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The 4-H Program

Editor's note: During 1978, a series, "The 4-H Program," designed for new 4-H parents, but perhaps of interest to all parents and leaders, appeared in May, June, July, and October issues of the Journal. Benny Robbins, extension director in the southeast area, recommended "The 4-H Program" to the Journal. This particular series was offered to new 4-H parents by Robert Davis in Reno County, although similar material has been available in other counties.

4-H Activities

Local club activities

CLUB TOURS — Many 4-H clubs hold a 4-H tour during June or July of each year. Tours provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers with animal, garden, etc., projects to "show and tell" their projects to the other 4-H'ers and parents of the club. Many clubs include a potluck supper, swimming party, or some other activity for the 4-H family.

CLUB PROJECTS — Each year, clubs usually select a project that the club works on as a group. Examples of projects might include ecology, safety, or people to people. The purpose of the club project is to encourage group unity and fellowship in working together.

ADDITIONAL CLUB ACTIVITIES — are planned by the individual local 4-H clubs. Visit with your club's community leaders about the particular activities of your local 4-H club.

Countywide activities

4-H DAY — 4-H Day is when 4-H'ers make public presentations to share the many things they have learned in 4-H. (In Reno County, presentations are in the stores of downtown Hutchinson.) Presentations include speaking (project talks and public speaking), demonstrations and illustrated talks, talent

and musical numbers (solo and group). 4-H'ers are divided into two or three age divisions at 4-H Day.

SPRING SHOWS (April and May) — Spring shows are held in some counties in beef, horse, horticulture, and broiler. 4-H'ers have an opportunity to show their projects and have them evaluated by a judge.

COUNTY 4-H CAMP (June or July) — 4-H'ers camp at Rock Springs Ranch, state 4-H center, near Junction City each summer with 4-H'ers from other counties. County 4-H camp lasts four days (three nights) and is for 4-H'ers who are 4th through 9th graders. (See page 8.)

JUDGING SCHOOLS AND CONTESTS (mainly spring and summer) — Judging provides a fun way for 4-H'ers to learn more about their projects and how to make decisions. Judging schools are available for 4-H'ers to attend in home economics (foods, clothing, home improvement), livestock (beef, sheep, swine), horse, and horticulture. Normally teams are selected in each area to represent the county at a state fair judging contest.

COUNTY FAIR — The county fairs provide an opportunity for boys and girls to show their project work. All exhibits are evaluated by competent judges and every exhibit receives a color ribbon denoting its quality in comparison to the ideal. Blue ribbons are used to reward exhibits of superior quality and workmanship, red ribbons are placed on above average exhibits, and average quality exhibits receive white ribbons. Participation ribbons are given when exhibits are evaluated but not placed in ribbon groups. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to make entries at the county fair from the projects in which they are enrolled.

CONFERENCE JUDGING — In conference judging, the judge and 4-H member visit about the exhibit or presentation being evaluated. 4-H members knowing "why" they receive the ribbon they do greatly increases the learning experience for them. Conference judging is used in many departments at the county fair. Parents may hear the conference with the judge, but may not enter into the discussion.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT (fall) — 4-H Achievement Night is held each year to recognize the 4-H'ers for their accomplishments during the year. The many awards — county champion, Key awards, bronze, silver and gold pins, etc. — are presented to 4-H members. Club awards are also presented to the clubs for their accomplishments. All 4-H members, leaders, and parents are encouraged to attend.

4-H CARNIVAL — Some counties have an annual 4-H carnival with most of the clubs taking part. Activities are similar to school carnivals — king and queen contest, games of skill, auction, etc. The profits may be shared by the 4-H council and local 4-H clubs. The purpose of the 4-H carnival is twofold: to make money and provide fellowship among 4-H families.

4-H COUNCIL — The county 4-H council is made up of older 4-H'ers and leaders from each 4-H club. Council plans countywide events like 4-H Day, 4-H carnival and 4-H Achievement Night. 4-H council handles the countywide fund-raising activities.

OFFICER TRAINING (October) — Each fall training programs are conducted for the newly elected club officers. Training includes responsibilities of the office, leadership techniques and "how to" for the individual officers.

LEADER TRAINING (winter months) — Training meetings are conducted in many subject matter areas for project leaders each year. Because there are more than 50 projects, training cannot be offered each year in each project area. Training is also conducted during the year for community leaders and club advisory communities.

