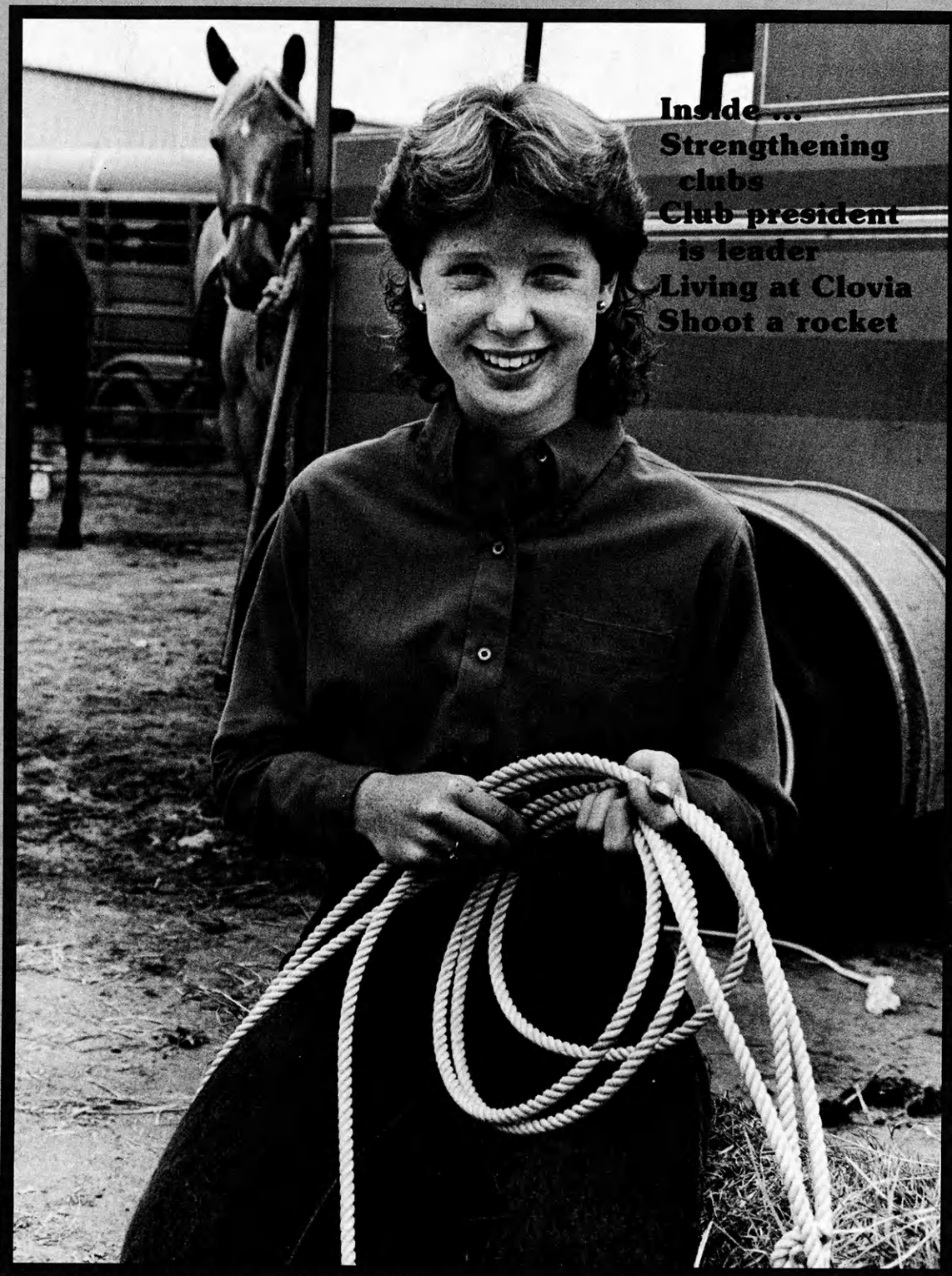


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Gavel games now are on video tape

Video tapes on gavel games and model meetings are available for checkout at the Southeast Area Extension Office. The tapes were made through the cooperation of Kirk Astroth, southeast area 4-H specialist, the Greenwood County Extension Office and the Butler County Extension Office. Those who wish to do so may copy the tapes for their own use.

Two new 15 minute video tapes on training community club leaders also are available through the Southeast Area Extension Office. The tapes are titled, "How to Manage 4-H Clubs," and "Getting It All Together."

For additional information, contact Kirk Astroth at the Southeast Area Extension Office.

Families needed to host IFYEs

Families are needed to host IFYEs, according to Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist.

Although families from all walks of life are needed to host IFYEs, farm families especially are needed.

"The IFYE wants to be busy and working. For a three week period of time they become a member of the family. When the family works, they work, when the family plays, they play," Redman says.

She notes that host counties no longer are required to pay IFYEs \$10 per week.

County Extension offices have host family applications in the international handbook.

Horse judging is June 14

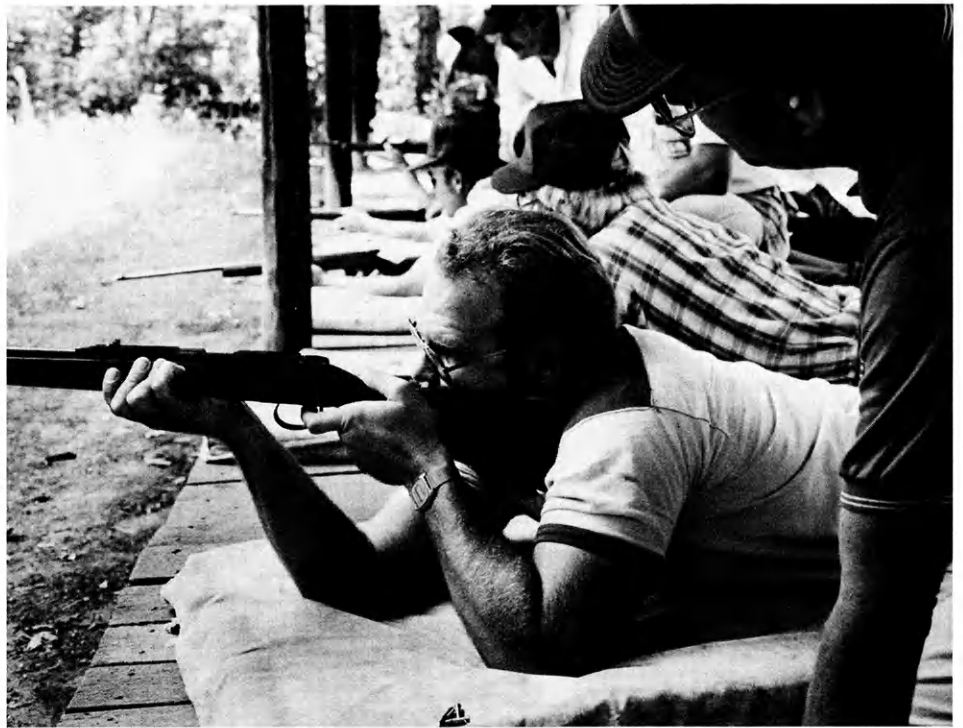
A state-wide horse judging contest for 4-H and FFA members will be held June 14 at the Expo Center in Topeka.

Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with a type demonstration scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Judging will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and oral reasons begin at 12:30 p.m.

Eight classes (six halter and two performance) will be judged. These include the following classes: two Quarter Horse, two Arabian, one Paint, one Appaloosa, one Western Pleasure and one hunter under saddle.

Top individual and top team awards will be given in each division. Four members will make a team in all three divisions with the top three scores counting for a team score.

For more information, contact Ingrid Erickson, 913-478-4391 or Jackie Maupin, 913-862-2574.



Leaders training for shooting sports is being offered at Scott Lake in Scott County June 14. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. with training scheduled until 7 that evening. Similar training was held in El Dorado May 3. County Extension offices have registration forms for shooting sports training. Shooting sports training will return to Rock Springs Ranch in 1987 with sessions planned on pistol, archery, rifle and shotgun, says Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, who heads that program.

Maverick club bounces back

Two years ago the Maverick 4-H Club of Decatur County was struggling. Membership was down to nine and only four of those were older members (6th to 8th graders). Two of the other members had just joined the club and the other three had been club members less than two years.

"We decided not to fold but try it one more year and set a goal to obtain five new members," says community leader Jerry Schuetz.

By the end of the year, the club had

15 members, seven of them new members. Five members and two parents attended Discovery Days at Kansas State University and two members attended county camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

Club membership increased to 21 this year as eight new members and four transfers from other clubs joined the Maverick 4-H Club.

"The Maverick 4-H Club in Decatur County is alive and active and glad we did not fold," Schuetz says.

Clubs active in model meetings

All 14 of the 4-H clubs in Franklin County participate in either model meetings or gavel games during County Club Days.

Ten of the clubs presented model meetings and four competed in gavel games for a total participation of 300 of the county's 370 4-H club members.

