

4-H PEI

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4-H PEI



Your Guide to Provincial, District & Club 4-H News

*Happy
Birthday
To Us!*

It's finally here! 2018 marks a very special year for 4-H PEI as we celebrate the remarkable achievement of providing 100 years of positive youth development programming in communities across our Island home.

Times and technology have changed a great deal over the years but the heartbeat of 4-H has remained the same -- dedicated volunteers sharing their skills and expertise with young people in community-based clubs with deep roots in our agricultural industry.

Your Provincial Council Board of Directors would like to challenge you and your 4-H family to make this once-in-a-lifetime year special by learning more about the work of 4-H in your community, taking on a new role in your Club or District, or simply inviting a friend or two to join you at a 4-H event or exhibition.

The PEI 4-H Trust would also appreciate your consideration to support our ongoing and already successful **Centennial Legacy Fundraising Campaign**. This is an important initiative to help provide better funding for activities and programs that make 4-H even more special for our members and leaders.

This issue of The Link is full of news and events which illustrate perfectly why 4-H is unique. With our continued collective participation and enthusiasm, there's no reason to believe it won't be celebrating another 100 birthdays in years to come.

Rayanne Frizzell,
President, PEI 4-H Council Board of Directors



David Tingley, representing the PEI 4-H Trust at the Women's Institute New Year's Day Levee at the Farm Centre.

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2018

February 8 - 10	4-H Canada National Leadership Summit
February 9	4-H Atlantic Intermediate Member Conference Registration Deadline
February 15	RSVP Deadline for AGM/Banquet
February 19	Provincial 4-H Office Closed - Islander Day
February 24	Provincial AGM and Awards Banquet
February 28 - Mar 4	4-H Canada Science Fair
March	Agriculture Literacy Month
March 3	"Let's Talk Livestock" Seminar
March 15	Vet Project & BioFutures Project Registration Deadline
March 15	Easter Beef Show
March 16	Easter Beef Sale
March 23 - 25	4-H Atlantic Intermediate Member Conference
March 26 - 30	PEI March Break
March 30	Provincial 4-H Office Closed - Good Friday
March 31	Club Communication Deadline
April 2	Provincial 4-H Office Closed - Easter Monday
April 3	Vet Project Meeting #1 (6 weeks)
April 7 - 12	4-H Washington Conference
April 11	Bio Futures Project Meeting #1 (6 weeks)
April 15	Application Deadline for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel/Scholarships • EastGen • Trust Grant Applications • Summer Student Applications
April 15 - 21	National Volunteer Week
April 30	District Communications Deadline

To read our new
 "TAKING CARE OF THE 4-H FAMILY "
 resource check out our website at:

www.pei4h.ca/leader-screening-training



SAVE THE DATE!

Provincial Livestock Workshop

Let's Talk Livestock - Best Practices on PEI

When - Saturday, March 3, 2018, 10 am - 2 pm

Where - Winsloe Lions Club Hall, 14 Campbell Road

Who - All 4-H PEI livestock members and leaders and members of PEI Junior Farmers

Cost - \$5 per person

Details and Registration information on our website:

www.pei4h.ca/conferences-workshops-events



Atlantic Intermediate Member Conference

Who - Ages 12-15 as of January 1, 2018

When - Friday, March 23 - Sunday, March 25, 2018

Where - Debert, NS

Registration Fee: \$125

Applications Now Being Accepted!

Deadline is February 9th, 2018

For more information and registration form go to:

www.pei4h.ca/conferences-workshops-events



Stay CALM and Read On!



Call for Senior Member Volunteers! Here's your chance to share your pride and appreciation of all things agriculture with a younger audience. March is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM), and once again this year, the PEI Agriculture Sector Council is seeking volunteer readers to visit Grade 3 classrooms in PEI to read aloud and lead agriculture-related activities with its members. Senior 4-H Members are eligible to apply and more information on the fillable PDF Application is available on the Provincial 4-H website at:

www.pei4h.ca/employment-volunteer-opportunities

Deadline for applications is Thursday, February 15.

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Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Rodd Charlottetown Hotel - 75 Kent Street

Annual Meeting - Victorian Room

Registration 9:00am

Meeting 9:30am

Annual Awards Banquet - Georgian Ball Room

Meal will be served at 12:30pm followed by award presentations

Invitations are in the mail.

