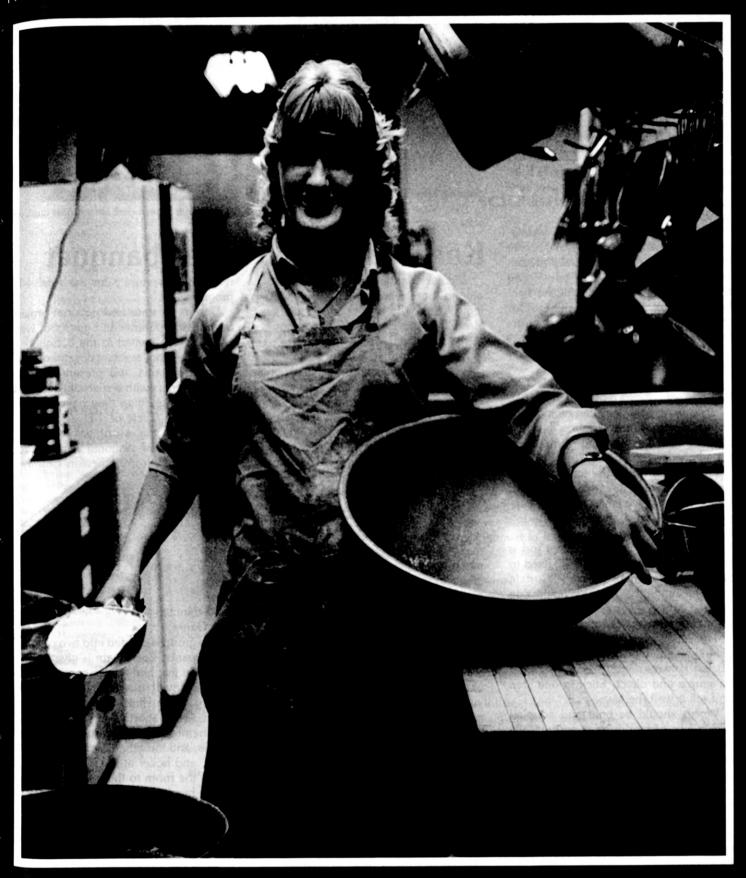
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Banners will return to state fair

Banners will return to the Kansas State Fair this year. Forty-three counties exhibited banners at the state fair for the first time in 1984.

"It really went over extremely well; we're just real pleased," says Charlie Lang, state 4-H specialist.

Lang says banners long have been used by Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota 4-H Clubs to promote National 4-H week. Leavenworth County 4-H leader Nancy Anderson suggested a Kansas State Fair display after she saw banners at the North Central Regional Leaders Forum.

Lang says banners offer more versatility for clubs than the more traditional club booth. They are easier to transport, can be made in the comfort of your living room and don't have to be done the night before the fair. Banners can be used for many community and club events during the year.

Lang also believes banners encourage more kid involvement.

Banners must be at least three feet on one side with overall dimensions from 12 to 15 square feet. They can be made of many different kinds of fabric, but felt, satin, heavy cotton and burlap are popular.

A rod or dowel at the top is used to hold the banner taut, and another rod at the bottom will give fabric additional support. Yarn or cord attached at the top allows the banner to be hung.

Lang suggests that if a curtain rod is inserted at the top, it should be fixed to stay in a permanent position. Curtain rods are made to telescope one inside another. When they are used in banners, rods tend to slide up and bunch fabric.

The state specialist says lettering should be easily read from a distance of 10 feet. The message and design should be simple and direct. Stick to one idea and tell it well, he says.

Words should be brief and coupled with symbols to produce an aesthetically pleasing design. Color is another consideration.

Lang suggests sketching a picture several times to see if the banner says what you want it to say.

Banners will be critiqued, and ribbons awarded at the state fair. For county rules concerning banners, contact the county Extension office.





Look closely at the butterfly to see the faces that emerge. Both banners were among those displayed at the Kansas State Fair for the first time in 1984.

Kassebaum will be at banquet

Senator Nancy Kassebaum will be among those who will join in recognizing 67 state 4-H project award winners May 30 at the Emerald Circle banquet in the Manhattan Holidome.

Held for the first time in 1984, "the Emerald Circle banquet proved to be one of the most interesting and outstanding ways to recognize 4-H members in Kansas for the past 50 years," says Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist. "Not only is it a means of recognizing outstanding youths, but it is an outstanding public

relations opportunity for the total 4-H program."

Donors of state and national project awards and parents and guests of winners also are invited to the banquet.

C.R. Salmon, assistant director of 4-H-Youth programs, will present all state award winners with a specially designed medallion signifying they have entered the Emerald Circle of 4-H.

Emceeing the event will be Cathy Barnes, Kansas' National Ambassador representative from Jefferson County.

Try playing bubble-up

Recreation is a fun part of a club meeting. To help you make recreation more enjoyable, the *Journal* will carry game ideas in coming issues. If you have a game you'd like to share, please send it to the *Kansas 4-H Journal*, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Kirk Astroth, southeast area 4-H specialist, shares the following game.

BUBBLE-UP

This game is usually won by the team with the most hot air. You'll want something to drink if you win this friendly contest!

