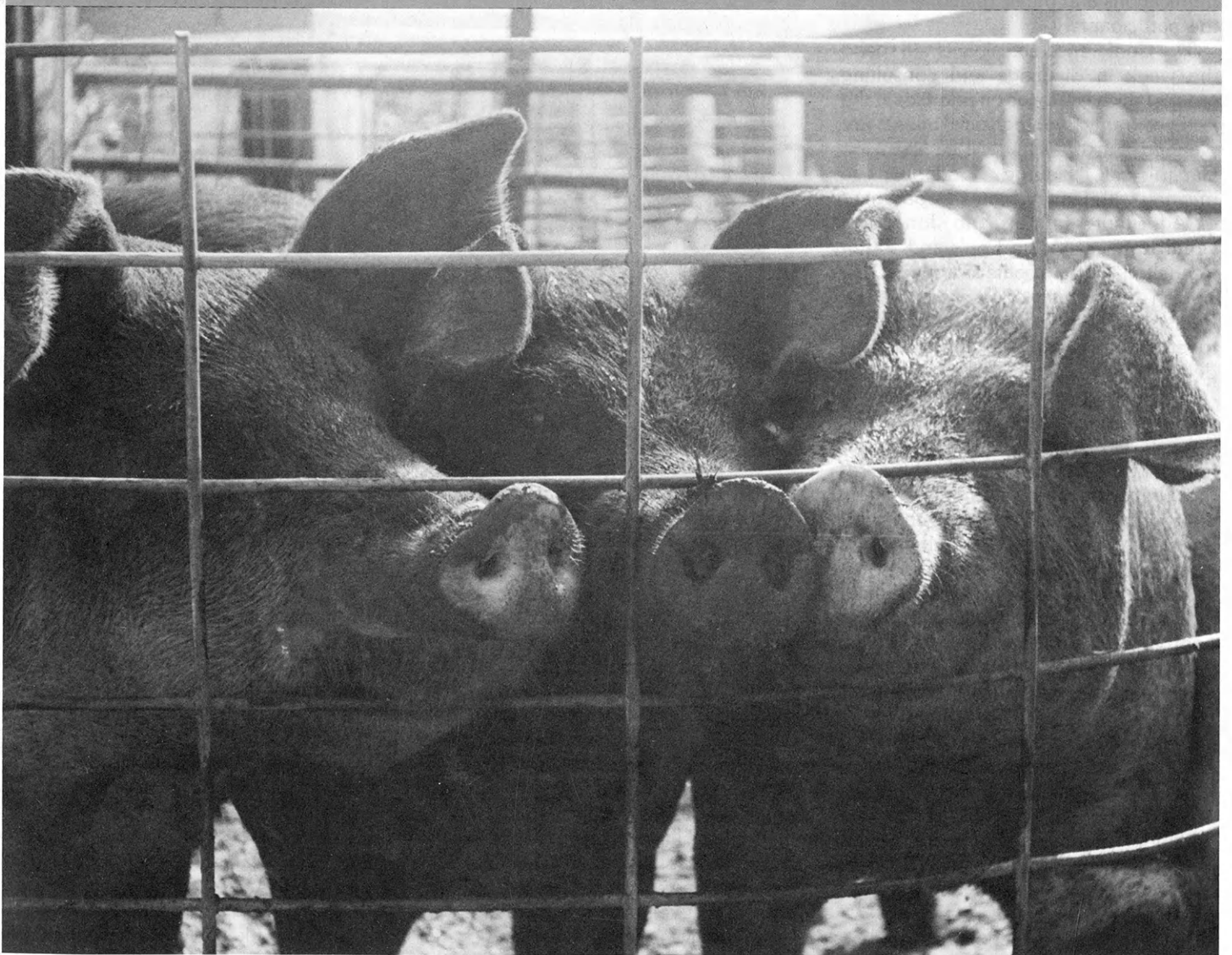


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# Kansas sends four delegates to 54th annual National 4-H Conference

Four Kansas 4-H members will be joining 4-H teens from 47 other states, Puerto Rico and Canada in Washington, D.C. for the 54th annual National 4-H Conference. Representing Kansas will be Jon Brax, Saline County; George Kandt, Riley County; Brent Lonker, Barber County; and Vickie Louk, Finney County. Karen Pendleton, Douglas County 4-H leader, will accompany the group.

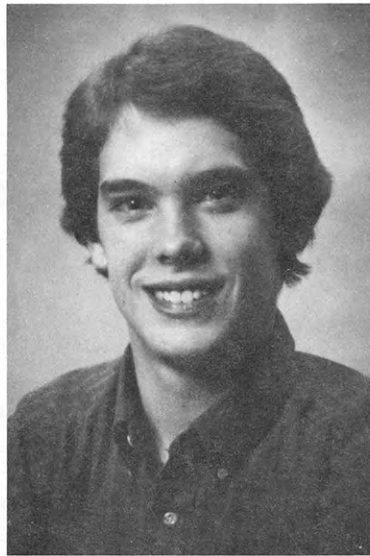
While in Washington, April 7-13, the Kansans will have a chance to work as a team with other 4-Hers in determining, recommending and evaluating 4-H youth programs. A new feature of National 4-H Conference this year is a special National 4-H Ambassador program. George Kandt will be participating in this part of the event. It's designed to hone the communications and public relations skills of the participants.

The Conference participants will spend the week in meetings and consulting groups which will focus on priorities in the 4-H program. Evening social events are planned and one day will be spent on Capitol Hill. George Kandt will be meeting with United States Department of Agriculture officials and Jon Brax, Brent Lonker, Vickie Louk and Karen Pendleton will participate in a special session in the House of Representatives. Plans have been made for the group to meet with the Kansas Congressional delegation.

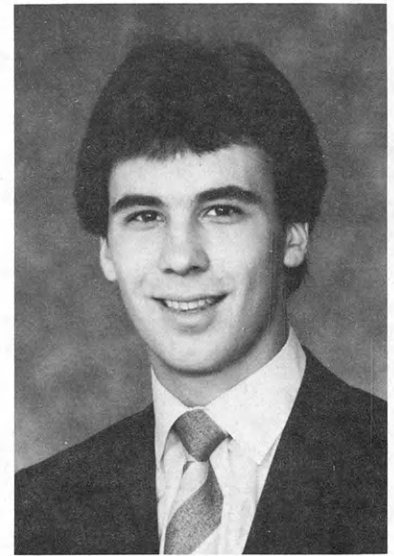
When asked what their strongest 4-H projects are, all four Conference delegates answered "public speaking and leadership." Jon Brax is a freshman at the University of Kansas, majoring in engineering physics. He says that 4-H has given him a real advantage over other young people because he's learned to lead, create products, work with others, judge, and speak in front of people. He joined the Mentor 4-H Club in Saline County when he was seven years old and was a member for 11 years.

Jon is looking forward to attending National 4-H Conference. He was a Citizenship Washington Focus participant last summer and described his experiences in meeting so many terrific people as a "cultural exchange." "I want to share my enthusiasm for 4-H with others," he says.

