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Richmond Shines at Défi l’heure CIAQ

More than 50 youth participants took part in the Défi CIAQ during the Holstein Quebec picnic. The 71st edition of the Holstein Quebec Picnic was held at Ferme J.M.S. Amitiés in Ferme-Neuve near Mont-Laurier on July 16. The owners of the farm extended a warm welcome to the 2,500 visitors and were pleased to introduce to them their prize-winning herd which ranks #15 among the Top LPI in Canada.

The “Défi l’heure CIAQ” is aimed at the younger generation and gives a chance to the various associations or groups of young farmers from the province of Quebec to win bursaries. Over 50 participants from all across Quebec took part in the challenge. The “Coup de cœur” award which included a cheque for $500 was presented to the “Les Jeunes de l’Expo de Richmond” team. Congratulations to the 4-H’ers who took part in the Défi. Richmond 4-H members participated on 2 different teams: “Richmond 4-H” (Hannah, Savannah, and Brogan) and “Les Jeunes de l’Expo de Richmond” (Marie-Rose, Jeremie, and Kolton): who won the “Coup de Coeur” prize!

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Brome 4-H Club Finds Their 4-H Wings

Brome 4-H Club’s Find your 4-H Wings projects were constructed on June 19 then put on display at their Achievement Day on July 17. See Page 7 for more details on the Brome 4-H Achievement Day.
TD Classic Fundraiser for South-West Region

4-H and AJRQ members from the South-West region helped at a Vélo Quebec event in early July. Vélo Quebec organizes biking tours across the province; members from the South-West region helped during the event held in Chateauguay Valley. Bikers came to the event with their baggage which members loaded into trucks then unloaded at the next destination. During the weekend, South-West members raised $3000 to assist with expenses of participants headed to the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic in November. From those earnings, the group also donated $500 to the Livestock Breeders Association associated with Ormstown Fair.

2016 All Canadian Sheep Classic
hosted in Richmond, QC

The 2016 All Canadian Sheep Classic was held at the Richmond Fairgrounds from July 7th-9th. The Société des éleveurs de moutons de race pure du Québec welcomed breeders from across Canada for the third National Sheep Classic. Chef, and Richmond 4-H Cooking Project Leader, Tammi McGee prepared a lamb mechoui BBQ banquet for all in attendance.
Public Speaking in Ormstown

By Carrie Simpson

This year, our club began a public speaking project in collaboration with the Dewittville Women’s Institute. All members were invited, but members attending Rally were specifically encouraged to participate. One Sunday afternoon, we got together for the first meeting where we discussed the speech topics of this year’s Rally and of the Canadian Young Speakers contest at the Royal. We each chose our topics, then we went over what is expected in a speech, how to properly write one and how to prepare ourselves before the competition. Lucky for us, Christina Knox had already competed at Rally and the Royal with the Canadian Young Speakers contest, so she knew and told us what is expected at both events. With that, we were left to create our speeches.

Sunday July 3rd. We got back together at night for a little friendly competition. Carolyn Cameron, Joanne Cunningham, and Allis Neely were the representatives from the Dewittville Women’s Institute and Ormstown 4-H, as well as the judges. Each participant presented their speech, then the judges deliberated who was the winner of the night, which was Carrie Simpson. Afterwards, the judges spoke to each speaker individually to tell them what their strong and weak points were, so they could improve themselves before the competition at Rally.

It was a good experience and practice before Rally and we would like to thank the Dewittville Women’s Institute for this opportunity!

Ormstown 4-H’er Promotes Club to Local Community

On June 22, Christina Knox returned to Ormstown Elementary, where she was once a student, for an end-of-school family gathering. During the barbeque, reptile show, and bounce house, the Ormstown 4-H member proudly displayed crafts created with her club alongside ribbons earned for square dancing, public speaking, and goat showmanship. She answered questions from students and their parents. In between visitors to the table, 4-H Quebec Executive Director asked Christina about her 4-H experience. When asked about her favourite memory, Christina responded with, “That’s a hard one, there have been so many... public speaking, Rally, Junior Camp.”

Christina also enjoyed being involved in the 2015 Club to Club Exchange, when her sister participated and the twin club from Alberta visited Quebec. When asked about the most challenging aspect of 4-H, Christina responded with “Showing a goat.” Over her years as a 4-H member, Christina has learned that “Duct tape and baler twine fixes everything.”

