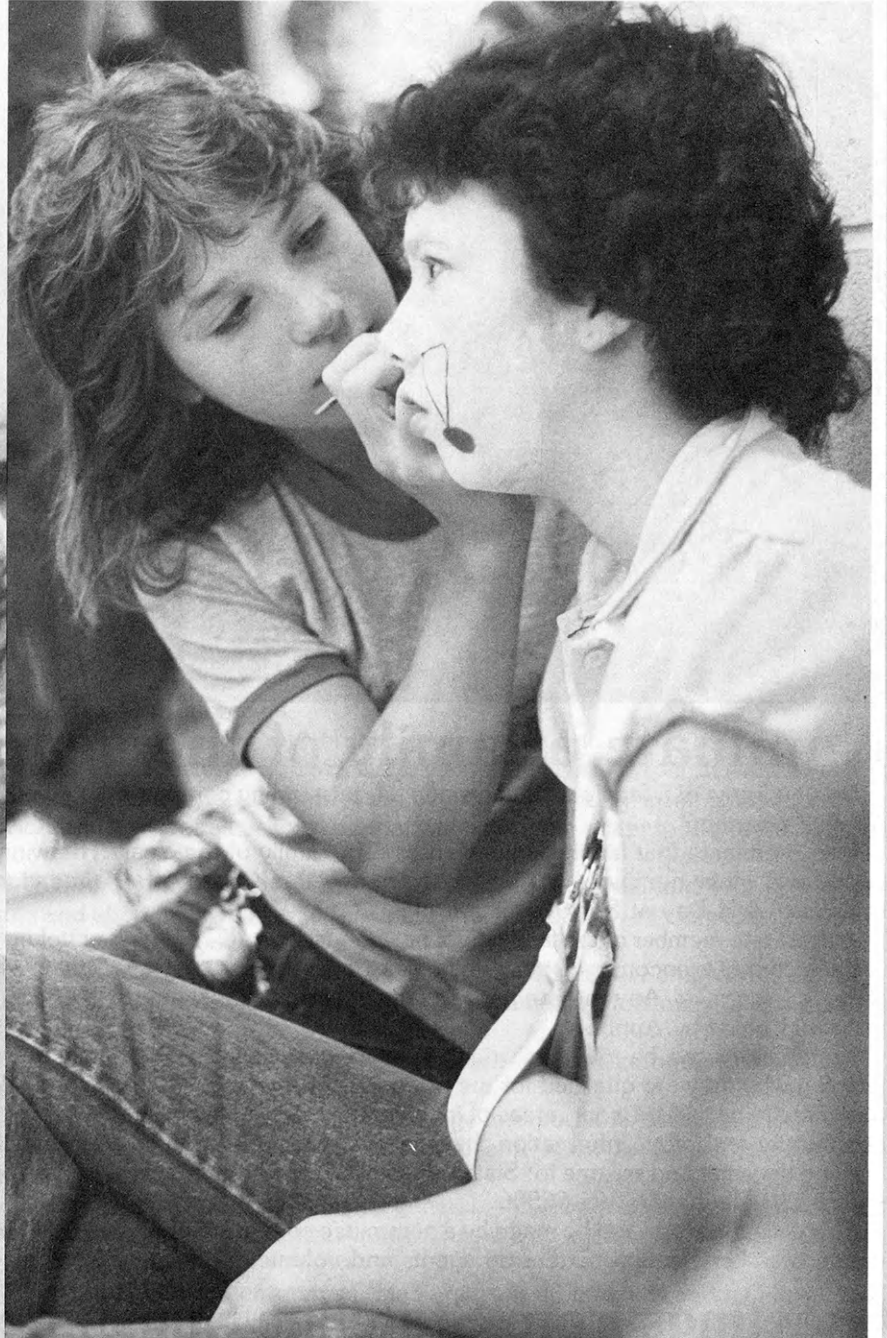


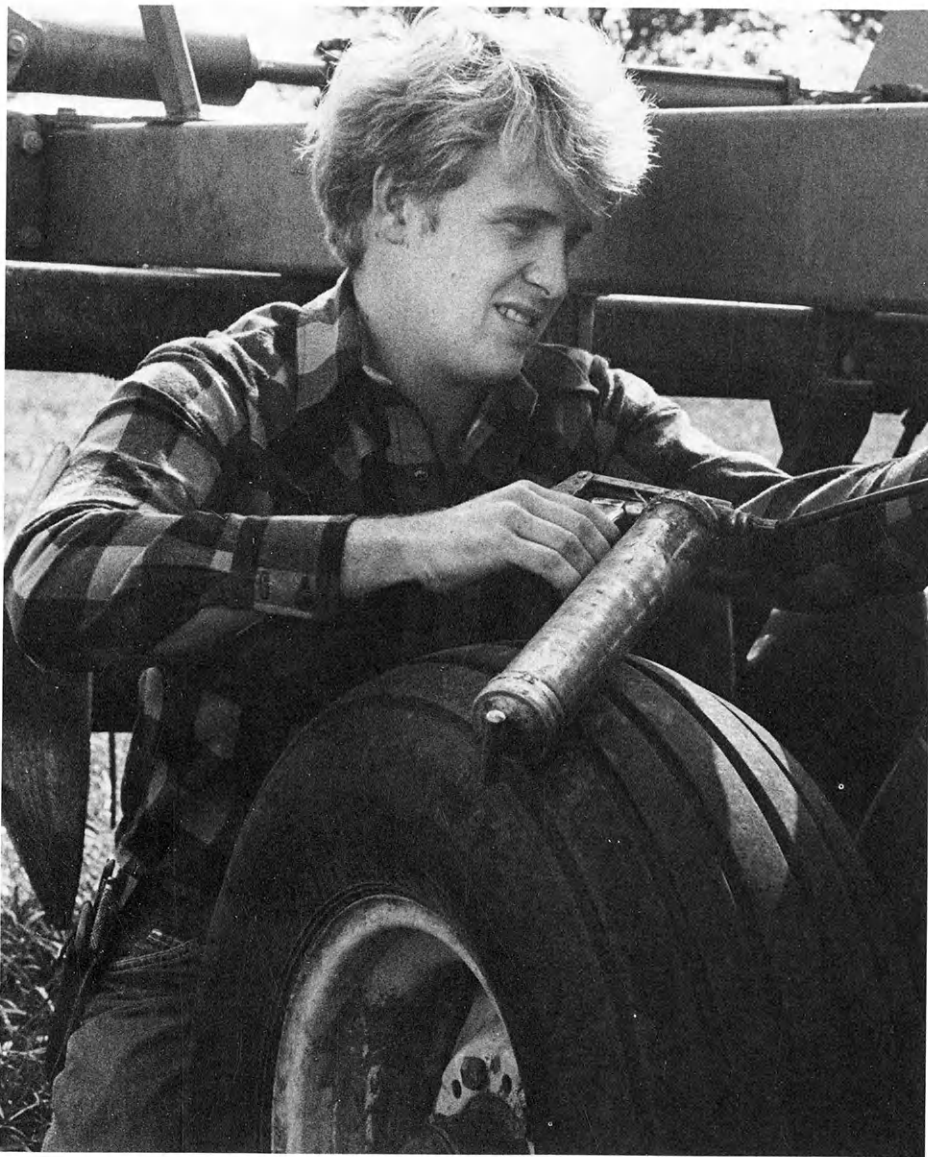
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Discover



Farming, 4-H go together for this youth

by Joan Istas

Danny Gallagher hardly can speak about 4-H without talking about farming.

Both 4-H and farming appeal to Danny because they encourage independence and self-motivation. "Whatever you make of it is up to you," he says.

Danny was 7-years-old when he joined the Progressive club in Miami County. At the age of 8 he began helping his father farm when he got home from school.

Since, Danny's extracurricular activities have taken a back seat to his love of farming. And most of his projects have coincided with that interest.

A favorite project for Danny and one which earned him a state award is the petroleum power project. For six consecutive years Danny competed in the county tractor driving contest, and for four of those years he placed in the state contest.

The state tractor driving contest consists of a written and practical exam. In the practical exam, the 4-H'er backs a two-and four-wheel trailer between steel posts, and he finds 10 things that are mechanically wrong with the tractor.

Danny says he spent a lot of hours on the seat of a tractor both in the field and in the farm yard practicing for the state contest. I learned by doing, he says.

All that practice paid off when Danny won the 1984 state contest. He now helps Miami County Agricultural Agent Herschel George organize the county tractor driving contest. He often gives talks about the tractor project and enjoys showing other club members what he has learned.

As a self-determined project, Danny organized the farm shop, thus making it more efficient. He estimates the farm shop saves his family \$3,000 a year.

One of Danny's favorite tasks on the farm is keeping the books. "I like figures especially after they get over \$100,000. You have to have good books on the farm," he says.

Now that Danny is out of school he is farming full-time with his father. He owns 45 acres and would like to expand that acreage.

It isn't easy to farm today, Danny admits. But he believes times will be better in the years ahead.

Nominate a family of the year

Do you know of a family who has made an outstanding contribution to the Kansas 4-H program?