RSVP on or before **February 15, 2018**

Phone: 902-368-4833

E-mail: pei4h@pei4h.ca



4-H Vet Project

- WHEN:** Sessions will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings, April 3 - May 8, 2018 from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm.
- WHERE:** Atlantic Veterinary College
- WHO:** 4-H Members Ages 14 - 21 (as of Jan 1, 2018)

A maximum of fifteen [15] members will be accepted.

COST: \$15 Project Fee - to cover costs of nutrition breaks

For More information and for the registration form please visit:

www.pei4h.ca/vet-bio-projects-2018



4-H BioFutures Project

- WHEN:** Sessions will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, April 11- May 16, 2018 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- WHERE:** Various Locations (mostly Charlottetown area)
- WHO:** Senior 4-H members (ages 15-21 years of age as of Jan 1, 2018)

A maximum of twelve [12] members will be accepted.

COST: \$15 Project Fee - to cover costs of nutrition breaks

For More information and for the registration form please visit: www.pei4h.ca/vet-bio-projects-2018



2018 Centennial Celebrations Communications Award

Congratulations to Laura MacDougall, a junior member in the Cavendish 4-H Club and the first winner of the 4-H Trust's "Giving Back to 4-H" Centennial Celebrations Communications Award. Laura's speech, titled "My History" qualified her for the award as it included information about the history of 4-H on PEI and at least one way that history has made an impact on her life. Keep this award in mind when you're creating your own speech for your Club Communication event this year and you could be eligible too! For more information, contact your 4-H Specialist or your Club's Communication Coordinator.

Reminder - 4-H member of all ages are eligible for the Award. Members must write and present a speech which focuses on the history of 4-H on PEI and at least one way that history has made an impact on the life of the member or the members in their 4-H club.

ONE prize per Club will be awarded and will consist of:

- A special Centennial Celebrations Communications Certificate and a limited edition "4-H Forever" Toque
- Recognition in The Link and on the 4-H PEI Provincial Website and Facebook pages



Share the Celebration!

Start sharing the excitement of our 100th Anniversary - and give back to 4-H at the same time! Our limited-edition 100th Anniversary Pins and repositionable Window Clings are available for just \$3 each, with \$1 from every pin and cling sold going directly to support the 4-H Trust's Centennial Legacy Fundraising Campaign! Available in person at the Provincial Office or by contacting us at pei4h@pei4h.ca to place your order.





Thank You

All of us at the Provincial 4-H Office would like to say thank you to all of the Club Fundraising Coordinators, Members, Parents and Leaders for all of their hard work and dedication to the continued success of this campaign.

Please see below for all of the top sellers in each of the districts.

We would like to thank Jamie MacPhail and everyone at [ADL](#) for the generous Club Bonuses we received on our Dairy Isle Pack sales during our 2017 Annual Fundraiser! Congratulations to all the clubs on the strong sales!



We would also like to thank Island Gold Honey for sponsoring the prizes for the three Top Honey Sellers across the Island!



PEI 4-H Fundraiser Top Sellers! Congratulations!



Top Provincial Sellers

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Katie Morrison | Lot 16 | \$1,852 |
| 2. Porter Weeks | Pleasant Valley | \$1,434 |
| 3. Taia Gallant | Evangeline | \$1,360 |
| 4. Katelyn Drake | Millview - Vernon | \$1,062 |
| 5. Aleah Craswell | Cavendish | \$1,012 |

Top West Price District Sellers

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|-------------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Hannah Harper | Elmsdale | \$456 |
| 2. Mairén Kinch | Elmsdale | \$434 |
| 3. Layla Matthews | Elmsdale | \$308 |

Top Summerside District Sellers

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| 1. Hannah Caissie | Evangeline | \$820 |
| 2. Justin Larsen | Albany | \$732 |
| 3. Brayden Carruthers | Kensington | \$676 |

Top Charlottetown District Sellers

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| 1. Aiden Murnaghan | Fort Augustus | \$878 |
| 2. Cassidy Holmes | North River | \$838 |
| 3. Parker Mann | Pleasant Valley | \$814 |

Top Montague District Sellers

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| 1. Sheila Walsh | Brooklyn-Heatherdale | \$872 |
| 2. Molly Loane | Brooklyn-Heatherdale | \$640 |
| 3. Victoria Mellish | Summerville | \$570 |

Top Souris District Sellers

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| 1. Brett Robertson | Points East | \$690 |
| 2. Ava Johnston | Grand River East | \$602 |
| 3. Brandon Malone | Morell & Area | \$534 |

Top Honey Sales

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| 1. Taia Gallant | Evangeline | 29 orders |
| 2. Aleah Craswell | Cavendish | 21 orders |
| 3. Hannah Doucette | Cavendish | 18 orders |

Thank you to our wonderful Island Suppliers!