George Kandt is a senior at Manhattan High School. He's a member of the



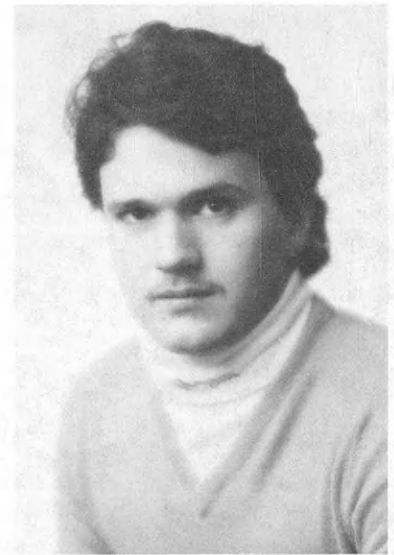
JON BRAX



GEORGE KANDT



VICKIE LOUK



BRENT LONKER

Ashland Boosters 4-H Club in Riley County. George's special talent is in the area of public speaking — a talent he's developed through many 4-H and school activities. He's served as president of the 4-H Council, emceed the county fashion revue and achievement night, narrated the state 4-H fashion revue, spoke at the 1984 Kansas legislative breakfast, and currently serves on the state 4-H Ambassador development committee.

He is active in many school and church activities, serving as vice president of the

National Honor Society, yearbook academics editor, Spanish club treasurer, and president of the senior church youth group. George is anxious to attend the first national Ambassador program and expects to bring home ideas from other states. "I'll obtain skills that will help me promote 4-H," he said. During the coming year, trained National 4-H Ambassadors may be called on to represent 4-H in interstate and national settings.

Brent Lonker, a freshman at Kansas

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## Kansas welcomes Errol Burns

Errol G. Burns recently joined the staff of the Southwest Area Extension Office in Garden City. He is the 4-H and Youth Specialist. For Errol, this position in Kansas is the first job away from his native state of Utah, other than a two-and-a-half-year missionary experience in Germany.

"In 4-H we're always trying to get members and leaders to try new things, and I decided I needed a new challenge," he said. Errol started his professional career as a German teacher in Utah schools. He became a high school principal and then was hired as an education specialist for the Utah State University Extension Service. He organized the first Boys' Club in Utah County and worked with the Provo City Youth Council and Neighborhood Youth Corps.



Errol also was 4-H Director at Utah State Training School. He supervised a 4-H program there for the mentally handicapped residents. As a 4-H agent in Salt Lake County, his special interests included the statewide one-on-one basketball contest, livestock projects and interstate 4-H exchanges. He said that although the population of Salt Lake County is 600,000 and the lifestyle is primarily urban, there are still many opportunities for 4-Hers to have livestock projects. He is a strong believer in the value of livestock projects. "They're a good learning experience. You can't always control everything about livestock. That has a lot of significance for kids," he said.

Errol's philosophy of the way a 4-H program should be managed is that local 4-H members and leaders should have ownership of the program and the county and area Extension staff are there to help them — not the other way around. "Our job is to teach them how to do things, not do it for them," he said.

Many of Errol's ideas have developed through his associations with other 4-H professionals throughout the nation. He's an advocate of professional organizations such as the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. He started the state affiliate in Utah, served as its first president and currently is treasurer of the national organization.

Errol and his wife, Darlene, have four school-age children, Marlies, Karen, Susan, and Jim.

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# South Central Highlights

## Eldon Weaver — Extension Specialist, 4-H - Youth, South Central Area

Eldon R. Weaver, more commonly known as "Weve," is the South Central Area Extension Specialist for 4-H and Youth. In the more than 15 years he's been a professional youth worker, one satisfying change he's noticed is that the 4-H and Youth position is regarded as a position equal to an agriculture or home economics Extension position.

Weaver was a 4-H agent in Cowley County for 9½ years before becoming the South Central 4-H Specialist in 1977. He enjoys performing a supportive role for the Extension agents in the nineteen-county South Central area. "It makes me feel good to see the ultimate results of our Extension agent and volunteer team — youth developing into outstanding, upright and responsible citizens, with 4-H work contributing to their total life skills development," he says.

Weaver shares his talent for making stained glass with Discovery Days participants. He and his wife, Millie, also teach a stained glass class for community adults. One of his favorite pastimes is singing. He's a church choir member and a seven-year member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

**Kingman County:** 4th graders are learning a great deal about Kansas as the Golden Wheat State through a Wheat Science program being conducted by the County Extension Agents.

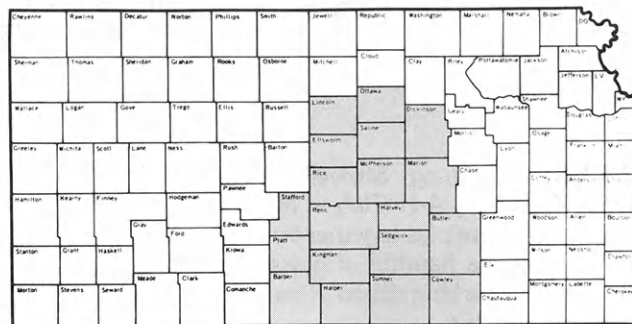
During this program which requires two classroom visits, wheat is grown in clear plastic containers within the classroom, so that students can observe the differences of growth and vigor among the kernels of wheat. This germination test enables students to measure and record the day-to-day growth of the largest source of farm income for Kingman County.

During the second visit, students make bread in a plastic bag. Students are actively involved in measuring, mixing, and kneading their own dough. During the resting stage of the dough, students gather around to watch cleaned wheat from the grain bin be ground into whole wheat flour with a mill which was donated by the Kingman County Young Farmers organization.

At the end of the program, students have gained a wealth of knowledge about wheat and have a beautiful loaf of bread to take home and share with their families.

**McPherson County:** April is the big month for the McPherson County 4-H Development Fund Drive. Each year donations are solicited to provide the funds needed to operate the county's 4-H program and benefit 4-H members.

Approximately half of the funds go to member and leader scholarships for 4-H events, ranging from 4-H Camp, to the LABO Exchange to Japan. One-fourth goes to premium money for the 4-H Fair. Other funds go to pay for ribbons, medals, and 4-H T-shirts for every new member joining 4-H.



Nineteen counties are in the South Central Area. 1983 statistics indicate that 5,686 boys and girls were members of 207 community 4-H clubs in the South Central Area. Over 29,000 youth participated in 4-H activities last year. Art and foods are the most popular 4-H projects, and enrollment in four other projects, beef, clothing, horticulture, and leadership, also top 1,000 members.

Club members do much of the soliciting, with support from volunteers from the business community. This year's goal is near \$6,000.

**McPherson County:** "When can we do this again?" was the big question from several 4-H families participating in the "Family Time Together" program sponsored through the McPherson County Extension Council. Zoe Slinkman and Chuck Smith, Kansas State University Extension Specialists, shared a variety of activities and games that enhance family relationships. After a fun evening of making family bouquets and playing in the cookie machine, we hope to do it again soon, says Janene Lewis, McPherson County 4-H agent.