Throughout the evening, five families showed interest in the Ormstown 4-H programs, and look forward to attend future club activities. Ormstown members look forward to welcoming new youth to their upcoming Achievement Day on August 19th.

If your club would like to promote itself at a community event, contact office@quebec4-h.com to access pop-up banners, brochures, and other promotional material.

Sawyerville Dances all Night

By: Meaghan Rivett

One starry night in May, the Sawyerville 4-H club hosted their annual 4-H dance. At the dance, Slightly Haggard, the featured band, played all of their hit covers, such as; Wagon Wheel, Copper Head Road, Chattahoochee, and many, many others. The dance began at the reasonable time of 9 pm on the 28th of May and carried on to 1 am the next day. The McAuley Centre at the Cookshire fairgrounds was charged with a wonderful energy throughout the night, the dance floor was crowded with more people than it could hold, and everyone was pleased the festivities passed so amicably. The event turned out to be profitable, as our club raised over $800. Make sure not to miss our next dance next May, trust me, it will be a night to remember.
FCC Grant
By Meghann Hatch

This year the Hatley 4-H Club applied for a grant from Farm Credit Canada. As a result we received five hundred dollars to replace and repair our dairy trophies. Over the past few years we have noticed that many of our trophies, the dairy ones in particular, have either come up missing or are simply in dire need of repair. It was disappointing for our members to be recipients of hard earned trophies at our annual banquet and to not have anything to bring home with them when their names were called. For this reason we would like to thank FCC for accepting our request to fund our trophy project. These trophies will put smiles on the faces of Hatley 4-H members for years to come. It has also inspired us to continue with the restoration of all our trophies. The Hatley 4-H trophy committee extends its thanks to Farm Credit Canada.

Cow Patty Bingo at the McDowell Spring Fair
By Alex Mayhew

On June 1st the Shawville 4-H Club held a Cow Patty Bingo at the McDowell Elementary School’s Spring Fair. We sold squares for $2 each and by the time the cow did her business we had made almost $200. The lucky winner turned her winnings back to the Club and with donations made we were able to give $200 to the McDowell Home and School. It was a great success at the 4th annual Spring Fair. Thanks to the Pontiac Agricultural Society for the gates and Ed Rusenstrom for organizing this every year.

La Foire D’Ormstown
Par Jeremy Patry

Le 10-11 et 12 juin dernier se déroulait la foire de Ormstown. Lors de cet événement, notre Club a obtenu beaucoup de prix et de bonne position, en voici quelques une : le club a terminé premier dans la section agrégé, Nous avons eu champion de réserve et mention honorable dans la section Holstein, mention honorable dans la section ayrshire, Michael Wallace à terminé premier dans la division junior d’expertise, Ashleigh Cavers a terminé première dans la division intermédiaire d’expertise, dans la section Pee-Wee Evelyne Desrosiers à terminer première, Alana Mckinven a terminé première dans le Showman (4 des top 5 était dans le Club Ormstown pour le showmanship senior), Alana Mckinven a été la grande championne dans le showmanship.

A team from the Howick 4-H Club placed first in the Ormstown Fair Fitting Competition, where Lachute 4-H member, Jesse Bradley was the judge.

During the PeeWee Showmanship Class, Ormstown 4-H Club President, Carrie Simpson helped Ormstown peewee member Emma McCaig
Canada Day Celebrations Around the Province

Hatley 4-H members celebrate the Canada Day festivities in their local parade.

Shawville 4-H members share their spirit of being Canadian in their Canada Day Parade.

Richmond 4-H Club Ice Cream and Strawberry Social
By Emilie Rodgers

On July 1st, Richmond 4-H held its annual ice cream social in celebration of Canada Day. We had an amazing turn out. The morning of our ice cream social, the club got together at 10am to stem and prepare strawberries, and set up the fair grounds for our many guests that evening. Our ice cream social was held from 7pm to 9pm. We had so many people come to our event this year that we almost ran out of strawberries! We would like to thank everyone in our community who came to enjoy our ice cream social, as well as the parents who helped, and of course Maria Enright for organizing it all!

Pictured Left: Richmond 4-H Member, Cassandra Evans, serving Strawberries to Richmond 4-H Alumni Lee Ann Nelson.

