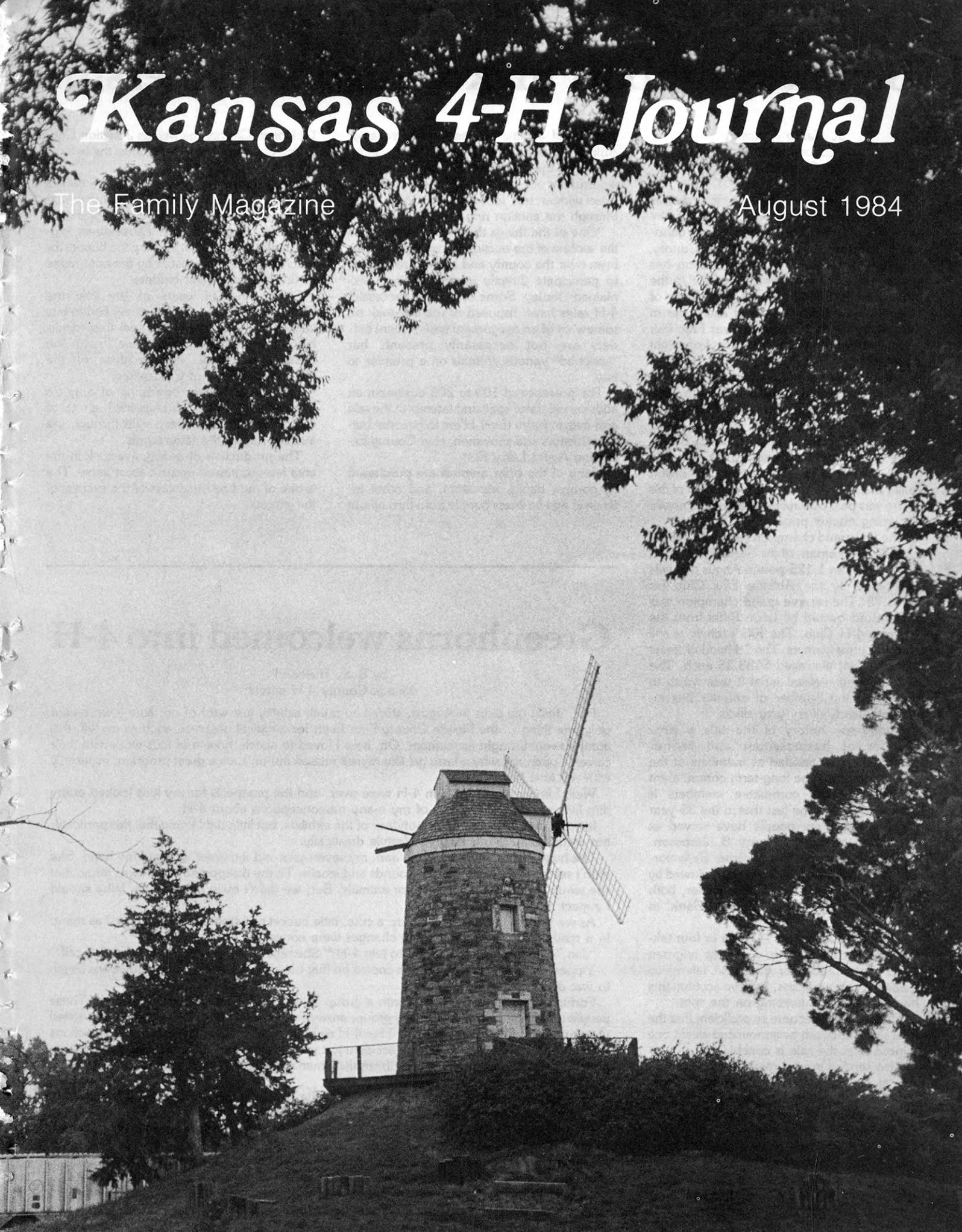


# *Kansas 4-H Journal*

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# Business support makes auction successful

by Henry Jameson  
Editor-Publisher,  
*Abilene Reflector-Chronicle*

Thirty-five years ago the Abilene Chamber of Commerce launched a new project with the objective of increasing the quality and quantity of livestock raised in Dickinson County,

The 4-H premium livestock auction has grown into one of the most successful in the state of Kansas — showing a gross figure of nearly \$1½ million. It is held each year in August during the Central Kansas Free Fair — an event which draws exhibitors from eight counties.

The auction started in 1950 with only 18 head of prize-winning steers and eight head of pigs. Altogether they sold for \$9,245.95.

Last year the sale grossed \$71,135.52 for 58 steers, 53 barrows and 57 lambs. Sheep were added the third year of the sale. By 1979, the auction receipts passed the million dollar mark. An estimated thirty percent of this figure was paid by buyers as premiums above the going market prices.

The first grand champion steer was owned by Merlin Moorman, of the Sand Springs 4-H Club. It was an 1,125-pound Angus that was purchased by the Abilene Elks Club for \$618.75. The reserve grand champion was a Hereford owned by Leon Riffel from the Navarre 4-H Club. The Riffel family is still showing prize winners. The 18 head of steers that first year averaged \$488.25 each. The 4-H'ers soon realized what it was worth to them and the number of animals has increased nearly every year since.

During the history of the sale a large number of businessmen and farmer volunteers have assisted as members of the sale committee. The long-term commitment of many of the committee members is demonstrated by the fact that in the 35-year period, only three people have served as committee chairman. Henry B. Jameson, editor-publisher of the *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle*, was the first chairman, followed by Gary Donley and Gary Longenecker, both vice-presidents of the Citizens Bank in Abilene.

All of the auctioneers — three or four taking turns at each auction — and the ringmen have contributed their time and talents to make the sale a success, as have accountants handling the bookkeeping on the spot.

