

# Leeds County 4H showcase

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The cows moored. The crowd, made of proud parents, family and friends, watched in the beating sun as judge, Kevin McLean, with quiet, concentration, surveyed the large class of novice 4H Club members at the Saturday September 16 Leeds County Showcase at the Lansdowne Fairgrounds. He knew what he was looking for; their show person comportment, a bright, alert smile; eye to eye contact showing respectful acknowledgement of his judging. Their show person skill: the knowledge of where to position the hand on the point of the shoulder; the knowledge to place the calf's outside (relative to the ring) foot further ahead of the inside foot; the proper holding of the halter in the left hand,

keeping the calf's head up, giving them the control they need to stop their calf. Tessa Dwyre, instrumental in organizing the day, and Dairy Leader for the Lombardy Club said the novice class is for kids from 9 to 11. "It could be their first showing or they may have been at the Lombardy Fair."

Judge McLean said, "I hope you appreciated the talent of these young people as much as I did." Though, of course, it was necessary to make choices and place the young participants, McLean said he feels that it's more important "to be coaching and encouraging 4-Hers than to be placing them." He also said that hopefully his pointers will help them improve each year as they make their way through 4H and maybe someday, show at

The Royal Winter Fair.

The calves were lead back into the barn, beds of deep straw waiting for them. Water was quickly provided, and though a little hot, but singularly calm, calf after calf, quietly settled, often lying down, eating hay and receiving hugs and kisses from their young handlers. For some calves it was right back to the show ring as, calves are at times, shared by young participants.

It is often through the generosity of 4H farms like Roosberg Farms that kids, who have no access to livestock, get to participate in 4H.

First place Novice Dairy Showperson Katelyn Jackson, 12, of Evenstar Farm said that she was "Really happy." She said she'd had been working with her calf Rumbles since its birth in



(L-R): Champion Dairy Showmen; Vanessa Birt - Honourable Mention; Sheldon Shane- Reserve Champion; Lyndsay Dickson - Grand Champion, all participated at the recent 4H awards event. Photo: Catherine Orth

## Three new interpretive signs

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The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands (TLTI), championed by the Municipal Heritage Committee, announces three new interpretive municipal signs, located at Blue Mountain, Marble Rock and The Outlet.

The Municipal Heritage Committee is dedicated to the conservation, protection and promotion of the heritage of Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, including its natural environment, its evolving cultural history, and archival, architectural and archaeological assets.

"Cultural and heritage based tourism is one of

the fastest growing tourism segments," explained Pierre Mercier, Committee Member. Benefits of this tourism sector include protection and preservation of locally significant resources, enhancement of local image and pride, preservation and documentation of local tradition, customs and culture, and heightened awareness of local sites of historical interest. Furthermore, cultural and heritage based tourists tend to come and stay within an area frequenting restaurants, galleries, shops and other amenities which is of economic value. Mercier also noted, "This signage is designed to enhance the tourist experience."

An official unveiling ceremony with refreshments will take place on October 7, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at The Outlet. The event includes stories and memories from each location. After the ceremony participants are encouraged to tour each location and view the signs surrounded by the spectacular fall colours.

You can find the signs at:

The Outlet: Across from Twist's Outlet on County Road 3

Blue Mountain: Intersection of Blue Mountain Road and Warburton Road

Marble Rock: Intersection of Marble Rock Road and Gan Lake Road

March. "We get along really well."

Besides the calves, in all, sheep, goats, and their show persons were judged throughout the day in a variety of classes.

Also each club's area in the show hall is judged. Efforts go into making each area, clean and attractive. This is called the Tie-up. The Tie-up was won by Lyn-Athens Dairy Club.

In the Goat Class, 11 members participated. Grand Champion Showperson was Carina Walski. Reserve

Champion: Kendra Walski; Honourable Mention: Claire Warren.

Grand Champion Goat was won by Carina Walski. Reserve Champion Goat: Leon Eberhard; Honourable Mention Goat: Will Warren.

In the Beef Class, 7 members competed. Grand Champion Showperson was Erica Heuhorst. Reserve

Champion Showperson: Will Warren. Grand Champion Beef Heifer: Madison McKenna Reserve

Beef Heifer: Will Warren

In the Dairy Class, 28 members competed. Grand Champion Showperson was

Lyndsay Dickson. Reserve Champion Showperson: Sheldon Shane and Honourable Mention: Vanessa Birt

Overall Livestock Person with 32 members was won by Grand

Champion, Kendra Walski; Reserve Champion: Carina Walski, sisters from Lansdowne and Honourable Mention was awarded to Shayna Dickson of Smith Falls.

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