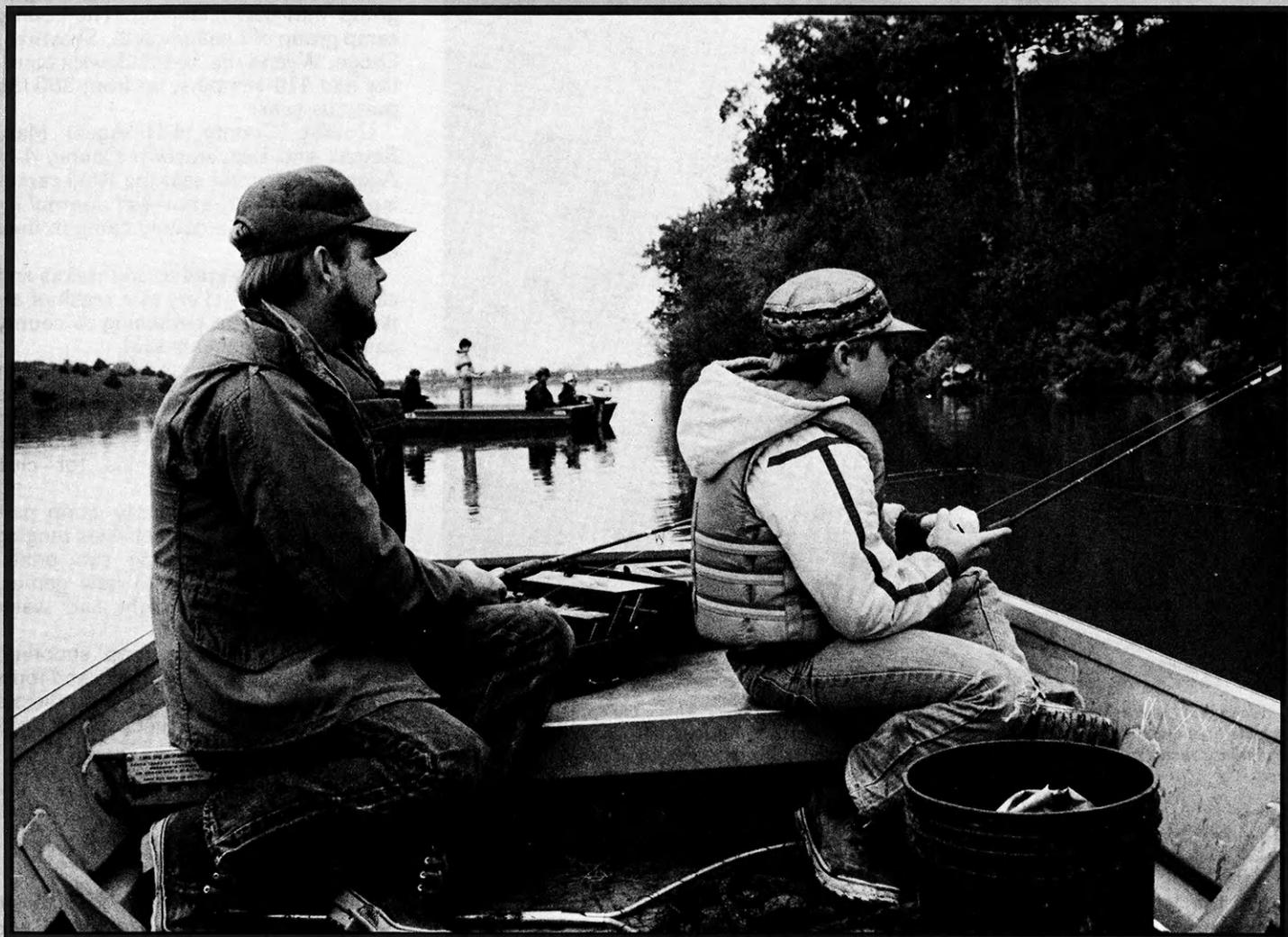


# Kansas 4-H Journal

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## Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting Camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center

**October 25-26**

# More kids attend county camp



*Wading in the creek as part of a nature hike is just one activity 4-H'ers have the opportunity to participate in at County Camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. This year 4,044 kids from 81 counties attended county camp at the state 4-H center. This attendance was an increase of 165 from the previous year.*

The number of kids attending 4-H County Camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center increased 165 this year. 4,044 youths from 81 counties attended county camp at the state 4-H center in 1986 compared to 3,879 in 1985.

County camp group numbers ranged from a high of 516 in the Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Pottawatomie, Riley and Wabaunsee group to a low of 213.

The Nine County Camp group of Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall and Mitchell was the second largest group with 478 attending. The county camp group of Leavenworth, Shawnee, Osage, Wyandotte and Sedgwick counties had 414 campers, up from 360 the previous year.

Cowley County 4-H Agent Mary Rogers and Leavenworth County 4-H Agent Kay Hunter said the April camping issue of the *Kansas 4-H Journal* increased interest in county camp in their counties.

Adults volunteered as counselors and clubs recruited 4-H'ers as a result of articles in that issue pertaining to county camp, the two agents said.

Camp numbers in Leavenworth County climbed from 58 to 80 club members this year. The SASNAK 4-H Club of Saline County provided some full county camp scholarships for club members for the first time.

Youths attending county camp participate in a variety of activities ranging from tug-of-war, making sun prints, aerobics and kick ball to new games, dances, skits, talent night and water carnivals.

Archery, swimming, trap shooting, riflery, horseback riding, crafts and tours of Heritage Hall, the ranch house and old church are activities supervised by Rock Springs Ranch staff.

## Grant helps club save schoolhouse

In the spring of 1985, a rumor circulated in Sibley Township in Cloud County that the sale of Sibley Schoolhouse would be decided by ballot at the election that year.

Because the schoolhouse is the meeting place of the Republican Valley 4-H Club, club members organized a "Save Our School" campaign. Club members and their families contacted township residents to explain the election, why the club wanted to keep the schoolhouse and their plans to remodel the building. The club also put an ad in the local newspaper to make people aware of the coming election issue.

Operation "Save Our School" was a success! The measure failed resoundingly. Club members were proud of the part they played in making voters aware of the schoolhouse question.

Their work was just beginning, however. Funds had to be raised to repair the building.

A soup and pie supper held at the school by club members showed voters what the building looked like, what repairs were needed and cleared over \$300. That money was donated to the township board to make roof repairs.

In June the Republican Valley 4-H Club applied for and received a com-

munity service grant of \$275 from Southwestern Bell and Pioneer Hybrid International, Lincoln, Neb. Grant funds were obtained by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Grant funds were used to paint and panel the interior of the building. The club plans to continue to raise funds to improve the building. An ice cream and cake supper will be held to show township residents recent improvements and tell them of plans to lower the ceiling and paint the exterior.

— Barbara Dunlap

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4-H'ers who attended the first Heritage Camp at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center received a glimpse of part of Kansas' heritage by visiting state historical sites and participating in a church service at the RSR historical church. Plans are to expand the Heritage Encounter of Kansas next year to include a tour of the state capitol. Citizenship will be highlighted in the third year of the camp. The camp is for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Most of those who attended this year's camp received partial scholarships. For more information on the 1986 Heritage Camp, see page 16.

## It works for our club

by Christy Cox  
Full O' Pep Reporter

Do you wish you could do something to make your 4-H meeting a little bit more exciting?

Well, the Full O' Pep 4-H Club of Franklin County has come up with a few ideas. Since our club has many kids younger than the sixth grade, it doesn't take much for them to lose interest.

Here are a few things we did. We put our chairs in a circle that includes the officer's desk. This gives everybody a fair chance in participating in the meeting. And it also cuts down on talking. We also have put the chairs in rows but have found that the circle is better.

We start the meeting out with recreation and make sure we have a song and refreshments at every meeting. We also try to keep the business part of our meeting under a half an hour in length and always have an exciting roll call.

At our last meeting we did something really original. We held our entire meeting backwards, starting with adjournment and ending with roll call.

These ideas really helped our club. It also helped the kids get into the meeting, sit still and listen longer.

## Community leaders get support

A community leader newsletter and quarterly meetings held for community club leaders by Douglas County 4-H Agent Lindy Lindquist provides support for community club leaders in that county.

"My responsibility is to help them do the best job they can. It's important to keep them informed," Lindquist says.

Community leader meetings are held before major county events such as County Club Days and the county fair to explain those activities. Community leaders also evaluate county programs and make suggestions for improving events.

Meetings have included an idea exchange and potluck dinner, guest speakers on goal setting and alternate leadership, awards and parents' committees.

By attending these meetings, community club leaders realize they are not alone, Lindquist says. There are other people who hold the same position they do, who have the same kinds of problems, the same kinds of questions. They're all in this together.

The Douglas County Extension Office also provides community leaders with a notebook that includes a calendar of county events.

# Parental interest is important Club is strong, progressive



Karen Streeter and son, Matt, discuss a coming 4-H project. Son Brad also is a member of the College Hill 4-H Club.

by Joan Istas

Parental involvement is responsible for the success of the Riley County College Hill 4-H Club, say community club leaders Ginger Denning and Janet Kiser.

"We have real good parent support. About every kid brings a parent to club meetings," says Mrs. Denning.

About 42 of the club's 52 members regularly attend club meetings. Thirty-three families are represented in the membership.

The oldest community club in Riley County, College Hill began as a pig club 55 years ago. Today all club members with the exception of one family, which commutes from Westmoreland in Pottawatomie County, are from the city of Manhattan. The club is a strong and progressive one, says Riley County 4-H Agent Carol Honeycutt.

Two community leaders provide guidance for the club. A three member parents committee obtains new community leaders and helps screen record books that will be considered for county awards. The parents committee names the club's 4-H family of the year, selects the two record book winners for awards sponsored by the Manhattan Lions Club and names four first year record book award winners. Parents committee members serve three year terms.

A project leader trainer obtains and trains project leaders. Project leaders are encouraged to begin monthly project meetings in November.

A demonstration and public speaking coordinator shows club members the proper way to give project talks and demonstrations with a workshop on that subject. A practice session is held about a week before County Club Days. The workshop and practice session have helped College Hill club members win County Club Day competition in both junior and senior demonstrations in recent years.

Two records and awards coordinators have meetings to help club members plan achievement goals.

A new parent coordinator helps new families feel welcome. Beginning with the new 4-H year and continuing through February, this coordinator meets with new parents to explain club and county events and to introduce new parents to each

other. A meeting held in the early summer months explains the county fair.

"In a club this size it's a must that parents get to know other parents," says Mrs. Kiser, who served as new parent coordinator before she became the community club leader.

"To have a successful 4-H'er, we feel parental involvement is a necessity. 4-H really is a family affair."

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*"Parliamentary procedure is the most expedient way to have a meeting."*

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A one page newsletter sent to all families in the club a week before the monthly club meeting helps keep club members informed. The club annually provides scholarships to Discovery Days and county camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Annually a donation is made to the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

A Critters Club, begun two years ago for sixth graders and below, provides younger members a place to socialize and helps them understand regular club meetings. Critters was formed when parents expressed a concern because some project groups were not meeting.

Critters meet the Tuesday before the Thursday community club meeting. Older club members visit these meetings to explain coming club events such as model meetings.

Critters also have toured Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center, where many of them attend county camp, taken a walking tree tour of the Kansas State University campus and visited a dairy farm.

A Critters member reports on Critters activities at each community club meeting. All Critters attend regular club meetings.

Mrs. Denning says it is important that younger club members attend regular club meetings. There they learn to deal with kids of all ages.

"They can learn so much from the older kids. Older kids provide them with a role model. I think the kids benefit from having all age groups together."

Club officers, with the exception of song leaders and the recreation leader which are appointed, must be of high school age. Junior officers must be in middle school. Club officers are elected in September.

Officers plan out the 4-H year and a program book officer puts these plans in a program book that is given to each 4-H family in November. The program book includes names of all officers, project leaders, club leaders, a calendar of club, county and state events and the monthly roll call, business and program for club meetings.

Each 4-H'er is assigned to present the club program and most choose to give a talk or demonstration.

Parliamentary procedure is practiced at all club meetings. "Parliamentary procedure is the most expedient way to have a meeting. Otherwise you have chaos," Mrs. Denning says. "I think people who have been in 4-H find that as they become involved in the community they use the parliamentary procedure practices they learned in 4-H."

Socialization after meetings is encouraged. Recently ice cream sundaes were served after the club meeting.

"The College Hill 4-H club is a very active club in many programs with a lot of leadership from both 4-H'ers and parents. College Hill is a successful club," says Mrs. Kiser.

# Friends develop in exchange



Riverside 4-H Club member Detria Henson, advisor Leroy Russell and Decker 4-H Club member Michelle Shipman raise money for the exchange by selling suckers. In the bottom photo, Kentucky 4-H'ers and Shawnee County 4-H'ers ride the Topeka trolley.

by Joan Istas

Aboard a rubber tired trolley on the streets of Topeka, Kentucky 4-H'ers and Kansas 4-H club members learn about each other's cultures.

On a farm in Utah, a Shawnee County, Ks., 4-H'er learns about the life of the Mormon by staying with a Mormon family of 14 for a week.

At the Indiana State Fair, Indiana 4-H'ers and Kansas 4-H club members learn that state fairs are much the same everywhere. Only the people make them different.

These cultural encounters are just a few of those Shawnee County 4-H'ers have experienced in the five years the

county has sponsored an interstate exchange.

Some years as many as 30 15- to 19-year-old 4-H members have participated in the exchange. Other years that number has dropped to 12. Those who participate in the exchange must be active in a community club in the county.

Exchange participants also are required to help raise funds for the exchange. The county hosts a group and travels to another state the same year. Thus, \$2,000 must be raised annually.

4-H'ers decide which fund raising activities the group will participate in by vote. By working together to raise funds for the exchange, the group becomes a close knit one.

Annual fruit sales are the most successful fund raiser, though concession stand sales also bring in a great share of the funds. Sales of suckers were successful this year. The group also has sold cookbooks, pizzas and stamp pads.

"We're always looking for something new," comments Leroy Russell, who sponsors the exchange with Donna Hartner and Sherrill Hilbert.

A Greenwood County 4-H'er when a boy, Russell became an exchange sponsor because many of the FFA members he teaches are 4-H members.

"Many of these kids would never leave their home county if we didn't have the exchange," he says. The exchange gives kids an opportunity to see other places, meet other people.

"I think it keeps kids in 4-H. It's something for them to look forward to."

Hartner, who has been an exchange sponsor for the past three years, has seen kids flower because of the exchange.

"It draws the shy ones out of their shell," she explains.

By serving as president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and on subcommittees of the exchange group, 4-H'ers learn about working as a group.

One 4-H'er is appointed to send thank-you's to all who help the exchange group. "Saying 'thank you' helps build good rapport between 4-H and the community," Hartner explains.

4-H'ers research the religion and customs of the people they visit before leaving for another state.

"I like working with the kids. I like to travel to other states. I like to see how 4-H works in other states," Hartner says.

After seeing the Kentucky and Utah 4-H systems (Utah has project clubs and in Kentucky 4-H is part of the school system), Hartner became an even stronger supporter of the community club system.

Like Hartner, many of the 4-H'ers who participate in the exchange do so because they enjoy traveling and meeting people.

Seventeen-year-old Patti Wells of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club has participated in the exchange for the past four years because she likes hosting, traveling and meeting new people. She's also made many new friends.

Michelle Shipman of the Decker 4-H Club has been on three exchanges.

"It's a good experience. You meet a lot of people, see new cultures, a new way of life," she says.

# Always time to teach photography

*Cy Brown explains the new state fair photography judging contest. Brown is a photography leader in Harvey County.*



by Joan Istas

Cy Brown, Newton, always has time to teach 4-H'ers photography.

"I set priorities and make time," Brown says.

"I enjoy photography; I enjoy kids. I enjoy sharing what knowledge I have. It's the greatest of fun watching a kid with limited motor skills develop into a real skilled photographer."

Brown, who has his own darkroom in the basement of his home and sells five to six photographs for magazine covers each year, has been interested in photography ever since he can remember. He began using a box camera when in high school and purchased his first 35mm camera as soon as he could afford it.

When Brown's kids became interested in photography, he became a leader in the project and coached his daughter, Rhonda, to a state photography award.

Brown encourages parents to accompany their kids to photography project meetings.

"If parents will stay interested, kids will stay interested," Brown says. "I think what really motivates kids is motivated parents — parents that exude confidence and project a positive self image for their child."

Brown also likes to be positive when evaluating photos. "I never look at a photo that I don't say something positive." He asks the kids to evaluate their own photos and to go out and try to take a better photo.

Brown likes to begin project meetings in October and has at least one meeting each month until May. When possible, he uses slide sets compiled by Kodak and the Extension Instructional Media Center at Kansas State University to tell kids about photographic terms and how to see a photograph. He tries to teach kids that photos are everywhere.

He uses photography judging to teach kids how to compose a photograph. Kids judge photos both at project meetings and at a six-county regional photography show Brown helped organize six years ago.

A member of the state photography developmental committee, Brown was instrumental in implementing the first state-wide photography judging contest at the Kansas State Fair last year.

Brown teaches about the darkroom in Phase IV of the photography project. There are four kids in that phase this year.

Photography is an important 4-H project, Brown says. "It can be used to enhance every other project we have. It enhances records and provides remembrances of what we have done."

Brown has been a 4-H photography leader almost 15 years now. Before that, he was the veterinary science project leader. He is a believer in the 4-H program.

"4-H is a tremendous people builder. It educates and motivates people."

## Reduce stress with leader material

Material in the four leader learning labs can help reduce the stress many farm families are under today, according to Marcia McFarland, state 4-H-Youth specialist who developed the series of four labs.

"Leader learning labs provide assistance to club leaders to work with 4-H families. They help people to talk," McFarland said.

Leader Learning Lab I, which deals with listening and responding skills,

especially is helpful in reducing an individual's stress, McFarland said. This lab teaches effective ways to talk to one another and offers suggestions club leaders can use during meetings.

The lab provides productive ways to learn together, ways to caucus in groups and arrange chairs at club meetings to encourage communication.

"Arranging chairs in a circle instead of rows increases the possibility for people to communicate," McFarland said.

"Activities in the leader learning labs provide ways to teach self-esteem and skills in developing trust among club members. They help the club to be the support group for people under stress," according to McFarland.

Volunteers across the state who have completed the four labs will teach them this year, according to McFarland. For additional information, contact the county Extension office.

## Club purchases spiral slide with grant

A grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation helped the Cheyenne County Bird City Go Getters 4-H Club purchase a spiral slide for the Bird City Park.

Other civic organizations and individuals in the area donated funds for the slide and the club used funds raised from a Holiday Fair Craft Show for the purchase. The club annually sponsors the Holiday Fair Craft Show to raise money for community projects.

The past 12 years, the club has purchased eight pieces of playground park equipment and swimming pool recreational equipment at a total cost of about \$5,000.

Other organizations also have donated funds for park improvements.

Because of these improvements, more children now play in the park.

-Tina Scarrow, reporter

## Club hunts for people

The Neosho County Hillcrest 4-H Club conducted a people scavenger hunt this year.

Club members divided into four groups and hunted for retired persons in the community who had been a clown, a pipe fitter, a ham radio operator, an interior decorator, a quilter, a social worker, a volunteer firewoman, a grocery clerk, a fisherman, a honey producer, a dairyman and a teacher.

They asked these people to speak about their former occupations at club meetings. Those who did were made honorary members of the club and invited to attend the club's farm tour and other club events.

The club has won the state PRIDE award the past two years and this year once again is competing for the award in the category for school, community and club service.

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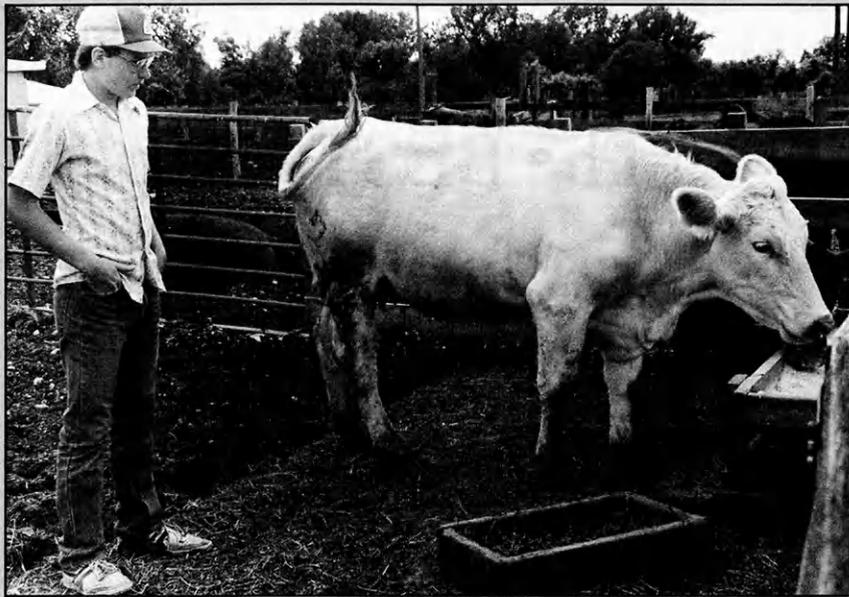


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Ryan Michaelis looks over the Charolais heifer he won in an essay contest sponsored by the Wabaunsee County Purebred Breeder's Association.

## 4-H'ers learn more in county livestock group

by Joan Istas

A county livestock group for 4-H club members in Wilson County is increasing interest in the livestock projects.

Wilson County Agricultural Agent Tim Beck organized the group two years ago to supplement the community club program. Beck, who was a 4-H community club member when a kid growing up in Pennsylvania, borrowed the idea from his home county. County livestock groups there provided a more informal learning atmosphere than that provided in the community clubs.

Community club members in the beef, sheep, swine and bucket calf projects are eligible to belong to the Wilson County livestock group. All six community clubs in the county have members participating in the county group.

Parents are encouraged to come to meetings with their children. To avoid conflicts with school events, the group meets four to five times a year beginning in April.

"We can't compete with school and sports activities," Beck explains.

Beck helps all livestock group members set goals at the first meeting. 4-H'ers consider the starting weight of the animal, the weight that must be obtained to finish it and the daily gain that must be obtained to reach that goal. When helping kids set goals, including awards and production goals, Beck reviews the 4-H club member's previous two years of project records.

Goal setting is an important 4-H life skill. Goal setting makes record keeping easier, Beck explains.

Each county livestock group meeting includes material on all four projects. Usually club project leaders are asked to speak on a topic for 10 to 15 minutes.

Learning centers set up by Beck give the kids an opportunity to learn in a fun way about such things as feed, livestock judging and livestock breeds.

4-H'ers may be asked to match pictures of livestock breeds with breed names. Or they may be presented with a large poster of a feed tag and asked to circle the proteins in the feed. In livestock judging learning centers, 4-H'ers are asked to rank, according to their importance, five items that are considered when judging cattle — frame, size, finish, balance, profile and structural correctness.

Learning center material is geared to the 7- to 12-year-old child as a majority of members are in that age group. Kids in this age group don't respond to lectures. The activity must be action-oriented, Beck explains.

County livestock group members are encouraged to participate in the spring livestock judging contest which is held annually in Wilson County.

In May animals are tagged for the fair and in June, 4-H'ers are given hands-on experience in grooming the animal and showmanship techniques. Kids are encouraged to show their animals at the

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# Herd grows

by Joan Istas

At the age of 16, Ryan Michaelis already has a solid footing in the cattle industry.

The Wabaunsee County 4-H'er has built up a herd of 13 cows and sells purebred Limousin bulls to a commercial breeder. He also has rented bulls to cattlemen. Ryan sells the bulls as two-year-olds and, when he has no buyer for them, advertises the bulls for sale in the local paper and in farm papers.

Ryan got his start in the cattle business when his father gave him a crossbred Shorthorn when Ryan was just a small boy. When his father purchased a purebred Limousin bull, Ryan decided this was the breed he wanted to raise.

"I was looking for size," Ryan says. "Limousin are pretty big so they can raise big calves. They milk good. The bulls have good muscling. The Limousin produces a steer that will grade choice on the carcass."

Ryan raises and shows both red and black Limousin cattle. He tries to record the weaning weight and birth weight of all his calves and keeps feed records. These records help him improve his herd and help him when he selects bulls.

He puts receipts and other records in a notebook for his 4-H record book. With that information, he says, it's pretty easy to fill out his record book.

Ryan purchases steers for show with his father's help. Ryan says he enjoys showing cattle because it gives him the opportunity to travel and meet other people in the cattle industry.

By participating in showmanship classes, Ryan says, he has become more self confident. Winning the grand championship in beef showmanship overall is his greatest accomplishment in 4-H, he says.

Though Ryan enjoys showing steers, he says, his cow herd is much more profitable.

Ryan hopes his cow herd will help fund his college education. Eventually he hopes to have a purebred business of his own.

Ryan also is enrolled in the crop production, sheep, breeding beef and leadership projects. He is leader of the sheep project and has served as president of the Newbury 4-H Club. He also has presented talks at County and Regional Club Days.

Because of his heavy schedule, 4-H has taught him how to be organized, he says.

## In Five State Expo

# Parents learn with kids

by Joan Istas

Seward County Agricultural Agent Glenn Cole went back to the basics of Extension — teaching parents through their children — when he launched the Five State Market Expo.

Parents as well as kids learned what it takes to have a successful livestock enterprise today when their kids participated in the expo. Hopefully some adults will make changes in their own livestock enterprises as a result, Cole said.

Cole launched the program as an alternative to the livestock show. He wanted kids to come face-to-face with the real world of agriculture — to obtain experience in managing money, in borrowing money, if necessary, and in making decisions about purchasing, caring for and selling the animal.

The expo, which Cole hopes will become an annual event, is open to 4-H club and FFA members in the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. Twelve 4-H'ers and seven FFA members participated the first year.

Youths could enter three head of each species of swine, sheep and beef. They were required to care for their own animals and encouraged to purchase animals at a reasonable market price.

Beef animals had to weigh 650 to 750 pounds to go into the program; swine, 30 to 50 pounds, and sheep, 50 to 60 pounds. Beef animals were fed 120 days and sheep and swine, 100 days. To enter the program, animals had to be weighed by an Extension agent or vocational agriculture instructor. All participants were required to attend the final expo in Liberal.

Youths were awarded blue, red and white ribbons in five categories:

Live animal evaluation — Was the animal well cared for and wormed? Was it free of parasites?

Carcass evaluation — Animals were slaughtered at the end of the expo and graded.

Rate of gain — In beef, blue ribbons were awarded for a daily gain of 2.75 pounds or better; red, 2.5 to 2.75 pounds per day; white, under 2.5 pounds per day. In swine, a daily gain of 2.0 pounds or better qualified for a blue ribbon; red, 1.6 to 1.9 pounds; and white, below 1.6 pounds. For sheep, a daily gain of .75 pounds or better qualified for a blue ribbon; red, .5 to .74 pounds; and white, below .5 pounds.

Record book — Participants were judged on the Kansas 4-H market animal record form which they completed.

Oral interview — Questions included: What did you learn from the project? What did you feed the animal? What vaccinations were required? When did you worm the animal?

Bonus money was awarded according to the total number of points earned by each contestant. Contestants had to earn points in each of the five categories to be eligible for bonus money. A blue ribbon earned 100 points; red, 85 points; and white, 70 points.

Though bonus money is an important incentive for kids in the expo, Cole said the amount should not be so great that it is the only reason kids participate.

He noted that most of the kids who entered steers in the expo probably lost money, but added that also is true of the kids who purchase animals for show.

Cole's daughter, Patricia, who has shown livestock since she was 7, was among the participants in the expo. Now a freshman in high school, Patricia borrowed \$1400 to purchase animals for the expo.

She learned about interest rates and, for the first time in all her years of showing livestock, took an interest in the livestock market.

"From my own point of view, it was a super program. It was an exciting program," Cole said.

"It just taught the kids a lot of practical things. I think it's so worthwhile. They're getting into real life."

## Alumni group supports county

Clay County has organized a 4-H alumni association to serve and support the Clay County 4-H program.

Jodi Musselman, a 10 year member of the Hayes Boosters 4-H Club, promoted the 4-H alumni association after returning home from 4-H Discovery Days where she was an interview finalist in the citizenship project.

Jodi wrote newspaper articles about the association, spoke about it at the Clay County Fair and had sign up sheets at the county fair. Approximately 30 people signed up.

Jodi also researched names and addresses of former Clay County 4-H'ers and leaders and addressed 416 letters to 4-H alumni inviting them to attend an organizational meeting in January. Officers were elected at this meeting and a constitution and bylaws since have been adopted.

Officers are: Herb Mugler, president,

Lon James, vice-president; Jodi Musselman, secretary; Mrs. Art Fowles, treasurer; and reporter, Mrs. Leon Musselman.

Any person 18 years of age as of Jan. 1 is eligible to be a member. Active and supportive memberships are sold. An active member is any person paying dues who is involved in the organization. A supportive member is an individual or business who pays dues but who is not

active.

Single memberships are \$3; memberships for a couple, \$5, and supportive, \$10.

Active members are asked to participate in one of five committees: membership, project, social communications, scholarship and history.

About 23 people are members of the county alumni association.

## Livestock group a success (continued from Page 8)

spring show as well as the county fair.

"Livestock judging is real good practice in decision-making. Showing gives kids self-confidence and poise," Beck explains.

Following the county fair, an August picnic is held. The picnic promotes good relationships among club members and gives them the opportunity to relate to

others. The picnic is a celebration of the project year, Beck says.

The livestock group gives Beck the opportunity to work with 4-H'ers on a one-to-one basis. He also remembers the help he received from others when he was a 4-H'er and wants to return that help to 4-H'ers today. 4-H is an important part of Extension, he says.



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## Club membership increases by 20

Community club membership in Finney County increased by 20 this year, says Finney County 4-H Agent Janet Harrison.

Harrison says all nine community clubs show increases in membership and those increases mean a lot of new families are involved in the Finney County community club program.

## Apply for IFYE

Youths 19 to 25 years of age, who are interested in learning another culture, may wish to apply to be an IFYE representative, says Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist.

For six months, the IFYE lives with families in another country. IFYEs learn a culture by living it, Redman notes.

Some scholarship money for IFYEs is available through the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

IFYE applications can be obtained from the county Extension office and must be approved by that office. Applications are due to Redman in the state 4-H-Youth office by Oct. 1.

Ambassador and LABO applications are due to the state 4-H office by Jan. 15. They also must be approved by the county Extension office.

International programs have been a part of the Kansas 4-H program since 1948 when Armin Samuelson, Newton, represented the state as an IFYE to Sweden.



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# Clubs awarded citizenship grants

Eleven 4-H clubs have been awarded citizenship-in-action grants totaling \$2,960.

Grants, which range from \$160 to \$500, are provided by the Kansas 4-H Foundation with funds from Pioneer Hybrid International. Grants are approved by the state Extension 4-H and Youth Programs office. All grant applications were approved but one.

The following clubs were awarded grants:

Eudora 4-H Club, Douglas County, \$500 — Funds will be used to insulate and purchase storm windows for the historic Salem Chapel

where the club and other community groups meet.

Mound Builders 4-H Club, Miami County, \$350 — The exterior and interior of the Mound Creek School, a community meeting place, will be painted.

Liberty Bell 4-H Club, Osborne County, \$300 — Funds will be used to provide a tennis court and basketball goal in Alton for recreation for youth in the community.

Sumner 4-H Club, Osborne County, \$300 — Funds will be used to provide a tennis court and basketball goal in Alton.

Spring Creek Hustlers, Graham County, \$300 — Funds will be used to purchase food for a community food pantry in Hill City which provides food for needy people in Graham County.

Lyon Prospectors, Dickinson County, \$300 — A mini park in a vacant lot in downtown Herington will be developed. Picnic tables and trash barrels will be purchased and grass, trees and shrubs planted.

Mentor 4-H Club, Saline County, \$250 — Hopes are to establish a 4-H club for handicapped young people in Salina. Special equipment and supplies will be purchased and special transportation provided with grant funds.

Dighton Goldiggers, Lane County, \$200 — Plants and wood chips will be purchased for an outdoor classroom established by the 4-H club. Litterbags will be purchased and distributed to farmers in the county and a model farm rented.

Pomona Pioneers, Franklin County, \$150

— A ramp and handrail will be installed at the Greenwood Community Center, where the club meets. Because the center also is used as a voting place for Greenwood Township, the installation of the ramp and handrail for the handicapped has been mandated by the state.

Cimarron 4-H Club, Grant County, \$160 — A roadside park will be built. This year plans are to install driveways and put out a picnic table and trash containers.

Bearcreek 4-H Club, Grant County, \$150 — A permanent concrete bench will be built at the fairgrounds and dedicated to Marshall Walker, who retired as an Extension agricultural agent after 35 years.

## 4-H'ers Go On Tour

Twenty-three Finney County clothing project members went on a clothing field trip to Wichita recently. The group toured a fabric shop and a modeling school and received tips from a representative of the modeling school on how to be a gracious hostess and guest.

As part of a scavenger hunt in a large department store, 4-H'ers compared care instructions and fabric content of different garments, the cost of two belts and selected jewelry to accessorize their outfits.

The highlight of the field trip was attending the dinner theatre, "Annie."

## Judging Day will be Oct. 11

Over \$600 in prizes will be awarded at the fourth annual livestock judging field day at Buchman's Double B Ranch, south of Alta Vista, Saturday, Oct. 11. Swine, cattle, horses and sheep will be judged.

Don Good, head of the Kansas State University animal science department, will judge and speak at the field day which annually attracts over 200 participants.

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# Linn County tops horse judging



Horse judging contestants contemplate placings.

by Joan Istas

Teamwork, practice and a lot of support from parents and leaders helped Linn County 4-H'ers Jill Lowe, Matt and Dana Teagarden and Treasure Saunders win the championship in the state 4-H horse judging contest.

The July contest was held at Kansas State University in Manhattan. The Linn County team won the contest with a score of 1,613, well ahead of the 1,588 points compiled by the second place Johnson County team. Performance and halter classes were judged.

A background in horses also helps when judging horses, especially the performance classes, Dana says.

She and her teammates certainly have that needed background. All have been riding, at least since they were four years old and some have been riding since they could walk.

They all show horses and have qualified for the state 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair. The four teens are long-time competitors in horse judging contests, too — almost as long as they've been in 4-H. This was their third year of judging in state competition. Last year they missed out on the top spot by just one point.

Under the direction of coach Marty Read, the Linn County team prepared for the 1986 state contest by competing in two horse judging contests and par-

ticipating in five practices.

