



# NEWSLETTER



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As we conclude our 4-H season for 2022, I think we are all thankful that most 4-H programming returned to in-person! South Simcoe completed 28 clubs this year with approximately 112 members. All of our Achievement days were a huge success and members will have an opportunity to celebrate their achievements at the various year-end events that are going to be held in November. The South Simcoe beef and dairy teams have been chosen to represent us at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair from November 4-13th. Thank you so much to all of our leaders, volunteers, members and parents for all of their hard work and dedication this year. 4-H would not be the youth development program that it is without all of you. Watch our website in January for details about Rally Night and information on what clubs will be offered in 2023. We hope to see you all in 2023.

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2023

7:30 p.m.

More details to follow.



## Regions 3/4 Judging Competition

Congratulations to the 17 members and leader who participated in the regional Judging Competition. Megan Ford and Isabella Cullen placed first in their respective age divisions, with Madeleine Cullen placing second in her division. South Simcoe members represented our Association well.

## Attention Leaders! FCC 4-H Club Funds

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



## Fall Clothing Order

DEADLINE: October 31st

Use the QR Code above to order or  
<https://forms.office.com/r/muYE7jRjOi>



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## Thank You Leaders & Volunteers

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Tracy Bishop  
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Lisa van Kolfshoten  
Greg Bray  
Nadina Bray  
Bill Gilpin  
Anna Lisa Wienecke  
Andrew Morrison  
Matt Lange  
Charlotte Lange  
Daryl Senick  
Karl Lange  
Marianne Norton  
Grant Cowan  
Donna Jebb  
John den Haan  
Marieke Patton  
Devon Altena  
Scott Cullen

*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond.*



Kevin Harvey  
Mae Senick  
Donna Lange  
Tamara Fisher-Cullen  
Lisa Craig  
Ashley Harvey  
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Collin Walker  
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Amber Katirai  
Carla Williams  
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## Thank You Sponsors

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There are also many individual club sponsors and supporters. We couldn't do it without your generosity!



**Sheldon Creek Dairy was generous in donating milk for us to sell at the Beeton Fall Fair. All proceeds went directly to the South Simcoe 4-H Association.**

## Banquet Information

### Cookstown Area Banquet

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

Living Faith Presbyterian Church  
206 Murphy Road, Baxter

For members of:

Cookstown Dairy Club  
Cookstown Beef Club  
Cookstown 4-H Horse & Pony  
Cookstown Mini Horse

### Beeton Area Banquet

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**

Location & Time to be  
determined

For members of:

Beeton/Bradford Dairy  
Rabbit Club  
Poultry Club  
Garden Club

### Collingwood Area Banquet

**Date TBD**

Location & Time to be  
determined

For members of:

Clearview Dairy  
Sheep Club

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Year-End Celebration for all Clubs

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**Living Faith Presbyterian Church  
206 Murphy Road, Baxter**

**Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



## Megan Ford

I started 4-H in the spring of 2011 when I was introduced to Collin Walker. I grew up in town so I didn't have any cattle of my own. Collin lent me my first calf named "Ediva" and continued to lend me a calf for the 4-H season for 3 years following. In 2014 Collin and I purchased a calf in partnership at the Taste of Ontario Sale. I used this calf for 4-H and in years to come, Collin and I purchased and co-bred several animals that I used for 4-H. I have since purchased and bred some of my project calves on my own and continued to compete in 4-H and open shows. I now own 21 registered Holsteins under my own prefix "Prettyriver". 4-H has offered me so many opportunities throughout my time participating and I have made many friends along the way. I have competed at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair TD Classic 9 times now which has been great exposure for my calves and has connected me to breeders and 4-hers from all over Canada. South Simcoe 4-H was a very welcoming and nurturing environment for a kid who knew very little about cows. My 4-H leaders and fellow members gave me guidance and skill that has allowed me to work and compete at World Dairy Expo and several other world class cattle exhibitions. I hope to continue showing and breeding cattle in the future and to one day be a 4-H leader so I can share some of the knowledge I have gained from my years participating.



Leah, Lori & Megan Ford

Both calves were home bred and Megan won champion calf and Leah won reserve champion calf at Collingwood Fair.