Materials:

Bubble Mix (1 qt. water, 10 tbsp. dishwashing soap, eight tbsp. glycerine (found at any pharmacy.)

Two or more juice cans with both ends cut out.

Two larger cans or more to hold bubble

mix.

Space:

Open room or outside (no wind, please)

Time:

20 minutes

The Game:

The group is divided into two or more equal teams. Each team is given a can of bubble mix and a juice can with both ends removed (the bubble blower). A starting line and finish line are established about 30 feet apart. On the word "GO." one member of each team blows a large bubble, and the others blow, push, convince, and holler at the bubble to get it across the room to the finish line. If the bubble breaks, the team must go back to the starting line and begin again. Strategy:

Don't touch the bubble, but blow on it softly to keep it afloat and moving forward. Keep your bubble up!



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Kansas Junior Miss Lisa Palmquist, Concordia, is a 4-H member. For her thoughts on the 4-H program, see page 4.

Range youth camp scheduled

A range youth camp is scheduled for July 17-20 at Rock Springs Ranch.

Cost of \$59 includes meals and lodging, slide set, group photo, registration and supplies.

The session will cover livestock

management of rangelands, plant identification and structure, range ecology, soils, range sites, classification and inventory and career opportunities.

For more information, contact the Soil Conservation Service in your county.

Bucket calf project is asset to 4-H program

by Gene Davis Rossville High Principal

My admiration for 4-H continues to grow for what it does for the family, partici-

pant, community and country.

At the 1984 Shawnee County 4-H Fair I had the pleasure of witnessing one of the finest projects — the bucket calf project. Young people in this project exhibited their calves as if they were at the Denver National Western Livestock Show. The pride of animal ownership was clearly shown in their smiles, voices, petting their animal, etc. It was like two children playing and working together for the benefit

The project is beneficial in that it promotes:

-Caring. Caring is a two-way street. The child is responsible for feeding, watering, brushing and taking care of the animal. In return, the animal will never yell at the child. It will nuzzle, stretch, lick and demonstrate other nonverbal signs of happiness.

-Responsibility. The child soon realizes he is responsible for caring for the animal. He learns things have to be done on a regular basis. Work habits are taught at an

early age.

Knowledge. The child learns about the beef and dairy industries. He learns about

nutrition, care and the general well being of the animal. -Family. All family members work together in this project. The young calf becomes a member of the family. It can provide many psychological benefits to the

This project allows the young livestock enrollee to work with an animal closer to his size. It provides a higher degree of safety for the child. Cost is not prohibitive as smaller calves do not cost as much. Though all rewards of the bucket calf project cannot be measured, the project certainly is a very positive experience for most young

County agents, if you do not have this project in your county, please give it your

highest consideration.

family and especially the child.





Kansas Junior Miss is proud of being 4-H member

by Joan Istas

Kansas Junior Miss Lisa Palmquist is a 4-H member and proud of it.

"I wouldn't be here if it weren't for 4-H," she told judges at the state pageant.

"4-H has given me poise and self confidence because of the times I've spoken in front of people."

In the competition that consisted of poise and appearance, interview, talent, physical fitness and meal planning, Lisa again and again called on skills she had developed in 4-H.

Clothing Carousel taught her how to select clothing that complimented her; teens entertain, meal planning; the style revue, modeling; and the countless interviews she has participated in helped her shine in the interview category.

A singer from the time she could talk, Lisa polished that talent at countless club day and church performances and sang New York, New York at the pageant.

Lisa says the contestant's values and character are highly considered. The Junior Miss contest is not a beauty pageant.

She entered the contest because she believed it would be a good experience. "I just knew I was going to have a good time; I never expected to win."

The Republican Valley 4-H'er garnered honors in poise and appearance and scholastic achievement on her way to winning the crown. She has a 4.0 grade point average at Concordia High School in Cloud County.

When she was named Kansas Junior Miss, she says, "I died! I cried a lot."



Lisa spends many of her weekends speaking at functions in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. When she's not working on school material, she's preparing for the National Junior Miss Pageant that will be held in June. To improve her coordination, she takes ballet lessons and jogs. She practices her talent number, and a teacher prepares her for the judge's interview by interviewing her.

"Being Kansas Junior Miss is exciting," Lisa says. "It gives me a chance to tell what a great place Kansas is."

Though fulfilling the duties of Kansas' Junior Miss is time consuming, Lisa still has time for 4-H. She's enrolled in clothing, leadership and photography and plans to take her camera with her to record the national pageant.

Lisa's goal this year is to help other 4-H'ers. She has been a cooking leader in the past and says it taught her organization and patience. She was rewarded when the 4-H'ers asked, "When is the next meeting?"

Lisa followed in the footsteps of her mother and aunt when she joined 4-H eight years ago. Her mother has continued to be involved in the program as a leader and says she's still learning. Lisa also receives support from her father and brother.

"We live and die for 4-H," Lisa says. "I think it brings the family closer together.

"There's a lot of work to being in 4-H, but in the long run it's worth it."

Quiz bowl challenges youths

by Joan Istas

Hands on the buzzers. Listen to the question: A mare's milk is low in what two minerals? Name four out of seven light horse breeds. What does TDN stand for?