That crew has become so proficient that the total sale figures can be announced within one minute after the sale is concluded.

Also serving in vital roles on the committee, along with Abilene Chamber of Commerce representatives, are representatives of the cattle, sheep and hog associations around the county.

The rules and format have changed little, except that the guaranteed premium dividend over market price was reduced several years ago from three cents a pound to two cents a pound. This change developed because the

number of eligible entries kept increasing. Animals must win a blue or red ribbon to be eligible for the auction. A 4-H boy or girl who is fortunate enough to have more than one prize winner has to select only one to go through the auction ring.

"One of the things that has contributed to the success of our auction is that businessmen from over the county and others are present to participate directly in the bidding," explained Donley. Some of the less successful 4-H sales have disposed of the livestock on somewhat of an assignment basis, where bidders are not necessarily present, but "assigned" various animals on a promise to buy.

The presence of 100 to 200 businessmen adds considerable spirit and interest to the sale and helps inspire the 4-H'ers to become better exhibitors and showmen, says County Extension Agent Larry Riat.

Many of the prize animals are purchased by co-ops, banks, elevators, and other interested agri-business people from throughout

Dickinson County, as well as Junction City, Salina and elsewhere. Sometimes the bidding becomes quite spirited.

The Chamber of Commerce underwrites the sale, with a guaranteed premium to exhibitors, all of whom receive their premium checks the day of the sale. Those steers, pigs and lambs that are not kept by the buyers for butchering are then resold by the committee to the highest packer bidders.

During the 34 years of the sale the Chamber of Commerce has never had to buy back a single animal. "We feel this speaks highly for the quality of the sale," says Don Center, executive vice-president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

From that meager beginning of only 26 head of steers and hogs combined, a total of 4,428 animals have been sold through the auction ring at the fairgrounds.

The production of quality livestock in the area has progressed upward accordingly. This is one of the best indicators of the success of the project.

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## Greenhorns welcomed into 4-H

by Betty Husband  
Meade County 4-H parent

Hot, dusty ole days in August, stirred by much activity just west of our little town meant only one thing ... the Meade County Fair. Even for a typical observer, such as myself, this annual event brought excitement. Oh, how I loved to watch those 4-H kids work with their calves. I often ask why a farm gal like myself missed out on such a great program, especially with my love for animals.

Well, I knew my chances in 4-H were over, and the prospects for my kids looked pretty dim living in the city ... one of my many misconceptions about 4-H.

It was time to take our afternoon tour of the exhibits, but little did I know that this particular trip would change our family's lifestyle drastically.

The huge, black steer bellowed. Jan, my seven-year-old daughter, gripped my hand. She didn't seem to appreciate all the sounds and smells. To my disappointment, I was afraid that she would never share my love for animals. But, we didn't even have a dog. Why should I expect more?

As we walked into the small barn, a cute, little bucket calf stole her heart as well as mine. In a matter of a few seconds, big changes were conceived.

"Jan," I asked, "would you like to join 4-H?" She replied, "Yes, and I want a bucket calf."

Yippee! But, my excitement soon cooled on that hot afternoon when many questions began to wet down my enthusiasm.

Fortunately, we made contact with a group called Town and Country 4-H Club. These people took us greenhorns into their group, answered our many questions and always assisted us in our new endeavors. This true-blue 4-H club highlighted their written mottos by actions shown to our daughter. Jan had an accident just prior to showing her bucket calf at the county fair and these people took time out from their own projects that busy afternoon to help Jan get her calves ready.

Yes, Jan put a big boot over that swollen ankle, wiped a tear, and proudly showed her bucket calves. She earned a blue ribbon in showmanship.

Sure, I had a few dreams fulfilled through my daughter, but Jan also has had many doors opened. These doors led to special interests in sewing, cooking and arts.

Oh, yes, she loves animals. About our drastic lifestyle change ... we now live in the country with two horses, three calves, a dog, two cats, seven chickens, and a pet frog.

I would like to salute the 4-H organization and the members of Town and Country 4-H Club who have patiently worked with us these last two years.



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## Editor says good-bye

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

When I'm training my replacement, we'll go over all the nitty-gritty details of contacting advertisers, corresponding with sponsors and laying out the magazine pages, etc., but the thing I'll never be able to fully explain is the people. When I think about the three and a half years I've been editor, it's the people I remember.

I remember the 4-H'ers — beginners to the most advanced. Verle Amthauer, a shy, quiet, young man, was one of the first 4-H'ers to stop in my office. He offered to help with supplying 4-H woodworking plans. Verle, who's now a self-assured, successful K-State graduate student and 4-H woodworking leader, still comes in to chat and share his woodworking expertise. One of my most memorable interviews was with Ben Messer, a 4-H'er who raised mice for his self-determined project. He was so wrapped up in it. I've found that to be true for many 4-H'ers who choose self-determined projects. When judging at a county fair in the miscellaneous division, I've talked with 4-H'ers whose projects ranged from cat genetics to doll houses — but the common ingredient is they've set challenging goals and are excited about what they're working on. I've enjoyed meeting the National 4-H Conference delegates before they leave for Washington, D.C. I've always felt proud that Kansas will be well-represented. I've also enjoyed working with 4-H club reporters. It's even more fun to read their stories after having a chance to get acquainted in a Discovery Days class.

I remember the leaders and the parents — most of them are just as excited as the 4-H'ers about learning. After hearing Barbara Warner's description of a geology field trip, I wished I'd gone. Most 4-H parents have a terrific sense of humor and a sense of loyalty to 4-H. I'm especially grateful to those who write those feelings — such as Michele Dunlap and Betty Husband. The four 4-H families of the year that I've had the opportunity to interview all display this sense of humor and dedication to 4-H.

