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# Halton 4-H Ontario Roundup

**4-H Newsletter**

Please contact Nancy Comber at 905-878-4955

## "Learn to do by doing"

### Dairy Club

by K.J. Dolson

On Thursday, July 19, the Halton 4-H Dairy Club held their annual showmanship meeting. The meeting was held at the farm of Jeff and Kenda Nurse and their family. At the beginning of the meeting the Nurse's provided us with a group of heifers to show. Larry Bennet offered the members tips on ways in which they could improve their showmanship skills at the upcoming shows. Later, the senior club and the junior club separated. The junior club learned how to judge samples of hay while the senior club discussed the steps that needed to be taken in order to prepare for our next 4-H show, the Gencor Challenge, on August 2 and 3 at the Markham Fairgrounds.

Later Ken McNabb showed us samples of seeds and plants in order to prepare us for samples that might possibly be on our I.D. quiz and the Halton-Peel Judging Competition. Many thanks go to the Nurse family for hosting another great meeting for the Halton 4-H Dairy Club.

### Rabbit Club

by Troy Nurse

On Monday, June 11, the Halton 4-H Rabbit Club held a meeting at the home of leader Ward Brownridge. After all the members arrived, we said the 4-H pledge and were given a chance to judge a class of rabbits. Following the class we looked at rabbit cages and heard about the set-up. The meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed a snack.

On July 9, the Halton 4-H Rabbit Club held a meeting at Nurseland Farm on Trafalgar Road. The meeting began at 7 p.m. with the 4-H pledge. We took a roll call and were handed out information on rabbits. We then judged a class of young rabbits and were split into two groups to talk about disease. We then thought up solutions to different scenarios. We ended the meeting and all enjoyed a snack.

### Crop and Soil

by Norman Tosh

The fourth meeting for the Crop and Soil Club was on July 20. The meeting was held at Peter Lambrick's in Campbellville. We opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge, then Adam read last meeting's minutes. Then we showed the new members how to judge seeds. Then we looked at some different weeds. The next meeting was August 17. The meeting was adjourned by Adam and a snack was provided by the Lambrick's.

### Senior Dairy Club - Final Meeting of the Season

by K.J. Dolson

On Thursday, August 16, The Halton 4-H Dairy Club held their final meeting of the season at Bovino Farms, hosted by the Lutes family. The first event for the senior club was the judging of a class of three year old Holstein cows. Soon the senior club write their final test of the season. The club members were quizzed on past meetings, basic 4-H information and the parts of a dairy cow. In all it was a fantastic final meeting for the Halton Senior Dairy Club. Many thanks to the Lutes family and Bovino Farms.

### Ontario 4-H Judging Competition 2001

by K.J. Dolson

On Wednesday, August 8, The Ontario 4-H Judging Competition was held in Orono. Halton members who attended the competition did exceptionally well. The two Halton teams entered, placed third and fourth. Cristy Nurse tied for first with Kyle Rivington from Carleton County. Kyle was awarded first on his higher reason score. Cristy was awarded first on her placings and received two pieces of crystal for her efforts. Cristy was teamed with Katelyn Laidlaw and together they placed third as a team.

Halton's other team consisted of Jodey Nurse and Jessica Lutes, together the team placed fourth. Jodey was awarded for the top marks on her ability to give reasons, an award that she also won last year. Jessica was runner up in the quiz division with a score of 95 out of 100.

### Halton Sheep Club

by Cristy Nurse

On Sunday, August 19, the Halton Sheep Club held its fourth meeting at Molinaro Farms in Acton. The purpose of the meeting was to hold the Club's annual pre-show. This event gives club members a chance to practise their showmanship skills, and see how the lambs will react to a new environment.

The meeting began at about 10:30 a.m. with members writing a quiz written by club leader Marie Martin. After everyone was finished the quiz, the lambs were taken to the show ring where we practised showmanship, and for some of us, control over our "perfectly" trained lambs. After we handled our own lambs, we switched lambs with other members to have a chance showing different animals.

