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Conall Addison judges a broken black mini-lap rabbit at the Western Kansas Rabbit Show & School. Watching are Saline County 4-Hers Pam Peterson (left) and Laura Fischer.



Travis Jerke (left) shows his Black Satin doe which was judged the best of the Black Satin breed. Claude Elliott, middle, Barton County 4-H rabbit project chairman, Ellinwood, helps the boys. Chad Jerke shows the Siamese Satin which was judged the best of that breed.

## First western Kansas rabbit event attracts good crowd

"Wabbit waisers of western Kansas went to a worthwhile wendevvous to wear the wight way to wear wabbits," reports Elmer Fudd. Actually, Elmer Fudd didn't attend the Western Kansas Rabbit Show and School, held in Hays, March 26.

If he had attended, he wouldn't have seen much silliness, as the day was filled with four learning sessions and judging of more than 100 rabbits.

Terry Mannell, Ellis County Extension agent and one of the day's organizers, said the event was held to increase interest in the 4-H rabbit project and to provide education on a variety of topics related to rabbit raising.

"We were very pleased with the turnout. Despite the weather, kids came from as far away as Salina and Dodge City," Mannell said. Some 4-Hers brought their rabbits for the afternoon show. Others came to watch, listen and

ask questions. "We had a good mix of experienced 4-Hers and beginners," Mannell added.

For the beginners, the morning school provided helpful information. Conall Addison, Stafford County Extension director, spoke on rabbit herd management. He gave suggestions on the types of cages, watering systems and feed to use.

Fred Weber, Jr., from Newton, covered choosing a show rabbit and preparing for a rabbit show. Mannell explained what takes place at a rabbit showmanship contest. He encouraged participants to set-up showmanship contests at county fairs. The rabbit showmanship contest at the Kansas State Fair is open to any 4-Her who exhibits rabbits at the state fair.

Marcia Ochs, Rush County, and Barbara Addison, Stafford County, used posters to show several methods of

butchering a rabbit.

Conall Addison and Weber judged the afternoon show. Mannell estimates that 15 rabbit breeds were represented. Conformation and fur classes were judged. In conformation classes judges consider the rabbit's body type, grooming, health and fur. In fur classes only the rabbit's coat is judged.

The school and show were sponsored by local county Extension offices and the Three Corners Rabbit Club. Terry Mannell, Ellis County; Conall and Barbara Addison, Stafford County; and Marica Ochs and Gene Algrim, Rush County, served on the planning committee.

Mannell said a similar event in another part of the state is in the planning stage for next year.

"Th ...th ...th ...that's all folks!"



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**COVER:** "Just the Right Size" is the title of Brad Guess' photo of Chris Sailor. Brad is a 15-year-old member of the Kanwaka 4-H Club, Douglas County. Chris, from Berkley, California, visited the Guess family last summer and was fascinated with the chickens, especially the bantam rooster. The photo won purple ribbons at the Sunflower State Expo and the Kansas State Fair.

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## Use judging for teaching

by Sara C. Gilliland  
Editor, Kansas 4-H Journal

Everyday we make decisions — what to wear, what to eat, which product is the best buy, etc. 4-H judging practice sessions, schools and contests help youth develop decision-making skills, reasoning ability and self-confidence. These skills will continue to benefit the 4-Her long after the last judging trophy has been awarded.

Preparing for any kind of a judging event involves learning subject matter and the latest quality standards. For example, the longer, trimmer, heavier muscled steer placed at the top of the judging class today might have stood at the bottom of the class ten years ago.

Almost any 4-H project can involve judging. County, area, state and national judging contests are held in the following subject matter areas: home economics, livestock, dairy, poultry, horse, meat, horticulture, plants and seeds, land, homesites and range pasture.

Knowing which biscuit or steer or stalk of corn is best, which second, which third and which fourth isn't enough. The next step is to explain why you ranked the items as you did. In livestock judging, reasons are often given orally. In home economics judging, 4-Hers check boxes on a reasons sheet to compare the characteristics or qualities of each item judged. In land judging, contestants first make some determinations about the soil and then have to recommend land treatments for the soil.

"Judging is not a guessing game, it's a learning process," says Lois Redman, Extension Specialist, 4-H—Youth Programs. Leaders can use judging as a teaching tool, even with the youngest 4-Hers. Redman stresses that judging classes don't have to be specially prepared.

"Start out small," she says. For example, a foods leader can ask a class of beginners what type of pan to use when baking crispy, roll-out cookies. The leader probably has a variety of pans in the kitchen — a glass baking dish, a shiny cookie sheet, a dull cookie sheet, or a ceramic baking dish. After the 4-Hers make their placements, then they can test their predictions by actually baking cookies. If at least two examples are available, beginners can practice concepts of comparison and judgment.

In some judging classes the results may not be crystal clear. Redman doesn't see any disadvantage to this because she says few decisions in real life are crystal clear. 4-Hers learn to accept the fact that their judgment may not always agree with the person who placed the class.





Texture of the soil is determined by moistening a sample and rubbing it between the thumb and index finger. Soil is classified as sandy, loamy or clayey.

# LAND JUDGING

*"It doesn't matter whether you live in the country or city, we all work with dirt."*

Judging the quality and usefulness of land is an important part of growing crops, building homes and constructing roads. Kansas young people evaluate land when they participate in 4-H land and range judging and homesite evaluation events.

Five Kansas 4-H teams and five Kansas FFA teams have won the right to compete in the 32nd Annual International Land, Pasture and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City this month. The 4-H teams are from Ford, Scott, Coffey, Kingman and Osborne counties.

These five teams earned the right to go to the International Contest by winning their area contest last fall. Kansas teams will face teams from 30 states in this "world series of land judging."

Trophies and cash awards are presented to winners in 4-H, FFA and adult divisions. The event is sponsored by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita and its affiliates in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, in cooperation with many agricultural, civic and educational groups.

Teams will judge four land sites. At each site they'll consider factors such as surface texture, permeability, depth of soil, slope, erosion and surface runoff to determine the land capability class. They'll also recommend treatments such as burning, terracing, fertilizing and planting to maintain or improve the land class.

For two of the four sites, contestants will consider factors which relate to the suitability for home construction. They'll evaluate whether the factors will slightly, moderately or severely limit building a foundation, growing a lawn or garden or constructing a sewage system.

Don Wiles, a veteran land judging coach for Ford County 4-H teams for 20 years says the best way to learn how to judge land is "go out there and get your hands dirty." He has four to six training sessions with interested 4-Hers before the fall district contests and then continues with four to six workouts before the international contest.

The terminology used in land judg-

ing is precise. When Wiles describes soil as "moderately deep" the 4-Hers know that he means it is 20 to 36 inches deep. Memorizing terms and standards is important because you've got to have the same interpretation or meaning for descriptions that could otherwise be vague, Wiles says. For example, if a piece of land is described as "steep" that means the land slopes eight to 12 feet in each 100 feet.

"Land judging is a lot of plain artistry," says Bob Bohannon, Extension soil and water conservation specialist, "you know what the ideal is and your judgment is based on that."

The skill of judging a piece of property is a lifetime asset, Wiles believes. "It doesn't matter whether you live in the country or the city, we all work with dirt," he says.

Obviously, farmers are concerned with land's productive qualities. Homeowners and home builders consider the land when choosing the best home and garden site, and planting a lawn. Real estate agents, engineers, construction workers, fertilizer or seed

dealers, lawyers and architects all are concerned with land usefulness and value.

Besides developing a skill in evaluating land, 4-Hers develop a skill in making decisions. Wiles has seen "a lot of growing up" as a result of 4-Hers learning land judging techniques, making the judging decisions and sticking with them.

Wiles also sees increased self-confidence for many 4-Hers who've participated in land judging. Land judging is appealing to some 4-Hers because no oral reasons are involved. "I've had kids who were self-conscious about their speaking ability become confident enough through land judging experience to tell others about it."

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Ford County 4-Hers have brought home a national championship in land and homesite judging. Wiles also is proud of the fact that he coached the first all-girls land judging team which competed at the international contest in 1962. "They (the girls) were such a rarity that the news media people got to be a real problem," Wiles said. The girls could hardly move without a photographer snapping a picture.

Now, girls on teams are common throughout the nation. In 1979, Susan Bland, from Barber County, was the first girl to win the highest individual award for range pasture judging. That same year the Barber County team placed first and Monte Thom was 3rd high individual.

Barber County won the international range pasture judging contest again in 1982. A sixth grader, George Schreiner, was the top individual and his twin brother, Greg, was 3rd high individual. Another team member, Randy Packard, was 7th individual. Ray Etheridge, Barber County Extension director, is the coach. He's bringing a young team to the 1983 international contest.

The international contest is a mixture of hard work and fun for the Kansas teams. The first day's program is a



*A coach returns to the excavation pit with his team to sharpen judging skills.*



*Don Wiles (standing far left), Ford County Extension Director, has led land judging teams to many championships.*

school in land judging and identification of pasture grasses and range plants.

The morning of the contest the Dodge City Farmland Industries Anhydrous Ammonia Division sponsors a chuck-wagon breakfast for all the Kansas contestants. Teams hope for good weather and familiar land terrain. Contest sites can be quite different from land the Kansas 4-Hers are familiar with.

