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4-H Youth Development Awarded Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop



Photo- Darla Schwendamann, Prairie Lakes Coop, Brian McNeill, 4-H Youth Development

Friday, April 10, 2009– Starbuck, Minn. – The 4-H Youth Development – West Central Region recently received a \$600 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Pride 4-H Leadership Inspiration Grant.

The Community Pride Committee selected the 4-H Youth Development – West Central Region (Douglas, Pope, Grant, and Stevens Counties) to receive \$600 towards the objective of providing students with training that will help equip them to handle leadership situations.

Brian McNeill, 4-H Extension Educator, states in his application, “[This] workshop will be designed and offered for 7th-12th grade to learn about leadership skills such as group facilitation, group leading, stages of youth development, what to do in an emergency situation, and conflict resolution strategies.”

Applying 4-H organizations have to indicate their plans for the 4-H Leadership grant money, supply general information about the 4-H project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes. Applications are found online at www.prairielakescoop.com.

“Youth need a conduit to develop their leadership skills -- Leadership is something that can be carried and used for a lifetime,” says Tim Harvey, Prairie Lakes Coop Board Member.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded a \$600 grant to the 4-H Youth Development – West Central Region on behalf of its local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop (prairielakescoop.com), a division of CHS, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood, and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, fuels, and grain marketing.