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Scruffy becomes neighborhood favorite

"Scruffy" is a full-grown registered Hereford, but when she did not fill out to beefsteak size a local farmer decided to donate the tiny animal to the Katherine Crusaders 4-H Club of Johnson County. The club gave "Scruffy" to the Overland Park Farmstead, a children's petting zoo in Overland Park.

Scruffy became a service project for the club while they waited for the park to open for the season. As you might guess, it was quite a shock for Nicole Haynes' neighbors when they awoke to

see a real, live cow in the Haynes' backyard. Nicole is the 4-H club president.

Scruffy also was more than a mere curiosity for local police and zoning commissioners. They made several trips to Nicole's house. However, once they understood that Scruffy belonged to the club and would only be there a few weeks they were very understanding and even managed a laugh or two.

For the club members, most of whom have never lived on a farm or been ex-

posed to farm animals, this was quite a learning experience. The club (made up of all 9- and 10-year-old girls) took turns feeding, brushing and cleaning up after their four-legged friend.

By the time Scruffy moved to the Farmstead she had become a neighborhood favorite of the adults, as well as the children. The club members have been granted special visiting privileges at the Farmstead and would like to extend an invitation to other 4-Hers to visit Scruffy.

Sedgwick County Prepares French Garden Party



Elegant setting for an elegant meal — complete with yellow roses, linen tablecloths and crystal.

Sedgwick County 4-H Teens learned about French cuisine and formal dinner etiquette as they participated in a "French Garden Party." The formal sit-down dinner was served to 58 young people age 13 and over.

The dinner was held to give the 4-Hers a chance to learn just how to handle all the silverware and dishes that go with a formal dinner before they're confronted with the actual situation and embarrassed by not knowing what to do.

Carolyn Rhodes, Dave Erdman, Ricky Brown, Sharon Kupfersmith and Lynn Ireland served on the Teen Council committee which planned and carried out the event. Jenell Smith, Sedgwick County 4-H Agent, assisted in planning and preparation of the dinner. Sharon Kupfersmith, Betty Rhodes, Judy Wade and Debby Brown, 4-H leaders, prepared the five-course meal, which was then served by younger 4-Hers.

The five-course dinner consisted of appetizers, leek soup, Salad de Tomates, Beef en Croute, and Dino's Cup. The dessert course — Dino's Cup — is a flaming dessert which was elegantly prepared and presented by Dean Frankenbery.

Norman Warminski, Sedgwick County Horticulture Agent, assisted with the decorations, which included linen tablecloths and napkins, yellow roses, crystal candlesticks with yellow candles and calligraphed menu cards and place cards.

Teresa Shaffer, Sedgwick County Home Economist, Foods and Nutrition, gave instruction on proper etiquette with each course. She also shared information on the foods of France.



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COVER: A pint-sized Hereford proves to be a handful for four Johnson County 4-Hers. Pictured with "Scruffy" are Laura Elvers, standing, and from left Samantha Goodman, Nicole Haynes and Kim Shonkwiler.

See related story on page 2. Photo courtesy of Larry Benton, Johnson County Sun.

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World options open to 4-Hers

After reading about some of the experiences of Kansas 4-Hers traveling to far away places or learning more about international guests who come to Kansas, you may be curious about how you can participate in these international programs.

The following information is a brief overview of some of the programs available and the requirements for participation. Your county Extension office can provide additional information.

IFYE stands for International 4-H Youth Exchange. Two IFYE programs are available — depending on your age and the length of the trip.

IFYE Representatives are young adults, ages 19-25, who spend three to six months living with families in another country. Applicants must be in good health, single, high school graduates, interested in other people, cultures and 4-H related programs, and willing to share their experiences when they return home.

It costs about \$4,000 to send an IFYE Representative abroad. The National 4-H Council raises funds from private companies and the U.S. State Department to pay more than half the amount. The rest must come from the state. Grants from the Kansas 4-H Foundation provide \$740 each for three representatives. Counties are asked to raise \$800 for a representative from their county. The remaining \$250 is paid by the applicant. Some applicants pay more because of limited county and 4-H Foundation funding.

Applications for the IFYE Representative program are due in the State 4-H office by October 1.

The IFYE Ambassador program is designed for 4-H members and young adults ages 15 to 25. Participants 15 to 19 years of age travel as a group with a qualified leader; applicants 19 to 25 years old participate in group or individual programs with an optional personal-expense travel period.

Most of the IFYE Ambassador programs last four to six weeks during the summer months beginning in mid-June. The cost is \$1,200 to \$2,000 depending on the program and the destination. The participant usually pays the entire cost unless the county helps with expenses.

October 1 is the deadline for applications to the IFYE Ambassador program.

Even if you can't participate in the IFYE programs by traveling, you could host an IFYE from another country. Applications for IFYE host families are due in the State 4-H Office by March 15. Host families who live on farms are especially needed.

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IFYEs visit from New Zealand and Finland

Not many people could recite the population of major cities in their country or explain in detail how certain crops are planted or discuss how farm animals are fed. But Sandra Hill can — for New Zealand, not the United States. By the time she returns home after six months as an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate in Kansas and Delaware, she'll probably be able to recite the same information about the United States.

To become an IFYE Sandra spent weeks studying the agriculture of New Zealand. She won the opportunity to come to the United States by facing a selection panel that "fire questions at you" and judge the essay and speech each applicant has to give. Sandra says the competition is stiff and "you have to study up for it." Sandra's trip to the U.S. is sponsored by the Young Farmers Club of New Zealand, Air New Zealand and 4-H.