**Marion County:** The 4-H bicycle rodeo was a popular attraction at the Marion County Fair. Youth 7-19 participated in the rodeo with moms and dads eagerly looking on and offering encouragement. Participants tested their riding skills in five categories — balance at slow speed, stopping ability, maneuvering, figure 8, and reaction time. The youth were also given a written test on bicycle safety. Ribbons were awarded to all the participants. This was the third annual bike rodeo and plans are to have another one in 1984.

**Marion County:** Prospective babysitters were given the opportunity to learn about feeding, bathing, diapering, entertaining, and putting young children to bed at the babysitting clinic sponsored by the Marion County Extension Council. Upon completing the clinic instruction the young people had a chance to test their skills and knowledge at the 4-H Day Care Center. The Day Care Center allowed

# South Central Highlights

busy moms to have some free time to do errands or shopping while the young babysitters tested their skills by actually taking care of children. The clinic and day care center were offered as a service to the community in an effort to better prepare youth for the responsibility of caring for young children.

**P** **ratt County:** Extemporaneous speaking was a new event at this year's County 4-H Club Days. Nine senior high age 4-Hers participated. Jean Clarkson, Pratt County Extension Director, says that leaders, 4-Hers and the judge have recommended that the contest be offered again next year. 4-H members in the county suggested the idea because older 4-Hers often do not have time to prepare for demonstrations, illustrated talk or public speaking events. The contest offered a chance for 4-Hers to improve their organization and communication skills. Once a 4-Her leaves the school environment, most speaking is extemporaneous, so this contest encouraged 4-Hers to develop this skill.

The 4-Hers arrived ten minutes ahead of their scheduled speaking time and selected a topic from a list or pulled a name of a household article out of a box. Examples of topics include: "Working with Young 4-H Members," "Wardrobe Planning," and "A Healthy Animal — How to Get and Keep One." The other choice was to draw a name of a household article, such as a key, mirror, shoe, etc. out of a box and develop a speech around this object. The contestants had ten minutes to prepare and were given one note card to use. "This was an excellent experience for the 4-Hers and helped them meet the requirements for being eligible for a county champion award," Clarkson said.

**D** **ickinson County:** The Holland-Sunflowers 4-H Club and the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department sponsored an Ident-A-Kid fingerprint program. Seventy-five rural youths were fingerprinted during the evening session. Seventy percent of the 4-H club members attended and were fingerprinted.

Darren Haney explains that this Ident-A-Kid program is set up to speed the recovery of a child who is lost or runs away. The parents are given the fingerprints to keep on hand in case this emergency occurs.

**S** **umner County:** R.D. Ford, Sumner County 4-H agent, reports that Ken Carothers, Wellington, will be traveling to Japan as a coordinator for Kansas youth going on the LABO program. John Leddy, member of the Cardinals 4-H Club, Conway Springs, will be going to Japan as a LABO delegate. R.D. also writes that plans are underway for the annual Friends of 4-H Appreciation evening, April 27th. Three friends are recognized each year. The Sumner County Fair Association is in the process of building a 50'x80' facility to house the 4-H and youth exhibits.

**S** **alina County:** Danelle Okeson writes that last November, nine horse project members attended a horse clinic presented by members of the Johnson County Community College Equine Studies Program, in Overland Park. The 4-Hers started the day by touring the barn at the college. After eating at the cafeteria they watched some demonstrations at the college's riding arena. They saw demonstrations about dressage, hunt seat equitation, saddle seat, pleasure driving, trail class, barrel racing, and reining. The JCCC students told about the purpose of each type of riding, the proper attire, the proper tack, and techniques. Watching the demonstrations broadened the 4-Hers' knowledge about all the different types of riding. They also learned about career opportunities in equine studies. Harriet Ridinger is coordinator and Rosemary Bates is instructor of the Equine Studies Program at the college. The demonstrations were presented by Michelle Corder, Diane Gibson, Deena Russell, Vicki Rhaesa, Shirley Dollard, and Leesa Faulkenberry.

**Saline County:** Dog project members are getting off to a howling start again this year. This year the junior leaders are teaching the Novice A, Novice B, and Graduate Novice classes. The thirteen-week classes will end with a graduation show in April. Last year the junior leaders formed a dog club. For moneymaking projects the dog club members help clean up at some of the Salina Kennel Club dog shows. The club is planning on forming at least one team for the State Dog Bowl. Last year's team won second place. This year a newsletter, *Paw Prints*, has been started to remind the project members of coming events and give them useful information.

**Saline County:** The first county-wide junior leader club has been formed. Membership is open to any 4-Her, 14-19 years of age. Club officers are: president, Nate Boyce; vice-president, Rhonda Gibson; secretary, Suzanne Zerger; treasurer, Nancy Deckert; and social chairman, Wendy Albrecht. Rhonda Gibson reports that the club's first fund-raising activity was selling fudge at Christmas time. Future plans include a car wash, basket dinner, and an exchange trip.

**Saline County:** Wendy Albrecht writes that the junior leaders club offers singing telegrams as a money-raising project. They sang at the 4-H Achievement Banquet last fall to advertise the service. Since then, they have performed for birthdays and Valentine's Day. They charge \$5 for a singing telegram, delivered by performers in clown costumes.

**R** **ice County:** Don DeWerff, Rice County 4-H Agent, writes that a parent-leader fun night was a big hit. Marcia McFarland, 4-H & Youth Specialist, was the guest speaker and then "one-of-a-kind" awards were presented to leaders. The Program Development Committee came up with the award categories and presented Olympic-type medals (tin can lids with a string attached). The awards included:

Die Hard Battery (for leader with longest service)  
Little Stinker (swine department helper)  
"T" (ice tea provider for the fair picnic)

