

# ELGIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

January 2017



## President's Message

By Henry Helder

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. May you have a good 2017!

Let us suppose that you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400.00, carried no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep cash in your account, and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent? Of course!!

Well, you have such a bank and its name is 'TIME'. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off as lost whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose. It carries no balance! It allows no overdrafts!

Each day it opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you failed to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the 'tomorrow'. You must live in the present - on today's deposits.

Now how are you going to use it and live it! This is a challenge to each one of us that reads this report. 2017 is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> centennial year. How are we going to spend each day this year? I hope that each one of us may have another year in 4-H of 'Learning to do by doing'.

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Mark your calendars for these events:

- Leaders Annual meeting & training session - February 11, 2017, 11 am at Union United church.
- 4-H Awards and fun night - March 28, 2017, 7 pm at Keystone Complex Shedden.

Full details of these events can be found inside this newsletter.

I hope to see everyone at these events.

I would like to leave you with this:

Did you know that..... generosity doesn't exist until you give it away!

*Henry*





## Elgin County 4-H Annual Meeting & Volunteer Workshop

**Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017**  
**Place: Union United Church**  
**6008 Stone Church Road, Union**  
**Time: 11:00 am**

Please RSVP by Monday, January 30, 2017  
to Roberta Gillard  
Phone: 519-633-3719  
Email: robertagillard@gmail.com



### New Club coming to East Elgin!

#### *Attention Farm Toy Lovers!*

Building on the success of the original Farm Toy Display club in Elgin, we are now offering an East Elgin Club.

What do we do? Learn the skills for making miniature farm models, attend tours of hobby shops/farm toy collections, make realistic-looking 1:64 scale farm displays and enter our displays in local fairs.

Meetings will be in the Winter/Spring 2017 with displays complete in July.

For details and to get on our contact list :

Brad and Janine Lunn - [jblunn5@gmail.com](mailto:jblunn5@gmail.com) or call [519.870.6321](tel:519.870.6321)



### *Elgin 4-H has a new web address!*

Check it out on the Elgin Federation of Agriculture's website at [www.elginfarmers.ca](http://www.elginfarmers.ca)

Leaders & Members - if you have any upcoming events, newsy items or photos that you want posted on the Elgin 4-H page send your information to:

[janine.lunn@ofa.on.ca](mailto:janine.lunn@ofa.on.ca) or [robertagillard@gmail.com](mailto:robertagillard@gmail.com)

Upcoming events will also be listed on the events calendar on the website, so be sure to check it out!



# Member Awards Celebration!

**When:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**Where:** Shedden Keystone Complex

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Come out and meet your 4-H Friends and Leaders from across the county.

**Everyone Welcome!**

Here is a sneak preview of some of the members that will be presented with an award for their achievements in 4-H in 2016. See your name on the list or someone you know? Plan on attending to help celebrate these great accomplishments!

## New Members

Markus Abell  
Fionna Campbell  
DJ Coutts  
Kendra Cornelissen  
Will Coutts  
Chris Damen  
Willy Ferguson  
James Ferguson  
Emily Hartle  
Troy Helka  
Ilse Kloosterman  
Mark Kloosterman  
Mason Lunn  
Owen Lunn  
Jonah Mantel  
Bryson Palmer  
Joshua Rieger  
Amy Shaw  
Emily Stage  
Hayden Sprague  
Joshua Ward  
Stella Watson  
Jackson Woods



## 6 Project Provincial Seal

Xavier Lunn  
Tegan Rouse  
Carson Silverthorn  
Emma Vandenbroek

## 12 Project Provincial Seal

Christopher Haasen  
Evan Jenkins  
MacKenzie Ransom

## 18 Project Provincial Seal

Jaden Nesbitt  
Alexandra Ransom  
Emily Unger

## 24 Project Provincial Seal

Devin Catt  
Ian McCallum  
Erin Unger

## 30 Project Provincial Seal

Dennis Catt





These 3 members attended the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto in November 2016.

## Your Elgin County 4-H Association

President: Henry Helder

519-765-2623

Vice President: Jeff McCallum

jeff.mccallum@gmail.com

Secretary: Maureen Jenkins

haldrey@xplornet.ca

Treasurer: Roberta Gillard

[robertagillard@gmail.com](mailto:robertagillard@gmail.com)

Membership Coordinator: Diane & Don Catt

519-765-1154

Screening Coordinator: Gayle Bogart

519-764-2219

Livestock Coordinator: Ray Dymock

519-762-3627

Association Representative: Henry Helder

Directors: Anne Marie Reymer ([billann@amtelecom.net](mailto:billann@amtelecom.net))

### Committees:

Go For the Gold: Maureen Jenkins, Ann Marie Reymer, Don & Diane Catt

Awards Night : Ken & Ruth Anne McCallum, Pam Silva

Newsletter: Karen Keith ([rkkeith25@gmail.com](mailto:rkkeith25@gmail.com))

Website: Janine Lunn ([janine.lunn@ofa.on.ca](mailto:janine.lunn@ofa.on.ca))

Regional Specialist: Andrew McTaggart, [region6@4-hontario.ca](mailto:region6@4-hontario.ca)

Please feel free to contact any of the above with your questions, concerns or ideas.



Check out these websites for some ideas for ice breakers for social recreation!

**Zip Zap Zoop**

[http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/Zip\\_Zap\\_Zoop](http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/Zip_Zap_Zoop)

**What If.....?**

A really crazy and fun icebreaker for teens, this game begins with each person receiving two notecards (or pieces of paper).

[http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#What\\_If](http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#What_If)

**Balloon War**

[http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Balloon\\_War](http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Balloon_War)

**Russian Roulette Balloon Pop**

Another balloon game and one of the most fun icebreakers, this takes some advance preparation.

[http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Russian\\_Roulette\\_Balloon\\_Pop](http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Russian_Roulette_Balloon_Pop)

**Do Not Laugh!**

Teens are notorious for doing the opposite of what they are told. This funny icebreaker game builds on this premise.

[http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Do\\_Not\\_Laugh](http://icebreakerideas.com/funny-icebreakers-kids-adults-teens/#Do_Not_Laugh)

**Newsletter Submissions**

Please send all newsletter submissions—events, meeting reports, photo, announcements, etc. to: [rkkeith25@gmail.com](mailto:rkkeith25@gmail.com)

Or mail to: Karen Keith, P.O. Box 120, Wallacetown, ON N0L 2M0

Deadline for the next newsletter is April 1, 2017.

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