

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. Annual Report



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Learn To Do By Doing

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4-H PLEDGE

I Pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

4-H MOTTO

Learn to Do by Doing

ABOUT 4-H

4-H is an international youth organization involving more than seven million members in 80 countries around the world.

4-H in Canada began in Roland, Manitoba in 1913 as a Boys & Girls club – a community-based organization dedicated to rural youth.

In 1952 the name was changed to 4-H. Today 4-H reaches farm, rural and urban youth, focusing on leadership, personal and skill development including citizenship, responsibility and independence.

PURPOSE OF MANITOBA 4-H COUNCIL

Formed in 1951, the Manitoba 4-H Council coordinates 4-H programming throughout the province and provides participation in the policy-making process. Through a representative structure, the issues, needs and concerns of members, leaders and staff are assessed when decisions are made about 4-H programs in Manitoba. The Council administers specific provincial programs and manages funds solicited through 4-H club donations and sponsorship. The Council works closely with its partner, Manitoba Agriculture, in the development of individuals building rural communities.

The Manitoba 4-H Council operating procedures are based on its Constitution.

MISSION

Building leadership in youth and adults through unique, practical experiences.

VISION

4-H: A vibrant program blending tradition and innovation for a quality experience.



THE 4-H MANITOBA FAMILY

Manitoba 4-H Council

The Council assists 2-way communication between members, leaders, clubs, Area Councils and partners. Council enhances the 4-H Manitoba program by leading policy development, implementation and governance.

Manitoba Agriculture

MB Ag. provides operating essentials, resources and skills development at all levels of the program.



Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation

Invests and manages funds to support future growth and development of the 4-H program in Manitoba.

Sponsors & Partners

At club, area and provincial levels, sponsors and partners support the 4-H program through awards, trophies, travel, scholarships and grants.

4-H MANITOBA STATISTICS

Top Five Projects

- 1. Beef
- 2. Equine
- 3. Foods Series
- 4. Pick-a-Topic
- 5. Cloverbud Series

Clubs	127
Members	2008
Leaders	735
Projects	2420

Project Enrollments

• Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security	57%
• Environment & Healthy Living	12%
• Science & Technology	9%
• Community Engagement & Communication	15%
• General 4-H	7%

Average Age of Members	11.31 years
Average Tenure of Members	3.78 years
Farm Membership	55%
Rural/Nonfarm Memberships	29%
Urban Memberships	16%
1st Year Members	26%

MANITOBA 4-H COUNCIL 2018-2019

The Manitoba 4-H Council Board meets three times a year: Fall—AGM (November), Spring (February-March) and Summer (June). The Board consists of 6 Adult Directors, 3-4 Youth Advisors, 4-H Canada Youth Rep. and 3 non-voting representatives (staff & MB Ag. Representative). Incoming and outgoing Directors attend the AGM.



Manitoba 4-H Council Board of Directors 2018-2019: (L-R) **back row** Lisa Dyck, Dawn Krinke
middle row Leanne Sprung, Taylor Carlson, Greg Penner, Denise Dewar, Lenore Vandenbyllaardt
front row Dana Chepil, Victoria Walker, Candace Tolton, Sandra Duchak
Missing Christian Dvorak, Tori Penner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

President	Candace Tolton	4-H Canada Youth Representative	Greg Penner
President-Elect	Greg Penner	MB Ag. Liaison	Leanne Sprung
Executive Director	Dawn Krinke	Secretary/Treasurer	Dawn Krinke
Adult Directors	Dana Chepil Denise Dewar Sandra Duchak Lisa Dyck Lenore Vandenbyllaardt	Youth Advisors	Taylor Carlson Christian Dvorak Tori Penner Victoria Walker

PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2018-19 year has been full of many unique experiences for 4-H members, leaders and families. When I look through the pages of this report, I can't help but smile and feel proud to be part of such a positive youth organization. 4-H is making a difference in the lives of so many youths, providing them with meaningful, positive experiences, while building confidence and self-esteem and giving them a sense of achievement. It is a vibrant program blending tradition and innovation for quality experiences. We cannot build the future for our youth, but 4-H can build the youth for the future.

Please take the time to look through this report which highlights the one-of-a-kind opportunities 4-H Manitoba provides to its members.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, council directors, staff, partners and sponsors who all work together to make 4-H the best youth organization in the world!

I look forward to the upcoming year and working and learning with all the dedicated, compassionate members and volunteers who make 4-H Manitoba successful!

Together let's "Learn to do by Doing" and prepare today's youth for the future!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candace Tolton".

Candace Tolton
President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leadership Development

The Senior Members' Event, Intermediate Camp and Provincial Leaders' Conference continued to be well attended and provided personal development and networking opportunities for both members and leaders. Younger members are offered an opportunity to participate outside their club through the 4-H Manitoba Food Challenge which appeals especially to members aged 6-14. The Provincial Communications Extravaganza, recognized as a pillar of 4-H education and development, allowed 78 members to showcase their public speaking skills in April 2019. Two members went on to represent 4-H Manitoba at the Young Speakers for Agriculture competition at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Toronto. A delegation of seven leaders also represented 4-H Manitoba at the Building Bridges: Connecting Youth and Community Leadership Summit in Saskatoon. Beef project members had the opportunity to meet with, and learn from, industry leaders at Beef-up-Beef round table workshops around the province.

Technology

Data merging was completed in the new 4-H database and extensive testing was carried out in preparation for its launch on September 1, 2019.

Organizational Growth

4-H Manitoba clubs were excited to participate in a three-way "visual letter" pilot art exchange with Warsaw, Poland, and Lenawee County 4-H in Michigan, USA. This exchange helped members develop awareness, understanding and appreciation of other cultures and learn about similarities between their lives and the lives of their counterparts in other countries. Council was one of three organizations invited to present to a US Trade Mission, which included Future Farmers of America representatives from Indiana, regarding future collaboration opportunities for youth leadership development. Council staff took part in external community engagement opportunities such as the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and met with Sioux Valley Adult Education Department and the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (Social Development). With assistance from the Club Support Coordinators, four new clubs were established this year and our total membership increased by 40 members.

