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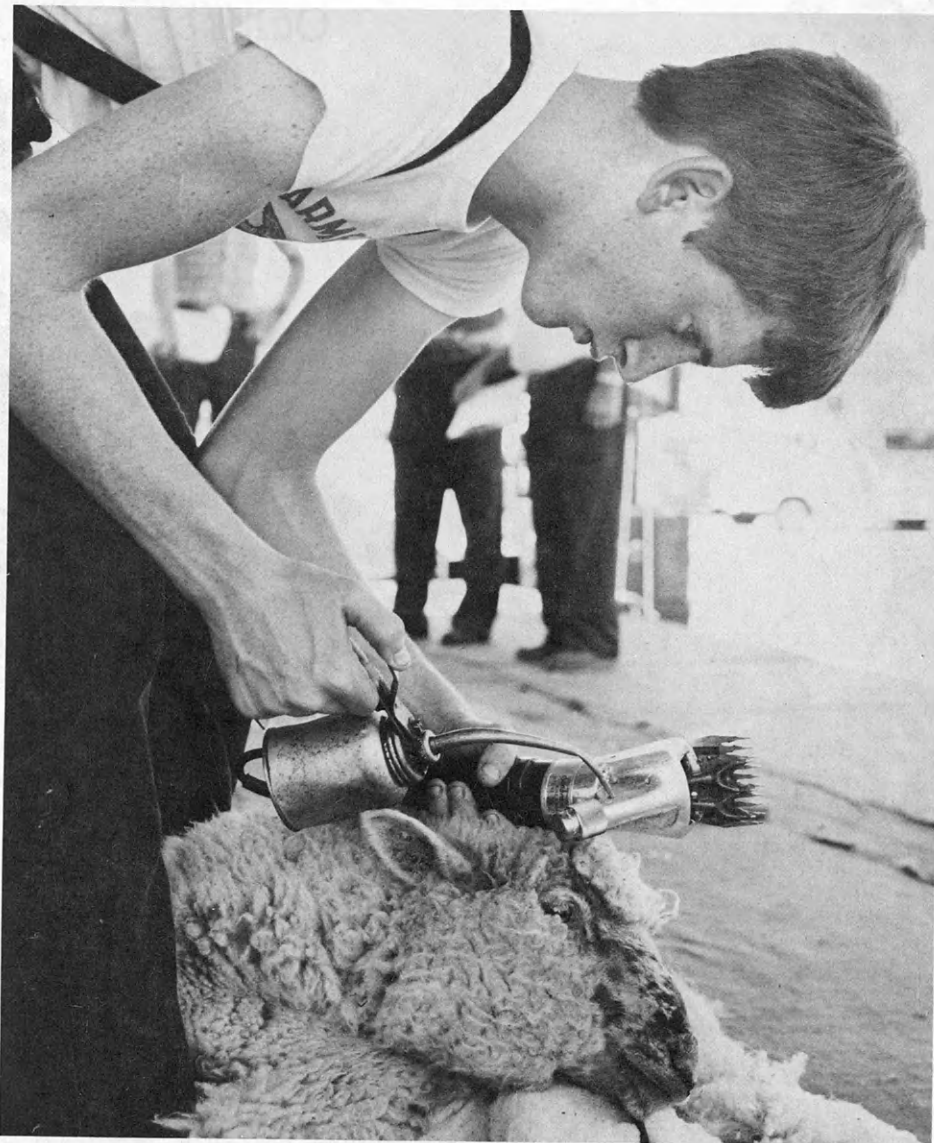
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Practice makes it easier

Sheep shearing is a tough job



Douglas Musick pauses to oil his shears during the 4-H sheep shearing contest at the Kansas State Fair.

Pinkall is new Rock Springs director

Robert Pinkall, Junction City, is the new director of Rock Springs Ranch. Pinkall, 48, became director of the 4-H center Sept. 1. He was assistant group services director and business manager of the ranch from March 1983 until his appointment.

Pinkall was the coordinator of Camp Aldrich Conference Center near Claflin for a year. He also worked with the Boy Scout program and, as a boy, was a member of that youth organization. He served on the summer camp staff for Boy Scouts of America where he was commissioner, program director, assistant

program director, archery instructor, rifle instructor, field sports director and on the maintenance staff.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina and his Masters of Arts from Colorado State University. He taught classes and coached at Goodland High and Lyons High. He was a physics instructor at Fort Hays State University and Barton County Community College.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, backpacking, photography, wood-carving, drawing and painting.

by Joan Istas

Beads of sweat slid down Douglas Musick's face as he labored to shear the second of two sheep in the State 4-H Sheep Shearing Contest.

The animal, clamped firmly between the long legs of the youth, sat quietly. But the electric Sunbeam clippers, dulled from clipping the first ewe, balked against the thick wool.

The Wabaunsee County youth oiled the clippers. Again and again he shifted the ewe into a new position, trying to find that one place in the wool that would part before the clippers. When he finally found it, magically the rest of the fleece followed. In minutes, the sheep was shorn.

Unbending his tall frame, a tired and relieved 4-H'er talked about the contest and his flock.

Doug, who lives near Harveyville, has taken sheep as a project since he joined 4-H. His first project was a market lamb.

"I wanted to take an animal. Sheep are so small my parents thought a lamb would be easy for me to handle."

The following year he purchased a breeding ewe and since has increased his flock by keeping ewe lambs. Today he owns half interest in a flock of 30 Suffolks and Suffolk crossbreds.

"I like sheep," he said. "They're easy to handle. I did pretty good with them at the county fair."

Difficulty in finding shearers for the flock and a desire to cut shearing costs prompted Doug, in March of this year, to take a Kansas State University sponsored shearing course in Hutchinson.

It took him 45 minutes to shear his first sheep. With practice, however, he has cut that time to seven minutes per animal.

Some animals are real easy to shear and others pretty difficult, Doug said. He likes to shear the larger animals. The smaller ones fall through his legs. He is 6'2".

Doug wasn't sure he'd be able to compete in this year's state shearing contest. He was a member of Wabaunsee County's livestock judging team, and that contest still was in progress when the sheep shearing started.

He didn't do well early in the judging contest, however, and his coach excused him for the sheep shearing. He was named champion of the 1984 State 4-H Sheep Shearing Contest.



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Lois Redman (right) will be honored for her international achievements.

Redman will be recognized

Lois Redman, state 4-H and youth specialist, will receive the national Epsilon Sigma Phi International Service Award in November. Epsilon Sigma Phi is the national honorary society for Extension personnel.

Annually the International Service Award is given to an Extension employee who made an outstanding contribution

internationally. Redman is the only Kansas employee to receive the international award in the 60 year history of the national society.

Redman was honored earlier this year as a National Friend of IFYE and last year was recognized as a Kansas friend of IFYE.

Carefully select 4-H projects

by C.R. Salmon
State Leader — 4-H and Youth

4-H members and parents are tackling the many decisions involved in selecting projects.

How many projects shall I take? Shall I enroll in the same projects as last year? Will the project leaders remain the same? What new projects will be offered in our club?