Team members do not judge together and there's no talking at the

sites. Team scores are figured by taking the three highest (out of four) individual scores.

Wiles makes sure his team has time for fun while they're in Oklahoma. They do some sightseeing, eat at a couple of nice restaurants and stay in a luxury hotel. The excellent financial support from local businesses makes it a rewarding trip for the team, Wiles explains.

Wiles thinks his team will place well. "They have an excellent attitude and they've done their homework."



## Experts offer tips on giving oral reasons

Fairgoers often are fascinated by the sight of a barnful of young judging contest entrants, stalking back and forth as they grimly practice speaking.

The contestants rarely notice any audience they might attract, however.

They know that picking which steer or chicken or side of beef is best, which second, which third and which fourth isn't enough.

They must take their turn explaining why they chose as they did, facing the person who has already decided how the class will be placed.

The person who listens to the oral reasons is judging not only the correctness of the selections the young person made but also the presentation the young person is making of him/herself, according to faculty members at Kansas State University who have been on the scorers' side of the fence.

Both the correct placement of the class and the oral reasons are used to figure the individual's and the team's score.

"I tell kids that what they're doing is really salesmanship," says Al Adams, KSU Extension poultry specialist.

That salesmanship has to be of a fairly specific type, however.

Bill Able, the KSU award-winning livestock judging team's coach, explains part of it: "You've got to go in with the attitude you're real positive about what you've seen and try to convey that image."

Many times young people have only two minutes to explain the reasons for their choices.

"You've got to be organized and clear. You have to stick to the big things, hit 'em and get over with it," Able adds. "Talking longer isn't necessarily good. I tell my kids, 'If you're over 1 minute and 45 seconds, you're getting a bit long.' Usually the longer you talk the more chances you have for error."

Dick Dunham, KSU Extension dairy science specialist, remembers that as a collegiate contestant he learned to

develop a mental image of the cows he was to rate. That way he didn't have to memorize their characteristics. He just looked them over in his mind as he talked later.

"I found the best way to organize my thoughts was into categories: general appearance, dairy character, body capacity, mammary system," Dunham says. "I would cover all I was going to say on each category and go on to the next. If you organize cow-by-cow instead, often you'll find yourself forgetting something on one and having to backtrack later."

The dairy science specialist adds that in his experience scoring 4-H judging contests at the state fair, the most common error young people fall into is that of describing the cows, rather than comparing them. He believes his category system also helps correct this error.

Dave Schafer, KSU Extension meats specialist, is working on a system to establish the observation skills of young

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judges without requiring them to give oral reasons. An official will ask questions of first-year meat judges, or those up to age 11, and the 4-Hers will mark their answers on a card. Next time, the 4-Hers will give oral reasons for one class, but will be allowed to use notes.

"We'll work into the oral reasons gradually, hoping to make the young ones feel more at ease," Schafer says.

He recommends that judges start their explanations with an overall summary that creates a word picture of the class, to help scorers follow their later reasoning.

He also stresses a point on which all judging contest scorers seem to agree: "You've got to be truthful and accurate. This isn't a political debate. You must not be overbearing or stretch the truth to make a point."

But getting the correct mental set and

organization isn't enough, the faculty members say.

"You've got to be neat in appearance," meats specialist Schafer says. "You've got to look as if you take pride in yourself. Stand up straight with your weight on both feet. Stand a comfortable distance away from the judge — not so close you're peering down on the judge, who's usually sitting, yet not so far that outside distractions can intervene in what you're saying."

KSU team coach Able suggests his judges stand 8 to 10 feet away and tells them, "Don't bend over and spit in the guy's face as you try to talk."

Able also tells young people to speak a little louder than normal conversation level.

"You can't convince anyone with soft speaking," he says. "You sound apologetic."

Poultry specialist Adams adds, "But, I also remember one kid that got almost in my face and shouted. I wasn't impressed."

The faculty members stress that young people maintain eye contact during their talk, even if they have to look at an imaginary spot on their scorer's forehead to maintain their "cool" while appearing to keep in eye contact.

Nervous hands that make distracting gestures are a no-no, as are hands in pockets that make a young person look as if s(he) doesn't care. That's why many coaches tell judges to hold their hands behind their back, where they can nervously wring them and keep them out of sight.

"If you use correct terms, and use them properly and have good grammar, that also helps," dairyman Dunham adds. "You can earn points that way, even if you're wrong."

This fluency with terminology is one of the main things that can overcome nervousness, the faculty members say.

Another major aid in squelching nerves is practice — in front of a mirror, at the family dinner table, in the barn.

