

Building Tomorrow's Leaders

## CLOVER AND CORDUROY TEAM UP TO RAISE FUNDS

Standing over weed mounts and picking through grain samples at crop judging contests. Determining soil textures and slopes at land judging. Ranking animals and giving reasons for livestock judging. Exhibiting static projects and showing animals at the State Fair.

Every year 4-H and FFA hold events side by side. 4-H members compete against 4-H members; FFA against FFA, often judging the same material, members of both organizations.



The North Dakota 4-H Foundation and North Dakota FFA Foundation team up in other areas as well. Since 2014 they have been partnering in Giving Hearts Day. Together they develop a unified theme and create marketing materials to raise funds for their own organization.

Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour online fundraising event created by the Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Giveback Foundation. North Dakota and western Minnesota nonprofit groups are invited to raise money for their organizations. Started in 2008 the first Giving Hearts Day raised over \$325,000. In 2016, 326 groups received 37,109 donations totaling about \$8.3 million. The goal for 2017 is to raise even more money.

Money for Giving Hearts Day is raised in two ways. First, an organization seeks pledges to match funds donated online. Pledges must be received by Feb. 1. Then on Giving Hearts Day, this year Feb. 9, online donations of \$10 or more are matched up to the group's pledges received, making the online donations even more effective. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

Currently our 2017 matching donors include **Lynn and Wade Moser, Kupper Chevrolet-Subaru, Peterson Farms Seed, Jim Kirkeide, and Eric and Suzanne Lahlum.**



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For those who don't want to donate online, donations can be mailed directly to the 4-H Foundation. Donations of \$10 or more dated Feb. 9 and received at the 4-H Foundation office prior to Giving Hearts Day will be included in the Giving Hearts Day total.

**Mark your calendar. Giving Hearts Day 2017 is Thursday, Feb. 9. Donations can be made to the 4-H Foundation at [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org) starting at 12:00 a.m. and running through midnight Feb. 9.**

All funds raised by the 4-H Foundation during Giving Hearts Day go to support 4-H programming in North Dakota, and help to build tomorrow's leaders.

*For many of us the road to success began with the clover and the corduroy...*

Giving is easy and match donations from generous donors can give your gift double the impact.

On February 9, 2017, go to: [impactgiveback.org](http://impactgiveback.org)  
Choose the North Dakota FFA Foundation and/or the 4-H Foundation  
You can give in honor or memory of someone special, or just because you love the FFA and 4-H!

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# Luhman Ranch Hosts State Range Contests

The North Dakota State 4-H and FFA Range Judging contests were held at the Luhman Ranch near Gladstone, ND on Sept. 15.

The range judging contest consists of three ecologic sites and two range plant identification sites. Participants evaluate the soil type, slope, and plant content of each site, along with current condition of the range, and make recommendation related to range management practices.

Each plant identification site consists of 15 plants. Participants identify the plant and indicate various traits of each plant. The contest also included a team problem related to a range situation including calculation of appropriate stocking rate and management practices.

Foster County won the Senior 4-H division.

The Luhman Ranch, where the 2016 range contest was held, was established in 1940 by Arnold and Helen Luhman. The ranch began as a milking operation and raising chickens. Their children, Marilyn and Dale, grew up active in 4-H. Dale married Tammy Bren and together they developed a successful registered Angus operation. Dale passed away March 22, 2011.

Dale and Tammy's dream was to "make a difference" in someone's life. They were always supportive of 4-H programs and functions. While cleaning the barn in the spring of 2013, Tammy had the inspiration to donate the farm to the North Dakota 4-H Foundation to give children an opportunity to experience agriculture and the country lifestyle. She did that and established the Dale and Tammy Luhman 4-H Endowment.

The state 4-H and FFA range judging contests were the beginning of youth activities to be held at the Luhman Ranch. Future activities will be planned.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation and 4-H youth appreciate the generosity of the Luhman family. 



Range judges battle the elements during the 2016 state range judging contest near Gladstone, ND.

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## Lardy Wins 2016 National Range Judging Contest

Cass County 4-H'er Jarrett Lardy was the national range judging individual champion at the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Okla., held last May.

The Trail-Cass County team, of which Lardy is a member, was the 4-H reserve national champion range judging team. The other team members are Shelby Sedivec, Kyra Sedivec and Amy Anderson.

The Kidder-Oliver County team, with members Monica Fitterer, Michelle Fitterer and Rebecca Schmidt, was the other North Dakota team that competed in the range judging contest.

Both teams brought back other team and individual awards. They were:

- Kidder-Oliver County team - fourth in 4-H team competition

- Monica Fitterer - fourth place individual
- Shelby Sedivec - seventh place individual

Preparing for this competition was rigorous but fun, according to Rick Schmidt, one of the coaches for the Kidder-Oliver team and a North Dakota State University Extension Service agent for Oliver County.

"The youth learned over 100 plants, of which most don't grow in North Dakota," he says. "So we spent four days walking the landscape of Oklahoma prior to the contest to learn and identify the species. It sounds difficult, but the 4-H'ers have a great time. It is a very practical contest that tests the youths' memory while giving them a chance to see another part of the country."