Young Farmers Club is a rural organization for youth and adults ages 14 to 30. Young Farmers is similar to 4-H in that both organizations maintain strong contacts with universities. "Most people join for a social outlet at first and soon get involved with it as an organization," Sandra says, but they have tractor-driving, public speaking and article-writing contests as well.

Sandra, 20, works in the accounting

The stories on this page and the facing page are the work of award-winning 4-H club reporters who attended Discovery Days at K-State in June. As part of their activities the reporters interviewed Sandra Hill, International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) representative from New Zealand, and Sanna Kangas, IFYE from Finland.

The reporters who attended were: Anita Swift, Crawford County; Kevin Beetch, Dickinson County; Bill Musick, Franklin County; Kay Honig, Pottawatomie County; Dawn Jones, Rooks County; Brian Dunn, Stafford County; and Ginny Swanson, Wyandotte County.

Montgomery Publications sponsored the trip to Discovery Days for these state newswriting award winners. The reporters had a chance to thank John Montgomery for his support following a tour of the Montgomery Publications printing facility in Junction City.

department of a bus-building factory. She is studying for a degree in "commerce," what we would call accounting.

Sandra's first stop in the United States was in Hawaii and then on to Los Angeles, CA. "I nearly died of the smog!" she said. She was really impressed with Disneyland. "I'm sort of a tourist at heart," she joked.

But to Sandra the IFYE program is more than a free ride for sightseeing. She said she did a lot of "soul searching" during the IFYE orientation program in California. Gaining confidence in talking to people and learning more about agriculture and horticulture are two of Sandra's goals for this trip.

She finds that staying with host families is a good way to learn about a state. "Kansas has so much history!" she exclaims. Her first host family, the James Forrest family of Larned, took

her to Dodge City, Fort Larned and the Santa Fe Trail Museum. She's also visited an oil rig.

The roads in Kansas are flat, compared to New Zealand. Sandra finds them perfect for jogging. At home she enjoys many water sports because most locations in New Zealand are no more than an hour and a half away from a beach. She lives on the North Island of New Zealand.

After staying with host families in Johnson, Reno and Hamilton counties Sandra will have two weeks of free time for travel. Then she'll go to Delaware.

She'll have plenty of memories and the families she's stayed with will have lots of reminders of her visit. Sandra laughs and says that everybody takes pictures of her — with slide film, color film, black and white film — and if that's not enough, they record what she says!



Sandra Hill, left, from New Zealand, and Sanna Kangas, from Finland, model native costumes. Sandra's outfit is a ceremonial costume worn by the Maori people who were the original inhabitants of New Zealand. Sanna's wool, linen, silk and cotton costume has been passed down from one generation to another in her family. It's worn only for special occasions such as festivals and weddings.

She misses the saunas

Thank goodness Sanna Kangas finds English the easiest language to learn out of the four languages she speaks. Sanna, an International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate from Finland, told a roomful of 4-H reporters about

things which are unfamiliar to Kansans, such as saunas, the Midnight Sun and her job as a farmer's replacement.

After graduating from secondary school, Sanna attended a professional farming school. Although she'd grown

up on a farm she said "there's a big difference between watching your father and doing it yourself." She uses this training in her job as a farmer's replacement. She takes care of a farm for up to 14 days while the farmer takes a vacation, or "holiday" as she calls it.

She goes to the farm a day before the farmer leaves so that she can be shown what chores to do, where the tools are kept, etc. She spends eight hours a day working at the farm and lives there while the owners are gone. "You can't imagine what can happen while they're gone," she exclaims.

The farmer's replacement program was started by the government to ease Finland's unemployment problem. Half of Sanna's salary is paid by the government and the farmer pays the other half.

Sanna has been a member of the Nivala 4-H Association for 14 years in Finland and has been a leader for four years. 4-H in Finland is not strictly rural but has a strong agricultural emphasis. For example, boys and girls who live in cities are loaned a plot of land on a farm so they can learn to grow vegetables and crops. 4-Hers in Finland raise all the saplings for the national forests.

Sanna's family has hosted three 4-H exchange delegates — from Washington, D.C., Montana and Sweden. She'd like to visit the ones from the U.S. during her free time this summer.

She'll be in Kansas until July 31, staying with host families in Riley, Hamilton, Barton and Ford counties. Her second host state is Florida.

Sanna already has commented on the heat in Kansas, but one time she doesn't mind the heat is in a sauna. She says the sauna "is a way of life" in Finland. And she misses it. Every Wednesday and Saturday at home she would normally relax in a sauna heated to over 100 degrees Celsius (boiling point of water).

Another difference Sanna has noticed between her home and Kansas is "the darkness." Finland is the land of the Midnight Sun. On certain days of the year, such as June 25 and August 25, the sun shines day and night. There is no darkness.

When IFYEs leave home and travel to foreign countries for six to eight months they leave behind parents, sisters, brothers and friends. When asked how her parents felt about her traveling to the United States, Sanna replied, "They thought I was lucky."

Pottawatomie County

Basketball game and carnival earn \$650

Pottawatomie County gave their International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) representative, Denise Ebert, a grand send-off to the United Kingdom by sponsoring a carnival and benefit basketball game to raise money for her trip.

They made \$650 in one night. County Extension Homemaker Units held an auction, which made over \$150, so the county's \$800 commitment was taken care of quickly.