I'll remember the county Extension agents — especially those who served on the *4-H Journal* advisory committee. It takes a special kind of person to be an Extension agent. I have a vivid memory of Ray Withers after a long, hot day at the Neosho County Fair, carrying a stubborn goat from one end of the show ring to the other for a very frustrated 4-H'er. Special thanks go to Maureen Burson, Riley County 4-H agent, and Carol Fink, Pottawatomie County 4-H agent, whom I called many times in desperation, because they were so efficient and so handy.

I'll remember the state and area 4-H specialists — they increasingly realized what an important communication tool the *Journal* could be. C.R. Salmon, in his first *Journal* advisory committee meeting, suggested the idea of devoting an issue to each Extension geographic area — what a success the area features have been!

I'll remember the 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. Their faithful support has allowed Kansas to be the first state, and for many years the only state, to publish a 4-H magazine.

I'll never forget the staff of the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Merle Eyestone always has the *Journal* in mind when he's talking with donors and supporters. He brings back valuable comments and ideas. The whole staff has a part in making the *Journal* a success. And we've had fun working together. We've spent many coffee breaks voting on the best cartoon or trying to figure out the next issue's silly game.

Last, but not least, I'll remember the support of my husband, Don, and my family. Don has spent many evenings and weekends waiting for me to finish an interview, and he's a great proofreader. He's even been the chauffeur for 4-H reporters working on a story. Thanks also to my family who introduced me to 4-H 20 years ago. I'm ending another chapter in my 4-H career, but I'm sure there will be another.

# Northeast Area Highlights

**Brown County:** Michele Smith, reporter for the Fairview Willing Workers 4-H Club, writes that her club has worked throughout the year on various health-related projects. The club invited Steve Linde, a former deputy sheriff, to speak on drugs for the parents' night program. Club members have collected money for the Multiple Sclerosis Association, the American Cancer Society and the Cystic Fibrosis Campaign.

In March, the 4-H'ers collected empty prescription bottles and turned them in to a local druggist who donated five cents a bottle in the club's name to the Kansas Crippled Childrens' Fund. Michele writes that the biggest project was making seven first aid kits which were given to the six churches where club members attend services and the Fairview Legion Hall where the 4-H club meets. Two club members participated in a babysitting clinic and learned about first aid and handling emergency situations.

Club members have been informing others in the community about health-related topics by speaking in front of groups, giving radio programs, setting up window displays and distributing pamphlets.

**Cloud County:** The first Cloud County State Dog Judging Clinic was held Saturday, May 5, at the Concordia National Guard Armory with participants from Saline, Marshall, Republic, Jewell, Washington, and Miami counties. Mrs. Gary Holbert, Cloud County dog leader, coordinated the event. Mrs. John Van Doren, an experienced AKC and 4-H judge from Tescott, judged the show.

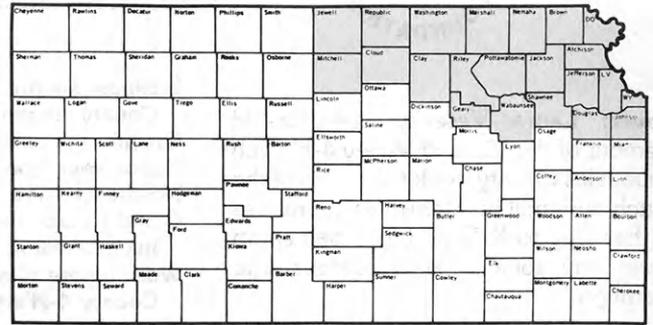
**Douglas County:** A potluck supper began an evening of fun for members of the Kanwaka 4-H Club. After the dinner everyone moved upstairs in the meeting hall for the club's achievement banquet. The junior leaders were the masters of ceremony.

Bobbie Ward, reporter, writes that club leaders were recognized for a job well done. First-year leaders received a certificate and sticker and returning leaders received new stickers. Each leader was presented a jelly jar with a decorated pin cushion top, made by leader Connie Hadl.

A special 20-year leader's pin was presented to Waneta Willits. Mrs. Willits was a leader in the club when her children were members and afterwards, too. She had led many projects, including foods and citizenship.

The Ralph L. Coleman Achievement Award was presented to Marc Branham. Marc is a ten-year member of the club and has also been a leader for the entomology project. This award is given to the club by Mrs. Nan Coleman in memory of her husband, Ralph L. Coleman. It was established in 1980. The recipient must be 16 years old and have received the silver guard. The \$100 award is to be used in furthering the recipient's 4-H or personal education.

Members who earned the clover, bronze, silver, silver guard, gold, gold guard, and five- and ten-year pins received them at the banquet.



**Jefferson County:** The Wayne McNary 4-H family didn't wait long to get Gunilla Eriksson, a Swedish exchange student, accustomed to their way of life. They encouraged Gunilla to joining the Fairview 4-H Club.

Gunilla served as the club reporter and attended 4-H Council meetings regularly. She entered the public speaking contest at County 4-H Day and gave a speech about the Swedish educational system. She also gave a presentation to the county's older 4-H members about life in Sweden. Her greatest challenge was the language difference. She had several years of English in school, but communicating was still difficult at first. She says that in school several students would be talking and she couldn't really understand them, but when she'd speak everyone would grin — which made her wonder what she'd really said. Her host family says that Gunilla's pleasant personality and eagerness to learn made her a joy to know.

**Jewell County:** Buffalo Valley 4-H'ers make beautiful music together, writes club leader Maryanne McMullen. "We practiced and played and performed together until we finally got our assorted noises to sound like music," she says. The band boasts a membership of 25, with several eight-year-olds playing percussion instruments.