Richmond 4-H Gives Back

On August 2, members of the Richmond 4-H Club gathered to paint 64 tables from the Ladies Building of their local fairgrounds. Through this act of service, the club was pleased to give back to the Richmond Agricultural Society which generously provides use of the grounds at no charge for 4-H activities such as Achievement Day and the Ice Cream Social. Painters took a break from their work to wish Happy Birthday to Richmond square dance leader Erin Scoble.
Hatley 4-H Achievement Day
By Morgan Passmore

The Hatley 4-H Achievement Day was held on July 3rd at the Ayer’s Cliff Fairgrounds. We had sheep, goat, dairy, beef, rabbit, chicken and horse. There were about 40 members who attended. The Overall Show person was Shelby Drew, Reserve was Morgan Passmore, and Honorable Mention was Wyatt Johnston. This year we had a costume class with the same theme as Rally which was Hollywood, 10 members decided to join in and give all the judges, parents and other members a lot of laughs. After the show was over, all the ribbons were handed out. ASC (Purina) donated their time to make us a hotdog lunch. It was a good way to start off the show season and the summer.

Brome 4-H Achievement Day
By Annie Grubb

The Brome 4-H club held their Achievement Day on July 17 at the Brome fairgrounds. Members displayed projects in arts and crafts, poultry, beef, dairy, rabbits and sheep. The club used its smaller size to an advantage by taking this opportunity to also host judging and showmanship demonstrations for each of the projects displayed. Members, their families and the community were all invited to watch these demonstrations and learn about each project.

The club would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the day a huge success!

Pictured Left: Brome 4-H members, Annarose and Louis-Philip assisted in the Sheep Showmanship demonstration.

Richmond 4-H Achievement Day

Program Coordinator, Julie Neal, had the opportunity to attend the Richmond 4-H Achievement Day. The action-packed day included Showmanship, Conformation, and an archery project demonstration. Richmond 4-H members also had their scrapbooks on display.

Featured at this year’s Achievement Day was the new swine project.

Many of their judges included 4-H alumni, and 4-H members from other clubs within the province.
Upcoming 4-H Achievement Days and Fairs:
August 4-7: Coaticook Fair
August 11-14: Bedford Fair
August 11-14: Huntingdon Fair
August 12: Huntingdon Achievement Day
August 18-21: Cookshire Fair
August 19: Ormstown Achievement Day
August 25-28: Ayer’s Cliff Fair
August 27: Lachute Achievement Day
August 28: Howick Achievement Day
September 1-5: Shawville Fair
September 2: Shawville Achievement Day
September 2-5: Brome Fair
September 8-11: Richmond Fair
September 10: Havelock Fair

Back to School Pizza Party
September 7th 2016 at Harrison House on Macdonald Campus, 4-H Quebec will host its annual Back to School Pizza Party. All members are encouraged to attend and bring their friends for an afternoon of fun! The event is free for members and $5.00 for friends. Let us know if you’re coming by the morning of September 6th.

Intermediate Leadership Camp
This event will take place at Camp d’Action Biblique, in Richmond, Quebec on September 23-25. Members aged 13 to 15 are invited to register at a cost of $60.00. We are limited to 24 participants, and the application deadline is September 1st. This is a great opportunity for our intermediate members to meet while learning about the provincial and national 4-H organizations. Learn how to run a meeting and follow a budget while completing fun challenges! Enjoy outdoor adventures such as archery, low ropes, kayaking, and campfire building. Chaperones are needed! To chaperone this event, you must be over the age of 18.

4-H Quebec AGM
The 4-H Quebec AGM will take place on Saturday November 26th in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. Clubs are asked to hold their AGMs in October or early November to facilitate preparation for the provincial meeting.

Junior Junction Challenge
Did you plant a three sisters garden this summer? Send a photo of you with the results to office@quebec4-h.com for a chance to win a gardening kit in a raffle.

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Growing Forward 2 4-H Canada Club Fund Program
Applications are accepted from August 8th to October 31st. More details to come! www.4-h-canada.ca

FCC 4-H Club Fund
This grant of up to $500 is for the costs of developing existing programs and activities. Applications are accepted from August 8th to October 31st.