4-H clubs set up carnival booths and then challenged onlookers to test their skills and luck. One of the most challenging booths involved tossing a ring over the neck of a two-liter pop bottle — easier said than done. The fish tank (a stock tank filled with water, jar lids for fish and fishing poles with magnets for hooks) was popular with the younger kids. A dart throw and food stands were also popular. Two boys trying to sell light bulbs (claiming the bulbs would never burn out) weren't making many sales.

The WIBW All Star team provided ample competition for the Pottawatomie County 4-H girls' and boys' basketball teams. Leo Tauer coached the 4-H teams.

A cake walk was held between the girls' and boys' games. Approximately 300 people came to play the games, watch the basketball games and support the county's international traveler.

Denise left for the United Kingdom in April.



Jay Rezac, announcer for the Pottawatomie County benefit basketball games, gives Denise Ebert a chance to thank the crowd for their support.



Pottawatomie County girls' basketball team player congratulates the WIBW All-Stars after the game.

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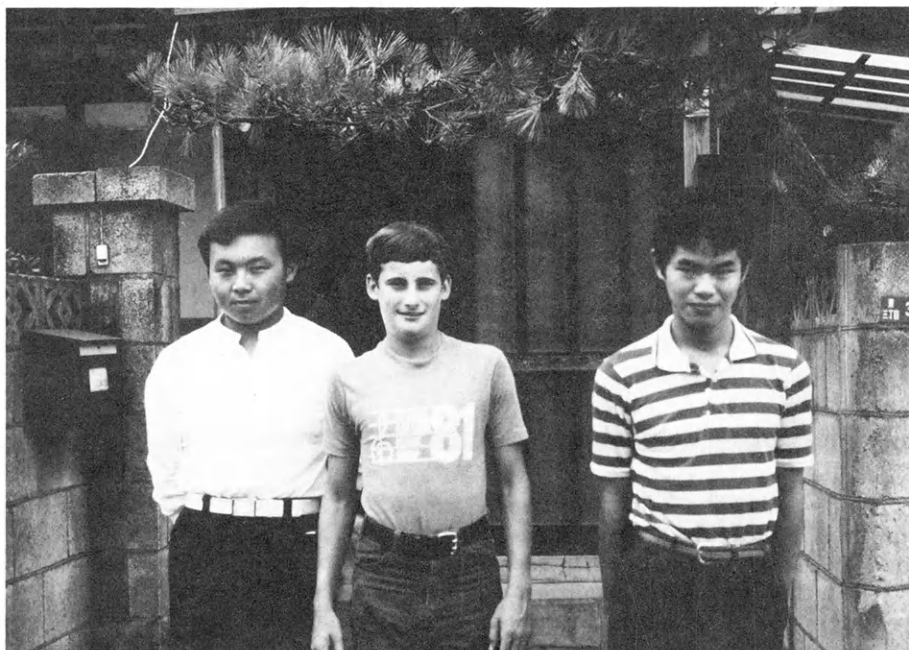
By Janice Pauls
McPherson County 4-H parent

Like most 17-year-old boys, Steven Pauls of McPherson enjoys watching baseball games. When Steve turns on the television, however, and hears a newscaster report on the outcome of a game between a U.S. team and the Tokyo Giants, he is especially intrigued because last summer he was privileged to sit in a Tokyo stadium and personally witness the Giants as they played one of their home baseball games.

As a 1982 4-H LABO delegate, Steve spent July 18 through August 18 in Japan as a guest of Shinobu Kaiho, the Japanese boy who visited in the Pauls' home in 1979. Steve cites the cross cultural exchange as one of the high points of his 4-H experience. Because he actually lived in the home of his host family, he was able to learn about Japan in a way that is unavailable to visiting tourists.

Steve traveled to Japan with 23 other delegates and two sponsors. After a brief orientation in Tokyo, the Kansas 4-Hers were met by their host families with whom they spent the remainder of their visit.

The experience was full of excitement for Steve. While he and his host brother were spending a few days in the mountains at LABO Camp, a typhoon struck part of Japan. Although the camp where the boys were staying was not affected, the torrential rains did submerge the train tracks making them impassable until appropriate repairs could be made. Consequently, the campers from the Tokyo area were transported home via a 15-hour bus ride through the mountains.



Visiting in Japan — Steve Pauls (center) and his host brother, Shinobu Kaiho (left), and a friend.

One of the unique aspects of visiting a foreign country is the opportunity to sample new foods. Steve found this to be exciting and he not only became quite proficient at using chop sticks but discovered that he really enjoyed the Japanese delicacies that the Kaiho family prepared for him.

Shinobu, however, must have observed during his stay in McPherson that Steve enjoyed drinking milk because, even though Steve wasn't aware of it, the Kaiho family refrigerator had been well supplied with milk prior to his arrival. Since the 4-H coordinators mentioned during orientation that the Japanese did not drink much milk, Steve always politely refused when he was asked if he would like milk to drink. Finally, in desperation,

Shinobu informed Steve that his mother had purchased milk just for him and asked if he would "please" drink it. Once this misconception was clarified, Steve enjoyed his daily quota of milk.

Shopping, sightseeing, concerts, and, of course, baseball games filled much of Steve's time during his stay in Japan. He found that the Japanese boys are avid baseball fans. When they aren't actually playing or observing a live game, they are watching it on television. Japanese television devotes one channel entirely to baseball, giving the sport day-long coverage.

As Steve discovered, "a picture is worth a thousand words," and language truly was no barrier while watching a baseball game.