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Too much, too soon The "instant" syndrome

By Glenn Busset
 Assistant Director, 4-H and Youth

Parents these days are contending with what is best described as the Instant Syndrome. There's instant food, instant ice cubes, instant mathematics from the handy pocket calculators. There's instant news, even from the other side of the world; instant credit; and even instant hot water (something we can get ourselves into because of the instant credit). In our fascination for instant solutions to all problems, we parents have made an illogical extension of the Instant Syndrome to our children's lives. We have apparently forgotten that real life doesn't have the kinds of problems that lend themselves to the instant solutions we see on TV. Three applications that we can make to 4-H work seem appropriate.

In the first place, we need to help our children understand that instant pleasure is no substitute for work, study, and planned anticipation. "Everybody else is doing it" is no reason to settle for shallow choices or the "cop-out realism" that really represents a shucking of responsibility.

A few years ago the high school that my children attended was faced with demands to provide a comfortable room for students as a smoking lounge. It was felt by some adult advocates that it represented realism for the school to provide a place where students could smoke openly, rather than feel guilty about smoking furtively in halls and washrooms. The phrase "just being realistic" was offered as a reason, completely ignoring the fact that most of the students did not smoke, and that the habit is one that condemns millions of human beings to health risks and sometimes fatal diseases.

In 4-H circles, we often hear that keeping records is just too difficult; a way should be found to make achievement easier; that members should not be required to meet standards or submit to an assessment of progress; that it is "unrealistic" for children to work this hard when they see others attaining instant success without effort. Encouraging our children to believe in the Instant Syndrome is "cop-out realism" at its worst.

In the second place, we need to end our long vacation as parents who have spent too many years in the bizarre land of permissiveness. We need to reassert our moral obligations to say "no" to our children when they are asking for too much, too soon. Of course they want to enroll in 15 4-H projects; exhibit at the State Fair the first year; go to Philadelphia on the church youth tour; play in the band; sing in the glee club; go out for football, track, basketball, and tennis; act in the class play; and have a car before they can legally drive. In a wealthy country like ours many of these enticing options are available to children. What they need most of all is friendly assistance in making necessary choices, and parents who are ready to start telling them "no" again. It's been a long time since some children have heard the word.

Finally, we should resolve to let our children be children. As parents we want to give our children a good start in life. This includes protecting the child's right to be a child. Children will be able to move through adolescence and into adulthood more smoothly if they first have the opportunity to enjoy childhood. When children lose their childhood too fast, they lose with it the valuable time needed for normal development. The child-centered approach in 4-H is a recognition that childhood should be a period of play, exploration, and discovery during which children develop a joyful appreciation of their own being and their environment.

Today's life is full of pressure and competitiveness. We should

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Four to D.C. to 1979 National 4-H Conference

This week at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., four Kansas 4-H members are meeting with other 4-H'ers from throughout the United States to share ideas and to plan for the future of 4-H work.

Kansas' 1979 delegates to National 4-H Conference are Michelle Hightower, Manhattan; Brian Huseman, Ellsworth; Carla Morriscal, Beverly; and Richard Secrest, Olathe.

Michelle Hightower is the oldest member of her club, Cico Shamrocks in Riley County. She enjoys sketching, drawing, and painting, and as the assistant crafts project leader, she's taught water color painting to younger 4-H members. In addition to crafts, another favorite project for Michelle is meat utilization.

At the 1978 Riley County Fair, Michelle reigned as the 4-H Queen. A Gold Pin and Key Award winner, she received the "I Dare You" award at the Riley County Achievement Party this past fall.

As she left for Washington, Michelle was looking forward to learning more about 4-H on the national level, and to meeting 4-H members from other states. She hoped to work with the committee, Ambassadors for 4-H.

A freshman at Kansas State University in marketing with a minor in art, Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hightower.

Brian Huseman has belonged to Elkhorn 4-H Club in Ellsworth County for 11 years. In recent years he's taken as many as 13 projects, with fewer now. On the family farm, he's completed such projects as beef, swine, field crops, veterinary science, and weed control, and has put into practice the things he's learned.

Brian enjoys public speaking, and credits this project with helping him when he served as Student Council president at Ellsworth High School. He's a Key Award and Gold Pin winner.

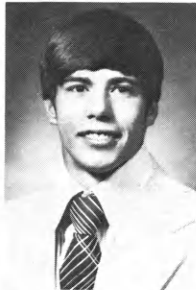
As he planned for the conference, Brian anticipated talking with young people from other parts of the nation and learning from their ideas and experiences.



Michelle Hightower
Manhattan



Carla Morriscal
Beverly



Brian Huseman
Ellsworth



Richard Secrest
Olathe

Now a freshman in pre-veterinary science at Kansas State University, Brian hopes to become a veterinarian, perhaps going into business with a brother in Salina.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Huseman, Ellsworth.

