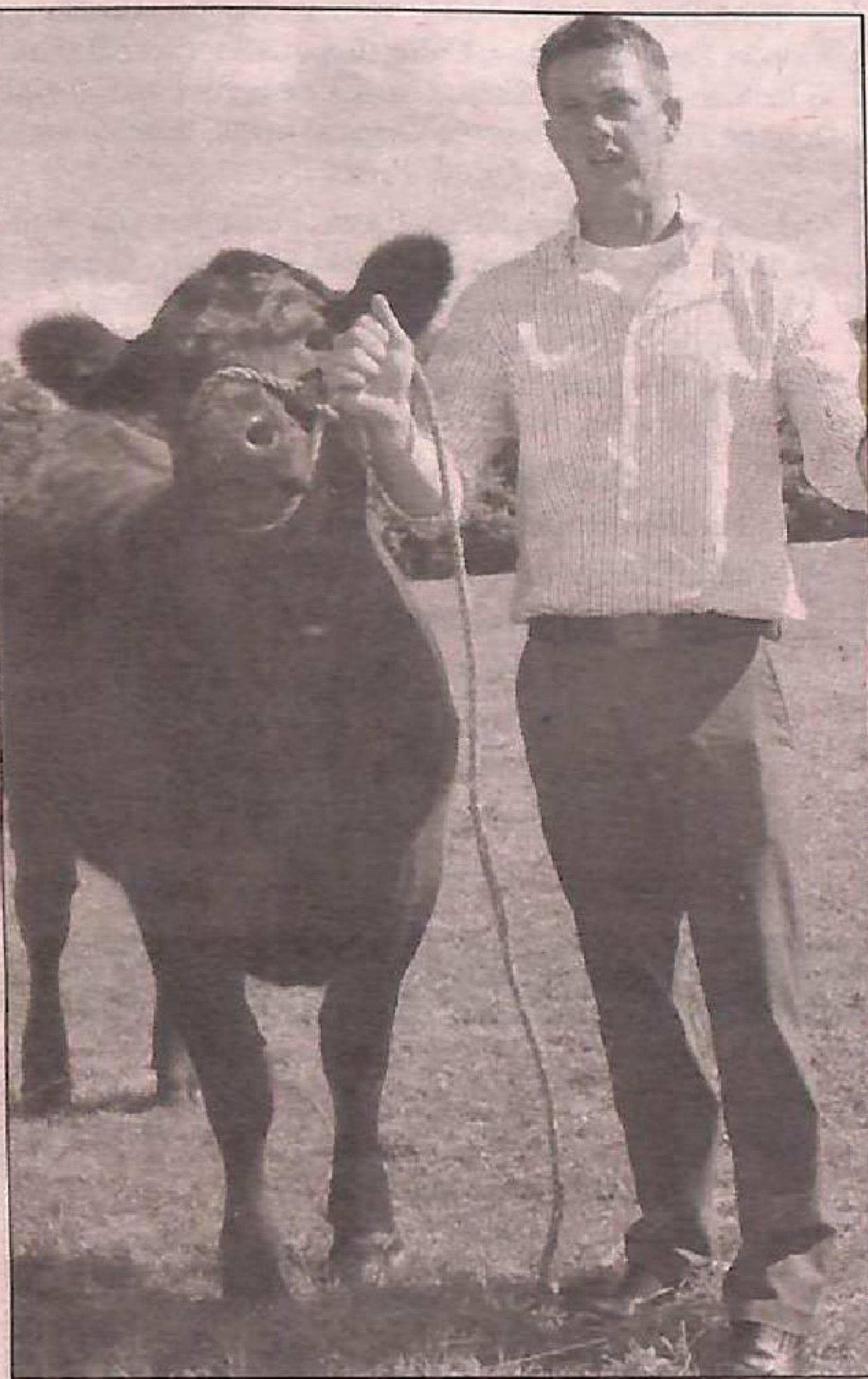


Fair beefing up the 4-H and beef shows



Nathan Allen, director of the beef show at the Warkworth Fair, for the second year in a row, talked with the Trent Hills Independent about what has been done to "beef up" this year's 4-H and beef shows. And he knows all about fairs and beef shows. This 100-pound yearling purebred Limousin female, WGL Zoey 1Z won reserve champion heifer calf at the Royal Winter Fair last year. Photo: Sue Dickens

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News - Warkworth - Where's the beef? At the Warkworth Fall Fair!

The 163rd fair is set to kick off Friday, September 6, for three fun-filled days.

This year 4-H (Heritage, Harvest, Heart and Home) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in Canada and the fair here will honour that tradition with some special events at the 4-H Beef Show.

"The 4-H is for kids ages ten to twenty-one and there is the showmanship class and conformation class," said Nathan Allen, director of the beef show for the second year in a row.

"Showmanship is about

how you handle the animal, how you are in the ring, how you set your animal up and how you present the animal. Conformation is on the animal itself."

