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**COVER:** C. R. Salmon (left), Assistant Director of Extension 4-H — Youth programs, presents the first Emerald Circle Medallion to Governor John Carlin. The presentation was part of a gala event to honor 1984 state 4-H project award winners. See page 15 for a related photo story.

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## Consulting group studies teen retention

*Editor's note: Four Kansas 4-H members traveled to Washington, D.C. in April for the National 4-H Conference. The purpose of the conference is to gather ideas for improving 4-H and youth programs throughout the United States. Each delegate chooses a consulting group which concentrates on a specific topic. The Kansas delegates, through articles in the Kansas 4-H Journal and personal appearances throughout the state, hope to share some of the consulting groups' recommendations. Watch for articles in the next four issues.*

by Vicki Louk  
Finney County 4-H Member  
1984 National 4-H Conference Delegate

What makes 4-H exciting? Why do some 4-H'ers stay in while others drop out? These are questions my consulting group at the 54th National 4-H Conference addressed.

Our group gathered information about the current status of teen involvement and retention in the 4-H program, identified reasons why some teens stay with the program and why others leave, and developed recommendations that should strengthen the appeal of the 4-H program for teens.

Before I arrived in Washington, D.C., I was assigned several jobs. One was to interview five 4-H'ers and find out why they stay in 4-H. I also interviewed five teens who have dropped out of 4-H and asked why they dropped out. I also researched the Kansas 4-H drop-out rate and determined the drop-out age of most 4-H'ers.

During the first consulting session I discovered that Kansas has one of the lowest 4-H drop-out rates. That shows a lot about our 4-H program, our volunteer leaders and our county Extension agents.

The onset of adolescence marks the beginning of a dramatic decline in participation in youth organizations, including 4-H. One in-depth study of teenagers found that 83 percent of those who were not currently members of youth organizations had been at some time and that the average age for dropping out was 12 and 13. For this reason, we felt that this age group needs to be targeted with recommendations for making 4-H exciting.

All 25 of us put our heads together and came up with several reasons why teens are dropping out. These include: stereotypes (the rural image of 4-H), lack of enthusiasm, lack of 4-H knowledge, other priorities, and the lack of family support. I found that teenagers will not continue in 4-H if they are expected to engage in the same activities with the same level of responsibility they experienced when they were younger. I think that programs such as the Ambassador program, which increase the responsibility for teens, puts Kansas ahead of other states, but let's not stop there!

Developing recommendations on how to fulfill these needs took a lot of time and hard work. We felt the main topic we wanted to concentrate on is the lack of leadership opportunities for 12- and 13-year-olds. This age group needs to feel a sense of leadership.

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# Southwest Highlights

**Errol Burns, Extension 4-H — Youth Specialist for the Southwest Area**, identifies three areas he's concentrated on in the short time he's worked in Kansas. One priority is training 4-H program development committees to take leadership roles. At the club level, Errol is working to get parent committees and project leader trainers identified, trained and operating. Another important challenge Errol is focusing on is identifying causes for and ways to alleviate the high rate of turnover among 4-H members.

**Edwards County:** The Sunflower 4-H Club is busy "Getting It Together" by promoting the use of seat belts. The club wrote a skit on seat belt safety and presented it at county club days. 4-H members in this club belong to three different churches and members surveyed their own church members concerning the use of seat belts. "Get It Together Kansas" trash bags were distributed to all attending church.

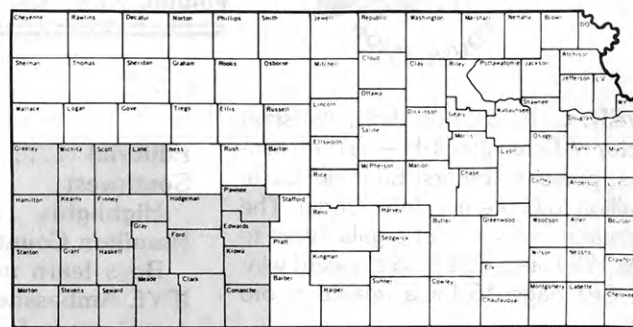
The club recently completed a directory to be used by the Macksville Ambulance Service. Included in the directory are names of everyone living in a household, their birthdates and any special medical conditions that an EMT might need to be aware of. This directory will be kept in the ambulance. One hundred twelve letters were sent out asking for information for the directory and the club received 102 responses.

**Edwards County:** The Northern Star 4-H Club is working to develop an outdoor classroom to be used by 4-H'ers, students and senior citizens. The club is working closely with the Edwards County District Conservationist. The site will be on the county fairgrounds and will include native grasses and wildflowers. The 4-H'ers are working with the ASCS Office to help finance a drip irrigation system for the outdoor classroom.

**Finney County:** Happy Hustlers 4-H Club successfully combined their regular monthly meetings with project meetings. As many as six project groups met simultaneously for 30 to 45 minutes before or after the club meetings. Club members and parents liked this system because more members attended project meetings, parents were more involved, and members were more likely to finish a project.

**Finney County:** Wide Awake 4-H Club has organized a special club for its younger members. Sixteen members — eleven years old and younger — meet bi-monthly to learn parliamentary procedure, give program numbers and learn judging.

Annette Batchelder, reporter, writes that members voted to name this club the "7-11 Club" and elected their own officers. Each member has given at least one program number and may give one at every meeting if they desire. Annette says that attendance has been very good. This new club has also given Wide Awake 4-H Club junior leaders an opportunity to help younger members.