Greg Knittle, a 4-H volunteer and local band and music teacher, directs the 4-H band. They've performed at county club day and regional club day. The band plans to march in the Jewell County Fair Parade.

"Having fun with music in 4-H and sharing it with others helps us to realize a club goal and is rewarding personally to each 4-H'er who participates," McMullen says.

**Jewell County:** The Formoso Willing Workers 4-H Club may be small, with only nine members, but they have a lot of fun and accomplish many things for their community, writes club reporter Kelly Ford. In Jewell County, seven banks help sponsor the 4-H Journal for all county 4-H families, and recently the Formoso club delivered a plate of homemade cookies to their local banker in appreciation of his support.

# Northeast Area Highlights

**J**ohnson County: Residents of the Lakewood Retirement Village in Lenexa expressed wonder and delight when county 4-H'ers hosted a pet fair for them in May. Pets on exhibit included fish, snails, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits, cats and even a snake or two! The elderly citizens seemed to enjoy visiting the 4-H members as much as viewing the many pets, writes Cynthia Ziesman, Catherine Crusaders 4-H Club leader.

**J**ohnson County: As a club project, the Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club is participating in the community PRIDE program. Recently, club members placed a sign to welcome visitors to the community. The sign was made by one of the club's junior leaders. The sign was put up to coincide with the Stanley Stampede, sponsored by the Merchants Association. In the Stampede parade, club members participated in a walking unit and a horse club unit.

**J**ohnson County: Little Cedar 4-H Club found a way to beat the summer heat and celebrate their latest community service project by hosting an ice cream and cookie social. The ice cream was homemade and the cookies were made by members in the foods project.

The event was held for the residents, directors and board members of Cedar House, a halfway house for people with emotional problems. At the social, Cedar House residents received two picnic tables made by 4-H'ers and Olathe Vocational School students. Welding class students welded the frames and auto body class students sandblasted and painted the frames. Members in the 4-H woodworking project sanded and painted the wood, assembled the tables and delivered them to Cedar House. All the materials for the tables were donated by Olathe businesses.

This is not the first time the 4-H members have worked with the Cedar House program. 4-H'ers help with an annual Cedar House Bazaar in November and 4-H'ers are auxiliary members of the organization.

Other service projects the club has been involved in this year include a tour of Christmas lights and a party for senior citizens, playing bingo each month at the Olathe Nursing Home, sharing baked goods with the residents of the Leavenworth Veterans Hospital, helping the Prairie Grassland Park with an auction, cleaning the barn at the historic Mahaffie House and planting 112 tomato plants and many other vegetables in the Mahaffie House garden. The produce from the Mahaffie House garden is sold in Olathe.

**L**eavenworth County: Denise Chapman writes that the second annual Bicycle Rodeo, sponsored by the Fairmount 4-H Club, was a great success. What's a Bicycle Rodeo and why have one? The idea is to emphasize bicycle safety. With this in mind, the Lansing Police Department

gave a safety talk during the event. They also registered each bike. Biringers Sporting Goods of Leavenworth safety-checked each participant's bike and provided them a written notice of any problems.

Forty-two kids and two adults participated in the rodeo. A rodeo would not be complete without beginning with a parade. The parade was led by the Lansing Police Department, followed by the rodeo participants and then the all-volunteer Delaware Township Fire Department with their beautiful red trucks. The parade route started at Lansing Elementary School and ended at the Lansing Pizza.

Then the rodeo began! Events included a skills course — participants rode their bikes between boards to check not only for skill in driving, but also to see if they had control. Another event involved checking to see if the rodeo rider could properly stop the bike when necessary. One other event was the obstacle course which really tested the rodeo participants' skills in riding.

Prizes are always part of a rodeo and thanks to donations from the Fairmount 4-H Club and from local merchants, all participants received reflective stickers and safety flags to attach to their bikes. Many thanks also go to the Lions Club members for their time and assistance.

**S**hawnee County: Patti Wells, reporter for the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, writes that five club members participated in a statewide project of counting persons who were and were not wearing seat belts during a specific period of time. The club also hosted a county-wide horticulture judging contest and a local home economics judging contest.

Club members have set up opportunities to get acquainted with other 4-H'ers — within the state and throughout the country. They hosted an exchange meeting with the Grantville 4-H Club from Jefferson County in May. In June, five Pleasant Hill members participated in the Shawnee County 4-H Exchange Trip to Logan, Utah.

**W**yandotte County: "Celebrate the good times, come on! There's a party goin' on right here." Wyandotte County 4-H'ers will celebrate their year's accomplishments at their annual achievement banquet during National 4-H week. Ginny Swanson writes that not only 4-H'ers will be recognized, however. Leaders and community sponsors will also be honored. This year the 4-H'ers are putting together a slide show of the 4-H year's event to take the place of a speaker. The banquet is sponsored by the Senior Council, Wyandotte Lions, Prairie Optimists and community businesses.

# Veterinarian shares his profession with 4-H'ers

by Misti May  
New Horizon 4-H Club, Cloud County

All 4-H'ers and their families know that 4-H is made up of volunteers who are willing to help others learn. Dr. Jerry Koster, DVM, is a project leader from Cloud County who dedicates his time to help 4-H'ers learn about the veterinary profession.

## Work before play for 4-H'ers at ball park

by Sandy Wichman  
Recreation leader, Morning Glory 4-H Club, Johnson County

The sky was sunny, the temperature was in the 70's, and it was a perfect day to be outdoors. The Morning Glory 4-H'ers picked a great day to clean up the Spring Hill Ball Park — and what fun and rewards they received for their hard work.

Everyone met at the ball park on Saturday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. By noon the members were astonished at how pretty and clean the park looked. Some of the 4-H'ers brought lawnmowers, others brought garbage bags, and some brought only themselves. But, everyone was willing to put lots of hard work into the project. Probably the biggest improvement was taking down the old fence and mowing where it had stood.

