

# HURON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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**Season of Change**

We're now in the transition from summer to fall and the signs are everywhere. As we watch the leaves changing colours in the trees, it's hard not to reflect on the changes that we ourselves have experienced over these past months. Clubs and 4-H events like Go For the Gold and the Judging Competition moved online while other events will have to wait for another year. Through all these changes, our leaders, volunteers, and members have remained committed to the principles and values of 4-H. Although the format changed, the learning never stopped.

In this issue, you will find the results of the GFTG and Judging competitions as well as coverage about our successful Electronics Drive. You will also see information about the Huron County 4-H Member Awards for which you may be eligible. Please join us in celebrating the amazing achievements of the Huron County 4-H community during this time of change. We hope to see you all again next year. Take care and stay safe!

Huron County



**CANADA**  
4-H Ontario

I pledge :

My HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, my HEALTH to better living,  
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association

### Executive:

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Don't forget to like and follow **Huron County 4-H Ontario** on Facebook for the latest news and events!

## Important Information for Leaders

### **New Volunteer Orientation (NVO)**

NVO is a requirement for all volunteer candidates and is completed by online webinar. This orientation provides hands-on experience in order to equip candidates with the necessary skills they will require to volunteer with 4-H. For details and a list of NVO session dates, please see: <https://www.4-hontario.ca/volunteers/training-screening/new-volunteer-training.aspx>

### **Re-engagement Training for Existing Volunteers**

Do you need re-engagement training? Use the online resources (follow link below) and submit the questionnaire for one of the sessions to update your volunteer training. Volunteers are required to have re-engagement training every 2 years and complete a background check every 3 years: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeXRHJJCvNEvZN9v7.../viewform>

### **4-H Canada Leaders Learn Webinars**

Check out these resources for training on chaperoning, mental health support, and more at <https://4-h-canada.ca/leaderslearn>

### **Using Zoom for Club Meetings**

The Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association has purchased a Zoom account for the purpose of holding virtual meetings. This account can be used on request by Huron County leaders and clubs at no cost. For more information or to book a meeting time slot, please email or phone your Director IT Contact, Nick Vinnicombe at [nvinn97@outlook.com](mailto:nvinn97@outlook.com) or 519-440-9633.



### **Commit to Kids Training**

Commit to Kids Training is **required to be completed by Dec 31, 2020**. As a 4-H program, we are committed to ensuring that our volunteers are prepared to lead positive youth development activities in a safe and inclusive environment. You would have received an e-mail Feb 3, 2020 with all of the instructions. If you need assistance, please contact our regional rep Stephanie Campbell at 519.856.0992 x487 or [region5@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region5@4-hontario.ca).

## Important Information for Members

### Member Registration

4-H Ontario has launched online member registration! It is strongly recommended that members use this service to register—payment is by credit card only. For more information and to register, see: <https://4-hontario.ca/onlineregistration>

### Border Hopper Fee

If you are registered in a different county, but wish to join a club in Huron, the fee is \$15. This is paid directly to Huron County 4-H via cheque (payable to Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association) or e-transfer (to [hurontreasurer4h@gmail.com](mailto:hurontreasurer4h@gmail.com)).

### Clubs/Projects

Did you know that you can take as many 4-H projects as you would like each year, all for a single membership fee? Families of 3 or more members may be eligible for discounts (contact Holly Holyoake at [hurontreasurer4h@gmail.com](mailto:hurontreasurer4h@gmail.com) for details).

For a complete list of clubs, check out our website at: <https://www.4-hontario.ca/4h-in-my-area/huron/>

### Kids Help Phone

Kids Help Phone Counsellors are there for you, whether you just need someone to listen or to ask specific questions.

Three ways you can connect with Kids Help Phone:

Call – 1-800-668-6868 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

Text – Text CONNECT to 686868

Live Chat – KidsHelpPhone.ca download the free mobile app: Always There



### MEMBERSHIP FEE

The 4-H Membership fee for 2020 is **\$100**.

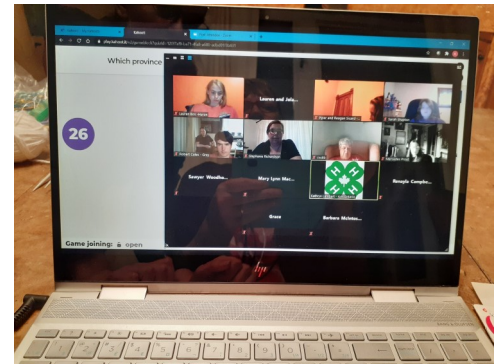
If you are in financial need but would like to join 4-H, please contact the Association for assistance.