A 4-H club project fair or similar activity that acquaints youths with projects and project materials will help answer many of these questions. If your club does not have a project fair, I encourage you to consider one this fall.

But whether you select projects through a project fair or with help from leaders and friends, you will make a better decision if you consider the following:

—Interests and abilities of the child. What are his interests? Too often parents and leaders fail to ask the child this question before encouraging him to participate in a project or project group. I believe the child's interests come first.

Consider his attention span and physical ability. A project that takes 6 to 12 months to complete may not be ideal for a 7- or 8-year-old. There are many excellent short-term projects for first year members.

—Financial investment. How much will it cost? Some projects require a large cash outlay; others, only a minimal investment. What does our budget allow?

—Physical facilities. Pastureland, barns and fairly large feeding facilities are needed for some livestock projects. Can you provide these facilities or is a project that requires a few tools and an instruction book a better choice?

—Parental support. Parents and 4-H'ers should select projects together. Parental support also is important to the 4-H'er completing the project.

—Supportive project activities. Select projects supported by county and local activities. Are club or county achievement events such as project tours and county fair classes provided? Are there supportive state events or a state awards program?

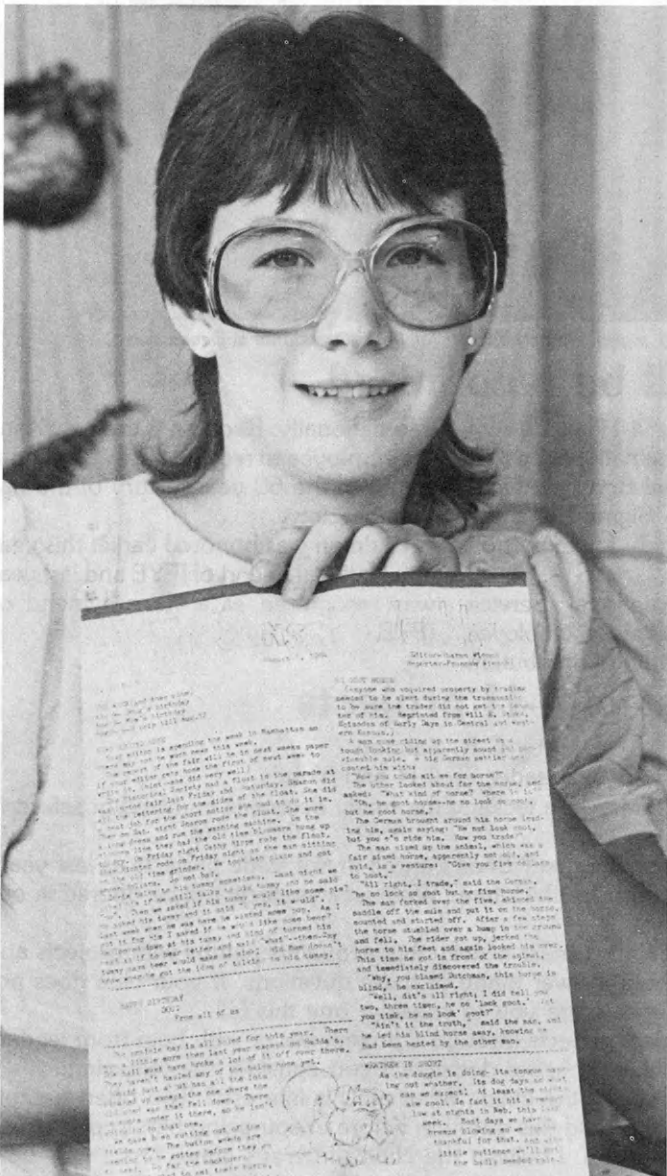
—Number of projects. A first year member should not be expected to complete more than one or perhaps two projects. Older members may enroll in several projects depending on individual needs and goals.

The final decision on number of projects selected should depend on the child's interests and goals. A youngster should be encouraged to complete each project.

Choose 4-H projects carefully. The decisions made can mean either a happy and successful 4-H year or an unhappy venture. I want your 4-H year to be a good one.

At age 15

She publishes her own newspaper



Sharon Wienck displays a copy of the *Sunset Weekly*. She began printing the newspaper when she was just 12 years of age.

by Joan Istas

Sharon Wienck may be the youngest newspaper publisher in Kansas and, perhaps, in the United States. Though just 15, Sharon owns, edits and publishes the *Sunset Weekly*. And she was just 12 when she founded the publication that features Wienck family news.

Sharon, who is a member of the Greenleaf 4-H Club in Washington County, says the paper, when founded, served a two-fold purpose. It gave her Grandpa Oliver Worthington, Onaga, news of the Wienck family and gave herself that different self-determined 4-H project she was searching for.

The first issue of the *Sunset Weekly* came off the press in June, 1981. Family members, grandparents, a great-

aunt, brothers and sisters (nine in all), subscribe today, each paying \$1 per month.

Great-Aunt Anna Wieter, Clay Center, says she can hardly wait for each issue. Grandma Wienck shares her copy with neighbors and distant relatives. Brother Dennis complains the paper never contains enough news and brother David subscribed before he left for Fort Hays State University this fall.

The one page weekly is written and published at the Wienck farm home. Sharon writes the news, provides art and sells advertising (at 25 cents an ad). Her mother, Frances, types copy and xeroxes each edition for subscribers. Mrs. Wienck pays postage and xeroxing costs because she often includes a personal letter with the *Weekly*.

"It isn't always easy to put out a weekly paper."

A typical edition consists of the weather report, listing of coming events such as birthdays and anniversaries and reports of family happenings.

The mid-August weather report was brief and to the point: "Weather in a few words is hot and dry."

Family happenings may tell about harvest, a visit to a neighbor or relative, a 4-H event or the picking of wild berries.

"Mom went up north to cut thistles and came back with a bag of gooseberries. Are you going to come see us, Doug, since it's gooseberry time?"

"Daddy and David have all the waterways up now and also the second cutting of alfalfa.

"We had our foods class last Friday. Everyone has been telling me I wouldn't be a good Chinese cook. Everything we made I thought was terrible."

In Sharon's Law, she shares her observations. When no one liked the quiche pie she had labored over for hours she wrote: "Anything you spend over an hour making nobody likes."

She's always trying to make the paper more interesting. She has had contests and hopes to have a kid's page. She promotes good customer relations with an annual anniversary celebration. She usually bakes cookies for this observance, and, one year, gave subscribers pens sporting the name of the paper. She also has given talks about the publication.

"It isn't always easy to put out a weekly paper," Sharon says. "Sometimes I get nervous on printing day because I'm not quite ready for it. It seems like I just get finished and I have to start all over again."

Except for issues missed when Grandpa Worthington died, however, the *Sunset Weekly* has appeared on schedule.

The paper is an award-winning publication. Last year it won Sharon the county 4-H record book award for the best self-determined project.

She plans to continue publishing the weekly until she enters college. Then she'll probably sell it to mom. Mom enjoys writing, too.