The 22 counties in the Southwest Area are served by county Extension staffs and the staff in the Area Extension Office in Garden City. Four of the counties border Colorado and six counties border Oklahoma. Over 2,500 youth belong to 104 4-H community clubs and an additional 5,000 youth participate in 4-H activities. Arts, clothing and foods projects each have over 1,000 4-H members enrolled.

**Finney County:** Barbara Tiberghien writes that the Beacon Boosters 4-H Club implemented two ideas this year that have increased enthusiasm and interest for many club families. Last fall they held a project leader training session for the club's 30 project leaders. The session included an introduction of each project leader; a presentation by a former successful leader, Edie Jones; a talk by junior leader Steve Boppart; and an introduction of the County Extension 4-H Agent, Janet Golden. A question-and-answer period followed.

Another special project was making a 4-H family notebook for each club family. The notebook contained background information on 4-H such as the 4-H motto, emblem, colors and pledge; a 4-H calendar; 4-H age requirements; directory of all Finney County clubs, meeting places, dates and leaders; Beacon Booster club history; and a list of the 1983 club officers and goals. Barbara writes that providing the families with more information resulted in more enthusiastic and knowledgeable 4-H families.

**Finney County:** Kathrina Stullken, reporter for the Eager Beavers 4-H Club, writes that the club is raising money to support the "Save the Statue of Liberty" campaign. The club asked permission from the County Commissioners to set up a lemonade stand near the miniature replica of the Statue of Liberty in front of the Finney County Courthouse. Every person who makes a donation to the fund will receive a homemade cookie and a glass of lemonade. To publicize their fundraising efforts, the club entered a float in the Beef Empire Days parade.

**Ford County:** County 4-H members enrolled in the rabbit project joined together to create the "Cute and Cuddly 4-H Rabbit Club" last year. This year, membership in the rabbit project has doubled. The 4-H'ers have gone to rabbit clinics and shows all over the state and they are planning to have their own show in the future. They've learned about showmanship, management, different breeds and proper care of rabbits.

# Southwest Highlights

**Ford County:** The 4-Paws Dog Club has had a very busy spring. In March they began their training sessions and in mid-April they hosted a dog mini-clinic. Contestants from Ford, Gray, Finney, Hodgeman and Meade counties participated in the dog judging contest. Also, Sergeant Randy Schnoebelen gave a presentation on the legal responsibilities of dog ownership. The dog club is currently training for upcoming shows and preparing to host the Ford County Invitational Dog Show.

**G****rant County:** Bearcreek 4-H Club's project this year is safety. At one of their club meetings, the Farm Bureau State Safety Chairman gave a demonstration and talk on fire safety. The club safety chairman has presented a talk at each meeting on such safety topics as winter survival, fire safety, bicycle safety, etc. The club is planning to go door-to-door this summer and hand out stickers with the State Poison Control Center phone number on them.

**Grant County:** Cimarron 4-H Club ran a clown-face painting booth and a funnel cake booth at the annual 4-H Carnival held to raise money for the 4-H Council. This same club sold balloons at the Outdoor Living Show.

Cimarron is one of the 4-H clubs that help with the annual Home Products Dinner. This dinner has been a local event for over 30 years and attracts nearly 1,500 people each year. All the food served is locally grown and prepared.

**Grant County:** Sunshine boy or girl is a newly-elected officer in the Full-O-Pep 4-H Club. The duty of this officer is to send birthday cards and get well cards to everyone in the club. Money is raised for this from members and parents who donate one penny for each year of their age at every club meeting.

**Grant County:** Sunflower 4-H Club has invited guest speakers to nearly every club meeting to talk about various aspects of their club project — safety. A pharmacist talked about dangerous combinations of prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs. A local EMT talked about nutrition and exercise to keep your heart fit. A policeman came at Halloween to give tips on trick-or-treat safety. Also, the spokesman from the local electric company gave a talk on electrical safety. Each speaker's talk has been covered in a newspaper article written by the club safety chairman.

**Grant County:** During the first year the club was created, the Western Plains Achievers 4-H Club established their treasury by gleaning corn fields and selling the corn. For community service, they went Christmas caroling at the Care Home and supplied a Christmas basket for a single mother and child. Western Plains was the first club in the county to have a project fair. The fair worked well and helped members select their projects according to their interests and the availability of project leaders.

**Grant County:** Even though the Cloverleaf 4-H Club has only five members, they participate actively in county-wide activities. Two of the members are in the dog project and they take their animals to the Care Home each week to

give residents a chance to hold and play with pets. This activity has prompted the Care Home residents to request a resident pet.

**G****ray County:** The Montezuma SkyHigh 4-H Club is fortunate to have a former professional clown as their 4-H clowning leader. The 4-H'ers learn about make-up, costumes and acts. This 4-H club also sponsors a track meet at Montezuma Days. It provides an opportunity for all youth to participate in an activity.

**Gray County:** The Cimarron Rustlers 4-H Club emphasizes family activities. They provide community parties and collect donations for the March of Dimes. They earn money by operating a concession stand for the Cimarron Swim Team. Their club tour is opened to the community and used as a membership drive.

**Gray County:** The Charleston Astronauts 4-H Club keeps very active with community events. One event that has become an annual tradition is Christmas caroling and delivering Christmas goodies. The club also performs for the Heritage Nursing Home in Cimarron on a regular basis. This gives the 4-H'ers a chance to enhance their leadership skills and does wonders for the audience.

**G****reeley County:** 4-H members, parents and leaders are interested in putting a firm foundation underneath their swine and other livestock programs and they are accomplishing the task in a unique way.