Kids Help Phone

## Huron County 4-H Events

### Regional Go For the Gold Results

There was no buzzers to jump on or team members to confer with, but Hensall 4-H Members participated in a virtual Go for the Gold quiz competition on August 24<sup>th</sup> with other 4-H members from Region 5. Lauren Bos, Dugald McIntosh, Mercedes Prout and Lily Shapton made up the Huron team. These were the highest scoring participants from our Local Go For the Gold that was held on July 21st, organized by Marita Oudshoorn. Using 2 devices the members listened to 60 different questions from 4-H Ontario staff on Zoom and then put their answers in on Kahoot. Points were given on correct answers and speed. As the competition moved along, the speed increased! All members did an excellent job in a very different Go for the Gold environment. Lauren Bos scored 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for points. Following the 4-H motto, 'Learn to Do by Doing', Hensall 4-H members did just that! Well done!



### Electronics Drive

Our annual Electronics Drive was held on September 5th at the Hensall District Co-op in Londesborough. With COVID-19 precautions in place, donors were able to safely drop off their broken electronics and support this important Huron County 4-H fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who participated!

This was the 7th year that Darrell Bergsma has organized the event, along with Reg Vinnicombe. Over the years, we have collected 22,383 kg of electronics and raised more than \$4000. Many thanks to Darrell and Reg for their work running yet another successful drive!



## 4-H Virtual Judging Competition 2020—Lots of firsts!

Huron County partnered with Region 5 (Grey, Bruce & Perth counties) for the first time ever to host an on-line judging competition. Videos of judging guidelines were posted on the Huron County 4-H Facebook page for 3 weeks prior to competition going live on August 17. Anyone, whether a current 4-H member or not, could try judging. The Virtual Judging Competition was open for a full week, and there were over 150 people across the province who submitted placings. Two other 4-H regions also had virtual judging competitions, however, Huron County was the first competition open to not only 4-H members but parents, former members, family and folks who just wanted to try their hand at judging.

The 6 judging classes were all professionally filmed in Huron County by Faux Pop Media. Thanks to our livestock judges, Keith Todd, Brad Gilchrist and Curtis MacNeil, for preparing the excellent calibre of sheep, beef and dairy animal classes and giving official reasons. There were also classes of eggs, photography and torque wrenches thanks to Barb McIntosh, Nick Vinnicombe and Reg Vinnicombe. All of the judges did an outstanding job presenting reasons in their first screen debut – a great example [for 4-H members to follow](#).

Many missed getting together to judge live animals as well as enjoying snacks and social time afterward. However, in the virtual judging videos, we got a taste of something new – beef heifers were walking and running in a field setting, tools were being used and participants got to judge a full mammary system on a mature dairy cow. There was also less stress for the livestock, and less work for owners, not to have to truck animals off farm in hot weather to the competition site. Different can be good.

For the first time ever, results were broadcast in a livestream on the evening of August 31. This provided official reasons and quiz answers, just like on judging night. Although, 4-H membership is down considerably due to the current pandemic, in Huron County, we had about 30 participants; 8 of those were current 4-H members, the rest former members and alumni. There were also guest appearances from Sandy Brock and Senator Rob Black. The 4-H Ambassadors provided judging support videos and 4-H members submitted some great videos on why they love 4-H!

**If you did not have a chance to watch the livestream, check it out at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/HuronCounty4HOntario/videos/605090093486989>





**RESULTS for OPEN CLASSES (non-4-H) for Huron County**

		Score out of 350
	Clover buds (under 8, open)	350
1	Kara Shapton	335
	INTERMEDIATE (15-17)	
1	Evy Verschaeve	323
2	Amanda Bos	301
	SENIOR (18-21, open)	
1	Myah Vingerhoeds	338
2	Evan Krebs	322
3	Brooklyn Hendriks	318
	Junior Farmers (22-30, open)	
1	Hannah Krebs TOP OVERALL JUDGE	342
2	Raina Vingerhoeds	317
	Over 30, open	
1	Blair Bieman	334.5
2	Curtis McNeil	331.5
3	Darrel Bergsma	330.5