Another 11-year 4-H'er is Carla Morriscal, a member of Beverly Boosters 4-H Club in Lincoln County. She's been active in leadership, knitting, market lamb, clothing, bread, and consumer education. In 1978 Carla was a counselor at Rock Springs Ranch.

She was the first president of the Lincoln County junior leaders club, and was also president of the county 4-H council. She's received both the Gold Pin and Key Award.

While working in groups at the conference, Carla is looking for ways to work with special children and to improve 4-H overall.

Carla is a freshman in foods and nutrition at Kansas State University, and thinks that perhaps a career in extension work will be right for her.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morriscal, Beverly.

Richard Secrest's home is at the edge of Olathe, so he's had the experience of being a member of a 4-H club, Oxford Hustlers, with both

rural and urban members. His favorite projects has been woodworking, home improvement, dog care, beef, and gardening. In 1978 he was a Gold Pin winner, and in 1977, a Key Award winner.

Rick has served his club as president and vice-president, and the Johnson County 4-H Council as reporter. He was woodworking leader for a new 4-H club. For three summers he's worked in his father's service station.

"The ability to get along with other people," Richard rates as the most important thing he's gained from 4-H work.

A freshman at Pittsburg State University in industrial arts, Richard is interested in wood, metal, and automotive technology, the three aspects of the curriculum. He hopes to become a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Secrest Sr. are Rick's parents.

The Kansas Bankers Association provides the trip to Washington, D.C., for the 4-H'ers, who will become members of Master 4-H Club, made up of all those who have represented Kansas at the National 4-H Conference since its beginning in 1927.

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Among others honored at the event will be individuals, firms, or foundations who gave \$1,000 this past year to aid 4-H work through the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Heart of America 4-H Invitational Dog Show

The Heart of America 4-H Dog Club of Republic County will host their third annual Invitational Dog Show on April 28th, 1979, beginning at 9 a.m. in the 4-H exhibit building on the North Central Kansas Fairgrounds in Belleville. Classes will be offered in

beginning novice, novice, advanced novice, and open obedience. Also, there will be novice junior, novice senior, open junior, and open senior showmanship classes. Trophies and rosettes will be awarded in each class. Entry fees are \$1.50 per class and 50¢ for each additional entry of the same dog. Each dog may be entered in only one obedience class and one showmanship class.

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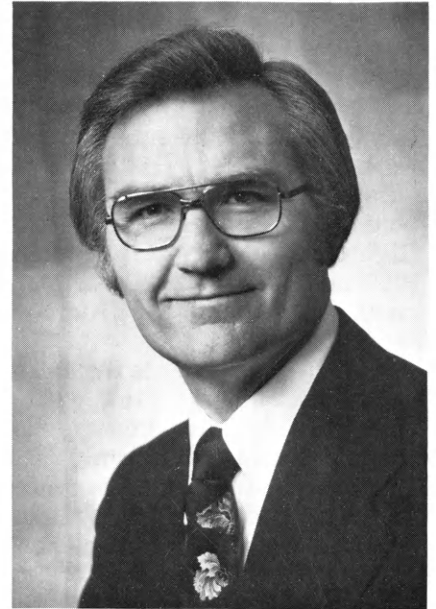
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New associate director for 4-H Foundation



A man whose special interest in camping and outdoor education began with his first summer job as a recreation director at a camp has become the associate director of Kansas 4-H Foundation, executive director Merle Eyestone has announced.

The new director is Bill Foil, Manhattan, whose major responsibility is administration of the three outdoor centers managed by the Foundation: Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, Lake Perry 4-H Center near Topeka, and Southwest 4-H Camp near Dodge City.

Since 1966 Bill Foil has served churches at Jonesboro, Arkansas; at Canyon and Friona, Texas; and most recently, at Manhattan. As part of his ministry, he has planned and directed camps, retreats, and conferences.

Foil is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, and has had special training in management and in parent effectiveness.

The Foil's oldest son, Adrian, lives at Canyon, Texas. Jimmy is a student at Kansas State University, Robbie an eighth grader, and Daniel a sixth grader.

Tennis and golf are sports the Foils enjoy. Painting is Mrs. Foil's avocation.



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Kansas Conference On Families

By De McGlashon
Assistant Extension Editor

"I'll be home early from school today. I'll fix supper," said Kelly, my high school junior, who is usually busily involved in both 4-H activities and athletics. "How about the laundry? Everybody toss out what they have and I'll do that too."

If Kelly has a basketball game or a track meet, supper may fall to Kevin, a college junior. When that happens it's usually an enormous chili pepper hot pot with enough left over for a freezable meal to eat the following week. And when it comes to housecleaning, our family of three each has his own room and we know in which closet the sweeper is housed.