The Member Advisory Committee (MAC) has now been officially recognized by the Provincial Council Board of Directors as one of its Standing Committees. Congratulations to everyone who has involved in Year 1 and welcome to the 13 members representing clubs across the Island, and our three Co-Chairs who are working together to make 4-H PEI even better this club year. For a complete list of our current MAC reps, MAC Co-chairs and MAC Mentors, visit: <https://www.pei4h.ca/member-advisory-committee-mac>

Every two months, your MAC rep will be presenting your club with a new MAC Mission -- an important question that we would like as many members as possible to answer to help 4-H staff leaders and staff have a better understanding of your 4-H experience, thoughts and ideas.

We realize not everyone is comfortable speaking up in a group setting but your opinions are important and we want to hear from you so feel free to share your MAC Mission answers with your MAC rep by email, a quick chat at the end of the meeting or by jotting them down on a piece of paper and handing them in. If you don't currently have a MAC rep, you can share your feedback with your MAC Co-Chair for your District or your Club's Overall Leader.

A Centennial Trust Fundraising Campaign Thank you!



Many generous individuals and businesses on PEI have continued to show wonderful support of the PEI 4-H Trust's Centennial Legacy Fundraising Campaign. Every dollar donated is being added to the investments already held by the Trust, and the annual dividends from those investments will provide grants to fund important 4-H activities such as club exchanges, skills training workshops and special events.

We would like to recognize and thank these recent donors to the Campaign since the last issue of The Link:

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January/February Mission

"Fewer members are participating at 4-H exhibitions every year - including Rural Youth Fair. Is participating in exhibitions important to you? Why or why not? Is there anything that would make you more likely to participate in 4-H exhibitions?"

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2017 Results

Reagan Bouma - 4-H Reserve Champion
Dairy Animal & 1st Senior Calf
Megan VanderKloet - 2nd Senior Calf
Megan, Reagan & Kyle - 2nd in Group of three
Kyle VanderKloet - 15th Summer Yearling
Parker Mann - 22nd Intermediate Calf
Kyle Bouma - 9th Junior Yearling
Owen Stewart - 13th Junior Yearling
Alex Bernard - 14th Junior Yearling

PEI 4-H Royal Dairy Team News



L-R: Owen Stewart, Megan Vanderkloet, Kyle Vanderkloet, Emily McKenna, Parker Mann, Kyle Bouma, Reagan Bouma, and Alex Bernard.

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PEI 4-H Royal Beef Team News



L-R: Sawyer Acorn, Cassidy Cudmore, Jory Donovan, Madison Pirch and Jake Matheson

2017 Results

Sawyer Acorn – 4th Charolais Yearling
Jake Matheson – 6th Hereford Calf
Jory Donovan – 4th Hereford Yearling
Cassidy Cudmore – 4th Hereford Yearling
Madison Pirch – 9th Angus Yearling

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Summerside 4-H District

CLUB REPORTS

Albany Centennial 4-H Club: At our November club meeting roll call was answered with the name of the senior citizen who each member picked potatoes or other vegetables/fruit for our club's October Community Betterment project. Our club Halloween party was lots of fun and there was a great turn out. For our December meeting roll call was answered with items for our Christmas adopt-a-family. Our club participated in the Salvation Army Kettle Drive at Sobeys on December 9 from 2-5 pm. We went carol singing and gave sweet trays to seniors on December 16, from 2-4 pm. After carol singing we had our club Christmas party at the Affleck's.

Submitted by: Patrick Lauwerijssen, Albany Centennial 4-H Reporter

Club 4-H Évangéline: At our November monthly meeting we had a guest speaker to speak to our members regarding the importance of bats. On November 11 we attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Wellington Legion and laid a wreath during the ceremony. Following the service, our members 12 years of age and older served the meal to veterans and Legion members. This has been one of our community service projects for several years now and it is most appreciated by the community and truly enjoyed by our members. On December 9th we had our yearly Christmas bingo at the Le Chez Nous with our members. The members dressed up as elves and Santa, called the numbers and helped the residents with their cards. We provided snacks to the residents. Great fun for all! Our Christmas Party and PJ's drive was held on December 22nd. The members gathered after school on for cookie decorating. Then we were off by school bus to Summerside to drop off 80 pairs of pj's at the Prince County Hospital. After, we had a pool and pizza party. We are off to a fun and busy start to the new 4H year.