They practiced giving reasons just like they would practice giving a speech. They observed their actions by practicing in front of a mirror and recorded their voices on a tape recorder.

Jill, who began giving reasons when she was 10 years old, says that practice helped her win the top spot in the reasons class in this year's state competition.

"Tell the truth when giving reasons," she advises. "Tell what you saw. You can blow a class and still get a good score by justifying that placing in a reasons class."

"Giving reasons teaches you to think logically. It gives you a lot of self confidence and poise," Dana says.

The four Linn County team members say it took a commitment and a lot of hard work to win the state horse judging contest. But it was worth it.

"It's great to be number one," they say.

The Linn County team will represent Kansas in judging competition at the Quarter Horse Judging Conference in Columbus, Ohio, in mid-October. The Johnson County team won the right to represent Kansas at the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest in Denver in early November.

The third place team from Labette County won the right to represent Kansas at the International Arabian Judging Contest in Louisville, Ky., in October. The fourth place Butler County team also can attend that conference.

The fifth place team from Stanton County can attend the American Junior Quarter Horse Association World Judging Contest in Oklahoma.

## Bowl teaches parliamentary procedure

A parliamentary procedure quiz bowl, held as part of Sedgwick County Club Days, is improving community club meetings in that county.

Introduced three years ago to supplement model meetings, last year 25 to 30 teams competed, according to Eric Otte, Sedgwick County 4-H agent.

A team consists of four members. Each club can have up to four teams compete in the three divisions: junior, 7- to 10-year-olds; intermediate, 11- to 13-year-olds; and senior, 14 and above.

Volunteers serve as timekeeper, judge, moderator and scorekeeper.

Each club with a team must submit 10 to 15 questions. Team names and the

bracket they will compete in are drawn from one hat; questions, from another. Teams compete in runoffs in one of three district quiz bowls in the county. Rounds are single elimination. A round consists of 11 questions — eight regular and three toss up.

The top teams in each division in the three districts participate in the parliamentary quiz bowl at County Club Days. The top team is awarded a certificate, other teams, participation ribbons.

Team members become so knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure that often the winner is the person who can push the buzzer button the quickest, Otte says. To challenge intermediate and

senior competitors, questions often are put in a situational setting.

"I feel the quiz bowl has improved club meetings," Otte says. "Leaders say kids now know how to make a motion. Even the youngest club member will correct an improper parliamentary proceeding.

"Business meetings are improved and, thus, don't last as long. Kids learned about parliamentary procedure in quiz bowls and now are using that knowledge at club meetings," Otte says.

Otte believes gavel games can be used to reinforce the learning of parliamentary procedure contests.



Eric Bailey shows Dean how to set a trap.

## 4-H'er learns how to care for animals

Bourbon County 4-H'er Eric Bailey has learned a lot about wildlife by enrolling in the Acres For Wildlife, Fishing, Birds Around You and Fur Harvesting projects the past three years.

As a result of taking these projects, Eric says he understands more about wildlife.

"I like to hunt the animals but I also know how to take care of them," the Hiattville 4-H Club member says.

In the Acres For Wildlife project, Eric planted milo as feed for the birds and provided them cover by piling up brush.

He enjoys hunting and has learned about safe hunting practices and respect for animals and guns by attending schools on wildlife including the session on upland game hunting at the Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting School at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center.

"A good hunter has a responsibility for the animals and people," he says.

Fishing may be Eric's favorite wildlife project because he and his dad, Dean, do a lot of fishing together.

Eric has helped Dean fix up the family's boat and went fishing for white bass on the lake.

"We do a lot together, Dad and I," Eric says.

Eric also takes the woodworking and beef projects. He says he likes meeting people and doing a variety of things in 4-H.

## School stresses outdoor education

The Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting School returns to Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center Oct. 25 and 26.

Introduced two years ago, the school features workshops on upland game and duck hunting, bow hunting, fishing and fur harvesting. Participants will sign up for one of the four sessions and remain in that workshop during the two days.

In the upland game session, youths will shoot a shotgun, participate in a controlled quail hunt and learn about duck hunting. Fur harvesters will learn about different kinds of traps, how to set traps and how to harvest the fur.

Bow hunters will go on a blood trail, learn about safety in bow hunting and proper dress and participate in a night shoot. In fishing, youths will learn about fishing laws and fish from an open boat on a lake.

Saturday evening a well-known wildlife enthusiast will speak and participants will go on a coon hunt.

Youths 12 years of age and older are eligible to participate in the school. All must be accompanied by an adult.

The school gives youngsters a good opportunity for hands-on training with experts in the field, says Emily Kling, Extension 4-H specialist, who is coordinating the workshop with Bob Henderson, Extension wildlife specialist.

They get to know people with similar interests throughout the state, learn hunting ethics and how to make decisions about hunting practices, Kling says.

"The workshop is a good opportunity for youngsters and parents to spend

quality time together. 4-H is a family organization. The Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting School is an opportunity for families to do things together."

For more information, contact the county Extension office.

## Scholarships are offered to hunting, fishing camp

Three full scholarships to the annual Hunting, Fishing and Fur Harvesting School are being offered this year to winners of essay contests on the topic, "Hunter's Responsibility to Landowners."

The scholarships are provided by the Kansas 4-H Foundation through the Charles L. Streeter 4-H Wildlife Trust. The late Streeter was an avid sportsman and a Manhattan resident.

All 12- to 18-year-olds are eligible for the essay contest. Essays should be no more than two pages of doublespaced typed copy. They must be received in the

state 4-H office by Sept. 22. Mail essays to: Emily Kling, State 4-H and Youth Specialist, Room 208, Umberger Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Ks. 66506.

The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping School will be Oct. 25 and 26 at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center near Junction City. Workshops will cover upland game, fur harvesting, fishing and bow hunting.

All youths must be accompanied by an adult.

For additional information, contact the county Extension office.

## Club tops in model meetings

The Cottonwood 4-H Club of Wabaunsee County has captured the top blue award in county model meeting competition in two of the last three years.

Club members attribute their success to involving both younger and older

members in the meeting. Younger members make motions and present project talks and demonstrations and older members serve as officers, second motions and participate in discussion.

# 4-H roundup featuring the northwest area

The Four Square 4-H Club of Norton County consists of 23 members who work hard on all their projects. These projects include livestock, clothing, cooking and a few extra fun projects.

The major project is safety. Last year club members set a goal to get a flashing light installed at the intersection of Highways 36 and 383. So far rumble strips and 8'x5' signs mark the turnoff. It is hoped that a flashing light will be installed soon.

Last winter club members had a party for the Norton Manor Nursing Home. An AFS student put on a slide show and club members served refreshments.

-Lisa Thiele

The Chautauqua County 4-H Council raised funds by sponsoring a disco dance at the county fair this year. The dance, which followed the 4-H style revue, was run by a disc jockey. A majority of those attending wore jams.

Funds raised from the dance are used to purchase fair ribbons, to send teen leaders to the Citizenship-Washington Short Course and to pay half the cost of Discovery Days registration for Chautauqua County 4-H'ers.

Chautauqua County has 94 club members.

Two Kansas 4-H club members spent the summer working at the National 4-H Center in Washington D.C.

George Kandt, Riley County, and Carmen Calhoun, McPherson County, worked with 4-H'ers throughout the nation who participated in Citizenship-Washington Focus. They provided leadership and information on field trips of cultural and historical sites, including Capitol Hill.

A 12-year member of the Ashland Boosters 4-H Club, Kandt was Kansas' first Ambassador delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. and attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago as the state meat utilization winner.

His major projects were public speaking, citizenship, horticulture and leadership. In 4-H, he says, he learned how to work with and relate to others.

Finney County 4-H'ers Sonya Schweer and Steve Boppart were each awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Finney County 4-H Foundation.

Steve has served as president of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club and was active in the dog and computer projects. Sonya, a member of the Beacon Boosters 4-H Club, is active in the sheep project.

This is the second year that the Finney County 4-H Foundation has awarded scholarships to 4-H members to continue their education in a four-year or two-year college or vocational technical school.

Cooking classes from three 4-H clubs, the Mahaska Merry Makers of Washington County and the Narka and Merry Meadowlarks clubs, both of Republic County, and the EHU group, the Narka Livey'ers, recently got together for an international evening of food and fellowship.

Guests were greeted by an airline stewardess, asked to sign the passenger list and seated at tables decorated with globes, airplanes and flags of the world. Each person came attired in a costume depicting the country he represented.

The stewardess asked all to fasten their seat belts and the flight began. The first stop was the Island of Cuba where Ryan Claycamp, attired in Spanish dress, played a piano solo, "Havana Nights." In Mexico, Italy, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, salads, open face sandwiches and international breads were served and in China, Mrs. Jim Cerny and Shelly Kerr demonstrated Wok cookery.

Upon arriving in Czechoslovakia, Luanne and Lennie Baxa danced the polka. Mrs. Kenny Claycamp gave the history of the kolache and served kolaches. In Japan, Margo Keller talked about her experiences as a LABO host. At the last stop, Mrs. Cecil Keller and Mrs. Clyde Thomas told of their tours to Hawaii and served fruit plates and punch with floating fresh flowers.

In flight, Margo Keller and Ryan Claycamp served five kinds of international cookies and Brad Claycamp gave a report on the Czech book, "Milenka's Happy Summer."

-Ryan Claycamp, reporter

Two Gemini Jrs. 4-H Club members of Ellis County, Steve Hilger and Janet Smith, recently were awarded the "I Dare You" leadership award. The award recognizes 4-H'ers who have demonstrated qualities of leadership, excellence in character and future leadership potential.

Steve, 16, is a nine-year club member and is serving as club president for the second year. A 12-year 4-H member, Janet has held all the offices in the Gemini Jrs. and been president of the 4-H Council and Perky Pups Dog Club.

-John Weber, reporter

The Sunnyside 4-H Club of Phillips County celebrated May Day this year by delivering May baskets to 45 elderly residents in the small community of Logan. Each family in the club decorated five May baskets and baked cookies to fill the baskets.

-Mariana Kemper

The Busy Beavers 4-H Club of Norton County decorated and filled nut cups for residents of the Andbe Home at the club's annual Christmas party. Club members also pulled taffy and had cookies and cocoa for refreshments.

-Jill Hanchett

The Prairie Dog 4-H Club of Norton County had a new challenge this year. As a new moneymaking project, club members served refreshments at a farm auction.

Committees were appointed to plan for the auction. Committee members decided what to serve, priced the food items and obtained other supplies.

Committee members asked club members to serve at the stand, bring tables and chairs and each family to bring two pies.

The concession earned the club a big profit.

-Trudi Strevey

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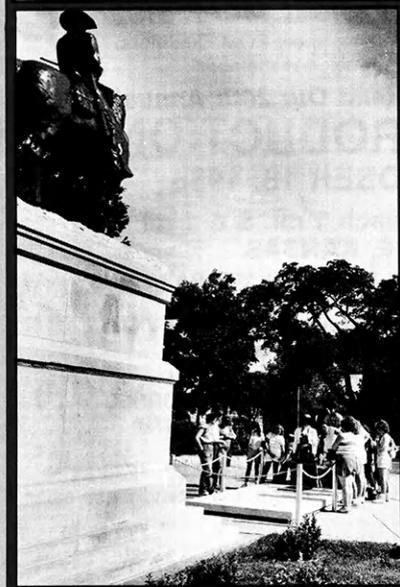
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*(Top Photo) Extension Home Economics Specialist Zoe Slinkman shows Heritage Encounter participants how to make a corn husk doll. (Bottom right). A 4-H'er tries his hand at wheat weaving. (Bottom left) 4-H'ers tour the Custer house and statue at Fort Riley.*