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4-H Junior Dairy Calf Club

BY MEGAN WINTER

On Thursday, April 20th the Halton Junior dairy calf club met at 7:30 at the McNabbs gersney farm. Our leaders are Ken McNabb, Pat Gregson and Tyler Brander. There are many new kids this year than there were last year. We got a few handouts, to keep with us. They were like the project information sheets, a judging guidebook and the health information sheets. To start off our first meeting, we began nominations for executive. The only people that were running for president were sisters, Jody and Cristy Nurse. Jody got the position, but it's okay, because Cristy got Vice president. The position of secretary went to Adam Dolson. Now for the Press Reporter, gee, I wonder, it's me Megan Winter. We moved on to the cows and began some parts of them, and were shown a good cow from a poor cow. We were taught how to judge a cow, and then they gave us some time to judge a class of 3 & 4 year old gersneys. We heard some reasons and heard the correct placings and I got them all right. Our next meeting will be held on May 18 at Don & Tyler Brander's farm. Cristy Nurse motioned that the meeting be ajourned, at 9:15 and was seconded by Laurel.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. McNabb for hosting our meeting.

Beginner's luck

BY CLARKE MURRAY

On May 14, 2000, the second regular meeting for the Halton 4-H Beef club was held at the Overland farm.

The meeting started with the 4-H pledge, which I sort of know now. Mr. Overland discussed his operation which involved beef cattle and sheep and simply "to make a living."

The first time nose printing a steer can be very interesting. The steer took a little spaz, pulling apart the chute. We changed to another steer and had nose printing success.

Splitting into two groups, one group learned how to blow dry a heifer's hair and the other group judged a class of market steers. Switching places it was my turn to use the blower. Although I'm not good at it, I learned a quicker way to dry my own hair. I also got the class placings right. It's probably beginners luck and may never happen again.

The Overlands were thanked for hosting the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

2000 Halton Sheep Club

BY ABBIE BRANDER

Although our first meeting of the 2000 sheep club was on the same day as the hockey game we had a very successful day, learning how to dock lambs' tails, and vaccinating them. Some very enthusiastic members got to test out their new knowledge on some of the lambs at the farm.

After going into the house we experienced the longest elections in Halton County. We discovered that no one wanted to be the secretary or Press Reporter, and I didn't know why any one would not want great jobs like those, so I finally volunteered to be Press Reporter, and for secretary we put everyone's name in a hat (that didn't already have a position) and we pulled names out of the hat. The lucky person that got the position was Victoria Brooks!!! Yeah, go Victoria!!! We all could tell that she was very overwhelmed, and excited towards her new position in the 2000 Sheep Club. The rest of the elections are as follows:

President: Scott Martin Vice President: Jodey Nurse
Secretary: Victoria Brooks Press Reporter: Abbie Brander
Photographer: Jessica Lutes

Marie then discussed how the club would be run this year, and achievement day. The meeting was then adjourned with pop, and chips to follow. Thank you to Indian Garden's for allowing us to use their lambs for demonstrations, and for using their facilities for the rest of the meeting.

Spice of Life Club

BY MANDY GREAVES

On Sunday May 7 the Spice of Life club had their first meeting at Taylor's farm and Nursery. The 4-H members council also joined us and we all had a great time learning about herbs.

Mrs. Taylor started the meeting by welcoming everyone to her farm and Nursery. The Taylor's Nursery had many flowers and herbs. Mrs. Taylor gave the Spice of Life club a tour of her greenhouses explaining the importance of the heat of each house and the watering control. Many people stepped inside to see how hot it was.

Next we tried to identify 20 herbs in an herb I.D. quiz. Many herbs have a unique smell or taste. It was surprising when we found out the right answers, what they were used for and which were which. The Taylor's were nice enough to give us 5 herb plants for a little cost, for everyone who was there. The herbs included parsley, thyme, basil, chives and fern-leaf dill.

The executive of the club was next decided. Naomi Lutes was nominated for president along with her sister, Jessica Lutes for vice president. Our next meeting was discussed and what we would like to accomplish this year. We decided that we would like to do some cooking with herbs, some crafts and also aroma therapy.

Our next meeting is to be at the Brander's farm house at 8967 9th Line at 7 - 9 p.m. We will be going some cooking. Any new members are encouraged to come and bring 5 dollars.