Until recently, the swine projects were kept on a dirt floor. Pens were made of aging wood panels tied to poles with baling wire. Incidences of broken panels and escaped pigs were not uncommon.

However, prior to the 1983 Greeley County Fair, the county 4-H council adopted a plan of action to unite the resources of several groups and make a fund drive to build new pens and concrete floor.

The Council was successful in recruiting the help of the county-wide livestock leaders to host the Fair Teen Dance, which netted \$172. Project members in market beef, sheep and swine voluntarily checked off \$10, \$5 and \$7 respectively from the sale of their livestock, netting another \$262.

The Council then accepted to meet a challenge of \$200 made by the high school FFA program. Another \$200 was donated by a volunteer group caught up in the excitement.

In addition, the Council applied for and received a 4-H Citizenship-In-Action grant contributed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company through the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Finally, after gaining several more contributions, funds for the swine floor reached \$1,484. The County Fair Board, recognizing the efforts of all those involved, agreed to match the funds.

The project is still in the building process, but much progress has been made. The Council's early goal of boarding swine exhibits on a clean floor, in a sound pen, by the fair in August is in sight. And efforts will continue to make sure it becomes a reality.



# Southwest Highlights

**H**amilton County: Family activities on a county-wide basis are stressed by the 4-H clubs. At least one family activity has been planned each of the past three years.

In 1982 and 1983, Family Weekender camps were held at Lakeside Center, a Methodist Church camp at Scott County State Park. The county 4-H council rented a dormitory for the weekend and family fun was stressed. Participants did some project work and watched crafts demonstrations, but also had plenty of time for fishing, canoeing and hiking around the picturesque park.

This year the families took off for the ski slopes in April. The group rented a lodge in the Monarch ski area west of Salida, Colorado. Meals and ski rental were arranged for the group.

Both types of activities have been well-received.

**H**askell County: For the members of the Victory 4-H Club, the slogan "Reach Out and Touch" means more than just a phone call. It means doing special things for a senior citizen in the Sublette community. Two years ago every 4-H member chose at least one local senior citizen to have as a special friend. The 4-H members send birthday cards, thinking-of-you greetings, small Christmas gifts, and other holiday messages to their senior partner. Most of the 4-H'ers visit their partner occasionally and some of them perform jobs around the house or yard. Each year in the spring, the 4-H club hosts a covered dish supper and invites all the senior citizens. The 4-H'ers present a short program so the senior citizens will know about 4-H. Club leaders are Gayle Greeson and Susan Stoppel.

**Haskell County:** Santanta's Cloverleaf 4-H club came up with a neat idea to coordinate their IFYE visit and have a fun and exciting meeting for their members. Preceding Marilyn Clawson's presentation about Taiwan, the International Foods project group, along with their leaders and Marilyn, planned and prepared an authentic oriental meal for approximately 70 4-H'ers and their parents. The nine girls prepared egg rolls, won-tons, stir-fried vegetables and meat dishes, sauces, various fruits for dessert, and the traditional beverage, tea.

**Haskell County:** For the past two years the Cloverleaf 4-H Club has worked in cooperation with the Santanta School District to insure the growth of a windbreak along the football field. The 4-H Club planted the trees, and performs annual maintenance and replacement of trees in the windbreak. The school district installed a drip-type irrigation system. Jean Ann Troutt, club community leader, says that it's been interesting to watch the growth of the trees and feel that you're a part of the project.

**K**iowa County: Lisa Fankhauser, reporter for the Eager Beavers 4-H Club, writes that her club has sponsored a rabies clinic for three of the last four years. The club sets the date and a clinic committee makes all the arrangements and does the promotional work which includes posters and notices in the local newspaper and cable TV station.

A local veterinarian administers the vaccinations and the

city clerk sells dog and cat licenses. Club members are on hand to assist the vet and pet owners. This year, Eager Beavers earned a profit by having a garage sale and bake sale while the clinic was in progress.

**Kiowa County:** Colleen Panzer, leader for the Jayhawkers 4-H Club, writes that the club sponsors an annual two-day trail ride for anyone who'd like to go. This is one of the club's money-making projects. The riders, on horseback and in wagons, start out early on Saturday morning, eat lunch on the trail, and camp out Saturday night. On Sunday morning they have a church service around the open camp fire and then everybody heads home.

Profits from this and other money making projects helped the club members fund a weekend trip to Worlds of Fun.

**Kiowa County:** The Southwestern Royals 4-H Club of Mullinville conducted an Ident-A-Kid program for over 110 children. The community service was free to the public. Each child had to have parental permission. Personnel from the Kiowa County Sheriff's Office fingerprinted the children and the 4-H'ers registered all who participated and helped clean the children's hands. This was a community service project for the club and they handled all the publicity prior to the project.

Southwestern Royals 4-H members enrolled in the foods projects plan a special banquet each year. They provide the meat, drink and bread and plan decorations for the event. One year the banquet guests were members of another 4-H club in the county. This year, member's grandparents were invited. It's also a time to entertain the county Extension agents.

**Kiowa County:** Another 196 children in Kiowa County have been fingerprinted as part of an Ident-A-Kid program sponsored by the Upward Strivers 4-H Club and the Kiowa County Sheriff's office. The children were from the Greensburg area.

The club purchased and installed a flag pole for the Kiowa County Neighborhood facility in Greensburg. They also bought an American flag which was flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 1983. One of the 4-H mothers made a 4-H flag to fly along with the American flag. This year the club plans to install a spotlight so the flags can be flown at night.

