



4-H Memories of

**Doug
Bender**

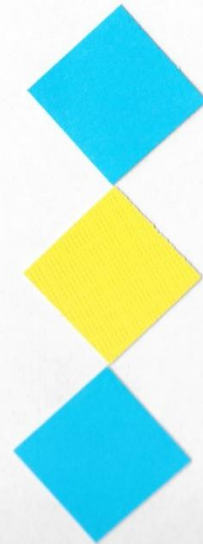
**who passed away
July 2019
at the age of 69**



SUPPORTING 4-H PROGRAMS—When 4-H directors and leaders Doug Bender, top left, and Cindy Van de Gevel, top right, were planning a raffle for the Perth County 4-H Leaders' Association, Mr. Bender's mother, Vera, centre, had a great suggestion. She offered this beautiful king-size quilt. Mary Zehr of the Milverton area had quilted it for her, and she got busy and bound it. The eggshell blue and off-white quilt with a horse and horseshoe design is especially appropriate for a 4-H fund-raising draw, and, as Mrs. Bender said, the quilting is perfect. Leisa Bender, front left, and Anna Van de Gevel, right, display the other prizes in the draw: a tennis racquet donated by Canadian Tire in Listowel and a portable stereo donated by M.C. Smith. Tickets are available from 4-H directors and leaders, and the draw will be held Nov. 30 at the annual meeting in Mitchell. (Banner Photo)



to
buy



1998



Perth County 4-H Leaders Ass.

1998 Council and Directors.

Front: Carol Jacobi, Beu Hayers and Jean Morris
2nd Row: Jennie Nichol, Barb Elg, Grace Orsch
Lesley Chapman and Florence Fawcett
Back Row: Nancy Ross, Doug Bender, Lisa Bender
Dianne Gollschalk, Sue McKay, Cindy
Van De Gevel and Nellie Van den Hoven...

Perth 4-H Leaders Association Meeting



L. to R. Grace Oesch
Jean Morris
Florence Fawcett
Doug Bender

2003



The 2003 Executive



Oct 2003



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RECOGNIZED WITH ART – Jean and Doug Bender (left and center), who for the last number of years have organized the local 4-H Achievement Night, and have long volunteered with 4-H, were honoured with a gift, Oct. 28, at this year's achievement night. The gift, a painting by a well-known Canadian

artist (M. Pipher) entitled Holstein Heifers Grazing, was presented to the Benders on behalf of the Listowel Rotary Club by its past-president Bob Trench. Every year the Rotary Club caters the meal for the achievement night and the club felt the Benders deserved the painting for all their volunteerism.

**Oct
2003**

Perth County 4-H Executive December 2003

Back Row: Nellie Vanden
Hoven, Doug Benden, Carol
Jacobi, Grace Oesch,
Lesley Chapman, Florence
Fawcett, Shelia Jibb,
Jean Morris. Front Row;
Barb Elg, Wendy Nethercott,
Janice Wagler, Jenni Nichol



2014 Perth County 4-H Executive and Directors



**Jean Morris, Grace Oesch, Doug Bender, Barb Elg, Lesley Chapman,
Nellie Van Den Hoven, Jennie Nichol, Sheila Jibb, Janice Wagler, Florence Fawcett**



**Nellie Van Den Hoven presenting the Teddy Bear
for the 2004 annual draw to Jean Bender.**



RABBIT CLUB — Members of the 2004 Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club are; from left, front row: David Bowman, Alex Kraus (second place rabbit), Alana Coneybeare (third place rabbit, Bing Harris Award), Ariana Heathers-Barth (first place rabbit) and Nicole Nuhn; back row: Sharon Crabb (leader), Mike Crabb (top showperson, top book), Tony Bell, Doug Bender (leader), Ben Lannin and Ryan Nuhn



**Perth County 4-H held a fundraising draw
for an ARGO all-terrain vehicle.
2005 International Plowing Match in Listowel**



2005



2005 International Plowing Match in Listowel



WINNER – Eldon Quanz had to clear some space on his driveway for his new \$9,000 Vanguard 2 Argo all-terrain vehicle. The Listowel man won his new toy in a draw organized by 4-H. His winning ticket was pulled by country singing star George Fox at the International Plowing Match in

September. Argo representative Michael Kelly, far right, delivered the eight-wheeler Nov. 8. Listowel 4-H director Doug Bender, who sold the winning ticket, and Ontario 4-H director Grace Oesch were on hand to ensure Mr. Quanz's first ride went smoothly.

