

Kansas 4-H Journal

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Clothing judges tackle the job of awarding ribbon placings on 4-H garments exhibited at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. 4-H'ers must first qualify for state fair exhibition on the county level. In most instances, 4-H'ers must be 12-years-old to exhibit at the state fair. This year the state fair is Sept. 5-14. For more photos and stories about the state fair, see pages 8, 9 and 16.

Foundation grant funds Southwest Day Camp

Eighty kids from 11 southwest Kansas counties participated in Southwest 4-H Day Camp at Southwest 4-H Center near Dodge City. In its third year, a Kansas 4-H Foundation grant reduced costs to \$6 per camper.

Edwards County Home Economist Catherine Counts and Hodgeman County Home Economist Linda Walter came up with the idea of the southwest Kansas day camp.

Several southwest Kansas counties wanted to have a day camp but most had too small of populations and inadequate facilities for such a camp, Counts explains. Southwest Camp provided the facilities; the populations of 9 to 12 counties, the numbers needed.

One hundred eighteen kids from Edwards, Kiowa, Ford, Hodgeman, Pawnee, Clark, Comanche, Meade, Stafford, Lane and Gray counties attended the camp the first year and 153 kids, last year.

County Extension agents promote day

Vista scholarship is awarded

Barton County 4-H'er Jeff Mauler has been awarded the \$300 Vista Drive In Restaurant Scholarship for Barton County 4-H'ers. The scholarship is established with the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Jeff, a member of the Busy Buzzer 4-H Club, is a 10-year club member and a Key Award winner. He was named the state commodity marketing winner in

camp with fliers distributed to kids in the first through the third grades in the public schools and through Extension newsletters.

About half of the kids who attend day camp are not 4-H members. Parents car pool kids to the camp which begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

This year day camp activities were planned around the theme, "Kansas Pioneer Day Camp." Kids played games that children of the Kansas pioneers might have played, square danced, churned butter and heard about Kansas pioneer history from a representative of Boot Hill at Dodge City.

Kids also made tin can ice cream for their afternoon snack, went canoeing and participated in archery. A hot dog picnic lunch was prepared by the Southwest Camp staff and the Meade County Ambassadors told the kids about 4-H.

"We keep the kids real busy. It's a lot of fun," Counts says.

1985. Jeff is a freshman at Barton County Community College in Great Bend.

Runner-up for the award is Diane Dolechek of the Hoisington Jets 4-H Club.

Barton County 4-H Agent Bill Van-Skike said an outstanding group of 4-H club members applied for the scholarship.

Club enrollment is up by 16

Community club enrollment in Riley County is up 16 members this year.

According to Riley County 4-H Agent Carol Huneycutt, 508 kids were enrolled in the 15 community clubs in the county as of May 1. Of those, 120 are first year members. The newest club in the county, organized in 1984, the Manhattan Meadowlarks, has eight new members for a total membership of 43.

"We had a big push on enrollment this year," Huneycutt says. "We promoted 4-H in the school and kept the name, 4-H, in the newspaper."

Huneycutt approached the school superintendent about promoting 4-H in the school. Material about the 4-H program was left at the district's educational center, for use by teachers. Teachers distributed the material to children in their classes.

"Usually there's one kid in the class who is in 4-H. That sparks conversation," Huneycutt says.

Retention of first year members is an emphasis of the Riley County 4-H program and about 75% of those members stay in 4-H. Huneycutt attributes that success to the volunteer leaders. "They're well organized, neat people," she says.

New members like recreation

The Munden 4-H Club of Republic County has nine new members this year. Rosette Pachta, club president, believes the return of recreation to club meetings the past two years is partly responsible for the increased membership.

"We just got a bunch of kids to come and visit. When we had recreation, they had a lot of fun," she explains. Refreshments, which follow recreation, also are a hit with the kids.

District wheat show will be August 22

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Show will be at Russell this year. The show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22 at the Russell Elks Lodge.

Prizes of \$10 to \$60 will be awarded in two divisions. Division I is for 4-H'ers enrolled in crop production. Wheat must come from their own crop. In division II, 4-H'ers can exhibit a five pound wheat sample they have obtained from parents, relatives or a neighbor.

An educational program is planned. For additional information, contact the county Extension office.

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Photo features ...

Cheyenne Eagles 4-H Club member Bill Abrams enjoys raising ducks as a 4-H project. The Barton County 4-H'er also raises chickens, geese, goats, horses, rabbits and dogs in 4-H.

Most projects offered are listed in the project selection guide carried in this issue. The guide is being brought to you with funds from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

About the cover

State swine award winner Rosette Pachta is featured on the cover of the *Kansas 4-H Journal*. Rosette is enrolled in both the breeding gilt and market hog classes.

For a story on Rosette, see page 4.



Trust fund is established

A \$1,000 trust fund in memory of a Salina man, Bob Jennings, will provide an annual monetary award for an individual, group or organization who provides voluntary work at Rock Springs

Ranch during the year.

Jennings was a five year 4-H member and also served as a 4-H leader. He was a 4-H parent, a banker and associated with farming in Salina.

Thoughts about projects

by C.R. Salmon

Assistant director of Extension 4-H-Youth

Since the beginning of 4-H in the early 1900s, 4-H has relied heavily on project work to help teach boys and girls skills for future vocations; responsibility for current and future leadership roles; decision making skills, for selecting the best calf in a class or selecting the best appliance for the family home; and doing one's best to achieve a blue ribbon, a trophy or just to finish a very difficult project, all combined to enhance a 4-H member's self concept.

Today, some of our 4-H experiences do not involve a 4-H project until later in the year when preparations are well underway for the county fair. Should we be initiating project work earlier? I think it is great that so many of our 4-H members plan and prepare the projects for the county fair, but I believe the project experience is broader than preparation for one event. Perhaps the 4-H project could become a part of every monthly 4-H meeting?

We pride ourselves on the fact that, "our community 4-H club members learn more skills and retain more knowledge than other types of membership." However, if we are restricting our project work to a few meetings immediately preceding the county fair, I wonder, "Is this a more in-depth learning experience" compared to "an enrichment experience that involves a series of four to six lessons extended over a 4-6 week period?"

I recently heard the story of a first year Kansas 4-H member who dejectedly returned from her third community 4-H club meeting and said to her father, "Dad, I have been to three 4-H meetings and they have not talked about sewing yet." How many of our 4-H members have the same type learning goal as this first year 4-H member?

Our younger members usually join 4-H with an action-oriented goal. They want to feed a lamb; they want to make cookies; they want to make a bird house. When they participate in a club or activity which is not action-oriented, they usually lose interest. Since more than 70% of our Kansas enrollment consists of 7-11 year olds, we need to plan and conduct project experiences which are action oriented.

As we start making preparations for next year, I hope each local 4-H club would consider project meetings, and action-oriented project experiences earlier and throughout the year. This could be the first step toward increased member retention in our local clubs.

Perseverance pays off for youth



Rosette Pachta helps a young 4-H'er with his pig.

by Joan Istas

Rosette Pachta knows all about the words grit, perseverance and responsibility. She's lived them in her 4-H swine project the past two years.

The ninth of ten children, Rosette suddenly found her 4-H swine project all her responsibility when her father, Ed, was killed in an automobile accident 2½ years ago.

Her older brother, Garry, who had provided feed and farrowing facilities for Rosette's small herd, decided to sell his hogs and take over the family's cattle herd.

But Rosette wasn't ready to sell her hogs. "I had learned a lot but there was so much more to learn," she explains. "All of Garry's hog equipment was there. It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

With a loan from a local bank, Rosette expanded her herd to 10 sows. She quit high school basketball and volleyball so she could work with her pigs.

Her brothers and sisters, all involved in their activities, had no time to give Rosette advice or to help her with her pigs.

"Do what you think is best — they're your hogs," she heard time and again.

Alone she farrowed the pigs even when the hour was 2 a.m. and a new school day lay ahead. She learned to grind her own feed and market her hogs. In the summer months she helped bale the straw that provided the bedding for the hogs in the winter. When one of her sows

developed the disease, MMA, she saved the animal by vaccinating it six times a day for 10 days.

"Sometimes it's hard to do," she admits. "But I like what I'm doing. I'm proud of what I'm doing. I take a lot of pride in raising my own pigs for show."

A market hog Rosette raised was named the grand champion market hog at the 1985 Northcentral Kansas Free Fair in Belleville and a breeding gilt captured the reserve championship in the FFA breeding gilt class at the Kansas State Fair.

"It's pretty exciting seeing hogs I've raised on top of the classes at the shows," Rosette says.

Rosette has learned about selecting hogs for show and breeding purposes by participating in livestock judging contests. Records are important in Rosette's hog enterprise and she keeps swine records on her calendar right along with her school activities.

As the Republic County Pork Queen, Rosette has promoted pork by speaking about the product and by selling porkburgers and porkchops.

A lot of people think pork is high in cholesterol. That's not true, Rosette says. A 3 ounce serving of pork only has 198 calories, just four more calories than the same serving of beef.

The cholesterol content of pork is about the same as beef. Pork is high in protein and getting leaner everyday, Rosette says.

Byproducts of the hog are used to make glue, crayons, phonograph records, pigskin jackets, footballs, chalk, even heart valves. Everything about the hog is used but the squeal, Rosette says.

Rosette, who gave her first project talk her first year in 4-H and since has given countless talks at club days and before civic groups, says she enjoys public speaking.

"I think it will help me later in life. I want to have a job where I can communicate."

As the club's swine project junior leader, the Republic County 4-H'er developed leadership skills — skills she sharpened when she served as president of the Munden 4-H club this year.

Rosette says holding that club office is the highlight of her 4-H years.

"The kids look up to me; they expect me to be there," she says.

The same perseverance that kept Rosette in the swine project has kept her in the 4-H program for 11 years. At times, she says, she's thought about dropping out of 4-H.

But whenever that thought crossed her mind, she remembered her dad saying, "Rosette, finish what you start; don't be a quitter."

"If I didn't stay in 4-H 11 years, it was just like I was quitting a job before it was finished," she says.

She says she's glad she stayed in 4-H.

"I have learned a lot more this past year than the previous ten."

"4-H has helped me a lot. I've become more responsible. I can communicate better; I'm a better leader. 4-H has taught me to lose as well as to win."

Perhaps the greatest accolade she'll ever receive are the words of her mother, "Your dad would be proud of you."

4-H helps deaf boy

by Joan Istas

4-H is one more step to achieving a normal life for Kurt Stoskopf. Kurt is deaf. His mother, JoAnn, however, is quick to point out that except for that handicap, Kurt is much like other 12-year-olds.

"Kurt has the same needs as other kids — to have friends and do all the other things that kids do. It's just as important for Kurt to have the same knowledge as other kids, perhaps more important," Mrs. Stoskopf says.

Either JoAnn or husband, Lawrence, attends Saline County Willing Workers club meetings with Kurt and his younger sister, Karin, and explains in sign language to Kurt what is occurring at the meeting.

Kurt's handicap was explained at the first club meeting he attended two years ago and, since, the kids have taken little notice of it. Kurt participates in the same 4-H activities as other kids. He is junior treasurer this year and presented a project talk at a club meeting.

Giving talks and demonstrations helps Kurt's speech improve, Mrs. Stoskopf explains.

The Saline County 4-H'er practiced many hours for his project talk. Even then, he says, he was scared. "I looked at my feet and talked," he says. He wasn't brave enough to give that talk at County Club Days.

Kurt enrolled in the rocketry, photography and crafts projects last year and this year is taking yeast breads, rocketry and clothing strategy. He loves to make bierocks for the family.

Kurt plans to go to county camp at Rock Springs Ranch this year because he wants to bunk with some friends. He enjoys the county fair and the county carnival.

Kurt says he doesn't find keeping records on his project difficult. He keeps records throughout the year and enjoys looking at the record of his past year's work.

"Keeping records teaches you things you can use later in life," Kurt says.

Kurt's goals in 4-H this year are to complete his projects, to participate in club meetings and to be active on club committees.

He might add another goal to these three — to make new friends. Friends are his favorite part of 4-H, he says.



JoAnn Stoskopf helps Kurt with his cooking project.

4-H'ers, leaders meet in intrastate club exchange

Members of the Shamrock 4-H Club of Cherokee County and the Delano 4-H Club of Sedgwick County learned about each other's club in a recent club exchange.

Eight members and four leaders of the Delano 4-H Club spent an April weekend with Shamrock 4-H Club members. Delano 4-H families will host Shamrock club members in the fall.

The weekend included a welcome luncheon, a tour of Big Brutus, a covered dish dinner, a gift exchange and a review of the Shamrock club's year.

The following is Shamrock's year of memories as presented by community club leader Barbara Depenbusch.

October, Halloween party; November, Achievement Night featuring a mini style show by club members; December, Christmas party featuring Santa Claus presenting gifts made by club member

Craig Depenbusch; January, a report about club activities concerning the elderly in the community; February, County 4-H Days featuring piano and vocal solo presentations; March, Regional 4-H Day presentations featuring project talks and a demonstration on how to make a motion.

April, Junior officer's are installed; May, Parent's Night; June, home economics bowl; July, recreation featuring the 4-H Olympics; August, Club members present their own creative fitting and showing contest; September, a report on the club community service projects.

"It was a new experience for all club members. We had a fantastic time," says Delano community club leader Diane Degood.

—Craig Depenbusch

4-H is more than projects

by Joan Istas

4-H is more than projects for Russell County 4-H'er Matt Nichols.

4-H also is learning to speak with ease in public. It's becoming knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure and developing the ability to work for a common goal as a member of a group by serving in a variety of club offices including president, secretary, recreation leader, treasurer and song leader. 4-H is seven years of helping others as a junior leader and serving as a counselor at county camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

The Lone Star 4-H club member talks about the self con-



Matt Nichols

fidence he's gained by speaking in public when he talks about 4-H. Matt was 9-years-old when he gave his first 4-H talk, "Getting Your Dog Started Off on the Right Paw."

He gave the talk at a club meeting and remembers it was difficult to present because most of the club members were of high school age.

Once he gave the talk, however, he found speaking in public wasn't so difficult, after all. In fact, he found he liked public speaking.

Today Matt takes advantage of every opportunity to speak. He's spoken to the Russell Rotary Club, was master of ceremonies of the county-wide 4-H banquet and ring announcer for the spring beef show and made public speaking presentations at both County and Regional Club Days.

He's spoken about 4-H to elementary school kids and when the school board discussed eliminating the FFA program at Russell High, Matt was one of the speakers in favor of the program. The school board voted to keep the FFA program.

Matt gave his most memorable speech at the National Western Fall Roundup in Denver. He spoke on the Kansas flag before 400 people under a spotlight.

"It's the first time I'd ever spoken to that many people," Matt recalls. "Some of the most prominent people in the state of Colorado were in that room."

Matt says 4-H is a favorite subject for his talks.

"4-H is something I enjoy. I like to talk about things I really enjoy.

"There are so many places where someone can fit into 4-H. In 4-H, you can be your own person, become what you want.

"In 4-H I think I have become a lot more sensitive to other people's ideas; I have become more open minded. I have learned about helping others, gained self confidence and learned responsibility.

"4-H is kind of a lesson of life that can be obtained at a young age."

Club helps the community

A spirit of pride and accomplishment describes the feelings of Spirit of '76 4-H Club members as they finished putting up the last of the street signs in Capaldo.

Capaldo, a community of 500 people in Crawford County, had no signs marking its 25 streets until Spirit of '76 Club members erected them. The community service project is part of the club's PRIDE Youth work.

Club members adopted the project

after learning that it had taken an ambulance 20 minutes to locate a heart patient after the ambulance arrived in Capaldo.

After almost two years of investigating possibilities, club members finally found a way. They obtained needed materials from Washington Township, obtained necessary easements and made sure selected locations did not interfere with gas or water lines.

Club members furnished all the labor for the project.

By helping with the project, club members became more aware of the need for safety measures in small communities and learned about the proper channels to go through in order to accomplish such a project.

Spirit of '76 Club members also plan to erect street signs in Franklin, Radley and Crowburg as these small communities do not have street signs.

-Ralph Gouvion

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Just to see the state fair

by Joan Istas

"Good morning. It's time to wake up. Breakfast is served in 30 minutes. Good morning ..."

The 6 a.m. wake up call over the loud speaker brings a stirring of activity in the 4-H Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds among the 288 boys and 288 girls who spent the night there.

For Opal Flinn, who makes the wake up call each morning during the two-week long fair, the sight of kids and adults tumbling out of bunks stacked three high, trailing downstairs to breakfast, then out to a multitude of fair activities is a familiar one.

For 18 years, Opal and husband, Jim, have been dorm managers at the encampment building, which provides housing for 4-H club members and FFA members during the state fair.

Three years before that, Jim traveled to the state fair by himself while Opal stayed home on their farm near Ellis to milk the 30 cows and care for their five children.

When Opal did finally decide to work at the fair, she found the kids, ranging in age from 17-year-old Sheila down to 5-year-old Stanley, quite capable of handling the twice a day milking and getting to school on time.

"I found out it was really a good thing for our kids after all," Opal says. "They had to take the responsibility for getting all the chores done; the older kids were responsible for the younger ones. It showed we trusted them."

Today Stanley, the only child remaining home, volunteers to do the milking for two weeks so Opal and Jim can work at the state fair.

Work, which consists of the wake up call, selling beds and checking people in, begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. for Jim and Opal.

Though Opal believes the stairs in the encampment building get a bit steeper each year, she says little else has changed.

"The kids really haven't changed. The girls are still as giggly. They run up and down the stairs and talk at night," Opal

says.

An occasional comment by a youngster of, "My mother used to stay here; she knows you," makes Opal aware of the passing years. As do the pictures she and Jim now share with their co-workers — of their grandchildren instead of their children.

The return of such long-time encampment workers — Brad Baker, Scott City, Inez Burling, Arlington, Bill and Mildred Dyson, Hutchinson, and Pearl Hysom, also of Hutchinson, make the two weeks much like a family reunion.

But the real drawing card for the Flinns is the state fair itself. Jim says he originally took a job at encampment to see the state fair.

"I wanted to get me a job down here and work because you can't see the fair in one day," he explains.

"I think when we retire we will still come to the fair," Opal says. "We don't work here for the money. We work for the enjoyment of coming to the fair. I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The fair isn't the same every year, Jim and Opal say. Even the biggest pumpkin and biggest watermelon aren't the same. And the fascination of the milking parlor draws the Flinns even at the state fair.

"Everytime we come down here we have to go down and watch them milk," Jim says.

The Flinns see the fair from its beginning moments, its growth until it is alive with people and the gradual wind down to completion.

The ending of the fair is a sad time for the Flinns. But they do not speak of the death of the fair. For them, the fair is merely asleep until it will again awaken in September a year later.

Beds at the 4-H encampment building are being sold for \$6 this year. Lunch, which is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., costs \$3.50; dinner, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., \$3; and continental breakfast of rolls, milk, coffee and juice, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$1.50. No meals will be served Monday through Thursday except a continental breakfast of rolls, milk, coffee and juice. For additional information, contact the county Extension office.

Demonstrations draw a crowd

The crowd begins to gather around the small stage as the young girl begins to put the dog through its obedience commands. On the stage to her right, a 19-year-old 4-H'er demonstrates his bee project and across the 4-H exhibit building two 4-H club members team up to demonstrate the art of bread making.

4-H demonstrations long have been a part of the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Five years ago when they were moved from behind closed doors to the center of the exhibit building, they became a major attraction for the crowd that filters in to see the 4-H exhibits.

4-H'ers in increasingly large numbers also seem to be drawn to present demonstrations at the state fair. About 170 kids participated last year.

Participants qualify for state competi-

tion at the county level, usually at the county fair or at spring 4-H Club Days. Participants must be 12 years of age and older.

Recognizing the value of the demonstrations and illustrated talks, which are presented on both weekends of the fair, the state fair board recently provided stages and clip-on microphones for participants.

Jeri Cole, Arlington, who has employed judges for and supervised the state fair demonstrations and illustrated talks the past 17 years, says she's pleased with the improvements made by the fair board. Recent improvements truly make the demonstrations a showcase of 4-H work, she says.

"I really think demonstrations and illustrated talks are very worthwhile," Mrs.

Cole adds. "I think one of the biggest benefits of 4-H work is to learn to get up in front of people and be able to talk. That ability not only helps kids in school work but in their careers."

All state fair demonstrations and illustrated talks are conference judged, making the experience an educational one. Participants are awarded blue, red and white ribbons.

This year demonstrations and illustrated talks again are scheduled for both weekends of the state fair. On Saturdays demonstrations will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude about 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. Demonstrations will be held on the first Sunday of the state fair, beginning at noon.

And everywhere Mary went...

by Joan Istas

Like Mary in the nursery rhyme who had a little lamb that followed her wherever she would go, girls of all ages, adults and even a few young boys, attired in wool garments, parade their sheep around the ring.

The sheep, led on a leash like a dog in the show ring, display wool scrubbed to a white perfection. Some of the sheep wear hats, scarves or blankets to complement the attire of the person leading them.

The Ladies Lead or Shepherds Lead contest, which is held at many county fairs throughout the state as well as the Kansas State Fair, promotes wool and the sheep industry.

"It's my way of supporting the sheep industry, of promoting the sheep industry," says Stephanie Theno, who now is in her 11th year of participating in the Kansas State Fair Ladies Lead Contest. "Of course," she adds, "I enjoy it."

For 14-year-old Lane County 4-H'er Kande Ellis, the state fair ladies lead contest is one step above the county show where she has participated the past two years. She shows her market lambs at the county show and last year borrowed a lamb from a Lyon County 4-H'er to lead at the state fair.

Kande trained her lamb to lead by tugging on its halter. "I kept working with her night after night," she says.

"I enjoy working with sheep," Kande says. She also enjoys showing off the wool outfits her mother makes for her in the ladies lead contest.

Nine-year-old Stafford County 4-H'er Andrea Addison remembers she was scared when she first participated in the state fair ladies lead contest. But she was just 7-years-old then. Last year at the age of 8½, she wasn't nearly as nervous.

Brenda Skaggs, Eureka, could claim three years of participation in the state fair contest by the time she was 6-years-old. "I like to show sheep," she says.

A seamstress and an annual participant in the Dickinson County Style



Dressed as sailors two, this youngster and her ewe entered the 1985 ladies lead contest at the Kansas State Fair.

Revue, Dickinson County 4-H'er Emma Polok participated in the ladies lead contest for the first time last year. She'd made a jacket and skirt of 80% wool (the garment must be over 60% wool in order to qualify for the state fair ladies lead contest). A hat she'd used in a school play fit the ewe on loan from a local sheep producer and a scarf tied around the ewe's neck complemented the blouse the 17-year-old girl wore.

The ladies lead contest was Emma's first experience at showing sheep and, she admits, she was nervous about

doing so.

"At the county fair I was afraid the lamb might run away from me because it was jumping around before we went in the ring. "It calmed down and that calmed me down."

Like most of the other ladies lead participants, the 17-year-old 4-H'er competes in the ladies lead contest because it's fun to do.

Considered in ladies lead judging are the lamb's appearance, how well the lamb stands, the participant's poise and attitude and how well they lead the lamb.

State fair robot will answer questions about 4-H

Those who attend the 1986 Kansas State Fair won't see R2D2 of Star Wars fame there. But they will have the opportunity to meet the 4-H robot. Like his more famous movie counterpart, the 4-H robot can talk and will answer questions about the Kansas 4-H program.

The robot, which is owned by the Ohio 4-H Department, is being brought to the Kansas State Fair with a grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation. It will be operated by Emily Kling, Kansas 4-H Youth specialist, and Dennis Elliott, Ohio

4-H specialist.

"The robot signifies that Kansas 4-H is with it in the '80's," Kling says. It tells people 4-H is cooking and cows and more. 4-H also is agronomy, leadership, rocketry and computers.

The 4-H robot also will introduce new people to the 4-H exhibit building where they will learn about 4-H. The robot will travel the fairgrounds as well as make appearances in the 4-H exhibit building. A schedule of exhibit building appearances will be posted there.

\$1,000 prize will be awarded

A \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to the exhibitor of the grand champion steer and a \$500 savings bond awarded to the exhibitor of the reserve grand champion steer at the 4-H-FFA Livestock Show at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist, says the savings bonds are being awarded to encourage greater participation in the show and to improve the show.

Cash awards also are given in the 4-H-FFA swine show.

4-H'ers provide nests for geese

The Busy Workers 4-H Club and Kansas City Power & Light Co. worked together to provide nests for geese near the company's cooling lake near La Cygne in Linn County.

The idea for the project came last summer after station manager Don Spreitzer noticed that some of the migratory waterfowl that annually visits the lake had apparently decided to stay permanently. He asked Busy Workers club members to build nests for the geese using materials furnished by KCP & L.

Ten nests were constructed by the club members and voluntary leaders. The nests were built so they would fit down over metal pipe buried four feet in the ground. The pipe has a pin through it so it can be taken down for cleaning. The nests are approximately six feet off the ground and consist of one-third of a 55 gallon barrel fitted into a 2 x 6 frame held by bolts with a porch on the front for the geese to land.

After the nests were installed, they were filled with loose hay for nesting. In late winter each year, the nests will be cleaned and refilled with fresh hay. It is hoped the geese will use the nests and develop a resident flock.

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Leaders forum will come to Kansas

Wanted: Ideas for conference sessions of interest to 4-H leaders in a 12 state area.

The North Central Regional Leaders Forum comes to Kansas in 1987 and ideas are needed for training sessions, says Charlie Lang, state 4-H-Youth specialist. The forum will be held at Kansas State University in Manhattan Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

Now in its 10th year, the forum is a training session for volunteer leaders from the states of North and South

Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. About 300 people attend annually.

Sessions in the past have included record keeping, project ideas, banners, marketing and tours. Any ideas volunteers can take and use in the club or community are welcome, Lang says.

"The real strength of the forum is to get leaders to implement new ideas at the club level."

Approximately 40 mini sessions will be

conducted by volunteers. Each mini session will be 1½ hours long. Volunteers who are resource people and plan to attend the entire forum will have half their registration fee waived. Some travel allowances also will be made.

The Kansas forum is being developed by a 27 member committee of agents, area and state specialists and volunteer leaders representing the counties of Cloud, Riley, Leavenworth, Lyon, Sedgwick, Pottawatomie, Smith, Lincoln and Thomas.

Janet Kiser, Riley County, and Betty Rhodes, Sedgwick County, head the committee with Lang and Northwest Area 4-H Specialist Jim Adams.

Theme for the Kansas conference, "Opening Minds to New Ideas," is built on the state's broad, open skies.

Ideas for the 1987 forum should be submitted to: Charlie Lang, State 4-H-Youth office, Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, Ks. 66506, or Jim Adams, Northwest Area Extension Office, 170 W. 4th, Colby, Ks. 67701.

Community club survives 30 years

"I never thought the club would make it but I'm glad it survived," said Mrs. Mearl Atherton, the first community leader of the Finney County Eager Beavers 4-H Club, on the club's 30th anniversary.

In 1955 Margaret De Remus saw a need for a new 4-H club that would meet the needs of kids who lived in town. With the help of the Finney County Happy Hustlers Junior Leaders, the first organizational meeting was held on Jan. 26, 1955.

Bill VanSike, then Finney County 4-H agent, showed slides about 4-H work and a panel of Happy Hustlers club members held a question and answer period for prospective members. The

new club elected officers the following month and after three meetings finally selected the name of Eager Beavers.

The club had 29 charter members. When the club's bylaws were reviewed in 1962, members voted to limit club enrollment to 35 members. Membership has remained at that number since.

The Eager Beavers celebrated the club's 30th anniversary at the club's second achievement banquet Nov. 17, 1985.

Today the club continues to follow the philosophy set by Mrs. Atherton. "Our philosophy as community leaders was to let the kids completely run the program. 4-H is for kids; it's their club," she says.

—Amy Eakin, reporter

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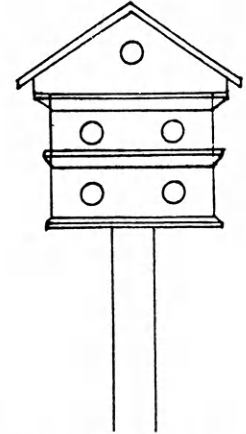
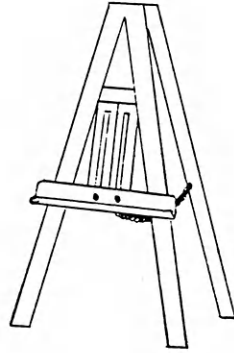
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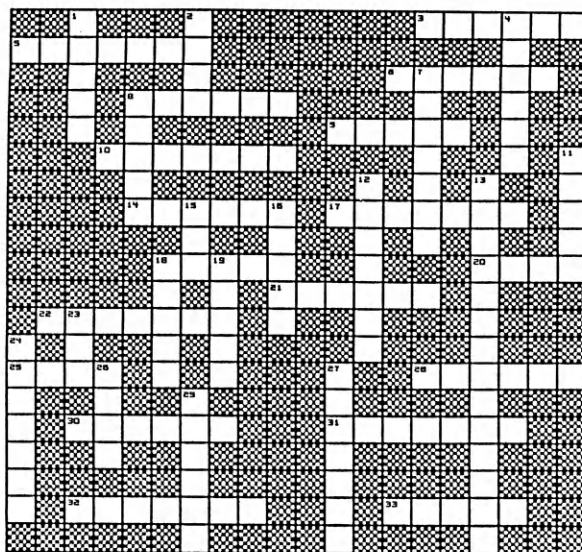
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Solve this crossword puzzle



ACROSS CLUES

3. CERAMICS & LEATHER PROJECTS
5. CLUB GOAL TO HELP OTHERS
6. 4-H ENCOURAGES CHARACTER -----
8. GROUP THAT WORKS TOGETHER IN 4-H.
9. ACTIVITY FOR YOUR FREE TIME
10. OUT OF THIS WORLD PROJECTS
14. A COMMUNICATION SKILL
17. SKIN OF BOVINE ANIMAL
18. USED TO BE A 'WHOLE LOT OF BULL'
20. STY SOUND
21. SKILL NEEDED IN CLOTHING PROJECT
22. A YEAR-LONG ACTIVITY
25. WOOLY PROJECT
28. A PROJECT FULL OF ROWS
30. ADULT GUIDE FOR CLUB
31. ENTOMOLOGISTS STUDY THESE.
32. PROJECT THAT IS OFTEN 'COOPEO UP'
33. PORCINE GROUP

DOWN CLUES

1. PLANTED PRODUCTS
2. ----WORK LEADS TO 4-H SUCCESS.
4. WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARD.
7. HARES OF A 'CAGED' PROJECT.
8. PRODUCTS OF 'TRICKS & TREATS'
11. SMALL LIZARD
12. A QUIET BUT WORLD-ENLARGING ACTIVITY.
13. SOME OF THE COMPETITIONS AT COUNTY 4-H DAY.
15. DINE
16. AN EQUINE QUADRAPED.
18. AN OVINE GROUP.
19. EACH PROJECT YOU EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.
23. MALE OVINE QUADRAPED.
24. CATEGORY OF DECORATIVE HORTICULTURE.
26. MEAT OF A BOVINE RUMINANT.
27. ----- HELP EACH OTHER.
29. POSITIVE PHYSICAL CONDITION.

Melinda Dierks, a project leader for the Elk County Grenola Jayhawkers 4-H Club, made the above puzzle on a computer. See page 14 for answers.

Buckeye Junior Farmers celebrates 68th anniversary

The Buckeye Junior Farmers 4-H Club of Ellis County celebrated its 68th anniversary with a potluck dinner May 3. Guest of honor was Joe Leinmiller, Bison, one of the seven charter members. Fifty-seven people attended the potluck.