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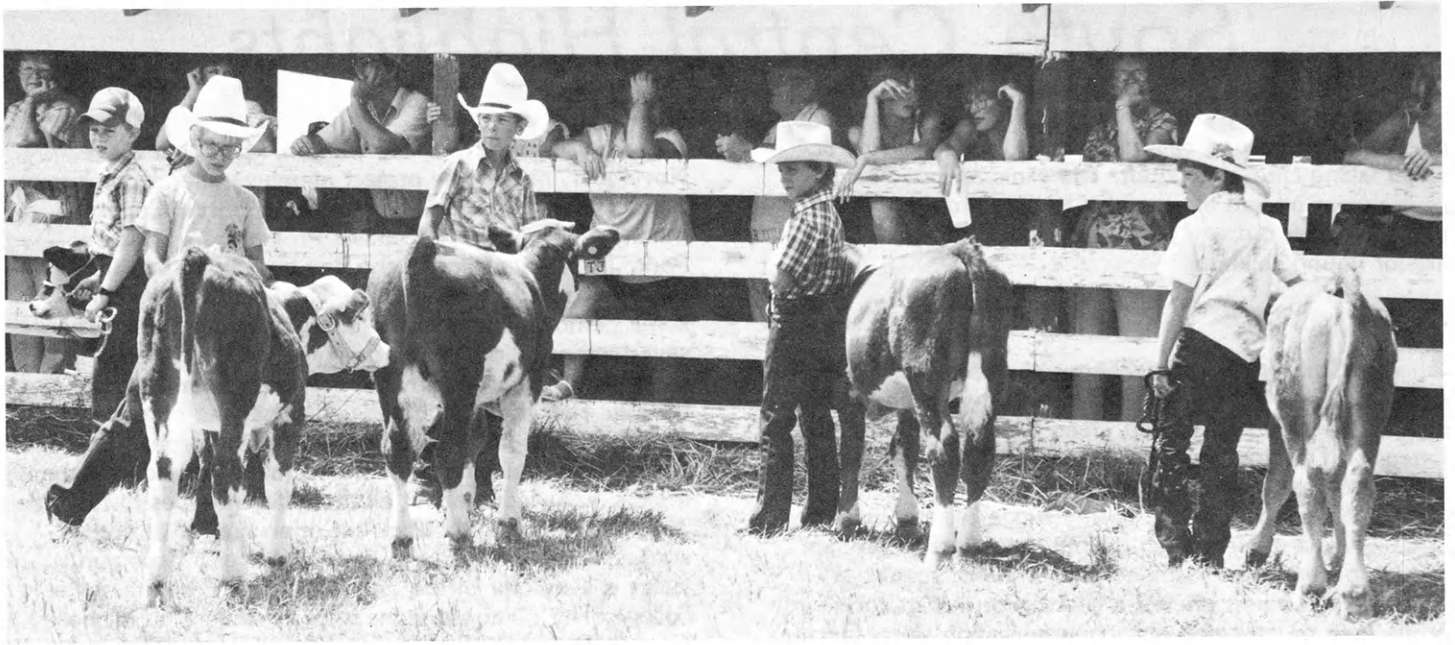


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Everybody's eyes are on the judge during the bucket calf competition at the Lincoln County Fair. From left are 4-Hers Justin Bartholomew, Travis Suelter, Tim Lyne, Mindy Lyne, and Justin Ringler.

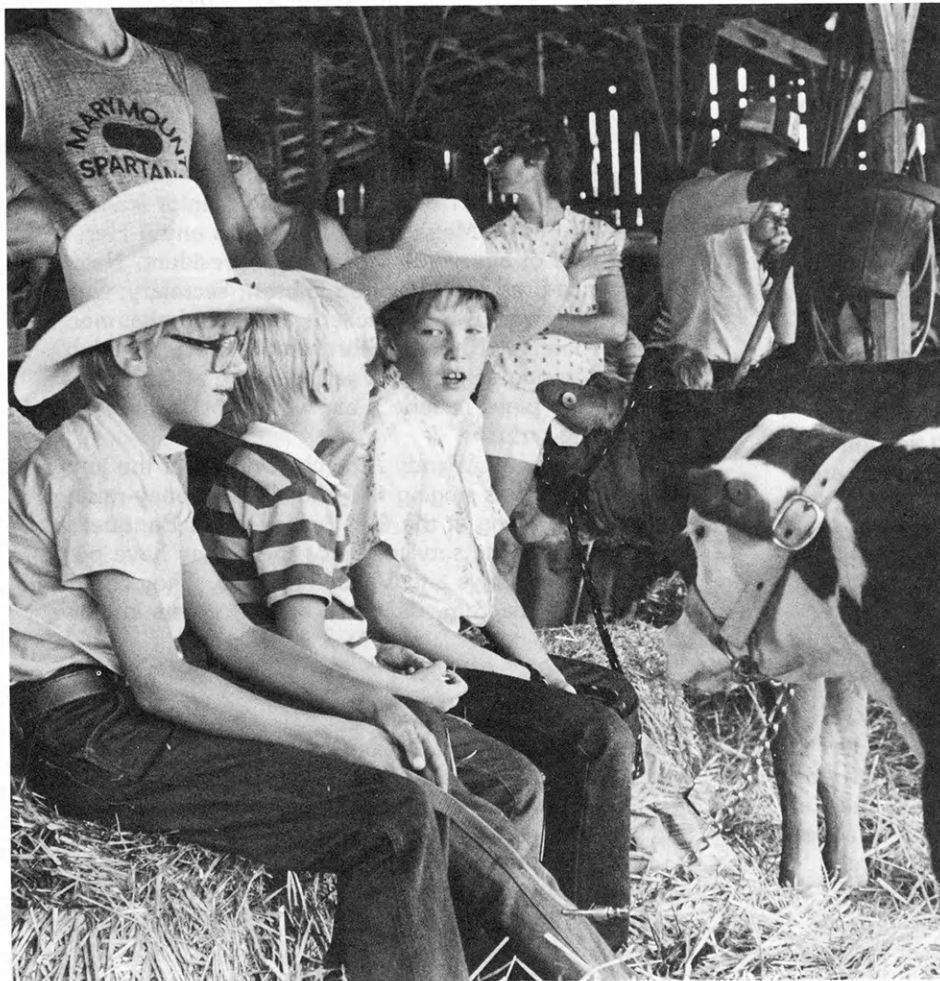


Photo by Chuck Hessenflow, editor of Farmway News

Travis Suelter (left) and Justin Ringler (right) explain the ins and outs of showing bucket calves to a prospective 4-Her.

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## Smaller kids & smaller calves

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

The beauty of the 4-H bucket calf project is that it matches a younger, smaller 4-Her with a younger, smaller calf. Milton Krainbill, Lincoln County Extension Director, says the project has been a big success there. "Working with a bucket calf gives a young 4-H member many of the same experiences as working with a market steer, except the financial and safety risks are smaller," Krainbill said.

Last year, Lincoln County had 13 bucket calf participants and 23 are signed

up this year. Most of the calves are purchased between March 1 and May 1 from feedlots and sale barns in the area. "I thought we might have everything from a 600-pound, lean, mean Holstein to a 200-pound, butter-ball Angus, but most of the calves shown at the fair had pretty good conformation, were healthy and were well-behaved," Krainbill said. He credits the guidelines that Lincoln County provided with helping the 4-Hers learn how to care for a calf. They were developed by Dr. Gary Hartzell, a local veterinarian, and a committee.