Franklin County 4-H Agent Jo Ellen Arnold says parliamentary procedure always has been an important part of County Club Days in that county. Recently gavel games has been offered as an option to model meetings. All clubs are asked to present either a model meeting or participate in gavel games.

Model meetings are good in that they involve all club members, Arnold says.

Both model meetings and gavel games build the self confidence of club members and improve their knowledge of parliamentary procedure. They take this knowledge back to their clubs and club meetings are improved.

Gavel games is divided into three divisions — juniors (11 and under), intermediate (12 through the freshman year) and senior (freshman and older).

A team consists of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. No minutes are read; no program presented. Parliamentary procedure problems are enacted in the five minute contest. A written test is required of all participants.

As many as 15 groups have participated in gavel games.



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Both boy and animal are ready for the show ring in what is one of the biggest sports in 4-H — showing livestock. Spring beef shows are in full swing throughout the state now and will be climaxed with county fair and state shows. For more photos of the beef show ring, see page 20.

Addresses club formats

by C.R. Salmon
Assistant director of Extension — 4-H Youth

Recently the 4-H Youth Department released a document entitled, "Guidelines for Kansas 4-H." This document included descriptions of three different club formats: the multi-project format which is commonly referred to as the community 4-H club; the single project format which is called the project club; and the neighborhood format, a relatively new concept, is structured to provide younger members with an opportunity to study and participate in the same project experiences at the same time — though in a variety of projects during the year. All three formats are currently being offered by some Kansas counties.

Why different formats? 4-H, like our major motor companies, petroleum companies and food companies, has learned that one model or one commodity will not meet the needs and concerns of all our clientele. We must provide a model for those who want a taste of several projects; we must provide a model for those who want to learn a great deal about one specific project and we have others who want to learn more about themselves and their families. We can no longer expect all families, all boys and girls and all adults to be content with "one club model or format." Our continued decline in community club enrollment this past year indicates that our public is not buying this format in many situations.

The community 4-H club has been and will continue to be one of our major focuses in the Kansas 4-H club program; however, I think we must offer some new options for those boys and girls in urban areas and in social situations which do not lend themselves to a traditional, community club structure.

In earlier days, when community 4-H clubs were the only club format, our 4-H members attended the same school, belonged to the same church and/or participated in the same community activity. In fact, most of the 4-H members were already acquainted with one another before enrolling in a 4-H club. Today, the boys and girls attend different schools; they may belong to different churches and they do not know one another prior to joining 4-H. Therefore, 4-H must provide a bond for developing new friends and conducting comfortable conversations — this bond could be one common 4-H project. Thus, the project club provides a vehicle for creating new friendships and a reason for "staying in" 4-H.

I realize that many readers of this magazine are strong supporters and advocates of the community 4-H club. I want to encourage you to continue strengthening and expanding the community 4-H club program in your setting. The traditional community club can be strengthened by adding such new leadership roles as new family coordinators, parents committees and/or project leader trainers. Perhaps a new seating arrangement for club meetings or a quarterly election of club officers would expand the involvement of members in monthly meetings. However, if your enrollments' healthy, your families are all actively involved and everyone has a chance to participate — then don't fix it. You have a very successful 4-H club!

Hopefully, after reading this article you will see the need for new club formats and new meeting techniques for new audiences in Kansas. We should be continually striving to make 4-H available to new families — growth and expansion are characteristics of an active, progressive organizations.

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Parents help 4-H club to grow

We are growing because we are actively involved. We are a family ..."

by Joan Istas

"I can't do it all on my own," says Elaine Thomas, 23-year community club leader of the Lily Lake 4-H Club of Butler County.

Faced with growing responsibilities because of increasing membership, three years ago Mrs. Thomas asked parents to help manage the club.

Today Mrs. Thomas is one of four community leaders who direct the club which has grown from 33 to 50 members. They receive support from a parents committee of three men and three women, which meets five to six times a year.

Among duties of the parents committee is helping judge records books and planning orientation for new parents. At new parent orientation, the fair, record books, activities, committees, club days and parliamentary procedure are explained. The parents committee also put together a parents book for new families explaining the 4-H program.

Because 15 of the club members are first year members, during recreation at each club meeting, the two new parent coordinators meet with parents of these club members to answer questions they might have and to explain coming events.

"This is real successful. New parents ask questions in these small group meetings," Mrs. Thomas says.

No project meeting or club event can be scheduled without the approval of the project leader coordinator. Scheduled club and county activities are listed monthly on a blackboard displayed at club meetings. This monthly calendar eliminates conflicts and overscheduling project meetings. "There can be too many project meetings," Mrs. Thomas says.

The calendar is popular at meetings. "As soon as parents get in the door, they check the calendar," Mrs. Thomas says.

A record book coordinator is responsible for the records program in the club.

As a result of increased parent involvement in managing the club, club activities have increased and Mrs. Thomas believes the club is stronger as a result.

"We need to keep the kids involved; the kids have to be doing something to stay in 4-H. Once they get involved they



Though Elaine Thomas works full-time and is active in community organizations, she's always thinking of ways to improve the Lily Lake 4-H Club. The Business and Professional Women, for which she served as president, recognized the fact when they presented her with a picture that shows her with one of the club's major interests — livestock.

don't drop out. We keep them going with something new all the time.

"We are growing because we are actively involved. We are a family. We want the parents involved. The kids won't stay in 4-H if the parents aren't involved."

Because of the size of the club, a microphone system is used at club meetings. In addition to using the microphone for the business meetings, kids use it to present talks and demonstrations.

Parliamentary procedure is practiced at every club meeting. A club parliamentarian is elected and a new problem presented at each meeting.

"Practicing parliamentary procedure is a learning experience for the kids," Mrs. Thomas says. "I feel like it's a life skill. If they're going to be in church or a public organization, they're going to use that skill."

Participation at County Club Days is encouraged. This year 25 of the 50 members gave talks and demonstrations. The club presented a model meeting and had over 70 entries in club days. Only five kids in the club didn't participate.

Annually the club has a field day to show new families just what the fair is.

Club members learn how to fit and show sheep, pigs and cattle for the fair, how to shear sheep and select an animal for show. Kids in the foods project provide meals for participants.

Club members bake and take cookies to all Augusta merchants who support the livestock sale on the club's designated Cookie Day in Augusta.

A new activity for the club this year was judging day where club members learned to judge and give reasons for sheep, swine and beef. Hour long judging sessions were held for home economics, photography, horticulture, rabbits and woodworking projects. Those enrolled in the photography project took pictures of the day.

Educational slides about rabbits were shown and modeling demonstrations presented. Sessions on record books were open for both parents and kids.

For a fun event this year, the club will rent the Augusta swimming pool for a club swim and cookout.

"An awful lot is demanded of families in the Lily Lake 4-H Club but returns are very great. They are offering a quality in-depth family program," says Butler County 4-H Agent Dave Kehler.

Save \$600 compared to dorm living Clovia offers economical living

by Joan Istas

Wanted: Single females of 4-H or similar backgrounds to share in cooperative living with other women at Clovia 4-H houses at Kansas State and Fort Hays State Universities.

Must be interested in living economically in a homelike atmosphere, in forming life-long friendships. Can save up to \$300 per semester compared to dorm living.

"Clovia is a place to come back to and unite with friends."

Women at Clovia 4-H houses at Kansas State University and Fort Hays State University are actively recruiting and interviewing prospective members.

Faced with a small membership and a large spring graduating class, members of Clovia at Hays began recruiting in February. They obtained a list of incoming freshmen, called those freshmen to tell them about Clovia and mailed them a packet of materials about the house.

A week later they called those women again. Do you have questions? Would you like to visit the house? they asked. When possible, the girls made personal visits to prospective members.

The girls contacted about 100 women and, thus far, 16 of those have signed dorm contracts. That brings membership up to 20 for the 1986 fall semester and Lorri Henry, president of the house, is hopeful additional girls will join. The house can hold up to 37 girls, she explains.

Girls in the house average a 2.8 grade point average. Girls must maintain a 2.2 or higher grade point average after having been in the house a semester.

Living costs for girls at Clovia of Hays are \$175 per month. Benefits include a tutoring system of girls within the house, free use of washers and dryers and social activities that include Parents Day, a spring formal, participation in the college's intramural program and Derby Days (competitive activities among sororities on campus) and a brother floor.

"Clovia is a place to come back to and unite with friends. It's just like home," Lorri says.

"I like it; it's really important to me. You make your friends here. You live and work together to build a better house. It's a great opportunity. I have learned to cook!"

There is trust among the girls at Clovia.



Education is stressed at the Clovia houses. Clovia is a project of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

There is no need to lock your door or guard your laundry, Lorri says.

Lorri, who is a transfer student from Northeastern Junior College in Colorado, joined Clovia at the recommendation of her sister, who had lived in the house.

She has served as house manager and as president and found both a learning experience. "As house manager you learn responsibility; people depend upon you," she says.