Concentrate; concentrate; don't panic;

you know the answer.

Whether you call it trivia pursuit, quiz bowl or 4-H horse bowl, kids are finding this mental game of questions challeng-

ing and fun.

Lori Miser, a member of the championship senior 4-H horse bowl team from Lyon County, began practicing with the county team even before she was old enough to compete in the state contest. When she turned 14, she took her place behind the buzzer on the county team.

"I want to be a veterinarian. I'm very interested in horses," she explains. And Lori says the horse bowl contest has been just the tool she needed to improve her

knowledge.

Lori and her teammates Kristi Henrikson, Ginger Wessel and Tricia Gundy also enjoy the social opportunities that accompany bowl competition. They like meeting and visiting with other young people.

Kristi says she likes bowl competition because it gives her a chance to show off, and it's fun to punch the buzzer.

The knowledge the girls have learned in bowl competition also has helped in their judging and showing of horses.

Coached by Sandy Lahr, the Lyon County team began practicing for the March state horse bowl competition in January. They met twice a week for two to three hour sessions.

"I think horse bowl competition is important for them," Lahr says. "They learn a lot of the basics of caring for the horse and about showing."

Lahr tells her team members to relax and listen carefully to the question. "And no matter what happens, be a good sport."

"We win graciously; we lose graciously," the girls say.

Youths 12 to 14 years of age also found state bowl competition fun as they participated in the first state junior horse bowl contest.

"I liked it," said 12-year-old Angie Schrader of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club in Finney County.

Tonya Schreibvogel, also of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club, said she competed in the bowl because she wanted to know more about horses.



Lyon County senior quiz bowl team members Lori Miser, Kristi Henrikson and Ginger Wessel didn't have the answer to this question, but they did have enough answers to win the senior competition.

And 12-year-old Karin Erickson, Shawnee County, fulfilled a long-time goal by participating in the contest.

"Ever since I was little I wanted to be in it. I've always known a lot about breeds and colors," she says. She admits she was nervous when the bowl started but just tried to do the best she could.

The junior contest gave 4-H'ers 12 to 14 years of age the opportunity to participate as individuals. Questions were more simple than those in the senior contest, and there were no bonus questions.

Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, said the contest was designed to give younger 4-H members an opportunity to obtain quiz bowl experience in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Twenty-nine youths competed in the junior contest, and ten teams entered the senior event.

Placing first in the senior quiz bowl were Lyon County, first; Scott County, second, and Shawnee County, third. Top five individuals were: Becky Bryan, Shawnee County, first; Monique Riggs, Scott County, second; K.B. Murphy, Scott County, third; Lori Miser, Lyon County, fourth; and Stephanie Akers, McPherson County, fifth.

Top five individuals in the junior quiz bowl were Jenny Halstead, Shawnee County, first; Debbie Webb, Lyon County, second; Andrea Potter, Lyon County, third; Tanya Schreibvogel, Finney County, fourth; and tied for fifth, Angie Schrader, Finney County, and Karen Erickson, Shawnee County.

Sledding is fun

Eighteen degree temperatures and a strong north wind didn't stop the Saline County Cardinal 4-H Club from enjoying a sledding party. Twenty-seven kids and parents attended. Hot chocolate and cookies were served before heading home.

Geology field trip is June 8 and 9

A state-wide 4-H geology field trip is planned June 8 and 9 in Riley, Wabaunsee, Geary, Pottawatomie and Marshall counties.

Geologists will have the opportunity to collect minerals and fossils as well as learn about an oil field and tour a mine. Fossils that can be found on the hunt are trilobites, brachiopods, molluska and protozoa. Mineral sites where garnets, magnetite, altered shale, kimberlite, phlogopite and mica are found also will

be visited.

A camp will be set up Friday and Saturday nights at the River Pond area at Tuttle Creek. Saturday's field trip will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude about 8 p.m. Sunday's field trip is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the county Extension office or Barb Warner, 1942 Judson, Manhattan, KS 66502, 913-776-6212.

About the cover

Jan Phillips, Valley Falls, thinks big when she has cooking duty at Clovia. Jan is a freshman at Kansas State University. For more details about the cooperative houses at Kansas State University and Fort Hays State University, see pages 8 and 9.

Wheat variety plot trip is a lot of fun

It's a lot of work to participate in the 4-H wheat variety test plot program, but 15-year-old Brenda Larson of the McPherson City Slickers 4-H Club says it's worth it.

Brenda not only learned about variety differences, but she won an all-expense paid trip to the Houston grain exporting port for having the top booth display at the Kansas State Fair.

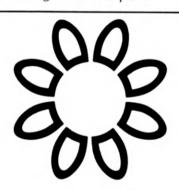
For Brenda, the highlight of the trip sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Commission was seeing the export elevators. She watched longshoremen load wheat from the elevator onto ships and toured the harbor by boat.

The trip also included a tour of the Kansas City Board of Trade, and the Kansas State University Grain Milling and Science Building.

"I learned how wheat goes from the farmer to the export elevator. I thought the trip was really fun," Brenda says.