If so, nominate that family as the Kansas 4-H Family of the Year. The winning family and other nominees will be recognized by the Kansas 4-H Foundation at Friends of 4-H Day at Rock Springs Ranch.

At least one member of the family nominated must be a 4-H member or volunteer.

Each county is encouraged to submit at least one nomination, says Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist. Anyone can name a family. Nominations must be made to the state 4-H office by April 1.

Nominations can be made in writing by giving the name of the family and explaining why they are qualified for the honor. A resume should be attached telling about the family's 4-H work, areas of involvement, years of service to 4-H and the community and other information that makes them an outstanding 4-H family.

Send the letter and resume to: State 4-H Office, 211 Umberger Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

This year's selection will be made by a committee comprised of Kansas 4-H Foundation members, county Extension agents and volunteers.

Greetings from Stateline Sunshine

Stateline Sunshine club members of Crawford County greet visitors to Arcadia with welcome signs at the three main entrances of the town.

"We appreciate the support the community gives us, and we wanted to do something to thank them," said Jason Rawlings, club reporter.



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Scenes like this are familiar throughout the state as 4-H'ers prepare acts for county and regional club days. Gloria Schwartz, a leader in the College Hill 4-H Club, Manhattan, directed a chorus for the first time this year. Club day acts also can become art-in performances at the Kansas State Fair in the fall. For more information on the art-in see page 18.

Club donates \$150 for saddle

The Republic Pioneer 4-H Club of Republic County has donated \$150 to the Kansas 4-H Foundation to be used for a new saddle at Rock Springs Ranch. The club annually makes a donation to the Foundation.

Former 4-H member shares words of wisdom

by Bob Avery
Riley County

It is often said that aging brings wisdom. If so, age also brings the temptation to express that wisdom in the form of advice. As I complete a long and fruitful 4-H career, I offer you this advice.