Yes, she says, she does encourage girls to live at Clovia.

Economics brought Joie Corpstein, Nortonville, to Clovia at K-State and she believes that with rising dorm costs at the university this is one of the biggest selling points of the house.

"It's very economical," she says. Joie says she can live at Clovia at K-State for \$300 less than she lived at the university cooperative house her freshman year.

Girls at Clovia pay an annual \$370 rental fee and \$107 per month.

An 11-year 4-H member, Joie has wanted to join Clovia ever since she learned of the house from a distant cousin, who had lived there, and by reading articles about the house in the *Kansas 4-H Journal*.

She hasn't been disappointed in cooperative living at Clovia.

"I like it here," she says. "It's a nice environment. It's nice to have somebody to talk to. I like the people. That's what the house is, is people."

"People come from similar backgrounds; they understand your rationale."

"There's a good attitude. Everyone pit-

ches in to help. I don't mind sharing the pots and pans. You'd have to do them if you lived in an apartment and it's more fun to do them with someone else."

Girls have four to six hours of house duties per week.

Those duties don't keep the girls from being active in other campus activities. They belong to K-Laires, the Saddle and Bridle club, Collegiate 4-H and even play in the band. In addition, the house participates in intramurals and sponsors two dances each semester.

The girls recruit members year around but most recruiting is done in the spring months and a Hospitality Day is featured in March. Applicants are interviewed by a five member committee comprised of one Clovia alumni, a state 4-H staff member, two active Clovia members and one of two membership chairmen.

Interviews are set on a date convenient to applicants and tours of the house given upon request.

Ten percent of the members can be non 4-H members.

At the end of their first semester in the house, incoming freshmen must have a 2.3 grade point average and transfer students, a 2.5 grade point average.

Clovia houses at both universities are still accepting applications. For additional information, write: Epsilon of Clovia, 209 W. 5th, Hays, KS 67601 or Clovia, 1200 Pioneer Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502. Shelley Arnold and Joie Corpstein, membership chairmen for the K-State house, also encourages those interested in joining the K-State house to call them at 913-539-3575.



Working together to launch a rocket.

Rockets are for shooting



Hand upraised, Brett Campbell starts the count-down leading to the launch of his rocket.

"I've always been interested in flying. It really is exciting to build a rocket and see it fly," Franklin County 4-H'er Andy Wollen explains his interest in the rocketry project.

That interest caused Andy to help organize and lead a county-wide rocketry group and organize the first rocketry shoot off as part of the Franklin County Fair.

Andy says he enjoys his leadership role in the rocketry project.

"I like getting involved with a whole lot of different people. I like being a leader. I like helping the little kids. I like to help other people get involved in the project because it's been such a great experience for me."

by Joan Istas

5-4-3-2... Hand upraised 13-year-old Brett Campbell counts down the launch of his rocket at the first rocketry shoot-off in Franklin County.

With the pronouncement of the number 1, he pushes the button in his hand and with a swoosh, a spiral of white smoke left in its wake, the rocket speeds from the pad.

Brett, head back, watches with an eye trained after three years of spotting rockets. Even before the missile reaches the apex of its flight, eyes still glued to the sky above, the SHAFF 4-H'er starts running with the rocket, keeping it in sight for the landing and recovery.

Brett likes the competition of the shoot-off. Previous to this year, rocketry classes at the Franklin County Fair were judged on appearance,

more like an arts and crafts exhibit.

But Franklin County 4-H rocketry members believe rockets are for shooting, and the county fair shoot-off was the result.

At a preliminary shoot, weeks before the main event, 4-H'ers learned how to safely launch rockets and about aerodynamics and thrust. Even before that, county-wide project leaders Andy Wollen and Brett Dunlap held meetings on safety, construction, shooting and repairing rockets and painting and decal work.

Soon unfamiliar terminology like shock cord mount, body tube, shroud lines, screw eye, fin unit and igniters were familiar even to parents less than enthusiastic about the project at its beginning.

The county-wide shoot off consisted

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of four classes. 4-H'ers could enter all four classes. The best of two shots determined ribbon placing. The recovery system had to be deployed in the air to be considered a successful flight.

How successful a youth was in a class often depended upon his ability to gauge the wind and place his rocket accordingly and his use of four engines allowed — A, B, C and D. The most powerful engine is the D, the least powerful, the A.

In spot landing, accuracy in landing determined ribbon placings. Rockets landing outside a designated area were disqualified.

The rocket that remained aloft the greatest amount of time from lift off to a height of 200 meters (600 feet) was the winner of the maximum duration class. In the maximum altitude class, each youth tried to shoot his rocket the highest.

The rocket with the shortest amount of time from lift off and 200 feet was the winner of the drag race.

The Franklin County shoot-off was one of a growing number of shoot-offs held at county fairs across the state last year as the rocketry project continued to grow in popularity. Among counties who held county-wide fair shoot-offs last year were Reno and Ford.

The project easily can become an expensive one (an engine used once costs \$1.50), but youths say they stay in the project because it's fun. And for most, shooting the rockets is the most enjoyable.

Others, however enjoy building the rockets. "I like looking at them, seeing how pretty they are," said 11-year-old David Thurman of the Franklin County Town and Country club.

Joe Shultz, Douglas County rocketry leader, notes that the rocketry project is an introduction to aerodynamics and aeronautics. In the project, youths can learn about tangents, co-tangents, thrust, drag, engines, painting and model building.

His son, Craig, and daughter, Kim, have both been in the rocketry project and have even spoken about the project at the Kansas State Fair. Craig also has built rockets without using a kit.

Shultz also is an avid rocketry enthusiast and rocketry is a hobby for both he and Craig.



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4-H helped her grow as a person

by Joan Istas

4-H is leadership, learning and people to Lisa Brandt.

"I think 4-H is the best program for youth ever invented. I don't think anyone can describe what 4-H is in one or two sentences."

Lisa joined the Leavenworth County Basehor Rustlers 4-H Club when she was 8 at the prompting of her mother, Shirley, and remained a member until she turned 20. Today she continues to teach the club's crocheting project she began instructing when she was a 4-H'er.

Even as a 4-H'er, teaching others was one of the most rewarding parts of the program for Lisa. "When I have helped someone, when a 4-H'er comes up to me and says, 'Look what you helped me do,' that's the most rewarding experience," Lisa says.

Lisa is spurred to teach by the eagerness of her project members to learn. While they learn how to crochet from her, Lisa learns patience, how to organize and how to make project meetings interesting.

Lisa teaches from two to six kids crocheting each year. She likes to start project meetings in the fall and tries to have six to eight meeting per year.

She discusses different sizes of hooks, different kinds of yarn and pattern variations. She makes a special effort to help the kids who have difficulty mastering crocheting.

Lisa crochets herself and might even say she inherited her desire to master the craft. Both her grandmother and great-grandmother crochet and Lisa decided she wanted to learn the craft when she saw some of the things her grandmother had made.

"I wanted to be able to do that," she says.

Despite her leader's insistence that she rip out her work until it was perfect, Lisa found she liked crocheting and was good at it.

She quickly learned that it is important to please yourself when making projects and always chose to crochet something she wanted. If she needed to alter a pattern to meet her needs, she did so.

"Crocheting is just a way of showing your own creativity and skill," she says.

Lisa learned that she likes to crochet afghans only in the winter months. "I have worked on afghans in the summer and hated it," she says.

During her 4-H years, Lisa crocheted 24 pot holders, three pillows, three



Lisa Brandt compliments Tracy Trowbridge on an award winning crocheting project.

afghans, a hat and scarf set and four sweaters.

Beef was Lisa's favorite project and she built a small herd of eight registered Charolais cows from the one Charolais heifer she began the beef project with when she was 9. She raised steers for show from her own herd and enjoyed showing them.

"I just enjoy the cattle," she says. "I enjoy owning them ... seeing them out in the pasture. They're something of my own."

The beef project helped Lisa select her career of study — beef breeding.

By serving as club president and chairing various committees, Lisa learned to work with people and how to get people to work with her.

"I learned to listen to other people's ideas and not to boss them," she says.

4-H broadened Lisa's horizons as she traveled to Washington D.C. for the Citizenship Short Course and to Chicago

for the National 4-H Congress as a Santa Fe Scholarship winner. She also was awarded a \$750 scholarship as a Santa Fe Scholarship winner.

"I have benefited from the whole 4-H program," Lisa says. "When you are little you take a few projects and have fun. As you grow older, you have the opportunity to go on trips and win awards and scholarships. With trips, come friendships and a growing in knowledge.

"4-H has helped me grow as a person — to be more responsible and gain self confidence. I used to not be able to talk to more than four or five people at a time. Giving talks and demonstrations has helped me relax in front of people so now I only get an occasional butterfly in my stomach. 4-H definitely has taught me poise.

"4-H taught me to be unselfish, to give a little of myself for the benefit of others and by doing so I've benefited, too."