The club was founded in 1918 as a Cappers Pig Club with seven boys as members. Walter C. Joy was the first leader.

In 1921, the club changed its name to

the Junior Farmers 4-H Club because girls wanted to join.

A club livestock judging team had a perfect score at a mule judging contest at the Hays Experiment Station. The first achievement banquet was held in 1930 and the first 4-H fair held in 1931. The club was inactive during World War II and was restarted in 1945 by Ed Fellers.

The club presently has 28 members representing 15 families.

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Smith is awarded 4-H citation

Glee Smith, chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation board of trustees the past three years, was presented the Distinguished 4-H Citation, the highest award given for service to 4-H at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

Friends of 4-H Day, an annual observance sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Foundation, recognizes donors to the Kansas 4-H program.

"With direct responsibility for the overall operations of the Foundation, the board of trustees led efforts to raise more than \$300,000 in contributions for the Kansas 4-H program in 1985 and is endorsing in a very positive way the coming statewide 4-H fund drive, "A Step Ahead," noted Fred Sobering, director of Extension and also a member of the Foundation board of trustees.

Sobering noted that the Larned attorney has provided several thousand dollars worth of legal service to the Foundation. Smith also has worked with the Pawnee County 4-H program for more than 30 years. He helped organize the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation and wrote the articles of incorporation and bylaws. He frequently speaks at county achievement banquets in southwest Kansas.

"No one is more deserving of the Extension 4-H-Youth Program's 1986 Citation award than Smith," Sobering said.

In receiving the citation award, Smith joins a list of people that includes the late Dale Critser, Wichita, who served as president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation for 19 years, Olive Garvey, Wichita, Senator Frank Carlson, Concordia, former Kansas State University President James McCain and J. Harold Johnson, former state 4-H club leader and first director of the Foundation.



Glee Smith (left) accepts the 4-H citation from Fred Sobering.

Discovery Days committee named

Five 4-H club members have been appointed to the 1987 Discovery Days committee.

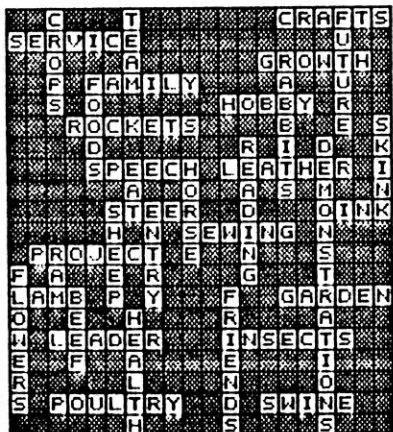
Marcia Donohue, Sedgwick County; Anita Krug, Russell County; Kara Ohlenbusch, Riley County; Cindy Pettyjohn, Wilson County; and Kayla Venters, Ford County; will help plan and run 1987 Discovery Days. They will attend evaluation sessions and welcome 4-H members.

Voluntary leaders on the committee

are Pat Nichols, Osborne County; Shirley Johnson, Republic County; and Cindy Goertz, Cowley County.

Extension agents who serve on the committee are Terry Mannell, Ellis County; Marlene Ewing, Shawnee County; Bill Fultz, Sedgwick County; and Gary Gold, Stevens County.

Committee positions remain open for one leader and one agent in southeast Kansas and a leader in southwest Kansas.



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Families in the Sherdahl Boosters 4-H Club of Republic County spent over 400 hours to complete a display of the Bostwick Irrigation District for the Smokey Hill River Festival in Salina. The display showed model farms with three irrigation systems — sprinkler, irrigation pipe and siphon tubes. The working display represented a small portion of the Bostwick Irrigation District in north-central Kansas.

A joint community service project with a local EHU and the Eastside 4-H Club of Graham County informed many area people on seat belt safety.

The 4-H members advertised the presentation with posters, newspaper advertising and an informative note sent home with school students.

During the meeting, club members who had prepared true and false questions, gave seat belt safety key chains to those who answered questions correctly. Trooper Don Smalley, of the Kansas Highway Patrol, showed a film and led a discussion on the safety of seat belts. At the end of the meeting, members handed out packets of seat belt safety items they had prepared before the presentation.

The Graham County Ruth Emily McRae 4-H Council Scholarship provides \$100 to any high school senior or college level student who has completed three years of 4-H work in Graham County.

The Zella Gatton Scholarship provides \$100 for higher education for a Russell County 4-H member. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior or freshman in college or vocational technical school.

Fifty-two bikers and 23 tricyclists (6 years and under) in Crawford County collected \$1,971.90 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital recently. The Crawford Cloverites 4-H Club of Girard sponsored the county-wide bike-a-thon.

Club members promoted the event by distributing rules and pledge sheets to schools throughout the county and by placing news releases in local newspapers. They obtained sponsors for prizes, manned the registration tables and check points and helped tabulate results.

Following the bike-a-thon, all riders and their families were treated to a hot dog feed compliments of Crawford Cloverites and local businesses. Crawford County 4-H Agent Jim Mengarelli and Crawford Cloverites community leaders cooked the hot dogs.

Prizes were awarded to the top nine participants in three categories.

The Glenwood 4-H Club of Leavenworth County is growing this year with four new members.

The club project this year is safety. Each member is giving at least one safety talk in addition to their regular project talk and illustrated talk.

Leavenworth County 4-H Agent Kay Hunter was a guest speaker at the club's potluck dinner in November.

