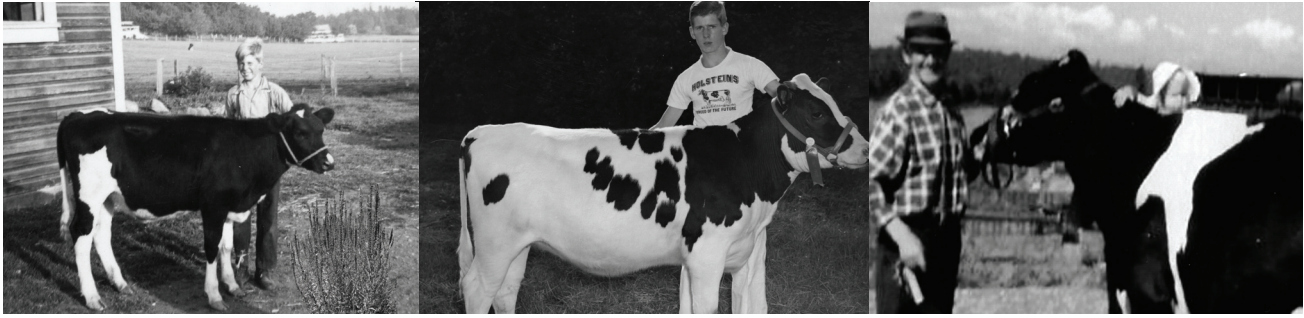


4 GENERATIONS OF 4-H



The Taylor family of Courtenay have been involved with B.C. 4-H for four generations. Joe Taylor, who owns Viewfield Farms Ltd. with his sons Will and Dave, is proud to have had four generations of his family involved in 4-H.

Joe's father William was a 4-H leader in the Saanich Club on Vancouver Island when Joe was a young member. That inspired Joe to be a dairy farmer. Joe's children were involved in 4-H and now so are his grandchildren. Recently, Joe's wife Jeannette watched with great pride as their Granddaughter participated in the District 4-H public speaking contest.

When Joe Taylor was a teenager, he never would have dreamed that 4-H would still be a part of his life today. Joe was a founding member of the B.C. 4-H Foundation along with Gordon Rendle, Gordon Berry, Ralph Barichello, Ralph Cave, Barb Souter and Pat Hibbert. The B.C. 4-H Foundation is celebrating 30 years of existence this year while B.C. 4-H will celebrate 100 years in 2014. Joe indicated the main purpose of organizing the Foundation was to assist 4-H members that needed financial assistance so that it would be accessible to all youth and to help develop new 4-H programs. Today, the Foundation's main objective has not changed and that is to provide annual funding to the B.C. 4-H Provincial Council to administer the programs that are beneficial to all members of B.C. 4-H. Joe believes 4-H is slowly changing as it is not just about chickens and cattle anymore but can include any sector that builds useful skills for youth. However, Joe is still convinced the 4-H motto of "Learn To Do By Doing" and the pledge are very much needed and relevant to-

day and in the lives of our youth and our country." Many of our leaders in all walks of life are Alumni of 4-H. I asked Joe if the B.C. 4-H Foundation still plays an important role and his answer was clear and simple - "Yes - today and in the future."

Joe Taylor is very pleased to have his sons farming with him today and hopes his grandchildren will also take up the passion. Both of his sons were involved in 4-H. Dave Taylor was 9 years old when he became a 4-H member. He enjoyed growing into it and he found learning one skill helped him to learn other skills. Dave especially enjoyed 4-H as it was inspirational and full of action and performance which were all the things that Dave loved to do. I asked Dave what 4-H did for him and he responded with a list of items. He learned how to moderate a meeting, to respect leadership, how to work with others, how to complete tasks and projects and the importance of social interaction. He also learned to do your best whenever you compete and that you do not always win. Dave is very thankful for his 4-H years as Dave and his wife Lisa were awarded Canada's Outstanding Young Farmer in 2008 - an award that recognizes advancement in agriculture. 4-H also helps to set goals and this family still keeps up with that challenge today. Their dairy consists of 120 purebred Holsteins and they have won the best milk quality award for Vancou-

ver Island for the last four out of five years and their next goal is to be recognized as a Master Breeder Herd.

Dave and Lisa are now involved in 4-H as supporting parents. Dave said "It is interesting to see my children growing up in a different generation than myself, but able to still use 4-H to gain the basic foundation skills. 4-H is very grounding and something the entire family enjoys supporting and being involved in." Today, Dave is very involved in the agricultural industry holding numerous positions on boards and committees where he meets other Alumni 4-H members. Furthermore, Dave said "4-H very much relates to what I enjoy doing today and that is dairy farming with my extended family."

B.C. 4-H Foundation could use your help to grow. If you would like to ensure the continuing success of B.C. 4-H and our future leaders of tomorrow, please consider donations to the B.C. 4-H Foundation. Donations are acknowledged with a charitable tax receipt, listing in the B.C. 4-H Annual Report as well as on the B.C. 4-H website. Donations can be made by way of In Memoriam, Cash, Stock, Real Estate, Life Insurance policies or Bequests. For more information, please contact the B.C. Foundation at 1-866-776-0373 or check them out at www.bc4h.bc.ca.

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