4-H'ers bound for Japan

Thirteen Kansas 4-H'ers and two group leaders will be going to Japan this year as part of the LABO exchange.

Lorraine Kilgore, Neosho County, is group leader and Pat Fellers, Ellis County, assistant leader.

4-H'ers who will be spending July 19 - August 20 with Japanese families are Lauri Brink, Coffey County; Jennie Fellers, Ellis; Rick Golden, Ottawa; Amy Haehen, Sumner; Audra Hockett, Rooks; Matt Johnson and Laura

Deckert, both of Saline; Scott and Tamara Feverborn, Kyle Lindelof and Heidi Page, all of Leavenworth; Jana Koch, Harvey; Heidi Thompson, Republic; and Dean Fritzson, Franklin.

Counties who will be hosting 90 Japanese youths this year are Finney, Rooks, Sedgwick, Cowley, Osage, Johnson, Ellis, Rice, Harvey, Riley and Wilson.

The LABO exchange has been a part of the Kansas 4-H program since 1977.



Members of the horse developmental committee help with the organization of the 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair. Greenwood County Agricultural Agent Jeff Davidson checks off contestants.

Help shape 4-H policy; Sign up for PDCs

Would you like to have an impact on policy governing state-wide 4-H projects ranging from geology and foods to beef, rabbits and dairy?

Then ask your county Extension agent to submit your name as a member of one of 22 project developmental committees that now meet and advise state 4-H staff about development of projects.

The first of these planning committees was formed in the late 1960s by then state 4-H specialist Cecil Eyestone. Today there are 22 project developmental committees. Three of these, shooting sports, safety and family strengths, were formed in 1985.

Project developmental committees meet for the following projects: foods, clothing, arts and crafts, photography, swine, sheep, beef, rabbit, horticulture, horse, dog, agronomy, dairy, geology, home environment, Ambassadors, computer, meats, citizenship, safety, shooting sports and family strengths.

The committees, consisting of from 9 to 15 members, meet every fall to set ground rules, plan project activities and map out special events on the state level.

Dog show is set for June 7

The Reno County Mid Kansas Invitational Dog Show will be June 7 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. All counties are welcome. For more information, contact the county Extension office or Sharon Moots, 3815 E. 56th St., Hutchinson, KS 67502.

Additional meetings are held as needed throughout the year.

Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, says project developmental committees provide state 4-H staff with grassroots involvement. "Membership on the committees encourages leadership development and creates a cadre of well informed, highly motivated volunteers across the state."

Most committees are comprised of teens as well as Extension agents and adult volunteers and many of these teens have gone on to be state project award winners.

Project developmental committees have implemented and raised prize money for the beef quiz bowl at the Kansas State Fair, obtained funds for swine awards at the state fair, developed the rabbit judging contest and horse quiz bowl and help operate the 4-H Showcase at the state fair. The dog and photography committees helped rewrite records for these two projects.

County Extension agents and adult volunteers may serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Teens may serve a maximum of two one-year terms. Final appointment is made by the assistant director of Extension 4-H - Youth programs by Sept. 1 of each year for service starting October 1.

Nominations for these committees should be submitted by county Extension agents by July 1. Agents will receive information about vacant positions and details of project developmental committees in mid-May.

Scholarships available for PDC training

Partial scholarships for training project development committee (PDC) members at Rock Springs Ranch will be available in the fall of 1986 through the William M. McDonald Memorial Camper Scholarship Fund for Rock Springs Ranch. The fund is established with the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Meals and lodging for voluntary committee members will be paid. Training for members of the 24 PDCs includes an annual fall statewide workshop for all committee members at Rock Springs Ranch.

The William McDonald Fund also may provide for leaders training at Rock Springs Ranch.

The William M. McDonald Fund was established by the family of the late William McDonald, Shawnee Mission, in his memory. McDonald was a rancher and stockman and was active in farming and civic groups. He was chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees at the time of his death.

Rally Night is fun

Two hours of fun for people of all ages was featured at Jewell County's first 4-H Rally Night at the Mankato High School.

Adults played cards and teens and younger kids played games, sang songs and participated in line dance taught by the Jewell County Junior Leaders, who sponsored the event. The 15 Junior Leaders also served lunch for a small charge.

The evening was designed to promote participation among 4-H'ers and between 4-H'ers and the people of the community. It was hoped 4-H'ers would learn games and songs they could take back to their community clubs.

The idea for the 4-H Rally Night came from Jewell County Home Economist Lisa Pawlowski, a native of a sparsely populated area of South Dakota, where such events help draw people together.



Membership is growing

Community club is major focus in E

by Joan Istas

Community club membership is growing in Butler County.

Five years ago when 4-H Agent Dave Kehler came to the county, Butler County had 500 4-H members in 16 community clubs. Community club membership has either grown or remained stable each year since and today the county boasts 525 kids in 17 community clubs. These 525 kids represent 325 families, the greatest number of families ever enrolled in the Butler County 4-H program.

"I think the community club is the backbone, the bread and butter of the 4-H program."

Kehler attributes the increase in community club membership to an emphasis by Butler Countians on strengthening the community club.

"The Butler County Extension executive board places its emphasis on community club work. The priority of the 4-H Program Development Committee (which provides direction for the 4-H program) is strengthening the community club.

"The major focus in the county has been on strengthening the community clubs, making them more attractive so they will keep people and attract new people," Kehler says.

"I think the community club is the backbone, the bread and butter of the 4-H program. When we're faced with budget crunches, these are the people we call on."

Greater parental involvement is the key to growth in Butler County community clubs. In some instances where parents have taken a more active role in the club, membership has more than doubled. Three or four community clubs have outgrown their meeting places.

Community leaders still have vitally important roles in these restructured clubs. The community leaders are overall coordinators. A parents committee of three to six members recruits project leaders and individuals for three coordinator positions — new family coordinator, records and awards coordinator and a project leader coordinator.

"The three coordinators are responsible for areas that are very important, yet relatively complicated. It's very difficult for community leaders to keep up with these areas," Kehler says.

Materials and training for the three coordinators is provided by the county Extension office.

The new family coordinator receives "A Parent's Guide to 4-H" with an accompanying lesson plan to orient new parents to 4-H. A personal letter from the 4-H agent welcomes the first year family and newsletters of the past two months update them on 4-H events. Each new family also receives a new parents manual.

The new family coordinator position was introduced into Butler County community clubs because of a growing number of new families coming into the 4-H program. In the 1984-85 year, over 30% of Butler County 4-H families were first year families.

"The new family coordinator helps new families understand a very complicated system," Kehler says. "He

does everything he can to reduce the frustration of the new family. 4-H seems to revolve around rules, regulations and deadlines."

New family coordinators have used special newsletters to help orient first year families to the 4-H program. Some clubs meet monthly during recreation with the new parents. Some pair new families with older, experienced families.

The records and awards coordinator is the one person in the club who is an expert on 4-H record books and awards — pins, county and state scholarships, state and national awards.

"Over the last couple of years, the records and awards coordinator has greatly strengthened the record book and awards system in Butler County," Kehler says. He notes that the number of youngsters in the county who are completing record books and applying for awards is increasing.

One records and awards coordinator made a special ceremony of returning record books to club members at the monthly meeting. She called each child to the front of the room where she returned his record book and presented him with a certificate signed by the coordinator and community leader.

The key person for projects is the project leader coordinator. Some clubs have as many as 20 to 25 project meetings each month. Someone is needed to coordinate these meetings, Kehler says.

The project leader coordinator helps recruit project leaders, informs club members at the beginning of the 4-H year who project leaders are and, at monthly meetings, distributes an 8 x 10 calendar listing all project and club dates to each 4-H family.

Additional coordinators can be designated as desired by the individual community club, Kehler says. For instance, some might have a state fair coordinator who is an expert on the state fair.

The sharing of club responsibility is an innovative approach to the traditional 4-H club program, Kehler says. It involves both kids and parents. 4-H becomes something the family does as a unit. People leave club meetings happy.

"If people are happy and coming back, they're going to bring someone with them."

Greater family involvement boosts club enrollment

Greater family involvement has helped the El Dorado Boosters 4-H Club of Butler County grow from a faltering 10 members to a strong 33 in just four years.

Community club leaders Becky Walters and Larry Doornsba share the management of the club with other parents through a three member parents committee elected by club members.

"The kids know who is interested, who will do a good job," Mrs. Walters says.

The three members of the parents committee serve as the project leader coordinator, records and awards

Butler County

coordinator and new parent coordinator.

The project leader coordinator recruits project leaders, schedules project meetings and distributes a monthly calendar of club and project meeting dates to families at club meetings.

Records and awards are considered an important learning tool for 4-H club members and a records and awards coordinator informs club members about this program. This year club members were reminded of the importance of filling out their record book when the records and awards coordinator, in a special ceremony at the club meeting, presented a certificate to those who had completed record books.

The new parent coordinator helps acquaint new parents with the 4-H program.

