

# Kansas 4-H Journal

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## Camp is ...

County camp is riding a horse named Sassy Passion that has BIG teeth.

It's competing in the tug-of-war against the girls and losing again.

It's going on the nature hike because your counselor said you had to and discovering it's fun to fish crawdads out of the creek. And what better place to put those crawdads than in your county agent's bed?

County camp is finding your 4-H agent likes junk food just like you do and the girl you always thought was stuck up may just be your very best friend.

# Be a leader for shooting sports

Individuals who wish to start a 4-H shooting sports project in their county should sign up to attend a training workshop at Rock Springs 4-H Center May 3-5. Cost for the workshop is \$35.

A shotgun instructor, rifle instructor, and county shooting sports coordinator are needed to pilot each county program. Pilot team members must want to work with youths. They do not need to be expert marksmen or authorities on the 4-H program. Women, as well as men, are encouraged to lead the program, says Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist who heads the shooting sports program.

Piloted in four counties in 1983, Butler County now offers an intermediate shotgun course as well as the basic course which teaches the fundamentals of shooting a shotgun. Youths in that county also learn about loading shotgun shells.

Marion County, which started its shooting sports program in the fall, cooperated with Dickinson County to teach 15 youths about the rifle. Safety was stressed throughout the month-and-a-half program.

The program was promoted in the 4-H clubs and schools and both 4-H members and non-4-H members signed up. Though the three leaders, Richard Ball, Wayne Weber, and John Garrard, had not been acquainted with the 4-H program, Marion County Agricultural Agent Steve Tonn, said they did a fantastic job.

Rawlins County is sponsoring a .22 rifle shooting contest April 20 for all shooting sports participants.

Those interested in being a member of a pilot shooting sports team in their county should contact the county Extension office.

## Apply for scholarship

4-H members in Marshall County can apply for the \$300 Byron and Eulalia Guise Scholarship. The scholarship is to be used at a technical or vocational school.

Applicants must be graduates of a high school in Marshall County.

Application forms can be obtained at the Marshall County Extension Office and are due in that office by May 1.



Shooting sports leaders learn about safety at the training clinic at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Project training is May 3, 4 and 5.

# It isn't summer without camp

Carolyn Rhodes can't imagine a summer without county camp.

The Valley Center youth has attended camp at Rock Springs 4-H Center since she was 11. At 13 she became a counselor and the last few years has helped plan county camp as a member of the Sedgwick County Continuation Committee.

A system unique to the Sedgwick County camping block, continuation committee members of four to ten 4-H'ers 16 years of age and older, plan the camp schedule, conduct counselor orientation and training, take cabin checks and lead songs and other camp activities. Agents and adults serve in a supportive role.

Continuation committee members evaluate the camp immediately after its closing, once or twice in the winter months and every other week six weeks before county camp.

Agents and committee members conduct the three counselor training sessions. Mixer games that begin each training session help unify the group.

Homesickness, making everyone a part of the camping group, handling of money, and treating the Rock Springs staff with respect are discussed.

The rewards of being a continuation committee member are tremendous because of the rapport you develop with the kids, Carolyn says. She tells of the group of boys who asked to kiss her goodbye and cried when they left camp.

"These were the same boys who chased me around with frogs and sprayed me with bug repellent," she says.

She fondly remembers the 13-year-old who tagged behind her like a shadow during camp and the boy she reprimanded for throwing rocks who became her friend.

Being a continuation committee member showed me "how important the small things are in life ... things like happiness and kids," she says. "It reinforced my strengths in dealing with kids."

Carolyn believes teens who serve on this camping committee are effective because they serve as role models for the campers. "The campers relate to older kids," she explains.

Carolyn, now 20, will have a job this summer, but she'd still like to return to Rock Springs as a county camp counselor.

"County camp is very much a part of me; it's hard for me not to go," she says.



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## About the cover

Warmer weather brings to mind camp scenes like those on this month's cover. Camping has been part of the 4-H program since its beginning and reinforces it, says Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist.

Social skills are learned as youths interact with other members of the group. Campers make decisions as a group, thus learning to get along with others.

Citizenship is practiced as each group is considered caretaker while at camp and polices it before heading home.

As the photos show, camp also is an opportunity for agent and youths to get to know each other better. Supplemental camping activities also lend additional spice to the Rock Springs camping program.

For more stories on camping, see pages 2, 8 and 9.



# Citizenship project has a new outlook

by Vickie Meeks  
Finney County

The citizenship project has so much to offer 4-H'ers. The Washington Focus on Citizenship, for instance, takes 90 Kansans to the nation's capitol for an in-depth trip on citizenship.