Submitted by Chrystal Arsenault, Evangeline 4-H Club Secretary and Reporter.

Kensington 4-H Club: The Kensington 4-H group has been very busy. In December we moved our monthly meeting to Wednesday from Monday so we could pick up our fundraiser orders. Everyone that attended the meeting brought donations for the food bank. We had a pizza Christmas party and played some fun games. We were also part of the Kensington Christmas Parade. We decorated the float on Sunday afternoon and put it in the parade Sunday evening. It was a lot of fun and we had a big turnout. It is important to get 4-H out there because it is really fun and you learn a lot of useful things. At January's meeting we discussed our year end projects that are due in March. We were given us some tips on preparing and delivering our projects. Some members are going to do a demonstration while others chose public speaking.

Submitted by Wesley Heaney , Kensington 4-H Club Reporter



Longtime 4-H Leader, Lorraine Noonan, and her husband, Phillip, were very pleased to have some of Albany Centennial 4-Hers visit their home, sing some carols and leave a tray of sweets. Albany Centennial 4-H Club was created by Lorraine and her sisters in 1973. She continues to be an active 4-H Leader and is the longest-serving 4-H Leader on PEI. William and Claire Keough are their grandchildren. From left to right: Phillip and Lorraine Noonan, Colby Buch, William Keough and Claire Keough.



Members and leaders of the Evangeline 4-H Club delivering 77 pairs of pajamas, one housecoat and one pair of slippers to PCH.



Lot 16 4-H Club members Danielle Jones (L) and Fiona Farrell (R) meeting a calf at Tiny Acres Holsteins as part of a tour of the farm's dairy operation.

West Prince & Summerside District

4-H Canada's 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund grants

Summerside 4-H District – Thanks to the generous donation from the 4-H Canada's 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund the Summerside 4-H District was able to host the 2017 4-H Farm Olympics on October 14th, 2017. The event was very well attended and was open to everyone. We were happy to see many new faces participating in the activities and it was a great way to welcome new 4-H members to the program. Each club in the Summerside 4-H District was responsible to plan and run one of the games. Although team scores were tabulated throughout the day to determine placings, all participants went home with a bit of 4-H PEI swag as prizes. Patrick Lauwerijssen of the Albany Centennial 4-H Club informed and entertained the crowd with his speech about 4-H Skills Projects. With the funding the district was also able to purchase supplies for their new 4-H promotional booth that they will be able to use at many events in the years to come. Summerside 4-H District is very grateful for being chosen to receive one of 4-H Canada's 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund, which was supported by the Government of Canada and generous partners, TransCanada and McDonald's Canada.



Patrick and Johnathan Lauwerijssen sitting at the Summerside District's new 4-H promotional booth.

Farm Olympics - Albany Club member, Emma Larsen, competing the stick horse relay race.



West Prince 4-H District – 2017 West Prince 4-H Agriculture Awareness Family Fun Day which was held at the Elmsdale Community Hall on October 28th. Highlights of the day included a tour of the W.P. Griffin potato packaging plant, a mini workshop on public speaking, and a very fun zoological show by Tracy Brown from Bunny Trails Exotic Pet Ranch. This local 4-H Canada 150 celebration was made possible by 4-H Canada's 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund, and is supported by the Government of Canada and generous partners, TransCanada and McDonald's Canada.



West Prince 4-H members with Tracy Brown and leader, Libby Shaw, holding one of Tracy's giant snakes!

Kensington 4-H Club - Kudos to the members, parents, and leaders of the Kensington 4-H Club for putting together this great 4-H themed float for the 2017 Kensington Christmas Parade on the evening of December 3, 2017. Big thanks to Veseys Seeds for the loan of their trailer! The funding for their new club banner and float decorations came from 4-H Canada's 4-H Connecting Canadians Fund, and is supported by the Government of Canada and generous partners, TransCanada and McDonald's Canada.



Members of the Kensington 4-H Club on the float they decorated for the parade.

West Prince District

CLUB REPORTS

Elmsdale Beavers 4-H Club: Our 4-H Christmas party was held at the Elmsdale Community Center. As members arrived they were handed their fundraising orders. Members participated in towel racing by racing across the center on towels; after that we split into groups, decorated cookies, made hot chocolate while being quizzed with Disney trivia. The evening was ended with an intense game of spoons. Pizza was planned for the Christmas party, but with such a full evening, it was decided that it would continue into the New Year. Member met again in January for Greco pizza and garlic fingers. Another intense game of spoons was held!