Our nonchalant approach to getting tasks done around our household tells the story of what happens in some families today. Our family unit and the way we do things may have been considered out of the norm at one time, but not anymore.

Once, we may have thought families consisted of a dad (who brought home the bacon), a mom (who fried it), and a few children (who ate it), but the story today has a disco update.

Today's families don't follow a Goldilocks-and-three-bears formula. They're all different and as interesting and as varied as Grandma's crazy quilt.

Just like a crazy quilt, no two families are put together or held together in quite the same way. In fact, we've discovered that families are so different that we may need to revise our thinking about them. We may need to become more aware of how society places different responsibilities on families — responsibilities that may strain the seams that hold together the different pieces of our crazy quilt.

None of this means the family isn't strong and able. It just indicates that families may need to be aware that change happens and there are lots of ways for them to deal with change.

One event to give families an awareness of how family structure is changing will happen June 6, 7, and 8 at Kansas State University. It's a conference called the Kansas Conference on Families and it's not only about families — it's for families. Along with family members, many other professional and community resource persons will attend also.



Perhaps you've already noticed that the date of this conference coincides with the 4-H Youth Conference, June 5-8, and you're right. We planned it that way. We know many 4-H youth will want to participate in workshops that tell more about saving energy, the importance of effective communication among family members, constructive recreation and leisure time activities, the impact schools have on families, and the influence of the mass media.

There will be other selections to choose from as well as those offered through the Youth Conference.

But what if you're under 14 and not old enough to come to the Youth Conference? Can you and your family still come to the Conference on Families?

Certainly. Planned activities for boys and girls ages 6 through 13 will give them opportunities to see what a major university is like.

Many parents will want to attend unaccompanied by their children and that's fine too.

Participants can stay in college dormitories on campus and meals will be provided in dining halls — just as though the guests were college students. Some families with campers or motor vans may want to bring them. Full camping facilities are available near Tuttle dam or parking on campus can be arranged.

The conference, sponsored by the College of Home Economics and Extension Quality of Living Programs, will begin Wednesday morning, June 6, and conclude at noon on Friday, June 8. The first summer Landon Lecture will initiate the three-day program and several well-known speakers will also be a part of the event. A play, written especially for the conference, will be presented by the drama department at K-State, and a barbecue dinner, done in the manner for which K-State is renowned, will be featured Thursday evening.

More information and an advance registration form are available at your local extension office.

We think family members will learn more about the needs and strengths of their own unit as they become more aware of what other communities are doing to hold out a helping hand to families.

Like Grandma's crazy quilt, all those different pieces go together to make a radiant spread.

Name the conference

It used to be Round-up—then State 4-H and Youth Conference; now, 4-H members, you have an opportunity to give this annual event a contemporary name, one that reflects the purpose of this special week in June. Goals for the conference are to develop leadership, to enhance personal development, to develop skills and knowledge, to provide career exploration, to provide a campus experience.

Any person or group may enter the contest, and may submit as many entries as desired. Send your suggestion to Steve Fisher, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Entries must be received in the state 4-H office by June 6, 1979, or submitted at the 1979 conference until 9 a.m. June 6.



Lake Perry 1979 Summer

Programs	Ages
<p>*Pioneer Camp Sessions M-W July 23-Aug. 8</p>	<p>(8-10)</p>
<p>**Discovery Camp Sessions Tu-S June, July, Aug.</p>	<p>(10-13)</p>
<p>***Wilderness June 1-July 17</p>	<p>Junior High & older</p>
<p>****Threshold Ten days, July and August</p>	
<p>Weekend Camping For 4-H community clubs and other groups, by arrangement</p>	

A parent's viewpoint in selecting camp

By John Abell
Extension Specialist in
Outdoor Education

When your 9 year old boy or 13 year old girl come home from their 4-H club meeting all excited about going to camp this summer, how are you going to answer them?

Perhaps the first question that enters your mind will be, how much is camp going to cost? Kansas 4-H resident camps such as Rock Springs Ranch, Lake Perry Wilderness Camp, and Ford County Lake compare favorably with similar organizational camps with rates between eight and twelve dollars per day.

Right about here you are probably thinking what Matt and Susie are going to get out of 4-H camp that will in some way justify the expenditure you are going to have to make. As far as the children are

concerned, they want to go to camp just because it's fun, adventure, and because their friends will be there. Your children's desires are pretty simple, but you know very well that the things you want for them are far more than just fun in the sun.

Camp is similar to school in that it can provide educational growth experiences for your youngsters. Camp is more than mere entertainment for a few days. Young people, ready for the experience of being on their own, can derive great benefits from a good camping experience. They will learn to live with other kids their own age in new ways and in an atmosphere that is different from home. They will make new friends, learn new skills, and acquire new interests. This will enable them to know themselves a little better and rely upon themselves a little more.

