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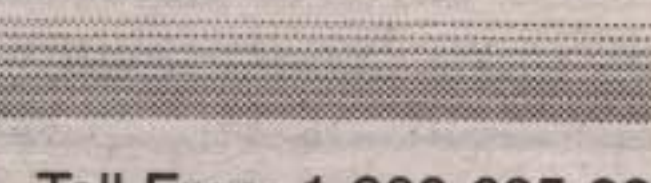
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Halton 4-H Rabbit Club

BY DAVID GOODING

The third meeting of the Halton 4-H Rabbit Club was held on May 18, 1999 at Ward Brownridge's. The roll call was "Name a food that rabbits like." Some popular answers were pellets, lettuce, sunflower seeds, rolled oats, hay and apples, but have you ever heard of a rabbit that likes bananas?

Leader Marilyn Gooding discussed a rabbit's digestive system, comparing it to cows and humans. Rabbits are herbivores, which means they only eat plants and they only have one stomach for digesting food, unlike cows that have 4 stomachs.

We went outside to weigh our rabbits. Ward showed us two ways of weighing our rabbits: 1) using a platform scale, weigh the cage empty; weigh the rabbit in the cage and then subtract the weight of the empty cage to get the weight of your rabbit, or 2) using a hanging scale, hang the cage from the scale. The member's rabbits weighed between 1 1/2 - 12 lbs.

We then judged a class of 2-year-old New Zealand white does, Ward showed us the qualities you should look for in a rabbit using Trix to demonstrate. After we had placed the class, Naomi Lutes gave a great set of reasons for her placing. Ward then gave the official placing and reasons. We all did very well!

We ended the meeting with a true & false Rabbit Review from our manuals, while we enjoyed a cold pop and cookies.

Halton 4-H Sheep Club

BY JESSICA LUTES

The meeting that Never was

I would really like to tell you about the second sheep club meeting, held on Monday, June 7, at Indian Garden Farm, but I have no idea what happened at it, I never got to the meeting.

After picking up Jodey Nurse and Cristy Nurse, Eleanor Lutes (leader), Naomi Lutes and I set off with the directions to the farm. Cristy had recopied them from what her dad, Jeff Nurse, had originally written. We set off, but after about 45 minutes of searching for Indian Garden Farm, we decided to go back to the Nurse's to clarify the directions. Jeff Nurse told us the real directions, and we realized that we had been searching in the wrong place.

We searched and searched, but for some reason, my mum still couldn't find the place due to her bad sense of direction.

In my next press report, I hope to actually give you the events of the meeting, not how we tried to find the meeting

Halton 4-H Senior Dairy Club

BY NAOMI LUTES

The second meeting of the Halton Sr. Dairy Club switched over from Holsteins to the Jersey breed when we held our meeting at John Nixon's on May 20 at 7:30. Actual starting time, of course, was delayed until around 7:45.

We started the night off with a class of 2 year old Jerseys, which we didn't give reasons on. For once, many of us actually wanted to give reasons on this class, because it was the easier of the two classes and most people were pleased with the way they placed the class. The second class of 4 year old Jerseys, however, proved to be much more difficult. Everyone gave reasons on this class to either Bert or Eleanor. After the judging portion of the meeting was completed, we conducted our business meeting. We discussed special projects, which every senior member is obligated to complete. Paul Laidlaw assigned some of the members to prepare the lesson for our next two meetings. Stephanie clarified the jobs of members' council reps. Kate Sparling and Amy Winter are the reps, while Curt, myself, and Bonnie, our treasurer will look after fundraising for the club. After that, we practiced taking the temperatures on some cows, and members developed their accuracy of reading a thermometer. We talked about the symptoms, treatments, and preventions for sick heifers or cows. Our next meeting is at Agram Farms, on Trafalgar Rd., on June 17 at 730.

A lesson in clipping

BY KRISTY NURSE

On Thursday, May 27, the Halton Clipping and fitting club held its second meeting at Rowntree farm in Brampton. The meeting began at 8:00 pm, when senior and junior members were paired up, and had a chance to select a heifer to clip. After a long struggle, Jessica Lutes and I managed to calm a young heifer and we set to work. For over an hour, all that could be heard were clippers and blow-dryers working over time. After nearly everyone had completed their animals, Leader Tyler Brande pointed out animals that had been clipped well. The meeting was adjourned when we thanked Mr. Lutes on behalf of Rowntree farms. The club was then treated to much appreciated refreshments.