He should know, he's been involved with 4-H since the age of ten right through to 21.

Now he shows his family's Limousins.

"You see a lot of kids nowadays that don't have direction, so 4-H is good for that. Having 4-H on your resume, it also really helps," he said.

"The whole thing about 4-H is it gives you responsibility and the work ethic. It's also very social."

He and his dad Bryce of Windy Gables Limousin are staunch supporters of the fair.

His day job is working with his dad who is the owner of Allen Insurance, a family operated business celebrating its 110th anniversary this year.

They know all about fairs and the sense of competition the beef show brings.

"Dad and a few other people started the beef show and ran it for about seven or eight years and it was then turned over to the fair board. It has always been a sanctioned fair event," said Allen.

"We've [Windy Gables Limousin] always done well at the local fairs, but in the last five years we've done really well at the Royal Winter Fair. Last year we won reserve champion heifer [Limousin] calf," he explained.

The beef show here at the Warkworth fair, starts at noon on Sunday and is a crowd pleaser attracting breeders from near and far.

"We get people from Peterborough, west of Ottawa, north to Tweed, west to Lindsay. It's a local show for some of them and a long running show," said Allen.

It features a number of classes including Angus, Charolais, Blonde d'aquitaine, Limousin and Simmental as well as a class for all other breeds if needed.

This will be the second year for the jackpot heifer class. Participants pay \$10 and four judges look at conformation of the calves. Their combined score results in a winner who takes the jackpot prize.

At the end of the beef show the champions of each breed compete for champion overall female and champion overall male.

"That is the Warkworth Beef Expo," said Allen.

To beef things up a bit there's a new addition to this year's venue.

"We've introduced a class called the over-the-hill-showmanship class. Anybody over the age of 21 is considered over the hill. There is some really good interest in it ... you bet my dad will be showing this year," said Allen with a grin.

Another thing we've done with the 4-H because it's the 100th anniversary, our grand champion conformation and grand champion show person will receive a \$100 cash prize," he added.

The champion show person will be judging the over-the-hill participants.

For more information about the fair go to <www.warkworthfair.com/>.

Travelling art show theme for upcoming studio tour



Lou and Katrina Beauchamp of Warkworth stopped by to admire this display set up by acclaimed local artist/photographer Clive Russell. It is an enlargement of a photo hanging on the wall of the Heritage Centre. A little detective work with old photos of Warkworth, might reveal the location of this shop. Photo: Sue Dickens

By Sue Dickens

October 5 and 6, Gary Mulcahey, Sheree Rasmussen, San Murata and others will tour around in this camper for the Trent Hills Studio Tour and Gallery Hop as "Mulcahey & Co., Hawkers and Peddlers."

News - Warkworth - Lots of visitors were drawn to a photographic display at the Long Lunch. Set up by acclaimed local artist/photographer Clive Russell, the photo featuring interesting characters, horses and buggies staring out from 100 or more years ago, hung beneath a canopy on the side of a camper van. It is an enlargement of a picture hanging on the wall of the Heritage Centre in Warkworth. No one knows for sure if the photo was actually taken in Warkworth, and if so, where it was. Some say the building stood where the empty lot is now next to the bank.

"I thought this was a good way to try out a travelling art show," said Russell. An enlargement of J.D. Kelly's "Champlain Crossing Georgian Bay," in a similar four-panel format, was mounted on the other side of the van. "I think this format highlights the fragmented or episodic way that we are aware of history, including our own personal histories, and also the present, which is also history."



COBOURG -- Firefighters battle a fire in a Cobourg home on Ivey Crescent shortly before 1 p.m. on Aug. 16. There's no official word on what caused the fire or where it broke out in the home. PAUL J. RELLINGER / NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS

Colborne man charged with drug smuggling, trafficking

Man arrested at bridge border crossing

WINDSOR -- A 61-year-old Colborne man faces drug smuggling and trafficking charges after a search at the Windsor Ambassador Bridge.

A man was charged after a "significant" seizure of cocaine and methamphetamine at the border crossing between Detroit and Windsor on Aug. 4, the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP announced on Aug. 15.

A man was returning to Canada at the Ambassador Bridge with a commercial shipment of produce from California, the CBSA report. The shipment was referred for a second examination and "inconsistencies" were

found in the front wall of the cargo trailer while border services officers conducted an examination of the tractor-trailer.

After removing a number of interior panels, officers discovered multiple packages of cocaine and methamphetamine, the CBSA said. CBSA officers seized a total of 53 kilograms of cocaine and 22 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Wayne Douglas Rutherford, 61, of Colborne, is charged with two counts of unlawfully importing a controlled substance and two counts of possession of a substance for the purpose of trafficking. Mr. Rutherford has been released from custody by the courts, and his next court appearance has been scheduled for Sept. 9 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor.