

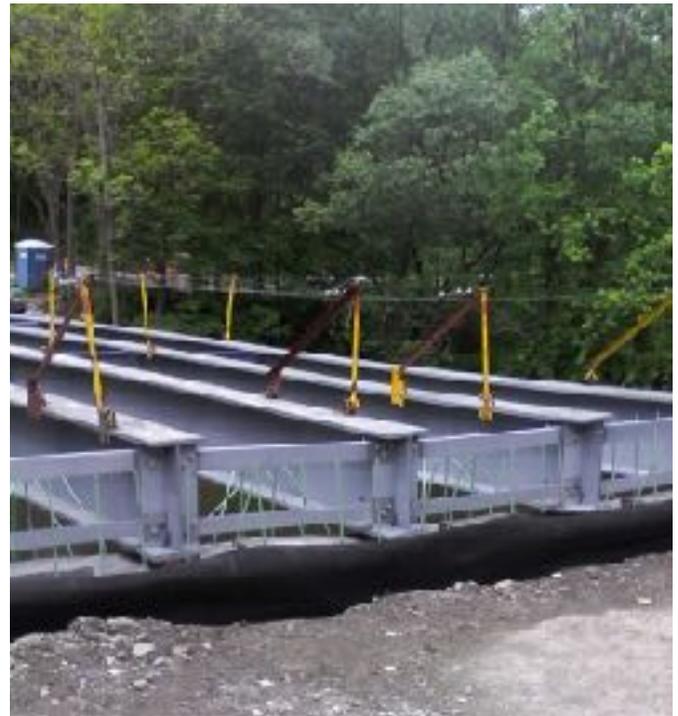
## District of Ross Mills

# Ross Mills Newsletter

## June 2017

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There has been quite the progress on the Ross Mills bridge since our last newsletter. Emory took the following pictures of the bridge on Wednesday, May 24.



## What are you?

### A Butcher, a Baker, a Candlestick Maker?

These jobs can represent a wide range of what we may end up in life of becoming. Most of us have things that we like to do and want no part in what others do - many times the kids will take over the family business. They grow into liking parts of the family business and know how to do all the parts. For example, Emory told me he liked the machinery part of the farming and didn't care much for the milking. But the whole of farming, he liked. I grew up on a dairy farm - milking the cows was one thing, but morning and night every day seven days a week?! I liked machinery - be for I was 10 you might find me in Dad's shop making some things. Many times I was around dad when he was repairing tools. We had no power tools back then. I did not like school - I would miss whenever I could and when of age I quit. I helped on the farm and I got some harvest machinery and did work for other farmers all around for a number of years. I also worked in a saw mill and cutting logs at times. (Like I have done many times before, even helping cut down the trees when I was a kid.) Later I sold the milking cows and had some beef cows. After all of this I started working for machinery dealers for farms. I worked around 40 years with farm suppliers. In the slower times of the year taking training classes that the companies required. I had to have the trainings to work on their products. This was part of my job. Getting paid for all the time I was off for training.

I never looked for a job. There was always one waiting for me. And it came about all of my early days. So young people look around and find something you can enjoy. Everyone has things they are good at. Can you be a Butcher, a Baker, or a Candlestick Maker?

~ Emory Holmquist

## Ross Grange #305 News

The annual 4-H Awards Night sponsored by Ross Grange was held at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall May 9<sup>th</sup>. President Robert Goodwin welcomed 4-H members and their families followed with table grace offered by Elaine Melquist. Following the buffet dinner, the group sang "I'm Looking Over a 4 Leaf Clover" accompanied by Ms Melquist. The Pledge to the Flag was given, with Betty Wakefield, program director as Mistress of Ceremonies.

4-H members were asked to write a short essay telling what they have learned from their meat animal project. Winners received a certificate and check to help with expenses of raising their animal. After winners were announced each read their winning essay to those assembled.

Junior winners (13 and under) were: Sheep – Hannah Cross; Goat – Mason Kilmer; Hog Kamryn Harper; and chicken, Rachel Harper.

Senior winners (14 – 19) were: Beef – Steven Overend; Hog – Abigail O'Brien; Sheep - Jordyn Majka; Goat – Tesika Kilmer; and chicken – Joyce Wiltsie.