At noontime, everyone gathered in the parking lot for an old-fashioned picnic. Sandwiches, potato salad, chips, candy bars, fruits, cake, brownies, and pop made for a good picnic.

After lunch, it was off to the ball field for a fun game with Gary Allen's team matching their talents against Lynette Hamilton's team. Lynette's team came out with the winning score, but no one really noticed because they were having so much fun. The older generation of parents even made their contribution to the game, but at a slower pace.

Members of the club's recreation committee and other 4-H'ers, parents and leaders joined in the day's activities. The biggest reward was the service to others and learning to plan, coordinate and carry out the activity, which turned out to be a lot of fun.

Koster wanted to be a veterinarian at an early age. When only twelve years old, Koster began working for veterinarians on weekends and during the summer months. After graduating from Colorado State University, Koster received his veterinary degree from Kansas State University. Currently, Koster and his wife, Meredith, operate the Glasco Veterinary Clinic in Glasco, Kansas, where they live with their two children, Scott and Christine.

Despite many twelve-hour days, Koster still finds time to spend with 4-H'ers. Koster started the veterinary science project with two local members and in four years has expanded to nine 4-H'ers from Cloud and Ottawa Counties. According to Darrell Hosie, Cloud County Extension agent, the veterinary science project in Cloud County, is "one of the best."

Project meetings begin and end with the school term. At project meetings twice a month, Koster spends at least three hours explaining different aspects of his job. 4-H'ers use Extension publications as a textbook. Most project meetings are filled with a different type of surgery. Koster may also review any special cases, study bacterial plates, use microscopes, and sometimes answer emergency calls.

According to the 4-H'ers, their favorite part of the project is the rotating Satur-



Learn by doing in 4-H

days that they spend with Koster. Koster explained that the 4-H'ers don't stay in the office and answer the telephone. Instead, they follow him from farm to farm. 4-H'ers help by handling instruments during surgery, getting medication, helping in the control of large animals, and, of course, cleaning. Koster feels he covers many aspects of his field in the two-year program.

Koster says he is willing to use his library of medical books or consult his colleagues to answer any questions the 4-H'ers have. When asked why he dedicated so much of his time to 4-H, Koster replied, "I am repaying the veterinarians (that encouraged him) to give 4-H'ers what they gave to me. But more importantly, I enjoy giving a part of me to help others learn the veterinary profession."

You're feeling good because your 4-H livestock sold well at the sale after the fair, thanks to a generous buyer. Remember to thank the buyer and also to deposit part of the money in your local

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# Hiawatha couple gives shelter house to 4-H

by Steve McGinness  
KSU Summer Intern in Brown County

Reid and Doris Grove had never belonged to 4-H. They never had children who belonged to 4-H, and yet on Sunday, June 10, the new shelter house at the Hiawatha City Lake was donated by the Groves to the county 4-H program.

The Groves have resided in Hiawatha for most of their lives. For many years they owned and operated a farm and home store which brought them in close contact with many people in the community, including 4-H'ers. The Groves helped with the fairs, exhibits, etc. by providing the necessary materials the 4-H'ers needed to make their projects complete. They worked alongside the farmers and townspeople by providing quality merchandise and dependable service. Their concern and support for the farmer and the 4-H youth was very evident in the years they owned the store.

The Hiawatha City Lake has always been a favorite spot in the community for families and different organizations to gather for cook-outs and recreation. Unfortunately, there have not been enough sheltered areas to use after dark or when the weather becomes uncooperative. The Groves recognized the need for another shelter house. They provided the funds and guided the construction of a shelter house on the southside of the lake. They did this as a gift to 4-H. However, this gift is something that everyone in Brown County can enjoy.

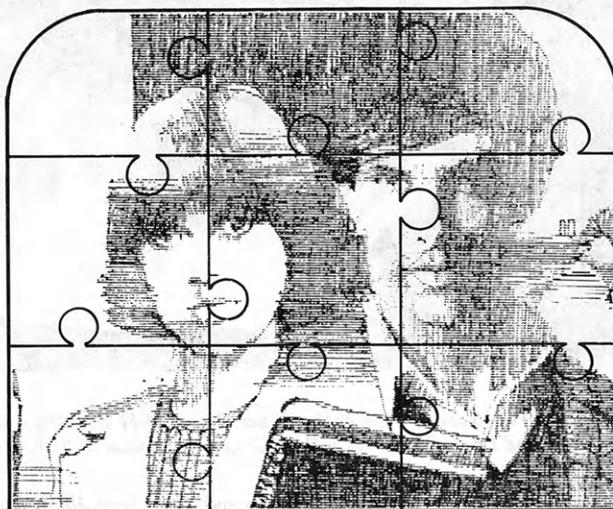
A crowd of 75 spectators looked on as the Groves presented the new shelter house to Gaynall Hackler, who represented the 4-H program development committee. Mayor Jerry Young cut the ribbon, officially opening the shelter house for use by the community.

The 4-H'ers and others in the community are grateful to the Groves for their generous gift. The 4-H'ers of Brown County say "thank you" and encourage 4-H'ers everywhere to take time and thank those who have donated their time, talents and effort to make the 4-H program a success.



Dedicating the shelter house at the Hiawatha City Lake (from left) are: Gaynall Hackler, Mayor Jerry Young, and donors Reid and Doris Groves.