"The more you practice and have someone criticize, the better you'll do," poultry specialist Adams concludes.

## Alert neighbors can prevent crime

By Brent Rechtferg  
Full-O-Pep 4-H Club reporter,  
Franklin County

It's OK to be a little "nosy" when you're suspicious of something you see at a neighbor's home. Being "nosy" may be a safeguard against crime, explained Greg Davis, from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

Davis spoke at a Rural Crime Prevention Program sponsored by the Full-O-Pep 4-H Club and a local Extension Homemaker's Unit.

He said be suspicious of slow-driving vehicles, parked vehicles and merchandise being exchanged between cars. If you see an unusual vehicle at your neighbor's, report it to the police department. Be sure to notice the color, size, license plate and any unusual dents or damage to the vehicle.

If you see a person, try to remember their race, sex, body build and clothing.

Davis said to know how to give directions, but cautioned against using local landmarks for those who may be unfamiliar with the neighborhood.

Davis showed a WARNING: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH sign that could be purchased from the police department and posted in your neighborhood. He also showed an identification number system to engrave articles to aid in their recovery if stolen. If there is an emergency, Davis said, don't be afraid to call the police. Stay by the phone until the first emergency vehicle arrives.

Merle Haas, a local burglar alarm representative, concluded the program by talking about the different types of burglar alarms that can be installed in a person's home.

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# Harvey County 4-H Homes Tour

The typical image that comes to mind when someone mentions the 4-H tour is a hot, dusty July day with a line of cars turning into a 4-H family's driveway. Everyone crowds around to see a pen of hogs or a 4-Her leading a calf. The 4-Her answers the typical questions of "How must does it weight? What do you feed it?" and then everybody loads back into cars and pickups and drives to the next farm.

Another type of tour is held each year in Harvey County. It's held twice a year, the line of cars is shorter and the visitors are invited inside homes. Comments such as "What color scheme do you plan? How much will it cost?" are typical. The tour is for 4-H members enrolled in the home environment project.

Sharon Molzen, Harvey County home economist, and Sandy Stahly, county project leader, started the tours six years ago to encourage participation in the project. The first tour is held in the fall. 4-Hers show the room they intend to work on while other members, parents and leaders offer helpful suggestions. "This year during the fall tour we also visited some rooms that were finished the year before. It was good for the beginners — it gave them a chance to see what others had worked on,"

Molzen said.

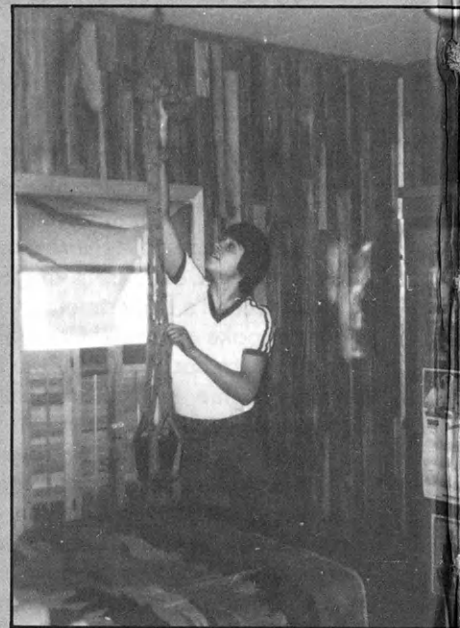
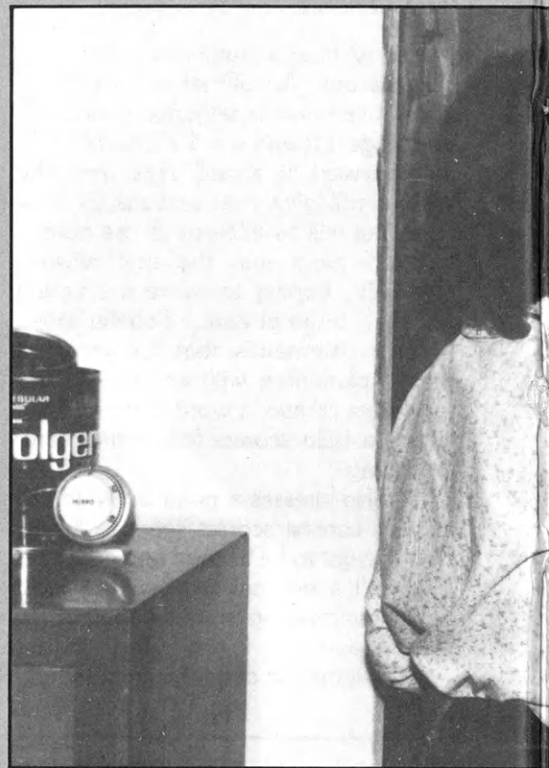
Most of the Harvey County 4-Hers work on improvements for their bedrooms. A few 4-Hers have worked on a kitchen or family room. The new home environment project encourages 4-Hers to work on any area of the home or yard.

