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cational experience, Fosheim said.

In each category, a 4-Her must be interviewed by a judge for a project of the entrant's choosing, she said. The interview provides as powerful a learning experience as creating the project itself, she added.

"When you interview, it builds a sense of pride in what you are working on," she said. "It builds more ownership of things they do."

Achievement Days couldn't run smoothly without a great deal of public support, from the county commissioners and Extension staff to 4-H leaders, parents and volunteers, Fosheim said.

"It's one network of people, and this is on a Thursday, so they have to take time off from work," she said.

The educational theme of Achievement Days was reinforced at one table, as both judges had a teaching background. Joyce Nicolaus of Scotland retired after 33 years as an English teacher, and Sherri Sherard of Marion teaches at Edison Middle School in Sioux Falls.

Sherard said she learns as much from the judging as she does instructing the young entrants. She pointed in particular to the purple ribbon she awarded to Andrew Adam of Yankton for his "European mount" deer skull.

"My son did something like that, and I was interested to see how (Adam) made his," Sherard said.

Sherard said the 4-H judging reinforces her belief in young people and their abilities.

"There are lots of nice projects where you see their creative work. You see how great these kids are," she said. "There is something new every year. Our goal is to help them improve each year and keep it up."

Sharing the same table, Nicolaus interviewed 9-year-old Aaron Friedenbach of Yankton while Sherard interviewed his 12-year-old sister, Camille. At the next table, the rest of the Friedenbach clan — parents Bob and Jean, along with 14-year-old Laurel and 11-year-old David — were scrambling to get their projects ready for interviews.

Laurel admitted that problems with two different bread machines forced her to try her bread baking about a half-dozen times before it came out just right.

It's those challenges that provide the real learning experiences, Jean said.

"These are really worthwhile projects for the kids. They learn a lot from this," she said. "There are things that look hard, but they learn by working and building it."

Those everyday skills will benefit them throughout their lives, Jean said.

"Everyone has to eat, and the kids learn how to cook. They learn why some clothes are better," she said. "And 4-H is one of the best things you can do as a whole family working together."

Jean said she was glad to see the expanded project areas, particularly for those youths who don't live on farms. She noted David's interest in rocketry and aerospace.

The Yankton County commissioners made the right move by continuing to fund the county's full-time 4-H/youth development position, Jean said. She remains optimistic that 4-H and youth programs will do even better with the addition of 4-H advisors under state Extension restructuring.

"The more 4-H expands and grows, the better it will be received," she said.

4-H's educational impact is seen at early ages. Ten-year-old Abby Larson, a member of the Clever Clovers 4-H Club of Volin, has already been in 4-H for four years thanks to the Cloverbud program for children too young to compete in 4-H.

She received a purple ribbon Thursday on her stomp rocket. She is no stranger to the State Fair, as she has competed in past years. Her sister Molly is a Clover Bud, and another sister, Keeley, will join 4-H next year.

"It's a lot of fun, and I enjoy exploring the State Fair," Abby said.

The family affair was likewise seen by siblings Ty, Garet and Vada Novak, who were competing in the foods category with their baked goods.

Ty noted his specialty is kolaches, and he wants to become a chef someday.

So what's the secret of creating great food? "Put a lot of love into it," he said, flashing a grin.

Their judges, Kralicek of Yankton and Beverly Kennedy of Vermillion, said they marveled at the young people's skills at creating healthier foods, including vegan recipes and those with soybeans and soy milk.

"We had recipes that were altered to make them more nutritious. (The contestants)

described how they changed things," Kralicek said. "We had two altered recipes with fact sheets, and that's really important because at the State Fair, they won't be talking to the judges."

At the other end of the room, Josh Svatos and John Darcy were judges for welding projects.

"We took what we know at our (RTEC) facility and helped the kids," Svatos said. "We've got some really good welders."

In the main room, judges Andrew Jensen and Angie Robinson judged miscellaneous entries, including a footstool and picture frame by Heather Hauger from the Irene-Wakonda area.

Jensen advised entrants to create something not normally

found at Achievement Days. A former Clay County 4-Her from Wakonda, he enjoys seeing entries from the judge's side of the table.

"You never realize how people perceive what you are doing (until you judge)," he said.

Talent came in many forms, including the Pine Acres Pride 2011 theme for Yankton County Achievement Days created by Kate and Kyle Katterhagen of Yankton. They created the theme using the pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Kyle previously created the T-shirt with the theme, "4-H Launches Your Future," featuring a rocket. The theme was used for

the State Fair and statewide promotions.

Their mother, Lois Halbur, said 4-H has helped Kyle and Kate develop as individuals.

"I tell them that these (4-H) interviews are a matter of selling themselves. They explain their projects, and it builds a lot of self-confidence," she said. "They also develop their writing skills with a description of what they accomplished in each area."

4-Hers are not the only winners during Achievement Days, Halbur said.

"The Extension staff and these volunteers are absolutely the best," she said.

For a complete Achievement Days schedule, visit online at www.yankton4h.com.

Clinton: TransCanada To Upgrade Pipeline Safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Canadian company that hopes to pipe oil from western Canada to Texas is working with U.S. officials to develop safety standards beyond those required by law, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday.

The new standards should ensure that if a permit for the 1,900-mile pipeline is issued, "the project will be as safe as it could possibly be," Clinton said.

"We've been clear from the beginning that the safety of the pipeline is one of our highest priorities," said Clinton, who is expected to decide

on the project by the end of the year.

The State Department has authority over the pipeline because it crosses an international boundary.

Besides the State Department, at least two federal agencies — the Environmental Protection Agency and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration — are reviewing the project, Clinton said.

The State Department is expected to complete an environmental analysis this month, and officials have scheduled a series of public meetings this fall in states where the pipeline will travel, including South Dakota and Nebraska.

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