**L**ane County: The county-wide foods project group traveled to Hays for a day-long tour of foods-related businesses. Leader Sue Shapland writes that 29 members, leaders and parents attended. The first stop was at the Dillons Store. 4-H'ers learned about food storage, food prices and computer checking. Pepsi Cola Bottling Company was the next stop with 4-H'ers watching the bottling process and enjoying a Pepsi. Hadley Memorial Hospital was toured next, with 4-H'ers learning about the large equipment, special foods and menus. Punch and cookies were served to the group in the hospital cafeteria. B & P Packing Company showed the group different cuts of meat and the curing process. The last stop was Highview Dairy north of Hays. The 4-H'ers observed the evening milking.

# Hamilton County Bachelor Boys learn useful skills

by Terry Holdren  
Reporter, Busy Bears 4-H Club,  
Hamilton County

Boys should know a few things to help them take care of themselves, or to help Mom around the house. That was the reason for beginning a Bachelor Boys project in Hamilton County's Busy Bears 4-H Club.

In the project's second year, the boys enrolled range in age from eight through 14.

Three of their mothers, Sherrie Finlay, Marion Potter and Beverly Holdren, have volunteered to help teach the boys basic household skills.

Last year the boys learned how to make a bed, sew on a button, and make pancakes and mini-pizzas. They attended a demonstration on omelet-making given by County Extension Home Economist Becky Watts, and then made omelets for their own families.

So enlightening was the lesson on button sewing that one member went home, took all the buttons off his pajamas and sewed them back on again, because he said the factory didn't sew them right the first time.

Boys in the project were responsible for serving breakfast at a weekend family camp held at Scott County State Park.

The project year climaxed with a picnic, for which the boys planned the menu, did the shopping, prepared the food and hosted their families.

A Bachelor Boys Department was opened at the Hamilton County Fair and all the boys entered pillows they'd made from old denim scraps.

This year, new boys in the project have learned some of the same elementary skills, while branching into others. County Extension agent Terryl Spiker taught a session on barbequeing, with the boys cooking and devouring hearty portions of food. They've also made towel wraps and had a session on good manners.

Plans are to offer more advanced sewing to the older boys, along with the possibility of a home tour to demonstrate different types of architecture, home decorating, use of space, etc.

Both members and leaders agree the project has been both interesting and educational. They would be glad to share their project with other counties.



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# IFYE Ambassadors study projects in foreign countries

By Linda Morrell

K-State agricultural journalism student  
& former Bourbon County  
4-H member

Exploring Europe as part of the International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Ambassador program last year were Rhonda Brown, Harvey County, and Dan Parcel, Comanche County. More than just a sightseeing opportunity, the IFYE Ambassador trips are set up to focus on a particular project area.

Brown traveled to France, Belgium and Holland with 17 other 4-H youth to study the international foods project. In these countries, she learned about the customs, cultures and social attitudes of the natives, as well as about European foods.

In France, for example, Brown toured a cheese factory and two champagne houses. Here, the processes of making cheese and wine were explained.

A week in Belgium allowed the 4-H'ers to attend a food seminar, to tour a cooperative milk factory and to see studies at the agricultural experiment station near Antwerp. One of the noticeable differences about agriculture in Belgium

is the practice of elevating crop rows, whereas the United States basically digs small ditches to plant crops, Brown pointed out.

Belgians eat "very American food," Brown said, like pastries and baked chicken. A few of the meals do have a little twist, she said, such as using ham instead of ground beef in spaghetti.

"Meat is about twice as expensive (there)," she said.

While she stayed in hotels in Belgium and France, Brown stayed with a Dutch family in Holland.

"Because of my (exchange) family, Holland was my favorite place," she said. The family owned a 40-acre farm, which is a large piece of land in Holland, Brown explained. While there, she helped to care for 60 dairy cows and also did household chores. The host family asked her to prepare an American meal one evening, so she served meat loaf for the main course.

Other cultural differences Brown noticed included going to market once a week, where merchants sold their wares in the streets of town. Also, major governmental differences were studied at the European Common Market in

Brussels.

Of course, the group had time for sightseeing — Brown noted that the medieval architecture especially stood out in her memory.

Most of the youth she visited with spoke English, and Europeans generally appreciate the effort of Americans trying to communicate with them, Brown said.

"The one thing I learned most from the trip was how to be tolerant with people, both the kids I traveled with and the Europeans," Brown said. "I tried to be a good example of what most American people are like. The trip was a neat experience and I'd like to go back."

Although Dan Parcel traveled to different countries than Brown, he had many similar experiences.

Parcel's trip focused on camping and outdoor recreation. He visited Sweden for three weeks and Norway for one week.

Time in Norway was spent relaxing, sightseeing and mountain climbing.

In Sweden, he stayed on a 150-acre farm, which is large for the area, Parcel said. He helped on the diversified farm with the sheep, pigs, dairy cattle and crops. He noted that because Sweden's topography is hilly, the farms are located in the valleys. The hills are generally considered wasteland because of the many

Susan Voelker's name was omitted by mistake from the list of Leader Learning Lab graduates published in the May *Kansas 4-H Journal*. Susan is from Valley Falls in Jefferson County. She completed all four Leader Learning Labs and is a member of the first group of graduates.

The Kansas Junior Shorthorn Field Day will be held July 21 in Abilene. Steer and heifer classes are scheduled. For more information, contact Joyce Roux, RR 1, Box 108, Moundridge, Kansas 67107.