Though Brenda can't win the trip to Houston again, she reenrolled in the program this year.

"You learn a lot," she explains. "I wanted to observe the different varieties and find a good one to plant."



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Brenda Larson included this bouquet in her wheat variety booth.

Brenda planted Newton, Vona, TAM 105, Bounty 203 and Larned in the test plot this year.

She uses the knowledge she learned about how varieties stand up to disease, insects and weather and perform under different soil and fertility conditions to select a variety for the 20 acres she annually seeds to wheat.

The youth uses wheat in the bread she bakes, and her mother does wheat weaving.

Nathan Hyde of the Woodsdale 4-H Club in Ottawa County has participated in the wheat variety test plot contest for four years now.

"I like seeing the differences in the wheat," Nathan says. Nathan has

learned that one variety may do well in one location and poorly in another.

He shares the results of his test plots with booths at the county and state fairs. All 10 exhibitors of state fair booths receive awards.

Enrollment deadline in the wheat variety test plot program is early July. Those interested in participating should contact their county Extension agent so they can be put on the mailing list, says Eldon Weaver, south central Kansas 4-H specialist.

The youth is given 10 pounds each of five varieties of certified seed wheat, five steel variety identification signs and a big steel sign with their name on it.

Study looks at pet ownership

The impact of animals on children involved in 4-H projects will be part of a future thrust of a Kansas State University research project on human-animal relationships.

Dr. Marvin Samuelson of the K-State College of Veterinary Medicine who is

part of the study team on pet ownership, said research could shed light on how children are affected by raising and selling animals for 4-H projects. Researchers could learn the best way to deal with children in such situations, said Dr. Samuelson, who is a former 4-H'er.

Ceramics is popular project

Craft leaders share ideas

Arts and crafts is a popular project for Atchison and Shawnee County 4-H'ers. In fact Atchison County Home Economist Lori Shoemaker says it's the most popular project in that county.

Ceramics tops Atchison County arts and crafts fair exhibits followed bu leathercraft and growing in popularity is glass etching.

Becky O'Brien of the Effingham Community Club also teaches youngsters

crocheting.

Friendly Farmers leaders Virginia Billings and Linda Burton co-teach the arts and crafts project for that club. The women do so because they like kids and love arts and crafts.

Virginia's kiln comes in handy to teach ceramics. The two leaders give youngsters individual attention by working with two youths at a time. This also is important because of the wide age range (8 to 16 years) of youths in the group.

All Friendly Farmers in the project make ceramics. Additional arts and crafts projects taught include nature art, macrame and this year Linda's husband is teaching copper tooling, a craft he learned in high school.

The women try to choose projects that are simple to make and relatively inexpensive. Exhibiting the works at the county fair is encouraged. All arts and crafts works are judged in conference before the fair and ribbons awarded at the

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Joyce Pierson of the Rochester Heights 4-H Club in Shawnee County likes to teach 4-H'ers how to decorate items they wear. She taught eight kids candlewicking last year and believes decorated socks will be popular this year.

Vicki Long, a first year leader for the Shawnee Riders Club in Topeka, began holding arts and crafts project meetings in October and already has taught 4-H'ers how to make decorated boxes. stencil decals and counter crosstitch. The youths in her group range from 7 to 14 years, and sometimes it is hard to come up with something they all enjoy.

She tries to select a project even the voungest can do and that the older ones can elaborate on at home.

She also plans to teach a nature craft and take the group on tours of sculpture and other arts and crafts. A former

elementary school teacher, she says the 4-H program allows her to continue to work with children. "I like kids," she says.

Zoe Slinkman, Kansas State University cultural arts specialist, encourages 4-H arts and crafts leaders to teach youths functional or wearable art. Stitchery and stenciling both fall into this category. Stenciling also is a popular art at day camps, Slinkman says.

She says it is important that leaders select a project the youths can finish and share with others.

"I want the kids to feel good about themselves," she says.

Slinkman annually teaches area arts and crafts leaders training. This year's Fun With Fibers session drew 147 people.





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4-H ideals continued

Clovia houses mold individuals into a family



Jane Scherman and Polly Pacey in a typical room at Clovia.

by Joan Istas

A lot of girls come to college and feel lost, but Clovia is the little pond they all can swim in.

It seemed as though nothing would go right for Julie Henry during her first semester at Kansas State University.

A transfer student from Allen County Community College, Julie felt like she had been swallowed.

I hated my first semester; I thought I was a number," Julie says. In her first week, she was shuffled from one adviser to another. She stayed in a dorm but was rarely there. Instead she'd go to Clovia to visit a friend. Almost every weekend she headed for home at Gas.

"I came over to Clovia a lot that first semester," Julie remembers. She liked the girls at Clovia and the home-like atmosphere of the house. When she began her second semester at K-State, she applied to Clovia and became a member of the family she'd already adopted as her own. Now a

senior in ag economics, Julie goes home only at Christmas and spring break.

Everybody here is willing to help," Julie says. "They want you to have a good time. They want you to get good grades. You come home in a rotten mood, and there's always someone to make you laugh."

Clovia has more of a home atmosphere than a dorm or apartment," says Jane Scherman, Paola, "It's nice to have a home-cooked meal waiting for you and your own living room and furniture. Even a yard to play in."