4-H Graduate Recognition

## Youth Directors

Submitted by Rebecca Lange



This year I became Youth Leader for the South Simcoe Automotive and Mechanics Club because I really enjoy being a 4-H member and wanted to take on a leadership role and use some of the leadership skills I've developed over my 4-H career. As a Youth Leader, I am able to do two things I like - mentor younger members and still be a 4-H member. After two years of COVID-19, I was really excited to be able to get back into 4-H in full force - what better way to do this than be a Youth Leader. I worked with two brand new 4-H leaders, organized the club, wrote activity plans, organized and ran club activities, introduced guests, planned group activities and helped out the members. The most challenging part this year was by far the COVID restrictions in the beginning of the year and keeping up-to-date with all the new rules - they never seemed to stay the same for too long and changed just enough to complicate our plans. Overall, this new adventure has been a success - I have had the ability to develop my leadership skills, learn new skills when it comes to automotive/mechanics and help new 4-H leaders 'learn the ropes'. I would encourage all senior members to take advantage of this opportunity - the skills you develop will last a lifetime!

Submitted by Paige Moore

Being a youth leader was a very interesting experience to be apart of. My main task as a youth leader was to read over and create Kahoot study material based on the information manuals a Go for the Gold team would be quizzed on at the regional competition level. The Kahoots made for both meeting content and for independent study material club members had access to in an effort to become familiar with both question types and the information itself. I have a new found appreciation for 4-H leaders and the hard work they put into the clubs they run!



### Want to Learn about Archery?

A special thank you to our Adventure Club leaders for applying to Cabela's Outdoor Fund! Andrew Morrison was able to secure \$1,000.00 in gift cards to be spent on equipment at Cabela's. The leaders decided to focus their spending on archery equipment and they look forward to using this gear for a couple of next year's clubs. If you are a member looking to learn more about archery, make sure you join these clubs in 2023. A huge shout out to Cabela's for their generous donation and help to choose the proper equipment.



Andrew, Abby, Elise, Jaiden and Lisa pictured here at Cabela's choosing archery gear for South Simcoe 4-H. Photo Credit: M. Patton

The three days at the conference had a full agenda with guest speakers, tours and group activities. In summary, the first day was opening remarks and introductions of Participants. We had guest speakers that included Robert Larmer from Vintage Land and Cattle Ltd and Glen Barkey from Altona Lea. They spoke about succession planning and genetics on the farm. Following lunch, we listened to 2 speakers from the DFO. Justin Bell spoke about the DFO's new entrant Quota Assistance Program. Following this was Carol Mascaro who spoke about the economics of the Dairy System. A big part of the conference was working in groups and problem solving. We were given financial statements and asked to work as a team to interpret how the farm financially was doing. This was put on by Lisa Kemp (BDO) and Clair Doan (National Bank). All of the activities took place at Durham college and we slept and ate at the residence. Following dinner, we were provided case studies and we worked in groups discussing and answering questions. We were then given social time to meet and chat amongst other participants. On Friday May 6th, it was an early start to the day. We loaded the bus and went to Maryland Farms in Reaboro. We got a facility tour and had guest speakers Robin Brown and Chris Penny who discussed Environmental issues on the farm. We then travelled to Enniskillen Jerseys and had a tour of their facility. There were speakers there Danielle Kiezebrink, Angie Fairfield and Nancy Charlton that spoke to us about cow behaviour, Tomorrow's calf and Jobs in the dairy industry. The tour of the processing plant was very interesting. The evening included guest speaker Adam Petherick DFO director and reading and discussing more case studies. We worked in groups on our case studies and the plan was to present the following day. The case studies were different farm situations that we had to problem solve and come up with solutions.

The last day Sunday May 7th, was another early start to the day (7:30am) we worked on our case studies. Our last guest speaker was Dr Tim Henshaw who discussed Mental Health and Building a Resilient Life. We presented our case studies and had the opportunity to ask questions and further discuss the cases. There were some awards given out and Sponsor recognition for the event. I thoroughly enjoyed the 3-day conference and would highly recommend it to others who are given the opportunity to go. There was a lot of information that I took away with me that I will be able to utilize while working on my family farm.

## Ontario Youth Adventure Camp

Submitted by Nicole Palmateer - Youth adventure camp was a lot of fun. We played plenty of games and learned a lot of new things about team work and boundaries. I also liked the different kinds of activities like canoeing and paddle boarding. There were so many kind people and the facilitators were really nice too. The cabins were better than expected and the food was also really tasty. I made many new friends and memories at youth adventure camp. Overall, I had a great experience and would really recommend it to anyone who is of age to go.