The follow-up tour is usually held about a week before fairtime. "Members can show their progress, tell what they've learned, and it's also a good incentive to get projects finished," Molzen said.

In Harvey County most of the 4-Hers enrolled in the project choose to participate in the tour. They still have home environment exhibits at the county fair, also. "When we started the tours we judged that part also. We took 'before' and 'after' photos and the judge went on the tours. We used the same judge for the tour and the fair," Molzen explained.

They've now dropped the judging part of the tour. "It's more of a learning experience rather than a competition."

Harvey County intends to continue the home environment tours. Molzen said the project still has a small enrollment, but those who are in it really get involved.







**Upper left:** Jill Doebele, Walton 4-H Club, works on the closet door in her bedroom.

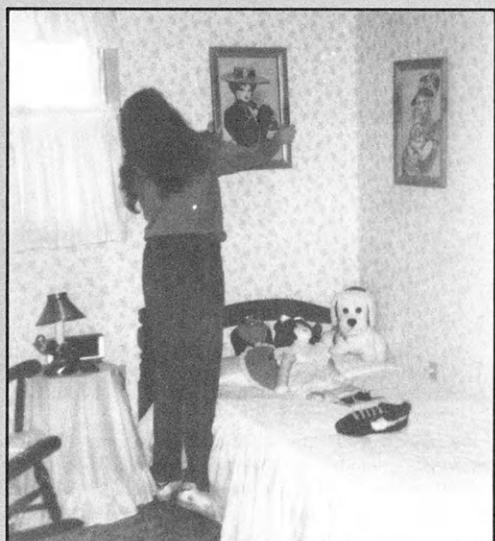
**Upper right:** Rhonda Brown, Newton City Slickers 4-H Club, smooths wallpaper in the bedroom she shares with her sister, Valerie. Their first job was to come to an agreement on the remodeling plans.

**Middle left:** Rory Stahly, Newton City Slickers 4-H Club, hangs a planter he made in the arts and crafts project.

**Middle right:** Nikki Stahly, Newton City Slickers 4-H Club, enjoys the new tailored look in her bedroom. As a younger 4-Her, she had decorated her bedroom in pink and ruffles. She outgrew that look and enrolled in the home environment project again and redecorated the room.

**Lower left:** Troy Spreier, Newton City Slickers 4-H Club, re-upholstered this chair for his home environment project.

**Lower right:** Shellie Stahly, Newton City Slickers 4-H Club, puts the finishing touches on her completely redecorated room.



# Ideas & News

## From the Northeast Area:

**Shawnee County:** What an exciting evening the **Shawnee 76er's 4-H** boys and girls had hosting the Battle of the Clubs sports events with **Decker 4-H Club** and **Riverside 4-H Club**!

The Battle of the Clubs committee adult leader: **Mr. Bob Sutton**, and members **Andy Sutton, Ken Jellison, Wayne Conger, Mike Hiskey, Doug Alexander, Cathy Kincaid, Lori Kincaid** and **Jamey Sutton** worked very hard putting this together. They hope this will be the first annual recreation activity between the three clubs.

The competition was great and the three clubs battled in 10 different fun sporting events the first half of the evening. After a time-out for refreshments, the club spent the last half of the evening in relay races around the gym. Ribbons were handed out to the top three children from each club for the two age groups in the relay races.

The overall club points were: **Riverside 4-H Club**, first place with 580 points; **Shawnee 76er's 4-H Club**, second place with 383 points; and **Decker 4-H Club**, third place with 110. **Cindy Davis** is club reporter.

**Shawnee County:** **Cindy Davis** reports that the **Shawnee 76er's 4-H Club** set a goal this year to participate in community service projects. In March the club community service project committee members and cake decorating project members worked together to prepare St. Patrick's Day party refreshments for the residents of the **Eventide Convalescent Center** in Topeka. **Mrs. Mildred Conger** and committee members **Melinda Reed, Kevin Davis, Deana Alexander, Doug Alexander, Corey Smith, Marla Smith** and **Wayne Conger** made 101 cupcakes and angel food cake (for the diabetic patients). **Mrs. Elaine Wilson** and her cake decorating class made shamrocks for the tops of the cupcakes.

The community services committee also called other **Shawnee 76er's 4-H** members in March and asked them to bring food for the American Field Service Day dinner.

