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COVER: Brett Dunlap, Franklin County, took this purple-ribbon photo of Steven Bogatay, who suffers from Spina Bifida. This is Steven's third year in 4-H — his favorite project is livestock. Read about Steven on page 4. Other special 4-Hers are featured on pages 5, 8 and 9.

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I believe in white ribbons

A white ribbon is the worst you can do in 4-H. Believe that? No, that's not true; what's worse is believing that!

We use the Danish system of judging in 4-H. That means we award blue, red, or white ribbons for an article or performance on the basis of its merits. We do not compare 4-Her to 4-Her; but they are measured against a standard.

How important is that blue, red, or white ribbon? What did you do to deserve it? Did you get what you thought you deserved?

Sad, but true, a 4-H member will answer those questions quite differently than a parent or leader. WHY? Anything "less than a blue" is viewed as a putdown by the parent or leader. Whereas the member knows it for what it is: an indication of progress toward a goal. Learning comes through mistakes and/or failures as well as through successes.

Even worse than our belief about white ribbons is our failure to be honest with a child in evaluating progress toward a goal. Most often we give a red when it should have been a white or a blue in place of a red.

Ribbons are tangible proof of performance. However, the skill that was developed, the knowledge acquired and the satisfaction received from a performance well done has more lasting value to the 4-Her. Isn't that what we're about in 4-H?

Parents and leaders: Let's bring back the white ribbon and destroy false illusions of excellence. We are fooling only ourselves when we believe only blue ribbons encourage and motivate a 4-H member.

Yes, I believe in white ribbons because I believe in the lasting value of 4-H work and not in the fading colors of award ribbons.

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Tender Loving Care From a Wheelchair

Like any other 11-year-old boy who has a 4-H calf to get ready for the fair, Steven Bogatay was "trying to get my cow tamed down" in the middle of July. Annie, Steven's frisky Holstein, is the least of his problems.

Steven has Spina Bifida — a birth defect commonly known as an open spine. He had water on the brain at birth which causes him to have seizures and makes his speech pattern irregular. He is paralyzed from the waist down.

Despite these handicaps Steven is in his third year as a member of the Full-O-Pep 4-H Club in Franklin County. For two years he had a sheep project and this year has switched to the dairy Beautena project.

The Feed Barn, a local Ralston-Purina dealer, sponsors the dairy Beautena project which encourages local dairy farmers to loan a calf to a 4-Her for a year. The 4-Her cares for the calf and shows it at the fair. At the end of the year the calf is returned to the farmer. Harry Peckham, Rantoul, provided Steven's calf.

Steven lives on a farm east of Ottawa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bogatay and a younger brother and sister. His mother says 4-H has given Steven a chance to take care of animals and he really enjoys it. "He's just like any other kid who doesn't like to do chores, but when it's his animal and he's working toward the fair, it gives him a reason to work."

Sitting in his wheelchair, Steven can feed and water his calf and shovel out the stall. "I can tell she likes me because she'll come up and lick me," Steven says. He brushes her and cools her off with water from a hose. "I get along with her pretty good," he says.

Because he can't afford to take any chances with Annie in the show ring, another 4-Her helps Steven at the fair. Last year he showed his sheep with a lead rope but it was hard for him to keep the sheep on the right side of the wheelchair.

Within the last year Steven progressed to the point of walking. Then a fall set him back for weeks.

He's missed a lot of 4-H meetings because of his frequent hospital stays. This summer he's been in St. Louis, Houston and Kansas City hospitals.

Although parts of the 4-H meetings are hard for Steven to understand, he likes to go. He says he makes friends there. One of his favorite memories about a 4-H meeting was "the pumpkins in the dark," referring to a Halloween meeting.