*Pioneer—

The Pioneer experience is designed for the 8-10 year old camper who is experiencing outdoor living for the youngster who is experiencing camping tents and sleep on bunk beds. Most of the food is cooked for simple meals. Living groups are deliberately kept small. Campers will work with younger children. Most of the Pioneer staff are parents.

The Pioneer camper will enjoy fun-filled days of swimming, hiking, predator calling, and special events such as capturing and releasing.

**Discovery—

Discovery is an introduction for Kansas youth 10-13 to the 4-H Center. The five action-packed days begin when the arriving counselor and nine other boys and girls on a compass bear camp. Shelters are constructed, fires built, and food put in the pot. Directions and teamwork.

Then the real fun begins. Twelve hours is an exception. Survival, and orienteering are being taught.

At the end of five days, Discovery campers have experienced a lot of fun in a few inches in stature.

***Wilderness—See article page 11.

****Threshold—

Threshold is an expanded (10 day) program for the 10-13 year old camper. It includes four days canoeing, camping, and hiking in the Lake Perry area. Perhaps the capstone of this adventure is the solo canoe trip.

They are under close supervision by the staff during this period. They make bedding and shelter out of natural materials. Threshold campers gain a greater appreciation of the wild outdoors.

4-H Center Adventures

Cost	
\$25.	July 23-25 July 30-Aug. 1 Age: 6-8
\$45	July 5-9 July 18-22 July 23-27 July 30-Aug. 3 Age: 6-10
See schedule, page 11	See schedule, page 11

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July 20-22
July 26-28
Age: 3-5

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24-hr. period

Equipment and staff
\$5 per day

The three day program offers a simple introduction to camping for the first time. Pioneer campers live in large army tents although they are occasionally asked to help prepare the pioneer group are selected for their ability to relate to the program.

Activities include: crafts, dramatics, art, nature study, story telling, fishing, and an Indian pow wow, and Paul Bunyan Day.

The setting is the primitive 480 acre Lake Perry 4-H Camp. The camper is provided a backpack and rations. He then heads off with his counselor to his first primitive campsite in the wilderness. Each camper learns quickly the importance of following

the rules of the camp. Each day when the skills of bow hunting, fishing, canoeing,

and enjoyment, some hardships, and perhaps gained several

lessons. Campers are challenged further by the expedition which includes a mobil-backpacking portion tests the resourcefulness of the camper in made rafts.

Each camper is placed out alone in the wilderness without food or shelter. Each camper will forage for edible plants and fish, and will learn survival skills.

and the environment during the intense 10-day period in

Camp is a child's world, created primarily for fun and shared with counselors who understand children and are willing to guide them through experiences. Your child will learn how to get along with others and will share decisions and responsibilities for successful group living. In camp, children practice regular health habits, eat well, and participate in wholesome outdoor activities. New educational opportunities are available for exploration. New skills are learned under proper guidance and instruction. No other 4-H experience can provide the uniqueness of a camp atmosphere where all these possibilities for learning and personal growth can take place.

Before you make your final decision whether or not to send your

children to camp, you also should check to make sure that you've answered the following questions.

Is the camp director someone I can entrust my children to?

Are the counselors mature, competent to guide children, and of high moral character?

Have you visited the camp? Does the camp meet your child's needs?

Have you talked to parents of children who have attended this camp?

Are the living groups small enough to give your child a sense of security and belonging — to feel that she or he is an individual, not just lost in the crowd?

Do the facilities of the camp make it possible for your child to develop new and desirable skills

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Ideas & News

From the Northwest Area:

Rooks County: 4-H county council of officers this year are: chairman, Colleen Nelson; vice-chairman, Dale Carpenter; secretary, Tammy Odle; reporter, David Reed.

Sheridan County: A sausage and pancake supper was served after 4-H Day as a fundraiser for the exchange trip to Montana.

Sherman County: Warren Star Busy Bees 4-H Club had as guests 35 members of the Green Valley 4-H Club in Kit Carson County, Colorado, for an exchange business meeting and program. Lea Ann Linthacum is reporter.

From the Northeast Area:

Cloud County: Last August members of Fairview Hilltoppers 4-H Club decided to disband the club because they could not find community leaders. But David Blochlinger and Mrs. Francis Blochlinger came to their rescue and the club re-organized in December. "The club now has 13 members—8 of them are new members," reporter Marsha Jones writes. The president is Rhonda Blochlinger . . . Linda Barnett, Concordia, writes about the Spirit of '76 4-H Club which was organized in 1976. The three-year old club has 27 new members and 14 old members. Oldest in age at 13 are Scott Longfellow and Stephanie Laughlin. Two members, Jessica Erikson and Kathy Longfellow, participated in events at Kansas State Fair in 1978.

