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Press Reports:

4-H in Orangeville

By William Stull, 4-H Beef Club

On April 27th 2002 at 1:00 pm the 4-H beef club went to Orangeville fairgrounds to learn about showing their animals. Some of the members were showing while others were just watching. The 4-H team was learning how to stand and how to hold items while showing.

In this community activity you really have to know your animal (because u don't want to be kicked or stepped on). Marie Martin is the beef club leader and is showing us how to do things the right way (the same with the older members).

I think everyone had a good time at this competition.

4-H ShowFest

By William Stull

Showfest is an inter-club event held this year on July 14 for the 4H beef clubs (and sheep clubs) at Arthur Fairgrounds. In the morning 4H members were shown how to fit calves for the show ring and were taught about the right diet for the calf. In the afternoon 4H members got into groups, seniors, intermedi-

ates and juniors and each group fitted calves themselves. The calves were judged and the judge explained how he rated each animal and how it could be improved.

Showfest is a great hands-on opportunity to learn how to get calves ready for 4H achievement day show ring.

Sr. Dairy Meeting

By Sam DeVore

The last meeting of the year of the 4-H Dairy Club was held at the farm of Paul Laidlaw. Scott Bennett started the meeting off by showing both Sr's and Jr's how to trim feet.

Brenda Mathies talked to us about us about photo release forms. She is also talked to us about Hay West. When Brenda was talking the Sr's did a quiz. Then we looked at a class of 5 year old Holstens. Burt

Stuart told us the correct placing of the cows. Then we granted good and bad things about the cow's. We couldn't write anything or look at the cows.

After we were done we got the correct answers to the quiz that we had done earlier in the meeting.

This was the last year for Curtis Gregson. There was refreshments after the meeting was done.

Jr. Dairy Calf Club

By Kaitlin DeVore

How much did you learn from the meetings of this year? Well, each member of the Jr. Dairy Calf Club sure found out after taking the annual test.

The final meeting of the Jr. Dairy Claf Club was held at Laidlawn farm home of Paul Laidlaw and family.

Brenda Mathies began the meeting by asking the members of the Jr. and Sr. Club to get a photo release form signed by a parent.

Next we got a lesson on how to trim feet. The lesson was given by Scott Bennett. We were then sent to our leaders to reacieve some forms (see important dates).

After the forms were handed out we took the test. Only 10 questions but studying would have help.

Then we journeyed into the barn for a judgement on a class or 5 yr. old holstein. We were given the official and the meeting was ajourned.

Members Conferance

By Melissa Van Dijk

On August 14th myself and many other 4-H members (including Sarah Breckon and Suzanne Thibodeau from Halton) embarked on a Great and Noble Quest. We came from all over Central Ontario. The Central member's Conferance was good in many ways. We got to meet a lot of

new people from many different districts. We even met one boy from Japan. The activities we did taught us more about being leaders, being a good team member, goal setting, communication, and more about ourselves. The conferance was a time I will remember for the rest of my life.

2002 Halton/Peel 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 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).

Troy Nurse, Kelly Laidlaw and Chantelle DeBartolo did exceptionally well placing at the top of the novice class. The top junior members were Jessica Lutes, Katelyn Laidlaw and David Gooding. Scott Martin, Carl Patten and Jodey Nurse finished top in the senior class.

Congratulations to all members who participated you all did a great job!

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. The Halton 4-H Scrapbooking with a Purpose Club is well underway in their collection of such articles. To donate any 4-H picture and/or information to the scrapbook please contact Brenda at 519-822-0285.

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 be volunteers to the Ontario 4-H program. This award is open to all 4-H volunteers who have made a difference to 4H in Ontario. For the full nomination package please contact Brenda 519-822-0285. Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2002.

Halton Shines at the Gencor Dairy Challenge

The Halton 4-H Dairy Club was well represented by 11 dairy members at this year's Gencor Dairy Challenge, which was held August 1-2 at the Markham Fairgrounds.

The Gencor Challenge is a two-day 4-H event sponsored by Gencor. On the first day, members listened to speakers discussing careers in the agriculture industry. They then wrote a quiz on information discussed by the speakers as well as general knowledge. On the second day, members showed their calves in showmanship and conformation classes.

The members who attended Gencor were Jennifer Davies, Adam Dolson, Kristen Dolson, Curtis Gregson, Christel Lundy, Jessica Lutes, Naomi Lutes, Cristy Nurse, Jodey Nurse, Lee Nurse and Carl Patten. It was a tremendous day for Halton 4-Hers. There were some very high individual placings and personal bests. Some of the individual highlights follow:

In the junior division, Jessica Lutes was Reserve Champion junior showman and had the first place junior heifer calf. Cristy Nurse was the second place overall junior competitor.

The intermediate division had Naomi Lutes winning the top intermediate competitor award as well as placing third in the quiz. Jodey Nurse finished second in the quiz.

In the senior division, Christel Lundy had the first placing December heifer. Jennifer Davies was the sixth placing senior with Lee Nurse finishing eighth.

Overall, Halton's teams placed exceptionally well. Team A, consisting of Adam, Curtis, Jodey, Lee and Naomi, placed first overall and Team B placed seventh. There were a total of 156 competitors and the Halton team members should be very proud of their achievements.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency Scholarship applications due to 4-H Ontario
- 1 - W. Garfield Weston Foundation United Kingdom Exchange deadline
- 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)
- 1 - Ontario Farmer Scholarship deadline
- 6 to 8 - Georgetown Fall Fair - Halton Rabbit Club Achievement Program (Sept. 7) and Halton Sheep Club Achievement Program (Sept 8)
- 10-12 - Outdoor Farm Show (Woodstock)
- 11 - Explore 4H meeting (St David's Church @ 7:00 pm)
- 12 - 4H Dairy Day at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
- 16 - Applications for the Young Speakers for Agriculture Competitions deadline.

OCTOBER

- 4 - TB Bank Financial Group Scholarship deadline
- 2 - C'Ville Home for the Holidays first meeting (St David's @ 7:00 pm)
- 4-6 FutureTalk (Orangeville)
- 5- Scrapbooking meeting (Valleycrest 1:00 p.m.)
- 16 - C'Ville Home for the Holidays meeting (St. David's @ 7:00 pm)
- 19- Scrapbooking meeting (Valleycrest 1:00 pm)
- 23- Halton 4H Association Board of Director's Meeting (Milton Fair Board Office)
- 30 C'Ville Home for the Holidays meeting (St. David's @ 7:00 pm)
- 17 to 22 - International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show 2002, Glencoe, ON.
- 21 - 4H Plowing Competition (International Plowing Match) and Halton Scrapbooking Club meeting (Valleycrest @ 1:00 pm)
- 27 to 29 - Milton Fall Fair - Explore 4H 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.

For additional 4-H information check out the website at www.4-hontario.ca