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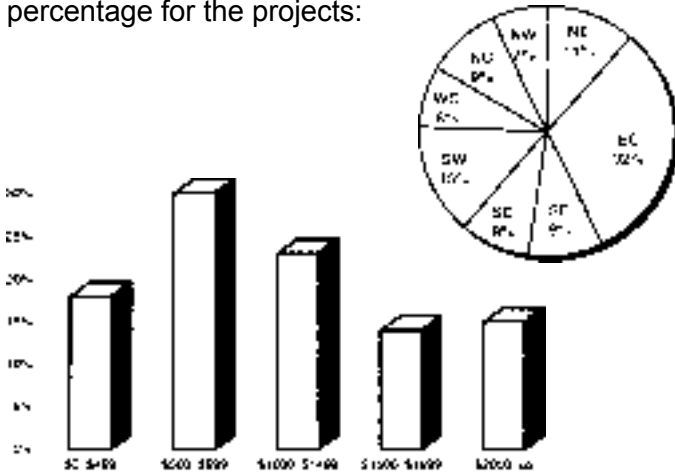
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# NEWS

## Small Grants Program – Making a Difference

Since 1994, the Minnesota 4-H Foundation has invested over \$250,000 funding over 220 small grants throughout Minnesota. In addition, the funded projects were able to leverage or add over \$375,000 to support their program efforts.

The following graphs show the percentages of projects funded by districts and the dollar amounts by percentage for the projects:



they could take home and to have a fun day.

The youth experienced throughout the day educational programs in bike safety, basics about gardening, cooking safety and simple snacks in addition to making their own greeting cards.

After building and planting through the gardening project the youth presented the planters to their town as a service project.



### EXAMPLES OF SMALL GRANT RECIPIENTS

#### What Difference Do the Projects Make?

- ◆ Over two-thirds of the projects focus on key youth outcomes of leadership and citizenship development
- ◆ 60% of the projects note growth in youth's sense of belonging and self-worth.
- ◆ Over half of the project noted growth in skill building and relationships with peers and caring adults.
- ◆ 95% of the projects indicate having impact on their communities.
- ◆ 72% of the projects indicated they will "definitely continue" past funding.

#### West Union Country Kids 4-H Group from Sauk Centre Make a Difference

Their goal was to expose youth in the community to 4-H, have youth work with adults to learn new skills that

#### Camp Handicap Accessibility Project by Sherburne County 4-H Camp Association

The major impact was to provide accessible facilities and programs that most physically challenged youth could use with minimal inconvenience. In addition to building non-physically challenged youth awareness of the challenges and unique needs faced by those in wheelchairs and on crutches and to be supporters of their needs to have a safe, fun, and nurturing experience at 4-H camp.

The youth were involved in the project by writing the grant, presenting the project to their local federation and in the actual construction of the ramp.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Linda L. Smith  
Executive Director  
Minnesota 4-H  
Foundation*

### Fall - what a splendid time of year!

The brilliance of the autumn colors, the gathering of the bountiful crops, the golden glow of the harvest moon - all are vivid reminders of how soon Thanksgiving will be here. This season inspires us to pause in our busy lives and give thanks for all the blessings we have.

As I reflect on my first few months in this role, I realize how privileged I am to be associated with Minnesota 4-H. One of the highlights for me thus far was the centennial celebration that took place during this year's State Fair. The rich heritage of 4-H in our state came alive as we recognized families who have been involved for four and five generations. It was inspiring to hear them describe the impact 4-H has had in their lives. At the same time, we glimpsed the continuing promise that 4-H holds as we brought new participants to the State Fair for the first time.

It is clear that 4-H projects and experiences have evolved as times have changed. However, what remains constant is the commitment to help young people reach their full potential. That would not be possible without the support and involvement of many people who contribute to Minnesota 4-H and to our

Foundation in so many ways. All of you deserve our thanks.

