

On Line Supplement to the Alberta 4-H Magazine

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Thank you to all who submitted articles to be published in the winter edition of the Alberta 4-H Magazine. Keep up the great job sending in articles. Due to a limit in the size of the magazine the following articles could not be published in the winter 2008 version.

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South Region - Awards Night Recap

BY GINNY SMITH

Program Assistant

During a recent evening of recognition, an event that was supported by FortisAlberta and the Southern 4-H Regional Council, members who had excelled in the 2007-2008 club year were recognized. Results are as follows:

Aggregate

The aggregate results from the South's two regional judging competitions:

Junior:

- 1st - Carson Pickett (Gem 4-H Beef Club)
- 2nd – Scott Stimson (Gem 4-H Beef Club)
- 3rd – Nevin Sereda (Prairie Roses 4-H Multi Club)

Intermediate:

- 1st – Cameron Olson (South Country 4-H Judging Club)
- 2nd – Cody Isley (South Country 4-H Judging Club)
- 3rd – Nicona Brost (Irvine 4-H Beef Club)

Senior:

- 1st – Emily Puch (South Country 4-H Judging Club)
- 2nd – Tyson Hertz (John Ware 4-H Beef Club)
- 3rd – Taylor Isley (South Country 4-H Judging Club)

Judging

Kudos to Southern senior members who advanced from Provincial Judging to other competitions:

- Emily Puch (South Country 4-H Judging Club and Foothills 4-H Beef Club) and Emily Wall (Coaldale 4-H Equestrian Club) will both be part of the four-member team competing at the National Western 4-H Round-up in Denver, Colorado in January 2009;
- Colten Bodie (Readymade 4-H Beef Club) will be participating in the Canadian National 4-H and Youth Judging Competition, which is held in conjunction with Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan in November;
- Tyson Hertz (John Ware 4-H Beef Club) will be attending the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado in January 2009.

Record Book Competition Winners:

Juniors:

- 1st – Alicia Ebelher (Cactus Country District)
- 2nd – Colton Musgrove (Newell District)
- 3rd – Victoria Wehlage (Warner District)

Intermediates:

- 1st – Lori Hart (Cactus Country District)
- 2nd – Katie Musgrove (Newell District)
- 3rd – Stuart Smith (Lethbridge District)

Seniors:

- 1st – Jory Stenger (Cactus Country District)
- 2nd – Kathleen Nester (Newell District)
- 3rd – Katie Roske (Willow Creek District)

Scholarships

The recognition evening ended with the presentation of thirty-one regional scholarships to 4-H members who are pursuing further education:

J. P. Ignatius (TX Bar Ranches)

Jodi Christensen, Jory Stenger, Daniel Grudecki, April Stanko

Milo Barfuss "Spirit of 4-H" Scholarship

Avery Wall, Janay Doenz

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Millennium Scholarship

Amanda High, Charmayne Kading, Ashley Brau, Carson Dennis, Alexis McNeill, Kendall Jalbert

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Bursaries

Elizabeth Pittman, Caitlin Gillen, Jesse Baron, Katarina Oczkowski, Emily Wall, Nicholas Sereda, Darla McGlynn, Daniel Hertz

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Council Centennial Scholarship

Caitlin Smith, Emily Van Maarion, Renae Larnus, Melodie Holthe, Erin Friesen, Amanda Doyle, Shannon Wesley, Jaylene Schussler

The Oldman River Pinto Light Horse Club Scholarship

Katie Stuckey

Canadian Livestock Curling Association 4-H Scholarship

Colten Bodie

Southern Alberta 4-H Regional Light Horse Committee Centennial Scholarship

Stephanie Parker

Back into the Swing of Things

By KATIE KRAEMER

Club Reporter

With the club's first meeting held on October 14 at the Springbank United Church, the Jumping Pound 4-H Beef Club is up and running for the 33rd consecutive year. Having Clint and Glenda Giles and Grant and Twila Birchall leading the club, it is sure to be yet another successful year.

Kelsey Cartwright will be effective as the newly appointed club President for the 2008-2009 executive, and Chantelle Birchall showed great leadership by accepting the position of Vice. The remainder of this year's executive includes Amy Kraemer as Secretary, Randi-Lyn Giles with the position of Treasurer, the Club Reporter being Katie Kraemer and Megan Wideman and Kayla Cartwright demonstrating their artistic abilities as the Club Historians. And post-elections, for the fourth year in a row, it was realized that Jumping Pound had a female executive at the helm.

Later on in October the club will be baking cookies to donate to the Tom Baker Cancer Society. The mass cookie-baking event is made possible by Cochrane High School who generously allows the club to utilize their kitchen facilities. The next meeting will be on November 11, putting the newly elected executive to the test for the first time.

Big Hill West Light Horse 4-H Club

BY ANNESSA GOOD

Club Reporter

Wow – what a year! This fall sure has been a busy one!

Our Achievement Day was held September 21, 2008 and it was a blast. The day started with all 18 members participating in a grand entry parade, with pleasure and gymkhana classes to follow. Laughter was everywhere as people tried to slow their horses down for pleasure class, and then asked for speed in the next one. All in all it was a great day and we all cherished the memories of the 2007/2008 year.

October has been one busy month. It started out with electing positions, dismount training and finally, preparing for the Halloween ride! The club is very excited to invite 11 new members to the club - totaling 27 4-H members! So far this month the club has been very busy blending the old with the new. After all, that is what 4-H is all about: respecting the classic traditions and blending those with today's society. Here at Big Hill West Light Horse 4-H Club, we all are looking forward to a great new year!