Organizational Stability

Once again, Manitoba 4-H Council was invited to contribute to consultation sessions hosted by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture. A change in insurance providers at the

start of 2019 led to an extensive review of national and provincial risk management policies which is still ongoing. Council staff actively participated in the development of a national Code of Conduct and Youth Safety policy, as well as consulting with 4-H Canada on proposals for an accreditation model for the 4-H provinces. Commit to Kids online training for all leaders to recognize abuse in youth is one of the criteria for clubs in Manitoba to achieve good standing status. Other criteria include mandatory youth protection screening (Criminal Registry Check and Child Abuse Registry Check) as well as first aid and safe food handling training. As part of our commitment to ensure the provincial Board's capacity to manage the 4-H program, the Board commenced an Elevate training course at the June Board meeting to increase their knowledge of governance best practices and assist with increasing organizational stability.

Dawn Krinke

Dawn Krinke
Executive Director
Manitoba 4-H Council Inc.



PROCLAMATION OF 4-H MONTH 2018

- WHEREAS** 4-H is one of the most highly respected and positive youth development organizations in Canada;
- AND WHEREAS** The goal of 4-H is to help young Canadians “Learn To Do By Doing” in a safe, inclusive and fun environment;
- AND WHEREAS** 4-H volunteer leaders share their time and skills to inspire, educate and care for members of all ages;
- AND WHEREAS** 4-H members gain confidence through skills and relationships that create a sense of belonging and resilience;
- AND WHEREAS** 4-H members are nurtured to become responsible, caring and contributing youth leaders committed to positively impacting their communities across Manitoba, Canada and around the world;
- AND WHEREAS** The tremendous variety of 4-H undertakings provides interesting and accessible programming for young Manitobans in areas of public trust, communications, health living, community engagement and science and technology;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I, Ralph Eichler, Minister of Manitoba Agriculture in the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim

November 2018 as

4-H MONTH IN MANITOBA



MESSAGE FROM MINISTER OF MANITOBA AGRICULTURE

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development is pleased to congratulate the Manitoba 4-H Council (M4HC) on its success in providing positive youth development programming through the 4-H program in Manitoba.

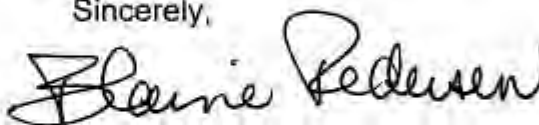
Learning to do by doing at events and activities within your 4-H club and area, provincial and national events provides members and volunteer 4-H leaders with new and enhanced skills. It also builds lifelong friendships and memories. Relationships built through 4-H participation support personal success and strengthens communities, organizations and business.

It is inspiring to see M4HC honouring the rich past of the program, while creating a bright future through innovative programming on topics relevant to our changing lives and society. New delivery methods acknowledge the reality of busy lifestyles, but stay true to 4-H's core objective of building strong leadership and communication skills. This, in turn, prepares Manitoba's youth for future success.

I also recognize the essential role 4-H leaders play in the success of the program. Leaders commit their time and experiences to transfer knowledge and skills which 4-H members can use throughout their lives. Many leaders have grown up with the program and 'pay forward' the mentoring they received from past leaders. Thank you for your contributions.

Over the years, I have had the chance to engage with 4-H youth and alumni of every age who are learning, and working through the 4-H pledge. As a result I have witnessed hundreds of people whose heads, hearts, health and hands make Manitoba and our world a better place. Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development values the collaborative relationship with M4HC and looks forward to many more young Manitobans and leaders being motivated by the program.

Sincerely,



Honourable Blaine Pedersen
Manitoba Agriculture and
Resource Development



RISK MANAGEMENT

The provincial youth protection policies were finalized and ratified at the 2018 AGM. We have been working with 4-H Canada in the national roll out of the Commit to Kids program and leader training, as well as preparing the Duty to Report Policy.

The committee has been involved in reviewing the 4-H Canada Risk Management Policies including the national universal Code of Conduct.

With the legalization of marijuana, we invited Dr. Chris Marchand to speak to our leaders, parents and members. At the Provincial Leaders Conference, he talked about substance abuse and adolescent development. At the Senior Members Event, his presentation was on building healthy relationships.

The Club in Good Standing policy was finalized and implemented.

4-H Manitoba continues to offer first aid training sessions and will also be expanding the program to allow individuals to obtain training on their own at the discounted rate.

Lenore Vandenbyllaardt

Risk Management Committee Chair



YOUNG HORSE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (YHDP)

For more than 20 years, the North American Equine Ranching Information Council (NAERIC) has partnered to provide a venue for senior 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge gained through the 4-H Equine Project and to showcase the stock being bred and raised on Manitoba's equine ranches. Participating Manitoba ranchers offered young stock for 4-H members to inspect, select, purchase, raise and train. Members (minimum 14 years) applied to participate in the project and were selected by the YHDP Advisory Committee (representatives from NAERIC and a 4-H Leader). This two-year project required 4-H members to set goals, take responsibility and apply their new knowledge. Four members were enrolled in the second year and attended the Under Saddle Presentation. No applications were received for the 2018-20 project.



PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

4-H Manitoba Provincial Communications is the ultimate event for 4-H speeches in our province and is one of 4-H Manitoba's most recognized member events, having been part of the 4-H experience for 71 years. On Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Canad Inns Portage, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, 78 4-H members participated in the Provincial 4-H Communications Extravaganza. These members had risen to the top through a series of competitions from club level to area levels across the province.

Members competed in the following categories: Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Speeches, Junior, Intermediate



and Senior One-Person Visual Presentations, and Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult Two-Person Visual Presentations.