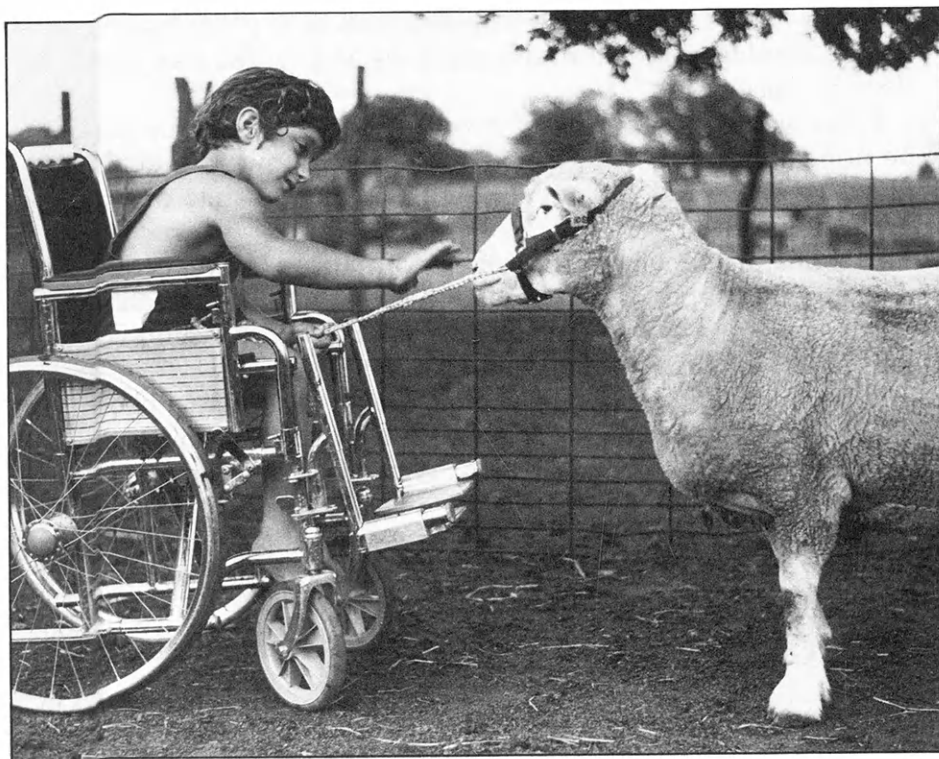
In addition to his livestock projects, Steven enjoys 4-H leathercraft. He's made a billfold for his Dad and slippers for his brother Matt.

For kids in Steven's class at Wellsville Grade School and those in 4-H, he's the first handicapped person many of them have had any contact with. People in the community, thanks to Steven and his parents, are becoming more aware of the needs of the handicapped.

Preventative measures have been discovered for other birth defects and many are becoming less common. But Spina Bifida is becoming the number one birth defect because no cause or cure is known.

Steven's curvature of the spine is getting worse. Within the next year he'll have to have more surgery.

His family and 4-H have helped Steven cope with the pain that goes along with his serious birth defect.



A family who wouldn't give up

Younger brother becomes focus for state health winner

By Kathleen Ward
Extension Information

Kevin Carrico, the 1983 state award winner in the 4-H health project, shares his award with his 6-year-old brother, Kyle, who is profoundly deaf.

"Kyle really opened up the door to my health project," Kevin said. "He helped me understand the problems of the hearing impaired — of all the handicapped."

Kevin has been Kyle's teacher. He's been an advocate of the hearing impaired in his hometown of Beloit and even in the halls of the Legislature. His project has also included work with nursing home residents and the mentally retarded.

Kevin, a 4-year member of Mitchell County's Cloverleaf 4-H Club, still remembers with agonizing clarity the months when his family gradually realized that baby Kyle had a hearing problem.

"He'd be sitting in a big room and turn around to look when someone slammed a door," Kevin pointed out. "It took us 18 months to figure out he was reacting to the change in light and to vibrations."

Salina doctors sent the Carricos to Kansas City. After a half-day of watching dramatically impaired patients struggle in the hospital halls and waiting to hear the medical specialists' verdict, they were told that Kyle should be sent away to a school.

"We were crushed," 15-year-old Kevin remembered. "We had to go home and regroup. We just couldn't understand."

Kevin's father is a surgeon; his mother, a nurse. With sons Kevin and Kurtis, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Carrico decided to try to keep Kyle at home. They found a Beloit nurse with a degree in teaching the deaf. She agreed to help Kyle and four other local children.

