



Wrap-Up

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Message from the South Simcoe 4-H Association

As 2020 draws to a close, so does the end of another 4-H season - a very unconventional one to say the least. We want to thank all of our leaders, volunteers, 4-H members and their family for all coming together to make this year a success! We appreciate everyone's dedication to the 4-H program. For some of you, your year plate is attached to this newsletter. For others, it will be delivered to you by your leader. As we look ahead to 2021, there are still many unknowns at this point in time. Our AGM will be held virtually on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for a couple of new directors for a 2-year term. If this is something that interests you, please reach out to Carla Williams. Check out Facebook or look on our website in early January for updated information. As always, please stay safe and we hope to see you all in 2021.

Thank you 4-H Volunteers, Leaders and Directors!

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| John den Haan | Carla Williams | Grant Cowan |

Special thanks to Tracy Bishop, Cassandra Bishop, Meg King, Devon Altena and Helen Tobokkel who are in the process of becoming 4-H volunteers.

Please complete your Commit to Kids Training before December 31, 2020 to maintain your volunteer status!

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We are looking for at least 2 new directors for a two-year term starting January 2021.

A very special thank you to all of our South Simcoe 4-H Association sponsors. We could not run such a wonderful program for our youth without you!



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And also those sponsors who support our individual clubs. We appreciate your support!

4-H Ontario Opportunities

4-H Ontario is moving many of their opportunities to a virtual format for now because of Covid-19. Please visit them at www.4-hontario.ca for more information. We will still reimburse you 100% for registration if you submit a written report.

Member Survey

Be on the lookout for a survey from Lisa van Kolfschoten soon. She is looking forward to 2021 and planning of those clubs. Don't forget to have your say!

Exchange Club Update

Disappointment came in October when 4-H Canada announced their postponement of the Club-to-Club exchange program indefinitely. The club is exploring new ways of perhaps travelling within the province in 2021 or waiting until another exchange is offered.

Making the Best of 4-H in 2020 -South Simcoe 4-H Clubs Made that Happen!

Water/Environmental Club - The Water Works Well club wrapped up their club by going to Earl Rowe Park for a socially distanced hike where they learned about phragmites and saw a fish ladder in action.

Garden Club - The South Simcoe 4H Garden Club held a virtual August meeting where they played a variety of games. The members were wowed by their leader Marianne who turned a zucchini into a whale adorned with the 4-H logo. The club decided to host their Achievement Day in a social distanced manner - 13 members dropped off 81 entries in total for a judge to see them.

Cookstown and Everett Sheep Club - In August, the club virtually toured a sheep farm and then Grant and Lauren Cowan showed members how to wash their animal and then worked on confirmation and showmanship. The members then brought these skills to an in-person achievement day at the Cowan farm where there were three classes - breed, showmanship and best group of 3 or 4. There were three members who did their achievement day virtually with the same classes as well as watching a showmanship video.

Hiking Club, Living Well Club & Adventure Club - These three clubs had a year-end hike at Scanlon Creek in Bradford where they used their compass skills, tried to get earthworms to come out of the ground and made shelters off the trail. The Living Well club had also met in August to learn some kick boxing moves from leader Andrew.

Judging Club - The judging club had a meeting in August to prepare for the Region 5 virtual judging competition. For an Achievement Day, all of the members participated in the online judging competition. Members also participated in the Region 3 & 4 virtual judging competition.

Poultry and Rabbit Club - This club decided to have their Achievement Day using a live Zoom presentation of their animal. Those who could not participate live submitted a video of their show animal. Donna Jebb was the judge.

Clearview Beef Club - The members met via Zoom a number of times and they wrapped up their year by submitting time lapse videos on preparing their beef animal for the show ring and then presenting their animal in the show ring.

Dairy Clubs - The Cookstown & Beeton/Bradford Dairy Clubs met in-person in August to discuss an in-person Achievement Day. Due to changing COVID restrictions, their in-person Achievement Day had to be cancelled. Leaders visited a number of members at the location of their dairy animal so the member could show them what they had been doing with their animal for the year, while other members were able to show their animal earlier in September at the Essa Agriplex, in conjunction with the Achievement Day for the Clearview Dairy Club.

Cookstown 4-H Horse and Pony - The horse and pony club were able to have two in-person meetings to show the members how to lead an animal and how to prep them for showmanship. They also were able to practice some of their skills before their Achievement Day at the end of September.

Cookstown Plowing - The plowing club was able to host an in-person meeting in August where members were taught by their leader Scott Gilpin how to correctly plow a field. In early September, the members took to their own equipment to demonstrate their skills as an Achievement Day.