**Wyandotte County:** Members of the **Wyandotte Pioneers 4-H Club** improved their reading skills and collected money for a worthy cause by participating in the March of Dimes Reading Olympics. Members got sponsors to donate money to the March of Dimes for each book they read. Then they received special awards based on the number of books read.

Winners were: gold award (for reading 20 or more books) — **Jeremy Wilson**; silver award (for reading 10-19 books) — **Jennifer Gibbons, Sheri Heier, Robbie Kleitz, Michelle Zimmerly**; and bronze award (for reading 4-9 books) — **Jennifer Noah, LeAnn Naoh. Jeremy Wilson** is club reporter.

## From the Southeast Area:

**Cherokee County:** Four members of the **C.C. Riders 4-H Club**, **Glenn White, Donna Miller, Mark Scales, and Greg Brynds**, placed 11th at the National Arabian Horse Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. While in Kentucky they saw the state capitol, toured the Kentucky Horse Park at Lexington and visited Churchill Downs.

**Greenwood County:** **Tamala Sherman** reports that the **Harmony Sunflowers 4-H Club** families say "Thank You" to the area **4-H Journal** sponsors by baking cookies. The 4-Hers delivered seven plates of cookies to the Journal sponsors.

**Greenwood County:** **Susan Erickson, Upper Fall River Jayhawks 4-H Club** reporter, writes that the club won top blue in the county model meetings contest. They went on to the regional contest at Madison and competed with Lyon, Chase, Coffey and Elk counties. They received a top blue there also.

**Franklin County:** **Brent Rechtfertig** reports that participation in the Gavel Games competition

during County Club Days increased from one club last year to six clubs this year. The winning clubs were: junior division — **Trail Blazers**, intermediate division — **Trail Blazers**, and senior division — **SHAFF**. Seven clubs participated in the model meetings competition with **Willing Workers** winning top blue.

## From the Southwest Area:

**Finney County:** **Melany Martinek** writes that the **Beacon Boosters 4-H Club** is pleased to have a new member. She is **Naoko Kimuro** from Ooka, Japan. Naoko is an A.F.S. student and is staying with the **Jerry Hundley 4-H family**. Naoko has been active in 4-H since she arrived in August, 1982. She won a top blue for her piano solo at both county and regional club days. She'll return to Japan in July.

## From the South Central Area:

**Barber County:** **Martina Schiff** is one of five finalists from Kansas to present her talent selection before the 4-H Talent Review Committee of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Sixteen Kansas 4-H youth were invited to present their talent numbers to the committee who narrowed the selection to five Kansas finalists.

Martina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Schiff, Sharon, Ks. She and four other Kansas 4-H club members will be competing with finalists from eleven other states in the North Central Region for a chance to perform for the national convention. Twelve to 15 4-Hers will be chosen to take part in the talent review.

The talent review will be one of the evening programs for the National County Agricultural Agents Association annual meeting scheduled for October in Wichita. Over 2,000 persons are expected to attend.



**Rooks County 4-H junior leaders** visit **Mrs. Lydia Maddy, 88**, at the **Rooks County Manor**. **Mrs. Maddy** organized the first **Rooks County 4-H Club** in the 1930's and was active for many years. Standing, from left: **Heather Stamper, Vickie Odle, Debbie Sander, Lisa Haley, Kole Gish and Julie Odle**. Seated: **Marcie Stamper, Mrs. Maddy, and Amy Ochampaugh**.



Members of the newest 4-H club in **Cloud County**, the **New Horizon 4-H Club**, hope motorists will take their message seriously. Helping erect the sign are: (from left) **Monica McDaniel, leader Don McDaniel, Andre McDaniel, Melissa Harris and Tamera Harris**.

# Pottawatomie County 4-Her attends national commodity marketing symposium

Ron Honig, 18, an Onaga High School senior, is one of 45 4-Hers across the nation who attended a four-day educational trip to the 32nd National 4-H Commodity Marketing Symposium in Chicago.



He won the honor because of a superior commodity marketing project he developed.

The April 23-26 marketing event, sponsored by the Chicago Board of Trade, brought together 4-Hers who have compiled outstanding commodity marketing projects during the year. Winners were selected by the Cooperative Extension Service.

## June 4 Dog Show

The 13th annual Mid-Kansas 4-H Invitational Dog Show will be held June 4 at the Industrial Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. This show is open to all youngsters enrolled in the 4-H dog project.

If you are interested in entering the show, details may be obtained from your county Extension agent or dog leader, or you may write or call the show secretary, Sharon Moots, Route 5, Hutchinson, Ks., 67501. Phone (316) 663-5317.