Project material is written for young 4-H'ers

Would you like to make a Breakfast on the Run, a Drink in a Wink or a Fruit Surprise? Did you know starches are a kind of carbohydrate needed daily by the body for energy? Would you like to learn how food helps keep people healthy and fit?

The two-year pilot 4-H foods and nutrition project, Snacks and Mini-Meals, gives young 4-H members the opportunity to learn all these things and more. The project begins this fall. At the end of two years, it will be evaluated and, if successful, become part of the 4-H program.

The project is for the next-to-beginning 4-H cook, a step up from the beginning Neat-To-Eat Snacks project. Neat-To-Eat Snacks is written for seven-year-olds and Snacks and Mini-Meals for seven-year-olds. Both are written for Kansas 4-H'ers by Mary Clarke, Kansas State University extension nutrition specialist, with assistance from Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist.

When Kansas lowered its 4-H enrollment age from 9 to 7 several years ago, no provision was made to adjust project material to the younger age group. This is an attempt to do that, Redman says.

Neat-To-Eat Snacks teaches kids how to make snacks they can prepare with little or no adult supervision. It teaches how to select nutritious foods, how to care for and prepare food safely and introduces youngsters to different foods. And it does all this in a fun manner.

Recipes in Snacks and Mini-Meals are slightly more complicated. Yet, project material recognizes these are 8-year-olds and a lot of them are hardly tall enough to use the stove.

Davis is recognized as IFYE friend

Bob Davis, Reno County 4-H agent, has been recognized as a Kansas Friend of IFYE.

Issued a challenge in 1980 by Redman to contact two or three school principals about the IFYE reporting system, Davis more than met the challenge. Kansas IFYE's spoke to 2,000 Reno County school-age children that year.

In one week in 1983, one IFYE spoke to 4,000 Reno Countians. She averaged three to four talks a day. In the four years the reporting system has been used in Reno County, 10,000 people have been told about IFYE.



Eight-year-old Shawnee County 4-H member Michael Butler and his mother get some advice from Kent Kimmins, judge of the 4-H flower show.

The first 4-H flower show at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson was a success.

4-H'ers from as far away as Johnson County brought flowers to the one-day show. In fact, Bob Neier, Reno County horticulture agent and one of the organizers of the event, said a majority of the exhibits came from distances of more than 100 miles.

Johnson County youths may have come the greatest distance. Some 4-H'ers brought flower exhibits to the state fair in the rain Friday evening and kept them in the 4-H encampment building until the morning of the show Sunday.

Twelve-year-old Kari Hyde, a member of the Woodsdale 4-H Club near Minneapolis, said she had to look hard to find a flower of exhibit quality. She finally cut a zinnia and wrapped the stem in a wet napkin, then in aluminum foil.

Kari's face lighted up when the flower was awarded the red, white and blue exhibitor's ribbon. Participation ribbons were awarded to younger exhibitors and purple, blue, red and white ribbons given in the older age division. All exhibits were judged in conference by Kent Kimmins, associate professor of floriculture at Kansas State University.

The flower was Kari's first state fair exhibit. In addition to raising zinnias, she also plants petunias, snapdragons, marigolds, carnations and roses. Roses, which also are grown by her two grandmothers and her mother, are her favorite flower.

"I just like them; they smell good," she says.

Kari says she raises flowers because she likes to display them in the Hyde home.

Kari wouldn't say floriculture is her

State fair flower show is a hit

favorite project. She enjoys all her 4-H projects which also include cooking, sewing and clothing carousel.

The state fair 4-H flower show consisted of three classes — single-stem annual garden flowers, single-stem perennials and flower arrangements. All had to qualify in county 4-H floriculture shows for exhibit.

Flowers replaced garden and vegetable exhibits that had deteriorated greatly in quality since they were entered the first weekend of the fair.

As expected, those visiting the 4-H crops and horticulture exhibit building Sunday were drawn to the flower display. "The flower show provided a nice and showy exhibit for fair spectators," Neier said.

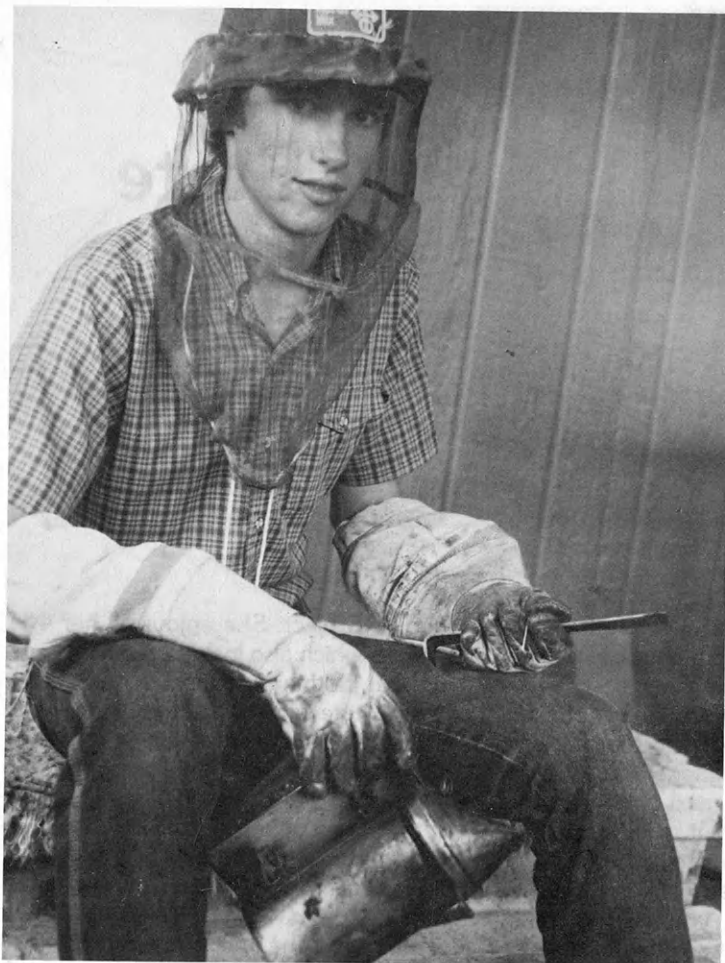
He hopes the state fair floriculture show will encourage more counties to have a 4-H floriculture fair class.



Kari Hyde was happy with the exhibitor's ribbon she received.

BEES fascinate

by Joan Istas



The first word Ron Jensby spoke was bug, his parents Jim and Jean Jensby laughingly say.

By the time Ron was five, bug had become bees. A photo taken at the time shows a very small boy clad in a bee mask, hat and gloves holding a hive opening tool. A 90-year-old neighbor, Don Van Ornam, knew of the young boy's interest in the winged insects, and often visited the Jensby's to share his knowledge of bees.

"A bee hive is better than a steer in a feedlot," the long-time beekeeper and farmer told Ron.

Ron's great-great uncle gave him his first hive. The Jensby's transported it home, bees intact, in the trunk of the family car. He had 12 bee hives when he was in the fourth grade. He also began selling honey to a few close friends and relatives. He was well on his way to earning the state 4-H bee science award he received this year.