Cookstown Beef - In mid-September the beef club had an in-person meeting where they learned clipping techniques, gluing of the legs and how to comb up a beef animal in preparation for the show ring. At the end of September they participated in a small Achievement Day at the Gilpin farm where they had a mock showmanship class.

South Simcoe Sheep/Goat and Schomberg Mini Horse -An in-person Achievement Day was held for both clubs on September 5. There were many classes to participate in and the members and their families had a lot of fun. The day ended with a pizza & donut lunch and handing out of ribbons and awards.

Cooking Club - The cooking club met 4 times via Zoom and learned about whipping eggs, prepping, making and garnishing of chocolate pudding and making shortbread, among other delicious recipes. Members shared prepared meals or 'black box menu challenge' creations for their Achievement Day June 29th.

Cloverbuds - This club met regularly via Zoom. As part of their year-end achievement, they participated in a virtual visit to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.

Cookstown Mini-Horse Club - This club had a couple of summer meetings where they planned some obstacle courses and were shown how to wash and groom a mini horse by Tracy and Cassandra Bishop. Their achievement day via ZOOM was held in September where they played Kahoot and they watched a video about showmanship and then had to talk about what they would have done differently and what could have been improved in the video.

Honouring the 2020 South Simcoe 4-H Graduates

Matt Lange

Matt began 4-H in 2009 at the age of 11. He has completed 15 clubs with South Simcoe. The projects include 12 dairy completions with the Cookstown Dairy club, 2 vet clubs and a campus club that he completed while at the University of Guelph. Matt grew up on the VC Langelands dairy farm in Utopia. His 4-H leaders over the years have included John den Haan, Emily den Haan, Charlotte Lange, Dorothy Lange, and Karen Baker to name a few. Matt enjoys a leadership role. He attended Leadership Camp in 2015. Matt has also held various executive positions within his clubs. Over the years, Matt has represented the South Simcoe 4-H dairy team at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on many occasions. His most rewarding year was 2019 when he won Reserve Champion Sr. Showperson and Reserve Grand Champion with his calf VC Langelands Jacoby Mojito. Matt was the champion showperson in 2014 at the Cooktown Fair. He has been consistently the high point member of his age group within his club. In 2018, Matt was the recipient of the John W. Taylor trophy for High Dairy Class Judge at the Judging Competition. Matt is currently studying at the University of Guelph and participates on their judging team, their square-dancing team and is on the College Royal executive. Congratulations Matt on graduating the 4-H program and we know you will have a lot to offer as a 4-H Alumni.

Ashley Harvey

Ashley started her 4-H career in 2009 at the age of 11. She has successfully completed 13 4-H projects - 12 with the Clearview Dairy club and 1 with the Clearview sheep club. Ashley grew up on a dairy farm in the Clearview area - Harvdale Holsteins. When looking back over the South Simcoe Clearview Area award recipients, Ashley has been a multiple winner of the Don Gibson Memorial Award and the Peter Currie trophy for champion dairy showperson. She has also been the highest point winner in the Clearview Dairy Club many times earning her a spot on the Waynan Dairy Farms trophy. In 2015, Ashley was the outstanding member in South Simcoe 4-H with the highest marks overall. She also won the J.G. Brethet Trophy that year for High Senior Contestant at the South Simcoe Judging Competition. Finally, Ashley has represented South Simcoe on the dairy team for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair multiple times. In 2017, with her calf Harvdale Meridian Cherish, she was nominated All-Canadian 4-H Int. Heifer and All-Ontario 4-H Int. Heifer. Ashley's advice to future 4-Hers is "step out of your comfort zone and talk to other people. Be social and never take anything for granted because you never know what the future holds. Learn new skills and meet new friends because that is what 4-H is all about." Congratulations Ashley on graduating from the 4-H program! We hope to see you in a 4-H volunteer position in the future.



Katelynne Thomson

Katelynne joined 4-H in 2015 as a senior member. She has successfully completed 5 beef projects with the Clearview Beef Club. Katelynne's leaders have this to say - "Katelynne was one of those 4-H member whom caught on quickly to working with cattle and being part of the club as a team member. She was always classy, kind and eager to assist. During Katelynne's five years she took to the show ring with gusto earning herself multiple ribbons and champions both for showmanship and confirmation, a spot on not only the RAWF team, but earning herself 1 of 3 spots to represent team Canada at the National level, National young stars in the UK August 2017. Katelynne along with her team Canada mates came in 2nd! Such a huge accomplishment!" Katelynne attended Lakehead University with a degree in Honours Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in both Business Administration and Global Entrepreneurship with a minor in Criminology. We wish Katelynne continued success. Congratulations on graduating from 4-H!