

OB 4-H Club Members Represent Area Well

By Natalie Porter

From Oct 2-4, the 4-H NS Provincial Show was held in Windsor. Below is a list of the Onslow Belmont 4-H Club champions from the Provincial Pro-Show: Michael Congdon, Champion Draft Horse Mane & Tail Braiding; William Cooper, Champion Limousin Female; Sarah Kittilsen, Winner - Cake Decorating Competition - Junior; Holly Masters, Champion Jersey Calf; Taylor Masters, Reserve Champion Dairy Showman; Timothy Porter, Reserve Champion Junior Garden Article; Emily Ross, Champion "Other" Purebred Beef Breeds, Champion Beef Calf, Reserve Champion Rabbit Judge and Champion Beef Showman; Tristen Tulken, Champion Woodworking Judge and Amy Harrington, Champion Dog Handler.

4-H Registration is now open, so at our last club meeting we had an Open House where people who were interested could come, see some project items, talk to leaders and members, and learn more about 4-H. For more information on how to join 4-H go to <http://novascotia4h.ca>.

One of our members, Ryan Porter, won a trip to a 4-H conference at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. The conference consists of workshops on the University of Wisconsin campus, speakers, tours and visits to the World Dairy Expo.

From September 27-October 4, Ryan Porter from the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club went on a once in a lifetime trip along with Iain MacLellan from

Nova Scotia, Brooke Boonstoppel from New Brunswick, Dalaney Welsh and Brayden Gallant from P.E.I., and their chaperon Phillip Vroegh from Nova Scotia.

They all went to the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. These Maritimers were the only Canadians at the conference. The National 4-H Dairy Conference is for members who have done well in the 4-H Dairy project. The 4-H youth went on tours, attended seminars and workshops on the University of Wisconsin Campus, and visited the World Dairy Expo.

They learned about processing, production, marketing and use of dairy products, and developed a better understanding of jobs available in dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other selected areas. Ryan Porter said that his favourite parts were the tour of the Hoard's Dairyman farm and offices, the ABS (American Breeders Service) Global tour, and walking through the barns at the World Dairy Expo.

Congratulations to our club's members who recently represented Nova Scotia at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario. In the Royal Dairy Classic, Cole Yuill finished 12th with his Sr. Holstein Heifer and Taylor Masters finished 15th with her Sr. Holstein Heifer. In the Canadian Junior Beef Heifer Classic, Emily Ross finished 2nd with her Jr. Charolais Yearling and 2nd in Sr. Showmanship, and William Cooper finished 2nd with his Jr. Limousin



In front of ABS sign, (L-R): Brayden Gallant, Ryan Porter, Brooke Boonstoppel, Dalaney Welsh, and Iain MacLellan. ABS Global, headquartered in Wisconsin, is the world leader in bovine genetics, reproduction services and technologies. (Submitted)



The trip to Hoard's Dairy Farm was one of the highlights for Ryan Porter and other 4-H members on a recent trip to Wisconsin. In front of the Hoard's Dairyman building, (L-R): Iain MacLellan, Ryan Porter, Brayden Gallant, Brooke Boonstoppel, Dalaney Welsh, and their chaperon Phillip Vroegh. Hoard's Dairyman, first published in 1885, is a magazine that provides dairy farmers from North America and around the world with practical information about all areas of dairy farming. (Submitted)

Yearling. *(Editor's apology: Somehow Natalie's column got misplaced and did not make the November issue. I have combined the two columns making some edits to eliminate duplication. My apology to Emily, members and leaders of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.)*



When Lee Hemphill decided she would catch her first Bass, she decided it should be a keeper. Caught on October 28th on the afternoon tide in Bass River she decided to drop by Glenholme General Store and have Bruce MacAloney measure all 33 inches of it. (MacAloney Photo)



Cars and trucks venture through the salty water at the Two Island Bridge. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Over 15 seagulls watch the crashing waves throw stones and debris onto the shore at Parrsboro Beach during high winds and extremely high tide on October 30th. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Armstrong now Atlantic Critic

By Maurice Rees

Scott Armstrong who served as the Member of Parliament for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley from November 9, 2009 until October 19, 2015 has been named as the Atlantic critic for the Conservative Party of Canada. Rona Ambrose, interim party leader, announced Armstrong's appointment as Conservative critic for Atlantic Issues and ACOA on November 20th.

With the Liberals winning all seats in Atlantic Canada, the Conservatives were left without anyone to attend to Atlantic issues. As the opposition for the region, Armstrong will be the only member of the Conservative shadow cabinet who is not a caucus member.

In federal politics, Armstrong's first entry to the



House of Commons occurred on November 9, 2009, when he won a byelection, receiving 45.8% of the vote.

He was re-elected in the 2011 federal election, receiving 52.5% of the vote. In September 2012,

Armstrong was named chairman of the federal Conservative Atlantic caucus, replacing New Brunswick MP Mike Allen.



Ryan Porter of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club had the pleasure of seeing the 5 year old Holstein cow class at the World Dairy Expo. (Submitted)



Emily Ross with Missy and William Cooper with Blossom shown before their departure to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto earlier in November. (Natalie Porter Photo)

Legislature Resumed November 12

The provincial legislature resumed sitting on November 12th and some have indicated the house will sit over the Christmas holidays, if necessary to complete the legislation on the agenda. In a press release Premier Stephen McNeil stated the following outlines what is on the order paper.

During the fall sitting, government will introduce legislation that will: Implement improvements to the

province's electricity system for the benefit of ratepayers; update family laws regarding parenting arrangements and expand on how to keep the best interests of children as the top priority when families break up and enhance protections for employees who make labour standards inquiries or complaints.

Government's fall legislative agenda also includes the following items, listed below,

which is subject to change: Paramedics Act - enabling self-regulation of profession; Municipal Elections Act - improving election process; Labour Standards Code - protection of employees and extension of available unpaid leave; Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act - ensuring a streamlined process for hearings and Canada Nova Scotia Petroleum Resource Accord Implementation (N.S.) Act - extending moratorium on Georges Bank.

Other items on the agenda include: Securities Act - improving investor information and further harmonizing regulation; Motor Vehicle Act - enhancing the graduated driver's licensing program and providing clarity and consistency to other sections and Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act - improving accountability and quality of regulation. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will adopt similar legislation.

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