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Clover Connection

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Giving Thanks

November is here (even though it seems like some places have already fast forwarded to December). I've even heard Christmas music in some retail stores - but with the Thanksgiving holiday coming up at the end of the month, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on some of the things I have to be thankful for:

- **Bologna sandwiches** might not sound like something to appreciate, but I grew up as a farm kid in the 80's. Times got pretty lean, but my mom always made sure my brother and I had full stomachs. She also taught us basic cooking skills so we knew how to feed ourselves!
- **"MC Hammer" or Parachute Pants**, (or lack thereof). I wanted so badly to attend the 4-H sewing workshop where I too, could make my very own pair of parachute pants. My mom said "no" and I am eternally thankful to her.
- **Neon pink shorts**. If I hadn't sewed that pair of shockingly pink shorts with the elastic waistband, I wouldn't have learned the skills I would eventually use to do things like hem my own pants and sew on stray buttons.
- **Messy storage rooms**. Sometimes when I go to the back room at my office I get overwhelmed by the amount of stuff that is crammed into a tiny space. I do my best to keep it organized, but sometimes it gets the best of me. It also reminds me that we have an active 4-H program with hundreds of members doing a lot of cool projects!
- **Stacks of papers to be filed**. Just like the storage room, my pile "to file" seems to grow until I can't see over one side of my desk. Papers waiting to be filed mean that I'm busy planning new projects and events or I'm getting to work with 4-Hers' and volunteers in person.
- **A stack of "things to do"** means I have a job that keeps me busy! And, I usually get to do something different each day. I love my job and the youth, volunteers and parents I get to work with.

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