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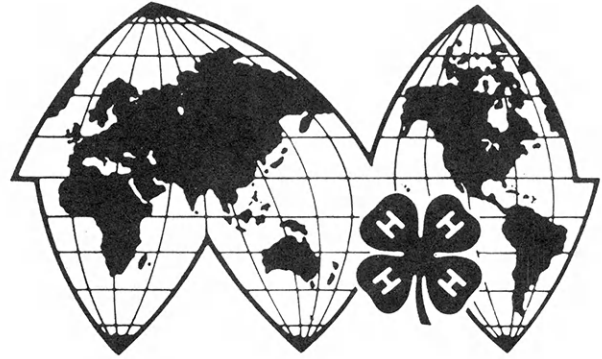
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Editor's note: The following excerpts are taken from a diary kept by Phyllis Minter, Sturdy Oak 4-H Club, Clay County, last summer when her daughter, Anne, hosted a participant in the LABO program. Their experiences will sound familiar to families who have hosted international visitors and may be an inspiration for those who may do so in the future.

Thursday, July 22, 1982

(the day before Chiharu arrived) I'm amazed at the things that we finally "got around to" — like the new window shade to replace the ragged one in the hall; and fixing the loose handrail at the top of the stairway; and the fresh paint in the bathroom.

As I lay in bed at 12:30 a.m., I thought about Chiharu and wondered where she was ... will she like us? ... what if we don't understand each other? ... what will we do if she doesn't like what we eat? ... I fell asleep with a prayer in my heart that this experience will be as rewarding and interesting for her as we are sure it will be for us.

Friday, July 23, 1982

The kids arrived early — they were there at 12:10 — some of the host families weren't there yet; but we finally got each kid matched up with his/her host family — lots of smiles, hugs and giggles as awkward communication was attempted.

The girls quickly headed to their room and unpacked Chiharu's things. It is so heartwarming (and often amusing) to hear them struggling to make themselves understood.

Monday, July 26, 1982

I noticed today that our Chiharu is becoming much braver with her English. She is saying many more words now than when she first arrived. We're all more at ease with each other, which I'm sure is obvious to Chiharu, too.

The girls spent the entire afternoon at the card table with Chiharu teaching Anne the ancient Japanese art of paper folding, Origami. They made paper balloons, penguins, pigs, peacocks, and many, many more.

We ate supper with chopsticks tonight ... chicken strips,

macaroni and cheese, and squash and sliced tomatoes from the garden. One thing we soon discovered is that you can't "shovel it in" with chopsticks like you do with a fork! Chiharu was very amused at our awkward attempts and ran to get her camera to capture the situation to show her family when she gets home.

Wednesday, July 28, 1982

Anne had a good cry this afternoon, when all the emotional tension hit her. She soon snapped out of it; but I could certainly sympathize with her feelings: the frustrations of limited communication, the desire to show Chiharu something new every minute, the eagerness to keep busy, and yet the exhaustion from keeping up that pace. She was at the same time bored and embarrassed at being bored. I think a good night's sleep might do wonders.

Saturday, July 31, 1982

I came home early from Abilene to fix food to take to the LABO picnic at the Bill Steenbock home. All the Clay County LABO kids and their host families were there, also the Ron Shouse family from Abilene, who are hosting a LABO kid. All were encouraged to come in costume, to simulate our Halloween celebration. The LABO kids were so tickled to see each other. After supper of hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and S'Mores, they all loaded on Bill's hay trailer for a hayride. Dennis and I followed in the car with flashers going to insure safety. They rode to an empty farmhouse where the jr. leaders from Sturdy Oak 4-H Club had prepared a haunted house. A tired, but happy, group headed home at midnight.

Thursday, August 5, 1982

Anne learned a lot of Japanese words today — she and Chiharu are making a game out of learning one another's language. They are having a lot of fun with it, too. Tonight Chiharu and Mamiko cooked supper for the two families. I'm not sure what it was called, but it sure was tasty! They served soup and a dish with noodles and broth, also a noodle-vegetable combination in which the vegetables (tomatoes and cucumbers) were sprinkled with a seasoning. Very good!

The languages are different but the tears are the same

Diary of a LABO host family

Friday, August 6, 1982

Today we were up very early and traveled to Minden, Nebraska, to see Pioneer Village. Chiharu seemed to enjoy the day. She asked questions and bought gifts for her family at the souvenir shop. She chose her gifts very carefully ... likes to avoid things which are "Made in Japan." When Chiharu had a question about an item in the exhibits we tried to explain by "charades" and it seemed to work very well. Often, the people around us seemed amused at our attempts; especially when I was explaining the horse-drawn hearse!

Tuesday, August 17, 1982

The girls finished their baking this morning and at noon we went to Clay Center to practice for the Fashion Revue in which each LABO host family would formally introduce their Japanese guest. It was hot this afternoon and we were glad when the practice was over. We headed downtown to do some last-minute shopping for Chiharu. She still had gifts to buy for friends and family in Japan. We got home at 5:30 in time to change clothes and leave again at 6:30 for our big night in Clay Center. Chiharu took her yukata — all the LABO girls were wearing their native costumes. But, after their time on stage, it sure didn't take them long to shed those hot costumes and they spent the rest of the evening in their shorts.

When we got home — about 11:30, I sat on Anne's bed and talked to Chiharu while she packed her suitcase. It looked like an impossible task to pack all her clothes and souvenirs into that one suitcase. She was fun to watch, tucking things into spaces that I couldn't even see. But, she managed to get it all in there. It was a very special time for me, but also very sad because we knew that it was Chiharu's last night in our home. She asked when Anne would come to Japan to stay with her family. We said, "Maybe in four years or five years — maybe *not!*" (We don't know what might transpire in five years.) I told her that I would like it very much if we could all come as a family. She liked that idea too and I repeated the word "maybe" so she wouldn't get her heart set on it.