Citizenship is acting with informed concern for yourself and others. The project increases the interest, understanding and knowledge of a citizen's responsibilities. Think of citizenship as starting at the center of a circle with the individual and moving out wider and wider until it includes the whole world. The citizenship project includes five areas of responsibility.

Presently the Kansas citizenship project focuses on government of the land. This is not the only aspect of citizenship. Other areas include development of self, appreciation of heritage, involvement in exchanges and community development. The citizenship developmental committee hopes to develop these into separate phases next year.

Upon enrolling in the citizenship project you will receive a stack of records. Right then you have the feeling you will never complete the five booklets.

You are not required to complete all of these in one year. Take one book and research that material thoroughly. The next year learn about another level of government. You should complete level three or four which helps you learn about your government. The remaining three booklets will be revised in the coming year. The five booklets are:

*Guide I — Townships and City Ward.* You study about the area in which you live.

*Guide II — City Government.* This is a fun phase. Go to the courthouse; meet county officials and learn about the role they play in government.

*Guide IV — Special Units of Government* points out that laws are written to allow people to form special districts or units of taxation for special purposes or activities.

*Guide V — Political Parties and Elections* looks at the election ballot and the two-party system.

I bet you didn't know that by saying the Pledge of Allegiance you are using a form of citizenship.

*Meeks is secretary of the citizenship developmental committee which gives guidance in developing the citizenship program. The committee is made up of Extension representatives, youths and volunteers.*



*Sue Blazek is as familiar with the hogs in the farrowing and finishing houses as with her show hogs. When young are born she helps clip needle teeth and dock their tails.*

4-H has given her a lot

# She promotes the pork industry

by Joan Istas

Sue Blazek can't remember when pigs haven't been a part of her life.

As a toddler of 3 or 4 years, she accompanied her parents to the hog lots. As she grew older, she began helping with the hog chores and started showing hogs as a 4-H member.

Today, at the age of 17, Sue can be found in the hog lots early in the morning before she leaves for school hand feeding the sows and checking on the newborn pigs. She has become an expert swine showman and annually shows six pigs in the 4-H show at the county fair.

Sue selects pigs for show from the family swine herd. "We think we have good hogs," she says simply.

She looks for a hog that has length and leanness, a good ham, one that carries itself well and that will be finished at 190 to 250 pounds.

The Republic County 4-H'er begins working with her show pigs three weeks before the fair. She works them a half an hour to 45 minutes daily, and within a week they are pretty tame.

When preparing a pig for show, she washes it and trims the hair in its ears and the longer hair on its belly. She dusts a white pig with baby powder and oils a Hamp-Duroc with baby oil.

In the show ring, Sue says, it's important to keep an eye on the judge and the pig. She likes to keep the pig five to six feet in front of the judge. Guide your pig; don't hit it continually, she advises. Smile and be relaxed. "How you show the pig has a lot to say about you and your pig."

Sue won the coveted swine showmanship award at the county fair last year.

"It's been something I've wanted for a long time. It's the best thing you can win in a swine show," she says. As Republic County pork queen, Sue often speaks about the benefits of pork.

Pork is a high nutrient food rich in B vitamins and iron, she says. It is a lean meat that is low in calories. Weight Watchers recommends it. The hog is valuable for its byproducts. Leather, the phonograph record, heart valves and insulin all are made from swine byproducts.

As the assistant swine project leader for the Munden 4-H Club, Sue helps younger club members. She also helped present the county-wide swine grooming and showmanship clinic. Thirty-five youths attended the first clinic, and 23 were present at the second.

Sue lists winning the 1984 state swine award among the highlights of her 4-H years. She says she was really surprised to win the area award and totally floored when she was named the state winner.

"I never really expected it. I thought something like that was impossible," she says.

Sue says 4-H has given her a lot. "It has helped me in my record keeping skills which will be used throughout life. In public speaking, I have gained a lot of self confidence. 4-H has given me a sense of pride and helped me develop my leadership ability. I have had a lot of fun in 4-H."

Sue plans to attend Kansas State University in the fall.



## They brainstorm to solve problems

Enterprise Livewires club members in Dickinson County brainstorm to solve problems and make decisions.

Members are divided into two groups, eight per group, and every youth makes suggestions to solve the problem presented. No idea is considered ridiculous.

All ideas are read at the end of the time period set and each group then selects what it considers its top three solutions. These solutions are voted on.