"Their teacher has done so much with those kids. It's unbelievable," Kevin asserted. "I go to help her in the summer. It's great to see what they learn because of what I've done."

The four older Carricos also supplemented that teaching at home.

"Each of us works a lot with Kyle. In our house we've got words and sentences and pictures pasted all over, to help Kyle learn. He's made so much improvement. He asks so many questions now. Last year I used Kyle in my

4-H demonstration at the state fair. I held up cards and he read them. Everyone thought that was really neat," Kevin said.

The year Kevin became a state winner, Kyle was mainstreamed into a local first grade class.

Kevin's award-winning health project also included writing every state legislator, taking a lobbying course and putting it to work in Topeka.

"We wanted to get a state commissioner and state commission for the deaf, since they often can't speak for themselves," he said. The bills he supported both passed.

Kevin promoted his two major interests — the hearing impaired and the family — in three years of 4-H public speaking, reaching 2,961 people.

Last year he was his 4-H club's vice president and served on 18 club committees; that leadership led to window displays on health and many health-related programs.

Kevin and his brother Kurtis, age 13, developed music programs for a local nursing home. With other 4-H club members, they also remembered the home's residents on holidays. The club won the Moritz Award for this community service.

Kevin also helped at a picnic and baseball game for the mentally retarded.

Although his project has ranged wide, Kevin still sees Kyle as its beginning.

"Speaking out is something I love to do," he said. "I like to talk to people, to inform. There's nothing dearer than freedom of speech. You and I have it, but some — like the deaf — don't."

Kevin's project award will be a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago this fall, plus a chance for one of eight \$1,000 national-winner scholarships.

Kevin will be a sophomore next year at Beloit High School. He plans a career in sports medicine or teaching the handicapped.

His other 4-H projects include citizenship, family strengths, junior leadership, people-to-people, photography, public speaking, rabbits, recreation and safety.





Haskins kindergartners learn about Mr. Yuk from Audra Dietz and her puppet, Freddie.



Mr. Yuk Warns Children

By Craig Dietz
Preston 4-H Club, Pratt County

Audra Dietz and her puppet friend, Freddie, are spreading the word in Pratt County that "Mr. Yuk" means danger. With a name like "Mr. Yuk" and a face that says "no," even children who are too young to read can get the message.

"Mr. Yuk" is the poison warning symbol used by poison centers in the National Poison Center Network based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Audra, an active member of the Preston 4-H Club in Pratt County, is fifteen and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dietz of rural Preston. Her main focus for the 1982-83 4-H year is consumer education. She feels that as wise

and prudent consumers, we should all be aware of the dangers in the products we purchase and bring into our homes.

It is for this reason that Audra is speaking in 4-H, in the schools, and nursery schools about the poisons on shelves and in closets of children's homes. She discusses the types of articles which Mr. Yuk says are dangerous. These include ammonia, bubble bath, cologne, corn and wart removers, dishwasher detergents, garden sprays, iodine, nail polish, oven cleaner, turpentine, and even some varieties of household plants. She points out that all these things have their place in the home for specific purposes, but that all have dangers if tasted, swallowed, or even smelled. After their

discussion, she gives the children a page of twelve bright green stickers for their parents to put on dangerous products or storage areas at home.

The Preston 4-H Club used Audra's enthusiasm for her project to participate in the first annual Pratt County Health Fair. The club erected an attractive booth with "4-H Cares for Kids" as the title and used "Mr. Yuk" for the logo. Every family in the club took turns manning the booth during the day. Two hundred and fifty people stopped to look at the booth and learn about Mr. Yuk and 209 sheets of stickers were given out that day. The Preston Club is proud of Audra and her determination to help as many young people as possible learn about product safety.

Kansas 4-H Foundation announces memorial gifts

A memorial gift to Kansas 4-H is a way to honor a person — living or deceased — and at the same time enhance the quality of what 4-H has to offer.

A memorial fund, established by friends and family of Max Dickerson, will provide two \$500 scholarships each year for Kansas 4-H members attending Kansas State University.

