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The Family Magazine

Beauty from Horticulture

By Carol Blaes
Cherryvale

Horticulture, new as tomorrow and yet old when great-great-great-grandmother was young, is a growing interest for 4-H'ers and is becoming a new national pastime.

When I enrolled in the Beauty from Horticulture project, one of the more recent 4-H projects, I had no idea where it might lead me or what I would learn from it.

I began looking in seed and flower catalogs and in magazines. I saw a picture of a shadow box light garden with mirrored inside walls; it could be placed anywhere. This was something not even my great-grandma had seen as an environment for flowers.

Instructions were provided for building, so I began making plans for it. My two brothers cut it out and wired it for me.

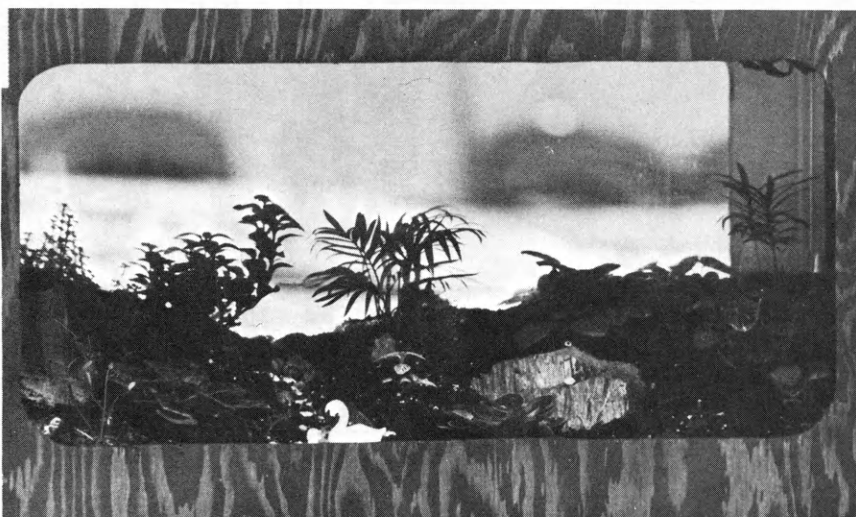
Then came the decision of how to landscape. I selected plant species that would not conflict in style or rate of growth. I planted all miniature African violets, palm trees, nerve plant, creeping pilea, and emerald peperomia.

Then came the accessories. Collecting interesting rocks, shells, driftwood, and ceramic animal figures added enjoyment to my work with the miniature garden.

In this project I learned how to propagate plants by stem and leaf cuttings, plant division, and seed.

I enjoyed touring green houses and learning how each plant is propagated and that each plant has its own needs for light, temperature, and humidity.

You really don't need a green thumb, just know the conditions your plant likes and if you succeed with one plant, you will have a lifetime anytime, anywhere activity.



Carol Blaes' light garden was a purple ribbon winner in the flower division at the horticulture, art, and crafts show in Montgomery County.

Cake decorating

Twenty-four members of Happy Helpers 4-H Club in Leavenworth County have completed a six-lesson course in cake decorating, and another group is ready to begin.

The group surprised the club's community leader, Harold Denholm, at the regular 4-H meeting on his birthday, March 17, by presenting a ceremony in his honor and by serving Mr. Denholm, the 4-H members, and guests with cake decorated with shamrocks.

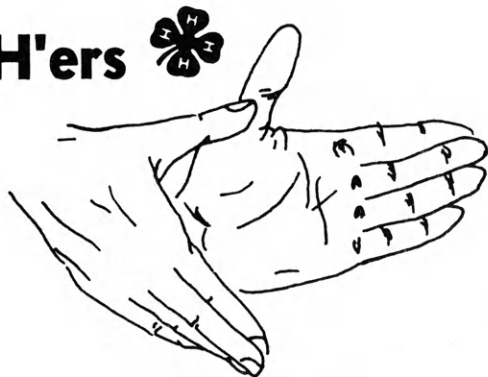
Leader of the group is Mrs. Don Budenosky, Tonganoxie.

After the initial six lessons, the decorating group has monthly project meetings. Emily Mark, Leavenworth County extension home economist, prepared a special record sheet for the project. For the cake decorating class at the Leavenworth County Fair, the 4-H members will make and decorate their own cakes.

If you have questions or want help, write to Mrs. Don Budenosky, Rt. 1, Box 151, Tonganoxie, Kansas 66086.

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Use your Kansas 4-H Journal!

By Martha Wreath Streeter
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 Manhattan

How do you use the 4-H Journal?

Back in the dark ages when I was a 4-H member, we didn't have a Journal. Oh, we did have a newspaper once, for a few months, in the College Hill 4-H Club in Riley County. It was run off on a jelly duplicator — ask your mother how great that was! — and included news about judging biscuits at a foods project meeting, names of members who were studying music appreciation to attempt to win that highly coveted trip to 4-H Round-up in Manhattan, and encouragement for keeping records accurate so the club could complete 100 per cent. Members edited and published it. Although far from elaborate, it served the purpose of improving communication in a large local club.

But today Kansas 4-H'ers have a magazine of their very own, which they help write, and which they can use in many ways if they will just open it and read it. And today's Journal is as many light years ahead of the old College Hill News as the Jet Age is ahead of the horse and buggy.

