

PHOTO FEATURE

The Atlantic Intermediate 4-H Members Conference 2014 Held in Debert March 21-23rd.



Eighty-Four 4-H members from all four Atlantic Provinces enjoyed various guest speakers, and hands on activities. This year's theme was Citizenship and members were shown simple ways they could make a difference within their club, community and their country. (Harrington Photos)



All 4-H members took part in Team Building Challenges over the weekend. Here they are attempting to build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape.



4-H members Jory Donovan (PEI), Brittaney Noseworthy (Nfld) and Grace Hughes (PEI) work on making encouragement cards for patients in the Oncology Unit.



Guest Speaker Ian MacNeil (center), gave a presentation on the Community Service projects of the Northside 4-H Club. After his presentation, he assisted Madalyn Nielson (Pictou Co.) and Molly O'Brien (Pictou Co.), who joined other members in making twelve comfy blankets to give to Transitions House.



Kieiana Llewellyn (Onslow Blemont 4-H Club), Jane Stevenson (Senior 4-H member and spokesperson for the Canadian Diabetes Association) and Ciara Congdon (Onslow Belmont 4-H Club) work on finger puppets for the Diabetes Association.



4-H members (left to right) Tyler MacEachern, Kiya McDow, Danielle Williams, Ben Kittilsen, Isaac Gilbert, William Cooper and Camryn Patton help prepare toiletry bags for "Out of the Cold" Homeless Shelter. Members generously donated all the items used for the bags.



Brenda Leenders (center, Regional Co-ordinator for Canadian Food Grains Bank) shows Jacob Works and Allyson Barnable (Youth Advisory Council members) how to prepare bags of Reindeer Food. The bags will be sold at Masstown Market's Christmas Center as a fund raiser for the Food Grains Bank.

4-H Members Inspired to Help Others

Eighty-four young 4-H members, attending this year's 4-H Intermediate Members' Conference, were learning important information on what it takes to be the next generation of leaders.

The conference, for members ages 12 to 15, was held in Debert, March 21st-23rd, and focused on teaching leadership skills in the clubs and communities, as well as nationally and globally.

"The 4-H program has a long history of creating leaders in agriculture, business and community organizations," said Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell. "This conference will inspire youth to contribute to their communities by promoting the idea that one person can make a difference through their volunteer efforts."

Conference participants took part in activities linked to the 4-H head, heart, hands and health pledge by:

putting their "heads" into action by learning more about effective meetings; putting their "hearts" into their club, school and community;

learning more about their own "health" and the importance of taking care of themselves; and participating in a "hands-on" activity about the global food economy.

During a two hour session on Saturday afternoon, 4-H members had an opportunity to use their hands to help others. They designed encouragement cards for people in the Oncology Unit of the hospital, prepared breakfast bags for Roots House (a homeless shelter in New Glasgow), made cozy blankets for Transition House, crafted finger puppets for the Canadian Diabetes Association, packed toiletry bags for Out of the Cold homeless shelter and prepared Reindeer Food as a fundraiser for Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Over the weekend, participants heard from a variety of speakers who are making a difference, including Logan MacGillivray, a student from Bedford who has broadened his definition of community. Logan shared what he has done to help the children of Sierra Leone and his belief that anyone, especially youth, can help make the world a better place.

Member of Parliament Scott Armstrong, spoke to the group on Sunday morning about what it means to be a Canadian.

The conference was sponsored by the Atlantic 4-H Committee, Tim Hortons, the provincial 4-H councils from all four Atlantic provinces, and Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Great Village Brigade to Hold Annual Auction

By Crystal Slack

It is that of time year again to clean house for spring cleaning. The Great Village Fire Brigade annual auction will be held the end of April. If you have any items you may want to part with, feel free to leave a message at the fire hall (668-2784) and one of our members will contact you for pick up arrangements.

The annual awards banquet was held in Londonderry on Saturday, March 22. See photos and award results on page 18 and 19. The hard work and dedication of each of the members to the brigade is certainly appreciated.



On a heavyhearted note, as many of you probably already know, our brigade and community has lost a very valuable member. February 24, 2014, Robert Layton passed away. He was the longest serving volunteer firefighter in

Nova Scotia with over 68 years of service.

Those who knew Robert would say that he was a great man. He had a gentle, quiet likableness that made a person smile when he was around. And his quick wit

and teasing would brighten anyone's day. It was an honour to see so many fellow firefighters from neighbouring brigades show their support at his funeral.

You will be greatly missed by many Robert.

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