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### Weather



RISK OF A THUNDERSTORM

HIGH OF 23 LOW OF



TUESDAY: CHANCE OF A SHOWER

HIGH OF 22 LOW OF



WEDNESDAY: SUNNY

HIGH OF 24 LOW OF



THURSDAY: **CLOUDY WITH SHOWERS** 

HIGH OF 25 LOW OF



FRIDAY: A FEW SHOWERS

HIGH OF LOW OF

# MAYO/JAM farming program celebrates with an end of year party



THE SCOOP

#### MABLE HASTINGS

Tuesday, June Missisquoi North Volunteer (CABMN) Centre Youth Program held its end of year party for its Mansonville Agricultural Youth Organization (MAYO)/Jeunes Agriculteurs de Mansonville (JAM) program. This after school program is for youth ages 5 to 12 and meets after school two days per week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Youth Centre, 282 Principale in Mansonville.

The MAYO/JAM program that was started during the Pandemic as a means of keeping youth gathered in an outdoor space has given the youth participating the opportunity to visit the hobby farms of Animators, Eleanor Cote (horses) and Ethan Ball (pigs and chickens) on a weekly basis to learn about animal care, land maintenance and usage, planting and food production, food preparation.... Ethan Ball has introduced the children to his registered kunekune pigs (a New Zealand breed) and this spring the kids welcomed their first piglets as Lindsay gave birth to five black and white beauties!

The youth also took plants from the

seed planting stage to beautiful and bountiful plants to take home to put into gardens or pots at home where as they produce food, will be enjoyed by the entire family. Following every stage of the process closely and learning about transplanting and caring for plants, these youth are now masters at the task!

On Tuesday at the Harry Potter themed end of year celebration, each youth received a wonderful micro spade to help them tend their gardens at home donated by the familyowned Lee Valley company. The founder, Leonard Lee, was a recipient of the Order of Canada. He founded the company in 1978, in Ottawa, Ontario. We connected with Amy, a lovely Lee Valley representative who informed us that,

"The Donations Committee will be sending out 26 micro spades for your end of year celebration for the youth in the program as well as one for Ethan. We wish you a successful year end get together."

The spades arrived on time and were a real special addition to the wonderful activities and event held.

The MAYO/JAM program will now break for July and August to restart in the fall. This extremely popular program shows no signs of stopping and in contrast, new ideas are being formulated constantly. This year the youth enjoyed jam making, sausage making, soil preparation, planting, and the many activities listed above.

"We thank our members for a exemplary year and look forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall," said Ethan Ball.

"Thanks also to Lee valley for their generous donation and amazing show of support."

For more information about MAYO/JAM or any of the CABMN's other youth programs visit the website at: www@cabmn.org



Some members of the MAYO/JAM GROUP with their LEE VALLEY gifted micro spades



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