



Congratulations to West Colchester Consolidated School who recently found out they were the lucky recipients of a \$25,000 Indigo Library Grant when CEO of Indigo Books, Heather Reisman arrived at the school to announce the big win. School Librarian, Mrs. Leah Unicomb was responsible for submitting the grant application. Left to right- Clint Oakley, Principal, Sherry Patriquin, Program Support Teacher, Leah Unicomb, Librarian and Ashley Fletcher, Grade 6 Teacher. (submitted)

## Liam Boyd Wins Trophy in Conception Bay



Liam Boyd, of Great Village, proudly displays a trophy he recently received for winning a bout in Conception Bay, NL. (submitted)

**By Linda Harrington**

Straight rights and jabs are all part of the training for this feisty young athlete. Liam Boyd, of Great Village, may have just turned 11 but he already has his sights set on the Canada Games.

This is Liam's second year boxing. He says he took up the sport when he saw an ad, thought it looked interesting and decided it would be a chance to try something new. "I enjoy boxing because it is a fun way to be active...and I get to punch people," he says with a smile.

Four nights a week Liam trains at the Hubtown Boxing Club in the old PMR School on Willow Street with coach, Peter Allen. He is at the Junior A Level but often finds it hard to find matching opponents, who must be approximately the same age, experience and weight class.

In May, Liam was excited to travel to Newfoundland for the Conception Bay South (CBS) Boxing Club's 25th Anniversary, at the Legion in Kelliwicks Conception Bay South. There were 22 boxers from 5 clubs, with 11 bouts. Accompanying Liam were his mother, Heather, Head Coach Peter Allen, team mates Logan Seewald and Blade Knockwood and Logan's dad. The boys were billeted out in NL and received the very best hospitality from their host families. Liam was billeted at CBS's head coach's house, Todd Rideout.

Friday night, Liam lost his first bout but he came back to win on Saturday against the same opponent by unanimous decision. Liam's travel expenses were generously sponsored by

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Heather Boyd says she has mixed emotions watching her son in the ring. "As a mother I find it hard to watch, especially if he is not doing well, but he trains hard so he can handle it. I've been in the ring myself, so it gives me real perspective. It's a sport where I have the utmost respect for the athletes and the training they commit to."

Liam, a student at WCCS, Bass River continues to enjoy his time in the ring, putting in many hours of training with a long-term goal on his mind. "Someday I hope to box in the Canada Games or go to Nationals."

We wish this determined young athlete all the best!



Eleven year old Liam Boyd gets some pointers from his boxing coach Peter Allen. Liam trains at the Hubtown Boxing Club. (submitted)



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## Onslow-Belmont 4-H Achievement Day July 20

**By Natalie Porter**

Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club will be having our Achievement Day on July 20th. It will be held at Fred and Anne Hamilton's farm in Lower Onslow. At Achievement Day all members are required to bring their projects to be judged and their animals to be shown. At the end of the day members receive their completion certificates and awards are presented. Everyone is invited to come and see all that our members have achieved.



This a picture of our decorating committee at work. Front left to right: Emma Macmillan, Jasmine Atkinson, Jillian Macmillan, Thomas Barnhill, Lauren Sooksum, and Abby Thompson. Back left to right: Micheal Congdon, Mary-Emma Barnhill, and Carlie Barnhill. (Natalie Porter Photo)

meeting if the President is absent.

The Secretary keeps minutes for each general meeting, which are read at the next meeting. The Secretary also takes roll call.

Other positions have the following responsibilities: The Club Reporter lets the public know what activities and events are going on within the Club. This is done by writing small reports and sending them to the local media. The Treasurer keeps an accurate account of all money. A report on the status of our account is given each month at the general meeting and the Recreational Coordinator plans

games for our general meeting. On Sunday June 26th our Tug of War team is starting practices.

Our Exhibition Decorating Committee has been working hard on making decorations for the 2016 Exhibition. The committee decorates the livestock and life-skills displays at the exhibition each year. They have to make decorations that correspond with the year's theme.

At the end of the 4-H exhibition days the club with the best livestock and liveskills display are each recognized for this achievement.

**Natalie Porter is reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.**