Entry forms, rules and regulations will be sent upon request. All entries are due May 15.

Honig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Honig, has been a 4-H member in Pottawatomie County for 10 years. Most of Honig's commodity marketing projects have taken place on the family's 700-acre farm, where he raises livestock and grows wheat, soybeans, milo and corn. He plans on a career in agriculture.

Honig learned to recognize how the market fluctuates and to appreciate that certain unforeseen factors, such as weather and international events, can suddenly affect the market price. "I find that every time a government prediction comes out, the prices go down. Every time it rains and they give crop conditions, the prices drop again," he said.

In comparing the free market system of the United States to trading practices of other countries, Honig sees future marketing as beneficial not only to farms in his community, but also to needy people around the world, since a good price encourages continuous production.

Honig earned a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1981 as a state winner in the conservation of natural

resources program. Last year he participated in the summer citizenship-Washington Focus program at the National 4-H Center, Washington, D.C.

Delegates to the Commodity Marketing Symposium participated in tours, seminars and activities that explained the use of futures markets as a management tool. The symposium was designed to aid 4-Hers in adapting market information and knowledge of market functions to on-going 4-H projects.

Participants visited the trading floor at the opening of the market and followed traders as they bought and sold futures contracts. At the close of trading, 4-Hers held their own simulated pit trading exercises. 4-Hers also met with officials on the Chicago Board of Trade, heard from traders and marketing representatives, and toured points of interest in Chicago.

The symposium was arranged by National 4-H Council in support of the 4-H program of the Cooperative Extension Service of the state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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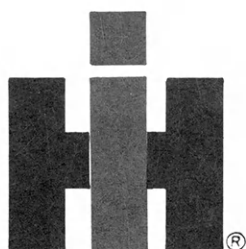
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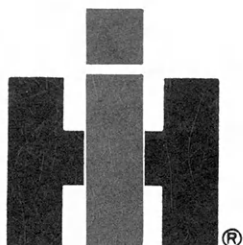
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## *A Community Affair*

Six Kansas 4-H clubs became successful grant writers this winter. All six will receive cash awards for their 1983 club citizenship projects.

**Barber County's 4-H Junior Leadership Club** will use its \$200 Citizenship-in-Action Grant to continue development of the Eugene Dick Memorial Park, a small picnic area east of the county fairgrounds.

Working with parents and leaders, the 4-H members built shelters and picnic tables last summer. They also fenced off a play area for young children.

Their plans for the future including landscaping, adding playground equipment and pouring concrete bases for the picnic shelters.

**Ellis County's Perky Pups 4-H Dog Club** already supports the Hays Humane Society. Members exercise dogs and clean pens for the society. Last summer they also organized a rabies clinic. To help the society quickly identify lost dogs, they gave a free, engraved tag to every dog vaccinated at the clinic.

The Perky Pups want to do more, however, and will use their \$300 grant, plus supplies Ellis Coutians donate, to provide shelter for the society's building and exercise yard.

Members plan to renovate and then care for the windbreak that gaps and now funnels wind into the dog pens. They'll plant trees to shade the society's building and place tether posts where dogs can also enjoy the shade, without hurting the trees. Their total plan ranges from fertilizing planting sites to installing a drip irrigation system.

**Franklin County's Junior Judges, Harper's Hilltoppers and Lyon County's Busy Beavers 4-H Club** received grants to help them remodel their meeting sites.

The Junior Judges meet at the Centropolis Township Hall, a newly-built center that functions as a fire engine garage and voting site, as well as a meeting hall.

The Judges will use their \$150 grant

to buy used folding chairs, pay for table building kits they'll put together, and provide some landscaping for their new meeting place.

The Hilltoppers 4-H Club will use its \$140 Citizenship-in-Action Grant to complete a massive renovation of its club house. The club house already has a new roof, stove, paneling, lowered ceiling and lighting. Next on the club's five-year remodeling plan is new siding for the outside walls, which the grant, plus money from the Hilltoppers' food sale, will help finance.

The Busy Beavers meet at the Eagle Creek Community Center, which also is home for voters, other clubs and a host of gatherings that range from family reunions to baby showers. The entire

## *Story of cancer victim has a happy ending*

by Craig Allan Dietz  
Reporter, Preston 4-H Club,  
Pratt County

The Preston community and the Preston 4-H Club think that Deanna Clark is quite a remarkable young lady and we want to share her love of life and her determination with your readers.

A Preston 4-H Club member for ten years, Deanna Clark is bright, bouncy, enthusiastic and most of all — healthy. This was not always the case. Six and a half years ago, Deanna developed Hodgkinsons disease — cancer of the lymph system. She underwent many weeks of surgery, then radiation and months of chemotherapy. Her spirits remained high and she says the key is "to stay determined and busy!"