This activity gets every club member involved in making decisions, says Brenda Olson, community leader. She suggests introducing club members to brainstorming with a fun exercise such as "How many uses can you find for a paper clip?"

Brainstorming can be used for fundraising ideas, recreation ideas, community projects, and many others.

## Show and tell at county club days

Pawnee County Club Days included extemporaneous speaking for older youths and show and tell for younger 4-H'ers for the first time this year.

Show and tell sessions sometimes lasted no longer than 30 seconds, says Pawnee County Home Economist Stacey Warner. Show and tell presentations were not judged.



*Flash doesn't always have this educated look. The glasses are only borrowed from Heather.*

## Heather and friend Flash jump into winner's circle

by Joan Istas

Thirteen-year-old Heather Hoss' list of pets is almost mind boggling. She has one goat, four chickens, one goose, five turkeys (four which are wild), one cat, one Doberman Pincer, two raccoons (named Adam and Eve), five horses, and two cousins.

Perhaps cousins don't belong in that listing, Heather admits with a laugh.

But, she really does have all those other animals and her favorites are her 12-year-old horse, Dee Dee, and her cat, Bugsy.

Heather comes by her love of horses naturally for her parents both ride. "My family is real horse-oriented," she says. Heather loves horses so much she'd like to ride one to school.

The Wallace County 4-H'er has been riding since she was 2 and showing horses since she was 8. She is enrolled in the 4-H horse project and last year began jumping with her dad's cow horse, Flash.

Though Flash, an 8-year-old Quarter Horse, had jumped nothing more than fallen trees in the pasture near the Hoss home in Wallace County, he turned out

to be a natural jumper. Heather and her friend, Flash, won the class hunter under saddle, ages 12 to 14, at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

"I was happy. I made it clear around. I didn't care if I won it or not," Heather says. Still, she admits, her heart was beating rapidly when the announcer came to the last two ribbon winners. "I was scared to death."

Heather and Flash learned to jump with instruction from a professional trainer. Heather began by teaching Flash how to pick up his feet and the correct number of strides to take between poles by putting him over four caveletti poles, each spaced three to four feet apart. The height of the poles was raised gradually as Flash became proficient at each height.

"I love jumping; I've wanted to do it all my life," Heather says.

Heather likes the 4-H horse project because it gives her the opportunity to show and to meet people. She also is learning to train horses by working her one-year-old horse, Dixie, on the lounge line.

## Beef exhibitors get show tips

Miami County beef exhibitors receive help on preparing their animals for show at an annual fitting and showing school. The school is sponsored about two weeks before the Miami County Spring Beef Show by the Miami County Livestock Improvement Association and the Miami County Extension Office.

4-H'ers learn by doing at this clinic. Demonstrations are presented on how to fit a calf, the proper way to lead it, how to set it up for the judges, and how to use a show stick. They even use clippers to trim the animal.

"As a result of the efforts of a lot of dedicated people, Miami County 4-H'ers are more confident on grooming and showing their cattle at the spring beef show. Miami County 4-H'ers are lucky," says Wade Baxter, Mound Builders club member.



Bill Baxter, Osawatomie, shows Josh Bartlett, Mound Builders 4-H Club member how to set up the feet of his steer. (Photo by Kathy Barrett, Osawatomie.)

## Project records optional

Project records will be optional for Morris County 4-H'ers 12 years of age and under. Youngsters, however, will be encouraged to fill out the permanent record so they will have the necessary information to compete for awards later, says Ann Sparke, Morris County Extension director.

## County features project of the month

An annual Day Camp and a project of the month have helped keep 4-H enrollment stable in Osborne County. Enrollment has remained the same or increased the past three years.

The annual Day Camp is open to both 4-H and non-4-H members. The project

of the month features a project with limited enrollment. The volunteer leader teaches it on Saturdays or after school in five to six sessions. Non-4-H members and adults attend as well as 4-H'ers enrolled in the project.

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Kansans who attended the first National 4-H Conference in 1927 were Franklin Parsons, Sherman County; A. J. Schothe, assistant state 4-H club leader; Louise Lumb, Clay County; Mrs. Maynard H. Coe; Secretary of Agriculture Jardine; Mary Tilton Conger, Mitchell County; Frank Zitnik, Cherokee County; and Maynard H. Coe, state club leader.

## Master 4-H Club will meet at Discovery Days

The Master 4-H Club will meet at Discovery Days this year.

Plans are to meet opening day, May 29, on the Kansas State University campus. The club brings together National 4-H Conference alumni from Kansas from 1927 (the first year Kansas sent delegates to conference) to the present year.