An awards reception and presentation followed each competition session.

Approximately 450 people attended the Provincial Communications Extravaganza.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their generous support, Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Co-operative Hail Insurance, Manitoba Agriculture and Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund.



CANADIAN YOUNG SPEAKERS FOR AGRICULTURE (CYSA)

The Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) competition is open to youth ages 11 to 24 with a passion for agriculture whether raised on a farm, in the country or in the city. It is held annually at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. CYSA is a national, bilingual competition that gives participants an opportunity to share their opinions, concerns and solutions affecting the Canadian agriculture and agri-food industries in a five to seven minute prepared speech.

Manitoba was represented by Autumn Smith from Poplar Hill 4-H Club/Westman 4-H Horse Club and Hanna Popp from Erickson 4-H Beef Club. Autumn competed in the Junior category with youth ages 11-15, while Hanna competed in the Senior category with youth ages 16-24. They were chaperoned by Sandra Smith.

Autumn spoke on "What is Sustainability and Why Does it Matter to Canadian Agriculture?" Hanna's chosen topic was "Canadian Agriculture Needs More People — And This is How We're Going To Get Them."



Travel and accommodation expenses at CYSA were provided by Manitoba 4-H Council.

Provincial Communications

The winners, their club, Area and speech title are as follows:

Junior Speeches

First:	James Yorke-Ashman	Gladstone Handiworkers – Central Plains	Fear
Second:	Payton Oakden	Alexander 4-H Club – Southwest	Mom...We Need to Talk

Intermediate Speeches

First:	Madison Teichroeb	Happy Rock Horseshoes – Central Plains	A Lot to Swallow
Second:	Autumn Hanslip	Interlake Trailblazers – North Interlake	Is Farming Cool

Senior Speeches

First:	Rachel Lukinuk	Springfield Shooting Stars 4-H Club – Eastman	The Dying Breed of Broke University Students
Second:	Lainie Muir	Tenby 4-H Equestrian & Stockman's Club – South Parkland	The Power of 3P

Adult Speech

First:	Laura Didyk	U of M 4-H Future Leaders – Red River	It's About Time
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Junior One Person Visual Presentations

First:	Kiera Mosset	Starbuck Combined 4-H Club – Red River	Smoothie Sensation
Second:	Hudson Devloo	Bruxelles 4-H Crew – Pembina	Fresh Squeezed

Intermediate One Person Visual Presentations

First:	Kaitlyn Greigson	Balmoral 4-H Club – South Interlake	Fight for Rights
Second:	Raylyn Koshowski	Dauphin Plains 4-H Club – North Parkland	Archie

Senior One Person Visual Presentations

First:	Lainie Muir	Tenby 4-H Equestrian & Stockman's Club – South Parkland	Show Cattle: Daily Routine
Second:	Tori Penner	Springfield Shooting Stars 4-H Club – Eastman	The Role of the Dice

Junior Two Person Visual Presentations

First:	Aidan Maurice Stefen Struth	Killarney 4-H Explorers – Southwest	Best Guinness Record Fails
Second:	Isabella Albert Kennedy Serpa	Sagehill Stables 4-H Club – Red River	Health and Care of Horses

Intermediate Two Person Visual Presentations

First:	Justin McKee Elliot MacDonald	Minnedosa 4-H for Teens – South Parkland	Duck, Duck, Goose
Second:	Luca Scharf Naomi Scharf	Headingley 4-H Club – Red River	Crave it

Senior Two Person Visual Presentations

First:	Dean Ricard Jada Ricard	Mariapolis-Baldur 4-H Club – Pembina	Healthy Diversion
Second:	Alex Iwanchysko Oksana Iwanchysko	Dauphin Plains 4-H Club – North Parkland	Sweet Dreams

Adult Two Person Visual Presentations

First:	Magdalena Melnychuk Brittany Pankiw	U of M 4-H Future Leaders – Red River	Myths of the Dairy Industry
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PROVINCIAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE

The 2018 Provincial Leaders' Conference was held October 20-21 in Brandon at the Ag Centre and the Clarion Inn and Suites. The theme was Cultivating a Great 4-H Year and the speakers and activities centred around this. Philip Fenez was the Emcee.

The 71 leaders in attendance heard presentations on a variety of topics including:

Nurture Mental Wellness in Youth, Grow Your Leadership Skills; Produce Solutions through Resolutions; Grow Your Finances; Reap 4-H Awards; Connecting with Consumers: Writing engaging 4-H stories for the media; Cultivate Community Connections: Volunteer and fundraise in the community; Opportunities to Diversify; Get Your Hands Dirty; Market Yourself; A Global Perspective on Food Security. Dr. Chris Marchand also made a presentation during lunch.



At the banquet, the guest speaker was Big Daddy Tazz, a comedian and mental health advocate. Following Big Daddy Tazz's presentation, which was entitled Stand Up Against Stigma, the leaders were able to play board games that involve communication skills, and network with other leaders.

Thank you to our sponsors, FCC, Manitoba Agriculture, SeCan and Syngenta.

“PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER” SENIOR MEMBERS' EVENT

The “Putting It All Together” Senior Members' Event allows members to complete a 4-H project in just one weekend. Members spend a day gaining practical hands-on experience at the workshop of their choice led by industry professionals, listen to presentations relevant to their age group (15-17) and take part in social activities to “put it all together” and gain enough hours to complete their 4-H project.

The event, which took place from October 19-21, 2018, at the Victoria Inn & Convention Centre and various other locations around Brandon, was attended by 75 senior members. The conference was opened on Friday evening and featured presentations on “A Global Perspective on Food Security” and “Discover Farmers 2050”.

