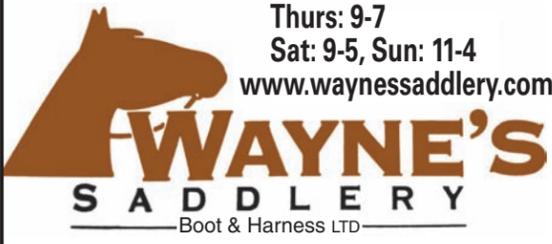


# Onslow-Belmont 4-H Achievement Day – July 19<sup>TH</sup>



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By Mary-Emma Barnhill

Today I will be talking to you about Exploring 4H, which is a project for Cloverbuds and new members in 4H who want to try a variety of projects.

Members in Exploring 4H attend a different project meeting each month.

They must explore at least 6 different projects or other aspects of 4H.

It is a great way to get into 4H and find out which projects you are interested in.

For Achievement Day, Exploring 4H members will create a box with six simple articles they have created, with each article

representing a different project.

This year, our Exploring 4H members visited a number of different projects, including beef, sheep, rabbit, and foods.

This year, our Achievement Day will be held on July 19th. At Achievement Day, Lifeskills members will submit project items to be judged.

Livestock members will show their animals for the judges. Members must also complete record sheets for each project they are in. Although Achievement Day is not competitive, each member will get a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon.

The placing will not be determined by comparing project items to each other, but by the overall quality of each item.

This is what the members have been working towards all year, so we are all looking forward to it!



Exploring 4H members Sean Loomer and Thomas White at a Beef meeting. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)



Sean Loomer and Thomas White show off their 4H pride by holding up clovers at a Sheep meeting. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)

## T.N.R. 4-H Members Canvass for Diabetes Association

By Xavier LeBlanc

May and June have both been busy months for the T.N.R. 4-H club. With the year winding to a close for many members who have chosen not to go to exhibition, we're in a bit of a crunch to get all the last-minute little things taken care of.

In May, we went canvassing in Bible Hill for the Canadian Diabetes Association, collecting as many do-

nations as possible. We also had county judging and 4-H Weekend, an event for members from all over the province held at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus.

June has seen a Rabbit and Cavy Clinic held by the Brookfield 4-H club that many of our rabbit and cavy members attended; they learned a lot about the different breeds of these animals from breed-



ers, and about general health and care from vets.

The profits from this clinic are going towards hiring a rabbit judge from the American Rabbit Breeder's Association (ARBA) for Pro-Show in the fall.

There was also a showmanship clinic earlier in the month for members to learn how to show different types of livestock.

Around the middle of the month, we went swimming at Scotia Pool for our monthly club activity. For the second year in a row, we hosted the canteen at the National Lumberjack Competition, as well as helping with clean up and timing.

Later this month, the Junior and Intermediate tours are being held, with members in those age categories from all over the county taking part. Achievement Day is coming up this Sunday, June 25.

There's a rush to get animals ready and the finishing touches put on our projects for then, to showcase everything we've done and learned over the past year. It's being held at the NSPE grounds in Bible Hill, and everything starts at 9am.

This is a public event and there's no admission cost, so feel free to come and watch.

There will be a silent cake auction as well, so bring money for that if you plan on bidding.

Xavier LeBlanc is reporter for the Truro-North River 4-H Club.

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