Activities include induction of new members and a spirited exchange of memories between old and new Master Club members. People are encouraged to bring pictures and memorabilia to the get-acquainted session at 10 a.m. at the student union.

Martha Streeter, who was a conference delegate in 1939 and returned in 1980 as a chaperone, says today's conference is much different than that of 45 years ago.

She traveled to Washington, D.C. by train. "It was very exciting. I'd never been out of Kansas; I'd never been on a train," she says. "One thing that really impressed me was seeing the Lincoln

Memorial at night."

She also was impressed with her living quarters — a tent by the Washington Monument. "It wasn't very private," she observes.

The conference of that day was one of listening to speeches and going sightseeing, she says. Today's conference emphasizes leadership training. Youths actually take a part in determining national 4-H policy.

"I think it's an opportunity to share ideas with other 4-H club members and leaders." For example, Kansas delegates brought back the Ambassador program from a National 4-H Conference they attended three years ago.

Today's conference is a learning, a maturing process, Mrs. Streeter says.

Mrs. Streeter, who is helping organize the 1985 Master Club reunion, encourages National 4-H Conference alumni to attend. She hopes the Master Club will take a more active role in 4-H in the future.

## Big John award encourages participation

The Big John award encourages Morris County youths to participate in county club days. The traveling trophy is presented at the end of the day to the club with the most points.

Points are awarded for top blue, blue, red, and white ribbons in public speaking and music and talent numbers. A

greater emphasis is placed on participation in public speaking, and, thus, points are higher in this category.

The name of the winning club is engraved on the trophy. The trophy also encourages clubs to work together, says Morris County Home Economist Ann Sparke.

# 4-H is a great experience

Career, friendship, family, leadership — 4-H is all these things to Robert Mayer.

A 35-year leader in the Marshall County Wide Awake Club, Mayer was a national leadership winner in 1943 and received the H.A. Moses traveling trophy — one of only two Kansans to receive this trophy.

Even today he remembers the thrill he felt when the county agent told him he was a national winner. "I never dreamt I could do it," he says.

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"4-H was practically our life."

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At National 4-H Congress, Mayer met new people and made life-long friends. Meeting other kids at the state fair, 4-H Roundup at Kansas State University and Camp WaShunGa was one of the fun things about 4-H, Mayer says.

The crops, beef, poultry, and dairy projects Mayer took in 4-H prepared him for his vocation of farming and the leadership skills he learned made him a natural choice for such positions as township trustee, Extension Council member and 4-H leader.

Mayer was a community club leader when a 4-H'er and continued in that role as his five children became active in the 4-H program. His wife also was a project leader.

"4-H was practically our life," the Marshall Countian says.

Mayer believes good leadership is an important part of the 4-H program. "If you have good leadership, project work should be fun," he says.

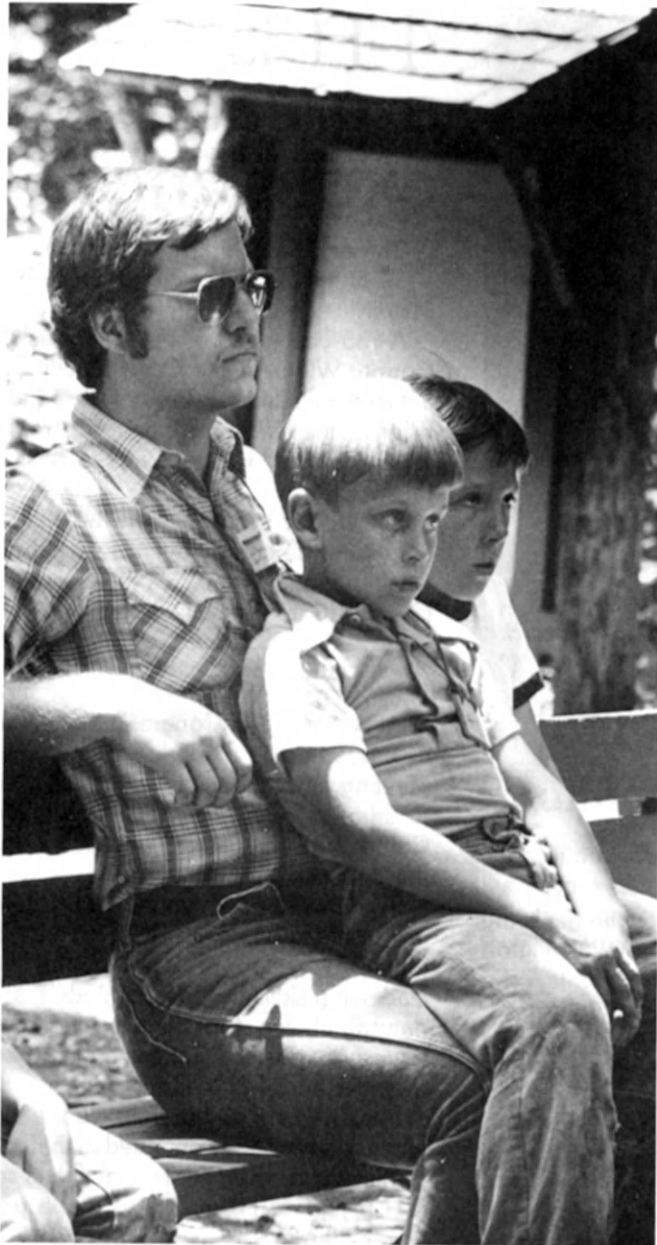
The 4-H program of today is much different than the program Mayer was part of when a youth.