Dickerson was a 4-H member in Labe County. He attended K-State and was a KSU Extension agent in Stevens, Leavenworth and Brown counties. Dickerson later became an agribusinessman, a Kansas City banker and a member of the 4-H Foundation's board of trustees.

The J. J. Moxley memorial at Rock Springs Ranch is a naturalistic landscaped area in front of Heritage Hall.

As an Extension agent in Brown County, Moxley helped organize 4-H work there. He then helped establish state 4-H programs as an Extension specialist at KSU from 1924 to 1944. Moxley became a Master Farmer in 1957. He served on the state legislature and led several state livestock associations. Over 44 years Moxley hosted more than 18,000 4-H members in judging schools at his ranch, and for 14 years he also served on the 4-H Foundation board.

Another memorial providing funds to improve Rock Springs Ranch was given in memory of George H. Works, by family and friends in Allen County. Furnishings for the guest rooms in the lower level of Johnson Administration Building were provided.

A stone water fountain near the Rock Springs Ranch swimming pool was

given in memory of the Francis McWilliams family. A walnut grandfather clock in the Wiedemann Dining Hall was given in memory of John Ruhnke.

Memorial funds which contain less than \$3,000 are listed as book memorials. Individual book memorials are then combined to purchase an item such as a painting or piano. Persons honored with book memorials during 1982 include:

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Tree memorials can be established for \$100. This provides for planting (and

replacing, if necessary) a tree on the Rock Springs Ranch grounds and placing a bronze plaque near the tree listing the name of the honored person. Persons honored with tree memorials during 1982 include:

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Charles and Nora Todd

The Daniel J. Schmidt memorial has been established by family and friends of the 11-year member of the Jolly Jayhawkers 4-H Club of Dickinson County. The memorial will provide an award for the runner up state 4-H swine winner.

Contributions to memorial funds should be sent to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Contributors receive a receipt and the family of the person being honored receives a special acknowledgment card informing them of who has contributed.

Contact the Kansas 4-H Foundation, 116 Umberger, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506 for additional information on setting up a memorial.

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Deaf/mute teenager adds 4-H to list of successes

Editor's note: *Kay Hunter is a summer journalism intern in the Kansas State University Extension Information department. She is a recent KSU graduate in agricultural journalism. Franklin County is home for Kay, where she was a nine-year member of the Trail Blazers 4-H Club.*

By Kay Hunter

When Calvin Haefner's alarm goes off in the morning, it doesn't buzz, it flashes. You see, Calvin uses a lamp for his alarm clock. Noise doesn't wake him because he has been deaf from birth.

Calvin, who is 17, made the alarm lamp for his 4-H electricity project. It is actually a regular lamp that has been plugged into an alarm clock. The buzzer on the alarm clock has been disconnected. When the alarm goes off, Calvin's lamp flashes intermittently.

Of the 16 projects he is enrolled in, electricity is one of Calvin's favorites. During Discovery Days at Kansas State University, Calvin, a seven-year member of the Victory 4-H Club in Pottawatomie County, was named a state blue award winner in the project.

During his two years in electricity, Calvin has re-wired the chicken house to use as a workshop and storage area for his various tools and projects. Presently he is working on a plant lamp that he will be able to turn on merely by touching a leaf or the base of the lamp.

"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," explains Rudolph Haefner, Calvin's father and interpreter.

In his 4-H record book, Calvin notes he used to be shy and reluctant to socialize with normal hearing people. 4-H work has challenged him to do things other kids do, giving him the opportunity to make other people aware of the capabilities of deaf people.

Deaf people are no different from anyone else, according to Rudolph.

There are many ways in which Calvin's life differs from a normal person's, however.

"Deaf people watch and use facial expressions a lot. We look at other's expressions more closely than a normal person would to see how they are feeling and what they are talking about. Sometimes it is easy to get the wrong idea about how a person is feeling from his expressions when he is talking. For example, he may be actually happy but he will look mad. I can sometimes answer questions by using good facial expressions instead of sign language," says Calvin through his sister/interpreter Cindy.