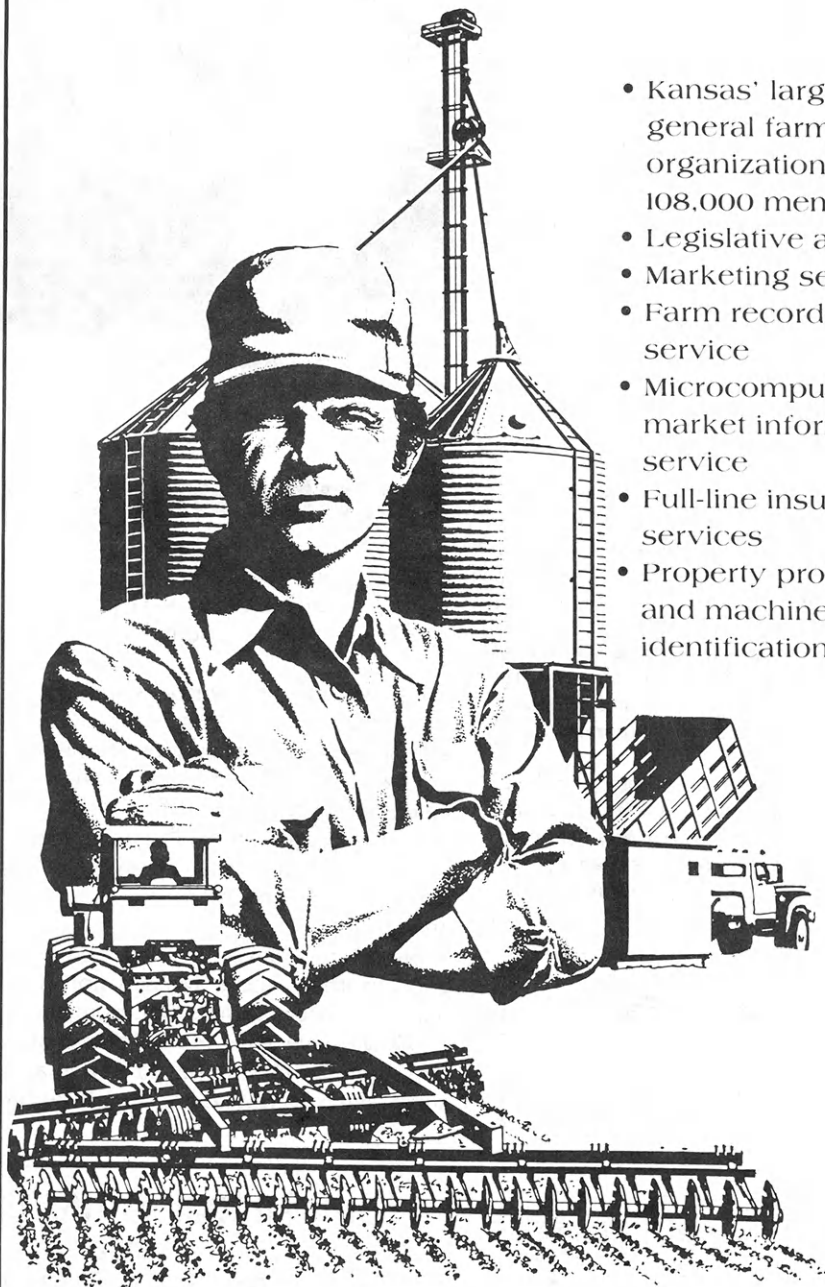
The guidelines contain recommendations on when to vaccinate the calf and give tips on the other needs of the calf. Krainbill said he was happy to notice that most of the 4-Hers had fed less than one bag of milk replacer to their calves. The 4-Hers keep a record of the feed costs, health costs and the weight of the calf. They bring the record to the fair.

"The kids seemed to really enjoy the fair — they had a sense of belonging and some of them got to stay overnight," Krainbill said. He was pleased to see families who had experience with showing and grooming cattle help those who were new to the project. Grooming the animals is worth 25 percent of the judging at the county fair. Conformation is another 25 percent. "We want the young 4-Her to start to learn about good conformation, but we don't want to make this the most important point. Learning to take responsibility and learning about animals is more important for the younger 4-Her," Krainbill said. Fifty percent of the fair judging is based on the 4-Her's consultation with the judge.

Two of last year's bucket calves were sold at the 4-H livestock auction. The buyer said he was confident that he was buying healthy calves and so that made it worth paying a slightly higher price than market price. One of the bucket calves will be shown as a market steer this year.

Krainbill believes that a young 4-H member can learn just as much in a sheep or swine project, but the bucket calf project seems to be more popular in Lincoln County. He says that if the enthusiasm continues, Lincoln County will have a greatly expanded steer show in three or four years when these same kids move up to the steer project. "These young kids from all over the county are getting to know each other and learning from each other. It'll make the competition tougher, but friendlier," he said.

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# Club members and "grandparents" enjoy interaction

by Chalea Lawless  
Reporter, Wheat Capitol Kids  
4-H Club, Sumner County

Typically, when you think of adoption you think of parents adopting a child, but our 4-H club has switched the generations — we adopt grandparents! For two years we have adopted residents of the Lakeside Lodge Nursing Home in Wellington.

At Christmas time we made corsages for our adopted grandparents and gave them other gifts. Together we all sang Christmas carols. In the spring we got together and made May baskets filled with candy and cookies.

This summer we went to the nursing home and had an ice cream social along with our monthly meeting. We also planned a talent show, with our members sharing their musical skills. Some of the club members brought pets and livestock to show to our adopted grandparents during the summer.

In the fall, we went to the nursing home for a game night, complete with prizes and popcorn. Our grandparents shared an evening meal with us at their home. Afterwards we received certificates, pins, and balloons from the director at an awards ceremony held in our honor.

When our club began the program, we had our doubts! But since then, we've found that our being there and sharing our lives has been rewarding to us, and we hope it's been equally rewarding to our adopted grandparents.



Residents of the Lakeside Lodge Nursing Home in Wellington enjoy a meal with a Wheat Capitol Kids 4-H Club member.

## Lambs bring work and rewards

by Nancy Theel  
Saline Valley 4-H  
Saline County

It's lambing time once again. Each winter the special process is repeated on 4-H sheep farms throughout Kansas.

The lights are on in barns at very odd times during the nights. Sheep owners are an unusual breed. They check and worry over their ewes. The ewes having lambs for the first time receive special attention.

Sheep are a lot like humans. Some are good mothers and some are not. The bonding process is important. Sometimes a ewe will have twins and will accept only one, then the human has to step in and accept the role. Bottles are stuck in jacket

pockets and are handy to save a hungry lamb.

Getting the lamb to breathe and drying it off are important. A wheat straw stuck up the nostril may make the lamb sneeze and thus start breathing. A soft towel or rag to rub the lamb dry is also needed. Let the ewe clean it off so as to bond the two together.

Strip the teats so the wax plug is removed and a milk flow is established. Now stand back and watch. Occasionally, a lamb will need to be shown his lunch, but usually he can find it on his own.

It is rewarding and fun to watch a group of lambs run, jump, and play, knowing you had a watchful eye on their entry into the world.

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# Geological formations affect soils

by Matt Johnson  
Friendly Valley 4-H Club  
Saline County

The geologic formations in Saline County are the "founding fathers" of the soils here. The types of soil, in turn, determine what crops will grow in the county. Different parts of the county have different types of soil, ranging from red to black, clay to sand. Each of these have to be farmed in a different manner. But, what are the geologic formations that form different colors and textures of soils?

The geologic formations that form the Saline County soils are: Whitehorse Sandstone, Cheyenne Sandstone, Dakota Sandstone, Kiowa Shale, Alluvium, and Carlton Limestone. In the eastern part of the county, most of the bedrock is limestone. Limestones are made up of calcite and produce heavy, clay soils. In the central part of the

county, the Smoky Hill and Saline Rivers meet and have washed in large amounts of alluvium. Near the rivers you will find sand and gravel pits. The soils near the river are very sandy and they don't hold water, making it difficult for some crops to grow. Farther away from the rivers the soil is more densely packed, and you find silt and clay. The western part of the county has a sandy soil due to the sandstone formations. Sandstone formations are made up of quartz mineral. Much of the soil in Saline County is dark in color due to organic matter. Dark soil is superb for growing wheat. In the south and the west part of the county the soil is dark red due to iron breaking down in the soil.