On Saturday, the members focused on projects, which included: Beef hosted by Johnson Farm and Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiatives, Crafts at the Greenspot and at the hotel, Equine at the Virden Animal Hospital, Foods at Knox United Church, Smartphone Photography at Assiniboine Community College, World Music and Drumming at King George School, Coding at the hotel, and Small Engines and Welding at Assiniboine Community

College's North Hill campus. After returning to the hotel Saturday afternoon, the members attended a presentation entitled Winter Survival Tips by Pete Whittington from the Lifesaving Society. Saturday evening was filled with fun social activities including bowling and pizza supper at Thunderbird Bowl. Dr. Chris Marchand also spoke to members about F.A.T. for Life.

Sunday's schedule included more presentations, including: Get Your Hands Dirty with Joanne Baker and Debra Kaleta, and Market Yourself with Courtney Newton. During Market Yourself, roundtable mock interviews were conducted with leaders from the Provincial Leaders' Conference.

Special thanks to the event sponsors, CAP Grant Funding, Kubota, Manitoba Agriculture, Manitoba Beef Producers, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), SeCan and TransCanada Pipelines.



INTERMEDIATE MEMBER OVERNIGHT CAMP

The Intermediate Member Overnight Camp offers 4-H members from ages 12 to 14 the opportunity to meet other 4-Hers from around the province while participating in fun activities relative to the event theme. This year was the sixth year the event has been organized by the Manitoba 4-H Council. It was held at Inglis Hall from May 3-5, 2019. A total of 56 members from across Manitoba attended and were chaperoned by seven adults, one adult member and four senior members, two of which are members of 4-H Saskatchewan. There was an opportunity to partner with 4-H Saskatchewan, but the scheduling date could not be accommodated.

4-H members took part in a variety of activities during their stay at Inglis Hall, including a tour of the Inglis Elevator, DIY table top composter workshop, Cake Boss, Farm 2050, a Drumming Workshop, disc golf, ice cream making, Lemon Volcanoes, Minute to Win it and a mock interview skills workshop.

Intermediate Member Event was sponsored by Co-operative Hail Insurance, CAP Grant Funding, Manitoba Agriculture, SeCan and WestGen.



4-H MANITOBA FOOD CHALLENGE

This year, six regional competitions were held. We visited Boissevain, East Selkirk, Grandview, Elkhorn, Dugald and Elm Creek. The Junior teams made Pizza on a Tortilla shell and a fruit cup. The twist this year, teams had to use a melon baller on one or more pieces of fruit. The Intermediate teams made Quiche in a Bagel and a salad. Their twist was shredding one of their vegetables into the salad.

At each competition the judges had the challenging task of picking a winner, based on Food Preparation Techniques, Safe Food Handling, Presentation, Teamwork and Verbal Communication. When their dishes were completed, each team made a presentation to the judging panel. In total, 106 members participated in the five competitions.

The Provincial Food Challenge took place on Saturday, June 8th in Brandon. Six Junior teams were asked to make mini cheese-burgers in a Pillsbury biscuit with potato salad as a side dish. A Roadblock was also introduced — one member had to wear oven mitts for two minutes and continue to chop, stir or possibly peel eggs while the other member sat on a chair and coached them. The teams enjoyed the snafu. The six Intermediate teams were asked to make meatball skewers with Pico de Gallo on the side. Their Roadblock was Puppet Arms — one member stood behind the other, slipped their arms in front of their teammate and

continued to prepare their dish. The other member stood without using their hands but was able to offer instructions. Our judges, Sara-Jane Speers, Eric McRae and Amanda Novak, admitted this class was much harder to judge.

The Food Challenge Competition Winners were:

Junior Winners

1st: Jill Goff and Kara deRocquigny - Graysville Light Horse & Pony 4-H Club

2nd: Emma Hudson and Rylene Enns - Elm Creek Activity Club
Intermediate Winners

1st: Charlene Walker and Maeghan Goudie - Anola Northern Lights 4-H Club

2nd: Naomi Scharf and Valerie Kostenko - Headingley 4-H Club

The 4-H Manitoba Food Challenge was sponsored by CF Industries, Keystone Ag., Manitoba Agriculture and Saputo.



INTERNATIONAL ART EXCHANGE

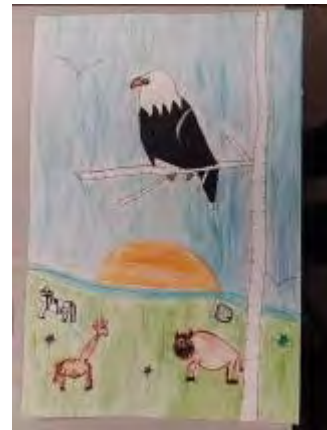


The 4-H International Art Exchange is a three-way exchange between Canada (Manitoba), Poland (Warsaw) and the USA (Michigan) in which members paint or draw a picture that shows some aspect of their life.

The “visual letters” from Manitoba 4-Hers, aged 6-25, are collected and

divided into packages that are mailed to the other two countries. Poland and the USA also send artwork packages to Canada. The artwork is displayed provincially and/or available for participating clubs to display/review.

This year, 33 Manitoba 4-H members from 13 clubs submitted creations for the art exchange, which helps participants gain a sense of being part of one world.



GLOBAL YOUTH INSTITUTE



For the past several years Manitoba 4-H Council has partnered with Ag in the Classroom - Manitoba to award travel to two youth-mentor teams to represent the province at the Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, USA. Each year, around 200 exceptional youth from across the United States and other countries are selected to participate in

the three-day Global Youth Institute hosted by the World Food Prize Foundation. Selected youth and their mentors travelled to Des Moines October 17-20, 2018 to attend this exciting event at which they interact with Nobel and World Food Prize Laureates

and discuss pressing food security and agricultural issues with international experts. At the Global Youth Institute, youth delegates present and discuss their research findings with international experts and their peers, connect with other students from around the world, tour cutting-edge industrial and research facilities, and take part in symposium discussions with global leaders in science, industry and policy.