For instance — usually this column is written by your state 4-H leader, a man who is uniquely equipped to draw on his experience to inspire and inform. How could you use these editorials? Maybe there are members in your club who haven't found them yet. How about adding a number on the monthly 4-H program to include a report on a new idea either from the editorial or from an article in your magazine. Make the report short and snappy, so the other members will want to explore the magazine for themselves.

Are you looking for a new project? Usually there's a story in the Journal about a 4-H'er's experience with some project, whether it is home landscaping or energy conservation, and you might decide it's something you'd like to try.

Are you enrolled in leadership? Watch for articles or editorials which give hints on how to work with others.

And then, if you find the Journal helpful, have you ever thanked your local business firms who contribute money to pay for your subscription? We all like to feel appreciated. A letter or a friendly visit with the sponsors in your community will let them know that their contribution is worthwhile.

Dates and deadlines

- May 1—Applications for Camp Miniwanca Leadership Camp for 16-19 year olds due at State 4-H Department. \$150 scholarships are available.
- May 2—Honey Essay Contest entries due at State 4-H Department
- May 2—Round-up personal program schedule and "Consent of Parents for Medical Care and Treatment" due at State 4-H Department
- May 6-8—4-H Fish Clinic, Lake Perry 4-H Center
- May 7—Horse Show, Fairgrounds, Salina, judging classes for saddle bred and other horse breeds, 12:30 p.m.
- May 7-8—Rock Springs Ranch Clean-up, 4-H Junior Leaders and Collegiate 4-H members
- May 10-12—State 4-H Record Judging, Kansas State University
- May 28—Thomas County Horse Show, Thomas County Fairgrounds, Colby. All 4-H members are invited. There will be classes for 8-11 years olds, 12-14, 15-18. Thomas County 4-H'ers want to know how many to expect, so as soon as possible, contact Richard S. Kubik, Courthouse, Box 528, Colby, Kansas 67701.
- June 5—Pottawatomie County 4-H-IFYE Jamboree, 4-H Building, Onaga
- June 7-August 15—Lake Perry Center, 3, 5, and 10 day camps
- June 15—Pre-registration due for State Conservation Camp
- June 13-July 2 and July 10-July 31—Youth Expedition Series—Backpacking and River Float Trip to Colorado
- June 19—Open 4-H Horse Show, 10 a.m., Riley Co. Fairgrounds, Manhattan, 10 a.m.
- July 1-2-3—State 4-H Family Camp, Rock Springs Ranch



4-H Around the State



By the State and Area 4-H Staff

LAKE PERRY 4-H CENTER —

The directors of the Powell Family Foundation have made a grant of \$2,000 for the 1977 summer camping program at Lake Perry, the money to be used to provide camperships to boys and girls, probably in the Threshold and Discovery aspects of the camping program. Money to provide program assistance is especially desirable, and will be administered under the direction of John Abell.

MIAMI COUNTY —

The Miami County Junior Leaders are preparing to host junior leaders from northwest Nebraska (Dowes County, Chadron, which is just below the Black Hills of South Dakota) July 7 through July 11. In the summer of 1978, Miami County junior leaders will cinch in their belts, polish up their boots, and Go West.

JOHNSON COUNTY —

The recreation committee of the Junior Leaders Club reserved the King Louie West Lanes for a bowling, billiards, and ice skating party March 27, 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. (look at those times again!) It was an early morning party for junior leaders and their parents, with a cost of \$4 each. Possibly this is one answer to getting a date on today's crowded agenda.

LAKE PERRY —

The camping promotional film "shot" last August has finally been completed, spliced together, and "voiced" so that copies can be made for counties to use. Extension funded the film, which was made in the K.S.U. Television and Film Shop. Contact John Abell for details. Scheduling will be handled through the Extension Film Library.

JOHNSON COUNTY —

A Friends of 4-H Dinner scheduled for April 26 in the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds was handled by a series of committees that divided up the various responsibilities, generally allocated by clubs. Apparently a large crowd was expected, because each family brought enough food for themselves and three guests.

SHAWNEE COUNTY —

The Topeka Gem and Mineral Society will be inviting 4-H members to exhibit their geology cases at the annual show October 1 and 2 at the fairgrounds in Topeka. This invitation is under the auspices of the Gem and Mineral Club, and ribbons will be provided for the judged exhibits. This should be an educational event, as well as providing geology project members an opportunity to have their collections evaluated.

MARION COUNTY —

Three county-wide geology field trips have been scheduled, with the first taking place April 2. This was an all-day tour by bus, with several stops in Chase County. Each participant pays \$1 for the bus ride, but leaders and parents ride free. All three trips feature a sack lunch for the noon break. Leaders Mrs. Howard O'Neal, Mrs. Joyce Carlson, and Mrs. Don Hiebert welcome attendance by those not presently enrolled in geology but interested in the field trips.

HUTCHINSON —

Area 4-H specialist Tom Whitson has accepted a position as county extension director at Casper, Wyoming. Tom has served the south central area for more than three years, coming in from the Kiowa County extension directors position to become the first area 4-H specialist for that area. A search committee is taking applications for the position.

MANHATTAN —

Bill Riley, associate director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation and director of the Rock Springs Ranch complex, has resigned effective June 30 to become associated with the Arabian Horse Registry of America Trust, located at Denver, Colorado. Bill's replacement is a function of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees.