Jim has helped Ron capture bee swarms and Ron's brother has helped him extract honey (until he said it started tasting like pears, a fruit he dislikes), but all family members agree bee science is Ron's project.

"Nobody else in the family really liked bees," Ron says frankly. "I like bees. I think they're very interesting little insects."

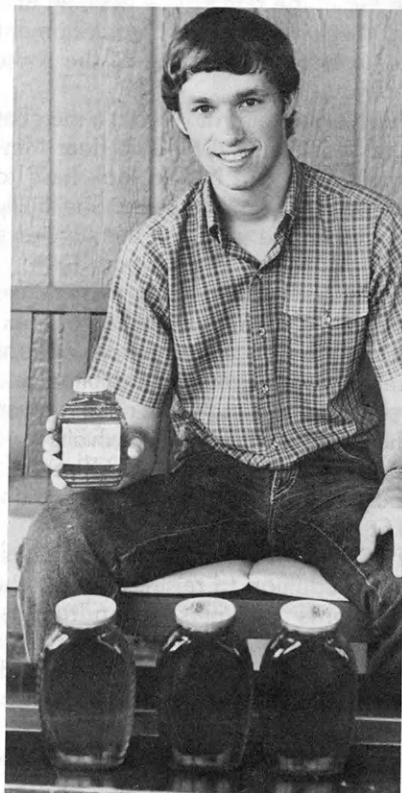
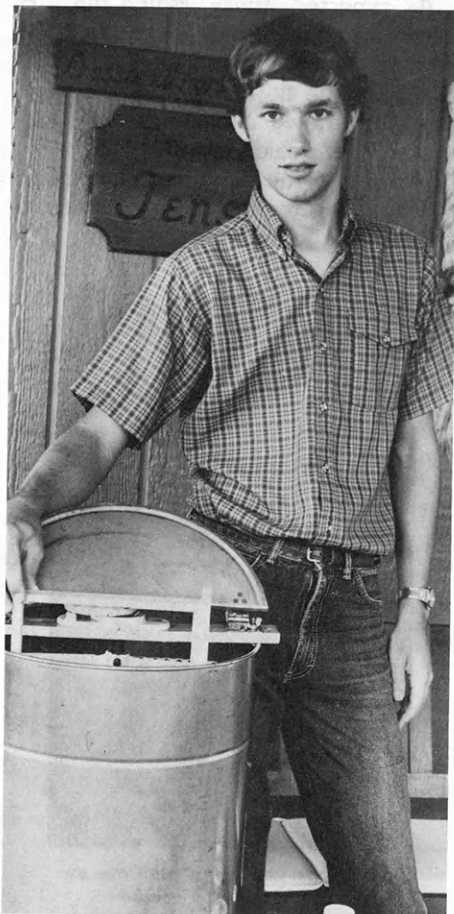
The Republic County 4-H'er learned about bees by purchasing and reading books, by attending meetings of the Kansas Honey Producers Association, talking to commercial beekeepers and, the past three years, by working for a local commercial beekeeper who has over 250 hives.

Managing bees is much like managing livestock, Ron says. Good management usually means greater profits.

He protects his bee hives from wind by placing them near a northwest windbreak. This allows bees loaded with nectar to land easier.

In the summer months, he checks hives every other week for disease problems and to see if the queen bee is healthy. He checks hives monthly in the winter. If the honey supply is low, he provides sugar water for food.

Ron likes to use Italian bees in his hives because they are good honey producers and fairly good tempered. The young beekeeper replaces the queen bee every three to four years to maintain a healthy and high producing hive. The queen is the most important bee in the hive, he explains. She lays all the eggs. If she dies and the hive does not raise a new queen, the entire hive dies.



Attired in bee mask and gloves, Ron is relatively safe from bee stings. The smoker he holds also helps quiet the bees. At left, the extractor separates honey from the comb. And there's the honey Ron markets.

Belleville youth

Kansas Youth: “The BEST Crop”

The queen bee may live as long as five to seven years. The drone, which fertilizes the eggs, has a one month life span. The worker does just what the name implies — works. It feeds the brood and gathers nectar and water. Workers may live seven to eight weeks but, in the summer, often work themselves to death in five weeks.

A hive may have as many as 150,000 bees in the summer months and only 30,000 bees in the winter.

Ron likes to work bees on a sunny afternoon. The bees are less likely to sting because they are gathering nectar. Bees can be very mean on a cloudy morning, he says.

Ron has been stung on the back as many as 12 times at once. Usually his shirt tail has pulled out of his pants and he merely tucks it in and keeps on working. Bee stings hurt only for a minute, he says.

The Belleville youth usually harvests an average of 100 pounds of honey per hive. Rain is a key to good honey production. Dry weather this year reduced Ron's average harvest per hive to 60 pounds of honey.

He sold the entire 1984 honey crop in one day at a booth he rented at the Mitchell County Fair. In the past, he also marketed honey at booths at area festivals, local restaurants and at farmer's markets. Two years ago, he had \$400 to \$500 in honey sales from five hives.

Ron has promoted the use of honey by distributing brochures that tell about its uses. He also has given talks about bees and the extraction of honey on a club, county and state level.

He says his 4-H bee science project taught him how to manage a business, market a product and expand sales.

The project also provided money for college. Before leaving for classes this fall at the University of Texas, he sold his bee hives for \$100 per hive. “It'll pay for dorm rent for a few months,” he jokes.

He hopes to return to beekeeping someday. It's a hobby he can enjoy throughout his life.



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Kansas 4-H Congress is discontinued

Kansas 4-H Congress has been discontinued.

A 30-year-old awards event, in recent years Kansas 4-H Congress recognized state club award winners in Acres For Wildlife, health, leadership, recreation,

citizenship in action and safety. State fair weed and seed analysis judging contest winners, home economics judging contest winners and blue electric winners also were recognized at the congress.

Cash awards will be given to state

award winning clubs for 1985. The state club awards program will be discontinued in 1986. State fair home economics and weed and seed analysis judging teams will be recognized at the state fair in Hutchinson.

C.R. Salmon, state 4-H and youth leader, said the decision to discontinue Kansas 4-H Congress followed a survey of congress participants and county extension offices by the congress planning committee. The survey showed concern that congress conflicted with Discovery Days and that all club members could not participate in the awards program. Each award limited the number of 4-H'ers that could attend.

County extension agents indicated Kansas congress is not a critical program. "This tended to support the results that showed only three to 10 clubs from the state apply for any of the six club awards," Salmon said.

He thanked the long-time sponsors of Kansas 4-H Congress and said he hopes they will continue to support the Kansas 4-H program in other ways.

Scholarships offered for horse seminar

\$50 scholarships to the annual Colby Community College Equine Seminar are available to 4-H and FFA members.

The Oct. 26-28 seminar features nationally known speakers talking about record keeping, stallion semen collection, foaling, artificial insemination, equine colic, the foaling mare and newborn foal and raising the orphan foal.