**September 2005
International Plowing Match
in Listowel**



LISTOWEL RABBIT 4-H CLUB MEMBERS, from left: front, Alex Kraus, Cassidy Coghlin, Janine Van den Braak, Julia Lensvelt, Laura Ashley, Rebecca Galloway; back, Ariana Heather-Barth, Nicole Nunn, Doug Bender (leader), Mike Crabb, Ben Lannin, Makayla Nunn, Sharon Crabb (leader).

2005 North Perth 4-H Awards Night

Listowel 4-H dairy calf club has awards night

November 2005



SUBMITTED PHOTO

4-H—Kim Kieftenburg receives the Listowel Dairy Calf Club Top Novice Member award from leader Doug Bender at the recent area 4-H recognition night.



**Perth County 4-H
Leaders Association
Dinner & Annual Meeting
in December 2005**

Back: Nellie Vanden Hover (Pres.) Murray Needham
ASR Region 5, Todd Fawcett, Doug Bender
Front: Leslie Chapman (sec'y)
Grace Oesch (Trea.)
Florence Fawcett, Sheila Jibb,
Jean Morris, Barbara Elg,
Jennie Nichol, Janice Wagler

Celebrating 4-H Ontario's 90th Anniversary in 2005.





2006



2006

RABBIT CLUB – Members of the 4-H Rabbit Club, from left: Ryan Nunn, Shawn McCracken, Cassidy Coghlin, Janine VandenBraak, Lana Kraus, Laura Ashley, Rebecca Galloway, Candice DeWeerd; back, Charlene Ashley (leader), Alex Kraus, Mike Crabb, Ben Lannin, Julia Lensvelt, Kayla VandenBraak, Alana Coneybeare, Makayla Nuhn, Doug Bender (leader), Sharon Crabb (leader). Absent Lydia De Weerd .



Awards Galore

Listowel rabbit club members demonstrating how to show a rabbit.



October 2007 North Perth 4-H Banquet



RABBIT CLUB – Members of the Listowel Rabbit Club include, from left: front, Scott McCracken, Shawn McCracken, Lana Kraus, Candice DeWeerd, Jodi VandenBraak, Rebecca Galloway, Doug Bender (leader), Nicole Nunn, Ariana Heathers, Janine VandenBraak, Laura Ashley, Charlene Ashley (leader).

2007 Recognition Night at Listowel Ag Hall



**2008
North Perth
4-H Banquet**



July 2009
Listowel Fair Parade



Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club Achievement Day

“Showmanship”