MANHATTAN —

The sound of wedding bells in the College Heights Baptist Church on March 18 meant that Ellen Murphy became Mrs. Ellen (Gene) Jackson. Ellen will respond quite well to "Ellen," just like always.

LAKE PERRY —

A state-wide Youth Fishing Clinic is scheduled for May 6-7-8 at Lake Perry Outdoor Education Center. There will be a sign-up process available through the county extension offices. Cost will be \$25 for the entire camp. Program is "to learn everything you need to know about fishing" including making and repairing your own equipment and trout line skills. The event will end with a big fish fry, hosting the parents when they come to bring their children home.

SEDGWICK COUNTY —

An Art and Craft Workshop was held in the 4-H Building in Wichita April 16, including classes in string art, weaving (soda straw and needle), folk art, macrame, and pen and ink (drawing on glass). Classes were available for both youth and adults.

SOUTHEAST KANSAS —

Participation in 4-H increased by an impressive 40 per cent in southeast area during the past year. This increase was largely due to special interest and short term programs, while there was a small decline in community club enrollment. Significant progress has been made in attracting and involving "new youth" through special events and activities.

MANHATTAN —

Cecil Eyestone, long-time 4-H member (Leavenworth County), 4-H agent (Montgomery County), and 4-H specialist has chosen to take an early retirement. Although he has several years of "eligibility" left, Cecil has his eye on a number of interests that he wants to pursue, including possibly taking a number of Kansas youth overseas again as he did in the summer of 1975. We're going to miss Cecil's work and enthusiasm for the 4-H program in the years ahead.

MCPHERSON —

A four-county 4-H district dog show is scheduled for McPherson County on May 27. This is an invitational meet for the four counties involved, but it suggests that other counties might want to consider invitational meets following their own county shows.

Be a lifesaver!

By Randy Tosh
1977 National 4-H Conference Delegate
Atchison County

As a part of the 4-H safety program you can be a lifesaver. No, not a little round piece of candy with a hole in the center, but a well-rounded 4-H'er with safety in the center of your activities and life.

Upon deciding to become a lifesaver (enrolling in the safety project), you will be given the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of "flavors" (phases).

One very popular "flavor" is farm safety. Here the opportunities to educate farm families about safe practices are nearly unlimited. Probably the most successful way to make a lasting impression on farmers and their families is to actually visit their farms, and with their permission, find hazardous objects or areas, and suggest to the farmer how to correct them.

A good example of this is to obtain decals such as "THINK" or "NO RIDERS" which can be purchased from the Kansas Farm Bureau and to take them to the farmers and place them on the proper farm equipment; that is, the "THINK" decal near power takeoff shafts, and the "NO RIDERS" emblem on equipment that has a seat for one person to ride safely.

If this isn't your "flavor" there are still more to choose from. How about home safety? You certainly don't have to go very far to find a challenge in this phase.

Begin with your own home. When you make a safety survey don't just skim the surface — look closely for small details that can cause big disasters like overloaded circuits and improper storage of medicines and chemicals, to name just a few.

Once you have learned how to check your own home and correct its safety hazards, you are ready to help your friends and neighbors with theirs. All you need do is give them a home safety checklist, help them fill it out, and then most importantly, help them correct the hazards. This may take a little time and effort, but think how rewarding it would be to know that you perhaps saved a life or prevented an injury.

If home safety still is not the "flavor" you had in mind, there is one more that will affect every 4-H'er at some time. It may not be the one that you will want to devote the biggest part of your time to, but you should know it and practice it, because not only will it affect your life, but that of everyone else on the road. That's right, highway safety!

Sooner or later, if not already, you will be given the right to operate a motor vehicle on public roads.

"... give the safety project a try and become life savers . . .

How you handle this responsibility affects everyone else who is on the road at the same time you are. This is one of the best opportunities that you have as 4-H'ers to show the adults in your towns and communities how mature you are — that is, your ability to handle a car in a safe manner.

Begin by learning the traffic laws of Kansas. Once you are old enough and have a driver's license, you have the opportunity to practice what you have learned. As a 4-H'er in the safety program, it's now your job to teach others these rules and see to it that they obey them through constant safety reminders and watching you practice them. Remember, you may practice safety on the roads and highways, but if someone else isn't, you are no more safe than they are.

These three main areas of safety cover most aspects of the project, but if you feel you would rather concentrate in one particular area such as fire, chemical, or water safety there is always a challenge and there are plenty of opportunities for teaching and practicing safety in these phases. Maybe you would even want to be a "tutti frutti" lifesaver and do some type of work in several areas.

4-H safety has been a real challenge for me for the past six years. I have tried several "flavors" of the project and have found all to be satisfying and rewarding. I only hope that all "well-rounded" members will give the safety project a try and become lifesavers without a hole in the center!

Cycle safety

By David Combs
Junior Leader, Cycle Safety
Topeka

Defensive driving is being taught to the members of a new 4-H project this year in the Elmont Wildcats 4-H Club in Shawnee County.

A cycle safety project has been started with the cooperation and support of Sgt. Tom Jensen of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Sgt. Jensen attended the first meeting and showed a film about hazards the cyclist must watch for while riding, and answered questions for the project members and their parents. The parents left the meeting with as much enthusiasm for the project as the members enrolled.

After studying our student workbooks on cycling we visited Miles Motorcycle Shop in Topeka. The manager, Chuck Hanna, showed us a film about cycles and told us about the importance of proper maintenance and care of our bikes.