4-H is promoted as a year round activity by club leaders and families are encouraged to participate in both club and county-wide activities.

Club activities include an educational tour, caroling and baking cookies for the nursing home, a hayrack ride and weiner roast and a Halloween party where even the parents dress up in costume.

El Dorado Boosters club members participated in County Club Days for the first time last year when they entered square dance competition. This year 94% of all club members were represented at Regional Club Days when they presented a skit and square danced.

To honor all Moms who worked so hard getting their kids ready for club days, Larry's wife, Jane, wrote a poem honoring them and presented them with the Top Blue Mom Award.

"We have such good parent participation in our club. We're all in the club together and work well together. We all seem to enjoy each other," Mrs. Walters says.

Because of parental involvement, the club loses few members. Last year only three members dropped out.

"The parents who get involved realize what kind of program we have," Mrs. Walters says. "They see their child performing and growing. They're interested in what their kids are doing. It's fun for them, too."

Doornsba believes another key to the success of the club is that the kids want to be in 4-H and are interested in doing something. An active junior leaders group also

Lone Star club continues to grow

The Lone Star 4-H Club of Douglas County has grown from 13 members to 47 the last five years.

Five years ago the club had a 10-year-old president, its oldest club member, and was struggling. Today that youth once again is president and the club is a highly successful one.

Nancy Welsh, who is community club leader this year and whose son, Derek, is club president, attributes the club's growth to the 4-H members themselves.

The club had no active membership recruiting campaign. Club members

spoke highly about 4-H to everyone they met, invited friends to such fun activities as the county fair and club parties and when those friends expressed interest in joining 4-H, invited them to come to a club meeting with their parents.

4-H is a family activity. It's fun, but it's also work, new families are advised.

Welsh and other leaders in the club try to make club meetings and activities enjoyable. Kids are encouraged to become involved but not forced to participate in activities.

"When you force a child to do

something, you take the fun out of it," Welsh says.

Older and younger club members are encouraged to get acquainted with one another. Junior Leaders are asked to assist project leaders and, in this way, help younger club members.

A haunted house was a fun activity this year. Club members also are reminded that they have a responsibility to the community and fund raising activities are held for charitable organizations.



Becky Walters, community leader of the El Dorado Boosters 4-H Club, and Dave Kehler, Butler County Extension 4-H agent, discuss a coming 4-H club tour of the greenhouse where Becky works full-time.

helps keep the club strong, Doornsba says.

Window displays and the celebration of the club's 50th anniversary have helped promote the club.

Families are encouraged to visit the club. Visitors are told that 4-H is a family activity, that it is a good, fun learning experience.

"4-H is an opportunity to do things you normally wouldn't do. It's an opportunity to learn some speaking skills. There's no grade school activity where kids use speaking skills," Doornsba says.

An important factor in the club's growth has been enthusiastic El Dorado Boosters families sharing what they consider a good thing with others.

Doornsba and Mrs. Walters hope El Dorado Boosters families will continue to promote 4-H in this way and that the club will continue to grow.



Regina Thummel

4-H'er crochets her way over miles of roads

Everytime Jewell County 4-H'er Regina Thummel climbed on a bus to go to a sports event last year, she carried her knitting. By the time she had attended five football and six basketball games, she had completed a sweater for her 4-H knitting project.

Regina estimates she spent 150 hours knitting the sweater and says it is the most difficult and time consuming knitting project she has completed.

"There were a lot of new things on it," she says. "It was my first seed stitch article. It was the first time I ever purled to make a ridge. It was the first time I ever made sleeves."

The sweater was awarded a purple ribbon at both the county and state fairs.

Regina's mother taught her 4-year-old

daughter to knit to keep her from tearing out her own knitting.

Once Regina got started, she found knitting easy to learn.

She began knitting hot pads and eight years ago entered her first knitted item, a purse, at the county fair. Even today she remembers it received a blue ribbon.

She also has knitted afghans, a frog and a teddy bear that she almost lost when a child fell in love with it while it was on display at the county fair.

The afghan is her favorite knitted item. "It was my first state fair purple, and it was fun to do. Everybody uses it," Regina says.

Regina likes to knit. "It's fun. I like making different things for friends and relatives," she says.

Livestock show rules are finalized

Rules for the Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show have been finalized.

A committee of FFA instructors and Extension agricultural agents made rule recommendations. Committee members were FFA instructors Vernon Schweer, Garden City High School, Dennis Will, Chapman High School, T.D. Fanning, Mission Valley High School, and Tony Small, Arkansas City High School; Extension agricultural agents Steve Tonn, Marion County, Bob Gilbert, Republic County, and Mike Holder, Chase County; and 4-H volunteer Jan Lyons,

Manhattan. Also serving on the committee were Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, and Earl Weineger, state FFA director.

The American awards system will be used in placing sheep, swine and beef; the Danish system, in placing dairy cattle and dairy goats.

With the exception of dairy cattle and dairy goats, exhibitors are required to wear the official state FFA or 4-H livestock T-shirt. T-shirts will be available for purchase in the 4-H/FFA livestock offices. The white uniform is recommended for dairy cattle and dairy goat divisions.

Beef, sheep and swine will show the first weekend of the state fair with beef heifers starting at 8:30 a.m. followed by beef steers. The swine show will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the sheep show at 5 p.m.

An individual can exhibit no more than two steers, three market barrows and three market lambs. In breeding classes, the exhibitor is limited to no more than four dairy goats, four dairy cattle, two breeding heifers, three breeding gilts, three breeding ewes and one breeding ram.

A voluntary carcass contest will be offered for beef, sheep and swine market animals. All market animals not selected for the carcass show may be sold for slaughter. Exhibitors must sign a statement that animals wanting to be sold meet with FDA drug withdrawal regulations.

The regulation for assistance in fitting animals will read: "Only members who are eligible to exhibit livestock may assist in the grooming or showing of livestock. Adult guidance and supervisory instruction is encouraged but all work must be done by the 4-H/FFA member eligible to show at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Show at the Kansas State Fair."

First and second showman will be selected in beef, sheep and swine and will be invited to participate in a round-robin contest on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1 p.m. or immediately following the completion of oral reasons of the 4-H livestock judging contest.

Additional information can be obtained from the county Extension office.

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Fulfilling a dream

Club president is a leader

by Joan Istas

Holding the office of club president is the dream of almost every 4-H club member.

"Ever since I started 4-H, I've looked up to the president of the club," says Smith County Heart of America 4-H Club member Amy Mitchell. Amy, who was elected club president in October, served as song leader, recreation leader, historian and vice president before attaining the long sought office.

Holding the office of club president has been a rewarding learning experience for Amy.

"I like it; it keeps me busy. I like conducting the meetings, appointing people to committees and working with the community."

Amy learned a lot about parliamentary procedure when she chaired the club's model meeting during Smith County Club Days. She also has learned a lot about being a leader and working with people.

When a young member gets up to give a talk or demonstration, Amy gives him a wink or a smile of encouragement. When club members get rowdy, she brings the meeting back to order with strong taps of her gavel.

As club president, Amy must be at every club meeting and that has taught her responsibility.

She also is a role model for other club members.

Franklin County SHAFF 4-H club member Andy Wollen considers the office of club president a leadership role. Andy, who is an eight year 4-H member, is serving his third year as club president.

"I have always liked being a leader. Being club president seemed to be a good way of doing that," Andy says.

Andy's first experience at conducting a club meeting was a difficult one.

"I was scared to death. I had my agenda but I forgot the 4-H pledge."

Each succeeding meeting has been easier for Andy to conduct. Today he prepares for club meetings by talking with community club leaders before the meeting and making an agenda listing old business and new business, committee reports and program activities.

At every other club meeting, along with other club members he learns more about parliamentary procedure when the parliamentarian explains a new parliamentary problem.

By serving as club president, Andy has

gained self confidence and learned how to work with people.

"You have to be tactful and still get them to do what you want them to do. I've learned to lead by example."

Like Amy, Andy has found that the club president is a role model for SHAFF club members.

"All the kids look up to the president. They watch what he does and imitate him just like they do an athlete."

The office has been the kicking off block to new experiences for the Franklin County 4-H'er. When he became club president, he automatically became a member of the Franklin County 4-H Council. Today he is president of the 4-H

Council, Mr. 4-H and president of the county-wide Junior Leaders Club.

Andy encourages other 4-H club members to run for the office of president.

"I think it's a real rewarding office especially for the shy person. It will make you climb out of your shell. People look up to you. It's a whole lot of fun. It will help you become more involved in 4-H."

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The Shawnee County team of Jenny Halstead, Becky Bryan, Jim Kemp and Wayne McCauley captured first place in the state horse bowl judging contest at Rock Springs Ranch. Pictured with the team, back row, left to right, are Ermilou Bryan, sponsor, Jackie Maupin, alternate, and J. Christy Kelly, coach. See page 15 for related picture.

4-H Journal sponsors photography contest

The Kansas 4-H Journal is again sponsoring a black and white photo contest for 4-H club members.