First, the hundreds of individuals, corporations, foundations, and other organizations who over this past year, have contributed nearly two million dollars to support our programs while helping to build a sound financial base for the future of Minnesota 4-H. We know there are many, many worthy causes in our communities and we are indebted to all of you for your belief and confidence in the value of 4-H. Thank you!

Another group that deserves recognition and appreciation are the current and past 4-H educators throughout the state. You have dedicated your lives to bettering the lives of youth. Your commitment to designing and delivering programs that meet the ever-changing and increasingly complex needs of our young people is truly inspirational. Thank you!

It would not be possible for thousands of Minnesota youth to experience 4-H without our volunteer leaders. I observe firsthand the powerful influence these people have as role models and mentors in building self-confidence and developing character in 4-H participants. Thank you!

I also want to extend a special tribute to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota 4-H Foundation, a talented and committed group of people who set the strategic direction for the Foundation. Under the leadership of Chairman Dean Ascherman, the Trustees give generously of their time and resources as they champion the 4-H mission and motivate others to invest in Minnesota 4-H. Thank you!

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." May your lives be enriched with the knowledge that you are making a difference for Minnesota 4-H. As I give thanks for my blessings, please know that all of you are among them.



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During this season of thanksgiving, consider saying "Thank You" by making a contribution in someone's name to the Minnesota 4-H Foundation. What a great way to honor and recognize a friend or family member, no matter what the occasion, while providing support to the Minnesota 4-H Youth Development Program.

Your contributions can be directed to a special program or project fund or endowment fund. Recognition of your gift is sent to whomever you designate, without reference to the size of the gift.

# MN 4-H Foundation Responds to Need

With the flood water northern Minnesota was not only looking at many hours of clean up and rebuilding but current programs that would not be the same without the help of others. The following is a thank you from the Roseau County 4-H Program for financial support from the Minnesota 4-H Foundation.

Dear MN 4-H Foundation,

From the bottom of my heart - THANK YOU!! Your monetary contributions and kind words have been an inspiration. Your donation purchased four refrigerators and two stoves for our Foodstand and Dairy Bar at the County Fairgrounds. The donations also helped support our awards at the County Fair.

It has been overwhelming to see the help that has been sent to Roseau County in the means of money and helping hands. Below is a picture of our fairgrounds during the flood. Attached is a picture of a few 4-H members that received awards during the county fair and many will be attending the state events also. There is also a picture of our foodstand manager and 4-H members and leaders enjoying the new appliances.