July 2009
Listowel Agricultural Fair



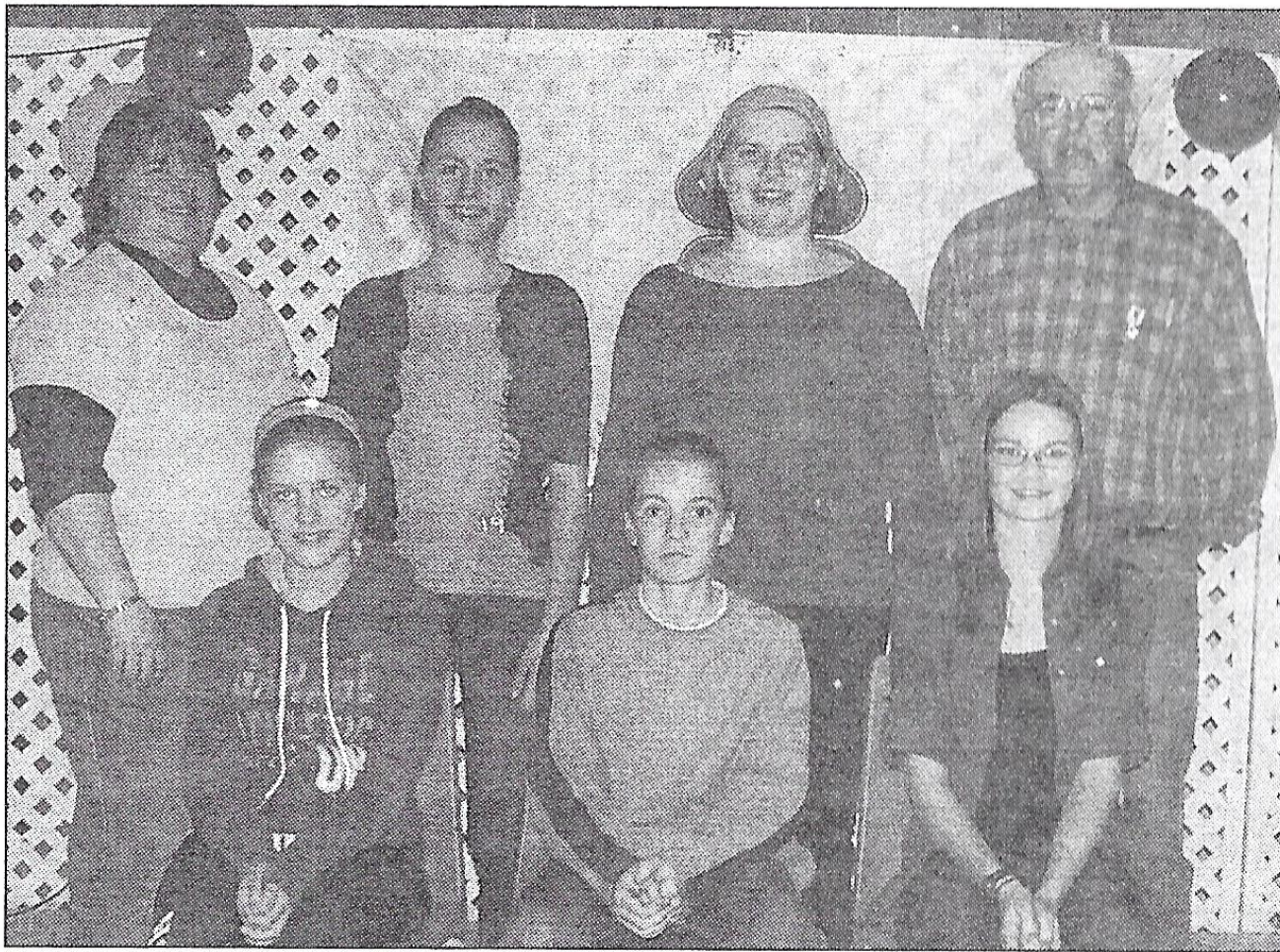
Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club
Achievement Day
July 2009 Listowel Fair



2010
Listowel Fair
4-H Rabbit Show
Achievement Day



2010 North Perth 4-H Recognition Night



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LISTOWEL RABBIT CLUB - The Listowel Rabbit Club members honoured at the 2010 4-H Recognition Night were (back row, left to right) leader Terri Kraus, Megan Herrewynen, Sarah Williams, leader Doug Bender, (front) Jolene Koch, Nicholas Vander Heiden, and Glenna Vander Heiden.

July 2011 Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club Float For Listowel Fair



Back row – Joyce Jones, Sarah Williams, Erica Klumpenhower

Leaders – Doug Bender, Terri Kraus

**Front Row – Nicholas Vander Heiden, Jordan Hawthorne, Glenna Vander Heiden,
Samuel Vander Heiden, Geneva Perkins, Kaitlyn Elg**

2011

**Doug can always be seen
driving the tractor for the
Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club float
in the Listowel Fair Parade.**



