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## *Clover Connection*

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Seasons are constantly changing. Not just the ones we associate with the weather, but also the seasons of life. I was saddened to hear about the passing of an old 4-H acquaintance from Nebraska last week. I had met Randy when I was probably 8 years old and trying my hand in the 4-H Shooting Sports project (BB Gun).

I quickly learned my talents fell elsewhere in the spectrum when it came to 4-H projects, but I will never forget Randy's safety orientations he would do before a shooting sports contest. He was heavily involved with the project on the State and National level. I'm guessing the odds are pretty good some of my Texas 4-H Shooting Sports people may have known him.

I've been sitting at my desk today reading 4-H scholarship applications before sending them off to the district office. I had the realization that I'm getting a little older myself. These fine upstanding youth who are about to start their adventures in college were born the year I was getting out of high school.

Would I have changed some of the decisions I made and paths I took along the way from college to where I am now? While I may have changed my major in college if I had it to do over, I know for certain that I wouldn't change my career path. I've said it before, but I love my job. I'm pretty sure none of my other contemporaries started their work day by re-tagging a steer and finished with building and programming some Lego "Sumo" Robots.

As I close out this week and start to prepare for the next, I send prayers to Randy's family as they navigate through this time in their lives. I also pray for our young 4-Hers who are embarking on a new season in theirs.

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