All photographers must be 4-H members. Each individual can have two entries in one of two divisions: 12 years and under and 13 and older.

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

Negatives must be available upon request. Winning entries will be published in the Kansas 4-H Journal.

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

Funds needed for Coe scholarship

Almost \$4,000 is still needed to establish a \$500 college scholarship in memory of Maynard H. Coe, Kansas state club leader from 1926-1945.

According to Merle Eyestone, executive director of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$3,175.25 has been received by the Foundation for the scholarship since it was announced in June of 1985 by the Kansas Masters 4-H Club. The announcement was made after Coe's death on May 24, 1985.

The Masters Club, which is made up of Kansas National 4-H Conference delegates, has contributed \$515 to the scholarship fund. Eyestone says \$7,000 is needed to provide an annual scholarship.

Coe came to Kansas in 1922 where he served as assistant state club leader in charge of livestock projects. He was acting state club leader in the winter of 1925-1926 and became state club leader in 1926.

The first community clubs were organized in Kansas in 1922 and under Coe's leadership the community club replaced the project club.

"To me 4-H club work always meant much more than raising calves and pigs or making garments or bread. Instead I looked upon it as a vehicle for serving young people and through them the farm family and agriculture in general. To me this seems so important that I worked aggressively to change the whole philosophy of the program and to broaden it in order to bring about the maximum benefits."

Coe also believed that the state fairs were more than a place to exhibit and engage in competition.

"It was my desire that we could bring the outstanding 4-H boys and girls together in an assembly or in an encampment and in time this became a reality with the building on the state fairgrounds provided by the state for that purpose."

Junior leadership became a project in 1926 and by 1941 1,635 4-H'ers were enrolled as junior leaders. Coe helped organize the Collegiate 4-H Club at Kansas State University in 1927. The club published Who's Who, a yearbook of 4-H work, and developed a weekly radio program broadcast over station KSAC.

To improve local club meetings, model club meetings were initiated in 1935. Other activities — one act plays, choruses, bands and instrumental ensembles — were added in 1937. These contests, known as Spring Festivals, evolved into the present 4-H Days.

By 1939 4-H club membership had risen to 22,962 boys and girls. The annual report that year said, "While the project and the teaching of better methods in agriculture and homemaking continues to be basic in the Kansas 4-H club program, yet this program is designed to stress as much as possible the complete development of the young people it is reaching.

"This means not only the teaching of better agricultural and homemaking practices but also high ideals and proper ethics of conduct which are essential to citizenship building and an appreciation of and love for the finer and cultural things in life. This leads not only to the improvement of homes and agriculture and the increasing of personal efficiency but also provides for a more satisfying life."

Coe resigned as state 4-H club leader to become director of the Farm Division of the National Safety Council. He, however, often referred to his service in Kansas as the highlight of his life.

Contributions to the Kansas Masters 4-H Club M.H. Coe Memorial Scholarship can be mailed to: Kansas 4-H Foundation, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Wanted: Copies of Who's Who's

Copies of the 1930 and 1948 Who's Who's are needed to complete the set at Rock Springs Ranch.

The following copies are needed to complete two sets of the publication that was put together by the Kansas State University Collegiate 4-H Club: 1927, 1928, 1930 (2), 1931, 1932, 1937,

1938, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1948 (2), 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955.

Roundup pictures for the years 1926, 1943, 1945 and 1946 also are needed.

Those who wish to donate the above items should contact: The Kansas 4-H Foundation, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Arts and crafts on exhibit at RSR

Seventy-seven arts and crafts items were selected for the 1985-86 4-H Arts and Crafts Exhibit at Rock Springs Ranch. They are displayed in Williams Dining Hall and Heritage Hall.

Selections were made from 4-H arts and crafts exhibited at the Kansas State Fair. Items include drawings, paintings, calligraphy, decoupage, wire sculpture, stained glass, counted cross stitch, quilting, latch hook, paper sculpture and weaving.

Artists with exhibits on display are Becky Diehl and Barbara Heffern, Allen County; Eddie Rucker, Barber; Nicole Smith, Bourbon; Rodney Rice, Brown; Brian Kline, Chautauqua; Craig Depenbusch, Cherokee; Pam Kahrs and Kristol Winston, Clay; Misti Lawrence, Cowley; Michelle McClintick, Crawford; Michelle Scheele, Dickinson; Nicki Simpson and Teresa Wood, Doniphan.

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Cherrie Brown and Jarrod Krug, Scott; Denise O'Brien, Sedgwick; Shelly Bledsoe, Sharon Colton and Brenda Grey, Shawnee; June Ash and Shelia Schreiner, Trego; Jill Hudson, Wallace.



Greenwood County captured second prize in the state horse bowl judging contest at Rock Springs Ranch. Pictured with coach Jeff Davidson, Greenwood County agricultural agent, are Mike Ebberts, Rusty Strickler, Scott Strickler and Tonya Harber.

Use your imagination to create camping fun

Equipment: About 10 yards of string for each group, 6-10 popsicle sticks, magnifying glasses (optional), creativity (mandatory).

After discussing the basics of habitat requirements for various animals, choose an area with some variety — hills, rocks, grass, forest edge, wet areas. The more variety, the more fun youths have.

Put youths into groups of twos. Each group is then asked to lay out their own trail and “interpret” several interesting features along it. The length of their trail is limited by the length of their string. Points of interest should be marked with the popsicle sticks. Each group should lay out a trail in any shape or manner they wish. Use magnifying glasses or hand

lenses to help each group “see” the micro-environment through which they will be “hiking.”

Crawl with them and share your discoveries. Help them figure out what things are. Get them excited. When all have finished laying out their trails, have groups lead others along their trail or have the entire group walk each trail, stopping at each point of interest to observe and discuss.

This game was submitted by Kirk Astroth, southeast area 4-H specialist. Do you have a game you'd like to share? Send it to the: Kansas 4-H Journal, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, Ks. 66506.

Soviet-U.S. exchange reinstated for five years

The Young Agricultural Specialist Exchange Program between the Soviet Union and the United States has been reinstated for a five year period.

Objectives are to provide an opportunity for participants to observe and study the practical application of agricultural technology and to develop close friendships and cooperative relationships between people of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The program originally was started in 1976 and continued through 1979. Kansas had three participants during those years. James Schesser, Brown County,

and Alan Atwood, Labette, went to the Soviet Union in 1978 and Jim Pendleton went to that country in 1977.

Delegates must be between 20 and 26 years of age and have a BS degree in some area of agriculture or a closely related field or be within one semester of graduation. They must have farm experience and a broad interest in and knowledge of agriculture and have demonstrated leadership and project experience in 4-H.

For more information, contact the county Extension office.

Dogs are 4-H'ers friends

Angie Boden and father, Floyd, show the Boden family's two dogs, Sugar and King. (Story and photo by Joan Istas).



Dogs are more than pets to 13-year-old Angie Boden. Her two dogs, King and Sugar, are friends.

"I just kind of like being around animals more than people; I feel a lot more comfortable with animals," Angie explains. "I talk to them and they don't talk back. They accept me."

Angie, who is in her sixth year as a member of the Coffey County Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, began taking the dog project when she enrolled in 4-H. Her father, Floyd, had had some experience in training dogs and Angie read books to learn anything else she needed to know.

When she got to the county fair with her German Shepherd-Samoyan mix, Sugar, she received tips on showing from dog leaders from other clubs. Angie and Sugar received a red ribbon in showmanship at their first county fair.

They learned and continued to improve and in 1982 captured the grand championship in obedience and showmanship at the county fair. In 1983, they won the grand championship in obedience and a blue ribbon in showmanship at the county fair.

Competing at the Kansas State Fair Dog Show in 1983 was an eye opener for both Sugar and Angie. While 12 dogs might be exhibited at the county fair dog show, about 700 competed in the state fair dog show.

"The state fair blew her mind," Angie says of Sugar.

"It was a little scary," she admits. "I'd never seen that many dogs in one place, that many people in one place. I was nervous and kind of relieved when it was over."

Angie began training a new dog, an Australian Shepherd named King, in 1984.

"I wanted to train a different dog and mom didn't want a big dog," Angie explains the selection of the Australian Shepherd. The fact that King was cute and adorable helped her in her selection.

Angie spent a half hour each day during the summer months training King in obedience. He was easy to train, she says. "He's a real smart dog and catches on quickly."

Before King was a year old, Angie was showing him at the county fair. And to Angie's surprise, King was named grand champion in obedience.

By training and showing the dogs, Angie has learned patience, that it takes hours to groom a dog for show and that each dog has a different personality just like people do.

"Sugar is real gentle; she's just almost human. King is more excitable," she says.

Angie has promoted the dog project by presenting talks about dogs to her 4-H club, at County Club Days and at the state fair.

"I like being around dogs, training them and showing them. I like telling people what I have been doing with the dogs," Angie says.