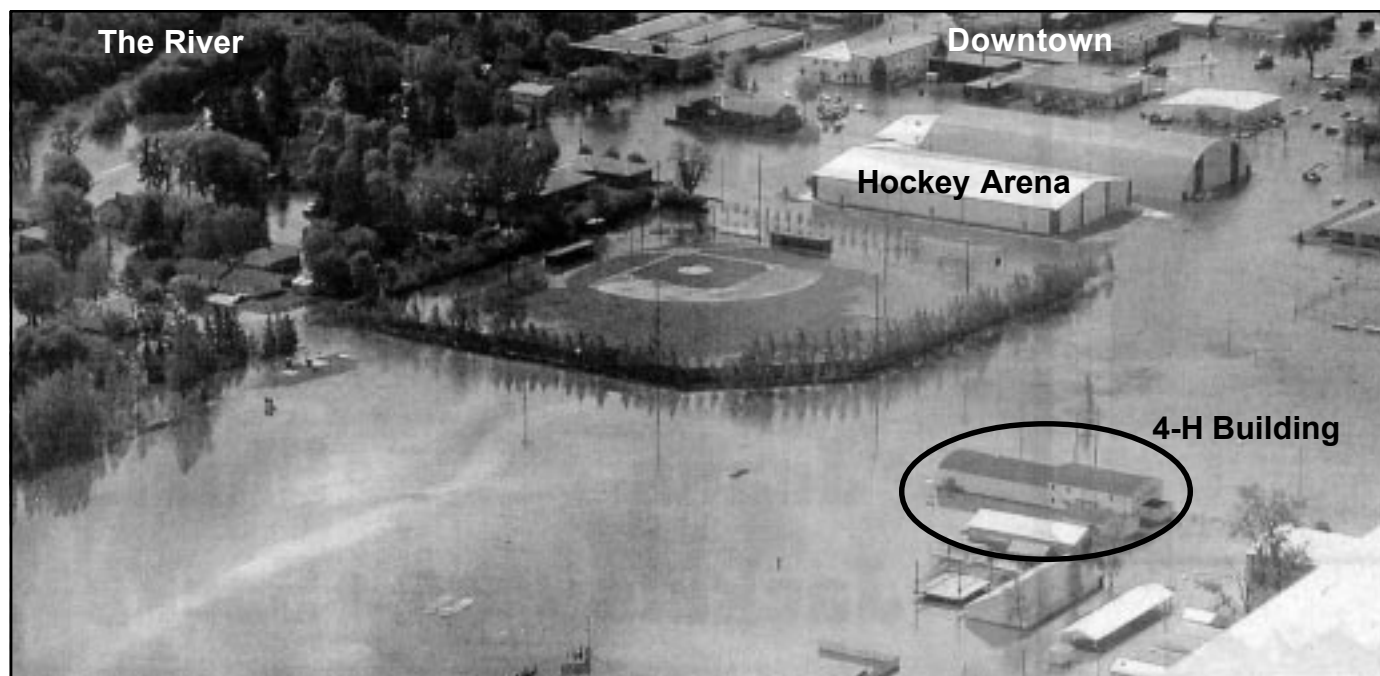
Thank you again. Words cannot say how much everything is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Karyn Santl

Extension Educator, Roseau County

On behalf of the Roseau County 4-H Program



**Gilbertson Field and part of the fairgrounds looking southeast**

# Minnesota 4-H Centennial 2002 Extravaganza, August 24, 2002

Over 2,500 people joined together at the state fair coliseum on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Minnesota 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jeff Redalen, 4-H leader from Fillmore county, summed up the feeling of those attending, "Tears came to my eyes as I realized how many lives 4-H has been apart of over the last 100 years. Thank you for the celebration!"



Within minutes the state fair coliseum was converted from a 4-H cattle arena to a banquet/entertainment center.



State 4-H leaders served as Grand Marshall's for the event and entered the coliseum in vintage cars. The audiences stood and clapped spontaneously as past State 4-H Leader Leonard Harkness made it around the track.



Some of the highlights included important milestones from each decade as well as a look into the future with the Minnesota 4-H cloverbuds.



A record was set as the audience stood, recited the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the 4-H pledge. The pledge was lead by the State 4-H President and Secretary while the State 4-H Ambassadors surrounded the coliseum.



A Minnesota 4-H Centennial Choir was formed to provide the audience with a spectacular show. The choir included a four generation family. Congratulations and thank you to all participants and Connie Rosendahl their director.



The event included short addresses from the following dignitaries: Jerry Hammer – Minnesota State Fair, Brad Rugg – State Fair 4-H Superintendent, Donald T. Floyd, Jr. – National 4-H Council, Dr. Dale A. Blyth Director of the Center for 4-H Youth Development. The Guest speaker was John Schumacher 4-H alum and national food celebrity.



Laughter came from the audience when the three high bunk bed was spotlighted.

## Mini Extravaganza's

During each of the four state fair encampments (2 1/2 days where 4-H'ers from 1/4 of the counties come to compete, learn and have fun) 4-H four and five generation families and 100 Hall of Fame Recipients representing 87 counties and 13 state wide nominees were recognized.



Hall of Fame recipients: Richard and Mary Lou Nordling of Dakota County and Minnesota 4-H Foundation recipient Robert Taylor.



Many four and five generation families were recognized for their long time continued commitment to the 4-H program.



The Minnesota 4-H Foundation thanks the many volunteers who served as host and hostesses in the foundation state fair booth. The booth invites 4-H alumni to reconnect to 4-H and learn how 4-H alumni and friends may give of their time, talents and resources to the 4-H program.