**Tour of workshop and
building cages for
members at Bunnyview.**



2011



NORTH PERTH 4-H CLUB

November 2011



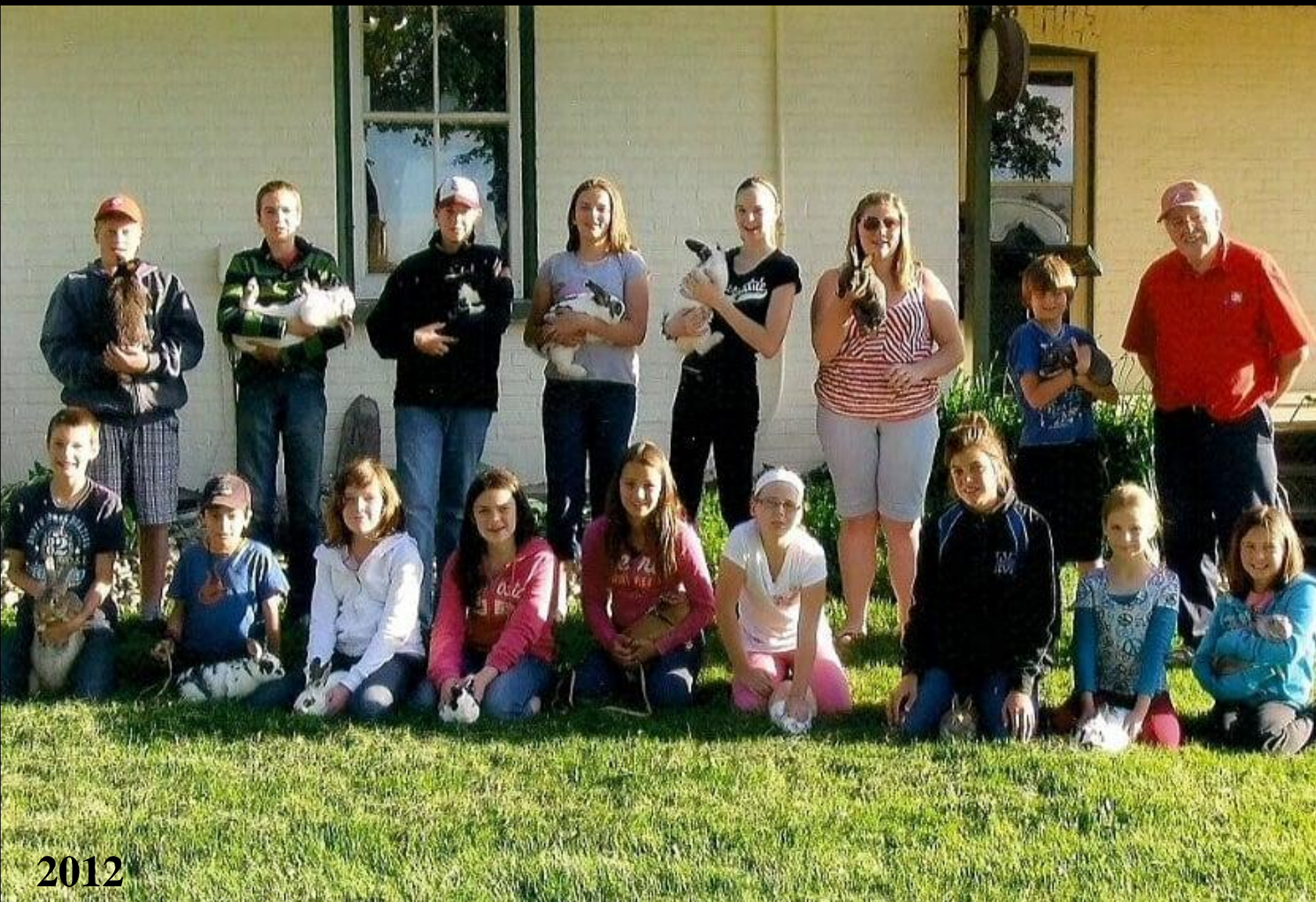
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RABBIT CLUB – The North Perth 4-H Rabbit Club was part of Recognition Night on Nov. 1. Back row (left to right): leader Doug Bender, leader Terri Kraus, Nicholas Vander Heiden, Glenna Vander Heiden, Sarah Williams, Erica Klumpenhower, leader Carolyn Vander Heiden, (front) Geneva Perkin, Jordan Hawthorne, Samuel Vander Heiden, Kaitlyn Elg. Absent: Charlene Ashley.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING



Back Row: Grace Oesch, Amy Hall, Erica Murray, Leslie Chapman, Doug Bender. Front Row: Ben Lindner, Jean Morris, Todd Fawcett, Janice Wager, Nellie Vanden Hoven, Jennie Nichol and in front of Todd is Jennifer Aikens.