All of these soils fall under one classification name that is called Molisols. Molisols are formed by many different things. Four main things that form soil are climate, living organisms, parent material, and topography. Because of

my 4-H geology project, I know most about the parent material. These four things that make soil have a powerful friend that is also an enemy. It is called erosion. It is a friend because it breaks down parent material, but it is an enemy because it removes soil. Erosion has four major ways of removing or depositing soil. These are running water, wind, glacial movement, and gravity.

Many counties have the same or similar geologic formations as Saline County. If you are curious about your soils, you could look up your county on a geologic map, or contact your county Extension agent. When you work your soils you may think of how your ancestors had to farm the land. Your ancestors may have come from across the Atlantic, but your soils "founding fathers" have always been permanent residents.

## Kingman County carnival is fun and profitable

by Bonnie B. Glaser  
Kingman County Extension  
4-H Agent

What do clowns, games, food, and fun bring to mind? That's right, a 4-H Carnival!

Three years ago a seed was planted for a very successful 4-H Carnival. Prior to 1981, a 4-H Royalty Contest was held during the County Fair, where each 4-H Club chose a candidate and raised money to help sponsor him or her. Funds were then used to help bus 4-Hers to various camps and the remainder was pro-rated back to the clubs.

Many months of planning are necessary for committees, clubs, and 4-H members to prepare for this county-wide event held in late April or early May.

The Carnival is kicked off with a pork chop dinner. The chops are barbecued by the Kingman County Pork Producers and the 4-H members begin early in the afternoon preparing the fixin's for the meal. Sloppy joes are also available for those with smaller appetites. Each 4-H member is given a packet of meal tickets to sell in advance and approximately 500 people are served.

Doors open at 5 p.m. to the Kingman County Activity Center area which is filled with approximately 15 carnival

booths sponsored by community clubs. Booths include a cake walk, dunking tank, jail, duck pond, football throw, wet sponge throw, and a penny pitch.

The grand finale of the evening is the raffle. Several of the items that have been raffled include gift certificates for groceries and gasoline. The 4-H members also are responsible for selling all the raffle tickets in advance.

Of course, it wouldn't be a carnival without clowns. This is a big day for the members enrolled in the clowning project. They have their fun playing the games, giving treats to the young children, and just being a clown. They add a little something extra to this event.

Bonnie B. Glaser, County Extension 4-H Agent said, "This is the single largest 4-H fund raiser ever held with the county. It is great how it unites all community 4-H clubs and how each 4-H member becomes actively involved in selling advance tickets, building their club's booths, preparing the meal, and working throughout the evening. This is an evening filled with fun for all ages."

In addition to helping pay for the bus transportation to and from county camp and 4-H Discovery Days, the funds also are used to provide scholarships to members planning to attend other state and national 4-H events.

Glaser said, "The success of this event is due to the fact that everyone works together and the community strongly supports such events."



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# Reno County sponsors trip to Topeka to study Kansas government



Reno County 4-H members and parents enjoyed a day in Topeka where they toured the Kansas legislature and Capitol, the Kansas Judicial Center and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

A bus load of Reno County 4-H members, parents and two international exchange students saw the Kansas legislature in action on Tuesday, March 6 — the next to the last day for approval of bills in their house of origin. "I was impressed with how busy they were," commented Christy Myers, after observing the voting and debating in the Kansas House of Representatives.

Bob Davis, Reno County 4-H agent, said he arranges the annual trip at a time when the 4-Hers can see voting and debating, rather than days when most of the legislators are in committee meetings. All six Reno County legislators joined the 4-H group for lunch in the state office building cafeteria.

The legislators from Reno County are: Representatives Jesse Harder, Steven Ediger, Donna Whiteman, and Robert Wunsch and Senators Bert Chaney and Fred Kerr. Each legislator explained his or her responsibilities and answered questions from the group.

The 4-Hers explored the Capitol from top to bottom. Chris Tonn said his favorite part was the tunnel connecting the Capitol to the state office building.

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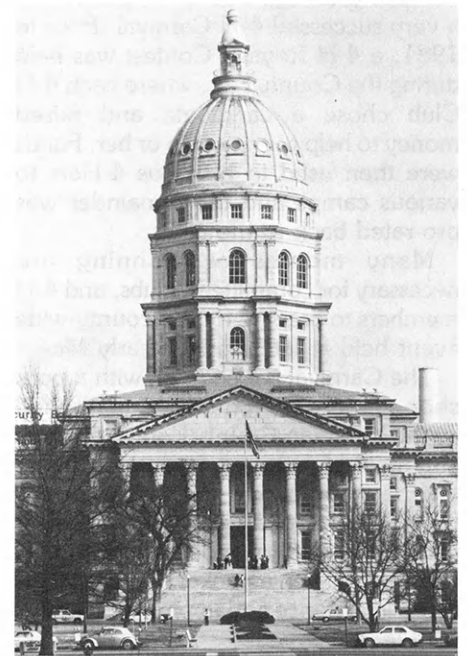
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Bryant Anderson's most memorable part of the day was climbing the stairs to the dome. The tour guide pointed out the graffiti from earlier days when people were allowed to go to the top of the dome unescorted.

Becky Crenshaw, a former 4-H member from Wabaunsee County, spoke to the group about her duties as a lobbyist for 20 Kansas agriculturally-related organizations. She said that her main responsibility is to provide information about agricultural concerns to Kansas legislators. She testifies in committee meetings and keeps the organizations she represents informed on legislative action. Crenshaw said that her farm background was essential for her job.

Merle Fritzemeier, a parent, said he was happy to learn from the legislators that they welcome letters, calls and visits from constituents. One of the 4-Hers observed that the legislators have several chances to change their votes on a particular bill. The period between the initial vote and the final vote is another chance for citizens to provide additional input.

The Kansas Judicial Center was a short stop on the group's agenda. The last stop of the day was at the Kansas Bureau of Investigation headquarters. The 4-Hers got to see the laboratory where tools and firearms are examined to determine if they were used in a crime. They also saw the latent prints department where evidence is processed to lift fingerprints which may have been left on an item. The KBI labs also include a chemical laboratory where drug samples and ar-

son samples are examined and identified.

Byron Jordan showed the group evidence from one of the most famous cases the KBI solved — the Clutter murders in 1959. The Clutter murders were the topic of the book and movie "In Cold Blood." Jordan traced the investigation from the first clues to the hanging of the two murderers. He showed the group the FBI posters of the ten most wanted criminals in the United States. Jordan said that the KBI has fingerprints and records on more than 375,000 people arrested in Kansas.

One of the most interesting KBI displays for the 4-Hers included games that had been confiscated from fairs, businesses and organizations. Chris Barten said, "It was fun to see the games that rip you off." Since most of the 4-Hers had seen similar carnival games, they were eager to learn how the games can be rigged so the player never wins.