We have received safety information on cycling from Cycle World Magazine, Honda Motor Company, National Safety Council, and Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Our club has learned that businesses and organizations will give young people all the help and support we need if we will just go to them and let them know what our interests are. People really do care!

This is a fun way to learn safe cycling and we appreciate Eldon Clawson, our extension agent, and our 4-H club giving us this opportunity.

4-H'ers express ideas in advisory groups

By Steve Fisher
Extension Assistant in
Program Evaluation

A new dimension has been added to the Kansas 4-H program within the past year. It is the State 4-H Youth Advisory. The new group was established during the 1976 4-H Round-Up at the recommendation of the statewide adult 4-H advisory committee.

The 4-H Youth Advisory provides the opportunity for older 4-H members from across the state to represent all Kansas 4-H members

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Advisory groups

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at the state level. The youth advisory meets with county agents and state 4-H specialists to voice their concerns and make recommendations about various 4-H programs and projects. Once each year the youth advisory and state 4-H adult advisory committee meet to exchange opinions and viewpoints.

Membership begins at the county level. Each county is to elect two 4-H members, 14 or older, to represent their county on an area 4-H youth advisory. The area youth advisory then elects three representatives to serve on the state advisory. The area extension 4-H specialist in each of the five extension areas coordinates the area advisory.

Some of the areas have organized into three sub-areas so 4-H'ers won't have so far to travel to attend meetings. Area advisories have helped plan ski trips for older members, sponsored career exploration programs, and have presented information to 4-H members about

National 4-H Congress and other events.

The area advisory provides for the interaction of the State Youth Advisory representatives with other 4-H'ers. It is this feedback network at the county area and state level which now allows the older 4-H members to put more of their own ideas into the Kansas 4-H program.

The 5 year 4-H fund drive

Money doesn't grow on trees, but can be raised with much hard work and effort, writes Dara Deener, reporter for Greenwood Meadowlarks 4-H Club, Johnson County.

Three years ago, the Greenwood Meadowlarks 4-H Club set a \$1,250 goal for the Five-year 4-H Fund Drive, a goal of \$50 each for 50 members. At the time, the club had 35 members, but was growing rapidly.

The 4-H members went to work, Dara writes:

"They worked the admission gates and the concession stands at the Optimist ball park during the summer and put their paychecks in the club funds. They picked up walnuts and sold them, collected and sold newspapers, held a carnival at a shopping center, held bake sales, entered the Colgate-Palmolive Heart of America Contest and won \$100, walked for the walk for Mankind project, sold popcorn, gathered trash in the community, helped the Lions Club Candy Sale for the Blind, saved grocery receipts and collected refunds, recycled products, and did it together while enjoying the activity involved!

"Three years have passed and we did it! In January, our treasurer, Lucy Beilman, mailed our check to Mr. McGinness, our extension agent, to satisfy our goal of \$1,250."



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National 4-H Council president will speak at Friends of 4-H Day

Omer Voss, executive vice president of International Harvester Company and the head of the National 4-H Council, will be the speaker at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch on June 12. The National 4-H Council is a combination of the National 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Service Committee.

Highlighting the day will be the dedication of the J. Harold Johnson Administration Building, a gift to Kansas 4-H members from Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Wallace, Wichita; of the Dane Hansen Cottage and Hansen Circle Drive, given by the Dane Hansen Foundation; and of the improvements provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Shaver. These include a trap range, the Rock Springs Ranch exhibit in Heritage Hall, and moving of the boys' tent area.

The purpose of Friends of 4-H Day is to recognize and honor persons and firms which have contributed to Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Laurels for a leader

For the past 22 years Goldie Coberly has been a part of the Northwest 4-H Club of Bourbon County.

During the 11 years that Goldie was a member, she missed only two meetings. She served in every office, had 18 county championships, won a Key Award, and won the state poultry championship.

As a beginning leader, Miss Coberly worked with foods projects. She later became the community leader.



Goldie Coberly

During the years she was a leader, Northwest 4-H Club received the purple seal each year.

Now, retired as a community leader, Miss Coberly works with junior leaders and those enrolled in home economics projects.

Reporter Jennifer McKenna writes that "Goldie has set an example for all of us."



During National 4-H Week Marty Murphy, president of the Busy Buzzers 4-H Club, Barton County, added three new leaves to the club's membership tree when these new members were initiated: Laura Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy; Jeffrey Mauler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mauler; and Scott Fetherston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fetherston.

The Second Annual All 4-H'ers Edition of Kansas 4-H Journal will appear in September 1977. Any 4-H member may submit material. In each category one entry will be printed, if the committee deems an entry good enough, with as many others used as space permits.

Categories and rules follow.

Categories:

1. Cover photo: 8"X10" black and white glossy print.
2. Editorial: comment on any subject of interest to 4-H members, leaders, and parents; about 500 words in length.
3. Idea exchange: a short article telling about an idea (moneymaking, county exchanges, or other events) which has worked well as a group event.
4. "How to do it:" a step by step description of how to do a specific craft or activity.
5. Help with a project: suggestions for doing project work; any project may be chosen.
6. "I need help!": ask a question or present a problem which the experience and thoughts of others may help solve.
7. Ideas and news: short paragraphs about any 4-H club, member, or leader.
8. Family Fun Page: jokes, riddles, puzzles, cartoons, games.
9. Pictures: black and white glossy prints.