Jane says she also likes living at Clovia because she enjoys being around people. "I think I would go nuts without people," she says.

Perhaps, for Jane, when she transferred to K-State, living at Clovia was a foregone conclusion. Her greataunt, a founding member of Clovia, and her sister also lived there. After living in a dorm at a community

college, she was ready for a change

"There's lots of fish in the sea, but at Clovia you have a smaller pond," says Polly Pacey, a sophomore from Miltonvale majoring in math education.

"There's lots of fish in the sea, but at Clovia you have a smaller pond." —

Polly Pacey

A project of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Clovia was organized as a cooperative house at K-State in 1931; the house at Fort Hays State University didn't come along until 1976. The two houses provide a lower cost of living, because girls share cooking, cleaning and other managerial duties. Cost is two-thirds of that paid for dorms.

When cooking, they quickly learn to think in gallons or pounds instead of cups. And no one complains about the poached-scrambled eggs served for breakfast when she recalls vividly memories of a roast she frantically tried to finish cooking in the microwave as everyone waited impatiently.

The cooperative houses also continue 4-H ideals of learning by doing, leadership development and social growth. Girls who serve as officers learn leadership and other life skills.

Study is encouraged, but social life is not ignored. Women are required to belong to two outside activities. Those who are "real study animals," as the girls call them, are pulled into parties by friends who have a brother who needs a date. Birthdays and holidays are observed, sometimes in a zany way.

Bells are rung when someone announces an engagement or gets that first job. Women, even alumna, returning from overseas, add spoons to the unique international spoon collection.

Though a majority of the women at the houses have 4-H backgrounds, their college majors and social



Judy Wagner, Downs, pulls the bread out of the oven.

interests are as varied as the women themselves.

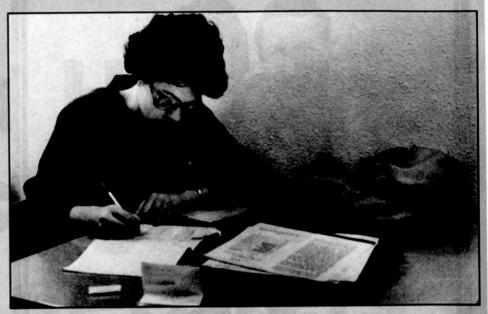
"There is no certain mold for girls at Clovia," Polly says. "We aren't made to conform. We learn to accept people for the way they are because we become a family."

To help new women adjust to those first waves of homesickness, each has a Big Sis. Often, as in the instances of Janice Sandquist and Polly Pacey, the two become best friends.

"You see a lot of character developed here," Polly says. "The shy ones learn to speak out. People you never thought would be a leader become some of the best officers."

Women are selected for the two Clovia houses based on written application, personal interview and recommendations. Scholastic achievement, community involvement and 4-H records (if available) are considered.

Both houses are presently accepting members. The Hays house has a capacity for 37 women; the K-State house, room for 62.



Joyce Myer, Powhattan, hits the books.



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Enrollment jumps in Clark County

A revitalized county-wide 4-H PDC committee, a new club and 25 new project leaders have helped increase Clark County 4-H enrollment from 43 to 60 in just a year.

Frances Baker, who is on the nine member PDC committee and who launched the recruitment drive, said she had no difficulty obtaining new leaders. Almost every person asked agreed to serve.

School teachers agreed to serve as leaders because they like teaching youths who want to learn, Baker said. Extension personnel promised to help leaders with paperwork. Also a factor in the successful recruitment is the Ashland community's support of youth.

"This community is very supportive of kids," Baker says. Whether the event is a dance or a basketball game, kids are welcome.

Baker believes a project's success depends on the enthusiasm of the leader. She encourages leaders to have meetings and to not get discouraged when only one or two kids attend the first sessions. Eventually other kids will attend, she says.

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Youths tell about agriculture project

The agricultural award recognizes the balanced 4-H'er in agricultural production, says Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist.

4-H'ers usually are involved in one or more phases of agriculture which include tractor, beef, swine and sheep.

by Joan Istas

Fifteen-year-old Aaron Plunkett's voice becomes husky with emotion when he talks about beef cattle.

"I like cattle," he says. "They're all different. They all have a different personality. They're just neat."

Ever since he joined 4-H, Aaron wanted to take a 4-H market steer. But his dad always said, no; he wasn't big enough to handle a steer ... until he turned 10. Aaron purchased his first steer, a Black Angus Limousin crossbred, with a loan obtained from his dad. He named the steer Nugget because, he says, the animal cost almost as much as a gold nugget.

"I was real afraid when I first got him," the Hamilton County 4-H'er recalls. But the steer had a good personality and the small boy often went out to the pen to work with him.

"I had a lot of fun leading him, getting him to set up. He'd be laying down in the pen and I'd go up and pet him," Aaron says.

In the show ring at the county fair, Aaron could hardly believe he was there. "I was nervous," he recalls. Then Nugget was named grand champion of the show.

"I couldn't hardly believe it," Aaron repeats.