Thank you to all who participated in anyway to the Minnesota 4-H Centennial and the Minnesota 4-H Foundation Honor the past...Invest in our Future..."Give Back to 4-H" Campaign.



The Minnesota 4-H Foundation presents the Minnesota 4-H Living History Display. Jim Simon 4-H alum from Le Sueur County and presently a teacher in Scott County graciously provided 90% of the display from a collection he has been assembly over the past years in honor the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



The Cal Mielke Memorial Greenhouse was dedicated during the State Fair. Mr. Mielke, a 4-H alum of Otter Tail County, generously created the Endowment Fund which supported the construction of the Mielke Greenhouse in the 4-H Building as well as providing continuous support to the OtterTail 4-H program.



### "Save Minnesota 4-H Lucy"

In honor the 4-H Centennial Minnesota 4-H Lucy was created. Kristen Berning, Red Lake County alum and Bill Svendsgaard, past 4-H Educator put many hours into designing and painting Lucy for all of our enjoyment. Thank you to all who responded to the "Save Lucy Campaign". She is now part of our history and future.



The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota 4-H Foundation is a key group of individuals providing oversight of the Foundation fiscal accountability and is committed to the realization of our mission and goals. They are the connectors to the youth, individuals, corporate and organizations for resources for the Minnesota program. With this issue of the *Friends of 4-H newsletter*, we begin a new feature column written by a Trustee. You will enjoy Chairman Dean Ascheman's thoughts as he reflects on the impact of 4-H in his life and says thank you to the people who made a difference for him.

## Chairman of the Board Column -- DEAN ASCHEMAN

### My Friends:

Back in the 1950's when I was a young farm boy in Faribault County I was a member of the Barber Flyers 4-H club where my father and mother were 4-H leaders. I thoroughly enjoyed those years. In 1961 I graduated from Delavan high school and joined the Army. A few years later I moved to Rochester, for the last 39 years I have raised a family and have been working for the IBM Corporation but I have always treasured the 4-H experience and what it provided me.

Several years ago I was given the opportunity to join the Minnesota 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. During the interview process I was asked a question which I have reflected on quite often since that day, especially when I am engaged with youth in 4-H. The question "What do you feel the 4-H experience as a youth has provided you in your life?" I remember I answered the question quickly and evidently satisfactorily, but later during the week after I accepted the position on the Board, I reflected on the question again and as I am now as I write this, I again reflect and let me share my thoughts:

I realized what 4-H meant to me many times as I was tested and challenged in life, many times when I had a chance to influence and lead, many times when I traveled the world in my job and had to deal with diversity and cultures, many times when I faced challenges in marriage and raising a family, many times when business challenges arose in the IBM business world and I found myself accountable for many people and revenue and costs and the many times I volunteered to share my skills, talents and time in my community/church/school system and until I take the time to REALLY reflect and get to the core of my experience and the great things it provided me is when I realize the value of the 4-H programs of the 50s/60s and the value of 4-H leaders (the practitioners) who led our club and shared their wisdom through the 4-H programs.

Many things about me today are the result of my 4-H leaders, my parents Ray and Louse Ascheman, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stevermer, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Prescher, and the key people in 4-H in my County at the time: Dick Quaday, Isabel Smith, Jim Johnson our county agent, and Leonard Harkness our State 4-H leader and many others. These leaders/practitioners, coupled with the 4-H programs were a major influence in my life and something I will be forever grateful for.

To end my story...why did I quickly grasp the chance to re-engage with 4-H through the Minnesota 4-H Foundation? I wanted to give back to 4-H in any way I could...and today as leader of the Board of Trustees, and a major donor to 4-H is just a small token of appreciation for what it has done for me. I challenge all of you... friends of 4-H, to join me in reflection of what 4-H has provided you in your life and join me in providing financial support to 4-H through the Minnesota 4-H Foundation...**GIVE BACK TO 4-H.**



## Delores Andol Scholarship Recipient Named

Julie J. Knobloch, Regional 4-H educator from Sibley and Nicollet County, has been named the recipient of the Delores Andol Scholarship. Julie received a \$1,000 scholarship to help cover costs of going to school.