The trip provided an opportunity for 4-Hers to learn more about their state government and the law enforcement responsibilities of the KBI. Lona Hinshaw, a 4-H parent and leader, summed up the day by saying, "Actually, some of you (4-Hers) are now better informed about your state government than your parents."

When Bob Davis asked the group how many of them knew who their legislators were before the trip and then after the trip, the show of hands indicated that actually being at the state's Capitol had made this group more informed about their responsibilities as a citizen.



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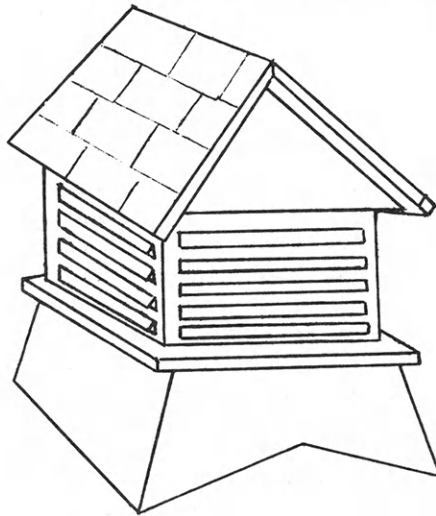
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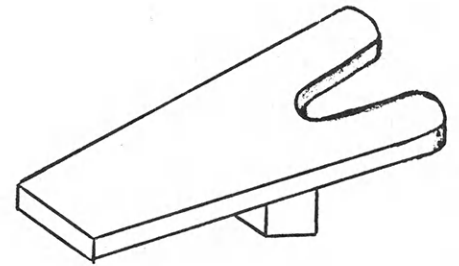


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# 4-H offers computer camp

The first Kansas 4-H Computer Camp will offer a chance for 10- to 16-year-olds to participate in intensive computer training and enjoy the recreational facilities at Rock Springs Ranch this summer. Emily Kling, 4-H - Youth Environmental Programs Specialist, says, "This is not a video games camp — we'll offer 15 hours of classroom computer literacy and programming instruction."

Ten Atari 400 and 800 computers will be available for classes of twenty 4-Hers. While one group of 20 campers is in class, the other 20 will be enjoying Rock Springs Ranch swimming, canoeing, crafts, archery, rifle range or horseback riding.

Computer Camp for 10- to 13-year-olds is scheduled for June 10-14. June 15-19 is reserved for 13- to 16-year-olds. The forty campers in each age group will be divided into two groups, depending on computer competencies. In addition to the 15 hours of instruction, the computer lab will be open an additional 11 hours in the evenings.

The cost for computer camp is \$140,

which includes all meals and lodging, computer time, instruction, and materials. Transportation and spending money for souvenirs and snack bar are not included. Parents are invited to join the campers for lunch and a sharing session on the last day.

An adult counselor for each 10 campers will be assigned. A \$90 scholarship is offered for adult counselors. Applications for the counselor positions are due in the State 4-H Office by April 20.

Brochures and registration forms are available in the county Extension offices. Since enrollment is limited to 40 campers for each session, campers are urged to register early.

Kling says that the computer camp is just one part of the 4-H computer program underway in Kansas. Ten counties are pilot testing computer materials and this fall Kling plans to offer project leader training. "Our goals are to emphasize computer literacy and programming in BASIC and other languages. Then, we intend to investigate computer applications for other 4-H projects," she says.

## National Conference (cont. from pg. 2)

State University, says, "I really feel fantastic about being selected to go to National 4-H Conference. It's quite an honor." Brent was a nine-year 4-H member in Barber County where he held every club office. Brent is active in the American Jr. Hereford Association. He currently serves as the first vice president and travels all over the country speaking on behalf of the organization. Showing cattle was one of his favorite parts of 4-H and he says that profits from steer and heifer projects are helping to finance his college education.

Vickie Louk is a senior at Garden City High School in Finney County. She says that 1983 was an exciting year for her because she helped organize a new 4-H club and was

elected president. One of her favorite 4-H activities is working with young members. As a Finney County 4-H Ambassador, she's promoted 4-H in local grade schools, spoke to civic organizations and Kansas legislators, and helped form a second new 4-H club. Vickie is a state officer in FHA, serves as her chapter DECA president, and is active in National Honor Society. "Being selected to go to National 4-H Conference is such an honor. I think I'm the first Finney County 4-Her ever chosen and I'm very proud to go," she said.

The Kansas Bankers Association and KABAR sponsor the trips to National 4-H Conference.

## 4-H Dog Project Activity Calendar

Saturday, April 14	Obedience Judging Team Contest Ford County Fairgrounds, Dodge City
Saturday, May 5	Dog Judging Contest, Concordia
Saturday, June 2	Reno County Invitational Dog Show Hutchinson
Sunday, June 3	Sedgwick County Invitational Dog Show Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Wichita (4-H building open for Saturday night overnight encampment)
Saturday, June 9	Finney County Invitational Dog Show Finney County Fairgrounds, Garden City
Saturday, June 16	Ford County Invitational Dog Show Ford County Fairgrounds, Dodge City
Saturday, June 23	Grant County Invitational Dog Show Grant County Fairgrounds, Ulysses
	Marshall County Invitational Dog Show, Marysville
Monday, July 30	Russell County Dog Show, Russell
Saturday, August 4	Ellis County Invitational Dog Show Ellis County Fairgrounds, Hays

# Sievers recall Rock Springs Ranch memories and pride

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

After nearly 20 years of living and working at Rock Springs Ranch, Harold and Velma Sievers will retire April 1 to their 10-acre place in the country 14 miles from Rock Springs. "My dream is to turn our place into the kind of place that people will drive by and say how nice it is — just like they do at Rock Springs," Harold said.

Harold and Velma and their five children came to Rock Springs in the fall of 1964. At that time they were the only family that lived there year-round. The facilities in 1964 included Williams Dining Hall, two complete cottages and another one under construction, stables, swimming pool and the boys' tent area. They've seen the facilities expand to include eight cottages, Heritage Hall, Johnson Administration Center, shelter houses, machine shop, Frye workshop, and Wiedemann Dining Hall. "When we came, about 10,000 people used the Ranch each year, and now that number has doubled," Harold said.

Harold has the satisfaction of seeing his special touches throughout the Ranch property. He's proud of the gates, tour wagons, carts, barbeque pits, signs, coat racks and fireplace tools he's built for the Ranch. He had the ingenuity and skill to turn Army surplus property and left-over parts into useful items. "I'm always trying to make something handier," he said. His main responsibilities were grounds maintenance, security, the farming operation, and the horse program.

"I've put in a lot of hours, but it's all worth it when someone says, 'Harold, this place looks really good.'" The pride and the sincere dedication were evident as he said, "I've been well paid when you consider the compliments — I've always figured that as long as I could make a living and enjoy what I'm doing, I've got it made."