Submitted by Hilary Cahill, Elmsdale Beavers 4-H Club Reporter



Mairen Kinch, Grace Hierlihy, Sydney Gallant, and Monica MacAusland at their club's Christmas party enjoying a friendly towel race.



Friday, February 9, 2018

6:30 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m.
O'Leary United Church Hall - 5 Barclay Rd
All West Prince 4-H Families Invited!
Admission—Free!

Refreshments will be Popcorn,
Pizza, & Water
Some Fun Games will be played!
Members will vote on a movie
from a selection

Project Updates 2017/2018

Poultry Project:

- * Turkeys can now be used for the Poultry Project (note: if member is also taking the Market Turkey Project they cannot use their Market Turkey animal for the Poultry Project).
- * Vaccinations for birds are no longer a requirement for showing in 4-H classes, but is still recommended. If members wish to have their birds vaccinated it is their responsibility to do so.
- * Poultry showmanship classes will now be divided into two age groups: Junior Poultry Showmanship (ages 9 - 13 as of January 1) and Senior Poultry Showmanship (ages 14 - 21 as of January 1).

Market Turkey Project:

- * Members can now complete this project at the Dundas Exhibition, the Evangeline Exhibition, or the Rural Youth Fair. However if members wish to participate in the turkey auction they must compete in the turkey showmanship and conformation classes at the Rural Youth Fair (this is approved as a two year pilot only).
- * Vaccinations for birds is no longer a requirement for showing in 4-H classes, but is still recommended. If members wish to have their birds vaccinated it is their responsibility to do so.

Goat Project:

- * Goat showmanship classes will now be divided into two age groups: Junior Goat Showmanship (ages 9 - 13 as of January 1) and Senior Goat Showmanship (ages 14 - 21 as of January 1).
- * The "Two Inspections" achievement day requirement has been changed to "Two Inspections or Judging Activities".
- * In 4-H conformation classes goats are to be judged on the standards of their particular breed.

Canine Project:

- * Has an ALL NEW member's guide as of fall 2017. Please make sure you have the most current guide for this project.

Dairy:

- * Effective January 8, 2018, Dairy members must show their Royal Selection animal at their Achievement Day plus one additional PEI 4-H show and Rural Youth Fair to be eligible to compete in the Royal Selection Class. Participation at East Gen is eligible as an additional PEI show. This Rule is to be re-evaluated by the Agriculture Committee and Provincial Council Board of Directors in two years (i.e. January, 2020).

Updates

For more information about these updates please contact your District Specialist or your Over-All Leaders.

Charlottetown 4-H District

CLUB REPORTS

Cavendish

The Cavendish 4-H Club is big on tradition. At the December meeting, members of the club brought in toys which were donated to Toys for Tots. Another Christmas tradition of the Cavendish 4-H Club is Christmas caroling for seniors in the North Rustico area. *"I love the great feeling I get when I see all their smiling faces. I think it makes the seniors really happy when we sing for them."* said one member, Cassidy MacNeill, of her past experiences. This year, the club went door-to-door caroling and they were all very anxious to spread some Christmas cheer in North Rustico.

The Cavendish 4-H Club takes pride in Christmas tradition and had a great time participating this year. The hope is that all will realize that the gift of giving (at any time of year) is often a gift within itself. Cavendish members encourage other 4-H clubs to take up monthly activities that include giving back to the community, in order to spread the message that it's better to give than to receive.

Respectfully Submitted
Kaitlyn MacNeil - Club Reporter

Dunstaffnage-Marshfield

The Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club is off to a great start! The new 4-H year started on October 4 when we met to register and sign up for projects. A good number of members signed up and we saw many new and recurring projects. We had our first general meeting At the November meeting, members participated in a lot of activities for good causes. One involved making Christmas cards for veterans. Everyone worked hard on this project making many cards. Donations were also brought in for the food bank and a few members delivered them on behalf of the club. A generous 100 dollar grant from Maritime Electric was given to each club in the province and our club decided to put it towards the sleeping bag campaign which helps buy sleeping bags for kids who are in need. Numerous projects are under way with many project meetings having taken place.