When Calvin goes outside on the family farm near Blaine, he likes to have the cats and dogs go with him.

"Deaf people watch animals closely. They notice more quickly than a normal person would when an animal sees or hears something unusual. That's one way they have of staying alert to their surroundings," explains Rudolph.

To make up for the loss of his hearing, Calvin says his other senses have become keener. For example, he looks around more than a normal person would. This especially helps him drive safely.

"It was proven in a study from Pennsylvania State University that deaf people make better drivers than normal people because they tend to look in their mirrors more often," Rudolph says.

"People are more aware now of the handicapped. They used to be called deaf and dumb a lot. The correct term is deaf/mute. Sometimes people take the wrong attitude that all deaf people are bad if they know one that is. They are just like you, I or anyone else," Rudolph says.

Calvin's mother, Glenda, who is also deaf, is especially proud of her son's leadership ability. His classmates at the Kansas School for the Deaf look up to him, according to Cindy.

Last year he was named the outstanding athlete for his participation in cross country, football, wrestling, and track. This year Calvin is the senior class president.

Besides being the class president, Calvin is the class clown.

"He livens things up at school and at home. We used to make home movies. Calvin does real funny pantomimes. They're so funny because he uses such good facial expressions," Cindy says.

One of Calvin's immediate goals is to teach sign language to his 4-H club, policemen, and the local hospital and nursing home staffs because he can see a need for it. Calvin communicates using American Sign Language (AMSLAM). This is a much shorter version than Sign English Exact (SEE) so it is easier to use. Calvin plans to teach AMSLAM to these different groups.

In the future, Calvin would like to go to Johnson County Community College where there is a good interpreter and then on to Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. Eventually he would like to go into farming with his dad.

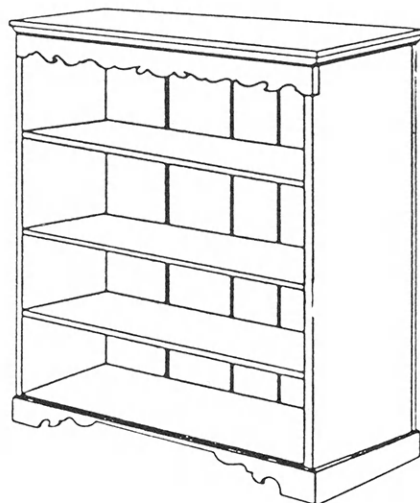
But what would Calvin do today if he could hear?

"He says he would listen to music. He doesn't care if he listens to a radio, a record, or a live concert. He just wants to hear music," Cindy says.

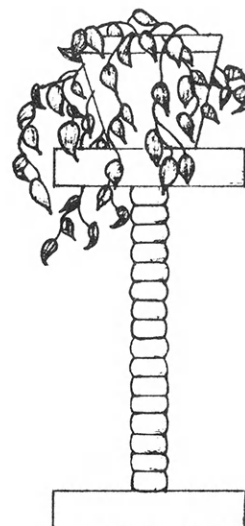
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Canoe Trip Excitement

By Kathleen Popken
Russell County 4-H Agent

"Row, row, row your canoe gently down the river," was the theme song for youth and adults participating in the Northwest Area Canoe Trip June 14-16. Anyone over 14 years of age was invited.

The group met at the Harlan County Reservoir, near Republican City,



Jeanne Brungardt, Victoria, and Annette Schulte, Walker, navigate the Republican River during the Northwest Area Canoe Trip.

Nebraska. After a brief lecture on water safety, the group set sail for Riverton, NE, 25 miles downstream.

In record time the group paddled the Republican River, averaging three miles per hour. Clear skies and cool breezes

Rodeo attracts entrants from 5 states

By Mandy Barnes
Cherokee County 4-H member

What better way for a 4-H horse club to make money than a rodeo? On June 2 the Cherokee County 4-H Horse Club — better known as the "C.C. Riders" — sponsored a junior rodeo. The rodeo drew 134 cowboys and cowgirls from Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The club cleared over \$900 on the event.