2012

2012 Listowel Fair Parade

1st Place 4-H Float





2012 Listowel Fair Parade

Jason Martin
2012 Champion Showman
of the
Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club

Listowel Fair Ambassador
Sarah Scott

Leader Doug Bender



2012 Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club



Back L-R: Leader Doug Bender, Leader Carolyn VanderHeiden, Nicholas VanderHeiden, Bethany Hamilton, Sarah Williams, Glenna VanderHeiden, Rachel Klumpenhauer, Erica Klumpenhauer, Geneva Perkin, Felix Weber Front L-R: Jason Martin, Kaitlyn Elg, Lucas Weber, Jordan Hawthorne, Samuel VanderHeiden, Marlee Ament, Kayla Fletcher

2013 Directors Of Perth County 4-H





2013



2013 Listowel Fair

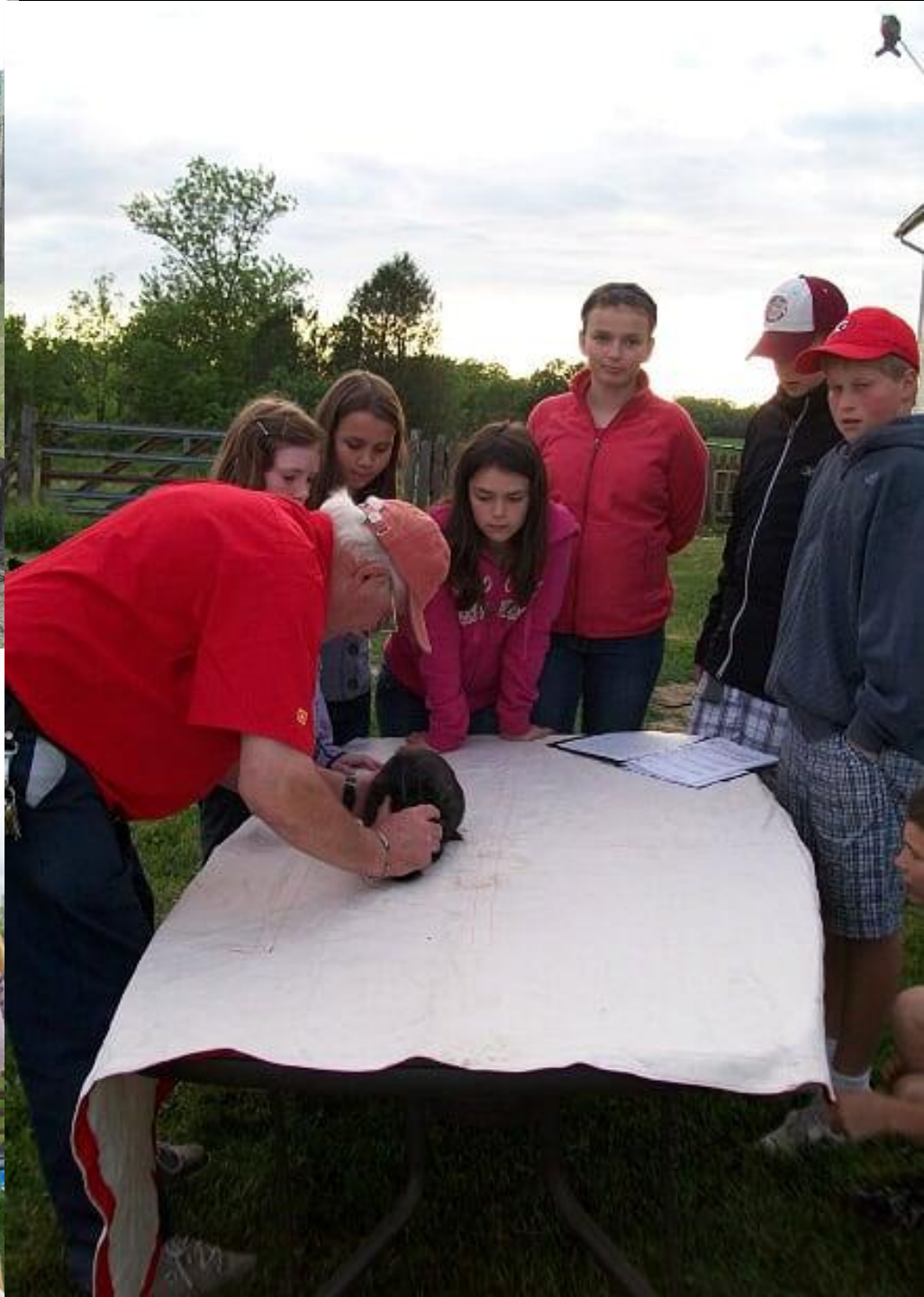


4-H Recognition

4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT – 4-H clubs of North Perth and area held their annual Recognition Night on Nov. 5, recognizing club members and leaders for their hard work over the last year.

RABBIT CLUB – The Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club is (back row, left to right) Kayla Fletcher, Kaitlyn Elg, Natalie Nichol, Emily MacKay, Olivia Johnston, leader Doug Bender, Samuel van der Heiden, leader Carolyn van der Heiden, Jason Martin, leader Eily Martin, (front) Valerie Hamilton, Brandon Elg, Rachel Klumpenhauer, Brianna Nichol, Erica Klumpenhauer, Bethany Hamilton, and Glenna van der Heiden.

November 2013



July 2014





**2014 Listowel Fair Parade
Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club**



**Listowel 4-H
Rabbit Club
Achievement
Day at
Listowel
Fair
July 2014**





**2014
Listowel Fair
Ambassador
Candice
DeWeerd**

**Leader
Doug Bender**