All club members worked hard and learned a lot last year. All are eager to learn more about new things this year.

—Lisa Price, reporter

Buckeye Junior Farmers 4-H Club members made a quilt for a wedding and farewell present for Ellis County 4-H Agent Berny Pachta, who was married Aug. 9.

Each club member selected a simply drawn picture for a quilt block such as a cow, dog, horse, cat, 4-H emblem or tractor. The pictures were drawn on tracing paper with fabric crayons and then ironed on white blocks. Loretta Kreutzer put the blocks together and then had the material machine quilted. Two matching wall hangings were made from the leftover material and blocks.

—Renette Saba, historian

The 1986 Ford County carnival was a success, reports Ford County 4-H Agent Diane McNeill. According to McNeill, profit from the carnival was \$1,027.84.

The Ramona Red Chiefs 4-H Club of Marion County is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The club was organized in 1956.

Miami County Junior Leaders earned \$400 by selling \$1 chances for a cord of firewood. Three cords of firewood were given away in this manner.

Junior Leaders cut the firewood on a Miami County farm and sold the chances in late February. Delivery was within a 50 mile radius of Paola, the Miami County seat.

"It was an easy money raiser," says Miami County 4-H Agent Nancy Molitor. "A lot of people burn wood in this area and they're always willing to support 4-H."

The Busy Kansans 4-H Club of Trego County recently cleaned a small rural cemetery that had become overgrown with grass and weeds. 4-H'ers used rakes, shovels and pitchforks to fill holes and transplant flowers in the Saline Valley Cemetery northwest of WaKeeney.

Only twelve marked graves remain in the cemetery. The oldest grave dates back to July 29, 1880 and the most recent is dated June 29, 1941.

Of special interest to the 4-H'ers were two double graves where four young boys were buried. According to a newspaper article, the boys were left home on March 16, 1886 where they could keep warm while their parents attended church. Apparently the boys overloaded the woodburning stove catching the straw roof of the sod house on fire. Their parents returned home to find the house smouldering.

—Heather Schoenberger

A Nemaha County 4-H leader, Freda Dobbins, Goff, recently was a passenger on a special train called "The Sunflower State Operation Lifesaver Special" which passed through several cities and towns in eastern and central Kansas.

Mrs. Dobbins, who is the safety leader for the Rustlers 4-H Club in Nemaha County, was able to observe, through a video camera mounted on the lead engine and shown on TV monitors in the passenger cars, the perspective train crews have of coming grade crossings.

It is impossible for an engineer to stop a train weighing several million pounds to avoid a collision at a grade crossing, she says. Statistics show that from 1980-1984, 76 persons were killed and another 362 injured in 897 accidents at railroad crossings in Kansas.

It is hoped that those accidents will be reduced in the future by educating people about railroad crossing safety. Mrs. Dobbins plans to present a program on that topic for the Rustlers Club this year.

Other 4-H clubs can obtain information about railroad crossing safety by writing: Kansas Operation Lifesaver, c/o Jack Tierce, Kansas Corporation Commission, 4th Floor, State Office Building, Topeka, KS 66612.

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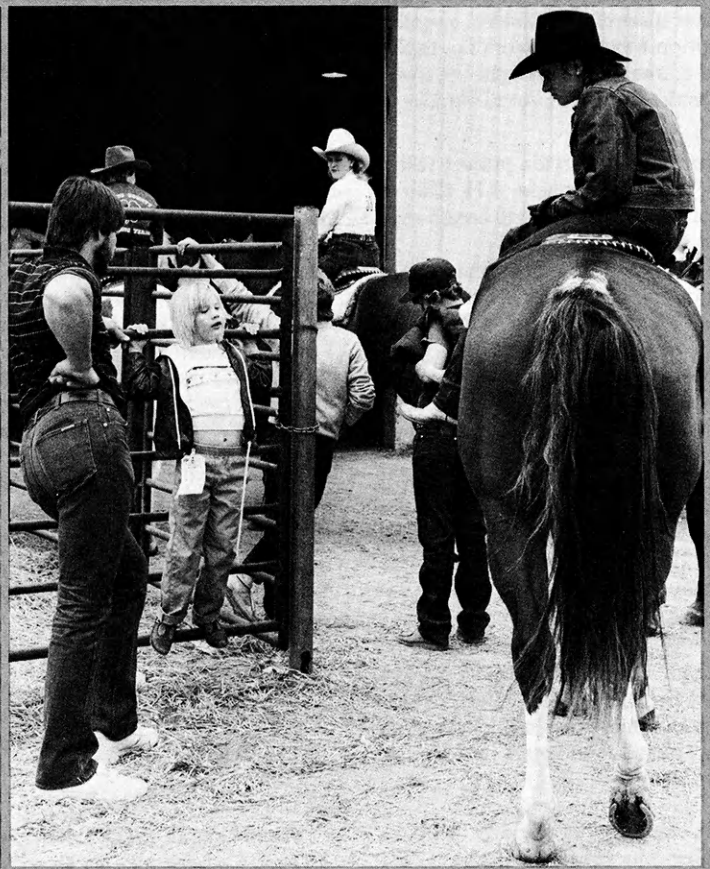
Contributions for this page and editorials for the editorial page are welcome. Of special interest for 4-H Roundup are fund raising ideas, community service, stories that show giving, club projects, ideas for strengthening clubs and recruiting new 4-H members. Club reporters especially are encouraged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

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

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