



4-H Leadership Awards



Teresa McNutt presents Colleene Jackson, Stewiacke Valley with a 35 Year Leader Award.



Teresa McNutt presents Valerie Taylor, of Brookfield with a 20 Year Leader Award.



Council President Teresa McNutt presents Jennifer Porter, Onslow Belmont with a 10 Year Leader Award.



Teresa McNutt presents Kim Ferguson and Janice Bush, of North Shore the Award for Most Improved Club.

Londonderry Community Council News

By Anne Spencer

Wow, here we are again. My last chance to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as this issue even though dated as the January issue it will be published before Christmas.

The Hunter's Breakfasts were a huge success again this year. Thumbs up to all the workers, worked so hard throughout the 7 weeks. It's only a success due to all your dedicated hours of volunteer work. (sometimes work, sometimes fun). Of course, we have to thank all the patrons who attended the breakfasts. Nice to see familiar faces again and to see all the new people coming, it's becoming Londonderry's "social event" of the year.

A very big thank you to Hunt Outdoors for their support and generous donations to our door prizes each week. Don't forget to redeem your discount coupons as well. You still have time to get that last minute gift. Recent winners of the \$100 gift certificates were Clay Gamble and Greg Slack. The \$300 Hunt Outdoor gift certi-

cate was won by Tim Bartlett, Great Village. Congratulations to all.

The floral arrangement generously donated by Peg Adams was won by Deanna Martell. The jackpot 50/50 of over \$400 was won by Linda Giddens. Congrats to all the winners and once again thank you for your patronage.

The "Ladies Night Potluck and Auction" was a great success this year as well. Hosted by the Thirsty Church, there was a really good turn-out, lots of food and fun. A big thank you to our auctioneers/comics, Marg Barnes and Bertha Johnson. I personally think they make better stand-up comics than auctioneers, however, they did a super job.

December 8th saw an excited (or should I say over-excited) bunch of kids gather at the hall for Breakfast with Santa, under the direction of Debbie (Alexander) McMullen. I'm not sure how many of them actually ate their breakfast but they were wound up and ready when Santa made his appearance. Each and every child got to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what they wanted for

Christmas (even some big kids!). Santa and his helper gave out candy canes to an excited group. Thanks to all who made this a success, most especially to Santa and his Helper.

The Christmas "Eve" service at the Thirsty Church will be held Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm. It will be community led and casual. Kids and families welcome. Come on out, it's always a great time and a nice gathering in the spirit of Christmas.

Our sincere condolences go out to the Casey family in the loss of Ruth Casey. She was a pillar of the community and will be greatly missed.

Hunting season is over for this year. I was going to do a bit on who "didn't" this year and then I decided that those who "didn't", already know who they are and are probably still hurting so I won't rub salt in their wounds. (But, we all know who you are....). Not much for gossip this time...I guess everyone is too busy getting

ready for Christmas to pay attention to what's happening...oh, before I forget...Peg Miller would like to thank Daniel Eagles for looking after her car on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013.

Well, this will be the last posting of 2013 so hopefully everyone will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to bringing you the Londonderry Community news updates in the new year. I hear rumors of a Junior Council maybe happening in the new year.

Don't forget to tell your family you love them and if you want to see your name in print, give me a call at 668-2002. Love you boys!



4-H Clubs can win up to \$60,000 in Video Competition

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and 4-H Canada have announced the **Shout Out for Ag!** video competition for a second year. Feeding off of the success of the first **Shout Out for Ag!** competition last year, FCC made the announcement during the National 4-H Members Conference.

Last year, 4-H members and clubs rose to the challenge for the first-ever contest and posted videos that explained why they were passionate about Canadian agriculture. Almost \$20,000 in prize money was awarded to provincial winners and the national winner.

The 2014 competition is back with five categories and \$60,000 in prize money, in which 4-H clubs across Canada may apply. Categories include:

- Leadership in agriculture is important because . . .
- We joined 4-H because . . .
- We want to pursue a career in agriculture because . . .
- What is the future of science and technology in agriculture?
- What can every Canadian do to sustain feeding the planet?

New categories have been created to generate more entries and more winners to reach more clubs. Top entries from each category and province will be declared winners and will advance onto national finals. Complete contest rules and details will be posted on the 4-H Canada website.

The 2014 edition of **Shout Out for Ag!** opens on January 1, 2014 and will close on February 15, 2014.

"The longstanding support from FCC towards developing future leaders ensures that youth from across Canada can experience the 'Learn To Do By Doing' philosophy first-hand," said 4-H Canada's CEO, Shannon Benner.

"We are proud to be a partner in the **Shout Out for Ag!** competition for the second straight year to offer more prizing to more 4-H clubs across Canada," said Lyndon

Carlson, FCC's Senior Vice President of Marketing. "FCC's partnership with 4-H Canada dates back nearly 25 years, and this latest project aligns perfectly with our belief that young people in rural Canada have creative and positive stories to share with the rest of the country."

About 4-H Canada: 4-H is one of Canada's longest-running and most respected youth-serving organizations helping young Canadians to "Learn to Do by Doing" in a safe environment. With more than 24,000 members and 7,500 volunteer leaders, the 4-H community has extended beyond its rural roots and offers clubs for a diverse range of interests and skills across the country. Provided with the tools and guidance 4-H members work individually and with others to reach their goals. This unique combination of group-based learning and personal interests is what makes the 4-H experience exciting and memorable for everyone involved. Through this process, we are creating a 4-H culture of skilled, responsible and confident leaders that are committed to positively impacting their communities across Canada. At a national program level, members have the chance to travel nationally and internationally, and participate in leadership conferences and seminars.

To learn more about 4-H Canada and apply, visit: www.4-h-canada.ca.

About FCC: As Canada's leading agriculture lender, FCC is advancing the business of agriculture. With a healthy portfolio of more than \$25 billion and 20 consecutive years of portfolio growth, FCC is strong and stable – committed to serving the industry through all cycles and to being socially and environmentally responsible. FCC provides financing, insurance, software, learning programs and other business services to producers, agribusinesses and agri-food operations. Employees are passionate about agriculture and committed to the success of customers and the industry. For more information, visit www.fcc.ca. Follow Farm Credit Canada on Facebook, and on Twitter @FCCagriculture.

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