

Halton 4-H Ontario Roundup



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Halton 4-H Go For the Gold Team

It was gold rush time at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on November 6, 1999 when 24 4-H members and their coaches competed for the Provincial 4-H Go For the Gold Championship. 4-H members representing the county/districts/regions of Rainy River, Leeds, Durham West, Halton, Grey and Middlesex all competed and won at local and regional competitions before advancing to the provincial finals.

When the final question had been answered and scores totaled Grey County emerged as the 1999 Champions. Team members were Sarah Weber, Robert Holiday and Heather Weber and Coach Joyce Weber. The Reserve Champions were Halton Region with team members Naomi Lutes, Jessica Lutes, Bonnie Sparling and Scott Martin and Coach Eleanor Lutes.

4-H is a program designed for the personal development of youth in Ontario. The 4-H Go

For the Gold competition tests member's knowledge and skills in different 4-H project areas ranging from crops, livestock and machinery to lifeskills, recreation, food and leisure as well as knowledge about the 4-H program, the community and current events. The Go For the Gold competition, now in its 18th year, is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the following organizations: Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Ontario Corn Producer's Association, Ontario Egg Producer's Marketing Board, Ontario Goat Breeder's Association, Ontario Pork, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Ontario Turkey Producers Marketing Board and Shur Gain. Special thanks to the Ontario 4-H Council for organizing the event and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for hosting this competition as well as the many volunteers who helped with the competition.



LEADERS IN KNOWLEDGE - Halton's Go For the Gold team, Naomi Lutes, Scott Martin, Bonnie Sparling and Jessica Lutes finished a strong second at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Pictured with the team is Go For the Gold coach Eleanor Lutes.



Halton 4-H Beef Club



KNOB HILL COMPETITION - The 4-H Beef Club showed their stuff at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Pictured L.to R. - Herdsman Lindsey Rogers, Elaine Coles, David White, Steve Stokes, Andrew Lambrick and Scott Martin.

Halton 4-H Dairy Club

SCOTIA BANK HAYES CLASSIC - The 4-H Dairy Club had a fine showing at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Pictured, Back Row, L.to R. - Bonnie Sparling, Mandy Greaves, Paige Gregson and Herdsman Carl Patton. Middle Row - Naomi Lutes and Adam Dolson. Front Row - Jodey Nurse, Curtis Gregson and Stephanie Gregson. In the Junior Showman, Club member Paige Gregson placed 1st and Jodey Nurse second.

Protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine

BY TUNDE OTTO-HARRIS
THE COMPASS

The tool is the Oak Ridges Moraine Strategy for the GTA - Ecosystem Approach for Long Term Protection and Management. This final report of the Technical Working Committee provides the vision, policies and implementation mechanisms to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM). Armed with the Strategy document and many technical studies, the province is now in a position to implement tough new planning measures. Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition (STORM) is committed to seeing that the ORM is protected through strong legislation. STORM made a presentation to the Province November 20 in this vein. This may be a key portion of the push for a provincial water strategy that we have been looking for.

The Moraine's interior structure plays a critical role in the water cycle of south central

Ontario. It absorbs and delivers water to the deep aquifers, which filter and release it to over 65 watercourses flowing into Georgian Bay, Lakes Simcoe, Scugog, Rice and Ontario. Of the ORM, 65 per cent lies within the GTA. The entire Moraine crosses eight regional and county borders, and 26 area municipal borders. "It is one of the most significant natural features of Ontario, on par with the Niagara Escarpment" (MNR, 1999).

Land use changes jeopardize the Moraine's rivers and underground water reservoirs. Since 1991, York Region has approved 70,000, and Durham and Peel Regions together an additional 28,000 people on the ORM. In addition, several development proposals in Richmond Hill/Yonge Street corridor could create the first-ever break in the continuous natural corridor across the ORM. No one knows at what point the water budget will go from black to red.

Ontario, 1990 declared the ORM of provincial significance with important ecological connections and relationships to other natural systems in the GTA (e.g. river systems, watersheds, Niagara Escarpment, Lakes Ontario, Scugog and Simcoe and their shorelines and wetland complexes). A Planning Study to develop and implement a long-term strategy to protect and enhance the ecological integrity of the Moraine was undertaken in 1991. In 1993, the Geological Survey of Canada initiated an ORM Hydrogeology Project to complement existing studies.

The conclusion was that the ORM should be protected by the very strongest provincial legislation. It needs a cohesive vision, strong protection policies, a regional groundwater management strategy expressed under an ORM Plan and an overseeing body to monitor its ecological health and impacts from existing and new land uses, and to develop strategies for land acquisition and public access.

If you would like more information or to participate contact Debbe Crandall 905-880-3465, debbeday@interlog.com.

4-H Newsletter

For further information contact A. Carpenter, Coordinator for Applications,
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Scotia Bank Hayes Classics Results

Held at RAWF 1999.

Team Members: Stephanie Gregson, Paige Gregson, Curtis Gregson, Mandy Greaves, Jodey Nurse, Adam Dolson, Naomi Lutes, Bonnie Sparling

Herdsman: Carl Patton
Total # of Exhibitors: 345

116 Junior Showmen - 1st and Junior Champion: Paige Gregson
2nd and Reserve Jr. Champion: Jodey Nurse

123 Intermediate Showmen - 13th: Bonnie Sparling

106 Senior Showmen - 3rd: Stephanie Gregson
11th: Curtis Gregson

Calves:
Mandy Greaves, 7th March Calf
Paige Gregson, 6th December Calf
Adam Dolson, 4th Intermediate Jersey

Overall County Standing: 4th for Halton out of 42 counties or provinces
Best Exhibit: Halton 5th overall.

Knob Hill Competition

Held at RAWF 1999

Team Members: Elaine Coles, David White, Steve Stokes, Andrew Lambrick

Herdsman: Lindsey Rogers

Team Results:

Jr. Shorthorn Class: 6th David White

Jr. Hereford Class: 6th Elaine Coles

Jr. Angus Class: 7th Steve Stokes

Jr. Commercial Class: 7th Andrew Lambrick

Go For the Gold Competition

Team Members: Bonnie Sparling, Naomi Lutes, Scott Martin, Jessica Lutes.

Results: Reserve Champions (2nd in Provincials)

Congratulations to all 4-H members! You represented your Region very well.

Scholarship Availability

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario are offering regional and provincial 4-H scholarships.

Value: Provincial Scholarships \$350
County/District/Area Scholarships \$225

For applications and guidelines contact your co-ordinator A Carpenter.
Deadline March 1, 2000.

Ontario 4-H Council

The New Interim Ontario 4-H Council Executive is John Meek, Orangeville, ON. John started work on November 1, 1999.

Ontario 4-H Council Annual Meeting

February 26/27, 2000

Theme: New Millennium, New Beginnings: *Let's Make 4-H the Best It Can Be*

Location: YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre, RR#6, Orillia, ON L3V 6H6 (705) 325-2253
Deadline January 15, 2000

Ontario Holsteins

1999 Ontario Dairy Youth

Scholarship Winners:

Jill Curtis, Joyceville, ON
Janine Fraser, Richmond, ON
Chantelle Leslie, Georgetown, ON
Benjamin E. Millson, Enniskillen, ON

Upcoming events

November 26: Awards Night, Region of Halton, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville

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