Rules:

1. Any 4-H member may submit an entry in any or all categories. Identify on the material itself the name and number of the category for which it is submitted.
2. Entries may be neatly written or typed; if typed, please double-space.
3. Entries may be submitted any time until July 25; entries postmarked after that date will not be considered for this special issue.
4. Write your name and address on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your entry.
5. No material will be returned unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is included.
6. Entries will be judged by a committee of former or older 4-H members.
7. The entry judged to be the best in each category will receive a \$2 bill as a prize.
8. Mail all entries to Special Issue, Kansas 4-H Journal, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Bicycle Safety

By Mrs. Richard Teaford
Prosperity 4-H Club
Jefferson County

While visiting with neighbors and friends I discovered that about half the community still believed that bicycles were to be ridden to the left (as we walk) instead of to the far right. Realizing the need for bicycle safety education, I began work on what turned out to be Valley Falls Bicycle Week. Everyone wanted to help! The mayor proclaimed the first week in April as Valley Falls Bicycle Week. The city helped to maintain order and safety while the many activities were in progress.

The school and Highway Patrol presented a bicycle safety assembly on the rules of the road. Three hundred seventy-four students and their teachers watched intently as two films were shown. The written extension test, "40 Questions on Bicycle Safety," was handed out for children to take home to answer with their parents' help.

As the grand finale at the assembly, a boy's and a girl's used bicycle, both carefully repaired and polished by members of the Prosperity bicycle project, were drawn for and given to a boy and girl who had never owned a bicycle. Imagine their joy!

The used bicycles were donated, as were other prizes, including a new bicycle.

Each evening during safety week, the Valley Falls Jaycees conducted bicycle safety checks and applied reflector tape donated by the Graham*Herbers V.F.W. Post No. 384. Each youngster was given a blue bicycle inspection card. Also each evening Prosperity 4-H Club

provided bicycle activities to develop riding skills and to teach riding safety.

Then came the big day with the weatherman bringing us a sunny 50 degree day (we had recently had a blizzard). The snow was nearly all melted, but it was very wet under foot.

Around 55 bicycles arrived for the bicycle rodeo, given by Prosperity 4-H Club and the Valley Falls Boy Scouts, in which bicycle safety and riding skills were taught, practiced, and enjoyed.

All were required to go through the registration line where the test given at the assembly was checked and blue bicycle inspection cards were presented; then each entrant was given a tall safety flag for his bicycle. The flags had been previously stamped: Valley Falls Bicycle Safety Week: by the Valley Victors 4-H Club.

Then with flags in place, the bicycle riders practiced going through an intersection until they had learned all hand signals and had made a left and right turn properly. This accomplished, they proceeded to the rodeo ground where the Boy Scouts checked with a stop watch how long each could balance and how long each took to stop. When not otherwise occupied, the youngsters could ride a figure 8.

Games from the extension leaders' manual for bicycle projects were conducted by members of Prosperity 4-H Club.

The children seemed to like stop-watch timing on all games possible, and when you run short of competition they seem to like even better to be timed against their "own old time."

After about three hours the children could hardly wait to draw for prizes, and each then departed tired but happy and quite a bit more safety conscious.

The reward to this leader is seeing, all over town, those safety flags with Valley Falls Bicycle Safety week; you can spot a bike with one of those flags a long ways down the road.

And our safety week certainly helped to get more bicycles on the far right.

By Kim Glasgow
1976 National Winner in Safety
Salina

Bicycle safety is an educational program. Not only do 4-H'ers enrolled in this project learn the fundamental rules of safe and enjoyable bicycle riding, they also gain an awareness of the beneficial health and recreational values of cycling.

Bicycle riding is one of the most popular activities for all people of all ages everywhere. An estimated 90 per cent of all children in this country ride bicycles.

When I learned that approximately 700 bicycle riders are killed in accidents each year and another 34,000 other riders are injured I decided to work with local police and other safety-minded officials and groups in promoting bicycle safety.

My 4-H club, Sasnak, held many bicycle registrations (registering the serial numbers with the police department). One year we had three different locations going at the same time in different parts of the city.

My club co-sponsored an essay contest, "How I plan to practice bicycle safety during my summer vacation." We provided entry blanks, promoted the contest, and secured the judges (a policeman, fireman, and businessman). A department store donated the prizes.



Photo by Marjorie Tennant

Kim Glasgow, Salina, was the state winner in bicycle safety in 1973, the state winner in emergency preparedness in 1975, and the state and a national winner in safety in 1976.

Take care to keep your bicycle safe.

1. Have wheels in correct alignment.
2. Have tires properly inflated. Your bike manual or tire dealer can give you the correct tire pressure.
3. Replace the tube when replacing a tire.

Kansas 4-H in pictures

On my own, I helped raise money for handicapped children by riding my bike 20 miles in a Bike-A-Thon.

The local Optimist Club at Christmas time sells Christmas trees to raise money for youth projects, bike safety being one of them. I helped on this by selling over 100 advance tickets. In their stand I also sold packages of fire retardant spray for use on trees, greenery, and so on.

I spent one whole day in a bicycle shop learning how to fix flats, wheel and spoke alignment, checking and cleaning chains, and adjusting brakes. I wrote articles and letters to the editor, which were published in state and national 4-H magazines, local shoppers guide and newspaper.