The meeting was adjourned and all members enjoyed a potluck BBQ. Thank you to Marie, Scott and Albert for preparing the meeting, and Mr. Molinaro for hosting. The next club event will be our Achievement Day at The Georgetown Fall Fair on September 9 at 1 p.m.

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## Halton-Peel Judging Competition Results Brampton Fairgrounds on July 25, 2001

by Marie McNabb

### HALTON NOVICE

- 1st - Kelly Laidlaw 509/575
- 2nd - Chantelle Debartolo 496/575
- 3rd - Katelyn Laidlaw 525/575

### HALTON JUNIOR

- 1st - Jessica Lutes 545/575
- 2nd - Cristy Nurse 530/575
- 3rd - Jodey Nurse 525/575

### HALTON SENIOR

- 1st - Naomi Lutes 547/575
- 2nd - Lee Nurse 530/575
- 3rd - David White 529/575

Thirty-eight Halton members placed seven classes and gave reasons on four classes. The I.D. quiz was weeds, seeds and plants.

Topping the I.D. quiz was two novices with 22/25, Scott Gooding and Adam Parker.

Thank you to all 4-H and parent volunteers who assisted that evening.

Congratulations to Scott Martin, winner of the Gencor-East Beef Show, exhibiting the Grand Champion Calf and winning Grand Champion Showman! Congratulations also goes to the Halton A Dairy team, Naomi Lutes, Kristen Dolson, Curtis Gregson, Jodey Nurse, and Lee Nurse for having the Best Exhibit and runner-up team.

Congratulations to Cristy Nurse and Katelyn Laidlaw. Their combined scores earned them 3rd High Junior Team at the 4-H Dairy Judging Competition in Orono, ON on August 8. Jessica Lutes and Jodey Nurse's combined scores earned them 4th High Junior Team. Congratulations to these four individuals and their coach Bert Stewart.

Look for more results in the next issue.

### Reminder:

4-H Ontario does not give, rent, sell or share our membership list with anyone. We are protective of this confidential information of our members.

Just as a reminder, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is still a strong supporter of the 4-H program. Through a memorandum of agreement between OMAFRA and the Ontario 4-H Council the provincial government continues to provide financial support to the 4-H program in Ontario. The current success of the 4-H program, which 4-H Ontario is solely responsible for developing and delivering, is due in large part to the financial and moral support of our largest supporter and partner - the Government of Ontario through OMAFRA.

### 4-H Mini Store Opens

4-H is proud to launch the 4-H Mini Store. Falcon Promotions has a wide range of clothing, gifts and momentos to choose from.

### 4-H Magazine

This is your last chance to sign up to receive the 4-H Magazine 2nd edition. Subscriptions must be received no later than September 10, 2001. To subscribe call 4-H Ontario at 1-877-410-6748 or email [4hmagazine@4hontario.ca](mailto:4hmagazine@4hontario.ca) with your mailing address. If you receive the Ontario Farmer you will automatically receive the 4-H Magazine.

### New Sponsor for Beef Heifer Show

The National Junior Beef Heifer Show welcomes Top Meadow Farms as the new official sponsor. The Top Meadow Farms National Junior Beef Heifer Show will be held Friday, November 9 to Sunday, November 11 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Arrival of calves and registration held Friday, November 9. Showmanship competition begins 9 a.m.

### Rural Expo 2001

The Rural Expo 2001 is pleased to announce that as part of the International Plowing Match there will be a 4-H Plowing Competition. This competition will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2001. For more information on the rules and regulations of this competition please contact Ellen MacNaughton at 613-984-2520 or email at [macnaw@cnw.igs.net](mailto:macnaw@cnw.igs.net)

### Nominations Needed for Arbor Awards

The Ontario 4-H Council is now accepting nominations for the Arbor Award for Volunteers. Please consider nominating your Associations Outstanding Volunteers for this award. Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2001.

### Speakers for Agriculture

The deadline to apply for the Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition is September 17. For more information contact Media Coordinator Anne Thompson at 905-873-6811 or email [alvista@direct.com](mailto:alvista@direct.com)

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