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark of rural Preston, Deanna is in her senior year at Pratt High School and has maintained a high B average. She's been a cheerleader for several years. 1980 Pratt County Fair queen and past presi-

community has participated in updating the center. For example, community adults put a new roof on the building, while the Beavers provided a dinner for the roofers.

Soon the center will have new windows. Then the Busy Beavers will use their \$300 grant to scrape, prime and paint the outside of their meeting place.

**Norton County's Good Hope Boosters 4-H Club** will use its \$150 grant, club funds, and donations from the local telephone company and bank to develop a rural fire district plan. The Boosters hope the plan will also help district citizens realize their need for rural fire fighting equipment.

To do that, these Norton County 4-H members will get expert help in collecting information for maps that will show district road systems, fire routes, water sources and areas of prime fire potential. They'll print these maps, distribute them to every house in the district, provide emergency phone numbers to put on telephones, and give homeowners information on how to report fires.

The Kansas 4-H Foundation in Manhattan administers the state's 4-H Citizenship-in-Action Grant program, which is sponsored by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

dent of the Preston 4-H Club, her favorite projects are leadership, clothing, horse and now she is working for her gold pin.

Deanna works at The Flower Shoppe after school and on weekends. She is a part-time Candy Striper volunteer at the local hospital, teaches the kindergarten class at her church, and is in her ninth year of dance and acrobatics. This last summer she attended the K-State Summer Honors Program for five weeks in Manhattan.

She was selected among fifteen finalists in the Miss T.E.E.N. contest held at Kansas Wesleyan University. Deanna received special recognition for her volunteer work and also tied for the Miss Congeniality award.

We of the Preston 4-H Club feel that Deanna is a credit to her community, her club and to her fellow man. We hope the story of her triumph over cancer will inspire and encourage other young people who face difficulty and hardship.



# Family Fun Page

Another silly game contest! Thirteen winners will be selected. The first correct entry received from each of the following zip code areas wins a prize. The entries will be divided according to the first three digits of the zip code. Categories are: 660-662, 664-666, 667, 668, 669, 670-672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679. Send your entries to: Silly Game Contest, Kansas 4-H Journal, 116 Umberger, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. Make sure your name, address, and correct zip code are on your entry. The winners and the answers will be announced in the June issue.

Find the names of the animals in the letter-scramble below. The names may be backward, forward or diagonal.

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# 4-Her doesn't allow deafness to interfere with electric project

by Kay Hunter  
Pottawatomie County 4-H Intern

Plant lamps that come on with one touch of a leaf or "alarm" lamps designed to wake the hearing impaired sound like something from a science fiction book. But to 17-year-old Calvin Haefner, Blaine, these lamps are not mysterious at all. In fact, making them has been the most enjoyable aspect of his two years in the 4-H electric project.

Calvin's "alarm" lamp is actually a regular lamp plugged into an alarm clock with a disconnected buzzer. When the alarm goes off, Calvin's lamp flashes on and off intermittently.

Since Calvin is deaf and mute, his "alarm" lamp wakes him up every day. It is not an original idea since there are some on the market. However, Calvin has sold a few lamps to his classmates at the Kansas School for the Deaf, Olathe, who tell him his are better than those found in the stores because his are brighter.

Currently, Calvin is working on a plant lamp. The base of the lamp will be in the pot of dirt with the plant. It operates on the principle that electricity in your body changes field when you touch the base of the lamp or the plant itself, thereby turning the lamp on, according to Rudolph Haefner, Calvin's father and

interpreter.

"The body acts as a capacitor. Touching the lamp upsets the voltage. There's a little transistor in the lamp that tells the lamp, through our touch, how much to come on," Rudolph said.

Besides making lamps, Calvin has wired the chicken house. He uses this as a workshop and a storage area for his various tools and projects.

Calvin became interested in electricity when he began helping his older brother, Ronnie, do wiring for other people. Ronnie taught him about the electrical equipment and symbols and the potential dangers of working with electricity.

In his seven years as a Victory 4-H Club member in Pottawatomie County, Calvin has taken many projects. This year he is enrolled in 16 and plans to add more. Besides electricity, Calvin enjoys his photography, woodworking and horticulture projects.

Calvin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Haefner. At the Kansas School for the Deaf, where he is a junior, Calvin was named outstanding athlete this year. He participates in track, cross country, football and wrestling.

Upon his graduation next year, Calvin would like to attend Gallaudet College, a college for the deaf in Washington D.C. Eventually, he may come back to the family farm he loves.



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