Executive Training workshops were put on by 4-H PEI at Murphy's Community Centre on November 25, 2017. The workshops are designed to help members do the best job possible in their new positions! I myself, Jonah Wood, took part to learn more about being the Club Reporter.

December was certainly a good month for the our 4-H Club too! We went caroling, singing Christmas songs for seniors. After the caroling, we went back to the Community Centre for hot chocolate and cookies.

The District Swim was held on December 30, co-hosted by our club and the Wheatley River Club.

Also, excitingly, the club reporter Jonah Wood (Me), was asked to write an article about the Dunstaffnage-Marshfield 4-H Club for Farm Focus, a farming magazine. It will appear in the January issue and we hope to have copies to distribute at the January meeting. These have truly been a few good months and I can't wait to see what comes of January!

Respectfully Submitted
Jonah Wood and Jensen MacMillian - Club Reporters



(L-R Michael Brazil, Carter Gallant,



Food Bank Donation



Creating Christmas Cards for Veterans

Charlottetown 4-H District

Continued...

North River

Another year has begun for the North River 4H Club. Registration was held on September 13. At evening the leaders hosted a corn boil for the Members. We offered the same projects as last year with the addition of the canine and woodsman projects. There are almost 50 members in our club this year!

On October 4, we held our second meeting, which consisted of a second registration, an information session and election of our new executive. Please keep an eye open for an upcoming article in the Farm Focus Magazine submitted by our newly elected President, Alana Worth.

November & December were busy months for our members. We had a guest speaker at our November meeting to talk about Remembrance Day and our annual roast beef supper was held on November 18. Our club hosted an open Skate on December 10 inviting District 4-H'ers, their families and members from the public to join. Later in December our club co-hosted the District Curling event in Cornwall where Senior Members and Leaders got together for a night of curling, trivia and pizza!

Respectfully Submitted:
John Ross MacQuarrie



Club Corn Boil



Club President, Alana Worth, presenting thank you gift to guest speaker, Ben Miller of the Canadian Armed Forces



Future 4-H'er at the Christmas



Annual Roast Beef Take-out Dinner

Millview-Vernon River

Members were engaged in many 4-H activities in the fall of 2017. In October, members were invited to the "Horror at the Corner", located in Orwell Corner. This event took the place of the annual Halloween Dance and while there, enjoyed several activities, a haunted house and lots of treats. Senior members gathered to learn about "Journey 2050" using as a completion for an Ag. Awareness activity through listening to the presentation and testing out the app. Finally, Junior members had a tour of the Vernon River Fire Hall, where they got a ride in the fire truck.

The new executive council was elected for our club in November. Members also planned a gift swap in which everyone was invited to participate at the December meeting by bringing a \$5 gift.

In December, members had been asked to bring \$2 to enter for a chance to sit in the "hot seat" (comfy chairs in the school library). \$131.00 was raised and the club took the CBC Turkey Drive. Cheese orders were picked up at this meeting and in total we raised approximately \$800 for our club. Good work everyone!

On December 12, members visited Gillis Lodge and sang carols for the residents. A few members also played the piano, violin and guitar. Members passed out Christmas cards and enjoyed sweets.

In January, members answered roll call by sharing their speech or demonstration topic and giving a donation for the PEI Arthritis Society. After the meeting Rebecca Gariepy from the PEI Arthritis Society spoke about Juvenile Arthritis. We presented her with a donation of \$90.10.

Respectfully Submitted
Bethany Visser



Charlottetown 4-H District *continued...*



District Curling

21 4-H members and 17 volunteer leaders/parents took to the ice on December 15, 2017 for the annual Charlottetown District Curling Night. The North River and Millview-Vernon River 4-H Clubs helped to organize the event which included curling and trivia, followed by pizza and refreshments.

Prizes were awarded for the following:

- ◇ **Closest to the Button** - Jamie Hughes (North River 4-H Club)
- ◇ **Furthest from the Button** - Abigail Munro (MV-VR River 4-H Club)

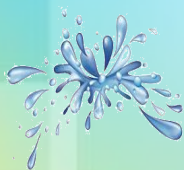
The ever popular curling trophy, recognizing the 4-H Club with the highest % of participating senior members was awarded to the **Millview-Vernon River 4-H Club**

Many thanks to David, Kellie-Lynn and Ann Younker for coaching members and leaders before the curling and also thank you to the North River and Millview-Vernon River 4-H Clubs for planning the event...a great time was had by all!