GET INVOLVED with the entire 4-H experience. With over 50 projects to choose from, it truly offers something for everyone. From the traditional cooking and sewing to the modernistic computer projects, 4-H continually evolves to meet the needs and interests of its members.

There is so much more to 4-H than project work and record books. There are numerous judging teams, club offices, ambassadorships and special events such as club days and the style revue. In these activities 4-H really inspires and develops individuals who want a background that will help them adapt to the ever-changing world.

MAKE A COMMITMENT to 4-H. Anyone who does will find their investment of time and effort more than equalled in the knowledge, skills and experience gained. Make 4-H work for you.

ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES whenever possible. 4-H emphasizes developing leaders of tomorrow. You are able to explore yourself by assuming roles of responsibility and authority.

Meet that challenge. Run for a club office or ask to chair a committee. Do whatever it takes to test your potential as a leader.

This is not to say you should blindly plunge into positions of leadership. 4-H offers a wealth of role models in older members and parent leaders. If you like what you see, emulate them.

LEARN FROM OTHER 4-H'ers. In general, 4-H'ers are an elite group who stand apart from the masses of American youth. They are energetic, ambitious and possess a sense of direction.

4-H'ers simply deny stereotyping. Half are from urban areas and half from rural ones. They represent a diversity of occupational, social and ethnic backgrounds.

Learning from people is the heart of 4-H. Here again 4-H makes it easy. County activities, statewide events, national conferences, exchange trips all give you golden opportunities to meet and learn from people you otherwise would have no contact with.

You are the best; now make yourself better.

Discovery Days is packed with events

Join the hacky sack bunch, have fun in an aquasize class or learn about range management in a class titled, "Many Homes on the Range."

These are just three of more than 100 classes offered during Discovery Days on the Kansas State University campus May 29-31. For a complete class listing, contact the county Extension office.

The mini-college experience also provides plenty of opportunity for fun and to meet new people at dances, swimming parties, bowling and the lunar funhouse. The funhouse will feature 35 carnival booths.

New to Discovery Days this year is the recognition of 4-H scholarship award winners and sponsors at the opening assembly. This ceremony is designed to tell 1,500 Kansas 4-H'ers of the many scholarships now available through the Kansas 4-H program, says Steve Fisher, state 4-H specialist.

The Emerald Circle banquet will again be a part of the event. In its second year, the banquet recognizes state award winners in about 35 categories. Fifteen of these youths are selected through an interview process. Each winner receives a specially designed state award medallion.

Discovery Days is open to youths who are 12 as of Jan. 1, leaders and parents. Those who have friends who aren't 4-H'ers who would like to attend, should check with their county Extension office.

Cost for the three days is \$52.50. Award nominees to the Emerald Circle interviews can still participate in Discovery Days by taking a white class at a cost of \$32.50. Ambassadors will come to the K-State campus a day early (May 28) for training. Registration fee for Ambassadors is \$67.50.

Enrollment deadline is April 15 at the state 4-H office. Late registration will be accepted until May 2 at an additional charge of \$5.

Registration blanks, county deadlines and other information can be obtained at the county Extension office. A slide set on Discovery Days compiled by Lois Redman and updated by Charlie Lang, state 4-H specialists, also is available for check out at the five area Extension offices.



Eldon Weaver, south-central area 4-H specialist, will return to Discovery Days as an instructor this year. Weaver, who traditionally teaches a craft, will teach metal art.

You'll have a blast!

Duane Thiessen sells Discovery Days ... to his fellow 4-H'ers in Harvey County and to friends he meets in church camp.

"You would have a blast," he tells his contemporaries. "Sure it costs \$50, (\$52.50 is actual cost), but you've got practically the whole facility of K-State to yourself. It's really fun to be up there."

Duane first attended Discovery Days at Kansas State University three years ago because he wanted to take a class on auctioning. Duane and his dad went to classes on auctioning and small engines, and his mother went to craft and needle-point classes.

Even then auctioning wasn't new to Duane. His father auctions part-time, and Duane has been practicing the auctioneers chant around home since he was three. He first auctioned in public at a church bazaar at the age of 12.

Still Duane says he enjoyed and learned from the school. He even returned to Discovery Days the following year to take the same class on auctioning and a class on rabbit production. The Thiessens also raise and show rabbits.

At both 1982 and 1983 Discovery Days, Duane was asked to demonstrate his auctioning talent at the final picnic. He thoroughly enjoyed that experience. Not only did it give him the opportunity to meet new people, but he enjoys performing.

"I really like to get up in front of

crowds," he says.

Duane has since auctioned rabbits at the county fair and been asked to auction at the state auctioneer's convention.

Duane says it's important to know your math when you're auctioning. You always have to have the next number on the tip of your tongue, know where your bidders are and how to control the crowd. "You should sell 60 items in an hour," he says.

Class sessions are just a small part of Discovery Days, Duane says. Discovery Days introduced him to the K-State campus and exposed him to college life.

Part of that experience his first year was getting, what Duane calls, "direction lost." It took him 30 minutes to find a class he could have walked to in five minutes." The second day, he says, the paths on campus were as familiar as the country roads at home.

Duane enjoyed staying in the dorm, and last year made a new friend when Phillip Bentz, Concordia, shared his room.

In addition to meeting people at Discovery Days, Duane likes the dances and going to the student union. "I get a lot out of Discovery Days," he says.

Duane hasn't decided to attend college as a result of participating in Discovery Days. But, he says, the experience has given him a lot of thoughts about pursuing a college degree.