Congratulations to Rosemund Ragetli (Headingley 4-H Club) and her mentor/4-H leader Henri Ragetli and to Adrienne Schroeder (MacGregor Collegiate) and her mentor/teacher Kim Tait, who were chosen to represent Manitoba at the 2018 Global Youth Institute.

Manitoba 4-H Council would like to express sincere appreciation for the collaboration of Ag in the Classroom – Manitoba.

4-H MANITOBA GARDENING CHALLENGE

4-H Manitoba created a Gardening Challenge for its members and leaders to learn about food security, nutrition and the benefits of healthy food while growing vegetables, fruits, seeds and herbs in homes, backyards and communities.

The Gardening Challenge, which ran from November 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, offered participants the opportunity to choose what they wanted to plant, with points to be awarded based on what 4-H members and leaders grew. There were three periods in which to grow — November 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019; March 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019; and June 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Participants were allowed to compete in as many growing periods as they wanted.

Manitoba 4-H Council collected all the information sent in by competitors, added the scores together and determined the winners in each category.

Among the 4-H clubs, Woodmore Combined finished in first place, with The Pas Helping Hands in second spot. Gainsborough Combined was third, while Dauphin Plains and Miniota Merry 4-Hers finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Sara and Heidi Masse of Starbuck Combined took first place in the Small Group category.

In the Individual category, Bevan Wanke of Steinbach Sizzlers took first place, with Jada Ricard of Mariapolis-Baldur and Sara Seniuk of Headingley in second and third spot, respectively.

The Gardening Challenge Awards were handed out during the Harvest Celebration on October 26, 2019 at the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba's Dome Building.



LEADER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

National 4-H Leaders' Summit – Saskatoon January 30-February 2, 2019

Dana Chepil – Anola Northern Lights (Eastman)
Denise Dewar – Newdale 4-H Club (South Parkland)
Brandy Dvorak – Minitonas Mini Makers (Valleys North)
Shelly Hacault – Holland Achievers (Central Plains)
Julie Ann Purcha – La Salle 4-H Club (Red River)
Candace Tolton – Kenton Kraftsmen (South Parkland)
Alternate: Sandy Walter – Alexander 4-H Club (Southwest)



Chaperone for 4-H Canada Citizenship Congress - Ottawa April 30-May 5, 2019

Sharon Ardron – Scholarship Committee
*Chaperone for 4-H Canada Members Forum – Calgary
November 26-30, 2019*

Julianne Pabuayon – Souris Challengers (Southwest)



HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

The Highway Clean-Up Campaign had 19, of the 20 clubs which registered to participate in this very worthwhile effort, able to complete the task. In total, 365 4-H members, leaders, family and friends cleaned 213.49 kilometres of highway and filled 768 bags of garbage. That amounts to \$5,487.25 raised by our 4-H clubs.

This campaign would not be possible without the generous support of the Department of Infrastructure.

The Highway Clean-up Campaign increases environmental awareness in people of all ages and results in a cleaner Manitoba. Thank you all for the energy and effort you put into this program every year.

MANITOBA 4-H AREA COUNCILS

Several events are held throughout the year in each of the 10 Area Councils.

Eastman - Royal Manitoba Winter Fair (bus trip to Brandon), Pizza Pop and Pool, Celebrate at Celebrations (Leader appreciation dinner and workshop), Summer Camp at Camp Manitou

Central Plains - Winter Funday, Gladstone Handworkers Curling Funspiel

North Interlake - Lundar Fair, Spring Break Celebration

North Parkland - Food Challenge Host, Summer Camp, Curling Bonspiel, Livestock Clinics and Workshops

Pembina - Crazy Swamp Camp, Livestock Clinics and Workshops

Red River - RBC Leaders Award, Swamp and Crazy Camp, Rally, Hosted Food Challenge

South Interlake - Archery Skills Event, Oak Hammock Marsh sleepover, Hosted Food Challenge, Member year-end celebration at Thunder Rapids

South Parkland - Curling Bonspiels, Fun and Recognition Day, Talk and Tube, Winter Adventure Camp, Livestock Clinics and Workshops

Southwest - Curling Bonspiels, Cloverbud Event, Southwest Sleepover, Livestock Clinics and Workshops

Valleys North - Beat the Winter Blues, Down on the Farm (Northwestern Roundup), Livestock Clinics and Workshops

The dedication of many volunteers allows our members & leaders to take part in these events, year after year.

All of the Area Councils held Zone/Area Communications Events. Some of the Area Councils support our members with Scholarships and Gold Watch Awards. The Area Councils are tremendous champions of our members.

CLUBS AND AREA COUNCILS BENEFITTING FROM SOYBEAN FIELDS IN MANITOBA

4-H in Manitoba benefitted significantly once again from two fundraising opportunities coordinated by SeCan and offered to 4-H programs in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

The Selfie Contest occurred from August 24 to September 3, 2018. During this period members and leaders in 4-H Manitoba were encouraged to take selfie photos in front of soybeans fields around the province that contained special 4-H signs connected to the Grow a Leader campaign. Clubs received \$25 per photo, up to a maximum of \$250 per club. Thirty-six 4-H Manitoba clubs were the recipients of funding awarded through the 2018 Selfie Contest. Congratulations to these clubs and Manitoba 4-H Council would like to thank SeCan and their partner farmers who posted these signs for all to see and encouraged our members and leaders to take photos in their fields.

The second fundraising opportunity during the 4-H year actually began October 9-16, 2017 when producers across the four provinces were required to book certain varieties of SeCan soybean seed for the 2018 growing season. Following this booking period SeCan paid provincial 4-H programs \$1 for every unit of soybean seed reserved within their province during this campaign that ended up being sown in 2018. A significant portion of these funds were directed to clubs and Area Councils in Manitoba that were in close proximity to the location of the sales. In total, seven Area Councils and 70 4-H clubs benefitted from these funds, generated by the sales at 12 participating SeCan soybean seed retailers around the province. These funds were used to support a great variety of 4-H activities and initiatives, including sponsorship of provincial-level programming. Manitoba 4-H Council and our members and leaders who benefitted from 2017-18 Grow a Leader funding are grateful to SeCan, their supporting retailers and the farmers who purchased these varieties under the banner of the campaign.



