

# Onslow-Belmont 4-H Participates in 2016 Pro-Show

By *Mary-Emma Barnhill*

(Editor's Note: Last issue, we have an abundance of 4-H Club copy and pictures, with the Pro-Show coverage, plus the photos of the Colchester County 4-H Banquet and awards ceremony, we held this article from Mary-Emma with winners from the Pro-Show back for this month. As a result we've combined two months in one).

The holidays are arriving and the Onslow-Belmont Club has lots planned! We will be doing a Christmas Index by sponsoring a family in need and sending gifts and food. The Colchester 4-H County also had a float in the Santa Claus Parade. The theme was Home for the Holidays. Our float had a cookie-decorating kitchen theme. We had many members helping to plan it or riding on it in the parade. The parade was held the evening of November 19th.

This year, Colchester County 4-H Club will have a decorated Christmas tree on display in the Truro Mall along

with four other non-profit associations. People will be able to donate money to their favorite tree, which will be given to that organization. The organization, whose tree has the most money donated, will get an additional \$250 from the mall. Please remember to go out and donate!

The Nova Scotia 4-H Council Annual General Meeting was held in Debert this year on November 20-21 at the Debert Hospitality Centre. Council members discussed the policies and procedures of 4-H.

This year, Pro Show was held at the NSPE Grounds in Truro. Many of our members competed, volunteered, or attended. Competitors from the Onslow Belmont 4-H Club were;

**Livestock:**

**Dairy:** Junior-Annika Masters. **Beef:** Senior-William Cooper. **Sheep:** Junior-Sarah Kittilsen; Senior-Andrea Hamilton. **Light Horse:** Junior-Taylor Dickson. **Goat:** Junior-Jillian Hill-MacMillan. **Poultry:** Junior-Sarah Kittilsen. **Draft**

**Horse:** Senior-Michael Congdon. **English Light Horse:** Senior-Michael Congdon. **Western Light Horse:** Junior-Taylor Dickson. **Dog Obedience (Pre-Novice):** Amy Harrington. **Poultry (American):** Douglas White. **Sheep (All Ram Lambs):** Ciara Congdon. **Holstein Calves (Jr. Calf):** Logan Dickie; (Int. Calf)-Lane Yuill; (Sr. Calf)-Taylor Masters; (Jr. Yearling)-Cole Yuill. **Ayrshire Calves (Int. Calf):** Annika Masters. **Jersey Calves (Sum. Yearling):** Holly Masters. **Other Purebred Beef Breeds (Sr. Heifer):** Alex Smith. **Limousin Calves (Jr. Calf):** Ian Kittilsen; (Int. Heifer)-William Cooper and Meghan Wynn; (Sr. Heifer)-Serena DelMastro. **Draft Horse (Mane and Tail Braiding):** Michael Congdon.

**Life Skills:**

**Foods:** Junior-Jasmin Atkinson and Mallori Llewellyn. **Heritage:** Junior-Sarah Kittilsen; Senior-Taylor Masters and Michael Congdon. **Great Outdoors:** Junior-Ian Kittilsen. **Small Engines:** Junior-Timothy Porter. **Horticulture-Garden:** Junior-Timothy Porter. **Scrapbooking:** Junior-Jasmin Atkinson. **Photography:** Senior-Serena DelMastro.

**Judging:**

**Beef:** Junior-Ian Kittilsen; **Senior:** Megan Wynn. **Light Horse:** Senior-Keiana

Llewellyn. **Poultry:** Junior-Lauren Sooksom. **Great Outdoors:** Junior-Timothy Porter. **Garden:** Junior-Timothy Porter. **Photography:** Senior-Michael Congdon. **Draft Horse:** Senior-Michael Congdon.