Regional Tractor Safety Clinic
4-H Quebec is looking for clubs to host a Tractor Safety clinic in their region. Help promote safety and save lives! Contact Julie at program@quebec4-h.com for more info.
**Journey 2050**

By the year 2050 there will be an estimated 9 billion people and food production needs are expected to rise by over 60%. In the **Journey 2050** agriculture sustainability games, ag experts and real farm families from Kenya, India, and Canada guide members through a virtual farm simulation, avatar game, and scavenger hunt Q &A. Each game uses different tactics to engage players while showcasing best management practices, innovations, limiting factors, and the ripple effect of choices. Thanks to funding from Agrium, 4-H Quebec will coordinate Sustainability Days to help bring Journey 2050 programming to clubs. This fall, staff will introduce clubs to the online game. We will also help members get started on their own sustainability journeys by bringing the supplies they need to construct a project chosen by the club (we’ll have a list to pick from such as water bottle onion grower and carrots in a box, but are also open to new suggestions). To find out more or to book your Sustainability Day, contact Julie program@quebec4-h.com.

**Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award:**

The deadline to nominate someone is August 12th. Candidates must be nominated by a community organization that serve the English-speaking minority of Quebec. The person must be 30 years of age or under as of Dec. 31, 2016, they must have demonstrated a commitment to creating change in their community, and they must have contributed to an initiative with measurable impact in their community.

**La Classique des Jeunes Ruraux Québécois**

Location: St. Agapit. August 19 to 24. Theme: Retro. **Apply by August 15.** Info: www.ajrq.qc.ca

**Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture**

The competition will be held on Saturday November 5th at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. Contestants prepare a five- to seven-minute speech on one of five agriculture-related topics. Prizes are available for two age groups: Junior (11 to 15) and Senior (16 to 24). **Deadline: September 30.** Info: http://www.cysa-joca.ca/core/

**Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Square Dance Competition**

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Square Dance Competition: University, College, 4-H and even Adult teams can compete in this great competition! All teams must dance a compulsory call and a dance of their choice. Register by September 15th.

**Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition**

The deadline to apply to 4-H Quebec is September 15th. This event takes place at Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan on November 20 – 22, 2016.

**Ag More Than Ever Webinars**

AMTE now has 10 webinars on their site, from starting a blog, to talking to the media about ag – check them out to find one that interests you. Info: agriculturemorethanever.ca/tag/webinar/

**Advertise Club Events in The Advocate**

As a show of support for 4-H, the Quebec Farmer’s Association has created a new space for clubs to advertise announcements and coming events within the pages of The Advocate. Clubs are invited to send event info to office@quebec4-h.com for promotion!

**Canadian Farmers Grow Communities**

Win $2,500 for your club. Clubs apply for funding through the site and must have a farmer endorse their application to be eligible. If you are the age of majority and are actively engaged in farming corn, soybeans or canola we encourage you to visit the Idea Map and endorse 4-H endeavors. Entries open until September 30.

**Agricultural Youth Green Jobs Initiative**

Funding employers who wish to hire youth to undertake environmentally friendly activities on their farm. Accepting applicants as of April 25 on a first come first serve basis.
Sawyerville Achievement Day and Softball Tournament
By: Kendra Parnell

The Sawyerville 4-H Club has had quite a few events in the month of July. We started with our Achievement Day July 17th at the Cookshire fair grounds. It started out as a rainy day but soon turned very humid. We had a lot of fun and after watching overall showmanship we had a delicious lunch of hotdogs, hamburgers, and salads followed by dessert. We had quite a few prizes to be won such as overall showman, which was won by our senior members, Meaghan Rivett, Cameron Burns and Monica Parnell. We would also like to thank our judges, who did a great job at not only judging but improving our showing skills too.

The softball game was held on July 19 at the Birchton ball park. We would like to thank Marlene Burns who organized and brought up the idea for reviving the tradition of club tournaments. We had two games, starting with the game for the smaller kids and then having the game against the Hatley 4-H Club with the older kids. Both games were very exciting with many laughs and homeruns. Both teams were playing well and were having fun. After five innings, the match was over with a final score of 18-2 for Sawyerville. Our club is always up for a rematch!

Quebec Junior Beef Show 2016
By Allison Mastine

Another Quebec Junior Beef Show has come and gone! Juniors from across Quebec and even Ontario attended the action-packed weekend! An astounding 40 participants attended with 60 animals entered. The event was held at the Brome Fairgrounds from July 8-10th. The weekend included competitions such as Team Fitting, Team Judging, Showmanship, the Cook-Off, Art Classes, and new to this year’s show was a costume class! Juniors dressed up in costumes from movie characters, to superheroes, to a sleepy version of themselves.

Friday’s Team Fitting Competition gave the juniors the opportunity to learn from one another and to use their communication skills while fitting their animal in just 10-15 minutes. We were very lucky to have Sandy Reid from RK Animal Supplies Ltd., to give the juniors a fitting demonstration before the competition, and to give some helpful tips when working in teams.