Photo Credit - Tom Stewart (Leader-North River 4-H Club). Please visit www.facebook.com/NorthRiver4H/ for more photos of this fun 4-H event.

District Swim



46 4-H members with their families gathered at the Bell Aliant Centre on December 30, 2017 for the annual Charlottetown District Swim.

Thank you to the The Dunstaffnage-Marshfield and Wheatley River 4-H Clubs for organizing this event.



Smiling faces enjoying refreshments following the District Swim!



On the Horizon

The Charlottetown District 4-H Council s actively planning fun events and activities for the upcoming months...keep an eye on your E-mail and the District facebook page (www.facebook.com/Charlottetown-District-4-H)

March

Intermediate Adventure Day

April

District Communications

May

Junior Fun Day

Souris 4-H District

Morell and Area - Hello fellow 4-H members. My name is Sarah Jones and I would like to share with you as the club reporter for The **Morell and Area** 4-H group. On September 28, 2017 we had our first meeting and registration night for our group. We had a club meeting on October 11, 2017. It was here that members learned more about the upcoming events for PEI 4 H's 100th anniversary. We discussed which fun event we would like to do as a club and we chose to attend the haunted house put on by Morell High Band Group. In October our group went to The Tannery Creek Farm as an Ag awareness event to learn about Dexter Cows. It was very informative and interesting. We also got to take home a pumpkin. On November 01, 2017 we had our club meeting. Two of our club members Greta and Rylan laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Memorial Ceremony in Morell on behalf of the veterans. The brother of members Chloe and Sarah Jones Pte. Alexander Jones participated in the ceremony in Morell as part of the color guard. This was a great honor. Some of our members participated in Executive training on November 25, 2017.

In December we had a Christmas party with lots of fun and games. We also did a Chinese gift exchange which was lots of fun for everyone. Brandon Malone was the top seller for the cheese campaign for our club. The projects that members of our group have expressed interest in participating in are Horse and pony, Rabbit, Drawing and Photography. *Submitted by Club Reporter Sarah Ann Jones.*



Grand River East - Another year is well underway for the Grand River East 4-H club. With 20 members in total, 6 new and 14 returning, it is sure to be a busy and successful year! On October 11th, we held our first meeting where projects were announced and members were very excited to be given their club jackets that had been ordered the previous year! Later in October, on the 29th, we enjoyed a potluck after our regular monthly meeting and planned an exciting event to happen in the following month. That event being a supper for the senior citizens, members families, and leaders in our community. We had a great turn out at this event and it was enjoyed by all! Already this year, some of our members have taken part in conferences and trips where they had lots of fun and memorable experiences. In October, Nicolle MacDonald attended the US National Dairy Conference and World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Also, Jake Matheson and Sawyer Acorn went to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto during November. With lots of fun events and activities coming up, our club is very excited for the months ahead! *Submitted by Club Reporter Shae Lynn Morrison*

Points East - This year, our 4-H Club has over forty members, and our meetings happen on the third Tuesday of every month, and we often have good attendance. This year we have many projects available to our members. From the agriculture projects, a few offered are Horse and Pony, Rabbit, Canine, and Turkey. In foods, we have Cake Decorating. For Creative Arts, we have Seasonal Decorating, Felting, Photography, Scrapbooking, Needlecraft, and Drawing. Lastly, we offer Woodworking, Small Engines, Blacksmithing, Great Outdoors, and Gardening. The Agricultural Awareness project is still in the works. Our Community Service projects were the Remembrance Day Wreath Laying, Carolling at the manor, lodges and Harbourview. We thank all members who were able to take part in these events. There were some well attended activities this year. These were our annual Halloween party, Float Parties, Christmas Parade, and the Eastern Kings Tree Lighting. In the spring, Points East will be doing a New Harmony Woodlot Cleanup, and a WI Roadside Cleanup in May. *Submitted by Club Reporter Jessica McCormack*



Upcoming Dates for the Souris District:

- January 31 - Communications Tips and Tricks (RSVP to Rebecca)
- February 2nd - Souris District Pizza and Bowling Event (RSVP to Rebecca)
- February 7th - Grand River East Club Communications Event
- February 9th—Points East Club Communications Event
- February 21st - Morell and Area Club Communications Event
- March 8th - Souris District Communications Event

Montague 4-H District

Upcoming Dates for the Montague District:

January 31	Communications Tips and Tricks (RSVP with Rebecca)
February	District Sleigh Ride (RSVP with Rebecca)
February 12th	Summerville Club Communications Event
February 13th	Brooklyn-Heatherdale Club Communications Event
March 13th	Montague District Council Meeting (Active Communities at 7:00pm)
March 16th	Montague District Communications Event
April	Burger Love Event



Members of the Brooklyn-Heatherdale and Summerville Clubs went Christmas Caroling at the Riverview Manor in December. This brought joy to members and residents as they enjoyed music, cookies and juice.