Stop by Rock Springs Ranch on way to Discovery Days

Rock Springs Ranch will be open May 28 to those who would like to come a day early for Discovery Days.

A special package for May 28 offers an overnight stay and breakfast for \$5 or supper, an overnight stay and breakfast for \$8.50. Bedding will be provided at half cost for \$2. 4-H'ers also are welcome to bring their own bedding.

Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist who is helping coordinate Discovery Days, says this package is offered especially for those who must drive great distances to the Kansas State University campus.

Those who wish to take advantage of this package should contact the Kansas 4-H Foundation office, 913-532-5881, by May 1.

Bedrock Rock Springs Ranch isn't

Bedrock, Rock Springs Ranch isn't, says Don Bell, a member of the Kansas PTA board of managers.

Bell traveled to Rock Springs 4-H Center in November for the meeting of that board and to determine if facilities were adequate for the 1985 Kansas PTA Convention.

"As I drove toward Rock Springs, I envisioned Fred and Wilma Flintstone and their cold and stony accommodations in Bedrock. I could not have been more wrong," Bell reported in the Kansas PTA Bulletin.

"Rock Springs resembles a college campus laid out along Stony Creek. The buildings, the wooded paths and the fantastic view, each lend themselves to the scenic splendor that is Rock Springs."

Bell praised the sleeping, meeting and dining facilities and called the auditorium beautiful.

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"Conditions are comfortable, and the environment and atmosphere are most conducive to communicating and sharing.

"I went to Rock Springs to see if there were reasons to change the location of the convention. I could find none!"

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Emphasize the positive

The bottom line for judges and leaders should be what happens to kids, says Charles Bates, state 4-H specialist.

"Kids need to leave a judging experience feeling good about who they are and what they have done. A successful experience repeats itself."

Bates says judges can do this by first lifting up instead of tearing down. Build on the pluses and strengths first then tell them how they might improve what they did. It's not what you say; it's how you say it to kids," Bates says.

He says both 4-H'ers and leaders need to be aware a white ribbon doesn't necessarily mean failure. Some kids who earn a white ribbon have accomplished more than the child who earned a blue.

Attend the international feast

The public is invited to attend the 4-H international feast March 31 at 2 p.m. at Pottof Hall in Cico Park in Manhattan.

Featured speakers will be 1984 IFYE representatives Becky Ritter, Allen County, India; Susan Schoneweis, Riley County, Trinidad-Tobago; Shauna Murphey, Comanche County, Greece; and Rose Ann Tuma,

Washington County, Paraguay.

There also will be brief reports from 4-H'ers who went to Japan under the Labo and IFYE Ambassador programs. 1985 People to People winners will be introduced.

The usual potluck dinner will be held about 4 p.m. Everyone should bring silverware and a covered dish.

About the cover

The cover features two popular Discovery Day classes — clowning and sign language.

This year Phyllis Newell Cook returns as the instructor in sign language. Rex Traw, Emporia, who clowns professionally, will teach clowning again.

Traw, who annually participates in National Clown competition sponsored by Clowns of America, enjoys sharing his knowledge with

children.

Traw likes to leave youngsters with three thoughts about clowning: You never stop learning how to clown; it's very important to put your clown face on properly; once you've picked a certain style of clown character, follow that style.

For a complete listing of Discovery Day classes, contact the county Extension office.

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Mini meetings make 4-H fun

The College Hill 4-H Club in Manhattan has mini meetings for younger club members.

Sessions precede regular club meetings and are designed for fun and to help the youngsters understand just what's happening at the larger meeting.

Older club members speak about such items as parliamentary procedure and record keeping. The Critters, as the youngsters named the group, also have toured a dairy farm, gone ice skating, and every session includes refreshments.

Meetings last an hour, and usually 10 to 15 youths attend. Critters can be up to sixth graders, and some parents bring children who will join 4-H the following year. Even the youngest Critter gets excited about parliamentary procedure when he has an opportunity to stand and make a motion.

"It's fun; 4-H is fun," said one pre-4-H'er describing how he made a motion.

Circle brings youths together

Get acquainted sessions begin Riley County Manhattan Meadowlarks club meetings.

Concerned that younger members were not enjoying club meetings, for 15 minutes Junior Leaders meet with small groups of three to five new members. Those in the group get to know each other and talk about what will happen at the meeting.

Club members then form a circle around the president for the regular meeting. Parents and visitors sit behind the circle of kids.

Club meetings now involve all members and are fun.

Agents meet with leaders

Washington County Extension agents Garry Keeler and Glenda Pearson give community leaders support by meeting with each leader at the beginning of the year.

Over a meal, they discuss the community leader's concerns and how they can help the club move ahead.

"We get down to the nitty gritty. We help them wade through some tough spots," Keeler says.

Community leaders in Washington County serve two-year terms and then rotate onto the club parent advisory.



Camping season is just around the corner. 4,268 youths attended county camps at Rock Springs Ranch and Southwest 4-H Camp in 1984. Archery, canoeing and riflery were among skills learned at Rock Springs. Camping schedules will be announced in the April issue of the Journal.

Club members learn about citizenship

Elections are an important part of citizenship for Richland Rustlers club members of Pratt. They certainly know about elections for they have conducted their own mock election.

Club member Becky Black also conducted a mock election in her high school, and during the recent presidential election community leaders Janet Black and Anna Strobel polled Pratt residents for ABC TV. The two leaders donated the \$100 they received as a fee to the club's citizenship project.