Aaron has shown a steer at the county fair every year since and the past two years has exhibited at the Prospect Show at Tribune. He picks out his own show steer, looking for a long, tall animal that is big for its age, has good muscling, thickness in the rear quarters and will gain well. He also purchases a black steer because he believes the judges prefer a

black animal.

Aaron buys his steer in November and begins working with it immediately after he gets it home. After school is out for the summer, he turns full attention to the animal so it will be in good condition and broken to lead in time for show.

He prepares the steer for show by clipping and washing it and finishes it with hair spray, show oil and by balling up the tail. In the show ring, he keeps the animal set up so it shows to its best advantage.

Though the market steer project is a favorite of Aaron's because he gets to work with animals, his self-determined commercial cattle feeding project also has been rewarding.

In this project, Aaron buys a pen or part of a pen of cattle and feeds them out in his parent's feedlot. It's a challenge to try to purchase cattle at a low price and sell them at a high price, Aaron says.

He likes to buy cattle at 700 pounds to go into the feedlot and finish them out in 120 days. He made \$50 per head on cattle the first year and \$20 per head the second year.

Aaron says he can't go out and pet the animals in the feedlot, but the project has taught him how to manage money, to pay his feed bill every month, and it has been a moneymaker.

Aaron encourages other youths to be involved in 4-H. "I have learned to be friendly, that you shouldn't be bashful about helping others. I've learned how to give demonstrations and talks and how to fill out records."

4-H is fun, too, he says.

She enjoys showing

Showing animals is part of life for Diane Slater, Labette County.

Diane has been showing beef animals in open shows since she was 5 and joined 4-H at the age of 7 so she could participate in 4-H livestock shows. She now has nine years of showing 4-H market steers under her belt and more recently has gotten involved in both the sheep and swine projects.

Diane began showing sheep five years ago because, she says, she's always liked the animals and they're more profitable to raise than steers.

"They're fun to mess with," she says. "Steers run over you; swine run from you."

Diane raises her own show lambs from a 32 head ewe flock. The show lambs must run through an obstacle course to get to the feed. Diane also walks her show lambs a half a mile a day as the show date nears.

She prepares her lambs for show by washing, shearing and hand clipping them. She likes to leave a quarter inch of wool on the body and a half inch on the back.

Diane was almost the only 4-H'er in her club enrolled in sheep five years ago, and she naturally became the sheep leader as other club members purchased lambs. Today there are six Chetopa Pacers enrolled in sheep.

Diane begins project meetings in April by talking about what to look for in selecting a lamb and feeding it. As the fair nears, she demonstrates shearing and showmanship. She tells the youths to do their best. "Whatever ribbon you get is okay as long as you tried," she says.

Diane is also assistant swine and beef leader for the Chetopa Pacers. It's a role she enjoys.

"They'll listen to you. They'll look up to you," she says.

Diane says 4-H has taught her how to be a leader and to not be afraid when she gives a speech. She also has learned responsibility by caring for livestock.

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4-H Journal sponsors photo contest

Enter the Kansas 4-H Journal photo contest and win tickets for two to Worlds of Fun.

All photographers must be 4-H members. The contest features two divisions: 12 and under, and 13 and older. Entries are limited to two per individual.

Photos must tell about 4-H and must have been taken during the current 4-H year. All photos must be black and white enlargements, 5 x 7 or larger. Only single negatives can be

used.

Negatives must be available upon request. Winning entries will be published in the Kansas 4-H Journal, and photographers will receive two passports to Worlds of Fun.

Entry deadline is August 1 at the Kansas 4-H Journal, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506. A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany entries for the return of the photo.

Judging contests planned in the southeast area

Area judging contests may not be unique to southeast Kansas, but perhaps no other area can boast such a great number.

Scheduled this year are a horse judging contest, June 4, Emporia; poultry judging contest and show, June 18, Ottawa; livestock judging contest, June 19, Iola; horticulture judging contest, July 2, Chanute.

Dates have yet to be set for the area dairy judging contest annually held at the Ivan Strickler farm, Iola, and the home ec bowl held for the first time last year.

Kirk Astroth, southeast area 4-H specialist, said a lot of dedicated people on the county and area staffs in southeast Kansas make the judging contests possible.

Southeast Area Livestock Specialist Frank Brazle started the horse judging contest and also works with the livestock judging contest. Gary Kilgore, southeast area crops specialist, donates his time to help with the horticulture judging contest.

Astroth also praises agents Tom Maxwell and Jeanice Cress, Allen County, Maury Herington and Nancy Schuster, Anderson County, and Warren Bell, Coffey County, for their help in organizing these events.

Make forestry activities part of your day camp

Make forestry a part of your day camp or county camp this year.

Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, says area foresters are available to teach fun and educational forestry activities. This is part of an emphasis to increase enrollment in the forestry project, she says. 1,296 youths were enrolled in the project in 1983.

Forestry is more than collecting and identifying leaves, Kling says. It's an important part of the Kansas economy and great fun for people who like the out-of-doors.

It can mean such hands on projects as using a biltmore stick, thinning a timber stand, bow sawing, pole climbing and an obstacle course that includes stacking firewood, a sawlog walk, pine cone balance and pulpwood zig zag.

