

# Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club

By Nicole Maxwell

It has a busy few months for the Onslow Belmont 4-H club. The members have taken part in many different events and there is still more to

come as they head into the busy part of the 4-H year. On March 5th 2011 the members of the club completed their speeches or demos at the yearly club rally. The judges

## PHOTO FEATURE Onslow Belmont 4H Club Rally



Mitchell Manning gave a very inspirational speech, "What A Cure Would Mean to Me", about living with Juvenile Diabetes. He was a runner-up in the Junior Speech category at the Onslow Belmont 4H Club Rally held on March 5th. (Harrington Photo)



Will the egg fit into a bottle? Ben and Luke White amazed the audience with their 'Egg-cedingly, Egg-citing, Egg-straordinary Egg' demonstration at the Onslow Belmont 4H Club Rally on March 5th. (Harrington Photo)



Onslow Belmont 4-H Club held their Club Rally on March 5th at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall, with close to thirty members participating. Members who will be representing their Club at the upcoming County Rally are: (Front, l to r) Brianna Crosby- Runner-Up Junior Speech (she will be the Club "Thanker" at County Rally), Ciara Congdon- 1st Place Junior Demo, Michael Congdon- 1st Place Junior Speech, Katie Ferguson- 1st Place Senior Demo, Taylor Hoyt- 1st Place Senior Speech, Mitchell Manning- Runner-Up Junior Speech (he will be the Club "Introducer" at County Rally); (Back, l to r) Ben White & Luke White- 1st Place Senior Double Demo, Laura Brenton- 1st Place Intermediate Speech, Gabe Murray & Tristen Tulkens- 1st Place Junior Double Demo. (Harrington Photo)



Tristen Tulkens (right) and Gabe Murray showed the audience how to make a chocolate cake from scratch, during their Junior Double Demonstration titled "Master Chefs", at the Onslow Belmont 4H Club Rally. (Harrington Photo)



Jada Totten presented "Do You Like Chocolate" as her Junior Demonstration at the Onslow Belmont 4H Club Rally. (Harrington Photo)

where impressed by each and every members abilities.

Congratulations to all the 4-H members who competed at the club rally and to those who will continue on to county rally ! All the members who competed were separated into age groups and the winner of each age group gets to move on to the county rally (held on March 26 at North River Elementary School) Here is a list of the 2010-2011 winners:

Speeches: Junior Speech- Michael Congdon; Introducer- Mitchell Manning; Thanker- Breanna Crosby; Intermediate Speech- Laura Brenton and Senior Speech- Taylor Hoyt.

Demonstrations: Junior Demo- Ciara Congdon; Junior Double Demo- Gabe Murray

and Tristen Tulkens; Senior Demo- Katie Ferguson and Senior Double Demo- Ben and Luke White.

During the month of March, our club and many other clubs sold chocolate bars to raise money for the Nova Scotia 4-H Council. The council helps support the different 4-H clubs in all of Nova Scotia to continue with their programs.

Onslow-Belmont 4-H club thanks all those who showed their support by buying a chocolate bar (or two). Some highlights of the next few months include John Deere Days on April 9th and County Judging on May 25th. We hope to see you all there.

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# Morrison Family Reunion COBEQUID PLANTERS 250



Janice Guinan, artist, (right) is shown with Linda Giddens, dressed in Planters attire from approximately 1760. On the left is portrait of Linda Giddens. Giddens is a descendent of the Morrison family and is organizing a family reunion on July 7-10th as part of the Planters 250th celebrations. (Lynn Curwin Photo)

By Linda Giddens

By this time you are probably aware that our area is celebrating the arrival of the Cobequid Planters who settled here 250 years ago. "The Planters were English-speaking settlers from New England and Ireland who settled along the Cobequid Coast and Central and Northern Nova Scotia (1760-1761)." [The Shoreline Journal, March 2011, p. 20]

I am a seventh-generation descendant of John Morrison, who settled in Truro; within five years, the Archibalds who had settled in Little Dyke, traded land with the Morrisons (the Corbetts did a similar exchange).

Is the settling of this area by these people worthwhile recognizing? I think it is.

I am planning to hold a reunion for descendants of the Morrisons July 7 through July 10, to take place at the Debert Hospitality Centre and Erskine United Church in Glenholme, NS.

I have no former experience with planning family reunions, and am naturally terrified that I will forget something that is always done at

such events. I have mailed letters inviting relatives to the event. Unfortunately, I don't have many names for Morrison descendants in this area. I strongly suspect that if you grew up along the Cobequid Bay, you will find that you are related to the Morrisons as well as other Cobequid Planters.

To see if you are in the most recent edition of the Morrison book, go to <http://gemorrison.caneris.ca/Morrison.htm>. The Colchester Historical Museum has an abundance of information on the Planters, and you may contact them, too.

Another useful site is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nscolche/index.html>.

If you would like more information on the Morrison get-together, please contact Linda Giddens at [lmgid-dens@vrodinternet.com](mailto:lmgid-dens@vrodinternet.com), or 902-662-3296. I will be happy to send you the letter of invitation, as well as a registration form. Perhaps this will get you thinking about holding your own family reunion. Or, should we plan to have a 'Descendants of the Planters' weekend?

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