For more information or to apply for a scholarship, contact Vaughn Henry at Colby Community College, Colby.

Wabaunsee club promotes health in the community

The Maple Hill Hustlers 4-H Club promotes health in Wabaunsee County by sponsoring annual CPR classes.

This year, with the help of the local bank, club members also distributed application forms for medical information cards. Applications were processed and cards the size of a credit card issued by the local medical center.

Cards contain a complete medical history, chronic illnesses or allergies, emergency treatment and surgical authorization, organ donor authorization and other medical information.

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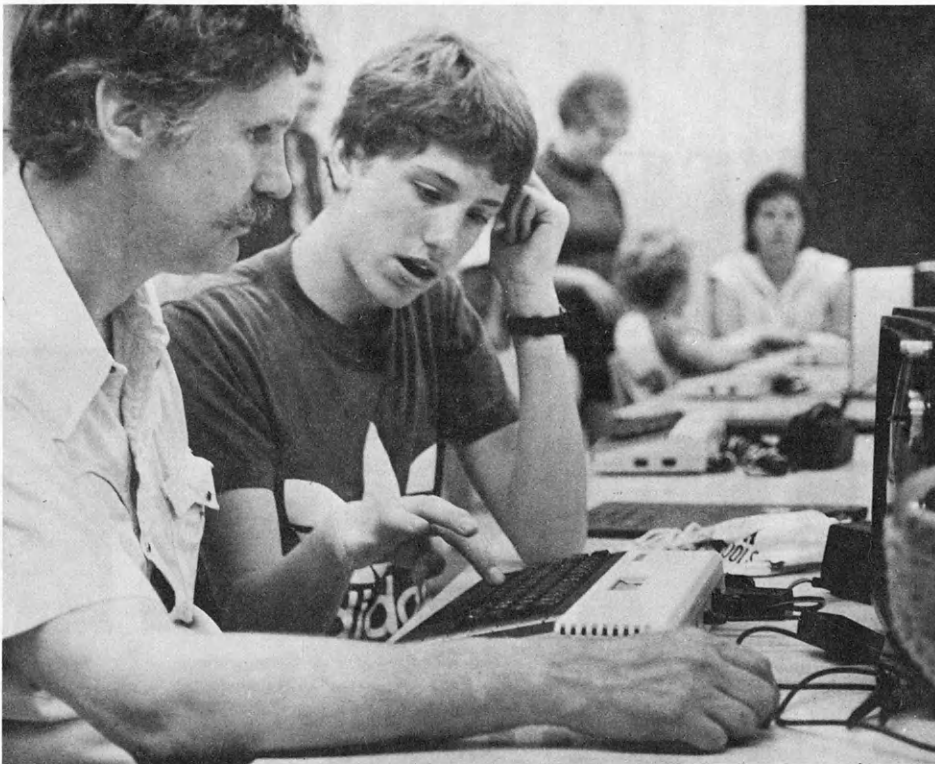
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Volunteers are needed to launch the 4-H computer project throughout the state. Training sessions for 4-H computer leaders are scheduled in November. Computers draw kids like a magnet, says Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist. In many instances, computers become a family interest. Paul Prince and son, David, Manhattan, learn about computers together.

Wanted: computer leaders

Two training sessions are on tap for teens and adults interested in starting a 4-H computer project in their county.

Sessions will be: Nov. 10, Barton County Community College, Great Bend, room T-117, Technical Building; and Nov. 17, Dodge City Community College, room 324, Humanities Building. Sign-up deadline is Nov. 1

Workshops will include information on the goals of 4-H, direction of the Kansas 4-H computer program, starting a county or club computer program, learning strategies for 4-H leaders and hands-on computer time. Participants will leave the workshop with resource material on computer use, computerless computer activities and plans for the first five meetings.

Computer project leaders should be interested in computers and either have some computer skills or access to a computer to teach themselves. They should be able to manage the program as a county coordinator, says Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist who heads the computer project.

Adults may want to teach the project with a teen who is knowledgeable about computers, Kling says. Kids often know far more about computers than adults. Teens also relate well to other youths.

The project was developed because of requests for such a 4-H program. A 4-H computer task force, formed last year, has researched project materials and a resource library will be available for use by project leaders.

"The 4-H computer project is another way 4-H is preparing youngsters for life," Kling says.

For more information about 4-H computer leaders training, contact the county extension office.

Shooting sports is growing in Kansas

The 4-H shooting sports program continues to grow in Kansas. Piloted last year in four Kansas counties — Harvey, Butler, Greenwood and Shawnee, an additional eight counties sent volunteers to a September workshop for shooting sports leaders.

At the end of the training, all eight indicated a 4-H shooting sports program would be launched in their county. Wayne Weber, John Gerard and Richard Ball, all of Marion County, plan to offer air rifle and shotgun project meetings this fall.

Rawlins County Agricultural Agent Dana Belshe, who attended the September training with volunteers Dennis Bell, Marlin Eller and Todd McKnight, hopes that county's shooting sports program will get underway soon. He expects the project to create new interest in the Rawlins County 4-H program.

The next shooting sports workshop for volunteer leaders will be May 3, 4 and 5 at Rock Springs Ranch. Enrollment is limited to 12 counties, and several already have indicated interest in attending. Counties with a full team — rifle instructor, shotgun instructor and county coordinator — will be given priority.

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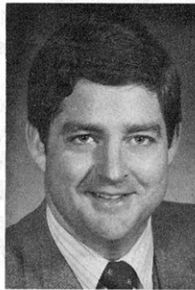
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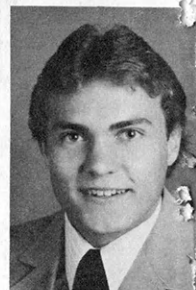
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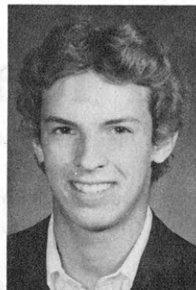
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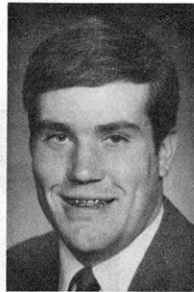
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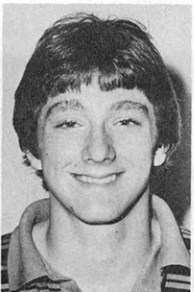
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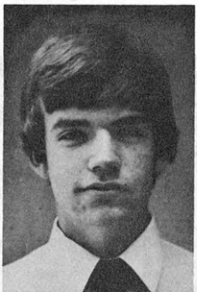
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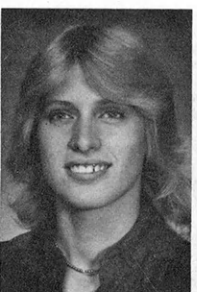
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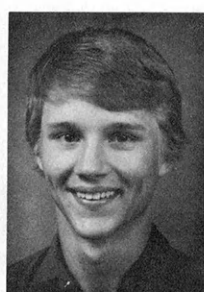
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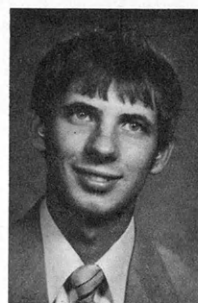
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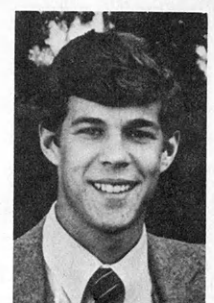
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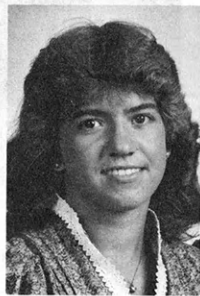
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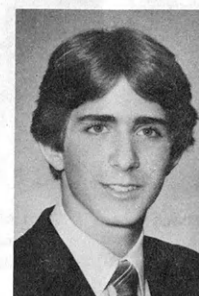
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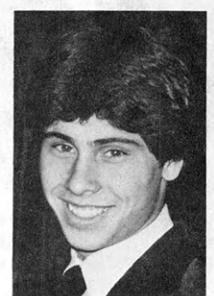
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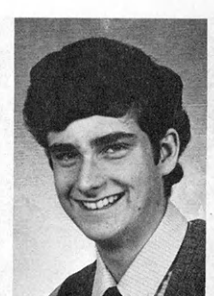
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Plant identification challenges youths