I wrote and recorded bicycle safety public service announcements for local radio stations. I visited with the local safety officer and juvenile officer and learned about and assisted them with the bicycle program and schools for bicycle offenders.

I was instrumental in setting up a "Safe Bicycle Rider of the Week Award" over a local radio station. I rode my bicycle or rode with an off-duty safety officer and found safe riders and then turned their names into the station for recognition. The radio station every Thursday from the first of June through August would honor a rider over the radio. This person would also receive gifts from local merchants. From this experience I learned how careless riders really are. I saw everything from "riding double" to "no hands at all." Some weeks I would have to look for two to three hours before I found ONE SAFE RIDER.

In addition to the above programs, I have given many talks to other 4-H clubs and outside groups on bicycle safety and have obtained outsiders to speak to my club and other clubs. During 1976 I assisted with a school for second-time bicycle offenders and worked on possible bike trials for the Bicentennial Commission.

There are many ways in which an individual and/or a bicycle club can serve a community. One of the most important, of course, is in teaching proper riding techniques and safety to younger bike riders.



Four sisters made up the top team out of 109 FFA and 4-H teams who participated in the 18th annual Kansas Spring Barrow and Carcass Contest in Arkansas City. The girls are members of the City Achievers 4-H Club of Cowley County. Pictured are from left, Jolette, Rita, Mary, and Debra Puffinbarger, daughters of Mrs. Joyce Puffinbarger, Arkansas City.

The Puffinbargers learned about judging at schools sponsored by the extension office and local packing firms, and learned about hogs a year or so ago at a hog show which was not well attended because of ice and snow. The hogs were there, but a blizzard kept people from attending. The judges and leaders, however, gave pointers on judging to those who braved the storm.

Photo by Tom Toth, Arkansas City Daily Traveler



Becky Lewis, Topeka, at left, is welcomed, along with other midwestern delegates, to the 4-H Commodity Marketing Symposium at the Chicago Board of Trade. Becky, the 1976 Kansas winner in the 4-H commodity marketing project, studied marketing principles during the three-day educational program.

Next to Becky in the picture is Linda Woodside, Lexington, Nebraska. The others are Donald Hellwege, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; William Hagerty Jr., chairman of the Chicago Board of Trade; and Herbert Bulk, Shawnee County's extension director.

Ideas & News

4-H news from the Southeast Area:

Wilson County: 4-H boys and girls from Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma competed in a square dance contest at Fredonia on April 30, then joined in an evening of dancing at the **Wilson County 4-H Squaredance Festival**. Hosts to this second annual event were the **Wilson County 4-H Council** and the **Fredonia Promenaders** . . . The **High Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club** sold fire extinguishers, both to make their community safer and as a moneymaking project. The club members sold 94 extinguishers which gave them about \$170. Reporter **Toni Austin** writes that **Todd Marple** and **Jeff Wing** deserve special recognition for their work on this project. The club's booth and float were about safety, also.

Woodson County: The 1977 officers of the **Woodson County 4-H council** are president, **Donna Kimberlin**; vice-president, **Dale Steinforth**; secretary-treasurer, **Jeri Robison**; and reporter, **Karen Weide**. For a moneymaking project the council held a 4-H carnival. Even though the night was bitterly cold, about 300 people had fun winning stuffed animals and other small toys.

From the South Central Area:

Saline County: Kipp Wide Awake 4-H Club recently sponsored a judging school at the 4-H building in Salina. With the event open to surrounding counties as well as **Saline**, 137 members representing 15 clubs were present, as well as 24 members from the **Kipp** club. Nine classes were offered in such fields as home economics, electricity, entomology, woodworking, and photography. **Deanne Tarn** reports that 4-H first place trophy winners were: junior division individual, **Wendy Albrecht**; junior division team, **Space-Agers**; senior division individual, **Ellen Forsberg**; senior division team; **Mentor**. **Kipp 4-H** members considered this first-time effort a real success.

Sedgwick County: An exciting experience in 1976 for 50 4-H members, leaders, and parents of **Maize 4-H Club** was a weekend campout. After camping overnight, the group hiked to historical points of interest, including an old stage coach station and cheese factory. They dug fossils, visited Diamond Ford and Rocky Ford, and went to a Sho-D-O at Toronto. **Maize 4-H Club** members joined with **Fancy Mustang 4-H Club** from **Greenwood County** in observing 4-H Sunday; the **Mustangs** also entertained them for dinner. On Sunday the

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Ironical discovery by Meadowlark Club

By Julie Grant
Hays

The end of a perfect day came when the members of the Meadowlarks 4-H Club discovered a tiny meadowlark nest in a pasture. It was fitted cleverly in among some groups of wildflowers with four hungry little birds as occupants of the nest—their eyes were barely open, but their mouths were wide open. The nest was accidentally discovered while members were chasing a rocket launched by rocketry project members.

The day started early at the Acres for Wildlife site on the Bannister farm near Alexander. Last year the club had planted 250 trees and shrubs on this site and this was to be a workday to hoe and cultivate the trees. The members worked all morning on this cultivating, picking up litter, and erecting a sign made by the woodworking project members which identified the site as a wildlife refuge with no hunting allowed.