Saturday’s Cook-Off Competition was a great way to end off the day by cooking our judges some delicious hamburgers. The juniors were divided into 6 groups, where they cooked a hamburger, sides, and decorated their table with their chosen theme. This year’s winning Cook-Off Team was the Baseball themed team.

Sunday’s conformation classes took up most of the morning and afternoon; however, we were able to take a break to present our final awards for the weekend. This year’s Herdsman Award, was renamed the ‘Norman Taylor Memorial Award’ in memory of one of our biggest supporters. Brome 4-H members, Alexis Stoddard, Keira and Sydney Jamieson and Jacob Rothney, of Todd Simmentals were presented with this year’s award.

As we ended off the weekend, the Clinique Veterinaire de Marieville and Ranch Dynamic Angus had donated items and organized a Door Prize Draw. Although the weather predicted showers during the show, we still managed not to get rained on until it was time to leave. 20 of the 40 participants were 4-H Quebec members from clubs including Brome, Hatley, Richmond and Sawyerville.

We would like to thank all sponsors, volunteers, and judges who made this event such a success. Next year’s Quebec Junior Beef Show will take place from July 7-9, 2017.

Results from the 2016 Quebec Junior Beef Show: Allison Mastine of Richmond 4-H won Grand Champion Showperson. Samuel Dempsey of Brome 4-H won Reserve Champion Showperson.

For more information visit our Facebook Page, Quebec Junior Beef Show/ Show Junior Bovins de Boucherie du Quebec.
This year the Hatley 4-H Club was chosen to go on an exchange. We got to travel all the way to Lethbridge, Alberta. We left on the 7th of July, up at 3:00am to get to Montreal to make our 8:00am flight. After our flight across the country we changed to another plane. It was a small plane with only 16 seats. We had to take the bus from the airport out to the plane which was on the tarmac then had to walk across the tarmac to get onto the plane. It was a short 30 minute flight but it was great to see the area around Lethbridge from the air.

The area was flat, windy, and you could see for miles. It was different and amazing to see. Wheat and canola are important crops in the area.

While in Alberta, we went to the Calgary Stampede which was huge, lots of food stands, people, animals, and rides. We were entertained by the chuck wagons and grandstand show.

We hiked at Waterton Lakes National Park and bounced around at the Get Air amusement centre.

At Drumheller there was a lot to see, different kinds of dinosaurs, quite a bit of information to take in. We even met another Club to Club Exchange group from Ontario and the Drumheller district.

No one was living at the new Hutterite colony we visited. It took them 5 years to build it themselves. They had their own automatic dairy milker.

In the Lethbridge area we toured three different feed lots including buffalo, steer, and sheep. As many as 25,000 sheep can be held in a lot. They have an eight foot fence around to keep coyotes out. The sheep meat is sold in stores in Montreal as well as all over Canada and in some stores in the USA, Mexico, Hong Kong, and Dubai.

We travelled about a half hour out of Lethbridge to Fort Macleod to see the fort and a small musical ride that was taking place.

It was a great experience and I cannot wait for the kids to come here on August 11th to show them what we have in our area.
Andrea’s 4-H Adventures
By Andrea Soesbergen

In the month of June, 4-H took me on a lot of crazy and unforgettable adventures! To begin with, from the 2nd to the 4th of June I was in Calgary to attend the 4-H Canada Annual General Meeting. Casey Morey, the Youth Advisory Committee delegate from Alberta and myself were invited to attend the event because of the YAC Committee we sit on, Admissions and AGM. Through this committee, we sit on the 4-H Canada Board of Directors as observers. We had the opportunity in Calgary to attend the Board of Directors in-person meeting, and were told that while we are observers to the board, our input is encouraged and valued. Through the weekend, this was a trend that was reinforced. As youth members, 4-H staff, sponsors, and supporters alike were interested in hearing about our thoughts and experiences. It was so fascinating to be a part of the dialogue about the goals and values are of our treasured organisation, and what direction we would like to see 4-H Canada move towards in the future.

On the 10th of June, I was asked to speak on behalf of 4-H Canada on a United Nations in Canada panel on the recently released Sustainable Development Goals. More specifically, I was speaking about the importance of involving and engaging youth in working towards achieving these 17 lofty goals that aim towards creating a better world. I shared the panel with other youth representatives as well as professionals working with youth. During my speech, I made a case for why 4-H Canada is so strategically placed to help address youth engagement on global issues through the nature of our programming and organisational goals.