Leavenworth County: The Leavenworth County team won the Horse Bowl contest at the State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference at Rock Springs Ranch and Manhattan, with the Riley County team finishing in second place. More than 500 leaders, parents, and 4-H members took part in the conference, making it the best attended ever, according to Steve Fisher.

Riley County: Adrian Grays, a freshman in architectural design at Kansas State University, has received the Mary Border Scholarship for 1979. Adrian has been a member of Lee Hilltoppers 4-H Club. Mary Border, who provides the scholarship, is a former member of the state 4-H staff.

From the Southwest Area:

Chase County: When Clements 4-H Club celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1978, it was a 25th anniversary for the leader also; Howard Wood and his wife helped to organize the group and Wood had served continuously, and still does, as a community leader. Earlier he was a leader for Emerald 4-H Club of which

he had been a charter member. Mr. and Mrs. Wood met at a 4-H event when they were member of Collegiate 4-H Club at Kansas State University. Their four daughters were all members of Clements 4-H Club. Woodworking and beef have been strong projects for members of this Chase County group, Wood said.

Morris County: "If you publish my article, I'm sure it will encourage a lot of people," Tracy Mahon writes. "Karla Dierking, a member of the White City Willing Workers 4-H Club, deserves special recognition for the hard work she has put into her 4-H years. She has helped me, as well as many other beginning members in such areas as demonstrations and project talks for our local club, as well as for county and regional club days presentations and preparing for exhibits at the fair." Karla received awards for the things she did at 4-H Day, and exhibited at county and state fairs. Nine years old when she joined 4-H, Karla has been "an important influence" on the club ever since. She has served as president, council representative, and in other offices. "On a scale of 1 to 10, Karla rates 10+ in the leadership category. She has been active in junior leadership and has done a wonderful job with her cooking class which has proved to be very valuable to all who are enrolled in it. . . She is certainly a fine example of a successful 4-H'er."

Parent's viewpoint

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that are compatible with his or her potentials?

Is the camp practicing sound health and safety standards?

Answering an immediate yes or no to Matt and Susie's request to go to camp is more than a question of whether or not you can afford camp. Look at all sides and make a decision that serves the best interests of you and your children.

4-H Wilderness camps

Another facet of 4-H camping is being added to the Kansas scene this summer with 4-H Wilderness camps at Lake Perry.

Designed to provide challenge, adventure, and growth for junior high school age and older youngsters, these camps offer three kinds of experiences: canoe expedition, woodsman's skills, and investigations of the world of nature.

An overnight canoe trip, with camping on the shore of Lake Perry, is part of canoe expedition. Campers will have time to learn

how to handle a canoe safely.

Backpacking, outdoor cookery, fishing, and how to build a shelter are just some of the skills taught for survival in the outdoors. Those who choose woodsman's skills as an option will camp overnight at a primitive campsite.

What lives in a pond? What lives in a meadow? These are questions answered for those who choose investigations of the world of nature. They'll look with a keener eye at stars, trees, rock and fossils, plants for eating, and animals in their natural habitat at night.

At the same times that the Wilderness camps take place at Lake Perry, younger campers and others from the same counties who prefer to attend camp at Rock Springs Ranch are scheduled at RSR. So, in the proposed schedule which follows, the tentative dates and county blocks will be the same for county groups at RSR and for wilderness campers at Lake Perry. Costs given are for Lake Perry. For 4-H county camps at RSR, the cost for nine meals and three nights is \$26.75 for 4-H members; in groups of 350 or more, \$24.30.

Tentative Schedule

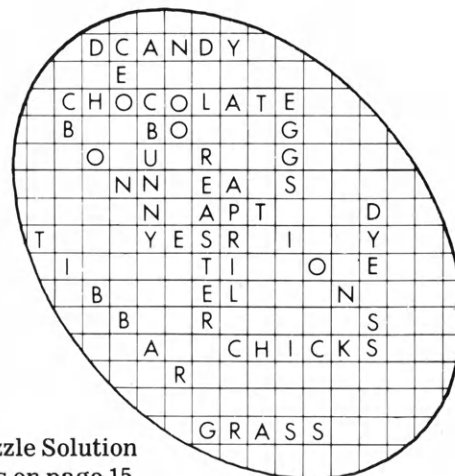
Dates	County Blocks	# Meals	# Nights	Cost
June 1-4	Douglas, Miami, Franklin, Johnson	9	3	\$36.00
June 9-12	Northwest Counties	8	3	\$32.00
June 12-15	Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Marshall, Mitchell, Ottawa, Lincoln, Republic, Washington	9	3	\$36.00
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July 6-11	Allen, Atchison, Linn, Anderson, Bourbon, Jefferson, Coffey, Nemaha, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson	8	3	\$32.00
July 11-14	Heart of America	9	3	\$36.00
July 14-17	Sedgwick, Sumner, Cherokee	9	3	\$36.00

Instant syndrome

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not let our children's lives be filled with compulsion to win ribbons, to be in everything, to be consumed by home, club, and school schedules before they have an opportunity to develop some emotional cushions.