I went to bed at 1:30 and she was still working on her suitcase. I said a prayer of thanksgiving for the privilege to have this very special girl in our family for 30 days. It has truly been one of the highlights of our lives. And, because she has captured our hearts so completely, I cried myself to sleep.

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Wednesday, August 18, 1982

The last thing Chiharu asked for was permission to take pictures of each room in the house. (Permission flatly denied!) I protested that the house is a mess (and it is). She said it was "Okey Dokey" and I said it was *not* okey dokey. I convinced her that I would take some pictures after I get things straightened up and I'd send them to her in Japan. That seemed to pacify her. I sure didn't want the chaos around here this morning captured for her family to see. It would scare them to death!

After a quick lunch at the 4-H fair food stand, we joined the other LABO host families at the Extension office to wait for the bus that would take our Japanese kids back to their homes and families. The tears started a long time before the bus appeared, but when it rounded the corner and pulled up to the curb, *all* of us were crying openly ... LABO kids, dads and moms, and American brothers and sisters.

We hugged each of the other LABO kids as well as our own. There is a very unique bond here. I don't know that I've ever seen anything exactly like it.

We talked briefly with the bus driver who told us that every stop was as traumatic as this — but he assured us that a few miles down the road, the tears would subside and the kids would be chattering happily about their varied experiences in their Kansas homes.

When all the goodbyes were said and the kids were at last boarded on the bus, we stood and waved and cried as the bus pulled away.

Our whole family is proud to be a part of the LABO program and grateful to Chiharu's family for sharing her with us.

Our month together is over, but we have begun what we hope will be a lifetime relationship with a very special family halfway around the world.

Ideas & News

From the Northwest Area:

Cheyenne County: "Guns and Alcohol Don't Mix" was the theme of the safety project of the South Fork 4-H Club. Rusty Hawkins reports that safety leaders, Pat Cress and Carol Morris, obtained literature on hunter safety and Carol drew a cartoon of a drunken hunter laying under a tree. He says the club made copies of this and posted them in all the local motels, hotels, restaurants and all churches where hunters stay or eat meals. They also posted "No Hunting" signs with all the local farmers who didn't want hunters around their livestock. Rusty writes it was an enjoyable project for the club and one that prompted a lot of positive comments from hunters and business people.

From the Northeast Area:

Johnson County: Girls from the Country Clovers 4-H Club who are enrolled in clothing projects presented a fashion show for their mothers on May 17, at the Klassen residence. Those members modeling were: Michelle Klassen, Shannah Hickey, LeiLani and Christina Ashlock, Christene Martin, and Kristie Staley. Michelle Klassen writes that the girls had fun showing their favorite spring outfits as they practiced their modeling skills.

Wyandotte County: Wendi Coffman writes that several times a year members of the Grinter-Go-Getter 4-H Club visit the Edwardsville Convalescent Center to help residents celebrate birthdays. The 4-Hers bring cake and punch and play bingo. One resident summed up the feelings about the visits by saying, "I just love it."

Wyandotte County: The Grinter-Go-Getters 4-H Club was entertained at a recent potluck dinner by Joe, Jerald, and Jerry Henre, brothers and father of 4-H members Lisa and Sherrie Henre.

Joe, Jerald and Jerry are members of the Indian War Cavalry Club. The Henres' Cavalry had original and replicas of the uniforms, sabres, rifles, saddles and flags used in the Indian War. They told the 4-Hers and their families what the items were used for, about the speed of communication in those days, and about why horses were so important and how they went about training them. Wendi Coffman writes that the Henres' generosity was greatly appreciated by all attending members and families.



South Fork 4-H club members, Cheyenne County, show some of the signs they posted as part of their hunter safety project.



Joe (left), Jerald and Jerry Henre share Indian War Cavalry history with the Grinter-Go-Getters 4-H Club, Wyandotte County.

Shawnee County: The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club honored their model meeting participants with a pizza party. They won a top blue at both the Shawnee County 4-H Day and the Regional 4-H Day. Susan Harvey sent this news to the Journal.

Shawnee County: Tammy McNorton reports that a project group from the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club visited the K-State campus for a tour of the greenhouse conducted by horticulture students. The group also visited an herb farm and a local greenhouse.

Shawnee County: Seventeen junior leaders from the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club made cookies for Bake n' Take Day and delivered them to the Topeka Blood Bank. The junior leaders that helped were: Tracie Brooke, Roy Crouch, Ellen Duffy, Brenda Grey, Susan Harvey, Staci Johnson, Jim Kemp, Stacie, Steve, Tammy and Wade McNorton, Ellarie Pesmark, Renee Petrik, Carrie Shalz, Jim Smith, Liz Weiler and Patti Wells.

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Chetopa hosts exchange students

By Carol and Jim Berrey
Foland Fliers 4-H Club,
Labette County

The small town of Chetopa became home for two big-city boys from Mexico and Brazil this past school year. Gilberto Leite, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Ramon Palacios Iniestra, Toluca, Mexico lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackledge of rural Chetopa and attended Chetopa High School.

Our family became acquainted with them at the Sacred Heart Church. After church some of the parishioners would take them to breakfast. Even though the boys had studied English in their native schools, they were not able to order breakfast that first Sunday morning. By March, they not only understood everything but also could say everything. Giving oral reasons on livestock judging slowed them down a shade, however.