PROVINCIAL AWARDS

2018-2019 MEMBER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

GYI Summit

October 17-20, 2018

Rosemund Ragetli - Headingley 4-H Club (Red River)

Adrienne Schroeder

Henri Ragetli & Kim Tait - Chaperones

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture

November 2-4, 2018

Hanna Popp - Erickson 4-H Beef Club (South Parkland)

Autumn Smith- Westman 4-H Club (Southwest)

4-H Canada Members Forum

November 7-11, 2018

Cade Cruikshanks - Poplar Hill 4-H Club (Southwest)

Tyler Didyk - Headingley 4-H Club (Red River)

Logan Dyck - Morden Achievers (Red River)

Shavaughn Jochum - Headingley 4-H Club (Red River)

Lauren McKee - Rapid City Rodeo 4-H Club (South Parkland)

Kylie McCallum Andries - Goodlands Variety (Southwest)

Foster Tolton - Kenton Kraftsmen 4-H Club (South Parkland)

Alternate: Megan Brunen - Laurier Lucky Charms

(North Parkland)

Candace Tolton - Chaperone

Alberta Senior Member Event - Westeros

February 1-3, 2019 Postponed to October 25-27, 2019

Cora Baker - Neepawa 4-H Beef Club (South Parkland)

Rhett Cruikshanks - Poplar Hills 4-H Club (Southwest)

Alternate: Shavaughn Jochum - Headingley 4-H Club (Red River)

National US 4-H Conference - Washington, DC

April 7-12, 2019

Rayna Topham - Minnedosa 4-H For Teens (South Parkland)

Alternate: Shavaughn Jochum - Headingley 4-H Club (Red River)

4-H Canada Citizenship Congress - Ottawa

April 30-May 5, 2019

Sydney Bisschop - Morden Achievers 4-H Club (Red River)

Oksana Iwanchysko - Dauphin Plains 4-H Club (North Parkland)

Stéphane Le Heiget - Graysville 4-H Beef Club (Red River)

Lauren McEvoy - Alexander 4-H Club (Southwest)

Lauren McKee - Rapid City Rodeo 4-H Club (South Parkland)

George Meggison - Goodlands Variety 4-H Club (Southwest)

Jada Ricard - Mariapolis-Baldur 4-H Club (Pembina)

Foster Tolton - Kenton Kraftsmen 4-H Club (South Parkland)

Mikaela Young - Miniota Merry 4-Hers (South Parkland)

Sharon Ardron - Chaperone

Alberta Intermediate AIM Conference – Westeros

July 28-August 2, 2019

Kiera Johnston - Graysville Light Horse & Pony Club (Red River)

Nia Devonald - Rorketon Variety (North Parkland)

Shannon Carvey - Chaperone

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Bayer CropScience – 1 @ \$1,000.00

Linnae Topham South Parkland

John and Ona Schellenberg Bursary – 4 @ \$2000.00

Joryn Buchanan Pembina

George Meggison Southwest

Sara Renwick Southwest

Talyia Tober North Interlake

Lois Thompson-Hudon Memorial Scholarship – 1 @ \$1,000.00

Jodie Davis Central Plains

Manitoba 4-H Council – 10 @ \$1,000.00

Taylor Carlson Red River

Cade Cruikshanks Southwest

Oksana Iwanchysko North Parkland

Lauren McKee South Parkland

Tori Penner Eastman

Rosemund Ragetli Red River

Leila Robinson Southwest

Rayna Topham South Parkland

Tayah Vanstone Red River

Mikaela Young South Parkland

Manitoba Pork Council – 1 @ \$1,000.00

Megan Brunen Red River
(Future Leaders Club)

Western Producer – 1 @ \$1,000.00

Naomi Best Southwest

York Benimaru Foundation – 1 @ \$1,000.00

Shavaughn Jochum Red River



YBF JAPAN HOMESTAY

2019 marked the 32nd year of the Homestay Program which has provided 757 Japanese youth and chaperones and 222 Manitoba youth and chaperones with the opportunity to experience life-changing international travel. The program's objectives are to foster a connection and improve knowledge and cooperation between the two cultures, as well as encourage a greater understanding about the agricultural industry in Manitoba and Japan. Over this time, approximately 350 Manitoba host families have also helped to strengthen the ties between Japan and Manitoba by welcoming our Japanese guests into their homes and hearts.

Ten 4-H Manitoba members and two chaperones travelled to Japan July 6-22: Jayden Antonio (The Pas), Taylor Carlson (Elm Creek), Taryn Fenez (La Barrière), Robyn Foxton (Brandon), Katie Meggison (Goodlands), Tori Penner (Anola), Ethan Radcliffe (Goodlands), Hayden Remillard (Souris), Leila Robinson (Brandon) and Julianna Rouire (St. Claude), with chaperones Dawn Krinke (M4HC Executive Director) and Carlie Whetter (M4HC Past President).

The Japanese delegation of 20 students and two chaperones arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba July 31-August 17. They spent August 1 in the following activities: a tour of the Manitoba Legislature hosted by Minister Ralph Eichler and Deputy Minister Dori Gingera-Beauchemin, a visit to the Bruce D. Campbell Farm & Food Discovery Centre which included a presentation by the Canola Learning Centre and participation in the Bison & Bannock program at FortWhyte Alive. The Welcome Party was held on August 2 at Headingley Community Centre where the host families met their students. The students and chaperones were hosted by 24 4-H Manitoba families from 18 communities. The Sayonara Party was held at the same venue on August 16 and was

attended by sponsors Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, HyLife Foundation Inc. and Kubota Canada Ltd.