In an effort to encourage participation in the Kansas State Fair 4-H market hog class, the 4-H Swine Development Committee has raised \$900 to award as premiums for the top five market hogs in the show. Kansas swine producers and livestock feed companies donated the prize money. The first place winner will receive \$250, second - \$200, third - \$150, fourth - \$100, and fifth - \$50. All gilts and barrows will show together in one class for market hogs. The market gilt class has been discontinued as well as the 4-H Barrow Futurity class.

## Answers for Southeast puzzle in June issue:

Indian tribes (2): Chautauqua, Cherokee  
What babies do plus the make of a car:  
Crawford  
What police do to robbers: Chase  
President \_\_\_\_\_ D. Roosevelt: Franklin  
In the deer family: Elk  
Actress Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, star of  
"Bewitched": Montgomery  
George Burns', wife, Gracie \_\_\_\_\_:  
Allen  
Blonde female country western singer  
(2 words): Linn, Anderson  
President Woodrow \_\_\_\_\_: Wilson  
Type of alcohol: Bourbon  
What adults drink at breakfast: Coffey  
The king of beasts: Lyon  
A type of tree: Osage  
The color of grass plus what trees are:  
Greenwood  
Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Midler: Labette  
A city in Florida: Miami  
A famous cat: Morris  
What trees are plus not a daughter:  
Woodson  
What county is left: Neosho



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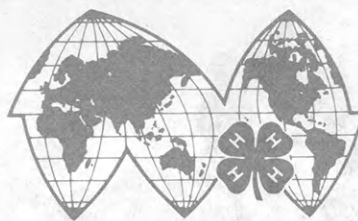
Dan visited Stockholm for five days, touring governmental offices, river fronts and the king's palace. Other sightseeing in Sweden included visiting beaches and a castle.

"Almost everyone under (age) 40 knew English," Parcel said, "but once in a while words came up we couldn't get across to each other. The older people were a real challenge."

Most of the Swedish people were infatuated with American customs — disco music was very popular there, he said.

Parcel learned that Swedes love the summer months because their winters are about four months of four to five hours of light each day. Up to 20 hours of light is a typical summer day.

He also learned that citizens in Sweden are taxed heavily and then the government provides free health care and subsidized housing.



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Parcel also saw this socialistic attitude reflected in Sweden's 4-H program. He stayed at the National 4-H Camp for one week with about 650 people, ages 16 to 25.

"In Sweden, 4-H is more of a social club," Parcel said. "They may get together at meetings just to play volleyball. Also, projects are not judged like at our fairs — they're either completed or not completed. They don't want anybody to be better than another person."

"The one thing I learned the most is that human nature is the same way throughout the world. Society and cultures change."

France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and Norway are just a few of the countries an IFYE Ambassador can visit. Canada, Australia, Spain, Africa and the United Kingdom are among the other countries in the program. Other project

focus areas are sheep, commodity marketing, horsemanship, clothing, wildlife conservation and photography, dairy, animal science and natural resources.

Each group of about 15 youth travel with an educational coordinator who has international travel knowledge and is familiar with the country visited. Most groups meet for a one and one-half day orientation session at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland before departing to their country.

Each American IFYE Ambassador is responsible for his or her own expenses, which range from \$1,600 to \$2,000. Applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 19, and must be approved by a state 4-H selection committee. Applications to become an IFYE Ambassador are available at the county and state 4-H offices and are due October 1.

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*Marylee Ramsay, Stanton County, shows some of the Indian weapons and ceremonial items she and her parents have collected.*

## New arrowhead project appeals to collectors

By Linda Morrell

K-State agricultural journalism student  
and former Bourbon County 4-H member

A two-year pilot arrowhead project begins this fall.

According to Emily Kling, Extension 4-H youth specialist in environmental programs, the project is designed to teach four areas to youth: general development of ancient cultures and civilizations, equipment and techniques needed for arrowhead collection, the importance of maintaining complete and accurate field records, and techniques for identifying types of arrowheads collected.

Patricia O'Brien, professor of sociology and anthropology at Kansas State University, wrote the project materials. She will lead the training sessions for project leaders this fall. Sessions are tentatively scheduled in Emporia on Sept. 28, in Salina on Oct. 5, and in Dodge City on Oct. 12.

Kling hopes that local clubs will become involved in digs in their community and around the state.

The project also will attempt to clear up misconceptions and myths surrounding the lives of Indians.

And there are many misconceptions about Indians, says Marylee Ramsay, Stanton County, a former winner of the state people-to-people award for her investigation of Indians and Indian crafts.

"A lot of white men thought they were savages," Ramsay said. "But everything they did was based on their

spiritual belief, or on what their god told them. They are just a different culture. In some ways I think they knew a better way of life."

Ramsay's parents had begun collecting Indian artifacts, which led to her awareness of Indian life.

"I became interested because I realized Indians are part of America's past," she said.

Ramsay began gathering her own artifacts from other collections and friends. She collects mainly artifacts from the Plains Indians (the Texas to Montana area), including the Cheyenne, Apache and Sioux tribes.

Among the things she and her parents have collected are a tepee bag (a primitive suitcase, Ramsay says), a bow and two arrows, an Apache lamp, guns, a peace pipe with a fully-beaded tobacco pouch, a pair of Cheyenne ceremonial moccasins, and a pair of baby moccasins.

Ramsay and her parents generally determine the authenticity of the artifacts collected by the word of the people they buy from.

One Indian woman from Colorado has given Ramsay many hints about the authenticity of Indian costumes. The woman said the costume can be dated according to its design or perhaps the type and size of the beads.

From her information, Ramsay has begun to create her own costume of deer hide and split elk hide.

"I wish I would have started my project earlier," Ramsay said, "but I think I want to keep studying and learning more about Indians throughout my life."