Gilberto and Ramon were active in the Chetopa FFA, a new experience for both of them. They participated in judg-

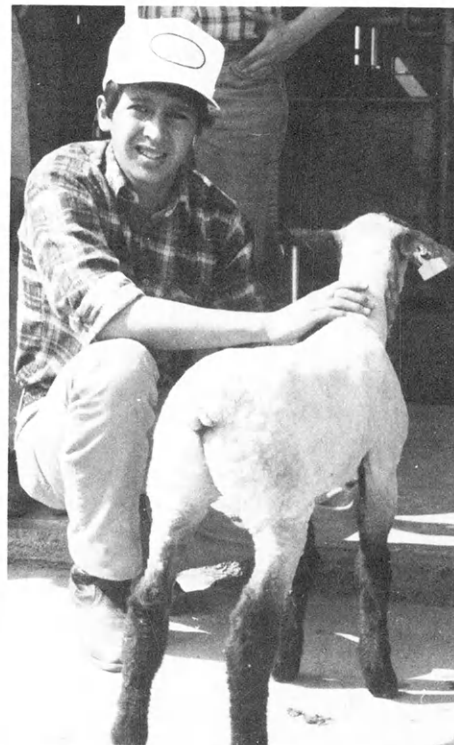
ing contests and showed lambs.

Ramon is a classical pianist and played the organ for Mass. He had a part in the school's musical "The Wizard of Oz." He also helped the Foland Fliers 4-H Club on their choir for Labette County 4-H days.

Gilberto plays water polo and soccer in Brazil. He hopes his water polo team will go to the Olympics. While in Chetopa, he was on the basketball and track teams. He was elected king of the powder puff football game in the fall of 1982.

A testimonial to the friendships established between the boys and Chetopa High School students was given at the awards banquet when they received a standing ovation from the students and faculty.

These boys came so far in their journey from their urban homes in Mexico and Brazil to our community. They came with a warmth and joy that was contagious. We all learned that humor is the most universal language.



Chetopa FFA introduced Ramon Iniestra to sheep showmanship.



Gilberto Leite exhibited at the Chetopa prospect show.

(Ideas & News continued)

Shawnee County: Members of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club enrolled in the horticulture project planted two redbud trees on March 24th at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. They planted the trees in observance of Arbor Day, which is always the fourth Friday of March. The horticulture leaders are Mr. Willard Shaw and Mrs. Diane Threadgold.

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Family endures rock hound's collection

By Kathleen Ward
Assistant Extension Editor, 4-H Youth

The Raymond Kitten family of Lakin live with tons of rock. A stream of rock runs down one side of their house. They used to have a two-car garage, but no more. Rock piles are everywhere.

His parents have viewed his five-year stackup of this tonnage with varying degrees of enthusiasm, admitted 15-year-old Marvin Kitten.

Enthusiasm is high for now because Marvin's the 1983 state award winner in the 4-H geology project.

"Mom didn't like the project at first. So, Dad and I would go out collecting," he said. "But, she caught on. She kind of likes it now."

Marvin believes his love of the outdoors attracted him to the geology project when he joined Kearny County's People Pleasers 4-H Club 7 years ago.

"I guess you could call me outgoing," he joked. "And I guess you could say I bring home everything."

The young geologist tends to keep his prize finds in his room. Through the years he's discovered a fossilized ray tooth, two shark teeth and some fish vertebrae, in addition to multiple mineral marvels. His official 4-H display of rocks, minerals and fossils takes two

boxes. His purple ribbon-winning display of Kearny geological formations takes another. Treasures that fit neither display category are arrayed around the room in individual splendor.

But then those rocks in the garage are pretty good ones, too.

Only those outside the house are worth no further consideration — except to Marvin.

"I throw out the ones I don't need, all around one side of the house," he said. "They got neat after a while. Got a little color in there, with minerals. And there are flowers."

Marvin is his club's junior leader in the geology project. He's arranging a field trip to another rock hound's home, to interest club members in the subject. And he's ready to teach any rush of enrollees that results.

Marvin explained, using a large paperclip for scale and drawing lines around it with precise hand movements, how to recognize a shark tooth fossil.

"They're flat on the sides, rounded on top, but not on bottom," he said. "They can be even bigger than this. Good ones will be hard as new. You have to get them analyzed to tell how old they are, unless they're real old, soft and brittle."

He's prepared to demonstrate the difference between a horse molar and a

bison's. Bison molars have a "V" down the middle.

Marvin also can discuss where Kansas fossils came from — an ancient ocean — and the proper way to collect geological samples.

"I started out with just my hands," he said. "I've got plenty of experience breaking things while I tried to get them out."

Marvin has visited Rock City near Minneapolis and two gravel pits in Hamilton County. With his parents and sister he viewed Emporia State University's geology display.

He mourns missing a local find of two mammoth tusks.

"One of my friends was out where they were digging sand to put on the dirt roads. He said they could've had the whole mammoth, if they've just known what it was," Marvin said.

Although he plans a career in electronics, Marvin wants to attend West Texas State University when he graduates from Lakin High School in three years, because the Texas school is near a dinosaur dig site. He expects to remain an "out going" person, who loves geology.

Marvin's other 4-H projects include leadership, crop production, rocketry, clothes strategy, horticulture, and sketching and drawing.