Plans are to have a Forestry Field Day in the spring of 1986 in eastern Kansas with those qualifying competing in the National 4-H Forestry Invitational.

Kling says western Kansans shouldn't get discouraged because of the lack of trees in that area. A youth from western Oklahoma practiced climbing telephone poles and did quite well at a recent National Forestry Invitational, she says.

For more information on how to make forestry a part of your county camp or day camp, contact Kling at the state 4-H office or an area forester.



Quadruplets were a surprise bonus for Eric Landgraf, Scott County, this year. The four healthy lambs were born to one of his ewes Feb. 23. Eric, who is enrolled in market lamb and sheep breeding has 34 ewes and 3 rams.

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Southwest area roundup

Morton County 4-H members raised money with a seven month newspaper drive. Because the paper is hauled to Hutchinson or Wichita to sell, it was stored until large quantities were obtained.

A record 140 people from six counties participated in a home economics judging contest at Regional Club Days in southwest Kansas.

Boys and girls from Stevens, Seward, Morton, Haskell, Grant and Stanton counties evaluated nine classes which included identifying different kinds of pasta, mounting a photograph and other areas of decision making.

Janice Guerrero, Stevens County home economist, said the contest became a part of Regional Club Days three years ago to make it visible to parents as well as 4-H'ers. Parents come to Regional Club Days where they don't come to a summer judging school, she said.

Plans are to divide the classes according to the youths age next year.

Wide Awake 4-H Club members in Finney County encourage 4-H'ers to get involved in the safety project.

It is the club project, and safety talks are part of each meeting. Club members also have made safety bulletin boards for the local school, distributed Halloween and Christmas safety tips to school children, sold safety kits, completed safety surveys and had a community talent show.

"We have found that the safety project can be exciting and informative. We urge other clubs and individuals to take this project and use their imaginations to come up with great ideas for promoting safety," says Annette Batchelder, club reporter.

A hand pet show is sponsored each spring by the Friendly Friends 4-H Club of Finney County.

The show has grown from 19 exhibitors the first year to 50 last year. A \$1 entry fee is charged to defray expenses.

4-H and open classes are held for: hand pets (includes hamsters, rabbits and gerbils); aquarium pets; cats and kittens; decorated hand pet cages; and decorated cat cages.

Cats are judged on disposition, condition of coat, overall grooming and the youth's knowledge about the care and handling of his pet; hand pets and fish, cleanliness of animal and container and owner's knowledge of the animal and its care; and decorated cages, originality, color scheme, suitability and size. Awards are presented in each class and an overall champion named.

Scott, Finney, Gray, Keamey, Haskell and Lane County youths have exhibited in the show.

-Keith Landgraf, reporter

Hodgeman County Junior Leaders will head for the Rockies this summer to see the sights in Colorado Springs and go on a halfday rafting trip down the Arkansas River near Royal Gorge.

To pay for the chartered bus, lodging and other expenses, the 4-H'ers manned two booths at the community carnival and sponsored an Easter dance.

A Hawaiian dance sponsored by the newly formed Comanche County Junior Leaders was attended by about 120 grade school and high school age youths.

Dancers came in Hawaiian dress, and prizes were awarded to the best dressed. A limbo contest also was held.

Mitch Moorman, Comanche County agricultural agent, said the Junior Leaders took a lot of responsibility to make the dance a success. "They worked together as a group on decorations, refreshments, advertising, clean-up and even promoted 4-H."

Scott County rabbit leader David Turley promotes the rabbit project by giving youths interested in enrolling in the project a pair of purebred rabbits. At the end of the year, the youth gives Turley two of the rabbits he raised.

Manning Jayhawkers Health Club members of Scott County meet monthly at the Park Lane Nursing Home. At each meeting, 144-H'ers make colorful name tags to put on the doors of the 80 residents' rooms and share a pet with the senior citizens. They also study some aspect of health.

Other health projects have included blood pressure screening for club members and sponsoring a "Jump Rope For Heart."

Goals for the Finney County Eager Beavers' citizenship project are: to save the Statue of Liberty, explore the American legal system, be a good citizen, include citizenship at monthly meetings and promote 4-H.

Members take turns presenting information on citizenship. Topics already covered include voting, Kansas trivia and jury duty.

A Horse Health Care Fair kicked off the Finney County horse project this year. Three veterinarians donated their time to give spring shots and worm horses. A farrier trimmed hooves and shoed horses, and project leaders checked saddles for worn spots in latigos and stirrup leathers.

A county horse judging contest was held in April. Plans are to have a trail ride and clinics on show ring competition.

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Scott County 4-H geologists annually go on four or five field trips and every other year participate in a three or four-day educational trip.

A "Foods Lock In" adds spice to the Scott County foods project. Forty-six 4-H'ers in all phases of the project learned about nutritious breakfasts and exercise and were challenged with food trivia and bingo at the all-night event.

Younger 4-H'ers used blenders to make fruit and dairy drinks, microwaved nachos and s'mores and fixed cheese and chocolate fondue for vegetables and fruit. Older youths made 7-Up pie crusts, spinach quiche and cherry pie.

All the youths participated in games and watched videos. The event began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 7:30 the next morning.