**Competitions:**

**Vegetable Preparation Competition:** Junior-Timothy Porter. **Foods Preparation Competition:** Junior-Abby Thomson. **Crafts Competition:** Junior-Marion Porter. **Scrapbooking Competition:** Junior-Jessie Little. **Reginald and Donald Schorthorn Memorial Competition:** Team Member-Megan Wynn. **Sheep Clipping Competition:** Team Members-Ciara Congdon and Sarah Kittilsen.

**Winners of Champion or Reserve Champion were:**

William Cooper-Champion Market Steer, Serena DelMastro-Champion Limosin Female, Lane Yuill-Champion Holstein Calf, Royal Dairy Classic, and Champion Dairy Calf, Michael Congdon-Reserve Champion Draft Horse Judge and Champion Sr. Heritage Project Collection, Sarah Kittilsen-Reserve Champion Jr. Heritage Project Collection, Cole Yuill-Royal Dairy Classic, and Megan Wynn-Reginald & Donald Scothorn Dairy Clipping Competition.

Many of our members also placed very well, so congratulations to everyone who competed. Thanks also to all our leaders and volunteers who

# Winter Driving Reminders

By *Christine Urquhart*

We also must prepare our "driving" selves! Here are a couple of winter driving reminders: Drive defensively and remember that you'll need a lot more room to stop than during the fall; Be aware of the road conditions and don't push it too hard on the highway.

Make sure to scrape all the snow and ice off your car before hitting the road; Keep an emergency kit in your car. At a minimum, it should have a blanket, flashlight and candle. Keep your car well-maintained as that will dramatically reduce your chances of suffering a mid-winter breakdown.

Give service vehicles and emergency responders the space to safely do their jobs. When we see emergency responders and service vehicles (such as roadside assistance

vehicles) on the road or highway with their lights flashing we know they are helping someone to safety.

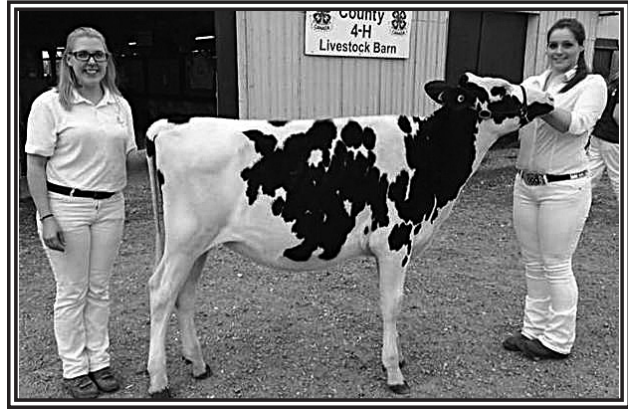
When we encounter these situations, how we react with our own driving plays an important role.

In Nova Scotia it is the law that drivers passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights most slow down to the speed limit or 60km/h (whichever is less), and must vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle, if it's safe to do so.

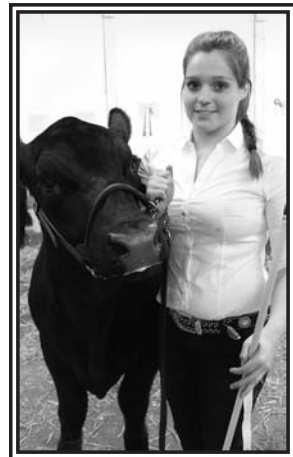
Let us protect those who go out to help those in need!



Colchester County's Tug of War team competing at Pro Show. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)



From left to right, Erica Jackson and Megan Wynn, Champion Dairy Clipping Competition winners with their calf. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)



Megan Wynn with her Market Steer, who placed 7th out of 14 competitors. The local bidders were Masstown Market and Wilson's Fuels. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)



Lifeskills Display-Colchester County's Lifeskills display at Pro Show. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)



The Colchester County Tug of War team with their medals. The team placed well, being awarded Reserve Champion. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)

helped make Pro Show a success!



The County Awards night was held on October 22nd. There were many of our senior members that received

bursaries and Onslow Belmont was given the Top Club award for the county!

*Mary-Emma Barnhill is the new club reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club*

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