The LABO-LEX program is a one-month summer experience for 4-Hers 12 to 19 years of age. The special exchange with Japan fosters friendships and understanding through home-stay experiences.

Each summer more than 100 Japanese children, age 12 to 17, stay with families in 15 to 18 Kansas counties. Counties interested in hosting LABO kids should notify the State 4-H Office by November 15. A month later counties are notified as to which counties are selected. Approximately six to 10 Japanese kids will be placed in each county. To participate, a county must

have an adult volunteer who will serve as county coordinator.

Kansas youth can go to Japan approximately July 20 to August 20 each summer. The exchange includes three and a half weeks with a host family, three days at a camp and about four days of group activities in Japan at the beginning and the end of the exchange.

4-Hers will be placed in homes where at least one member has had English study. This does not mean they are fluent in English. Patience, humor, relaxed attitude, desire to share and learn, pencil and paper, and a good dictionary will allow good and rewarding

communication.

Those going to Japan must be enrolled as a 4-H member by January 15 prior to the summer they participate in the program. All expenses are paid by the participant. An approximate cost is \$1,750 to \$1,900, but it varies depending on air fare.

Applications for the LABO-LEX program are due in the State 4-H Office by January 15.

The opportunities are there — to travel, to host international travelers, or to learn more about international experiences from those who have gone earlier. Expand your horizons!

Friends of 4-H Day highlights

Four Kansans, who've each given more than \$250,000 to the state's 4-H program, and five contributors, who've started a Rock Springs Ranch Sustaining Endowment Fund, together headed the honors list June 5 at the Kansas 4-H Foundation's annual Friends of 4-H Day, held at Rock Springs Ranch.

Olive Garvey, the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Cliff and Helen Ramsey estate each received the 4-H Foundation's bronze Medallion Award for providing \$1/4 million in gifts to state 4-H through their lifetime or estate.

Also honored for starting the endowment fund for the \$3 million conference facility and camp near Junction City were the Mabel Boyles estate, the Finnup Foundation Trust, Raymond Frye of Wellington, Olive Garvey of Wichita, and Frank and Gwen Jordan of Abilene. Each contributed at least \$10,000 toward the 4-H Foundation's goal of \$2 million.

In what has become a tradition at Friends of 4-H Day, Raymond Frye, Wellington, presented checks totaling nearly \$4,200 to be used at Rock Springs Ranch for improvements. Each year Frye makes the presentation from Sumner County Friends of 4-H.

Fred Finnup, Garden City, and members of the Finnup Foundation Trust board were in attendance for the dedication of the Finnup Cottage as well as the announcement of their contribution to the Sustaining Endowment Fund. The cottage dedication ceremonies emphasized three generations of Finnup pioneer spirit, business sense and generosity. Following the ribbon-cutting the 64-guest cottage was opened for tours.



Construction of Finnup Cottage at Rock Springs Ranch completes the year-round sleeping accommodations at the facility.

Edna Collingwood, 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees member and chairperson of the Collingwood Grain, Inc. board of directors, became the 27th Kansan to be named to the 4-H Wall of Fame. She is a long-time 4-H leader and supporter in Stanton County.

Kansas Power and Light was cited for over 40 years of co-sponsoring awards and leader training for the state 4-H electric project. KP&L employees, the late H.S. Hinrichs, and Earl Palmberg were honored for their service to the Rock Springs Ranch Committee. Balfour Jeffrey, past president and chairman of the KP&L board, received commendation for devoting 20 years to the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. Jeffrey served as chairman from 1975-1978. William Wall, KP&L's president and chairman of the board, received the company's citation plaque, "for providing the time and expertise that has saved the state's 4-H program hundreds of thousands of dollars over some 40 years."

Two of the many distinguished guests attending Friends of 4-H Day were Governor John Carlin and Jamie Schwartz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Economic Development. Schwartz is former program director for Rock Springs Ranch.



Glee Smith, vice-chairman of the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, thanks Fred Finnup, Garden City, for the Finnup Cottage and Sustaining Endowment Fund gifts.

Play salutes heritage

By Rachel Smith
Solomon Valley 4-H Club
Sheridan County

"Your Country and Mine" was the name of a one-act play presented by the members of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club of Sheridan County. The play was about the many different groups of people who have made this country what it is today. We pantomimed scenes and did dances about New England workers, Spanish settlers, Midwest farmers, and others while we sang songs like "La Cucuracha," "The Farmer Comes to Town," and "Home on the Range." The play closed with "God Bless America."

Everyone of our 24 members, ranging in age from 7 to 18, who was able to participate was given a part. Several rehearsals were held. Sometimes it was fun, but after a while, it got tiring. All of our hard work paid off though.

At county 4-H day our play received a regional blue. We were all excited since many of us, including some of the oldest members, had never gotten to participate in a regional 4-H day. We practiced more and received another blue ribbon.

We presented our play one more time — at Hoxie's Long Term Care Unit. The old people really enjoyed our coming. Most of us enjoyed giving it for them and watching them clap their hands and stamp their feet in appreciation, too.

This play was a good club project. It involved everyone, and we learned something about our country while having fun. So how about three cheers for good old America — Your Country and Mine.

Club donates for 25 years

The Horanif Hustlers 4-H Club, Wyandotte County, was honored at Friends of 4-H Day for 25 years of donating to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Frank, Mary Jo and Amy Van Fleet accepted the plaque on behalf of the club.

Does your club give regularly to the Kansas 4-H Foundation? Your contribution will be used for general 4-H needs or you can restrict your gift to international programs, the Kansas 4-H Journal, awards and scholarships, Rock Springs Ranch, Lake Perry 4-H Center, Southwest 4-H Center or the Clovia 4-H houses.