Fifteen-year old Scott Boxberger, Russell, studied the tray of milo seeds in front of him. Occasionally he stirred the seeds with his pencil, searching for hidden weed and grass seeds.



Scott Boxberger

Among youths competing in the Kansas State 4-H plant and seed identification contest, Scott says he enjoys doing so.

"I like doing it. I did it a couple of years at the county. Last year I finally made it to the state. We won the state contest last year."

Brad Wasson, a college student from Ford County, has competed in the contest since the age of 14. But, he says, he still has a lot to learn. It's hard to catch on to all this stuff. I'm still trying."

Karla and Jim Sipes of Stanton County say the knowledge they gain in the contest is applicable to their farming enterprise. By being able to identify noxious weeds, treatment can be earlier and more effective.

John Nicholas, also from Stanton County, found the contest a mind

puzzler. Shortly before it began, John, a 4-H livestock judge, was asked to fill in as a third team member. But, he says, there are few similarities in livestock judging and plant and seed identification.

The contest consists of seed analysis and the identification of 50 plants and seeds. Last year the contest, which traditionally was limited to field crops, was enlarged to include lawn and garden seeds and associated weeds.

The contest teaches youths facts that will be helpful to them whether they farm, garden or care for a home lawn, says Ford County Agricultural Agent Don Wiles.

Russell County won the 1985 contest. Placing second was Ford County; third, Barton County, fourth, Ellsworth County; and fifth, Stanton County.

Unique fund-raising project works

Wichita County Junior Leaders earned \$400 in just four days this summer with a unique fund-raising project.

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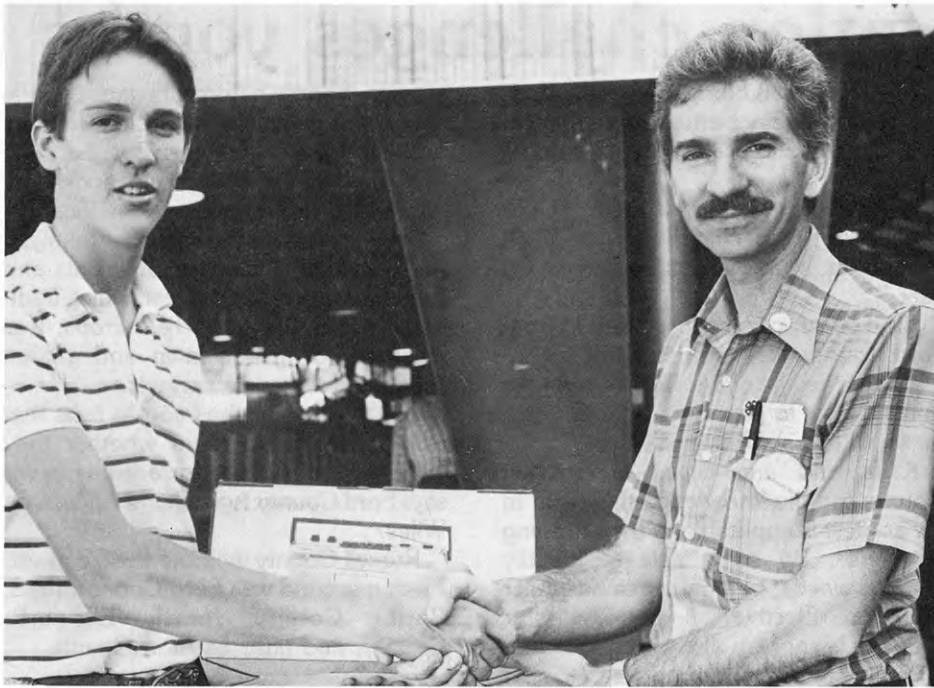
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Mark Dahlsten, Lindsborg, receives a radio from Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, as winner of the Daniel J. Schmidt Memorial Award. The award, given for the first time this year, goes to the runner-up state 4-H swine winner. It was established in March of 1983 by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Schmidt, Rt. 1, Chapman, in memory of their son, Dan J. Schmidt. An 11-year member of the Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club, Dan was killed in an automobile accident.

4-H swine project is called beginning livestock enterprise

The 4-H swine project often is referred to as the beginning livestock project for 4-H members. Total project enrollment in 1983 was 4,896. Of that number, 236 were 7-year-olds and 325, 8-year-olds.

A record sheet geared to new or young members is available in the swine project.

4-H'ers who plan to exhibit swine at the county fair should purchase animals at least 90 days before the county fair. Swine that will be shown at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show should be weighed by June 20.

Medals are awarded to county swine record book winners. The Kansas Pork Producers Council sponsors a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago for the state award winner. Recognition also is provided for the runner-up in state record book competition.

4-H is all-encompassing

Swine project grabs youth's interest

Talk to 17-year-old Mark Dahlsten, rural Lindsborg, and, undoubtedly, you'll hear a lot about swine, farming and 4-H.

Mark, who says he would like to own a farm someday, has been involved in both swine and 4-H as long as he can remember. In fact, his parents were 4-H community leaders before Mark was old enough to be a 4-H member.

At the age of seven, Mark began attending Friendly Fremont 4-H Club meetings with his parents and 4-H has been part of his life since.

Swine has been a project all nine of those years, working in well with the Dahlsten family's 90 sow farrow to finish hog operation. Mark still remembers his first two 4-H pigs — Hampshires he named Jasper and Shorty.

"Shorty was too short and didn't make it to the county fair," he says with a grin. He did show Jasper and the Hamp placed well.

Today Mark and his 16-year-old sister, Kim, select market pigs for show from the farm herd.