To help remind people to vote, members made "I've Voted" buttons. Members pinned buttons on the first voters when the polls opened at 7 a.m. Richland EHU members then handed out buttons the rest of the day. The buttons were in such demand that late afternoon voters asked for them.

Eight hundred buttons were given away. Club members already are planning to give out "I Voted" buttons at the next election.

*Becky Black
Richland Rustlers*

Youths return to Grandma Fauver's

by Joan Istas

Irene Fauver may be 70, but she'll quickly tell you she isn't old.

The white-haired woman is the first to volunteer to accompany a Salina 4-H group on an all-night campout or as a junior leader chaperone.

Does she like kids?

She chuckles. "You know I do or I wouldn't have them around here all the time." I'm Grandma to all of them."

A 4-H member herself at the age of 10, she became a community club leader when she was 16 during the early days of the Colorado program.

"It was hard because no one else knew anything about 4-H," she says. But, she adds, "I never was one to be afraid to get up and talk. I was excited about 4-H."

She promoted the youth organization as a high schooler and later when she was a wife and mother. As the Fauvers moved from community to community, Irene left behind a string of 4-H clubs. She organized three clubs in Colorado and another south of Marysville in Kansas. She also served as a 4-H agent for two years in the Marysville area.

When the Fauvers moved to Salina in 1952, Mrs. Fauver vowed she would work instead of volunteering her time as a community club leader or even a sewing or foods project leader. But her reputation as a volunteer had preceded her, and within three months she was community leader of the Sunny Valley club.

Her children and grandchildren all have been 4-H'ers. "They were 4-H'ers before they were born," Mrs. Fauver says. Last year two of her great-grandchildren joined the Sunny Valley club their grandmother has led 33 years.

"It's just like it (4-H) was my family. I guess I just wanted to grow with it," Mrs. Fauver says.

Former Sunny Valley club members make a point of stopping by to see Grandma Fauver when they return to Salina.

"4-H has done things for me. I can't think of anything it hasn't done. It has kept me young," Mrs. Fauver says.

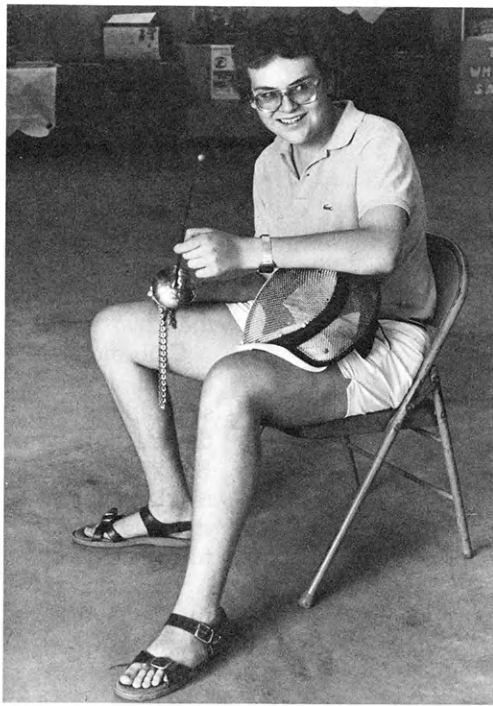
Even today, she says, "I get excited when a child comes up and tells me he has learned something."

Learning, not money and ribbons, are important, Mrs. Fauver says. "There's more to life than money; you have to have a lot of other knowledge. Money is not going to buy you experience."

Mrs. Fauver likes to lead and work with the youths instead of telling them what to do. "I think if you present the better way of doing things and tell why, that's what they're going to do. You have to teach participation and involvement or you lose out. There are too many activities now.

"I think 4-H is a universal program. You get experience as well as knowledge. There really isn't anything in it that doesn't help you prepare for life later on."

Irene Fauver points to herself as an example. "It's just been a part of my life. I grew up with it; I grew old with it."



En garde Fencing is his sport

by Joan Istas

Images of dungeons and dragons and knights and ladies pop into mind when 16-year-old Mike Fulhage talks about his self-determined fencing project.

Mike has taken fencing as a 4-H project since 1984 and has promoted it through a booth display at the Leavenworth County Fair.

"I got bored seeing nothing but arts and crafts, livestock and home economics exhibits. I'd rather do something out of the ordinary," Mike says.

The Leavenworth County member has been interested in the Renaissance Period since his dad read him stories about King George when he was a fourth grader.

"I have just been reading everything I got about that period since," he says.

As a seventh grader, Mike became involved in fantasy role playing in the game dungeons and dragons, and two years ago he and a friend, Joe Holt, enrolled in a Kansas University fencing course.

It was their first attempt at using a fencing foil though they had used wooden swords patterned after the medieval broadsword.

Fencing, Mike says, is a thinking man's sport. Often the person who wins the match is the one who outguesses his opponent. Conditioning also is important as are dexterity, agility and hand control.

All attacks are made with the point of the foil, and it hurts when the foil hits you in the chest, Mike says. Safety is stressed. When fencing, Mike wears a mask, a puncture resistant vest that covers his upper body and arm and a glove covering

the hand holding the foil. The uniform is inspected before each match.

A round lasts just six minutes, but you'd be surprised how tired you get, Mike says.

Mike has competed in one round robin tournament in which he finished fifth out of 15 contestants. He uses a foil that was owned by a Hungarian who won a bronze medal in the 1972 Olympics at Munich.

Mike plans to study the history of fencing further this year. He hopes to increase his speed and accuracy with the foil and make enough money to purchase a uniform.

He'll also continue to work at the Renaissance Festival at Bonner Springs.