The Delores Andol Scholarship provides annual financial support for two areas through the Minnesota 4-H Foundation: **a.)** for professional development scholarships to pursue continuing education to current youth worker county academic staff of the University of Minnesota Extension Staff and **b.)** for innovative 4-H Community Club Grant Program.

If you wish to contribute to the Delores Andol Endowment fund, please contact the Minnesota 4-H Foundation.

## Former 4-H'er Still Committed to Serving Others



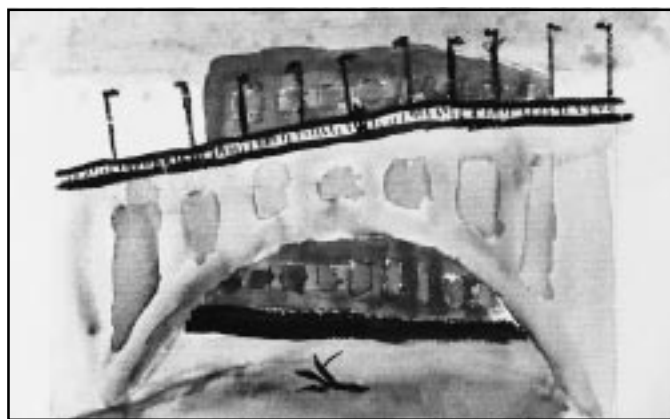
Brian Carlson, Grand Rapids, a former White Oak 4-H club member from Itasca County, was on the road to helping out 4-H Federations around the state during the centennial celebration. Carlson created a label for bottled water featuring the Centennial logo, pledge, and local county information. Extension offices throughout the state from Roseau to Jackson counties ordered the bottles. The water was bottled by the Little Dipper Company of Bovey, Minnesota, and Brian delivered the orders to each county that placed an order FREE OF CHARGE. "It was my way of giving back to 4-H in a fun and unique way," said Carlson, "I was able to take my son, Christopher, on the road a few days. It was a great way to see the state, meet new people involved with 4-H, and be a part of the 100th Anniversary of 4-H." Carlson wanted to thank all those that participated in the fundraiser and hopes they all did well.

Brian was also chosen as the adult from Itasca County to sing in the Centennial Choir the first Saturday of State Fair. It was surprising to him that they could learn four totally unfamiliar songs in less than two days but the choral directors and choir were dedicated to making it happen. "It was another 4-H honor that I put in my closet of memories", he said.

## The 2002 Howland Symposium

*Thinking Smarter About Public Policies for Out-of-School Time*, will take place 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. The Minnesota 4-H Foundation's Howland Family Endowment makes this annual educational opportunity possible for Youth Leadership. It is a free, public event to bridge research and practice around a critical issue in youth work. It is a gathering of community leaders, scholars and front-line youth workers who share a commitment to healthy youth development and strategic action.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Andrew Hahn, who has been appointed the 2002 Howland Endowment Visiting Chair in Youth Leadership Development. Dr. Hahn is a professor at the Heller Graduate School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, and co-chair of their concentrations in child, youth and family studies. He conducts policy analysis, evaluation, training and demonstration projects for government agencies, corporations and major foundations on youth and community development. He has a passion for creating effective strategies and good policy to assist America's most vulnerable youth.



*The Stone Bridge . . . a symbol of bridging research and practice*

You are invited to join other members of the 4-H family and youth work community for a morning of discovery, learning and inspiration. Come contribute your voice to an important conversation that will shape the future for young people in Minnesota.

The Howland Symposium will be co-sponsored by the Center for 4-H Youth Development, the Minnesota 4-H Foundation and the MN Youth Work Institute.

To register for the Symposium, please call 612-624-8192 or send an e-mail to: kimba014@umn.edu.



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