After a weiner roast for lunch, Mr. Bannister talked to the members about the history of the area including stories about the Indians and settlers that lived there at one time. Then the members went on a nature hike along Walnut Creek with parents and members identifying different plants, flowers, and trees on the way. The group followed the path of Walnut Creek for nearly two miles. After reaching an island that was the former campsite of an Indian settlement, the members felt familiar with the different

plants, so a scavenger hunt was held for ten types of plants or trees. There was some chasing through poison ivy, but nobody developed any itching. After the scavenger hunt, the route back to the original site meant crossing the creek several times on fallen trees. Some of the members fell in, but the creek wasn't deep.

Refreshments of iced tea, koolaid, popcicles, and popcorn balls were waiting at the Bannister farm. The members rode in a pickup to a nearby pasture to observe the rocket launchings by rocketry project members. That's where the baby birds were found (along with several small lizards). Rock specimens of limestone and fossils were common in the pasture.

The field day was really a wonderful day! The parents and 4-H'ers had a lot of fun and learned many things about the wildlife native to the area. Everyone is looking forward to next year's field day for the wildlife project.

couraged to find that both members and parents are enthusiastic and eager for more.

As an added bit of fun, we have had an annual fun day in conjunction with Furnas County, Nebraska, for several years whereby Norton 4-H members get a chance to see what another state offers in the way of material, training aids and competition and this, too, is looked forward to in anticipation by both members and parents.

In fact, last year, due to a mistake by the local radio station it was advertised as an open show and we had a big turn-out of young adults who wanted to participate. In a spur of the minute decision, we agreed to a joint show with the 4-H showing first in a class and then the young adults — with some not so young.

Luckily, we had enough prizes to go around and now there is an improved atmosphere between the two which would have been difficult to achieve, had we made a deliberate effort.

We are flexible enough that we have been accused of being disorganized but manage to take advantage of any expert which we can corral and if the weather is bad we manage to carry on in the livestock barn or in a few cases, in the 4-H building, but the learning process continues.

Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a couple of clippings from the local paper which point up the type of horse program which we encourage in Norton County. Each year we have at least one in-depth clinic and have had as many as three. We have toured a saddle shop, where the members could see how a saddle was made and get expert advice on fitting a saddle and caring for one. We have studied shoeing and foot care, bits — their use and misuse, horse anatomy, diseases and parasites, fitting and showing.

Professionals from a wide area have provided invaluable assistance to our program which has as its goal a learning experience for a wide range of interests from a breeding program to dressage. Most of the clinics are designed so that the 4-H members actually participate rather than the typical lecture type clinic and we have been en-

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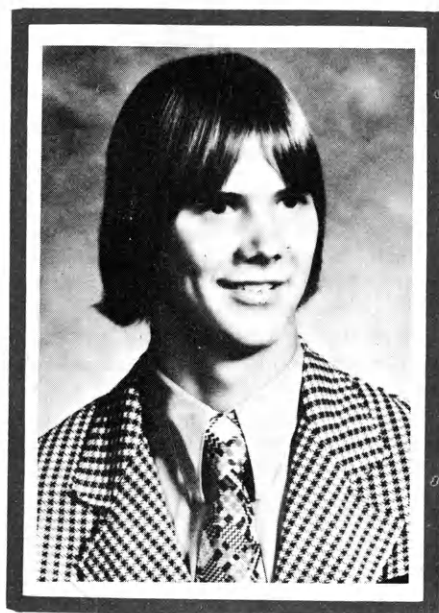
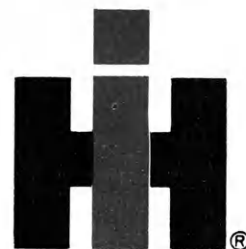
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Ron carried beef and woodworking as projects for 11 years, swine for 10, and electric and poultry for 7. He has been club president, reporter for two years, and a Washington County 4-H Council representative.

Ron is a Key Award winner. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sinn, Mahaska.

In addition to his active 4-H program, Ron had an outstanding record in vocational agriculture. He was an officer for two years in the North Central District FFA, was the Star Farmer for the North Central District, and was the district winner for his recordkeeping. His expertise in this area has carried over into his farming as he is the bookkeeper for the family farm which has been incorporated.

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The cost will be \$29 for eight meals, three nights in a Kansas State University residence hall, and the Round-up activities.

For more information and for registration forms, contact your county extension agent.

Ideas and News

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group hiked to see an Indian burial ground, buffalo wallows, and a blue heron resting ground.

"Members attending this trip had to earn points to be eligible to go," explains **Beth Bechtel**, Maize. "This point system was worked out by the junior leaders and leaders early in the club year. Each member was given so many points for each 4-H event they attended or participated in during the winter months. The trip was financed from the proceeds we had earned selling concessions at auction sales during the past year." Club leaders are **Mr. and Mrs. Gene Woodard** and **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eberly**.

From the Northwest Area:

Rush County: The name **Prairie Valley 4-H Club** was chosen for the new club formed by the merging of the **Timken Roller Bearings 4-H Club** and the **Center Conquerors 4-H Club**, **Steve Boone** reports.

From the Northeast Area:

Atchison County: Anyone who could ride a bike was invited to **Bike Day**, sponsored by **Friendly Farmers 4-H Club**. **Patrolman Dennis** inspected the bicycles to see if they were all right to ride safely; he then led a group session on safety and answered questions. After the talk there were bike races, contests, and relays, **Joan Schrieber** reports.