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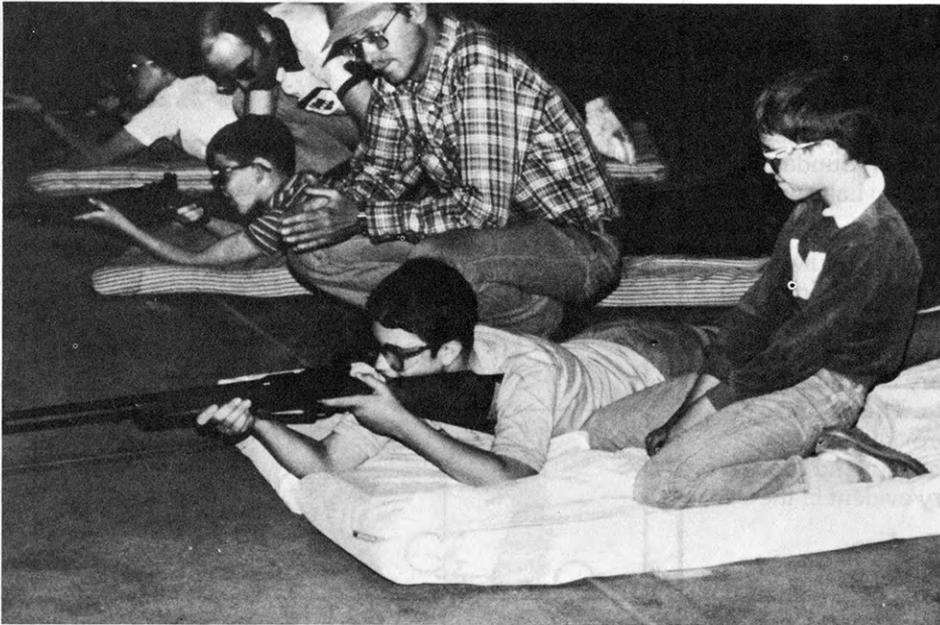
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**G**uns are found in over seventy-five percent of U.S. homes, yet how many youngsters know safe gun-handling procedures? In the new 4-H shooting sports program, youth will learn how to safely use firearms.

"We are not encouraging or discouraging hunting — we are teaching youth how to safely use firearms for recreation and enjoyment," says Dave Kehler, Butler County 4-H agent and one of the organizers of the Kansas 4-H shooting sports program.

County 4-H leader teams, composed

**Above:** 4-H'ers work in pairs in the Butler County 4-H shooting sports program. Instructor John Eggleston and Doug Gregg watch Brad Gregg's technique as he squeezes the trigger during indoor air rifle practice.

**Below:** Butler County 4-H shooting sports instructor Gene White explains to Steve Shannon what to concentrate on during his shotgun practice session.



# Pilot-tests shooting sports program

"We're recruiting the leaders before we recruit the kids."

of a county coordinator, shotgun instructor and rifle instructor, will complete an intensive training workshop August 24-26 at Rock Springs Ranch. The focus of the workshop is to teach leaders how to teach 4-H'ers, says Emily Kling, Extension specialist in 4-H and Youth environmental programs. "The leaders don't have to be expert shots, but they must know how to teach in a supportive, controlled atmosphere," she says.

Last year, Greenwood, Butler, Shawnee and Harvey Counties pilot-tested the project. Ten of the leaders had no previous 4-H experience, but Kling says all the leaders were very enthusiastic about 4-H and agreed that the techniques they learned for teaching rifle and shotgun operation to youngsters were very appropriate.

**P**arental involvement is an ingredient that has helped make the program an early success in the pilot counties, Kehler says. "Parents become really involved because there's something for them to do. We need them for shooting-range commanders and assistant instructors," he says. In Butler County, many of the 4-H'ers parents go through the shooting exercises after the youth have completed them.

Beginning this fall in more counties where leaders have been trained, youth can sign up for the shooting sports program. "In this project, we're recruiting the leaders before we recruit the kids," Kling says. The leaders trained at Rock Spring Ranch will be qualified to train other leaders in their home counties. Enrollment will be limited to 10 youth per one adult leader. The shooting sports participants will form a project club. Members in community 4-H clubs have the option of enrolling in shooting sports as a self-determined project, but enrollment is not required to participate in the program.

Each county will set its own guidelines on the minimum age of the participants and will decide whether the participants will be expected to provide their own guns. In Butler County, 4-H'ers own the rifles and shotguns used, and the county loans the air rifles. "At first, I had a little trouble justifying the expenses of the rifle or shotgun, but then I thought about the fact that we (the county Extension office) don't loan steers or horses for 4-H projects, and it's the same with this project," Kehler says. Also, Kling points out that the fit of a gun is so important that it's an advantage for the 4-H'er to have his or her own gun.

**T**he shooting sports program offers a chance for a young person to develop a skill which emphasizes self-confidence, coordination, personal discipline, responsibility and sportsmanship. "It's also a

program where the 4-H'er can experience immediate success — we don't have to wait until the fall to see the results," Kehler says. Also the 4-H'er is not competing against others; competition is on a personal level.

Shooting is just a small part of the total educational program. Wildlife management, ecology, conservation, game and gun laws, taxidermy, eye and ear safety, outdoor cookery and gunsmithing also are topics the 4-H'ers study.

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Development Committee organized the program with the help of many organizations and business leaders who donated supplies, time and funds to support the program. Kehler; Kling; Jeff Davidson, Greenwood County Agricultural Agent; and Brian Swisher, Montgomery County 4-H Agent served on the original pilot committee for Kansas.



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# Sharing, teaching and learning are a way of life for the Theis family



The Theis Family — (from left) front row: Edmund, grandson Matthew, and Alice; middle row: Jerry, Mark's wife Joetta, Paula, and Larry's wife Nancy; back row: Mark, Joe, and Larry.

by Paula Theis  
Happy Hollow 4-H Club,  
Leavenworth County

"4-H is my way of life," answered Jerry Theis when recalling the interview discussion which was part of his selection as the 1984 state 4-H agriculture winner. Actually, our whole family feels that 4-H is our way of life.