"It's changed, and it's all for the good. There are so many different, interesting things. Everyone can benefit — both urban and rural."

Mayer's granddaughter, Christel Highland, is now a 4-H member, and Mayer continues to be active in the Master 4-H Club. He will give a short history of the club when it meets during Discovery Days.

As his other grandchildren become involved in the 4-H program, Mayer says he also would like to get involved again as a leader.

"It's just been a great experience," he says.



For many youths, county camp is their first experience away from home.

## Special sessions spice up county camp

Learn how to train a dog at county camp or listen as an experienced beekeeper talks about bees. You might have the opportunity to build a kite, participate in aerobics or follow a blood trail ... if you're a member of the Nine Mile County Camp group.

Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic and Washington counties make up this group.

Agents supplement regular camping activities at Rock Springs Ranch to give 4-H'ers a better camping experience.

Each county is responsible for providing one special interest session during the four-day camp. Some agents teach the session themselves. Others ask a state or area specialist or a volunteer with a special interest to conduct a session.

Special interest sessions have included bird watching, swing dance, fishing, rocketry, back packing, a bug hunt, clowning, and forestry.

Each living group signs up for special interest sessions just as they do for the regular Rock Springs camping activities of horseback riding, canoeing, rifle range, nature hikes, crafts, swimming, and the trap shoot.

The Nine County group provides additional supervision in the crafts area with a crafts leader. The leader may teach supplemental crafts such as macrame, shrink art, candle wicking, pen and ink prints, sun prints, and how to make a burlap wall hanging.

Each county provides a booth for the annual camp carnival. Popcorn is free, and tickets are issued to each youth.

Deanna Reist, Clay County home economist and camp block chairman, says special interest sessions were added as the number of 4-H'ers attending camp increased. The Rock Springs Ranch staff does a good job, but additional activities were needed to give the kids a good camping experience, she explains.

"We as agents want to do our part to make camp better."

Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, encourages other camping groups to supplement Rock Springs Ranch activities. This provides new experiences for youths, and a greater percentage will return to camp, she says.

The following OBIS activities are available for check out by agents at the instructional media center at Kansas State University.

*Life Skills for Youth* — Brush up on your skills of tying ties, introductions, etiquette, writing thank you notes and answering telephones.

*Introduction to Forests* — Want to learn about one of the most precious resources in our state? Learn about trees and forests through such activities as: Acorns, Logs to Soil, Sawing Away, Tree Tally, and Soil Homes.

*Introduction to Plant Science* — The knowledge of soils is important to everyone. Learn basics about plant and soil science through such activities as: Invent a Plant, Plants Around a Building, Plant Hunt, Sticklers, and Roots and Shoots.

## Wilderness camp is for 12-to 18-year-olds

A wilderness camp is being offered this summer for youths 12 to 18 years of age.

Youths at Outpost Camp will sleep in tepees or tents, cook their own meals, learn about the safe use of axes and hatchets and general outdoorsmanship.

Outpost Camp will be on 40 acres of land just west of Rock Springs 4-H Center. Youths will not participate in county camp activities at Rock Springs.

Dates for Outpost Camp are June 15-18, 18-21, 21-24, 24-27, and 27-30.

Contact the county Extension office for more information.

Stories and photos  
by Joan Ista





Part of camping is working and playing as a group.

## Camping is vital part of 4-H

Camping is one of the most important parts of the 4-H program, says C.R. Salmon, assistant director of Extension 4-H—Youth programs.