Angie keeps a record of expenses in the dog project including veterinarian bills and toys.

"At the end of the year I surprise myself on how much money I spend on the dogs," she says.

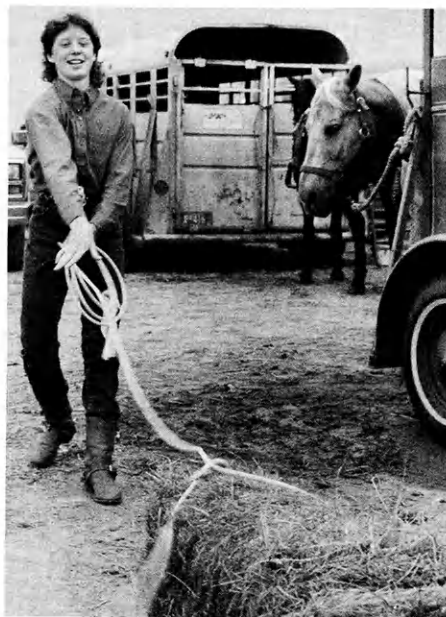
Angie hopes to expand into the breeding side of the dog project in the future. She says she finds the veterinary science project fascinating and enjoys the cooking project. She is the club's cooking leader for All American Foods and has served as club recreation leader.

Angie likes achieving awards in 4-H and competing with other kids. 4-H is a learning experience, she says.

"4-H taught me to do the things I wanted to do, how to manage my time, how to be patient, how to get along with people."



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4-H'er likes to rope



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Family rodeos together

by Joan Istas

Almost every weekend during the summer months, the Larry Johnston family of Finney County can be found hitching up the horse trailer to head out for still another rodeo.

Thirteen-year-old Shelley and 11-year-old Kelly are active on the Little Britches Rodeo circuit. Dad, once an

amateur bulldogger, and mom, a former barrel racer, go along to coach and give encouragement.

The sisters team up for roping events where a partner is required. They compete individually in barrels, poles, goats and trail classes.

Shelley, who qualified for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show in breakaway roping and barrel classes in 1985, especially enjoys participating in roping and barrels.

The Garden City youth began rodeoing when she was 5 and competing in roping when she was 11.

"I've wanted to rope since I was a little kid," Shelley says.

It's hard to learn to rope, she says. She can't quite explain how to rope but knows it's important to start with the proper size loop. She swings the rope as she and the horse approach the calf and tosses it when the horse is on the calf. It has to feel right before you toss the rope, Shelley says.

Shelley knows a good roping horse stands calmly in the box and follows the calf when it breaks out of the box. It stops on command after the calf is caught.

Shelley ropes off her 15-year-old Quarter Horse gelding Kleache.

The 4-H'er practices roping daily in the summer months. How long she practices depends upon whether she's roping hay bales or calves. Calves are more fun to rope, she says.

Shelley rodeos because it's fun and hopes someday she'll be good enough to capture a college scholarship.

66 winners will be recognized at banquet

Sixty-six state award winners will be recognized at the Emerald Circle Banquet June 4 at the Manhattan Holidome.

Contestants in the 15 interview categories also will be present at the banquet as well as parents and awards sponsors. Winners of the 15 interview categories are announced at the banquet.

All state award winners will be presented with a medallion. A reception for state award winners, their guests and interview contestants will precede the banquet at 5:30 p.m., also at the Holidome.

Pizza Hut Inc. is the sponsor of the Emerald Circle Banquet for the second year. The banquet sponsor is obtained by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, notes that state awards are selected from 4-H records through an elimination process that starts at the county level and progresses through the five area region and, finally, to the state level.

Emphasized in the judging is growth of the 4-H'er in the project, involvement in 4-H, citizenship and leadership and evidence of quality. Quality is denoted not just by ribbons but may be a picture of a project, yield or rate of gain, Fisher says.

"Judging also is based on evidence of what is learned. That is what 4-H is all about — learning by doing," he explains.

The state screening committee, which makes the selection of state award winners and three to five interview candidates in 15 categories, is made up of 20 people representing agents, volunteers and Extension specialists. Interview finalists are interviewed by a three member committee.

In some awards categories, the judging committee did not select winners as committee members did not feel work was of sufficient quality to be a state award winner, Fisher says.

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June Jamboree promotes 4-H



Rabbits were popular at the Lily Lake 4-H Club's petting zoo in downtown Augusta. Goats, turkeys, ducks, chickens, baby pigs, baby lambs and dogs also were available for youngsters to pet. (Photo courtesy of Augusta Daily Gazette.)

Mooring, oinking and baahing usually aren't heard in downtown Augusta on Saturday.

During Augusta's summer sidewalk sale last year, however, those sounds did emanate from the downtown area as Lily Lake 4-H Club members brought their animals to town for a June Jamboree depicting 4-H.

Goats, turkeys, rabbits, ducks, chickens, baby pigs, baby lambs and dogs were available for youngsters to pet. Many kids from the town of 7,000 who visited the petting zoo had never seen an animal before.

Demonstrations, illustrated talks, music and tap numbers were presented by 4-H'ers every 15 minutes and swine, sheep and beef fitting and showing demonstrations held every half hour.

Girls modeled the garments they had made in the style show and demonstrated the ladies lead. Woodworking, photography, sketching and entomology exhibits showed the many projects 4-H now offers. Kids in the foods project showed their wares and earned money with a bake sale. A drawing for a VCR ended the day.

"We felt like the June Jamboree was real worth the time," says Lily Lake community leader Elaine Thomas. As a result of the June Jamboree, Lily Lake club membership has grown as families who attended the day have joined the club.

—Debbie Greenwell
Lily Lake Junior Leader

4-H'ers win 13 Union Pacific scholarships

Kansas 4-H club members captured 13 of 15 Union Pacific Railroad Scholarships awarded to 4-H and FFA members. The \$500 scholarships are awarded for the 1986 fall term of college.

Recipients are Philip Bentz, Cloud County; Jon Dale Lucas, Dickinson; Janet Lynn Smith, Ellis; David Dolezal, Ellsworth; Cathy Barnes, Jefferson; Catherine Doud and Tanya Davidson, Ottawa; Lori Ann Zoellner and David Johnson, both of Riley; Jodi Lynn Miller, Rooks; Matthew Nichols, Russell; Steven Bowman, Thomas; and Susan Crim, Wyandotte.

Selection was based on the following criteria; 40% scholastic standing; 30% project work or supervised farming program, records and story; 30% character, interest, qualities of leadership, community and extracurricular activities.

Applicants must live in the counties served by the Union Pacific Railroad: Brown, Cloud, Dickinson, Doniphan,

Douglas, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Gove, Graham, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Osborne, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Riley, Rooks, Russell, Saline, Shawnee, Sheridan, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, Washington and Wyandotte.

The scholarship program was started in 1921 by the late Carl P. Gray after he became president of the Union Pacific Railroad. The scholarship plan was designed to encourage farm youth to further their education in agriculture. Today the scholarships are for any course of study leading to a bachelor's degree in any accredited degree-granting college or university.

The 13 Union Pacific Scholarship winners will be recognized at the opening assembly of Discovery Days June 3 at McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University. In addition, 4-H scholarship winners in 11 other categories (19 win-

ners) also will be announced.

Applications for these 19 scholarship recipients are screened in March and finalists interviewed June 3 prior to the assembly.

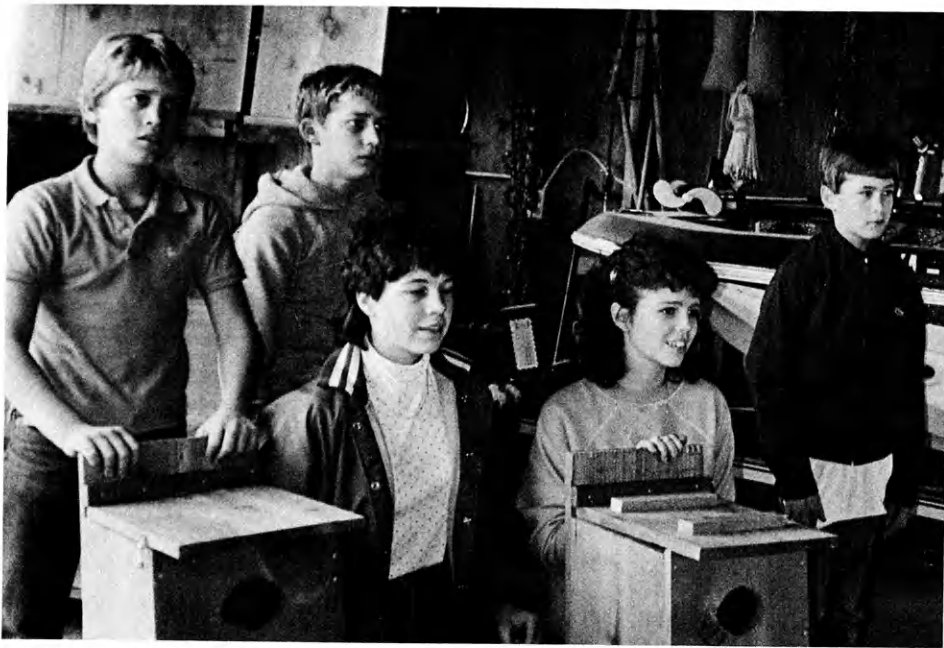
Establishing state scholarships is one of the services of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Selection is handled by the state 4-H office.