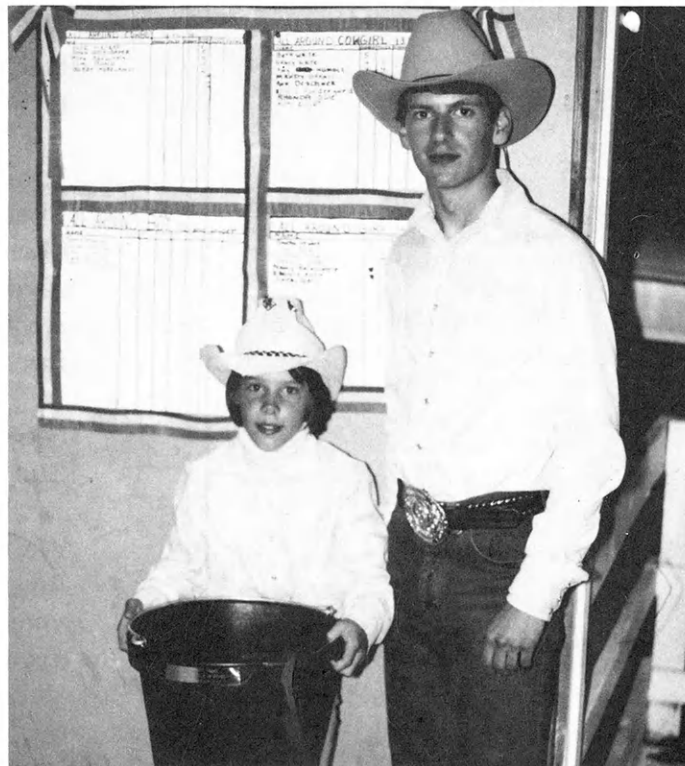
The grand entry was a mass of color with the arena filled with horses and riders.

C.C. Riders president Greg Brynds and secretary Kenna Clark made the announcement of winners during an elaborate awards program following the rodeo. Winners from

Kansas included: All Around Cowgirl Sr. Runner up, Rhonda Ogle, Red Field; Jr. Barrel Racing Champion, Shelly Stone, Independence; Sr. Barrel Racing Champion, Beth White, Havannah; All Around Sr. Cowboy and Calf Roping Champion, Doug Hazelbaker, Redfield; Ribbon Roping Champions, Jim Bond, Edna, and Mandy Barnes, McCune; and Team Roping Champions, Nancy White (also All Around Sr. Cowgirl) and Rick White, Havannah.



From left: C.C. Riders secretary Kenna Clark, Ribbon Roping Champions Jim Bond from Edna and Mandy Barnes from McCune, C.C. Riders president Greg Brynds.



Jr. Barrel Racing Champion Shelly Stone, from Independence, accepts her prize from C.C. Riders president Greg Brynds.

kept the group in good spirits. The river was quiet and deep, an excellent environment for novice canoeists. Frequent stops at sand bars to swim were welcome breaks. Wildlife, such as owls, herons and deer, were abundant.

Cries of "We're almost there" and "Bring up the boats" kept the group together, under the fearless leadership of Lynn Thurlow, Sheridan County Agricultural Agent, and Keith VanSike, Wallace County Agricultural Agent.

"You can't stand up in your canoe" and "Watch out for low hanging branches and tree trunks in the water" were two comments about trailblazing the river. VanSike emphasized that the trip was not purely pleasure, but an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

"When canoeing, there are two people in the canoe who must rely solely upon each other. They have a responsibility to each other and the group, to keep up and navigate wisely. One can't quit halfway downstream. Each one must pull for each other," he said.

The people were required to pitch in with camp set up, cooking, clean up and loading. They learned to respect the ever-changing river by navigating wisely around whirls, tree trunks and branches.

Placing strangers in an intensely close environment is a crucial factor that will make or break group strength. Get-acquainted activities built group unity and developed trust so the members felt comfortable with each other. Each could be relied upon to share the load.

One youth summed up the experience: "At first I didn't know what to expect and was afraid of getting burned out from too much canoeing. But the trip was really great. I've done something that a lot of people never have a chance to do."