In camping, youths learn how to interact socially with their peers and develop new skills through experiences not provided in the county 4-H program. Many youths learn how to canoe at Rock Springs Ranch or Southwest Camp.

Camping should enhance the county 4-H program. Development of leadership and social skills should not be left at the gates of camp facilities, Salmon says.

The state leader says the traditional camp that stresses natural resources, wildlife studies and survival skills still is important to youth development.

Camping also provides a way to teach traditional agriculture and home economics projects in a setting more conducive to learning. Computer camps, scheduled for this summer at Rock Springs Ranch, are an example.

The state 4-H leader believes more project oriented camps should be offered. Dog and horse project sessions can be enhanced if provided in a camp setting.

Too, he says, "we need to look at camps that strengthen or reinforce the family." These camps should be offered on weekends to allow working parents to attend.

# Camping at Southwest is a lot of fun

Why do kids go to Southwest Camp?

"Because it's fun, and you get away from home," says 10-year-old Cindy Lohrding. The Comanche County youth has gone to camp two years now and says her favorite activity is canoeing. Her least favorite probably is KP.

Cindy says she's even learned how to make all kinds of popcorn at camp and about seat belt safety and safety in swimming.

Eleven-year-old Jennifer Burch, Finney County, went to Southwest Camp for the first time last year. It's something she's always wanted to do, but it wasn't until a broken arm prohibited her from participating in summer swim competition that she did so.

"It worked out pretty good," she says. "I really like meeting people. I made lots of new friends. It was really fun."

Jennifer learned about the clowning project at camp, trailed coyotes and studied birds and trees on the nature trail, saw a puppet show and participated in the rifle range and archery.

Jennifer would like to attend county camp again this year — if she can sandwich it in with swimming meets. Cindy says she will be at camp for the third consecutive year.

Each camping block plans events to supplement the regular Southwest Camp activities of archery, rifle range, swimming, canoeing and obstacle course.

The Comanche, Meade, Clark, and Kiowa County camping block selects a camp theme every year. Last year the Olympics was featured and two years ago

Smurf living groups roamed camp. This year campers will participate in activities around the circus theme. A carnival and movie about the circus are among events planned. Campers also will make ice cream in a can.

A new challenge is being added to the obstacle course, says Comanche County Agricultural Agent Mitch Moorman, who helped plan the course. Campers will have an opportunity to try their skills at traversing the swaying rope Burma Bridge.

Campers race through the obstacle course and last year's winner in the timed event, to the chagrin of the boys, was a girl.

"The boys tried to beat her real bad," Moorman says with a laugh.

The agents try to keep the kids involved, yet maintain a relaxed atmosphere at camp. Sixty kids attend camp in this block, and everyone gets to know each other, Moorman says.

Despite late nights and early mornings, agents enjoy camp as much as the kids, he says.

## Southwest schedule

June 4-7	Clark, Kiowa, Meade, Comanche
June 10-13	Ford
June 17-20	Grant, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens
June 24-27	Finney, Gray, Hodgeman, Lane, Ness

## RSR schedule

June 8-11	Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, Washington
June 11-15	Dickinson, Geary, Marion, McPherson, Rice, Saline
June 15-18	Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, Miami
June 18-21	Cheyenne, Decatur, Graham, Logan, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Gove, Trego
June 21-24	Butler, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harvey, Reno
June 24-27	Chase, Cherokee, Crawford, Lyon, Morris, Scott, Sumner
June 27-30	Leavenworth, Shawnee, Osage, Wyandotte, Sedgwick
June 30-July 3	Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Pottawatomie, Riley, Wabaunsee
July 6-9	Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Coffey, Jefferson, Linn, Nemaha, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson
July 9-12	Barber, Barton, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Harper, Kingman, Pawnee, Pratt, Osborne, Rush, Russell, Stafford

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## Delegates named to 4-H Conference

Four Kansas youths will attend the 55th National 4-H Conference April 13-19 in Washington, D.C.

Delegates are Marcy Henton, Dodge City, Kristen Spaeth, Manhattan, Trent Lancaster, Ottawa, and Cathy Barnes, Valley Falls.

Purpose of the conference is two-fold: To involve 4-H members and adults in program development; and to develop and strengthen 4-H public relations efforts and reports to the public.

As Kansas' representative to the National 4-H Ambassador program, Cathy will spend 12 hours during the conference with other Ambassadors perfecting her communication and public relations skills.

Marcy, Kristen and Trent will participate in consulting groups, survey a specific part of the 4-H program, and recommend changes and new developments to strengthen that area.