Thank-you to the Lutes family and everyone at Rowntree farm for making our meeting a success.

Halton Jr. Dairy Calf Club

BY KRISTY NURSE

On Thursday, May 20th, the Halton junior dairy calf club met at the home of Bruce and John Nixon, on 10th sideroad, Georgetown. The meeting began at 7:30, when junior members assembled outside the barn. After a brief meeting, the club moved inside, where members went over project information sheets, and handed them in. Next, the jr. members judged a class of jersey cattle, and were marked on correct placings and reasons. The meeting was adjourned when the Nixon family was thanked, and the hosts treated both jr. & sr. members to refreshments.

Thank-you to the Nixons for hosting a great second meeting.

Halton 4-H Light Horse Club

BY BRAD ADKINS

May 13th was the date of the Light Horse Clubs 4-H meeting. This meeting was held at Molinaro Farms and was hosted by Mrs. Marie Martin. Heather Dixon started the meeting with the 4-H pledge then we went into role call which Scott Martin took attendance and did his minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Martin then took us for a tour of the barn where the racing horses are kept when they are not at the track, then into a part of the barn where the fousls were with there mother's. We were then given a sheet of paper and a horse's name and we had to do some diagnostics on that specific horse. When we met back in the lobby of the barn we sat down and had to name some parts of the horse and where they were on a picture. Randy Adkins had brought in a horse magazine with 2 guys sitting on mules and he passed it around and asked what are the guys riding on. I hope to see you all out at the next meeting which is on July 13th at the James Farm.

Halton 4-H Civic Responsibility Club

BY BETH HALIBURTON

Did you know that girls are more responsible than guys are? That is what I learned after the first two meetings of the Halton 4-H Civic Responsibility Club! it must be true, as all the members of this club are girls!

The Halton 4-H Civic Responsibility Club deals with all the aspects we, as community members, need to pay attention to, from learning about parliamentary procedures, to holding structured meetings, to presenting ourselves and being able to get our point across. Our club has had only two meetings as of yet but both have been filled with presentations by different guests such as Cybil Knowles, Anne Thompson, Reid Kennedy, and Dave Lyons.

If these skills are ones you want to improve, this is the club and the environment to learn it in. Maybe one day a few guys will have the courage to face the girls and join the club. After all you wouldn't want it to be true that girls are more responsible than guys are.

4-H Newsletter

For further information contact A. Carpenter, Coordinator for Applications, (905) 877-5537 or fax: (905) 873-6888

4-H Opportunities Future Talk

If you are a senior member and want to learn how to give introductions, speeches and presentations and how to be a better listener, then come to this 3-day seminar Oct. 22-24.

Today's Issues, Tomorrow's leaders

is a 3-day conference held in Toronto during the CNE in August; half of the delegates are 4-H members, the other half are from rural and urban youth centres in Ontario.

Go for the Gold

Would you like to participate in the halton Go for the Gold? Contact your leader or the co-ordinator.

Ontario Percheron Horse Association

is hosting a draft/commercial horse Futurity and Extravaganza Oct. 23, 1999, Orangeville Fairgrounds. Contact your Horse Club Leaders or Sheila Hoffman (613) 399-2827.

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Youth speakers for agriculture

- Saturday, November 6, Royal Agr. Winter Fair; 16-24 yrs. of age
- Applications due Sept. 30, 1999. Contact Anne McGee (519) 836-8026

National 4-H Week November 1-7, 1999

Look for further details in the upcoming issues of The Compass.

Upcoming Shows & Contacts

- Beef Showfest 99, Arthur, July 11. Charlie Twist (519) 824-5015.
- Sheep Focus: July 16-17-18. Marie Martin.
- Halton-Peel Judging Competition, July 28. Marie McNabb
- Gencor: Aug.20-21 Dairy Beef Ldr.

Upcoming Achievement Days

- Geo. Fair:
- H.Horse Club, Sept. 10 -p.m.
- Soil/Crop Club, All weekend, Sept. 10-12
- Rabbit Club, Sept. 11 - a.m./p.m.
- Sheep Club, Sept. 12 - 1 p.m.
- Beef Fitting, Sept. 12 - 11-3 p.m.
- Acton Fair:

- Beef Club, Sept. 18 - a.m./p.m.
- Milton Fair, Jr/Sr Dairy Club, Sept. 25 - a.m./p.m.
- Dairy Fitting Club, Sept. 26 a.m./p.m.
- Royal Winter Fair, Nov. 99.

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