Submitted by Milana Palmateer - This camp was very fun. The people there were good to be around and just good people overall. The facilitators were energetic and kind. The food they kitchen staff made was good. There were different meals every day. The cabins were better than expected. The mattresses were not that comfy but better to sleep on than the floor. There were a lot of bugs but you get used to them over the time you're there. The activities that were organized were planned out very well. You could see how much thought the Facilitators put into it. The Camp helps with communication skills and makes it easier to talk to your peers. The activities were in groups and needed each one of the campers to communicate so they could move forward. This Camp was well thought out and the people there are very welcoming.



**Learn To Do By Doing**

Submitted by Danya Orr - This year I had the opportunity to go to the 4-H Youth Adventure Camp in Orillia. The ages of the kids at this camp was 12-15 years old. This camp was definitely a great opportunity, and I was lucky to go. I learned a wide variety of things such as how important it is to work as a team, how to build a fire, and many more things. I met a lot of new people at camp and made new friends that I hope to see in the future. Everyday at 4-H Camp was exciting. We would wake up and the counsellors would have a fun day planned for us. Whether it was going to the water, playing games, doing fun activities, or singing songs. I had the chance to do a lot of fun things that I've never done before such as high ropes, archery, and canoeing. Everybody at camp had a positive attitude and made things enjoyable for everyone. Even though it was stormy for a day or two, the counsellors planned fun things to do. We played games, sang songs, and listened to inspiring stories that the counsellors shared. At camp they challenged you to step out of your comfort zone a little bit and try different things. I am very grateful I went because I learned a lot and had fun. Every day at camp there was a new challenge whether it was a game that you had to complete or just doing something even though you're scared, but it was all worth it in the end. I am very grateful that I had that chance to go to the 4-H Youth Adventure Camp and I hope to go again next year to make even more memories well I learn to do by doing.

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Submitted by Nick Senick - My experience at Youth Adventure Camp (YAC) has taught me that if you step outside your "comfort" zone you will learn new things. At YAC they are trying to teach you to get into your "challenging" zone. Without you getting into your "danger" zone. Throughout the week we learned teamwork, leadership, and communication skills that will help us further in life. One activity we did was trying to get a ball down the line of 20 people with everyone's hand touching the ball once in 10 seconds. Then once we tried that we learned about how we could do it, how to work as a team to figure it out and solve this problem. YAC is also about getting to know people better and making new friends and stepping outside your comfort zone to put yourself out there. There are also other activities like swimming, canoeing, kayaking, and archery. The counselors were so encouraging and helpful throughout the week. They were always teaching us new things. They really were teaching us to "learn to do by doing".

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Submitted by Jayme Orr - I spent 4 days at 4-H youth adventure camp and it was a great experience. There were quite a few activities to do such as swimming, archery, low ropes, high ropes, and lots of games. There were a lot of group activities as well. It was a great way to meet new people and make lots of new friends. My favourite part was my cabin. I was in a cabin with a group of girls that I'm now all friends with. One of my favourite activities was all the games we played, there were a lot of fun games. We would play games well we waited for our food to be ready. I think 4-H kids are lucky to have this opportunity to go to camp. I am thankful for all the volunteers that make this happen. Overall, I have a lot of fun at camp and would go to another 4-H camp.

Submitted by Jaiden van Kolfschoten - I was one of the 80 lucky participants in the 4 day and 3-night OYAC. The camp was filled with fun adventures and useful leadership skills. The camp took place on a week of overcast, but our facilitators were able to make the most of the camp. We started the camp off with being greeted by a very happy and energetic bunch of facilitators who explained which cabin we were in and when we were done setting ourselves up to meet back at the flagpole for next instructions for the fun games while we waited for the rest of the group to show up. The part I loved most about this camp was the inclusiveness was amazing from boys to girls to members of the LGBTQ+ community. It was an amazing adventure to meet new people from different counties with similar interests as me. I enjoyed meeting the many farmers of Ontario from dairy to pigs and even members who joined 4-H as a pathway to agriculture, as they weren't able to have access without. The camp was so helpful in learning ways to cope with different situations and helped us build and develop ourselves. This camp was an amazing experience from the skills to the people and just the overall camp being a complete blast! I'm so happy I was selected and able to go because I would not have met one of my newest best friends if it weren't for this camp!