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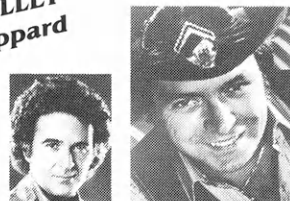
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Harold Orr, a member of the Happy Hustlers 4-H Club, Sumner County, sent the following puzzle with a new twist — not only do you have to find the scrambled words, but the letters that are left over form a secret message. The scrambled letters form words that are associated with pets. The words may be up, down, across, diagonal, forward or backward. The secret message is something that you give a pet. Harold wins a prize for sharing this puzzle with Journal readers. Answers will be given in the September issue.

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Snakes
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Toy
Turtle

4-H American Saddlebred Pleasure Championship

The American Saddlebred Horse Association will sponsor the National 4-H Three-Gaited Pleasure Horse Class, under English Equipment. The event, open to all 4-H boys and girls riding an American Saddlebred Horse, will be held in September during the International American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Championship Show in Springfield, Illinois, September 23-25.

No qualifying classes are required to enter. This class will be judged under current American Horse Show Association Rules by a recognized American Saddlebred Horse judge.

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Family jokes about radio collection



Mike Janne has a lifetime supply of radios. He hasn't bought them — he wins them. One year he won three radios for his work in the 4-H electric project, one for the top Russell County 4-H fair electric exhibit, one for the top 4-H electric project record and another for the top county 4-H demonstration.

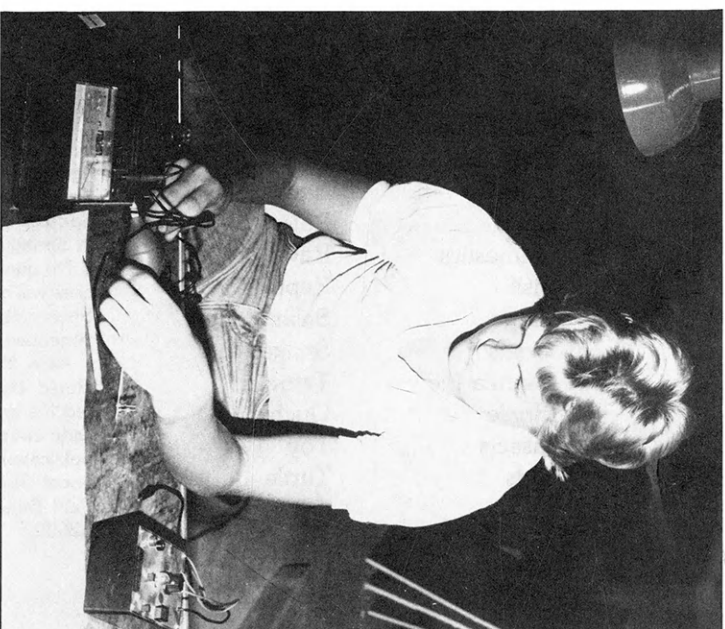
His demonstration that year was on re-wiring a lamp. The same demonstration won a top blue at regional club days and a purple at the state fair. Mike is one of Kansas' six blue award group winners in the 4-H electric project — a distinction he's had more than once. He's an 11-year member of the Big Creek 4-H Club in Russell County. He's serving his second term as club president, is Russell County 4-H Council president and former Russell County 4-H Jr. Leader's Club president.

Mike says he's taught himself in the electric project. He subscribes to several electronics magazines and evidently enjoys tinkering with electrical and mechanical gadgets and machinery. He's re-wired a neighbor's car, built a darkroom timer for himself and built an indoor-outdoor thermometer for his house.

One of his most recent projects was a quiz bowl board for his school, Russell High School. The one that Mike built allows four contestants on each team to race to push the button first. The first signal blocks out the slower ones. This is the second quiz bowl board he's built. He donated the first one to the Extension office.

Now in his last year of 4-H, Mike looks back and says that 4-H has exposed him to many things that he would have never had a chance to do otherwise.

He'll attend K-State in the fall and plans to major in ag mechanization. His parents are Melvin and Delores Janne, who farm five miles south of Gorham.



Mike Janne tests an electronic project.

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