Consulting groups consist of teens, volunteers and professional 4-H staff.

There also will be tours of the White House and U.S. Capitol. Conference theme is "4-H — Building on Experience."

## County fair entries increase by a third

Stafford County Fair entries jumped more than a third in a year.

Conall Addison, county agricultural agent, says a combination of things caused exhibits to increase from 648 to 939 in 1984.

New and younger fair board members have pumped new life, enthusiasm and hard work into the fair, he says. A new livestock barn has provided exhibit space for rabbits, poultry, sheep, swine, and goats. Sheep and goat exhibits have increased with the addition of open classes for that livestock.

An annual work day preceding the fair gives 4-H'ers, parents and leaders pride in the fair. Free T-shirts to 4-H'ers exhibiting at the county fair rewards all 4-H exhibitors and gives them a distinctive look.

Clubs provide the number and sizes of shirts needed, and the county 4-H council orders the shirts. Fair superintendents give 4-H'ers approval slips for shirts as they enter items at the fair, and the youths redeem the slips at the fair office.

Addison says the shirts also promote the county 4-H program as youths wear them to school and other events.



Starla Evans

# She follows brothers' leads by winning style show

When Starla Evans stepped on stage at the 1984 state fashion revue, the scene wasn't entirely unfamiliar to her.

Starla had often sat in the audience and watched her older brothers, John, 1980 state clothes strategy champion, and Bret, 1982 state clothes strategy reserve champion, perform.

But, neither Starla nor her family was prepared when she was named the state fashion revue champion. John and Bret had already left the auditorium when the announcement was made, and her parents just sank into their seats in disbelief.

"I was the youngest of all the contestants. I was just thrilled to even be there," says Starla, who was hoping for a blue ribbon on her outfit. "I was completely shocked!"

Starla qualified for the state award by winning a purple ribbon on her outfit at the state show and won it with her record book, which included two years of records.

Starla began making her dress in May

when she got out of school. She selected a dress that would be fun to wear, yet was dressy.

It was the first time she had worked with box pleats and she did a lot of ripping to get them just right. It was discouraging at times, she admits, but a friend, Beth Feiring, kept encouraging her to complete the dress. Beth's brother had gone to Chicago as a state winner and she wanted Starla to have the same opportunity. "Go for it," she told Starla.

Starla learned about modeling, make up, and hair styling at a modeling school.

The trip she won to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago was worth the time she spent learning about fashion, Starla says. The highlight of her Chicago trip was participating in a fashion revue that, she says, was just like performing on TV. She also enjoyed meeting people.

This year Starla intends to continue with her sewing and foods and nutrition and People to People projects.

She enjoys drying foods and is interested in being an IFYE one day.

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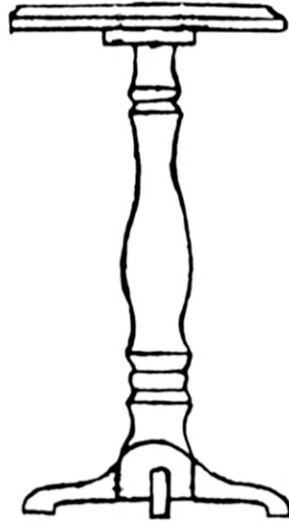
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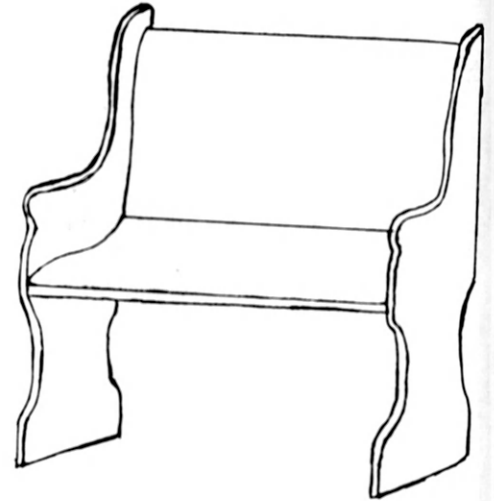
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## Kristen Spaeth wins Wreath Scholarship

Kristen Spaeth, Manhattan, has been awarded the L.G. Wreath 4-H Scholarship. Kristen, a member of the College Hill Club, is considering a degree in nursing.

The scholarship is awarded annually to

a Riley County 4-H club member for use at Kansas State University. Wreath started one of the first community 4-H clubs in Riley County. The College Hill Club is the oldest club in the county.

