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4-H Ontario Scrapbooking Competition

This year Ontario 4-H is holding a scrapbook competition. This is a fun, creative and rewarding opportunity for us to preserve our 4-H memories. Ontario 4-H is encouraging us to compile photographs, newsletters, programs, newspaper clippings and other 4-H information in a historical scrapbook for our county. You can help with this creation by participating in the Halton Scrapbooking with a Purpose Club (both members and volunteers) or by donating 2002 memorabilia to the group. For information call Brenda, 519-822-0285.

4-H Member's Conference 2002

Three Halton 4-H members will be embarking on a Great and Noble Quest during the 4-H Member's Conference 2002. Sarah Breckon, Suzanne Thibodeau and Melissa VanDijk will be conquering "pink dragons" while increasing their self confidence levels and discovering their leadership skills as they participate in an adventurous journey at Wildwood Manor Ranch in Georgetown on August 14-15. Have a great time ladies!

Club Membership Lists

4-H club members and leaders are automatically covered when the Association Support Representative receives the club registration. It is therefore important to ensure the club membership registration is returned to the Halton Coordinator NO LATER THAN the second meeting of your club. This information is still outstanding from many clubs... please submit your club membership lists as soon as possible to ensure proper insurance coverage and club credits from 4-H Ontario.

4-H Ontario Conference and Annual Meeting

CAM 2003 is set for February 28 - March 1, 2003 at Kempenfelt Conference Centre in Barrie. Mark your calendars now for this exciting 4-H Volunteer Opportunity.

4-H Ontario Arbour Award for Volunteers

Volunteers are the foundation of the 4-H program. The Arbor Award recognizes the outstanding contribution made by volunteers to the Ontario 4-H program. This award is open to all 4-H volunteers who have made a difference to 4-H in Ontario. For the full nomination package please contact Brenda 519-822-0285. Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2002.

Beef Achievement All are welcome!

The Halton 4-H Beef Club's Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, August 10 at Keremy Farms (3488 Tremaine Road). Competition will commence at 10 a.m. For further information please contact Marie 519-856-9702 or Nelson 519-856-9624

Heavy Horse Achievement Program

The Halton Heavy Horse Club's Achievement Day will be held on Sunday, August 11 at Mountsberg Conservation Area. Competition to commence at 2 p.m. See you there!

Family Fun Day

Come one, come all to Halton 4-H's Family Fun Day hosted by the Social Recreation Club. Bring the whole family for a day of fun and games, complete with a wrap up BBQ and cake walk (don't forget your toonies). Rotate through five different stations, paired up with your exact opposite. Where: Percy W. Merry P.S. (Britannia Rd, just west of Trafalgar Rd.) When: Sunday, August 25, 2002 at 1 p.m. Cost: \$8.00 per person (payable upon arrival) for the day's activities or \$4 per person for the BBQ only For more information please contact: Jenn 519-827-0823 or Amy 905-876-2900

Halton/Peel 4-H Judging Competition

On Wednesday, July 24, 45 of Halton's 4-H members participated in the annual Halton/Peel 4-H Judging Competition. This year's competition, held at Nurseland Farm (home of Jeff and Kenda Nurse and family), consisted of eight classes. The members tested their knowledge regarding dairy (reasons), beef (reasons), swine, sheep, hay, rabbit (reasons), heavy horse (reasons) and ID quiz (weed, seed and plant identification). Congratulations to all members for their participation and the results of the evening will be made available once all of the calculations have been completed.

Press Reports:

Halton 4-H Rabbit Club Press Report

By Julie Rogers - July 8th, 2002

Dewlap, Hock and Flank, what are these, they are all parts of a rabbit. On July 8th 2002 the Halton 4-h rabbit club had our 5th meeting at Troy Nurse's rabbitry. The meeting started at 7:20 with the 4-h pledge. The minutes were read by our secretary Katie Rogers and Amy and Troy opened the meeting and Julie Rogers read the press report from our last meeting, the attendance was taken and the roll call was also done. Our roll call was to name a part of a rabbit's body. The meeting was handed to our leader Marilyn who welcomed our guests from the 4-h scrape book. Marilyn handed us a project summary sheet that needed to be to her at our next meeting and a family fun day sheet. We talked about the judging competition and we got our booklet for our last meeting we then judged a class of Californian breeding rabbits. The non competitive members read their reasons to Marilyn and Naomi and the competitive mem-