**Member
Samuel
VanderHeiden**



November 2014 North Perth 4-H Recognition Night

Submitted Photo

LISTOWEL RABBIT CLUB – Front Row (left to right): Ashley Glaze, Bronwyn Garniss, Jason Martin. Middle Row (left to right): Eily Martin (Leader), Chris Stevers, Valerie Hamilton, Bethany Hamilton, Samuel vanderHeiden. Back Row (left to right): Carolyn vanderHeiden (Leader), Doug Bender (Leader). Absent: Glenna vanderHeiden, Aurora McArthur, Emma Elisen, Kaitlyn Elg. Bronwyn Garniss was the top member who won the OFA backpack. Jason Martin was the trophy winner for outstanding leadership and sportsmanship.

2015 Perth County 4-H Leaders Executive



Back row: Grace Oesch, Jean Morris, Erica Murray, Ben Lindner, Nellie Vanden Hoven, Todd Fawcett, Doug Bender
Front row: Jennie Nichol, Lesley Chapman, Jennifer Aikens, Janice Wagler

2015 Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club tours D. Kabbes Patch Farm





2015



RABBIT CLUB – Pictured back, left to right: leaders Doug Bender, Caroline van den Heiden, Eily Martin; (front) Dayna Nichol, Valerie Hamilton, Bronwyn Garniss, Jason Martin, Chris Stevers, Bethany Hamilton.

November 2015





2016





2016 Rabbit Club

Back Row – Doug Bender (Leader), Laura Hamilton (Leader), Bethany Hamilton, Laurel Andriessen

Front Row – Jeremy Hamilton, Valerie Hamilton, Dayna Nichol



**L-R: Laura Hamilton (Leader), Laurel Andriessen,
Jeremy Hamilton, Ksenia Wagemans,
Valerie Hamilton, Doug Bender (Leader)**

**2017 Listowel 4-H Rabbit Club
North Perth 4-H Recognition Night in November**



**In November 2017,
Doug Bender
was awarded with a
certificate from
4-H Ontario for
volunteering
with 4-H
for 20 years!**