York-Benimar Foundation Trustee, Mr. Yoshio Yamada, and staff member, Eiko Noguchi, who arrived with the students, hosted a thank-you dinner for the program partners at Prairie 360 and visited three of the host families during their brief visit.

The many benefits of the 4-H program are highlighted through media opportunities which showcase the host family experiences and high profile events.



Impacts of National Opportunities for 4-H in Manitoba

Manitoba 4-H Council is very grateful for the work of 4-H Canada and the support of sponsors which provide many opportunities to the provincial membership. Whether scholarships, travel, funding or resources, 4-H Manitoba members, leaders and clubs continued to benefit significantly from the many opportunities and programs provided in the 2018-19 year.

Through an application process to 4-H Canada, 4-H Manitoba clubs were successful in benefitting from the FCC Club Fund (20 clubs), the Syngenta Proud to BEE a 4-Her program (19 clubs), the Steeped in Soil program (18 clubs) and the TransCanada Find Your 4-H Wings program (19 clubs).

Three 4-H Manitoba clubs partnered to participate in Club-to-Club Exchanges, supported by Heritage Canada, in the summer of 2019. Anola Northern Lights, Headingley 4-H Club and Lorette Busy Bees took part in reciprocal ten-day exchanges with clubs in other provinces. 4-H Manitoba representatives, Jazmin Lukinuk and Greg Penner were selected by 4-H Canada and paired with exchange clubs to organize and participate in Hands to Larger Service community service initiatives during the exchanges.

Four 4-H Manitoba members were awarded five national scholarships in 2019. Congratulations to Taylor Reichert who was awarded a First Generation scholarship, George Meggison who was awarded TD 4-H Agriculture and Western 4-H Agricultural scholarships and to Bobbi Foster and Tayah Vanstone who were awarded John Deere Canada scholarships.

In the International Going Global Exchanges program, two adult members were chosen to travel during the summer of

2019. This program arranges for Canadian 4-H members to be hosted by partner organizations, volunteers and fellow travellers in a foreign country for 4 weeks. The outgoing 4-H members are then required to host their counterparts from their exchange country here in Canada. This program is a life-changing experience for the participants and provides extensive personal and professional development opportunities for them. Marika Dewar-Norosky travelled to Argentina and Brendan English travelled to Taiwan.

Our awesome and dedicated leaders are the backbone of the 4-H program across Canada and we were delighted to congratulate Lenore Vandenbyllaardt who was received the Manitoba Volunteer Leader of the Year Award. Each provincial winner is then nominated for the Cooperators' National Award which, in 2018, was awarded to a leader from British Columbia.



NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC) MEMBERS

I was asked to fill the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) position for the second year of the term. This was my second time as a YAC member and it was a fantastic experience.

I had the opportunity to provide a youth perspective as part of the National Resource Network which brings together volunteers and staff from every province to share existing resources and to give feedback on the development of new projects.

Being a member of the Youth Advisory Committee has also given me the opportunity to review and provide feedback on upcoming 4-H Canada initiatives including this year's Show Your 4-H Colours campaign and the 4-H Canada magazines.

As I near the end of my term, I look forward to working together through the transition with the next YAC member, and would encourage our members to apply for this amazing opportunity to represent Manitoba and 4-H youth at the national level.

Greg Penner

Manitoba 4-H Council YAC Representative



MANITOBA AGRICULTURE PARTNERSHIP

Manitoba Agriculture is pleased to provide support to the delivery of the 4-H program throughout Manitoba.

Various staff in different branches provide support to Board functions and development of Manitoba 4-H Council, as well as technical knowledge and expertise in the areas of agriculture and environment, public trust, board development and leadership capacity building. This support occurs at local and provincial levels in the form of presentations, webinars, resource development and event program development. Manitoba Agriculture has a staff liaison (non-voting) to the Manitoba 4-H Council Board.

Marketing and highlighting the 4-H program occurred through the annual proclamation of November as 4-H Month by the Honourable Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture. Manitoba Agriculture maintains a membership in 4-H Canada and represents Manitoba on the 4-H Canada National Resource Network.



MANITOBA 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND FOUNDATION INC.

The Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation, which was established in 1985, is responsible for the disbursement of funds and long-term investments on behalf of the 4-H program in Manitoba. The Foundation is directed by a Board of Trustees and assisted by a Financial Advisor and an Administrative Assistant.

In 2018, the Foundation Board consisted of:

- **Stephen Michael Zurawski** of Winnipeg, President
- **Dr. Allan Preston** of Hamiota, Trustee
- **Crystal Jocham** of St. Francois Xavier, Trustee
- **Clayton Robins**, M4HC Representative
- **Christophe Rodrigue**, Financial Advisor
- **Dawn Krinke**, Administrative Assistant

One dollar from each member fee of \$75 is donated to the Foundation by Manitoba 4-H Council. Additional 4-H Club donations may come from a portion of the money received for participating in the annual Highway Clean-up Campaign, other club fund raising activities or club dissolutions.

At the Annual Meeting, a percentage of the Foundation's earnings is calculated to provide support to Manitoba 4-H Council's ongoing programs. In 2018, that amounted to \$12,911.08 towards Council programs.

The Foundation's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. (The Council's fiscal year is September 1 to August 31.)

Other sponsorship contributions to the Foundation in 2018 included the following:

Rural Municipalities, Towns and Villages – the RM of Rosser.

Other - All Charities Campaign, Barbara Melnychuk, Rosser Guys & Gals 4-H Club, and Sharon Southam

Thoughtful Gestures for Special People - Gifts to the Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund make a difference to 4-H Manitoba youth, now and for the future monies received are held in trust. The Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation provides opportunities to honour special people:

In Tribute gifts can be made to salute an occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement, or volunteer recognition) by recognizing a relative, friend or associate committed to rural Manitoba through agriculture or the 4-H program.