Douglas County: **Jayhawk 4-H Club** of **Douglas County** recreations project group planned a card party to allow 4-H'ers in the county to get to meet other 4-H'ers. Guest clubs were **Kanza**, **Kanwaka**, and **Buffalo Boosters**. Fun was had by all who attended, **Kevin Augustus** reports, with **Hobo Bridge** the highlight of the evening's activity.

Johnson County: A goal of **Sunnyside 4-H Club** was to make every member of every family safety conscious when at home, at work, at play, or on the highway. Each month a safety talk was given at the club meetings, and members had an activity for that month. Safety hints were given after each talk and demonstration. **Dawn Young** reports that the club members toured the **Johnson County** water purification plant, took surveys of their homes, set up a display on highway safety, and conducted a poster-slogan contest.

Pottawatomie County: With a \$250 profit, the first soup supper of the 13-member **Cloverleaf 4-H Club** was a success, reports **Natalie Maginness**, in spite of adverse weather conditions. Part of the profit came from donations on a hand-crafted comforter made and donated by long-time leader, **Mrs. Eunice Webster**.

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Sweetheart cookies were on the menu at the First National Bank of Phillipsburg in February when members of Hustlers 4-H Club of Glade presented cookies to Cy Moyer, vice-president of the bank. Of more than 500 Journal sponsors throughout Kansas, the First National Bank of Phillipsburg is the longest continuing sponsor.

Girls enrolled in cooking projects who made the cookies are, from left, **Carrie Thacker**, **Deana Morgan**, **Kristi War**, **Rhonda Weiser**, **Michelle Weiser**, and **Carla Morgan**. Their leader is **Lela Morgan**.

Rod Thacker is the 4-H club reporter.

Family Fun Page

Teacher: (to little boy learning to write): But where is the dot over the i?

Little Boy: It's still in the pencil.

Q. Why does a dog have more friends than a person?

A. Because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Jeannette Aenk, Meriden

Lenny: My uncle is an umpire at a cafe.

Penny: At a cafe?

Lenny: Yeah — when someone order pancakes, he yells, "Batter up!"

Tanya Snowbarger, Johnson

I envy mothers of past days,
When chores weren't controversial.

Then no one heard their children say,

"I'll do it . . . next commercial!"

Pam Jacobsen, Abilene

Billy: I heard that fish grow mighty fast.

Carl: They sure do. My father caught one last year and it grows every time he talks about it.

Dentist: Stop making faces. I haven't even touched your tooth yet.

Patient: I know you haven't, but you're standing on my foot!

Librarian: Please be quiet. The people next to you can't read.

Little boy: What a shame! I've been reading since I was 6!

Son: Dad, can you help me find the least common denominator in this problem?

Father: What! Don't tell me they haven't found that yet. They were looking for it when I was in school.

Andy: Why are spiders such good outfielders?

Mandy: Because they're so good at catching flies.

Cynthia Ballou, Delphos



Hey Mom, I found Charlotte again.

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Solution is on page 11.

Julie Grant, Hays

State 4-H electric winner says, "Use electricity safely!"

Safe use of electricity has been emphasized during his years as a 4-H'er by Joe Blake, Ottawa, the 1976 state winner in the 4-H electric project. One year he built a display showing electrical hazards; another year he showed how dangerous inadequate wiring can be. And he's given out sheets with information about electrical safety.

Here is some material prepared by Joe about using electricity safely.

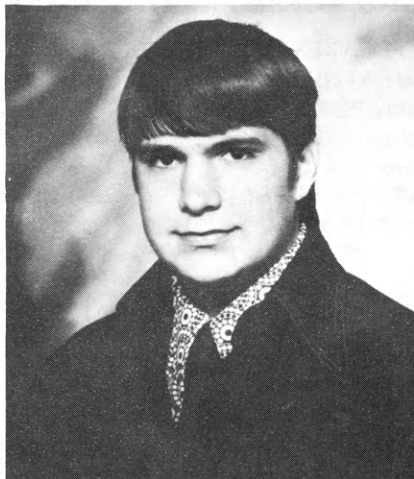
- Plastic water pipe does not conduct electricity and should not be used as a ground. A metal rod driven six feet into the earth is an adequate ground.

- Adhesive tape or friction tape should not be used as a covering for a splice, as they will absorb water and oil. Rubber tape with friction tape over it is satisfactory, but plastic electrical tape is cheaper, easier, and faster.

- Some type of plate such as plastic or cardboard should be used to protect the inside of a plug. All stranded wire should be soldered,

and all wires should be fastened around the screws in a clockwise manner. An underwriters knot or a cord grip should be used to keep strain from terminals if the cord is accidentally jerked or pulled. Only $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of wire should be bared.

- To prevent electrical shock, leave ground prongs in place on a plug.



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- All extension cords for outdoor use should be grounded.

- Fuse boxes should be cleaned regularly. Sparks can set webs on fire.

- Cable splices should be in covered junction boxes. Cables should be clamped securely or they could be pulled loose.

- Do not use cracked or broken outlets. They may shock you.

- Pull chain fixtures should never be located where they may be touched with wet hands.

- All outside fixtures must have waterproof covers.

- A separate device should be used to hang lights. Do not use cord.

- An electrical cord should not be walked on.

- Do not place electrical appliances where they can be used with wet hands.

- For all major wiring changes, consult an electrician. Even when current has been shut off at the fuse box, the wires leading into it are still hot.

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