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Halton 4-H Calf Club

BY ANDREW NIXON

On April 20th at host farm Ken and Marie McNabbs, all the senior Halton dairy club members judged and gave reasons for a class of 4 year old guernseys.

Arranged by senior club leaders Bert Stewart and Eleanor Lutes.

After judging and giving reasons, the final placement was announced by Bert Stewart.

The members were nominated for president, vice or secretary, and press reporter: president - Lee Nurse, vice president - Carl Patten secretary - Naomi Lutes, press reporter - Andrew Nixon

Dispite the miserable weather, it was a pretty good meeting.

Halton Members Council

BY CRISTY NURSE

The first meeting of the Halton members Council was held at Hillcrest United Church on April the fifth at 6:30. This was the first meeting as a club, and not as an elected council, as you will remember it was last year. The meeting began with our guest speaker, Marie McNabb, giving the club members a presentation on how to run an election, and a proper formatted meeting. Next, came our election of executives, with Kate Sparling president, Donna McPhail Vice, Scott Martin as Secretary, and obviously Cristy Nurse press reporter. The members were treated to refreshments courtesy of Carol Sparling, and we discussed future meeting destinations, such as a presentation by the University of Guelph on job applications, which all members agreed would be appropriate, even if our summer job destination was our parents' hay mow. The meeting was ajourned, and members left tired, but no doubt excited for our future meetings.

4-H Light Horse Club

BY ALEXANDRA BRENNAN

On April 25, 2000, the first meeting of the 4-H Light Horse Club was held at Molinaro Stables where our leaders Marie Martin and Randy Adkins showed us the different markings of a horse's face, body and legs. Later on in the meeting we elected our club executive's, as follows: our President and Vice president are Scott Martin and Kate Sparling, our Secretary is Tyler Luck and our Press Reporter is Alexandra Brennan. At our next meeting held at Glengate Farms, we look forward to meeting our third leader Doug Nash who was unable to attend the first meeting.

4-H Rabbit Club

BY SCOTT GOODING

What does Skittles, Smokey, Molly, Mopsy and Jackie have in common? They were some of the answers to the roll call, "What's your favourite rabbit's name?" at the second Halton 4-H Rabbit Club meeting.

The meeting was held on Monday, April 24th at Ward Brownridge's house and rabbitry. President Donna McPhail opened the meeting with 19 members present. We voted on our club book cover design and the winning cover was designed by Kyle Walker. We were split into groups of non-competitive and competitive members. The one group toured Ward's rabbitry. He showed us his equipment and cages, and how to keep the rabbit's cage neat and tidy. He talked about how to control the temperature in the rabbitry in both hot and cold weather.

The other group saw samples of good rabbit equipment. We also talked about other equipment you might need for your rabbitry.

We ended the meeting with pop and cookies. Our rabbits are invited to meeting three.

Meeting Three

Record Keeping is very important for a successful rabbitry. That's one of the things we discussed at meeting three of the Halton 4-H Rabbit Club. The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16th at 7 p.m. at Ward Brownridge's house and rabbitry. There were 2 leaders, 18 members, and 10 rabbits present.

Vice-president Naomi Lutes opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. The roll call was "What is your favourite breed of rabbit?" The most popular breed was Mini Rex.

Ward talked about why record keeping is so important. Then we had a memory game where the leaders read 9 daily chores someone might do, and we had to list as many as we could remember. We all did very well.

We judged a class of California rabbits and Naomi Lutes gave a good set of reasons. We ended the meeting with a quick lesson on tattooing.

Pop and donuts were enjoyed before visiting Ward's rabbitry. Our next event is at Schomberg fair on May 28, 2000.

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Note: New format!

Beef: Markham Fair Grounds
Education Day Wednesday, August 2, 2000, 10 a.m.
Show Day Wednesday, August 2, 2000, 5 p.m.
(We would ask that the calves move out after the show Wed. evening.)

Dairy: Markham Fair Grounds
Education Day Thursday, August 3, 2000, 2 p.m.
Show Day Friday, August 4, 2000, 8:30 a.m.

This show is open to 4-H members ages 14-21 from the following counties:

Durham West	Dufferin	Grey	Halton
Peel	Peterborough	North Simcoe	South Simcoe
Victoria	Wellington York		

The dairy and beef competition will still have a maximum of 25 competitors per county so each county must appoint someone to coordinate entries and ensure they send a team of only 25 to the attention of Martha McFarlane, Member Relations Coordinator, before June 19, 2000.