In Memoriam gifts can be made in the memory of a loved one. The family may also indicate a donation to 4-H in lieu of flowers. A Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation In Memoriam donation is a fitting means of ensuring that a special commitment is recognized, remembered and honoured.

Wills and Bequests - To support the worthwhile goals of the 4-H program through a bequest to the Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation, all it takes is a simple clause in your will: "I direct my Trustee to give to the Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation the sum of \$_____ from my estate."

For more information contact the Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation, c/o Manitoba 4-H Council.

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MANITOBA 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

DONATIONS 2000-2018

All Charities Campaign	Hazelridge Seed Club	RM of Dufferin	Stonewall District 4-H Bonspiel
Argyle Ladies Curling	Henderson, Clifford	RM of Ellice	Stonewall District Leaders
Armstrong, T & M	Hunter, Nicole	RM of Eriksdale	Strachan, Florence
Arnold, Donna	Johns, Diane	RM of Franklin	Strathclair 4-H'ers
Ashern District Council	Kehler, Laura	RM of Grandview	Swan, Rita
Baker, Barrie & Bernice	Klassen, Debbie	RM of Kelsey	Thiessen, Linda
Baskerville, Marlene	Klondike Farms	RM of Lawrence	Thiessen, Peter & Irene
Beachell, A.	Lambert, Mr. & Mrs. H.	RM of Lorne	Thompson, E.
Boitson, Lorraine	Lamont, Elwood	RM of Louise	Town of Gladstone
Boulanger, Marc	Larson, E.	RM of Mossey River	Town of Greta
Brokenhead Busy Bunch	Lauder Home Ec Club	RM of Pipestone	Town of Rosburn
Buchanan, B & G	Lowry, Lynda	RM of Portage la Prairie	Town of Teulon
Burdeniuk, M.	Lyall, Debora	RM of Rosedale	Treble, Bev
Carman, M & E	Manitoba 4-H Council	RM of Rosburn	Triple S Hobby Horse
Chalack, David	Manitoba Government Employees Union	RM of Rosser	United Way Donations
CI Investments	Manitoba Milk Producers Co-op Inc.	RM of Saskatchewan	Van Damme, Harvey & Beverley
Clark, Ed & Lois and Family	Mann, Peter	RM of South Norfolk	Vandenbosch, Joe
Clement, J.	Mather Combined	RM of Springfield	Village of Binscarth
Cobren Farms	McCormick, Garth	RM of St. Andrews	Vita 4-H District Council
Container Port of Manitoba	Medora Prairie 4-H Club	RM of St. Clement	Vodden, Julia
Cornock, Mona	Melita Home Ec 4-H Club	RM of Tache	Walton, Bryan & Joan
Dand Belles et Beaux	Melnichuk, Barb	RM of Thompson	Warelis, E.
Dauphin Agricultural Society	Miles, Mary	RM of Wallace	Warren 4-H Club
Dauphin Plains 4-H Club	Minnedosa 4-H Club	RM of Whitemouth	Woodmore Combined 4-H Club
Day, Catherine	Moffat, Kenneth H.	RM of Woodlands	Zirk, J. T.
Depauw, Vicki & Lyle	Monsanto Canada Inc.	Ridgeville Combined 4-H Club	
Dickson, Andrew	Oakville 4-H Beef	Roeland, Judith	
Didyk, Gregory & Claeys, Tracey	Pacholok, Isadore	Rosser Guys & Gals	
Durand, Wendy	Pankiw, Bill & Bonnie	Rosington, Shaunda	
Drabek-Zirk, Tracey	Paziuk, Gloria	Sandercock, Elizabeth	
Ellenor, E.	Penner, Eleanor	Sandercock, James	
Elliot, Kendra	Perrett, Darlene D.	Smith, Eric	
Elm River 4-H Variety Club	Pilot Mound 4-H Beef	Sotas, Dianna	
Falk, Donald	Pipestone Beef	Southam, Sharon	
Felsch, Celeste	RM of Alonsa	South Interlake 4-H Beef Club	
Fraserwood 4-H	RM of Alexander	Sprung, Leanne R.	
Gingera-Beauchemin, Dorynne S.	RM of Bifrost	St. Pierre 4-H District Council	
Gladstone Handiworkers	RM of Birtle	St. Rose 4-H District Council	
Graham, I.R.	RM of Brenda	Stonewall 4-H Leaders	
Grahn, Myrna	RM of Coldwell	Stonewall Curling	

IN MEMORIAM

None received (2018)

MANITOBA 4-H COUNCIL SPONSORS

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTORS 2018-2019

This recognizes sponsors for commitment of cash and/or in kind support of 4-H Manitoba program.

Four-leaf Clover Club (\$25,000 plus)



Three-leaf Clover Club (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

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Two-leaf Clover Club (\$5000 - \$9,999)



One-leaf Clover Club (\$2,500 - \$4,999)



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Ag in the Classroom	Assiniboine Community College	Bayer	Cooperative Hail Insurance
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba	Manitoba Pork	Monsanto	Portage Mutual Insurance
Ontario Mutual Insurance	Saputo	Syngenta	TransCanada Pipelines
Western Producer			

4-H Friend (up to \$999)

All Charities Campaign	Bridges Agricultural Business Program	Central Testing Lab	CF Industries
Henry Algera	Lauralou Cicierski	MWM Environmental	Russell G. Hutchison

National Sponsors - The following sponsors are national partners whose support is directed, at some level, toward provincial programs.



ALSO AVAILABLE

*A complete copy of either or both of the following Audited Financial Statements and accompanying notes is available on request from Manitoba 4-H Council.
(Contact information on back outside cover)*

Manitoba 4-H Council Inc.

Audited FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018-19

September 1, 2018– August 31, 2019

Manitoba 4-H Endowment Fund Foundation

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