



Wrap-Up

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Message from the South Simcoe 4-H Association

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. It was so great that we could end the year by having some in-person Achievement Days and we are looking forward to an in-person gathering to celebrate club achievement.

As we look to 2022, our AGM will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for a 3 or 4 new directors for a 2-year term. If this is something that interests you, please reach out to Carla Williams.

We have clubs, like maple syrup, that want to start early in 2022. Check out Facebook or our website in early January for updated information.

As always, please stay safe and we hope to see you all next year.

Year-End 4-H Celebration

When: Sunday, November 7, 2021

Where: Collingwood Fairgrounds,
2220 Fairgrounds Road North

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We are hoping that the weather cooperates and most of this event can happen outdoors. We do have access to indoor facilities so in accordance with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, all participants must wear a mask indoors and those people 12 and older must provide proof of their vaccination status, along with government issued ID. We are still finalizing details so please watch your e-mail for updated information.

This event is an informal gathering and some club-specific awards will be given out. Unfortunately, year plates, new member plaques and volunteer letters and graduate seals will not be available by this date, due to delays at 4-H Ontario. These will be delivered at a later date.

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 the countless sponsors who support our individual clubs. We appreciate your support!

4-H Ontario Opportunities

4-H Ontario has been providing many opportunities in a virtual format but may slowly move to in-person once again. Please check out www.4-hontario.ca for more information. South Simcoe continues to reimburse you 100% of your registration fee if you submit a written report.

FCC 4-H Club Funds

October 31st is the deadline to apply for \$500. www.apply.4-h-canada.ca/prog/fcc-4h-club-fund

Thank you 4-H Volunteers, Leaders and Directors!

You are the back bone of our 4-H program and they key to empowering a new generation of 4-H members with the skills to become confident young leaders within our community.

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Lisa Craig	Carla Williams	David Rose

Wrapping up 2021!

Farm Market Club - The Farm Market Club had a successful inaugural year. Members learned what it takes to sell at a Farmers' Market including determining what to grow or sell, preparing their product, setting up and taking down the market booth, practicing their market pitch and closing the deal, and last but not least, keeping track of costs and balancing your receipts. Thank-you to FCC for their donation toward the club; the tent and signage were professional and sturdy, and provided members with shade during the hot summer mornings.

Garden Club - The Achievement Day program was held on September 19th with over 61 possible classes to enter. 14 club members showed a variety of exhibits of herbs, vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, arts and crafts. The club was fortunate to have a certified judge, Debbie McKnight, available to be the official judge of the day. The Beeton Ag. Society supplied the ribbons and money for the judge and Kubota supplied awards for specialty class winners. This club had a marvelous season and a fantastic Achievement Day. This club will be back in 2022 and is looking for another new leader for 2022.

Cookstown and Everett Sheep Club - This club had a combination of virtual and in-person club meetings. At one meeting, members were able to have their lambs clipped and handle other members' lambs. Achievement Day was held at the Collingwood Fairgrounds in September. The day started with a showmanship clinic and penning the lambs. Members participated in the Achievement Day show and also the open show.

Hiking Club - The Hiking Club did a couple of in-person hikes in Mono. The Achievement Day hike was an urban hike starting at downtown Elora and moving on down to The Gorge, then onto Bellwood Lake around the water, finishing in Orangeville out by the boardwalk by the water and downtown. This club will be offered in 2022. This club is looking for two new leaders for 2022.

Judging Club - The Judging Club participated in both the South Simcoe Virtual Judging Competition and also the Region 3 & 4 virtual competition. South Simcoe members and leaders represented the county well at the Region 3 and 4 competition.

Poultry Club - The Poultry Club wrapped up at the Bray farm with Judge Gerald Donnelly. Members showed their birds, toured the Bray farm and released the turkeys to pasture.

Rabbit Club - The Rabbit Club met virtually for most of the year with guest speakers and fellow members who had a doe and some kittens. The club wrapped up with an in-person Achievement Day and members could not get enough of the very knowledgeable and personable guest judge, Warren Baguley. This club is looking for 2 more leaders for 2022.

Clearview Beef Club - The members met via Zoom and in person and they wrapped up their year with an in-person Achievement Day at the GNE fairgrounds.

Dairy Clubs - The Cookstown & Beeton/Bradford Dairy Clubs were able to have an in-person Achievement Day at the Essa Agriplex. The Clearview Dairy Club hosted their Achievement Day at the GNE fairgrounds. All three clubs had a mix of virtual and in-person meetings to learn about showmanship, animal health and nutrition.

Cookstown Beef - The Gilpin family hosted an in-person Achievement Day in August which had members come out early to wash, clip and groom their animals. They then showed their animals for Judge Casey van Kessel. For added fun, they had a costume class this year.

Cloverbuds - The last meeting for Cloverbuds was held on Sept 14th at Altona's. The enthusiastic Cloverbud members joined leaders for pumpkin decorating, and also presented the skills they had been working on over the 4-H season. Members talked about hiking, gardening, working with livestock, teaching dogs tricks, rock tumbling, science experiments and their kitchen successes, and showed pictures of their 4-H adventures over the summer.

Go for the Gold Club - This club was brought back after many years of being absent in South Simcoe. Members and leaders spent time learning from 4-H manuals on Breadventure, Kenya, tractors, Financial Fitness, llamas, leadership, Sew Easy, beef, fruits and vegetables, dance and cavy. The Achievement Day was July 29th and from there some members went on to represent South Simcoe at the Region 4 competition. The provincial competition is November 6, 2021.

Cookstown Mini-Horse Club - This club was also able to host an in-person Achievement Day at the Essa Agriplex in August. The members took their animals through the obstacle course and the ball and pylon event.

Canine Club - Members participated in both online and in-person meetings. They had guest speakers at most of their meetings. The Tiny Paws Company taught them about grooming. Jane from COPE was able to teach them all about support dogs. They were lucky enough to visit TailWinds training and coaching to learn about commands and tricks. This was a very popular new club.

Honouring the 2021 South Simcoe 4-H Graduate

Clairina Paquette



Photo Credit: C. Paquette, Facebook

Clairina Paquette started her 4-H career at the age of 18. Clairina was raised in Northern Ontario on a beef farm. She moved to South Simcoe to work at Dandyland Holsteins in Schomberg and go to school in Toronto. The O'Hara family encouraged her to join the Beeton-Bradford Dairy club where she participated in the 2018 and 2019 EastGen Challenge. In her final year of 4-H, Clairina was hired at Holstein Canada and joined the Cookstown Beef Club instead. Her future plans include a career in the dairy industry and she is hoping to grow her blog about agriculture. You can find her blog at www.clairinapaquette.com. We congratulate Clairina on her graduation from the 4-H program and wish her luck in all of her future endeavours.

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4-H Ontario Covid Update

As of the date of this newsletter, 4-H Ontario does not require youth and volunteers to be vaccinated in order to participate in 4-H activities; however, if 4-H activities are held in a community venue, 4-H youth and volunteers must comply with the venue's vaccination requirements. 4-H Ontario is encouraging the continuation of virtual meetings to keep 4-Her's safe and the activities all-inclusive.

South Simcoe 4-H Association reminds all 4-H participants to self-screen before attending any 4-H activity. Stay safe!