"We're proud of what we raise," Mark says. He has done well with the Dahlsten crossbreds, too, winning both the grand and reserve grand championship market barrow awards at the county fair. Placings on the barrows he has shown at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson the last three years have ranged from third to sixth.

Mark selects a pig for show that is trim, long and lean. He looks at the way the pig walks, how it handles and how its feet are positioned. He says he doesn't want "a hot dog on four legs" or a big, fat, short pig.

Cleanliness and proper trimming are important in preparing a pig for show, Mark says. In addition to grooming his pigs for show, he helps Kim and other younger club members clip

their pigs for show.

Mark has learned about breeding pigs by managing the four sows he owns. He also will finish and market 30 head of feeder pigs this year as a self-determined project. The pigs were weaned at four weeks of age and will be marketed at 220 pounds.

Named the district 4-H swine project award winner in recent years, Mark has given many talks and demonstrations on swine, including how to prepare a pig for show and the Humane Society's attitude toward the swine industry.

He applauds the sale of the porkburger and believes the swine industry must promote its product to offset bad publicity about pork.

"Pork is not bad for you. It is one of the leanest meats you can buy," he says.

The hog is an efficient user of feed, too. For every pound of beef produced, eight pounds of feed is fed. Hogs convert feed to meat at a ratio of one to four; and chickens two to one.

Also enrolled in the beef and sheep projects, Mark fed out 10 head of steers as a self-determined project last year. This year he has five cow-calf pairs as a self-determined project.

Presently, he is making a brochure and five minute slide presentation about the 800 acre Dahlsten farm. Both will be presented to farm visitors.

A popular tour site in McPherson County, visitors from Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, Japan and three states have visited the farm in recent years.

Mark regards 4-H as all-encompassing — providing recreational activities, the opportunity to learn and develop leadership abilities.

Goodland has the champions

Sherman County 4-H'ers captured grand championships in both the 4-H market steer and 4-H market lamb classes at the Kansas State Fair.

Mike Cochran, 17, Goodland, had the grand champion market lamb in the largest state fair 4-H sheep show in recent years. Two hundred sheep were exhibited in the show. Mike's lamb was a 128 pound Hampshire-Suffolk crossbred.

Diane Schilling, 13, a member of the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club in Goodland, captured the grand champion market steer trophy with a 1,232 pound Limousin-Angus crossbred. Diane's sister, Darla, had the grand champion steer at the 1978 Kansas State Fair.

It was a ... \$1,000 cake!

The cake sold for \$1,000! Yes, 14-year-old Linda Schmitt's grand champion cake brought \$1,000 in an auction at the Scott County 4-H Fair. The cake was purchased by Linda's grandfather, Loren Schmitt.

It took Linda a lot of baking to come up with the recipe for that \$1,000 cake. She baked a cake every day this summer and used 14 recipes before choosing the chocolate fudge for her fair entry.

There never was any cake left sitting around the Schmitt home, however. Linda's two brothers and two male cousins ate the cakes as fast as she baked them.

Linda was named the grand champion in the senior division in the cake contest at the fair. Her cake and three others were auctioned — those of the reserve champion in the senior division and the grand champion and the reserve in the junior division.

Reserve champion in the senior division was Doug Hutchins, 14. He and Linda both baked the same cake, the chocolate fudge, from a recipe given them by Doug's sister. Doug's cake was sold to his grandfather, Marion Hutchins, for \$450.

The grand champion in the junior division was Dallas Martin. His cake was sold for \$145 to the Scott Co-op. Reserve champion in the junior division was Denise Dunn. Her cake was sold to the HIS shop for \$85.

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Michael Zirkle, Liberal, captured the grand championship in the 4-H market hog division at the Kansas State Fair. Michael was awarded \$250 and a wrist watch.

Special prizes boost entries in state fair 4-H hog show

It worked! Concerned about a continuing decline in hog numbers at the Kansas State Fair 4-H hog show, the swine developmental committee, for the first time this year, offered cash prizes for the top five placings in the market hog division.

Swine entries doubled as a result, increasing from 30 in 1983 to 62 at this year's show. Allen Dinkel, committee member from Decatur County, said the committee is pleased with this response. He expects 1985 entries to number over 100 as more people learn of the prizes awarded.

Winner of \$250 and an engraved wrist watch for the grand champion market hog was Michael Zirkle, 18, Liberal. Michael showed a 240 pound Hampshire crossbred.

"I didn't expect to come up here and win it all," Michael said. A first time exhibitor in the state fair 4-H hog show, Michael learned of the cash award when he arrived at the show. "I think it's great," he said.

Riley County 4-H'er Brian Hines had both the reserve grand champion market hog and the third place market hog. The

second place award was \$200 and an engraved platter and the third place award, \$150 and a trophy. Fourth place of \$100 and a trophy went to Darrell DeTar, Rt. 2, Coffeyville; and fifth place of \$50 and a trophy was awarded to Duane Toews, Rt. 1, Hesston.

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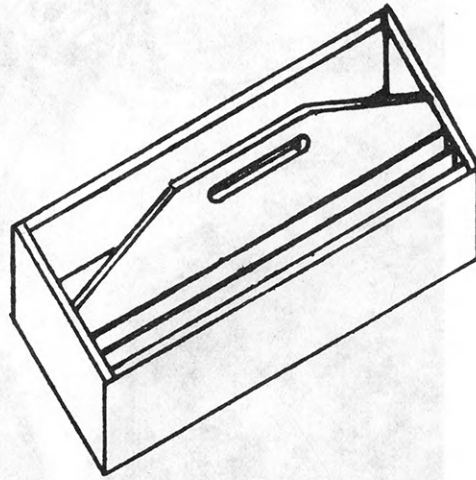
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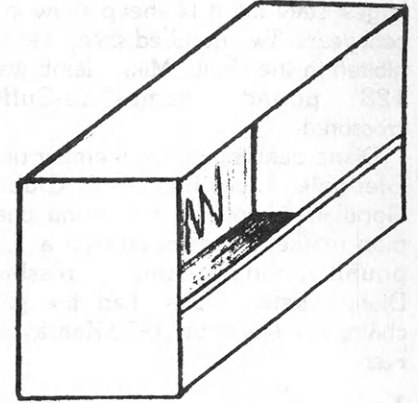
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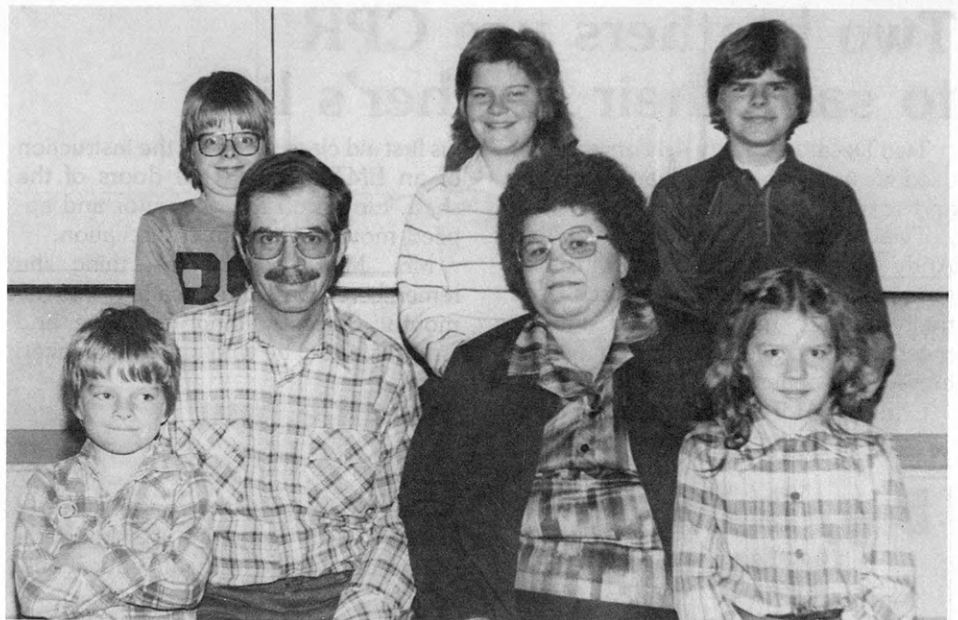
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The Vernon Soodsma family is the Lone Prairie 4-H Club's family of the year. From left to right, back row, are Scott, Denise and Kevin. Terry, Vernon, Gladys and Tonya are in the front row.