**RESULTS for 4-H Judging Competition in Huron County 2020**

	4-H JUNIOR (10-14)	Score out of 350
1	Lily Shapton, TOP 4-H JUDGE, Huron Cty	334.5
2	Daniel Wareing	321
3	James Speer	307.5
	4-H INTERMEDIATE 15-17)	
1	Emily Bieman	312
	4-H SENIOR (18-21)	
1	Lauren Bos	319.5

**Congratulations to our Huron County folks who also placed well in the overall Region 5 competition:**

Hannah Krebs was the top Junior Farmer Judge, and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.  
 Blair Bieman also tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in over 30 category.  
 Kara Shapton also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cloverbud age group.  
 Myah Vingerhoeds also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior age group  
 Lily Shapton, Kara Shapton and Myah Vingerhoeds all placed in top 20.



**The Virtual Judging Competition for Region 5 would not have happened without the on-line talent and technical skills of two of our young 4-H leaders and directors, Nick Vinnicombe and Jolande Oudshoorn.**

**We are also very grateful for the sponsorship from Excalibur Insurance, ABC Investments, HuronTel, Hay Communications, and the Holstein Clubs from Huron and Perth Counties that made professional videography and livestreaming possible.**

**HUGE THANKS!!**

Amy Vingerhoeds

Huron County Judging Competition

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### **Newsletter Submissions**

**Got news for the Huron County 4-H community? Send your news and photos to the Newsletter Editor by January 5, 2021 at: [huroncounty4hnews@gmail.com](mailto:huroncounty4hnews@gmail.com).**

Please include your name, contact information, and a brief description of the announcement, testimonial, or photo. Members who participate in provincial events, don't forget that you can receive \$50 if you contribute a write-up to the newsletter.





## **Huron County 4-H Awards**

Calling all eligible 4-H members —we want to celebrate your talents and achievements! All entries must be submitted to the Huron County 4-H Secretary, Shannon Ritchie at [Huron4-HSecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:Huron4-HSecretary@hotmail.com)

**Deadline for all submissions: October 10, 2020**

### **Ben Lobb Award**

Open to Junior Members, aged 9-12 in Huron County.

Awarded to the Huron County 4-H member who best answers the following question: “What does 4-H mean to me as a member in Huron County?” Answer this question by writing a 500 word essay.

### **Darrell Bergsma Dedication Award**

Open to all 4-H members. Must have participated in the Judging Competition.

Darrell Bergsma will be sponsoring the Dedication to Huron County 4-H Award again this year. Leaders, please nominate deserving 4-H members, telling why they deserve to receive this award. Contact Darrell Bergsma for a copy of the nomination form.

### **Murray Cardiff Citizenship Award**

Awarded to a Huron County 4-H member deemed by nomination to be an Outstanding All-Around 4-H member. Nomination forms may be received from Shannon Ritchie.

### **Libro Project Book Award**

Libro Credit Union Branch in Wingham sponsors several awards for 4-H members’ project books. Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior members are all eligible to submit their club project books for these awards. Information sheets are available from your club leaders.

**Secretary Book Awards, North Huron Citizen Press Reporter Award**—submitted by club leaders.

### **Gate Sign Competition**

Dodd’s Century Farm Gate Sign Competition is open until **September 30th!** It’s open to all Huron County 4-H members in good standing. The registration form is available [here](#), on Facebook, and on our website at <https://www.4-hontario.ca/4h-in-my-area/huron/photos.aspx>. Email entries to: [bergie8ca@hotmail.com](mailto:bergie8ca@hotmail.com) with “gate competition” in the subject line.

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Howick	Darcey Garniss, 519-335-3681	
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Belgrave Vet Club	Shannon Bieman, 519-357-2647 Valerie Todd, 519-525-3513	Jolande Oudshoorn, 519-955-1579

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Lucknow Beef	Holly Holyoake, 519-395-3471 Shannon Ritchie, 519-530-8844	Christine MacIntyre, 519-357-8646 Mike Metske, 519-440-1157
Central Huron Swine	Darrell Bergsma, 519-441-2103 Barb Storey, 519-527-1049	Don Dodds, 519-527-0686
Huron Dairy	Curtis McNeil, 519-525-2948	Rita and Stefan Gubelmann, 519-527-2428
Lucknow Sheep	Keith Todd, 519-528-2650	Sarah Shapton, 226-268-1292
South Huron Sheep	Deb Falconer, 519-233-5393 Liz Gras, 519-440-9005	Florence Pullen, 519-233-7896 Jolande Oudshoorn, 519-955-1579
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### **Corrections:**

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