Finally, on the 29th of June I had the honour to attend President Barrack Obama’s address to parliament on behalf of 4-H Canada. I had the opportunity to mingle with Members of Parliament and other political ambassadors, and sit in a room with them as Obama’s words about collaboration and compassion filled the room. President Obama is a fantastic speaker who speaks with such integrity, and to hear that live was absolutely phenomenal. He spoke of building countries based upon shared values, about openness and inclusion, things that I value so deeply. To be in that room was such an unforgettable experience.

4-H has taken me on so many journeys lately where I’ve learned so much about myself and had the opportunity to grow. Being a member of the Youth Advisory Committee has exposed me to so many character building situations that I am so grateful for. I would like to take this opportunity to mention that my time as 4-H Quebec’s YAC delegate will be coming to an end this November. If you are an energetic senior member between the ages of 18-25 and opportunities like this excite you, please come talk to me and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have and help you with the application process.
4-H members aged 9 to 12 will be attending Summer Junior Camp from August 14 – 17 at Dunn Memorial Scout Camp, Elgin, QC. The theme is First Nations so we’ll visit the Droulers-Tsionhiakwatha Archeological Site and tour Lac Saint François National Wildlife Area in a rabaska canoe. We'll enjoy games, crafts, and cooking. Connect the dots to see some of the animals we might find on our explorations.

Animal Parts Word Scramble

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Word Scramble Answers

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Abby Morin, Richmond 4-H
By Cora Dean & Allison Mastine

Abby Morin has been a member of the Richmond 4-H Club since she was 6 years old. Her parents were 4-H'ers themselves, and introduced her to the club. Her first project was a dairy calf from her parents' farm. Over the years, Abby has taken on the challenge of showing every 4-H project, except for goats; an impressive accomplishment for a 4-H member. Although passionate about every project, her favourite project has been rabbit.

Abby is currently studying Graphics and Printing at Rosemount Technology Centre. Through 4-H, Abby has learned that responsibility and team work is important in today’s industry. The 4-H motto, “Learn To Do By Doing,” is a saying she takes to heart, and feels has helped her in her education outside of 4-H. While she is undecided on her future career, she wants to stay involved within the 4-H program by giving back to other clubs, and sharing her knowledge through judging.

Her involvement in 4-H has given her the opportunity to give back to her community, and has allowed her to share her knowledge and skill as a rabbit and poultry judge at club Achievement Days. Abby has continued to stay involved within 4-H because, “It is a great youth organization. In 4-H, everybody's really welcoming and there is always somebody there to help you out, especially older kids. When it comes to Rally and other events, a lot of the older kids are there to help out the younger kids.” Abby has attended 11 Provincial Rallies as a Richmond 4-H member, and is always willing to give a helping hand when assistance is needed.

Abby keeps her two pigs, Hamilton and Eilis, at the family farm. Abby recently showed her pigs at Richmond’s Achievement Day, a project that is being introduced to the club yet again. “It’s not as easy as it looks, because you’re controlling the pig with a cane, as opposed to controlling it with your hands.” Showing pigs is a challenge for Abby, as it is different and exciting both at the same time.

When asked about her favourite things about being a 4-H member, Abby responded with, “There are so many things I like about 4-H, but I like the fact that it’s a youth organization run by youth. It’s empowering because it shows leadership and team work amongst the youth.” The most interesting thing that she has learned since joining 4-H is that there is a lot of hard work that goes into everything. “It’s not all fun and games, its hard work and determination from the youth who are doing the work. Lots of time and patience is needed.”

When asked about what Abby brings to the Richmond 4-H Club, long-time Richmond 4-H leader, Maria Enright, added, “Abby brings diversity to the club. She is always willing to try new things and encourages her junior members to do the same. Abby is always willing to lend a hand giving clinics or helping members in their new endeavors.”

Abby has brought enthusiasm and positivity to all of her endeavors in 4-H, and has impressed her fellow members and leaders enormously. From her boundless energy in showing so many different kinds of projects, to her willingness to help younger members, and be involved in judging, great things can be expected from this energetic and positive 4-H member.
Thank you to the Shawville 4-H Club for hosting the 41st annual 4-H Quebec Provincial Rally from July 21—24! Watch for the Special Rally Edition of the News Spreader in September!