

Onslow-Belmont 4-H'ers Hold Achievement Day

By Natalie Porter

Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club had their Achievement Day on July 20th. Achievement Day is the conclusion of the 4-H members' projects. It allows members to display their project work to the public and have their projects evaluated non-competitively. All 4-H members must complete their project requirements by the determined achievement day in order to continue any further county, provincial or national 4-H competitions relating to that project in the current 4-H year. Awards for Top Junior Member, Top Senior Member, Top Overall Member, Top Rookie, Most Improved Member, and Grand Champion Showperson were presented. Completion Certificates were also presented.

4-H Members get a Gold Completion Certificate if they have completed all their Record Sheets, Project Work, Communications, Club Contribution, and Judging.

Record Sheets: Each member must complete a satisfactory record sheet which should be neat, accurate, concise and complete. In the Record Sheet members record things such as cost of projects, animal health and feed records, what members learned, and information about their animal.

Project Work: There are specific project work requirements for each project. Each member's project work will be evaluated on the quality of the projects, degree of difficulty for experience/age, the manner in which they are displayed or presented, and whether or not all the requirements are met.

Communications: Members who participate in public speaking and/or demonstrations at club level will receive recognition on their Achievement Day Certificate.

Club Contribution: This is evaluated by our project leaders and general leaders during the year. This takes into consideration such things as attendance at meetings and events, attitude, effort, cooperation and self-expression. Each club can set their own standards for club contribution.

Judging: Members compare four items or animals (related to their project topic); place them from best to worst and give reasons for their placing.

We had a potluck supper to celebrate the completion of another successful Achievement Day. We would like to thank long time 4-H supporters Fred and Anne Hamilton for hosting our Achievement Day again this year. Our members would also like to thank our General Leaders Margaret Congdon and Carolyn Cooper along with all our Project Leaders for all they do.

Natalie Porter is reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club. ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 20



Luke Ferguson presents Sarah Kittilsen with the Top Showmanship Award.



Shonalee Johnson displays her Crafts Project she completed this year in the Onslow Belmont 4H Club.



Mallori Llewellyn knows all about gardening after completing the Horticultural Project in 4H.



Ewan MacEachern is all smiles with his first place ribbon after completing his Great Outdoors Project.

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Charles's projects. The Chignecto Ship Railway was actually the brainchild of Henry Ketchum, who in 1875 proposed a 23 kilometre specialized railway designed to bring ships from the Northumberland Strait to the Bay of Fundy without circumnavigating the treacherous Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia.

Sir Charles was a great supporter of greater rail service, and of this project in particular. The project neared completion when, in

1890, economic and political circumstances shifted and the project was abandoned. But the right-of-way is still intact, and several key parts including the dock on the Fundy side and the bridge over the Tidnish River still exist.

It is another important part of our history. I congratulate the Province of Nova Scotia for seeing the significance and acting to preserve it. These are the stories of the people and ideas that built our great country. We cannot let them slip away.

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester

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application. Community activity, and community volunteers are so very important in rural Nova Scotia, and I am proud to be part

of the Liberal Government that recognizes and supports these communities.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

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amount of money has been spent, to date, on research and development of the actual turbines that will be placed in the Bay to produce this power.

Unfortunately, very little, or quite possibly, no money has been spent on research to determine what effect this will have on the marine life, and the overall eco system of the Bay. It seems as though the research will be done, in a kind of, we will install these turbines and see what happens approach!!!

Quite frankly someone has failed us in letting this thing get this far with virtually no research. That someone is Government at all levels and I include myself in that group.

The one government department that I will point at most directly will be the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans. Given forty years of notice and we have had to fight so hard with them to be allowed to do stream bed remediation to prevent flooding. They expend so much money on ensuring that no one keeps a Bass under 27 inches or catches more than sixty smelts. How is it possible, we do not have years of baseline data about fish in the bay and how this may affect it?

By comparison, the very controversial Alton Natural Gas Storage facility program did five years of study on the Shubenacadie River to have data to support or not support or to back up project.

In comparison, when the Federal Government for example deals with Oil and Gas pipelines there must be extensive environmental impact studies undertaken. There is a multiyear consultation process undertaken before the National Energy Board will approve a permit

Now here we are today, millions of dollars spent, much of it Government i.e. taxpayer's money and NOBODY thought it important enough to undertake this research on the environmental impact on the Bay of Fundy! A natural phenomenon that was very close to being named one of the top seven natural wonders of the world!

Yes, I am guilty as well. I have been looking forward to the benefits of this project. I never stopped to think about any negative impact. As a result, I need to go on the record here. Yes, I am keenly interested in the benefits of Tidal Power. And no, I would clearly not be considered an environmentalist. I hope that my involvement in the Fracking waste water debate will show that I can have an open mind.

It is unfortunate that I have not given this greater attention. However I can assure you, I will do my absolute best to gather information. I will do my best to ensure it is true and credible, and I will make any and all information I receive public.

Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

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Eric Boutilier has announced he will run to represent District 1 in this fall's municipal election. He retired in June from the Chignecto Central Regional School Board, where he was the Guidance Counsellor at Bible Hill Junior High and, most recently, the Suspension Support teacher for the Cobequid Family of Schools. Eric has also volunteered with the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling, Nova Scotia Music Week and the Dutch Mason Blues Festival. The area has been represented by Councillor Christine Blair, who is vacating the seat to run for the Mayor's position.

Scott Armstrong has been appointed principal of Great Village Elementary School. Previously he was MP for Cumberland-Colchester and most recently, up until this month, was the Conservative Party's unelected official critic for Atlantic Canada and ACOA.

Ron Cavanaugh, Councillor District 8, announced at June council meeting, he will be reoffering for another term in the upcoming October Municipal election.

Sections of the westbound lanes of Highway 104 for about 19 kilometres from Londonderry to Westchester Station are reduced to one lane for paving, widening, and the installation of rumble strips and guardrail until Wednesday, Aug. 31. Work takes place from dawn to dusk.

Three wines from Nova Scotian wineries were presented with the 2016 Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines at a ceremony at Government House, 1451 Barrington St., Halifax, on July 21.

The Centre Communautaire Francophone de Truro, Truro are receiving \$6000 under the Age-Friendly Community Grant for an intergenerational project that will have seniors facilitate workshops for children at the Acadian school, sharing their knowledge through songs, painting, writing, dance, games and crafts. At the end there will be a showcase event of the various works created by the children under the seniors' guidance. This is the only grant recipient in Colchester.

Nova Scotia Power has launched a new outage map giving Nova Scotians the most detailed, up-to-date information on outages. It has enhanced features that include showing all outages affecting Nova Scotia Power customers, regardless of the size of the outage, and displaying shaded outage areas to provide better clarity on where outages are occurring. It also enables customers to find their outage by zooming in to their location, searching by an address, bookmarking certain views and using location tracking. The map is completely functional on mobile phones and tablets. The map is accessible at: www.outagemap.nspower.ca

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