There's a time capsule in the library in Johnson Administration Center at Rock Springs Ranch State 4-H Center. It's not buried or embedded in stone — it's right where every visitor to Rock Springs Ranch can see it. It's a file, organized by counties, where you can trace the development of 4-H in your county. We need the cooperation of every 4-H club and every 4-H leader in Kansas to make the file as complete as possible. We've asked every 4-H club in the state to submit a 250-word summary of the club's history and accomplishments. So far, over 300 clubs have responded. That means we're still missing over 600 club histories. We're also collecting information on 4-H leaders in Kansas — current and former 4-H leaders. If you remember a leader who really influenced your 4-H experience, ask him or her to write a 4-H leader resume or you could conduct an interview and write a summary. This would be a perfect project for a 4-H club historian. If you don't want to start from scratch, complete the following form.

The leader resumes will be typed on cards and then plasticized and filed by county in the library at Rock Springs Ranch. Make sure your county is well-represented.

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What was your most memorable experience(s) as a 4-H leader?

Describe 4-H during your years as a leader.

What did you gain from 4-H?

Was your family involved in 4-H? How?

Any other comments.

Send this form and any other comments to the Kansas 4-H Foundation, 116 Umberger Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

# IFYE's from Germany & Holland visit Kansas

*The stories on this page and the facing page are the work of award-winning 4-H club reporters who attended 4-H Discovery Days at K-State in June. As part of their activities, the eight reporters interviewed Doris Schafer, International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) representative from West Germany, and Pete Veldt, IFYE from Holland. Montgomery Publications sponsors the trip to Discovery Days for the state 4-H newswriting award winners.*

by Jolinda Lee, Wyandotte County 4-H member  
and

Gina Parks, Crawford County 4-H member



Doris Schafer is a professional housekeeper in her home country of West Germany, even though she is not married and does not own the homes she cares for. Her job is to help a farm family cook meals, clean house, care for children, drive the tractor and perform other farm and household chores when the wife is unable to do these jobs because of medical reasons or taking a holiday.

Since May, Doris has been learning about the United States farm life by living with Kansas 4-H club families in Geary, Sherman, Reno and Haskell counties. She

is a participant in the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. Doris will stay in Kansas until August 3 when she goes to her next host state, Massachusetts.

Doris' own family life and special vocational and technical school classes have prepared her for the housekeeping jobs. She has worked for families in her own country and Switzerland. "I work on a farm when the wife is gone and sometimes I help families prepare for a big event, such as confirmation," she said. Eventually, she'd like to teach other students who want to become professional housekeepers.

In West Germany, children attend kindergarten, four years of primary school, five years of intermediate school, and then choose whether to attend a vocational school or college. Doris chose an option where she attended vocational classes one day a week and then worked the other days. She speaks German and has studied English for five years in school.

Her family owns a 65-acre farm on which they raise hogs, dairy cattle, rabbits, geese, ducks and chickens. They grow corn, wheat, barley, sugar beets and oats and have a pear, cherry and apple orchard. They also have a big vegetable and flower garden. "I help my mother feed the animals and clean the stable," she said.

In addition, Doris helps her mother prepare the meals for her father, three sisters and one brother. They bake bread in a stone oven that is heated with wood coals. Typical meals for her family include milk, coffee and cheesecake for breakfast; soup, meat, vegetables and salad for the mid-day meal; and sausage, cheese, blackbread and butter for supper.

An average farm in West Germany is 70 acres, she said. The farmers and their families live in villages not far from their farms. Each house in the village is the home for two or three generations of the same family. Often the barn and the house are under the same roof.

Doris can see a castle from her home. She said the castle used to have a moat around it and the bridge was drawn to protect the castle from enemies.

"At home, we have more mountains. Here (in Kansas), it is so flat," she said. In Germany, all tractors have to have a roll bar on them because the fields are so hilly, Doris explained.

Doris' family owns a guest house in the forest where vacationers from the city come to stay. Her family provides meals for the guests. Visitors also come to the Schafer farm every year in June when all the farmers have an open house. This gives people in the cities a chance to come to the villages to tour the fields, barns and homes of the farmers. Doris enjoys going to the state fair to see the crop and livestock exhibits. She's also been to Berlin for Green Week, a big agricultural festival.

"Berlin is for me a very big city," she says. It's divided into four parts. When asked how she feels when she sees the Berlin Wall, her reply was a mixture of anger and fear.

Explaining why she wanted to travel so far away from home to the United States, Doris said, "I will learn about farms and the language from you. I will learn your way of living and your traditions."

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by Jolinda Lee  
Wyandotte County 4-H member

Eventually, Petrus (Pete) J.M. Veldt wants to return to his native country of Holland and take over his family's farm. "You can still make a good living from farming in Holland, and I like being outside and being my own boss," he says. But until his father retires, Pete is spending his time seeing the world. He's in the United States for six months as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) program.

During his three months in Kansas, he's living with 4-H families in Washington, Cowley, Comanche and Scott counties. Next, he'll go to Pennsylvania.

This is not the first trip away from Holland for 23-year-old Pete. "In fact, I've been out of the house since I was 13 and started to go to boarding school," he said. Two years ago he spent six months in France.

Pete's home is 35 miles from Amsterdam. All of his family's farm is below sea level. The land is called "polder" which means it is land that has been reclaimed from the sea. On the 125 acres the Veldt family owns, they grow potatoes, sugar beets, wheat and onions. "We have a couple of cows and sheep, just for fun," Pete said.