In its way, too much, too soon can be as damaging to a child as too little, too late. We have it within our resources to move comfortably with our children to a middle course.

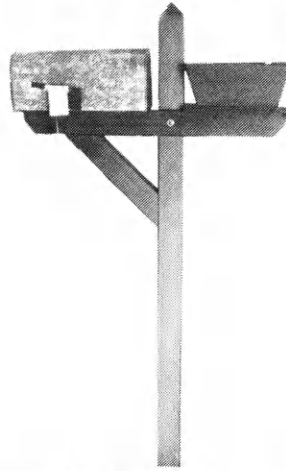


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NEW DIMENSIONS IN 4-H

"It was the largest committee meeting on record," state 4-H head Glenn Busset said, describing the February telenet program, "New Dimensions in 4-H." In communities across the state, 4-H leaders and 4-H advisory committee members gathered with extension workers to exchange ideas and listen to speakers, including Kansas State University President Duane Acker and Director of Extension John Dunbar.

Here are thoughts from one of the speakers, Virgil Boatwright, St. Marys.

Big Steer Syndrome

By Dr. Virgil Boatwright
Superintendent of Schools
Kaw Valley USD 321
St. Marys

4-H has some great new programs to offer our Kansas youth. These new areas can combine with the traditional programs to benefit both rural and urban young people. As with any good product, there would seem to be two ways to sell 4-H to the public. One way is to let 4-H sell itself as it has done for years, and the other method is to actively promote or advertise 4-H as a product that no 7 to 18 year old should be without.

I would suggest that the present method of letting 4-H sell itself is in for rough going simply because of a change in the population patterns. Those of us in education are well aware of the decline in enrollments in a majority of the 306 unified school districts in Kansas. In fact, those districts that are keeping the same numbers do so only because of new parents moving into the area. Only a few school districts now have to cope with growing enrollments. The obvious trend is toward declines in the number of rural farm children with increases limited to growing urban or suburban areas.

4-H is not unknown to many of the parents of today's students. Many are former 4-H members themselves. Why not, then, a big in-

crease in the suburban and urban 4-H membership lists?

Parents and older students living on a 150 by 200 foot lot know as a fact that there is no room for a calf, pig, lamb, or crops on that lot. Even the former active 4-H member may not be able to alter his idea of the organization as having been great for him in a rural setting, but with nothing available for his own children in town. School administrators or teachers may not be of much help in promoting 4-H because they have the same idea that "four H" is another way to spell "steer."

This is what I would term the "Big Steer Syndrome" that 4-H has in many areas. It is not a bad image at all, but simply the feeling that 4-H is designed for the youth with the steer, beef or dairy heifer, or large crop project. The concept is frequently reinforced by publicity in newspapers in the state. Think back to the most conspicuous fair pictures. Chances are that the grand champion animal or the one that brought the highest auction price got the prime news coverage.

Those of us who have been in 4-H certainly aren't going to give up in despair. There are going to continue to be a lot of great projects and benefits to youth in 4-H and many of them will involve these very "Big Steer" projects I've mentioned. Keep in mind that I have already said they certainly are not "bad," but they simply do not fit on the city lot.

We do know also that kids benefit from 4-H because of learning about cooperation as well as competition. They learn how to stand on their feet and talk to a group. They learn how to accept the duties of both leadership and membership in the group. They keep records and learn something about investigating new ideas. It's fun to sing, be in skits, and to go to camp.

In talking about the benefits, note that it doesn't require any one specific kind of project or activity. The benefits are there whether it is

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New dimensions

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a more traditional project or something newer in electronics, ecology, or microwave cooking.

We've got a great product to sell and it is a great buy. Inflation seems to enter all aspects of life, but here is an area that doesn't require dues, high priced uniforms, or set requirements for advancement. You don't have to have parents belonging to any

organization since it is open to everyone.

There are several areas in which much work needs to be done, but I would like to limit the remainder of this space to visiting with you about working with schools. We have a lot in common when you consider that our children are the only reason schools or 4-H exist.

