

The News Spreader



March 2026



Innovative Ag Tour 2026

From March 13 to 15, 2026, Quebec 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers gathered in the Eastern Townships for our annual Innovative Agriculture Tour, proudly hosted by the Sawyerville 4-H Club. The weekend brought together members from the Sawyerville, Hatley, Richmond, Ormstown, Chateauguay Valley, and Shawville Clubs for an immersive learning experience highlighting the diversity, innovation, and strength of Quebec's agricultural sector.

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2026 INNOVATIVE AG TOUR



The tour featured visits to seven unique agricultural businesses, each offering a different perspective on modern farming and agri-business. From maple syrup production at Virgin Mady, a third-generation family operation with nearly 50,000 taps, to the large-scale and highly efficient dairy operation at Ferme Breault et Frères, participants gained valuable insight into both traditional and cutting-edge practices.

Members also explored sustainable and diversified farming at Ferme Sabot d'Or, where a strong focus on ecological practices and agritourism creates a unique farm experience. At William Houde Ltée, participants learned about the science behind soil health, crop nutrition, and innovative agricultural products that support producers across Quebec.



The tour continued with a visit to Keystone Livestock, where members saw firsthand how a shared dream can grow into a successful agricultural operation that fits a family's lifestyle. The stop also featured Dr. Roxane Rémillard from Evolygen, who introduced members to reproductive technologies in livestock, highlighting the role of innovation and science in modern agriculture.

To wrap up the day participants enjoyed a delicious pasta dinner, followed by a presentation on dog-powered sports by J-R Saucier from TOGO Traction, and an evening of dancing!

On the final day, members visited Ferme piscicole des Bobines, Quebec's largest rainbow trout farming operation, where they learned about sustainable aquaculture. The tour concluded at Charpentier Holsteins, a high-performing dairy farm recognized for its excellence in breeding and robotic milking systems.

Each year Innovative Ag Tour provides valuable opportunities for members to connect and build lasting friendships, highlights the importance of agriculture in Quebec while showcasing the many career paths and opportunities within the industry.

Thank you to the Sawyerville 4-H Club for all the effort put into planning a wonderful weekend, the businesses who welcomed us to their operations, the sponsors and community who supported the event, and our amazing bus drivers, Dallas and Jeff, who made sure we made it safely to each stop.



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KEEPING UP WITH OUR CLUBS!

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Photos submitted by Roewan Cosgrove



In February, Howick craft members made Chocolates for Valentines Day and in March members made Leprechaun houses and reuseable hand warmers.





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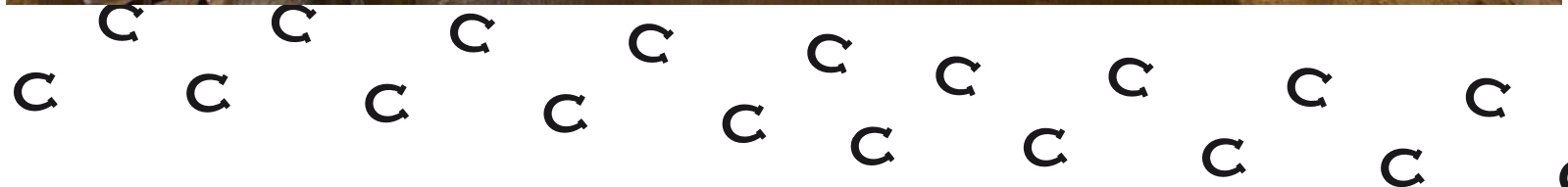
KEEPING UP WITH OUR CLUBS!

ORMSTOWN



By Maeve MacIntyre

On March 8th, 20 Ormstown 4-H club members held the first Horse Club meeting of the year! Thanks to one of our awesome parent volunteers, our members learned about caring for, feeding and showing horses. The Horse Club is a new addition to Ormstown 4-H this year; they will be hosting their second meeting in April to continue learning all about horses!





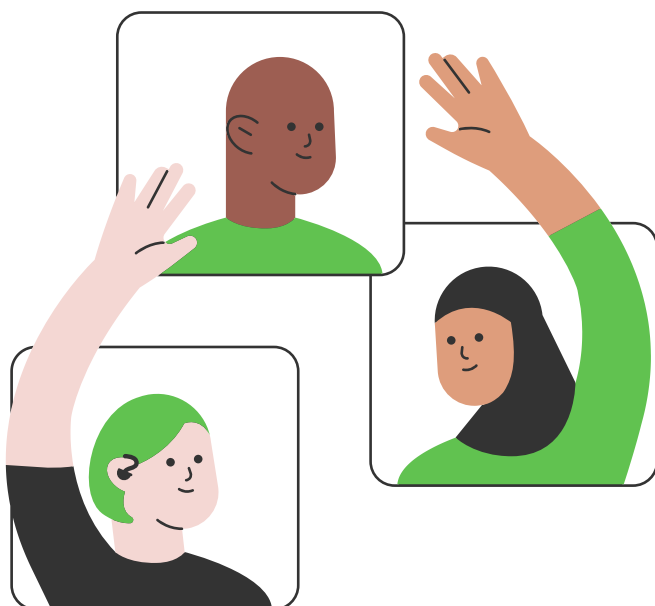
LEADER LINK



Leaders! You're invited to our next Leaders' Call on March 25th at 7pm.

Guest speaker Faith Kirk will be joining us to offer an introduction to DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion). Faith is the 4-H Ontario Team Lead and Volunteer Support Coordinator, Region 4, Volunteer & Community Engagement.

As a registered social service worker, Faith is a strong advocate for mental health. With a proven background and diploma in business and marketing, Faith has valuable experience working with volunteers and youth through her many years in the not-for-profit field. Faith has vast knowledge and an extensive skill set in the areas of recruitment, retention, mental health and diversity, equity and inclusion.



Following Faith's presentation we will have time to have a round table discussion about any successes, challenges, or upcoming events/opportunities you are excited about.

To wrap up the night we will be reviewing a draft of our *New Leader Guide* for feedback.

Reach out to Gillian at coordinator@quebec4-h.com to RSVP



Did you know we have a Quebec 4-H Leaders Facebook group?

Here you can connect with leaders from other clubs to share successes, challenges, and ask questions.



PROVINCIAL UPDATES



12th Annual Provincial Square Dance Competition



Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior Categories!

Doors open to the public - Admission by donation.

Dancing and light refreshments for everyone following the competition.

28
March

1:00 PM

**Centennial Centre Ballroom, Macdonald Campus
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue**

Teams register via this year's Google Form
Registration open from March 9th to 20th, 2026



PROVINCIAL UPDATES



Answer:
A meow-ntain.

HAHA!

Funny Farm

What do you call a pile of cats?

2026 Calendar of Events

Opportunity	Date	Host/Location
Provincial Square Dance Competition	March 28 th	Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
Summer Junior Camp	July 17 th to 19 th	TBA
Provincial Rally	July 30 th to August 2 nd	Lachute

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Do you have dates you would
like to see added to the
calendar?

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10th!

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MARCH'S GAME OF THE MONTH



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