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It's an eye opener

Conservation of natural resources

The conservation of natural resources project covers a wide variety of subjects. A youth in this project might study reptiles and amphibians, improve a timber stand or learn about game control through hunting. The following story tells how three 4-H'ers regard the project.

by Joan Istas

Dawn has yet to touch the winter sky when Stanley Brandyberry leaves his farm home to check his coyote traps.

His breath hangs like a fog in the air in front of him; the snow crunches underneath his boots. He walks briskly. In an hour and a half classes start at the Graham County high school he attends.

Stanley, who is enrolled in the 4-H fur harvester project, daily checks his trap line from November through early March. By March coyote pelts no longer are valuable, and the Brandyberrys are done calving.

... I don't trap for the money

The 4-H'er uses scent as a lure and primarily sets his coyote traps along fence rows. It's important to disguise the traps well and to make sure there is no rust on them. "Coyotes have a pretty good sense of smell," Stanley explains.

When Stanley began trapping three years ago, he sold the coyotes without skinning them. Today he skins the coyote, boxes the pelt and mails it to New York. An experienced skinner can dress out a coyote in 15 minutes, Stanley says. He laughs. "It takes me quite a little longer."

Prices paid for coyotes vary from year to year. While Stanley received \$55 for a coyote three years ago, today he is paid \$10 per pelt. Still that price is better than that paid a year ago when coyotes had no value.

"I don't trap for the money. I do it for the challenge," Stanley says. "I think the fur harvesters project is an awful good project. There's lots of good opportunities."

In addition to trapping coyotes on his parents' land, Stanley has trapped coyotes for neighbors who lost geese and livestock to the predators.

By mid-January of this year he had trapped eight coyotes.

He keeps a daily diary of his trapping activities for the fur harvester project. Often he merely records the two words, "no luck." When he does make a catch,

he observes weather conditions and other factors that may have been a determining factor in the catch. Thus, he has noticed an approaching storm usually means a catch and that coyotes basically are lazy animals.

He has tried to call coyotes but thus far has been unsuccessful.

Stanley encourages other youths to become involved in the fur harvester project. It isn't an expensive project, he says. You can get started trapping with a dozen traps (cost \$40), a bottle of scent (cost \$3) and a trapping license. Fifteen sets can be baited with one bottle of scent.

She Likes Birds

Eighteen-year-old Jane Stevenson has a dream ... of talking a bird into her hand, of a bird alighting on her shoulder so she can study it.

"I'm the crazy one of the family," Jane says. "I like all wildlife; I find myself looking for wildlife all the time. When Jane spots deer, turkey, pheasant or some other wild animal she stops whatever she's doing and watches it.

The Montgomery County 4-H'er, however, admits she just may be a little more crazy about birds than other wildlife.

"I like their coloring, the expression on their faces, their habits," she explains.

That interest prompted Jane to take up watching and photographing birds in the conservation of natural resources project.

Jane says she has gotten within three yards of a wild drake when it joined the Stevenson's tame ducks. She has learned a lot about the migratory habit of birds and especially enjoys watching the barn swallows that nest in the Stevenson barn. Because of its interesting flight pattern, the barn swallow is Jane's favorite bird.

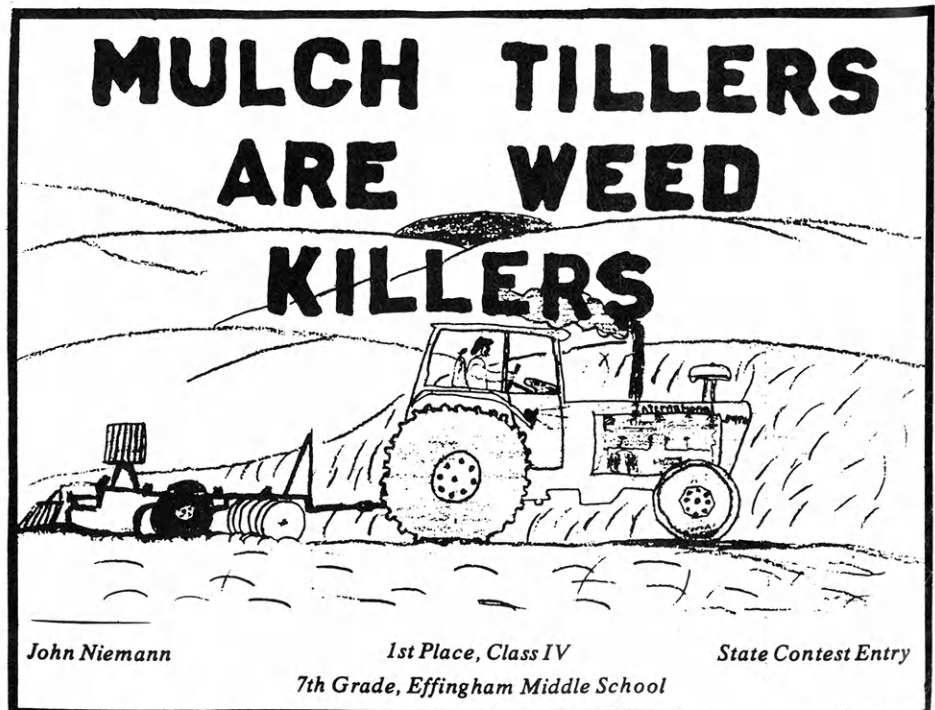
Jane feeds the birds in the winter months in a backyard feeder and provides nesting habitat for them on the 160 acres she sets aside in the Acres for Wildlife project.