# ND 4-H camp program celebrates 50 years

The North Dakota 4-H Camp near Washburn, ND will celebrate 50 years of 4-H camping adventures this summer.

Established in 1967 as Western 4-H Camp, the 80-acre wooded camp is located adjacent to the Missouri River and has provided thousands of youth memorable camping experiences over the past five decades.

This season, 19 youth camps will be held from June 4 through Aug. 10, offering youth outdoor experiences in a wide variety of themes and activities. Camps are open to youth ages 5-18. Campers do not have to be involved in 4-H to attend. Information about the various camps is available online at [www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp).

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation received a \$225,000 grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation for their Environmental Education - Youth Camping Subprogram, which will be used to enhance camping opportunities for youth.

Starting in 2014 the camp underwent a major construction project and renovation. The Johnsrud 4-H Education Center and a multi-purpose building were built, the cabins were remodeled, and the dining hall modernized, with construction completed in 2016.

When camps are not in session, the camp is available to other groups to rent cabins or facilities. Large groups or small gatherings, for the



The mud pit is a highlight at the ND 4-H Camp.

day or for an extended stay, all can enjoy the scenic camp property with up-to-date amenities for meetings, retreats, family reunions or just to enjoy the camping experiences. Information about rental opportunities can be found at [www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp/rental\\_information](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp/rental_information).

Celebration plans for the camp's golden anniversary are underway. More information will be coming. We hope you will celebrate with us.

If you ever attended a camp at any of the North Dakota 4-H camps, we would like to hear from you. Send us a note, call the office, or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/northdakota4hyouthdevelopment&4hfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/northdakota4hyouthdevelopment&4hfoundation).



## Prairie Partners Club holds fundraiser for 4-H camp

In October the Prairie Partners 4-H Club in Williams County heard that the North Dakota 4-H Camp near Washburn needed funds to winterize the new pole building built last fall. Organization leader Scott Aune asked his club if they wanted to help. "Liberty Cobb instantly moved to have a bake sale for the camp," said Aune.



ND 4-H Foundation Vice President Andy Staloch receives funds from Prairie Partners 4-H Club for the ND 4-H Camp.

The club choose to make lefse and cookies at their upcoming November meeting, and tasked their club members to bake items at home to bring to the Nov. 19 bake sale at their local Tractor Supply Store.

They began selling pies, cookies, lefse, cupcakes, cakes, cake pops and other goodies at 10 a.m. and by 2 p.m. were sold out, raising \$655 for the camp.

Prairie Partners 4-H club consists of 35 members, half of which are under 10 years old. Other club leaders are Lyda Aune, project leader; and adult leaders Matt Cobb, Tracie Nehring and Shannon Woodward. Last year the club held a bake sale raising \$700 for the "Fill a Forgotten Stocking" program at American State Bank to buy gifts for under-privileged kids.

"These kids make us so proud!" said Aune.



# Why do I give?

For those unfamiliar to the 4-H program you might ask this question, "Why do you give to 4-H?" To those of us that have experienced 4-H there is no need to explain.

In a nut shell, 4-H has had a tangible impact on my life and my children's lives. I may have actually grown more with the opportunities that 4-H has offered me as a 4-H leader than as a 4-H member.

Giving to 4-H is kind of a "one to many" relationship that really has a compounding effect. My "one" giving assists 4-H leaders in their efforts to prepare the "many" kids in their clubs to become more confident youth and successful adults.

I give because volunteer 4-H leaders gave their time and energy to invest their talents in my children's development. That's priceless. My giving to 4-H insures that volunteer leaders and parents get the program funding and the 4-H camp adventures to develop responsible, respectful, confident and work loving youth.

I love high school sports activities, but a child's chance to participate becomes narrow and eventually they are eliminated from the activity. The 4-H program does not narrow a child's chances to participate in the future, but actually broadens their chances to compete and succeed in life. While all extracurricular activities are great, the 4-H experience adds balance and rounds out every child.

That's why I give.

*Lynn Moser*

*Lynn was a member of the Burleigh County 4-H Horsemasters club as a 4-H member and later as a leader. She also was a leader of the Burleigh County Dynamite Kids club. Lynn currently serves on the North Dakota 4-H Foundation Board of Directors and is an active supporter and donor to the North Dakota 4-H program.*

**Youth** throughout the U.S., including North Dakota, participated in research to define and measure positive youth development (Source: Lerner and Lerner 2011). **Compared with their peers, youth involved in 4-H programs are:**



## 2X

- More Likely To Participate In STEM Activities
- More Likely To Make Healthier Choices
- More Likely To Be Civically Active

## 4X

- More Likely To Give Back To Their Communities

### North Dakota 4-H in 2015-16

- **29,306** youth participants
- **6,247** enrolled 4-H members
- **1,007** youth in 4-H camping programs
- **2,534** volunteers
- **342** youth volunteers



**19%** 4-H enrollment increase in the past five years