bers read their reasons to Ward. We then heard the placing and saw why by Ward, we went back to the tables and Ward told and showed us the good characteristic of a good meat rabbit and good characteristic with their fur. Troy read a paragraph on meat production on page 45 and Scott Katie and Julie read a paragraph on page 46. Marilyn read page 47 and the appearance of a good meat rabbit. Then Marilyn read about Culling on page 50. We then did a rabbit review "T" and "F" with Marilyn and Julianne took up. Finally we got to work with our rabbits. After that we got to do a cross word puzzle that Scot made up. We then talked about our homework with was to make a list of what to bring to Georgetown Fall fair for our rabbits, the meeting was now over and Troy and Amy closed it. For a refreshment we had pop and cookies. Our next meeting is on August 26th at Marilyn's house.

Jr. Dairy Calf Club

By Kaitlin DeVore

How much do you know about showing, filling and clipping a calf. Well if you didn't know much then the junior dairy calf club's fourth meeting would have been the place for you.

The meeting took place at Nurseland Farms on Saturday, July 13. It was for juniors and seniors.

At 9:45 the meeting began with Jessica Lutes opening it by asking Scott Gooding to the 4-H pledge.

The day was planned to have 3 workshops. The first one was on how to clip a calf. The clubs were given a demo by Curtis and David Gregson and were instructed by Scott Bennett. It was then our turn and we were paired to clip a

calf. Our second workshop was on how to fill your calf for the show. The lesson was also given by Scott Bennett. It was time for lunch. We ate it quickly because we were eager to see what lay ahead.

The last workshop was based on showmanship. Bert Stewart gave us pointers on what to do in the ring. Every member got to have a chance to show their skills with a calf.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 when Naomi Lutes thanked Jeff Nurse and family for farm usage. Next meeting: August 15 @ Laidlawn Farms.

Sr. Dairy Calf Club

By Sam DeVore

Scott Bennet started off by reading the daily schedule. Then Jessica Lutes opened the meeting. Curtis Gregson did a demonstration on clipping and Scott talked us through the clipping. Both Sr. & Jr. got to clip some calves. After lunch the Sr.'s showed the

Jr.'s the proper way of showing. Everyone got a chance to lead a calf. Naomi Lutes thanked the Nurses for letting us use their calves and having our meeting at their place. There was refreshments after the meeting was over.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- 1, 2 - Gencor Dairy Challenge (East), - Markham.
- 6 - Halton Heavy Horse Club meeting.
- 10 - Gencor Beef Challenge (West), - Stratford.
- 10 - Go For The Gold Competition - Region 4.
- 10 - Beef Achievement Program (Keremy Farms at 10 am).
- 11 - Halton Heavy Horse Club Achievement Program (Mountsberg C.A. at 2 pm).
- 13, 14 - Western Ontario Junior Show.

- 14 - Halton 4H Board of Directors meeting (Milton Fairgrounds, 8 pm).
- 14, 15 - Central Member's Conference (Georgetown, Ont).
- 15 - Halton Dairy Club meeting.
- 20,21 - West Central Junior Show.
- 21 - Scrapbooking with a Purpose meeting (The Scrapbook Studio at 7 pm).
- 25 - Halton 4-H Family Fun Day (Percy W. Merry Public School, 1 pm)
- 25-28 - Rotary Career Edge (Ridgetown College).
- 26 - Halton Rabbit Club meeting.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency Scholarship applications due to 4-H Ontario.
- 1 - Amber Underwood Memorial News Report Competition deadline.
- 1 - International 4H Judging Seminar application deadline (Canadian Western Agribition Nov. 2003).
- 1 - National 4H Careers Conference application deadline (Winnipeg March 2003).
- 1 - National Citizenship Seminar application deadline (Ottawa March 28-April 3, 2003).
- 6-8 - Georgetown Fall Fair - Halton Rabbit

- Club Achievement Program (Sept. 7).
- 11 - Explore 4H meeting.
- 17-22 - International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show 2002, Glencoe, ON.
- 19 - Halton Dairy Clubs meeting.
- 21 - 4-H Plowing Competition (International Plowing Match)
- 27-29 - Milton Fall Fair - Explore 4-H and Halton Dairy Clubs Achievement Program and Grand Champion Showman (Sept. 28).
- 30 - Ontario Goat Breeder's Association Scholarship applications due to 4-H Ontario.