She also has promoted the conservation of natural resources project by giving talks on birds and other wildlife.

"My topic anymore is wildlife," she says.

The conservation of natural resources project has made Jane more aware of the world she lives in and how she interacts with other living things in that world.

"I'm no longer as concerned about



John Niemann enjoys drawing conservation posters

Project excites 4-H'ers

money; the project just opened my eyes a bunch," she says.

A major goal for Jane this year is to share her knowledge with other 4-H'ers. She still remembers how adults and older youths helped her show one of her first beef animals. Now she'd like to help younger 4-H'ers.

Conservation Pays

John Niemann talks about soil conservation with a knowledge far beyond his 14 years.

"In the long run conservation is going to save crops and money. The soil is a pretty valuable resource," he says. "I think if we didn't conserve our land, there wouldn't be any crops to feed the people in the U.S."

When John was just 10 years old, his father, an Atchison County farmer and local Soil Conservation District board member, began showing him how terraces and other conservation practices preserve the land. As a result, today

John is a strong believer in terracing highly erodible land. "Anyone who doesn't shouldn't even be farming," he says.

John has long helped his father farm and last year managed five acres of land himself. He had a profit of about \$600 on five acres of corn. This year he will manage 20 acres and plans to drill soybeans into the standing stubble.

"No-till is really a good way to go. It conserves the soil," John says.

John annually enters a conservation poster in the poster contest sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service. He also exhibits conservation posters at the Atchison County Fair and has given talks on conservation.

John's interest in conservation includes wildlife. He is enrolled in the Acres for Wildlife project, and every winter the Niemanns set out feed for the pheasants. Sometimes there are as many as 60 pheasants feeding near their home.

The Niemanns also wait until pheasant

and quail nesting seasons are over before mowing the waterways.

Conservation is a family interest, John says. His mother enjoys watching birds, and conservation often is a meal-time topic.

John says it's easy to find material on conservation. There are hundreds of books on the topic at the library and material is available for the many 4-H conservation projects.

The conservation of natural resources project is one of John's favorite 4-H projects. "You can learn a lot from it," he says.

Youths spread cheer

Lucky Stars 4-H'ers of Jackson County spread Christmas cheer in 1984 by caroling through the streets of Holton on a hayrack. Special stops were made at apartment buildings for retired persons and at the nursing home.

Jodi Wichman, reporter

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Statewide Ambassador training is part of Discovery Days

Statewide training for 4-H Ambassadors will be provided during Discovery Days at Kansas State University May 28-31.

In-depth workshops will cover public speaking, salesmanship techniques, audio visuals, newswriting, radio and TV, the communication process and what you sell about 4-H.

Cost for the training is \$67.50.

Ambassadors are selected by each county according to their criteria. Recommended

standards are at least two years of 4-H experience and to be either a freshman, sophomore or junior in high school.

An Ambassador should have enthusiasm for youth and the 4-H program, be willing to meet people and promote new ideas and have good communication skills.

A team should consist of three to six teenagers and an adult advisor.

For more information, contact the county Extension office.



Saline County Ambassadors represented all 4-H'ers when they welcomed the Henan Province delegation to the Kansas State Fair.

Saline County Ambassadors promote the 4-H program

The main purpose of the 4-H Ambassadors is to promote 4-H and encourage membership.

Saline County Ambassadors have done this with an informational booth at the county fair and by helping with the EFNEP 4-H Day Camp.

At the camp, funded with a citizenship-in-action grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Ambassadors taught non-4-H'ers the 4-H pledge and presented them with 4-H pins.

Sixty-one youths signed up at the

booth saying they were interested in 4-H. The youths were given 4-H pins, pamphlets and tours of the fairgrounds.

An informational meeting was held for these youths later in the year. At the meeting, Ambassadors shared ideas on 4-H, answered questions and led get-acquainted sessions.

A video of the TV program they made promoting 4-H was shown.

Wendy Albrecht
Saline County

Barrel racing clinic scheduled in March

Youths are invited to attend a barrel racing clinic conducted by R.E. and Martha Josey March 15, 16 and 17, at the Kansas Expo Center, Topeka.

Mrs. Josey, who is the 1980 WPRA world's champion barrel racer, is the author of a book and video tape on barrel racing. She and her husband conduct barrel racing clinics throughout the Midwest.

For more information, contact Carol Tenpenny, RR 2, Valley Falls, KS 66088.



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It's an elite group High praise for Ambassadors

by Joan Istas

The Kansas Ambassador program is receiving high praise across the state. Lauded by county agents as meeting the needs of teens, even higher accolades come from Ambassadors themselves.

"Ambassadors is really an elite group in our county," says Lori Zoellner of the Cico Shamrocks 4-H Club in Riley County.

"Being an Ambassador has broadened my perspective. I now look at the county as a whole," testifies Nancy Deckert, Saline County.

For Terrill Ray, Sedgwick County, and Ken Carlson, Douglas County, the teen group provides an opportunity to speak in front of groups and to meet new people. They enjoy doing both.

Ken interviewed Governor John Carlin at the Douglas County Fair. His first question to the governor appropriately was, "Why are you here?"

An especially embarrassing moment for Ken was the time he turned to introduce his high school principal only to find he had forgotten the man's name.

Saline County Ambassadors stood beside such dignitaries as Senator Nancy Kassebaum when they helped welcome representatives of the Henan Province to the 1984 Kansas State Fair.

And George Kandt, Riley County, probably never will forget his experience as the first Kansas Ambassador to attend national training at Washington, D.C.