Learning and having fun are being emphasized this year by Finney County Beacon Booster club members.

Fun was an all-night Bag Bash sponsored by club leaders and the parents committee. Members could bring one guest, and some brought a potential 4-H'er.

Refreshments were provided by club members, and younger cooking project members prepared mini pizzas. Games, pop music and VCR movies were played throughout the night. 4-H'ers sacked out in sleeping bags. Breakfast ended the all-night fling.

The club's People to People project gives both knowledge and fun. A community leader speaks about his job at each club meeting. 4-H'ers will learn about the jobs of librarian, zoo director, fire chief, hospital director, county sheriff, newspaper editor, superintendent of schools and police captain. On the club tour, they will learn about the people in their 4-H club.

Barbara Tiberghien, club reporter, says participation by members has increased because club members are learning and playing together.

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Basketball tourney is a tradition

by Joan Istas

March means basketball for Dickinson County 4-H'ers. A tradition that has grown during its 38 years, this year 14 boys teams and six girls teams competed in the annual county basketball tournament.

Frank Garten, a 40-year leader with the Sand Springs Rustlers 4-H Club, can remember playing in the tournament when he was a boy. At that time only boys played, and the tourney was completed in a day. "It really wore you out," Garten says.

Since, Garten has watched his own children play in the tournament, and to-day is a member of the committee that organizes it.

"It's rewarding to watch the big kids work with the little ones to make a team," Garten says. It also brings the club and families closer together as 4-H'ers, parents and grandparents take an interest in the team.

Often parents, leaders or former Dickinson County 4-H members coach. Chantay Porter, a Navarre Boosters 4-H Club member, has helped coach that club's girls team the last two years.

Not only has it been fun, but it's been rewarding to watch the girls develop their basketball skills, she says. Last year she worked on the basics of dribbling and shooting and this year taught the girls several plays.

The Navarre Boosters lost their game

by four points, but all team members said they'd be back to play in next year's tourney. They enjoy playing the game.

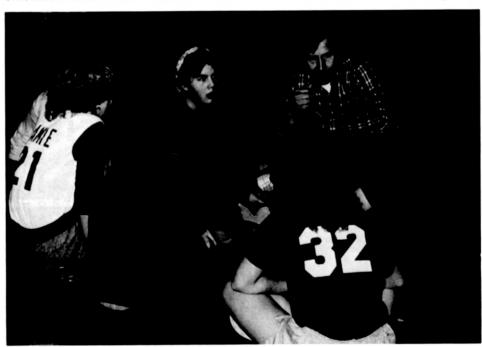
Anita Conley, Dickinson County 4-H agent, says the basketball tourney gives 4-H'ers who don't participate in interscholastic basketball competition the opportunity to be involved in a team sport.

"It's a fun event, something the kids really get excited about," she says. Too, it's a reward for the 4-H'er who completes his records and clubs who turn in enrollment cards in December. Both are eligibility requirements for the tourney.

Sportsmanship is stressed. The game is called if a team attains a 30 point lead. Games are six minute quarters except the championship game which has eight minute quarters.

To help pay for licensed referees and other expenses, an entry fee of \$8 is charged. The championship team is awarded a traveling trophy. A club must win the trophy three consecutive years to keep it.

Conley says the tournament is possible because of a lot of volunteer help.





Electric project is learning by doing.

The 4-H electric project is learning by doing for 17-year-old Terry Patry of the Wilson Winners 4-H Club in Ellsworth. That's one of the reasons Terry finds the project interesting.

"Theory bores people," he says.

Terry has been learning by doing in the electric project for eight years. He made an electric cord his first year, a simple and useful project. Later he combined his woodworking and electric skills to design a lamp that displays his many 4-H medals.

Four years ago when his parents purchased a new house, Terry helped his father, who also is his 4-H electric leader, wire it

"It was a good experience. I learned a lot," he says. "I learned some of the things I might encounter in a job situation." Terry also quickly learned to take simple safety precautions. There isn't much room for error when you're work-

ing with electricity," he says.

"You've got to respect electricity, not be afraid of it."

The wiring project helped Terry win many electric awards and made him a recognized leader in the project in the Ellsworth area. It isn't unusual for youths to ask Terry for help with their electric projects, and he works with his dad as a junior leader in electricity. He even makes home visits to help youths understand their projects.

Terry advanced into the electronics field last year when he constructed a radio and multi-tester from a kit.

He finds this field fascinating. "This is the age of electronics. Before long I think almost everything will be electronics," he says.

Terry has helped the local electric cooperative put on safety demonstrations and attended electric seminars and the state leader's electric clinic at Rock

Springs 4-H Center.

He records his electric activities so he can compete for awards in both FFA and 4-H. He records activities on a calendar and at the end of the year transfers these to his project records. He also summarizes his activities in a project story.

The first few years it was difficult to keep records, Terry says. Others have shared their knowledge of record keeping with him, however, and each year it has become easier.

Terry says records are important because they show what has been accomplished and the knowledge and skills learned.

Terry has remained in the electric project throughout his 4-H years because he has been able to continually grow in it. He says he has learned valuable skills in the project.

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