Our parents, both former state 4-H award winners, became community 4-H club leaders shortly after they were married. They've continued for 18 years.

Having our parents the community leaders meant being called upon to give a last-minute talk, make posters for other organizations and help with the paper work required for the community leader's job. It meant doing a little extra to make sure that everything was accomplished for the sale that the club was serving: such as making an extra batch of cookies or bringing an extra extension cord or fuse. It meant helping the other 4-H'ers in our club with project selection, record books and program books; and also helping with organizing ideas and posters for talks and demonstrations. Basically, it taught us to plan ahead, to organize ideas and follow through, to learn where help

was needed and wanted, and to communicate with others in a way they understood.

Another long-time tradition our family started is hosting preschool and kindergarten classes from Xavier Elementary School in Leavenworth at our farm. For the last 22 years, between 100 and 250 city children visit the farm. Our farm classroom includes a tour of the farrowing houses, where the children can hold a baby pig. We have a little contest about the color of the pigs, where the bacon and ham comes from, weight guessing contests, etc. Depending on the time of the year, the children get to see baby calves and baby kittens. Posters that show the different crops grown on our farm are exhibited. These illustrate the different leaf and root systems of the plants. Jars of grain, nuts gathered from the timber, and different commercial feeds are used for other guessing games. We serve homemade cookies and punch before the kids return to school. On occasion, older students have spent the whole day on the farm, stopping long enough for a basket lunch.

Our family partnership farm, known as the April Valley Farms, consists of a 200 sow farrow-to-finish operation, 150 head

of registered Angus cows, and crops of wheat, corn, milo, soybeans, clover and brome hay.

My four brothers all help with the farm. Mark, the oldest, and his wife, Joetta, have two sons, Matthew and Gregory. Larry and his wife, Nancy, have a six-week-old daughter, Megan. Joe will be a junior at Kansas State University this fall, majoring in Feed Science. Jerry will be a freshman at Kansas State University in the fall with plans to major in Veterinary Medicine.

Jerry's recent selection as the 1984 Kansas 4-H agriculture award winner carries on another tradition in our family. All four boys have won a state 4-H award. Mark was the 1976 state corn award winner; Larry was the 1977 state milo award winner and the 1978 state agriculture winner; Joe was the 1980 state wheat award winner. Larry was also one of the five boys in the nation selected to escort the girls for the National 4-H Style Review in Chicago.

Our 4-H experiences range from the white ribbons to the top purple or trophy. Each one of us has received the fitting and showing trophy for the swine division.

Our whole family, through 4-H and other opportunities, has been eager to learn new ideas and techniques. The desire for cross-bred steers motivated Larry and Jerry to attend artificial insemination (AI) classes in Manhattan. They now do some AI work, and are experimenting with Schromate B. Dad started several years ago to experiment on a small scale with no-till farming techniques. Now the no-till farming is becoming wide spread. For several years we've planted 200 acres of beans in wheat stubble for a double-cropping program. We've been drilling beans on the steeper land for the last five years. Dad has (with the SCS and ASCS Offices) installed the tile-outlet terraces on a couple of farms.

Teaching others has also been a learning experience. When preparing ideas to share with others — whether the topic is farming techniques, clothing styles or baking — there is always at least one new piece of knowledge that we learn from teaching others.

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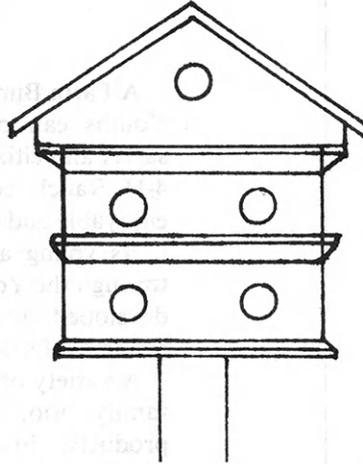


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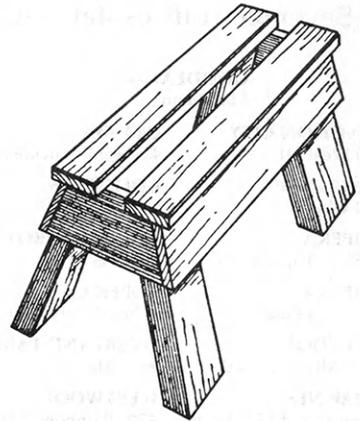
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# Safety Puzzle

The safety group from the Meadowlark 4-H Club in Douglas County, composed of Lisa Aiken, Corbin Pulliam, and Jill Schaaque, sent the word puzzle below. The words, all related to safety, are forward, backward, diagonal, horizontal, and vertical. Answers will be given in the September issue.

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# Test your insect intellect

Submitted by Marc Branham  
1984 State 4-H Entomology Winner  
Kanwaka 4-H Club Entomology Leader, Douglas County

What's bugging you? The question is: do you know?

Answer the questions below with True or False, then check your answers with the key and see how you rank.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. All insects have six legs.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. All insects have two body sections.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. There are more than three times as many insect species in the world than all other living animals combined.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Butterflies are in the order Coleoptera.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Flies have only two wings.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The adult mayfly lives only four days and takes no food.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The common housefly is one of the most dangerous insects to man.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The pollinating services of insects are worth at least \$6 billion annually.
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## Scores: (number missed)

**(0) Champion Debugger** - You have the power to control insects at will, you also have the ability to talk to and summon them out of the air. If you're not in Entomology now, you should be!

**(1) Bug Hero** - You have the power the control insects if you're polite and talk to them in one-word commands. You cannot summon them, but you can ask bugs to help you. Take entomology — you'd be great!