Computer manual is available free

A computer project manual is now available free to those enrolled in the 4-H computer project.

The manual, which uses materials developed by the Michigan Extension Service, teaches BASIC. A knowledge of computers is required to use the manual.

The manual is the first of a series of computer materials being developed by the 4-H computer project developmental committee. It is available through the county Extension office.



Vinland Valley 4-H club members display the cedar wood duck boxes they made in the conservation and woodworking projects. With the help of leaders and parents, project members made and installed 20 of the boxes.

4-H Roundup

Vinland Valley conservation and woodworking project members, their leaders and parents recently made 20 cedar wood duck nests and installed them at the Clinton Lake Refuge.

Dave Rhodes, of the refuge, assisted the Douglas County 4-H'ers in planning the nests. The refuge furnished plans and lumber for the boxes. The wooden boxes have a small opening at the top and about four inches of sawdust is placed in the bottom to resemble a decomposed tree.

The wood duck is a very colorful bird with velvety purplish wings, metallic green heads marked with white lines and a chestnut bronze breast.

The club was county conservation champion in 1985.

—Allen Bradley, reporter

Senior and junior demonstrations at Riley County Club Days is climaxed with a runoff the week following county competition. Two participants from each of the three senior divisions and two junior divisions participate in the runoff.

Junior Leaders in the Enterprise 4-H Club of Sedgwick County made and filled 60 Easter baskets for students at Rainbows United, a preschool in Wichita for children with special needs including physical and emotional disabilities. An Easter Egg Demolition Derby, complete with egg cup trophy and a pizza party ended a fun evening.

Have you ever wanted to learn more about your community and government?

The Mt. Zion Rustlers of Brown County are learning all about their community through the citizenship project. The club has had guest speakers, played the Brown County Trivia game and plans to take a small trip.

Julie Bebermeyer, reporter

The Stafford County 4-H Council encourages participation at 4-H Discovery Days by paying 1/3 of the \$55 registration fee. Stafford County 4-H'ers only pay \$36.65.

Saline County Ambassadors recently put together a Saline County 4-H brochure listing the clubs in the county, when they meet and a map showing where each club meets.

No pizza parlor in your community? Then make and sell pizza as a fund raiser.

Greeley County Junior Leaders raise funds for an annual skiing trip with a pizza supper. The event is scheduled for a weekend and committee members go to work Friday evening pre-cooking the meat. Saturday and Sunday afternoons are busy as pizzas are prepared, served and even delivered upon order.

Four types of pizza are sold — pepperoni, hamburger, sausage and combination. A 50 cent charge is added for delivery.

Families pitch in to make the event a success.

County Club Days continue to be a popular activity in Franklin County. This year 18 club members presented senior demonstrations and illustrated talks. Show and share participation doubled. This event gives first and second year club members under 10 years of age the opportunity to present talks and demonstrations in a non-competitive atmosphere. The judge helps them set up for the talk and gives comments following the presentation.

Community Service was an important part of the 1985 4-H year for the Waterville Busy Beavers of Marshall County.

The club presented programs for the Blue Valley Nursing home, the Over 39 Club and sang at the Catholic Church in Waterville. Community club members trimmed brush and raked leaves at the park and painted the edges of the grade school steps to make them more visible and safer at night.

The Tisdale 4-H Club's top blue chorus now is performing for community groups. The Cowley County chorus received a top blue ribbon at both Regional and County Club Days.

—Zee Brothers, reporter

The Douglas County Meadowlark 4-H Club took on a special photography community service project this year — taking pictures and compiling a photo directory for the residents of the Lawrence Presbyterian Manor Nursing Home. Jeff Walters, Meadowlark 4-H Club member and photography leader, organized the project and completed it with the help of the junior leaders in the community club. Plans are to offer the project for other area nursing homes and update the photo directory each year.

As a national 4-H veterinary science winner, Wyandotte County 4-H'er Ginny Swanson was asked to accept a proclamation by Governor John Carlin designating National Pet Week. Ginny's dog, Mini, accompanied her to the presentation.

Kids helping kids was the theme of a community service project Kingman County 4-H club members participated in during the 1985 Christmas season. With the help of the local school district, needy families were identified. People in the community donated presents for the kids in those families, and 4-H club members wrapped the presents. The whole community got involved, says Kingman County 4-H Agent Rebecca Walsh.

Contributions are welcome

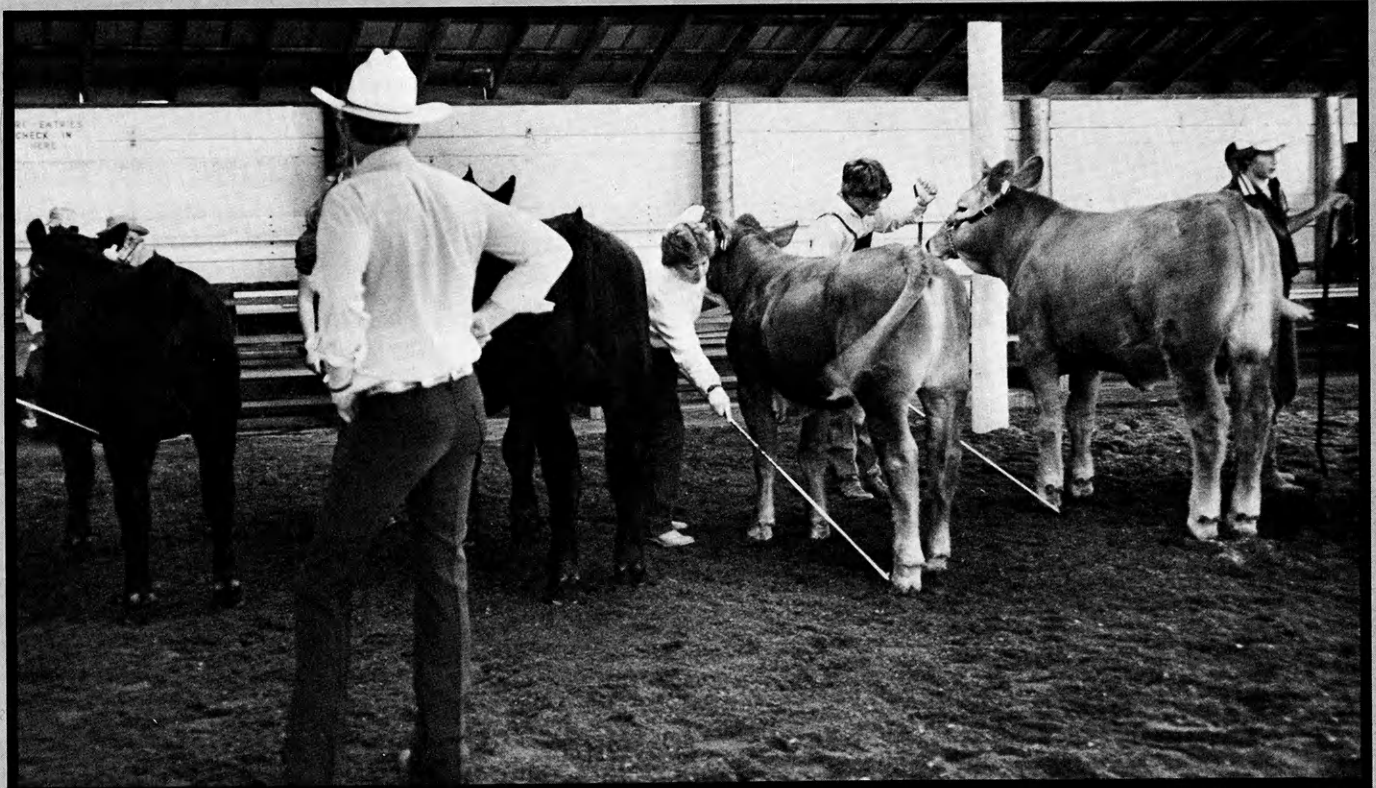
Contributions for this page and editorials for the editorial page are welcome. Of special interest for 4-H Roundup are fund raising ideas, community service, stories that show giving, club projects, ideas for strengthening clubs and recruiting new 4-H members. Club reporters especially are encouraged to contribute.

The southcentral area will be featured in the June 4-H Roundup; southwest, July; southeast, August; northwest, September, and northeast, October. Material for area roundups must be submitted 45 days previous to date of publication which is the first of each month.

Material should include the name, address and phone number of the contributor and should be sent to the Kansas 4-H Journal, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506. For the return of pictures, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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