Thank you!



We would like to thank Maritime Electric for their generous commitment to provide \$100 grants to every 4-H PEI Club on PEI for the next two years. These grants go a long way helping our clubs to provide even more "Learn to Do By Doing" activities and opportunities for our members. Thank you for your continued support of 4-H, Maritime Electric!

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4-H National News

Prime Minister to Announce Canada Service Corps Youth Initiative

4-H Canada is proud to be one of the national partners delivering this initiative through our new Hands to Larger Service program. This national initiative aims to create a culture of youth service across Canada, something we know 4-H youth are already committed to in their communities from coast to coast. This initial announcement will concern the creation of the initiative, with “echo announcements” to take place in the months to come, profiling national partners and projects.



4-H Canada will be selecting 30 Youth Service Leaders (ages 16-25), who will be trained to support and lead community-based service projects this summer, with another 30 to be selected for 2019. These Youth Service Leaders will be matched with Club to Club groups, who they will work with to identify and deliver service projects as a meaningful and important part of their exchanges. This is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth across Canada to demonstrate their leadership skills and commitment to community engagement.

Applications for 4-H'ers interested in being Youth Service Leaders will open February 01, 2018. Stay up to date on all of the details at 4-H Canada's website www.4-h-canada.ca and their Facebook page www.facebook.com/4HCanada/. You can also follow the initiative @LeadersToday on Instagram.



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Coca-Cola Canada Invests \$150,000 in 4-H Canada's New First-Generation Scholarship!

Ottawa, December 21, 2017 – 4-H Canada is excited to announce a new program that will provide \$150,000 in scholarships towards first-generation post-secondary students, thanks to a grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation. The scholarship program will focus on supporting students interested in making a positive impact in communities across Canada through skills and knowledge gained in their continued education.

As a Canada 150 signature partner, 4-H Canada is looking beyond 2017 to the next 150 years, and the tools youth need to ensure their personal and professional success. The launch of the First-Generation Scholarship will support this legacy, providing 150 bright young minds with \$1,000 towards their post-secondary education. Any 4-H member who is the first in their immediate family attending a post-secondary institution or a post-graduate program is eligible to apply.

This new partnership with The Coca-Cola Foundation supports 4-H Canada's work to help youth explore their career interests, develop new skill sets, prepare for the workforce and become leaders in a wide-range of sectors.

By playing an active role in helping students pursue their education goals and encouraging a love for lifelong learning, 4-H Canada aims to empower Canadian youth to become responsible, caring and contributing leaders that affect positive change in the world around them.

"At Coca-Cola, we believe education holds an extraordinary promise to change lives," said Helen Smith Price, President, The Coca-Cola Foundation. "By providing financial assistance to youth who are pursuing post-secondary education, we hope they are encouraged to pursue their academic dreams and realize their full and unique potential."

"We know that education creates opportunities and it makes a positive impact on the minds of brilliant young people," said 4-H Canada CEO, Shannon Benner. "We are grateful to The Coca-Cola Foundation for showing their strong commitment to supporting the development of Canadian youth as they find their voice on issues important to them through their academic studies and involvement in 4-H."

The application period starts March 1, 2018, and closes May 31, 2018. Visit 4-h-canada.ca/scholarships to learn more.



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Congratulations to Li Yuan Ma, of RBC Charlottetown!



We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Li Yuan Ma, Associate Commercial Account Manager with RBC Charlottetown, on being chosen to receive Canada's Volunteer Award for Community Leader (Atlantic) this past December. In this photo, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos presents Li Yuan with her well-deserved award in Ottawa. 4-H PEI members and leaders will recognize Li Yuan from the many 4-H events she and fellow RBC employee Janice Tait attend throughout the year as part of RBC's long-standing and deeply appreciated commitment to 4-H Communications activities. But wait - there's more! Li Yuan chose 4-H PEI to receive a \$1,000 grant provided through the award in her honour! We're very lucky to have committed and generous individuals from the corporate community like Li Yuan as a part of the 4-H family.

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