One of Harold's favorite parts of his job at Rock Springs is working with the horses. "It used to be that if I had five minutes, I'd ride a horse, but now it takes about an hour," he says with a grin. He's proud of the job he's done to upgrade the horses in the Rock Springs stable and the safety record for the popular trailrides. "You've got to have a practically fool-proof horse so that you know nobody's going to get hurt." He may sound stern with the horses, but he believes that's the only way to train them and make sure they're safe for the campers to ride. Cream Puff, the first mare that Harold trained at the Ranch, is still in the stable. Harold plans to keep three of his best cow-cutting horses busy during his retirement.

Both of the Sievers know that they may be demanding to work for, but many of the summer staff employees have come back to thank them. Nine months of the year Velma is the dining room supervisor who directs the campers as they set the tables, serve the food and clear the table. When you're serving a meal to 500 people, it takes an efficient organization to keep everything running smoothly. In the summer, Velma orders the snack bar items and supervises the snack bar employees.



She admits that she's a stickler for details, such as counting change back at the snack bar and learning how to set a table properly, but she says, "There's an efficient way to do things and that's the way I want it done." One of the things she'll miss most about leaving the Ranch is seeing the people who return with a group year after year. Harold kids her about being the only one who can get away with telling some of the campers what to do.

Velma plans to work at the Ranch part-time this summer because she doesn't want to miss working in the new snack bar. "I've been waiting 20 years for that!" she says.

The Sievers came to Rock Springs from an 8,000-acre ranch they had managed in western Kansas. If it wasn't for the ad they saw in the *4-H Journal* about the Rock Springs job they might have still been there. They loved the wide open spaces and the friendliness of the people. With the Rock Springs job they still could have their horses, could work with a variety of people, and one of the big assets of the job was the two-week vacation. They both got tickled as they recalled the family vacations they'd taken all over the United States, Canada and Mexico.

During retirement the Sievers will have more time to spend with their children and three grandsons. Their oldest daughter, Connie, lives in Manhattan with her husband, Rod, and son. Sherry and her husband live on a farm south of Chapman with their 3-year-old son. Their son, Gene, a carpenter and potter, and his wife, Deb, live in Zeandale. One of the twins, Randy, lives in Odessa, Texas, and Sandy lives with her husband, Terry, near Great Bend. Velma recalls the days when three different school buses came to the Ranch to pick up her kids. "Living at the Ranch taught our kids to work, but since both of us were working they also spent a lot of time alone," Velma recalls.

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# South Central Highlights

## Rice County (cont. from pg. 5)

Bug Off (entomology leader)  
Wet Pants (canoe trip leader)  
Pooper Scooper (fair clean-up crew)  
Night Club (night-time patrolers at fairgrounds)  
Horsin' Around (horse leader)  
Silver Mike (auctioneer at livestock sale)  
Rookie of the Year

Other serious awards were presented for leaders' services.

**Harper County:** The 4-H Council in 1983 made plans to place new 4-H club welcome signs along major roads and highways leading into the county from all four directions. Each community club was responsible for placing a sign along the highway in their part of the county border area.



Members of the Sunnyside 4-H Club placed this sign along Highway 14 north of Harper. Club members kneeling left to right are: Nancy Howie, Matt Eslinger, Brandon Zirkle, Dawn Zirkle, and Brad Grabs. Members and leaders standing left to right are: Shirley Zirkle, Carol Bassford, Dana Hibbard, Julie Bassford, Florence Howie, and Louis Zirkle.

## Sievers (cont. from pg. 14)

During their 20 years of service at Rock Springs Ranch the Sievers have worked with five directors, hundreds of summer staff employees and thousands of campers. "I really have enjoyed all the people I work with. We all try to be flexible and remember that the most important thing is to get the job done," Velma said. The Sievers are sentimental about leaving Rock Springs and the life they have grown accustomed to, but they're looking forward to working on their own place. Their kids will help them move to their home south of Chapman.

Velma has saved an article about she and Harold from the June 1969 *Kansas 4-H Journal*. They laugh when they look at the photos of themselves 15 years ago and agree that maybe the good home-cooked Ranch meals have taken their toll — "it's time for us to go on the Social Security diet," Velma said.

**Dickinson County:** "Dickinson County 4-H Clubs Welcome You" signs are popping up all over as clubs erect the signs for a community service or club project. All approaches to Dickinson County will be covered when the nine signs are erected. In all, over 75 signs will be placed in the South Central Area.

**Saline County:** For the last six years, the Saline Valley 4-H Club has sponsored a gymkhana. What's a gymkhana? Matt Wilson writes that gymkhana is a Greek word for "athletics on horseback." The event is held on the first or second Sunday in October and the competition is open to any 4-Her in Saline County. The competitor can ride any of the equine species — mule, donkey or horse. The only dress code is cowboy boots and a western saddle.

Events in the gymkhana include a lead-back, rescue, potato race, barrels, poles, flags, sack, goat tying, tunnel, key, and boot. The untimed events are egg and spoon race and musical tires. The highest scoring contestant in the junior and senior divisions wins a trophy or belt buckle.

**Sedgwick County:** Rock-n-roll was the theme of the carnival held at the Greenmeadows Nursing Home in Haysville, KS, on February 23. Over one thousand dollars were raised for the Heart Fund. There were many games to play — penny toss, fish pond, cake walk, and pool. The Peak Ramblers 4-H Club ran the booths. 4-H clowns sold balloons and also gave some away. Popcorn, hot dogs, and hot and cold drinks also were sold. Jeanette Warne writes that the nursing home residents and 4-Hers had a very enjoyable afternoon. The 4-Hers plan to return later in the year to display their projects.



Members of the Crawford family (from left) Shelley, Connie, and Jeanie, supplied balloons for the carnival held at the Greenmeadows Nursing Home.

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# 4-H electric project influenced career choice

What's it like having your dad as project leader and being outnumbered by boys in the 4-H electric project? Denise Oborny, a 19-year-old former Reno County 4-H member, thinks it's great! Denise will graduate in May from the two-year electronic technician program at Hutchinson Community College. She got her start in the 4-H electric project nine years ago.

B. C. Oborny, Denise's father, is an electronic technician and a 4-H electric project leader. Denise's sisters and brother were enrolled in the project and she couldn't wait to get started. She's the one in the family that decided to make electronics her career.

"Of course in the project meetings Dad always expected me to know everything. I'm the one he'd call on to answer questions," Denise recalls. Denise won her first county electric grand champion ribbon in 1978 with an AM transistor radio. She continued to achieve high honors with her electric projects — exhibiting at the state fair five times.

Her last exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in 1983 won a purple ribbon. She had built a power supply and written the accompanying trouble-shooting manual.

Denise says that her Dad was a big influence on her and was supportive of her decision to become an electronic technician. She also says that without the 4-H

electric project she'd have really been behind when she entered Hutchinson Community College's electronics program. "I went to a small private, parochial school where no electronics courses or background were offered," she said.

When Denise graduates in May she'll be looking for a job and considering the possibility of continuing her education in the electronics field.



*Denise Oborny displays her award-winning 4-H electric project exhibits: (from left) an AM transistor radio, globe patrol, engine analyzer, shortwave radio receiver, weather station and power supply.*



*Denise Oborny works on the power supply she built as part of her 4-H electric project and class project in Hutchinson Community College's Semiconductor Construction Skills class.*

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