Club recognizes family of the year

The Lone Prairie 4-H Club of Phillips County recently recognized the Vernon Soodsma family as its 4-H family of the year. This is the first year the club has had such a recognition.

"Club members are really proud of this family and wanted to recognize them. I think it's a real neat idea," said Sy Nyhart, Phillips County agricultural agent.

Soodsma is a charter member of the Lone Prairie 4-H Club, which was organized in 1953. He was club secretary-treasurer that year. His wife,

Gladys, also is a former 4-H member. Soodsma has been Lone Prairie's woodworking leader for nine years and Gladys, the club's clothing leader for eight years.

This year all five of their children are 4-H members. Denise, 17, is a nine-year 4-H member; Kevin, 15, a seven-year 4-H'er; Scott, 12, a four-year 4-H'er; and the twins, Terry and Tonya, both 8, just joined 4-H.

The children are active in the bucket calf, sheep, steer, arts and crafts and foods projects.

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Two brothers use CPR to save their mother's life

Two Decatur County 4-H'ers recently used lifesaving methods learned in 4-H and school to save their mother's life.

Twelve-year-old Chris and 9-year-old Andy May were home alone with their sister, Sarah, 6, when they discovered their mother had collapsed in the machine shed while trying to fill the emergency generator.

Chris dialed 911 as he had learned in

his first aid classes and, at the instruction of an EMT, opened the doors of the shed, turned off the generator and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Mrs. May said the first thing she remembered was Chris breathing into her mouth, Sarah holding her nose and Andy standing by with an extra blanket.

Wildlife tour caps 4-H year

The Hopewell Corners 4-H Club of Cloud County capped a year-long emphasis on wildlife with an educational wildlife tour.

Club members saw mounted Kansas wildlife and watched a black rat snake eat its dinner at the Cloud County Community College science lab. A hike on the college nature trail featured plants native to Kansas.

Kelly Leon of the Sport Shop in Concordia explained how to mount a bird and showed the 4-H group mounted specimens of moose, mule deer, antelope, wild turkey and other birds and fish.

During the year club members collected and displayed pictures of wildlife on the clubhouse bulletin board, viewed wildlife films, made brush piles to protect wildlife in the winter and fed grain to birds.



Mrs. Grover (4-H clown Sara Winger) gives a child a balloon.

Hand pet zoo is a hit at the Ford County Fair

A Hand-Pet Zoo was a special attraction at the Ford County Fair this year.

Held twice during the fair, youngsters could hold the pet animals and even bottle feed the baby pigs. Other animals at the zoo were bucket calves, rabbits, sheep, kittens, dogs and ducks.

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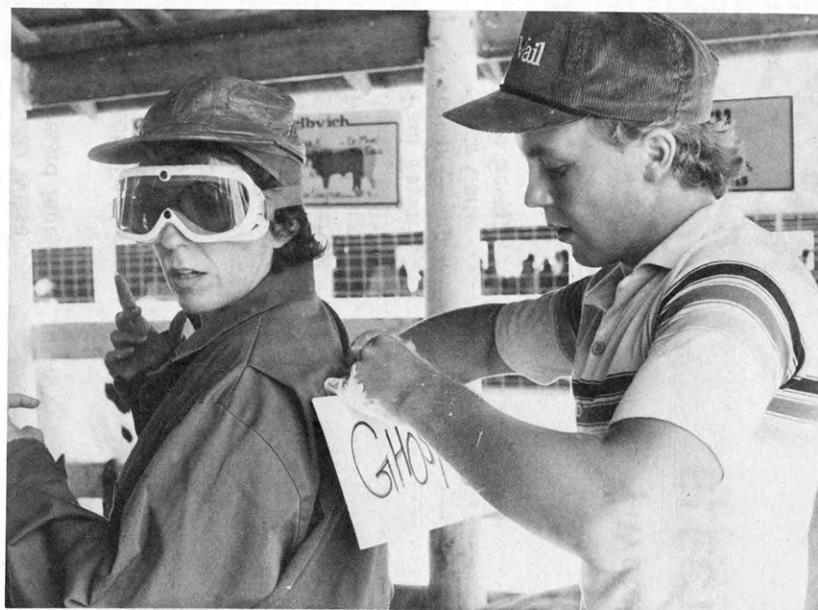
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4-H moms step into spotlight

In creative fitting and showing fair contest

by Joan Istas

Okay 4-H moms, it's your turn to step into the limelight. You fit and show the animal; the kids will give advice and encouragement. If your animal becomes unmanageable, dad will lend a helping hand.

Roles of 4-H'ers and mothers are reversed in one class at the Douglas County Fair — the Mother's Creative Fitting and Showing Contest.

It's a class where just about anything is possible. Perhaps, as one mother suggested, the kids can hardly wait for mom to get in the ring and make a fool of herself. Or maybe those zany ideas are inspired by the first place prize of pizza for all exhibitors in the winning contestant's barn.

Contestants never lack for helpers. Adults and kids alike pitch in whether the task is to change a normal looking Charolais crossbred steer into a Ghostbuster or glue enough balls of cotton on a Black Angus to make it look like a Suffolk sheep in a Ladies Lead contest.

Antics in the show ring sometimes are on the wild side. Men have posed as women in an attempt to compete in the contest. Rules state it is limited to 4-H mothers. One contestant was cheered by judges and audience alike when she sprayed Douglas County Agricultural Agent Jack Lindquist with water.

Most animals creatively fitted and



shown are beef animals but a goose also has competed in the contest.

The 1984 winner was a steer that looked as much like the Great Pumpkin as a steer can. A close second was a diapered Holstein calf receiving its 2 a.m. feeding from a bottle. Mother of this large baby wore her hair in curlers and had house slippers on her feet.

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