Animals will be sold July 28 at the Chautauqua County Fair 4-H Meat Animal Sale in Dunkirk.

Highlight of the evening was the nomination of the 4-H Volunteer of the Year, read by Chris Dorman, who sees the behind the scenes activities of a 4-H leader. His wife, Mary Dorman has been an active leader of both a Cloverbud club, Stockton Panther Paws, of beginning members, as well as older youth, Stockton Panthers. She encourages them in a variety of projects with an emphasis on community service. In keeping with today's technology, she has established a facebook page for her 4-H members, giving them updates, project dates and deadlines. Mary was presented with a plaque and a check to be used by her club for a pizza party.

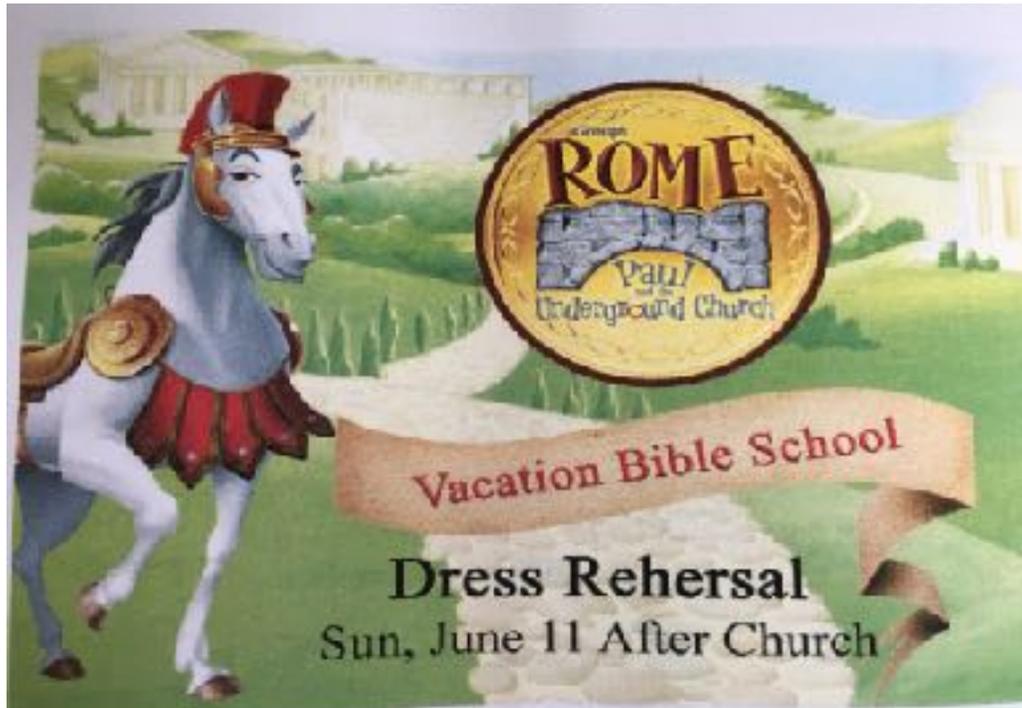
Robert Cross, a former 4-H Volunteer was also recognized. He recognized Ross Grange for supporting 4-H youth for several years in many ways.

Ross members held a meeting following the program. Letters of thanks were read from scholarship winners Autumn Howe and Aigail O'Brien. Ellington Library sent thanks for money received, stating it would be used to purchase childrens' books. Fluvanna Library thanked for the funds received, as it will be used for books and special activities. A float for Memorial Day parades in Gerry, Falconer and Kennedy was discussed. Suggestions for a theme for the display booth at the county fair were made.

The next meeting will be May 22 with the annual Memorial program. The baking contest – Snicker Doodle cookies will also be held. Six cookies should be on a plate and include the recipe.

**\*\*The blackberries are in blossom and the saying goes  
'it's time to plant the cucumber seeds'**

**Ross Mills Church** is preparing for VBS in the beginning of August



Sister's Restaurant on Rt. 380 in under new ownership/management.

Sunday thru Saturday 7am - 2pm

Fridays 7am - 2pm and again later for dinner 4pm - 8pm