He has studied agriculture for two years and has worked for other farmers. In Kansas Pete has observed that "farmers here (in Kansas) don't mingle. There isn't much social life. The distance between the farms is so long here."

In Holland, where the average farm size is 100 acres, the farmers have to be careful with every bit of space they have, Pete said, because 14 million people live in the very small country.

Pete says that in many ways Holland fits the image the Americans have of the country. "We do have a lot of tulips and windmills, and a few people still wear wooden shoes," he said. The windmills aren't used as much now to grind grains and saw wood. Modern windmills are built to provide energy, Pete said.

A big difference between Holland and the United States Pete has noticed is "you (Americans) seem to enjoy everything. In Holland, we are more critical of things." He's enjoyed that change in attitude, but one thing he hasn't grown fond of is American food. "To be honest, I don't like your way of preparing food. Our food is more plain and not as prepared. We still know where it comes from. We don't mess around with it," he said.

In comparing the two countries Pete believes people in Holland are more liberal. He cited the example of men wearing earrings in Holland. "It's very common there, but it's just starting up here," he said.

Pete misses playing soccer — at home he played four times a week. Soccer is very popular in Holland, with one million people joining the Royal Soccer Club. With a lake ten miles from his home and the sea 15 miles away, Pete likes to swim and sail in the summer and ice skate in the winter. He also likes to read English books and listen to blues music. Pete speaks English, Dutch, French and German.

Pete feels that his international experiences are an important part of his education. "When I have a wife and family it will be impossible to travel. I'm doing what I want to do now," he said.

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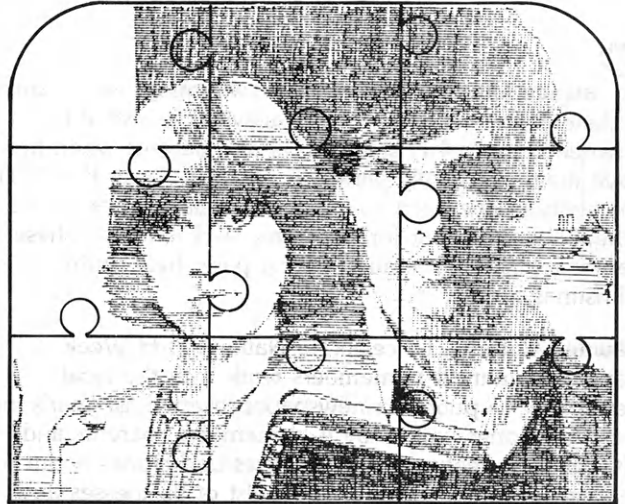
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# Southwest Highlights

**Meade County:** 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club has selected safety and emergency preparedness for its club project. Club members gave a skit at county and regional club days on saving a choking victim. This gave members an opportunity to teach others the "Heimlich Maneuver" — a method of dislodging the item a victim is choking on. The club is buying an E.O.A. which is used by emergency medical technicians in cases where the victim is not breathing.

**Pawnee County:** Racquetball, swimming, tennis and basketball are just a few of the activities available to Pawnee County 4-H'ers, leaders and parents when they have their 4-H family parties at a spa in Great Bend. The spa parties have been so successful that two parties are scheduled each year for all county 4-H families. These spa parties replace the annual skating party held during Christmas break.

**Pawnee County:** To celebrate National 4-H Week, Pawnee County 4-H members work with the local newspaper to publish a newspaper insert. Last year's insert included stories written by 4-H members, parents and alumni. Also featured were pictures and stories about the 4-H achievement banquet and a list of businesses and individuals who donate to the 4-H program.

**Pawnee County:** In 1967 a local 4-H Foundation was started and is still going strong. The assets come from \$10 lifetime memberships and many memorial donations. The Foundation annually awards trip scholarships, trophies and ribbons. Each year one project leader and one community leader and their guests receive a trip to a K-State football game. This past fall two 4-H'ers received \$25 awards at the achievement banquet. Their names were drawn from all those 4-H members who completed their record books and attended the achievement banquet.

**Pawnee County:** Newspaper collection has become a continuous money-making event for the Pawnee County 4-H Council since 1978. Paper is brought to the 4-H horse barn twice a month and the local 4-H clubs take turns being in charge. All 4-H members help with the loadouts twice a year. Participation to contribute newspaper continues to improve. This program has

eliminated the need for other 4-H Council money-making projects and has spread the work load to more 4-H members.

**Stanton County:** 4-H members enrolled in the horse project, with the help of Stanton County Extension Agent Frank D. Swan, organized in 1982 a county-wide youth horse club. The purpose was to reach non-4-H and/or pre-4-H age youth interested in learning about the care, exhibiting and training of horses. The club has been popular, with membership increasing from 13 to 32 in two years.

Subject matter is taught through workshops, films, demonstrations and guest speakers (veterinarians and trainers). Last summer, four horse shows were organized. All county youth were invited to participate. At the end of the four shows the top four youth in each of the four age brackets were awarded trophies. The series of shows for 1984 are underway with even larger participation.

The horse club officers and a leaders' committee have worked hard to keep the club members active and enthusiastic. "We can see that participating members are learning and/or improving current horsemanship skills, along with being able to communicate with others and share their knowledge with younger members," Swan says. Stanton County has a leadership club and a young stockman club which function similarly to the youth horse club.