Submitted by Isabella Cullen - I arrived at OYAC and was super anxious, but excited to meet new 4-H members from around the province. We went to register and were greeted by enthusiasm and smiling faces. I was led to my cabin, which was filled with amazing girls, one from London, another from Waterloo and I got closer with someone I already knew. We played introduction games and someday, we were put into groups based on countries, animals and letters, so we could get to know different people at camp, not just our cabin mates. I met a lot of people who share similar interests and some who taught me their knowledge in showing beef and swine! All the facilitators were encouraging and helpful - they kept us very busy with activities and camp songs! The activities showed us leadership, respect, patience and most of all teamwork. We learned lessons from each one. I really enjoyed the 6-legged scavenger hunt, where we were put in groups, tied our legs together and were off trying to put a puzzle together. My team had some struggles getting to the puzzles because we were all tied together. Although we didn't finish the hunt, we demonstrated teamwork and patience. I am so glad I went and that kids from my county told me about the adventure camp. It's a great program to get kids out of their comfort zones and more involved in 4-H outside of their association. The week passed very quickly and I am definitely going back next year.

### **From the Exchange & Youth Opportunity Committee**

Please check out youth tab on the Ontario 4-H website. There are many youth opportunities available for you to check out on the youth tab, camps, scholarships, competitions and conferences.

Youth Leader positions are for 4-H members 15-21 years of age. Speak to a club leader about a club you are interested in becoming a youth leader for in 2023. You will need to register with region4@4-hontario.ca and participate in a youth leader training webinar. Dates for the webinars will be on the 4-H Ontario website in January. There is also the option of a self-directed Youth Leader Orientation.

4-H Provincial Leadership camp is for members 15-19 years of age and will be in March 2023.

Canada Citizenship Congress 2023 is for members 16-21 years of age. Application deadline is October 24, 2022.

Become a 4-H Ambassador by submitting your application before the deadline of December 31, 2022.

If you have attended a youth opportunity in 2022, please submit a report about your experience and a copy of the receipt to southsimcoe4h@hotmail.com for 100% reimbursement of the registration cost on or before November 15, 2022.

### **Royal Winter Agricultural Fair Dairy & Beef Teams 2022**

#### Beef

Layne Chantler  
Kylee Chantler  
Hayden Chantler  
Ben Gilpin  
Morgan Gilpin  
Makenna Grant  
Paige Moore



#### Dairy

Lily Beckett  
Grace Finch  
Megan Ford  
Emi Lange  
Jack Lange  
Rachael Lange  
Connor Walker  
Larissa Walker  
Herds person - Leah Ford

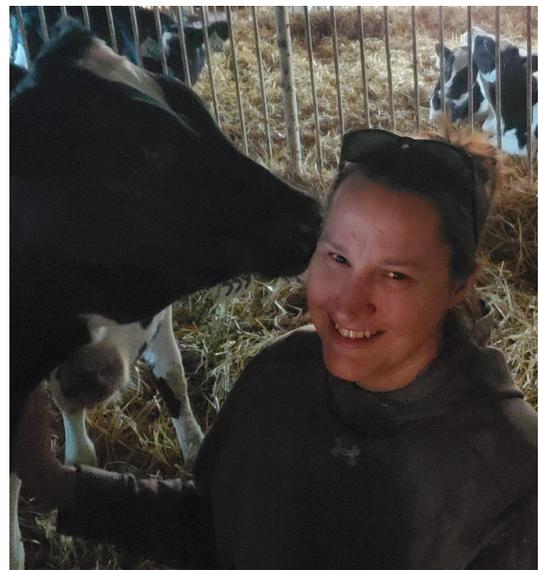
**These South Simcoe 4-H members will represent us at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair November 4 - 13th. Congratulations and good luck to you all. If you want to come and cheer on our members, you will find the dairy team at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic on November 7th (2:00 p.m.) and 8th (8:00 a.m.) in the Semex Ring of Excellence. The 2022 Masterfeeds National Junior Beef Heifer Show on November 4th (8:00 a.m.) & 5th (8:00 a.m.) in the Semex Ring of Excellence (South Ring).**



The South Simcoe Go For the Gold Team finished third at the Region 4 competition near Ermosa. Pictured in the photo left to right are leader & coach Trish Downey, Madeleine Cullen, Brooklyn Downey, Isabella Cullen, Krysta Downey and leader & coach Tamara Fisher-Cullen.

# Gay Lea

Trish Downey was this year's recipient of the 4-H Outstanding New Club Leader Award for Region 4 sponsored by Gay Lea Foods Cooperative. Trish is a leader for Cloverbuds, life skill and livestock clubs. She also is a director on the South Simcoe 4-H Association's Board of Directors and is active on many committees. Congratulations Trish!



## 2022 Board of Directors

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