Members send out a big thank you to UFA who sponsored the Big Hill West Achievement Day.



Big Hill West Light Horse 4-H Club on Achievement Day.

Cadogan 4-H Light Horse - Trail Ride

BY KATRINA GANSER

Treasurer



The trail ride was a blast!

The Cadogan Light Horse 4-H Club held their first ever trail ride on August 24-25, 2008 at one of the leader's farms. Most of the members took part in the trail ride, as did some family members - a father of one of the members even brought his team and wagon along. All in all, the ride proved to be a great experience for both the riders and their horses.

On the first day, the ride was about four hours long and took us over different terrain and topography. Once we arrived back to the farm, we unsaddled our horses and took care of them. We had a bonfire supper and then relaxed and visited for the rest of the evening.

The second day was even more fun! On this day we rode for about five hours and took another different route. We stopped for lunch and a couple times for a break. When we arrived back to the farmyard, the riders unsaddled their horses, brushed them off then turned them out to cool off and to eat. An hour and a half later, Miranda, one of the club's leaders, told us to get our horses and just put the bridle on them. We played fun games on bareback like an egg and spoon race, a new game where you have to hold a cup of water with your mouth without spilling the water, and lastly, barrel racing while holding a pail of water. After the games, everybody kept switching horses to try something different. We then ate supper and headed off to bed.

The consensus was unanimous - everyone that participated in the trail ride had a really wonderful time.

“Show Your Colours”

Clive Multi 4-H Club, 4-H Awareness Month

For the 4-H National Awareness Month of November 2007, and a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of 4-H, our club went back to one of the basics: FOOD! We organized and hosted a lunch/supper buffet at a local café on Saturday, November 24. All eleven club members met on Friday night to prepare the food for the buffet, with the menu being recipes from the 4-H Cookbooks. This was truly a “learn to do by doing” experience for us!

The café is always a busy place and we made it even busier. In addition to us cooking the buffet items and serving them to hungry people, a display showed many of the benefits of 4-H and about our club.

However, creating 4-H awareness did not stop inside the café. Our club also took part in the Electronics Round-up fundraiser, which promotes the healthy clean up of our environment. Although the day was cold, members were kept warm with hot chocolate and smiles, and of course, the odd trip inside to check out the buffet!

Hanna Prairie Riders host Horse Show

BY HEATHER PEDERSEN

General Leader

The Hanna Prairie Riders 4-H Club hosted the 2008 East Central Regional Horse Show July 18-19. With a Friday night camp out and games, and a Saturday show, there was plenty of time to mingle with other members.

A total of 29 members participated in the show with classes ranging from halter/judging to costume to gymkhana. Thank you to all participants for making the show a success. Pride should be taken in your accomplishments and hope to see you at the next one.

North 40-Mile 4-H Beef Club joins The Project Porchlight Campaign in 2008

BY MONIQUE KUSTERS

4-H Leader

The Project Porchlight initiative relies on volunteers to distribute free, Energy Star-qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs door-to-door to homes across Alberta. Members of the North 40-Mile 4-H Beef Club, seeing this as a very worthwhile act of community service, were more than interested in helping out with.

On April 1, 4-H members saddled with bags filled with light bulbs and information pamphlets, and parents delivered Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) to the residents of Bow Island and throughout the Burdett area.

The Project provided delivery bags, identification buttons, toques and caps and residents were excited to receive a free, energy-efficient light bulb.

Overall the event was a success!!

Gibbons 4-H Sew & Sos Multi Club

BY LEONA PETHERBRIDGE

Club Leader

As a final highlight for the 2007/2008 year, the Gibbons 4-H Sew & Sos Multi Club traveled to southern Alberta this summer. From August 11-15 a total of 16 members motored through the province by school bus, finding accommodation in churches or halls in the communities along the way and reveling in the daily swim in a local pool where everyone appreciated the water and the hot tubs!

Leaving the Bon Accord area at 7 a.m., the first stop was the Drumheller Paleontology Museum, where the members spent three hours browsing through the displays. After confirming the evening's accommodations at the Church of the Nazarene, the busload of members traveled to the Atlas Coal Mine, learning how people with this livelihood managed to survive in the early 1920s. The Hoodoos and the Swinging Bridge completed the tour for the day, including climbing the hills to the very top to wave a friendly hello to the folks below.

Bright and early the next morning, we traveled moved on to Coaldale to visit the Birds of Prey Sanctuary. This Sanctuary, which is voluntarily run, is supported by donated monies from visitors and people of interest and is where the volunteers care for hurt, orphaned or lost birds. Many of our members were excited as they were allowed to feed and to hold some of the birds in their own hands!

Our third day led us to Fort MacLeod, where we visited the museum and watched the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride. Our next visit was to the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, where we not only visited the museum, but also got to watch dancers of the First Nations perform! Oh what a sight, with the graceful dance moves and beautiful regalia costumes! After supper and a swim in Pincher Creek, we headed for Twin Butte for our evening stay.



Waterton Park was the destination of the fourth day. In addition to enjoying our climb on Bear's Hump, we also saw a bear and her cub, and then another, not to mention a deer – and we did all reach the top of the climb in order to take in the panoramic view. We also took in Red Rock Canyon and enjoyed shopping in Waterton Park - especially the candy store! Before reaching our evening destination of Turner Valley, we stopped for a view of the Frank Slide to see the massive rock slide that devastated a small town in 1903.

In the morning we left Turner Valley and headed to Sylvan Lake, where we basked in the hot summer sun and enjoyed the last day of our Southern Alberta bus trip.

What a trip to remember!