**Wichita County:** Pleasant Valley 4-H Club members are doing their part to insure that the Wichita County Fair carnival will be a popular spot for fairgoers. The club has raised \$350 to purchase trees to surround the carnival rides and booths. Club members will be responsible for watering and caring for the trees throughout the year. The carnival itself is locally owned by the Wichita County Amusement Association. So far the association has purchased a tilt-a-whirl and Ferris wheel. Other local community associations operate food and game booths. The \$350 came from bike-a-thon pledges from Leoti merchants, families and friends of the 4-H club members. Quarter-mile laps were staked out around the community building parking lot and eighteen bikers rode around the course for 136 miles.

## Consulting Group (cont. from pg. 3)

With that thought we decided to propose an E.Y.T. or Excited Young Teen Group. A 12- or 13-year-old representative from each club would be chosen for a county team. The E.Y.T. team would be trained by the county 4-H Ambassadors to incorporate enthusiasm and fun into their club meetings. The E.Y.T.'s could conduct county day camps or fun days for younger members.

We recognize that 4-H programs vary from state to state; therefore, we would

like to see a manual put together which would contain a listing of activities for teens in all states.

We also proposed a mass media program to address the following areas: 1) negative stereotyping and misconceived images about 4-H; 2) family involvement; 3) projects which need additional private funding; 4) specific programs available for teens.

Other recommendations included: provide professional training on working with teens for volunteer leaders and provide specific activities for teens. The last

recommendation was the one I feel Kansas should work on: re-evaluate and update programs and projects and gear them toward advancement to make them more exciting. Teens, along with state 4-H staff and other professionals, should be involved in this evaluation process.

Each state and county have different reasons why teens drop out of 4-H. It is interesting to find out why teenagers drop out and it is a challenge to try to change these reasons. Everyone should try to make 4-H more exciting, so teens will want to stay in 4-H. (cont. on pg. 15)





ABOVE: J.W. and Vicki Simmons, Augusta, share in their daughter Sherri's excitement upon being named the state 4-H livestock award winner.

RIGHT: The Emerald Circle Medallion

BELOW: Eric Kerns' grandmother, Mrs. Helen Herring, Williamsburg, admires his Emerald Circle Medallion. Eric, from Osage County, is a Santa Fe Achievement winner.



## Emerald Circle banquet dazzles state winners

Governor John Carlin became the first link in the 4-H Emerald Circle during a star-studded banquet May 31 in Manhattan. The Emerald Circle is the name selected for Kansas' state 4-H project awards. During the evening, each state award winner received a specially-designed bronze medallion.

C.R. Salmon, Assistant Director of Extension 4-H — Youth programs, presented the first medallion to Governor Carlin. Carlin is a former Saline County 4-H member and national 4-H alumni award winner. In accepting the honor, Governor Carlin expressed his strong support of the 4-H program and assured the more than 400 guests attending that this first annual recognition banquet will become an even more important and prestigious event.

For 15 of the state award winners, the element of surprise made the evening even more exciting. 4-H'ers in 15 project areas — achievement, agriculture, beef, bread, citizenship, clothing, food-nutrition, horse, horticulture, leadership, livestock, photography, public speaking, sheep and swine — had spent the morning in interviews with a panel of judges. The announcement of the award winners was made on stage.

The other 46 state award winners had been selected earlier from record book competition at the county and area level.

George Kandt, Riley County 4-H member and Kansas 4-H Ambassador, was the master of ceremonies. Many state award sponsors were on hand to congratulate the winners. Hesston Corporation, Hesston, Ks. provided the Emerald Circle Medallions. The reception and banquet were courtesy of donors to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

### Consulting Group (cont. from pg. 14)

The opportunity to go to National 4-H Conference was very exciting for me. I welcome the chance to make 4-H better, because of all the things 4-H has given me. I want to extend a big thank you to the sponsors of my trip, to the three other 4-H'ers who went with me, and the two wonderful chaperones. The trip was fantastic!

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# Electric winner honored at Kansas 4-H Congress

Brian Swinney's list of county 4-H awards is almost as long as the list of 4-H projects he's enrolled in. But this Morton County 4-H member added his first state project award to his 4-H record this year — he's one of five state 4-H electric blue award winners. Brian attended Kansas 4-H Congress in Manhattan last month to receive his award.

It's a six- or seven-hour drive to Manhattan from Brian's home in the far southwest corner of the state. "I really enjoyed Kansas 4-H Congress. We toured Fort Riley, the campus and the zoo, and then went to the awards luncheon," Brian said.

At home Brian keeps busy helping on his family's farm and working on 4-H projects. He says everything he's built for the electric project is used at home and around the farm. "Some of the things I've built are things you can't buy — they're specially-made to fit our purpose," he says. For example, he built a shop light which has three light sockets which can be pointed in different directions, two electric receptacles and a long plug-in cord. The stand is a pipe welded to

a disc for the base. Brian's also installed a headache rack on his pickup. It's a metal bar that comes up the sides of the pickup and over the top of the back window. He's wired lights for it. "I've certainly saved quite a bit of money by learning how to do these things myself," he says.

Brian got interested in the electric project by hanging around his older brother and cousin as they repaired and built electrical machinery. Now Brian's the only one in his 4-H club, the Dermot 4-H club, enrolled in the electric project.

Last year Brian gave 11 4-H talks and demonstrations. He was asked to speak on behalf of the electric award winners at the 4-H Congress awards luncheon. "I'm used to speaking. I try to give at least one project talk or demonstration for each project I'm enrolled in," he says.

The market steer project is another favorite for Brian, as well as wheat, photography, and leathercraft. He'll be a sophomore next year at Rolla High School. Brian says 4-H is an important organization for his whole family.



Brian Swinney explains the work he's done in the 4-H electric project to the Kansas 4-H Congress audience.



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