## Youth plays the stock market game

by Joan Istas

If you had \$100,000 to invest in the stock market, what stocks would you buy? When would you sell? Would you be a winner or a loser?

Thirteen-year-old Gregg Hoy is a winner in the stock market game he plays in his self-determined 4-H project. Not only has Gregg won the regional award for the Kansas State University-sponsored stock market game, but he has learned to read the financial page, how to purchase and sell stocks and how to handle money.

The stock market game is conducted over a period of eight to 10 weeks, and each week the player receives a portfolio telling of his progress. At the end of the period, plaques are awarded to winners in each of the five regions. Gregg has won the Emporia regional plaque for elementary students three consecutive years.

The Chamness 4-H'er has played the stock market game five years now. "I just jumped into it," he says.

Last year he visited an Emporia broker, Bill Cochennet. He watched Cochennet make a transaction on the WATS line to California and learned about Value Line — a listing of stocks on the market. Gregg explained his stock portfolio to Cochennet.

Gregg says he enjoys playing the stock market game and has learned a lot about economics by doing so.

He encourages other youths to pursue their interests in the self-determined project. It isn't difficult to do, he says. You just select your area of interest and write your own plan. "It's just about the same as any other project."

The Lyon County 4-H'er also is enrolled in sheep, crafts, photography, reading, veterinary science, and citizenship.

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# Chambers goes extra mile for youths

A love of sheep and kids keeps Tom Chambers, Wellsville, active as a leader though his children have long since graduated from 4-H.

Chambers, who is beginning his 22nd year as a sheep leader, is becoming known throughout northeast Kansas as a person who will go that extra mile for those in the sheep project.

To help 4-H'ers start their own flock, he consigns ewes and bottle lambs to youths on shares. The youths feed and care for the animals and return a percentage of the lamb crop to Chambers.

When the state fair rolls around, Chambers and his wife, Beth, head for Hutchinson with a livestock trailer loaded with 4-H lambs and a pickup cab full of kids. Last year's state fair group included Johnson, Douglas and Franklin County

youths.

The Chambers provide white 4-H buckets to use to water the fair animals. The blocking stand used to prepare the



Tom Chambers gives Mark Rechtfertig a helping hand. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

animals for show sports the sign, "Our Flock Needs Ewe — Join 4-H."

During the fair, Chambers is always there to give a word of encouragement and advice on fitting and showing.

The annual sheep day hosted each spring by the Chambers is more than a sale. It is designed to educate those attending and to promote lamb as a meat product.

Youths select their market lambs only after watching a type demonstration and participating in a judging contest. Thus, they use the skills they learned when they select their market lamb.

The free barbecue lamb dinner introduces many people to lamb.

The 1984 Sheep Day drew 160 people from Linn, Crawford, Coffey, Lyon, Johnson, Douglas, Franklin, Riley, Wyandotte, Wabaunsee, Leavenworth, Butler, and Shawnee Counties.

## Junior Leaders host Day Camp

Miami County Junior Leaders annually host a Day Camp for Lake Mary 4-H Club members. Lake Mary Center, Paola, is an educational center for severely and moderately mentally handicapped children.

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# Photos help explain electric project

"A girl did this!" That's an exclamation 15-year-old Charmain Ellerman is almost used to hearing when fairgoers pass her electric exhibits.

But, Charmain is quick to point out that the 4-H electric project is no longer just for boys. She enrolled in the project two years ago at the urging of a friend — a girl — and girls outnumber the boys when the Jefferson County electric group meets.

Charmain says she enjoys the electric project because she's an outdoors person, and she likes to fidget with motors.

Last year the Jefferson County youth cleaned and rebuilt an electric motor. The motor was a real mess, and she worked 10 hours using sandpaper and a wire brush to clean it of rust.

She says she now understands electric motors and their switches. The motor she

rebuilt runs, and she sold it back to her grandfather for \$10 to power an outdoor fan.

Charmain says she's learned how to solder in the electric project. Sometimes, she says, it takes a long time to do the soldering and a lot of patience to do it right.

She's also learned about safety. It isn't fun to get shocked when you're working on your electric project, she says.

Charmain combines her electric and photography projects by showing the progression of her electric project in photos. She displays the photos on a poster that accompanies the exhibit at the county and state fair.

Thus, the exhibit takes on greater meaning for those more unfamiliar with electricity. Charmain also hopes the combined display will interest other youths in

the electric project.

Charmain gets excited about the electric project. It makes her feel like, "Hey, I can do that. Can you do that?"

"I've learned a valuable skill. I think it's going to help out later in life."



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