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It's A Star Spangled Celebration!

1976 was the last year the city of Russell had a public fireworks display. And since that time fireworks within the city limit have been outlawed.

The Lone Star 4-H Club of Russell County decided to do something to help celebrate our nation's birthday in an old-fashioned way. As part of their club recreation project, they contacted the city commission and gained permission to seek funds for supporting a public firework display.

On April 28 they sent letters to local organizations and businesses asking for donations to pay for fireworks and insurance. The response was terrific — they aimed for \$1,500 and collected over \$2,000.

Susan Krug and Pam Reisig are community leaders for Lone Star 4-H Club. Krug says that all 39 kids in the club worked on the project, even though it was discouraging to be turned down.

Two thousand dollars will buy enough fireworks for an hour display with five booms, bursts and blasts a minute. The Russell Fire Department will set off the fireworks.

"It's been a good experience for the kids," Krug says. They've raised the money, inventoried the fireworks and worked on publicity. And it all paid off when the sky lit up in Russell on the 4th of July.

Northwest Kansas Trailride Tradition Continues



Wanted

By Bernadette J. Pachta
Ellis County 4-H agent
and
Dawn Jones
Rooks County 4-H reporter

take care of any minor injuries. And the pride of the prairie is the portable potty wagon. "These have certainly advanced through the years," says Ross Nelson, Ellis County Extension Agent. "The first few rides had volunteers digging a hole and lifting a little house on and off a horse trailer." The modern two-house structure is permanently attached to a four-wheel trailer complete with electric lights! Each year improvements have been made by volunteers from the hosting county.

Despite the modern conveniences, the weather can play havoc with the success of the trailride. This year the rain started on Saturday night and continued off and on through the night.

By Sunday morning plans were made to move the camp for Sunday's ride to the Beach Ranch. The majority of the riders had decided to load up and abandon the ride due to the rain. The road to camp had become so muddy that a tractor had to pull the pickups and trailers out of camp, while the horses were ridden out.

The first trailride was hosted by Gove County in 1976. Over 120 participated in this Bicentennial ride. After a 45-mile ride from Castle Rock to Monument Rock, some may have been ready to call it quits. But, most have kept coming back year after year. It's a chance to meet new friends and get re-acquainted with the old.

Happy trails to YOU until we meet again.

What's the best way to get a taste of the old West? Northwest Kansas 4-Hers believe a trailride is the way to go.

The 8th annual trailride on June 4 and 5 offered families a weekend away from the hustle and bustle. In fact, the best part of the event is enjoying the natural surroundings and the scenic countryside ... on horseback.

The 1983 Trailride was hosted by Ellis and Rooks counties. About 35 riders traveled over a rough, but beautiful, part of Ellis County. Another 15 persons rode the trail in wagons. Teams were driven by Wallie Thornburg, Ness County, and Virginia Windholz, Trego County.

Rose Smith, committee member from Ellis County, says, "The ride could certainly not take place without the cooperation of landowners in the counties. Each year the hosting county contacts landowners for permission to ride and camp on their land.

The group is blessed with luxuries that the old West pioneers did not have. The campsite was at Sweetwater Ranch, a former recreational spot in Ellis County. The Saturday evening meal was catered in by the Sacred Heart Guild of Plainville. Toni Anderson, an EMT from Plainville, joined the ride to

Send story ideas, news items, photos or complete articles for upcoming *Journal* issues. For the September issue send material on the 4-H Ambassadors program — whether your county has just started or is in the second year, write about what the Ambassadors are working on, successes, encouragement for others, etc.

Also, in September the magazine will feature articles on new 4-H projects. If your county has started a new project or has expanded an "old standby" in an innovative way, write about it for the *Journal*. Deadline for the September issue is August 1.

The October issue will feature arts and crafts. Send in your ideas, especially those with instructions, so others can learn from your experience. Deadline is September 1.

Because we'll all be thinking about the holidays, the November/December issue will feature foods and other goodies. Also, send material on new ways to approach traditional 4-H club events, such as achievement night, club anniversaries, tours, 4-H Days, etc. Deadline is October 1.

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Taylor wins state blue award in electric project



Unless a close relative is an electrician or electrical engineer, a young person has few opportunities to learn about electricity — unless you're in 4-H. Paul Taylor, 15-year-old 4-Her from Montgomery County, says that his four years in the 4-H electric project have been one of his favorite parts of 4-H.

He's made extension cords, display boards and lamps. His combination lamp and bookholder won a purple ribbon at the Montgomery County 4-H fair and went on to the state fair. Paul designed the lamp with the optimum angle and amount of light for reading.

The lamp was just one of the state fair-quality electrical projects that helped Paul place in the state blue award group for the 4-H electric project. His award was a trip to Kansas 4-H Congress, held in conjunction with Discovery Days on the K-State campus.

Manhattan is not the only place Paul has traveled due to his 4-H achievements. He won a trip to the American Royal in Kansas City for being named the county's top 4-H club reporter. He used a word processor to write "thank you" notes to all the sponsors of his trip. That experience and others at school have made him consider computer programming or design as future career options.

In addition to his 4-H activities this summer, he's taking drivers ed, mowing lawns, delivering papers, swimming and being a counselor for 4-H camp at Cedar Bluffs Camp.

Next fall he'll be a 10th grader at Independence High School. His parents are Bill and Mary Taylor, Independence.



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