Contacting students through the schools is definitely not a new idea. All kinds of organizations for boys

and girls would like to get their story across to students. There are also unlimited essay contests, poster contests, athletic contests, spelling bees, math days, science fairs, government days, and music days. Schools are flooded with offers of programs to teach more economics, nutrition, about coal, oil or nuclear energy. Free films and literature abound from thousands of firms and organizations. For fundraising, students can sell pencils, calendars, T-shirts, candy, nuts, and magazines. There is enough of this type of activity available to take up about 179 days out of the 180 day school year.



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It is small wonder that the average teacher or school administrator may want to weigh carefully any new request to contact students. If administrators view 4-H as strictly a rural activity, it will be doubly difficult to make any progress. Perhaps the following hints may be of value to leaders or agents who approach schools for help.

First, remember the demands on school time listed above. Then try to avoid particularly busy times. The start or close of the school day, the beginning or end of grading periods or vacations or even lunch time may be poor times to wander into the school. Check ahead for an appointment that will be at a time you both can visit without too many interruptions.

Secondly, you need to emphasize that 4-H is not asking for time away from school, but is a program that can aid all kids and complement the school program. Take along a sample of some of the new project materials. Keep your eyes and ears open as to what your children say about the school. My son's incubator may have been good when he had it at the fair, but in the years since it has been loaned to several elementary teachers for class use.

The message must be that 4-H can help youth; however, it may indirectly help the teacher more.

Most of all, whether you're selling traditional steers or the newer "Mulligan Stew," you've got to believe in the product you're selling.

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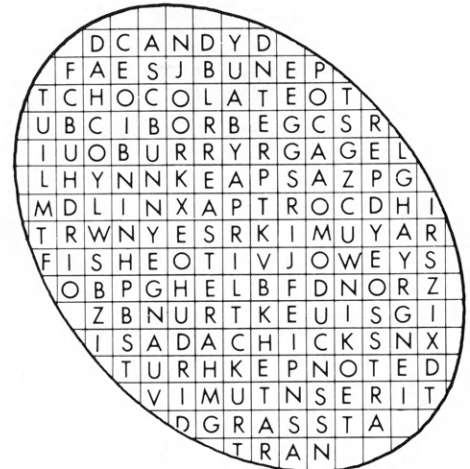
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State Winner: Joe Simmons, Neosho County, received a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago as Kansas winner of the electric energy project. Donor of the trip is Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

County Electric Energy Winners

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| Marion
Stephen Meirowsky
Don Funk
Max Cooper
David Cooper | Morris
Mickey Viar
Jerold Spohn Jr. | Pawnee
Steve Barrett | Rush
Jay Brack
Jeff Scheurman
Charles Keener
Bob Keener | Smith
Terry Long
David Lee |
| Marshall
Jim Nordhus
Matt Nordhus
Phil Nordhus
Lyle Peterson | Morton
Kent Swinney*
Pete Milburn
Darrel Ellis | Phillips
Rodger Short
Scott Nyhart | Russell
Marc Machin
Michel Janne
Tom Mudd | Stafford
David Paulsen |
| McPherson
Phillip Richards
Paul Martens
Ryan Peterman
Eddie Sumners | Nemaha
Vaughn Sowers
John Ronnabaum
Mark Bestwick
Earl Sowers | Pottawatomie
Raymond Hammarlund
Ronald Honig | Scott
Wesley Rauth
Bryan Rein
Howard Green
Devin Hutchins | Stevens
Mike Metcalf |
| Miami
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Danny Harlow
Steve DePriest
Kevin O'Bryan | Neosho
Mark Reinhardt
Joe Simmons
Fred Robinson | Rawlins
Tony Mentlick | Sedgwick
Chris Radiel*
Byron Enix
Jay Nicholson | Thomas
Rich Kubik
Kevin Buller |
| Mitchell
Victor Buser
Pat Pahls
Paul Mick | Norton
Allen Ward | Reno
David Roth
James Schlickau*
John Schrock | Seward
Suzanne Harvey | Trego
Tom Rohr |
| Montgomery
Stanley Gartner
Steven Corle
Robert Lattin
Bill Thomas | Osage
Raylen Phelon | Republic
Chris Mikesell
Shawn Woolsey | Shawnee
Matt Mannell*
Ken Bacon
Galen Doud
Gregg Wilcox | Wabaunsee
Dwayne Seematter |
| | Osborne
Kevin Schoen
Kevin Pruter
Junior Hollerich | Rice
James Hodgson
Race Proffitt
Dion Hoyt
Kyle Barta | Sheridan
Lori Cressler
Joan Schieferecke | Wallace
Steve Schemm |
| | Ottawa
Ken Berry
Jeff Merrill | Riley
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Glen Westervelt | | Wichita
Steven Blau
Tim Ridder
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