**(2) Captain Insect** - You have the ability to control only the lowest insects on the evolutionary scale, you can communicate by means of sign language, and you can ask them very nicely to heel. You'd be good at entomology — sign up!

**(3) Average Human** - You have no ability whatsoever in controlling any insect, you can only communicate by means of in-

secticide, you are afraid of June bugs and you kill every other bug you see! You really need to take entomology in 4-H to raise your status.

**(4) Below Average Human** - You hate to look at insects, cannot communicate even with a can of Raid, you are deathly afraid of all insects, you break out in a cold sweat and get hyper when you sit in the grass. You try with all your might to kill, squash and mutilate anything resembling an insect. You must take entomology, you'll be a better person!

**(5) Borer** - You are down there with the bugs. But first tell me how many times you have heard of the word "insects"? Yes, I know, not very many. Barely know the word, right? If you don't take entomology, the world as we know it today will be done for!

**(6-8) Bug Brain** - What can I say to you? You missed most of them! You'd better take entomology — I know you'll learn something. At least it will get you out of the Bug Brain classification!

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- Answers:
- 1. True (spiders and ticks are technically not insects because they have 8 legs).
  - 2. False (they have 3 body section: the head, thorax and the abdomen).
  - 3. True (over 1,000 kinds are probably in your backyard).
  - 4. False (the order Lepidoptera).
  - 5. True
  - 6. False (it lives only 1 day and takes no food).
  - 7. True (because of the bacteria they carry).
  - 8. True

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## Everywhere Jackie goes the lambs are sure to go

by Jackie Bone  
age 10

Mayetta Mustangs 4-H Club,  
Jackson County

My sheep project began one winter night when a neighbor brought me an orphan lamb. Friskie slept in a box by my bed that night and woke me often to feed him.

By the end of the week we had 14 orphans. I set my alarm to get up during the night to feed them. I carried cartons of pop bottles full of milk for them. With the help of my mom, dad, and brother,

Jeff, we were successful in raising 13 of the 14.

During the summer I sold 10 and kept three. I named the ewe "Jumper" and market lamb "Baby." "Bashful," the weather, became a real family pet. I took Jumper and Baby to the Jackson County Fair.

It was my first fair and I was very excited and nervous. Was I surprised when Jumper got first in her class and then reserve champion ewe! Baby did OK, too. He got a red ribbon and I got a lot of money for him; he was very fat!

This year another neighbor gave me

two more orphans to raise. I gave a project talk on raising orphan lambs at County 4-H Day and got to give it again at Regional Club Day.

With the profit from my first orphans and the market lamb I sold at the fair, I bought 10 ewes and a buck this year.

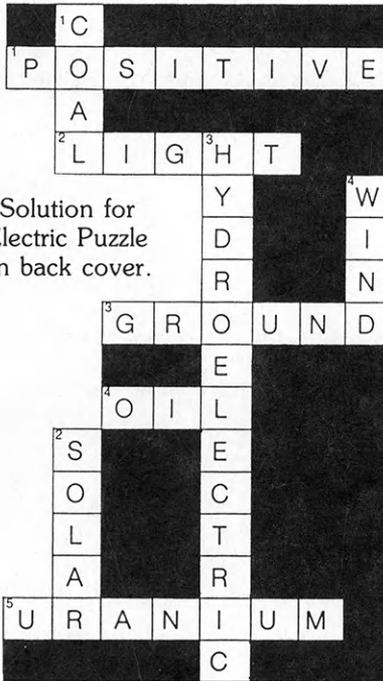
I love my sheep because each of them has a different personality. They follow me and respond to my voice.

I now have 18 sheep and am looking forward to the fair again this year. I am also planning to continue my commercial sheep project and would like to build my flock to 40 ewes.

## 4-H'er needs transplant

Judy Lies, a 10-year member of the Sunnyside 4-H Club in Johnson County, needs your help. Doctors recently discovered that Judy has an enlarged heart. "They're giving her drugs to hold her for now until they can get the transplant," her father, Melvin Lies, says. "The doctor said the transplant is the only thing that will help her. We're just getting started with the process."

To help pay expenses for the \$150,000 surgical procedure, scheduled to be performed at Stanford University Hospital, Stanford, California, a fund has been established for Judy. Donations should be sent to the Judy Lies Trust Fund, Farmers Bank and Trust Company, P.O. Box 67, Gardner, Kansas 66030.



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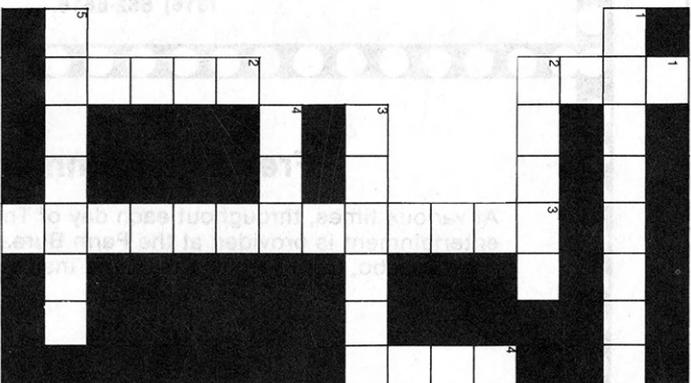
**ACROSS**

1. A battery has a negative terminal and a \_\_\_\_\_ terminal.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ colors reflect heat.
3. What is the name of this terminal? 
4. One uranium pellet is equal to the energy of 149 gallons of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the fuel used in current nuclear reactors.

**DOWN**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is used to make the most electricity.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ uses the energy from the sun to make electricity.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the form of energy that is the most efficient.
4. One of the least used forms of electricity is \_\_\_\_\_ energy.

The solution is on page 15.



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