All Kansas Ambassadors can tell of similar successes as they have promoted the 4-H program. From April-December 1984, the Kansas teens reached 8,967 people with 479 presentations to civic and community organizations.

They developed 198 radio programs, 41 TV spots, wrote 312 articles for local newspapers and reached 4,793 children with 37 presentations to school assemblies.

The youths are able to tell the 4-H story because they believe in the program.

"I think 4-H is the best youth program around; I think it teaches useful skills. It probably set my future career goals," says Terrill.

"Most people feel 4-H is for country kids only; we tell them city kids too, can join," Nancy says.

"I think 4-H is one of the true things

"I think 4-H is the best youth group around."

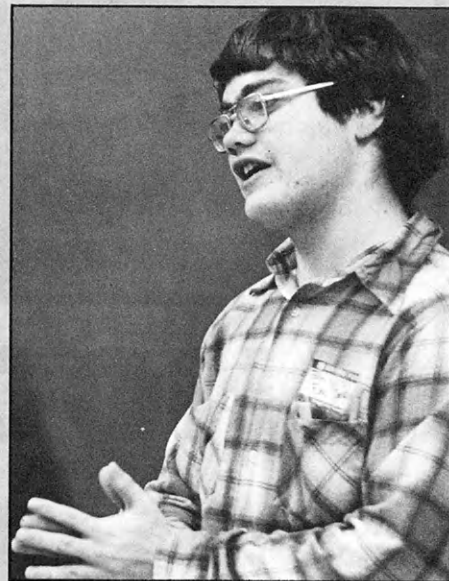
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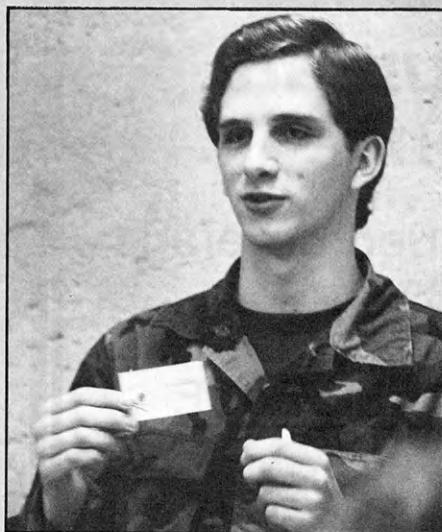
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"... 4-H is one of the true things where you get out of it just what you put into it."

-Ken Carlson



Terrill Ray



Ken Carlson



Nancy Deckert

where you get out of it just what you put into it," adds Ken.

Rarely do the youths leave a teen audience without promoting Ambassadors. They tell teens it is an opportunity to have fun while they learn.

In just its third year in Kansas, 25 counties now have Ambassador programs, and the state program has a reputation of being one of the strongest nationwide.

Charles Bates, state 4-H specialist who works with Ambassadors, attributes this to a strong feeling of ownership in the program by advisors and youths. It is their program, he says.

Bates believes 4-H membership will in-

crease as public awareness grows. Saline County already is seeing this result.

Bates hopes to have an Ambassador program in every county by 1986.

Training planned

Ambassador training is being planned for Saturday, May 4, at the Farmland Industries Training Center in Kansas City. Featured speaker will be Mark Mayfield of Farmland Industries.

This training is available to all counties with Ambassadors and advisers. More information will be available soon.



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Be a counselor at computer camp

Twelve adult volunteers are needed as counselors for three computer camps at Rock Springs Ranch this summer.

Counselors will stay with the living group during the camp. They will go to the activity area with the youths and be responsible for them in the cottages at night.

Computer camps are June 10-14, 10- to 12-year-olds; June 19-23, 10- to 12-year-olds; and June 24-28, 13- to 15-year-olds. Anyone wishing to be a counselor should contact Emily Kling at the state 4-H office, 211 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, by April 10.

Learn about hunting the wild turkey

Youths 12 years of age and older can attend a wild turkey school March 23 and 24 at the Flint Oaks Ranch in Elk County.

Each youth must be accompanied by an adult. Cost for four meals and an overnight stay is \$35. Registration deadline is March 15.

The session will include how to listen for and call wild turkey, the type of firearm that should be used, obtaining permission to hunt, safety and field dressing and cooking the bird.

Wild turkey season begins April 17.

Jim Miller, a wildlife specialist with the Federal Extension Service in Washington, will be among the speakers.

Registration information is available at the county Extension office or by contacting Emily Kling, 211 Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan.

Photo contest features nongame wildlife

Photographers are invited to enter the Kansas Fish and Game Commission Nongame Photo Contest.

Three wildlife species are featured — the meadowlark, monarch butterfly and ornate box turtle.

Only Kodachrome slides can be submitted. Slides of one or more of the three species should be submitted to Joe Schaefer, Kansas Fish and Game Commission, Box 4034, Wichita, KS 61204. Entry deadline is Aug. 1.

Prizes will be awarded for each species. First prize is \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25. All slides will be returned to the owner. The winning photo will be used on posters to help publicize the nongame program.

Youths experiment with goat cheese

Dairy goats have personality



Christina Merriman

Christina Merriman and Julie Pio are high on dairy goats. The girls are two of 498 (1982 data) Kansans enrolled in the 4-H dairy goat project. The project helped Julie win a state dairy foods award for 1984.

The daughter of Rex and Sue Pio, Edgerton, Julie is an eight-year member of the Johnson County Prairie Star 4-H Club. She owns five of the nannies in the family's nine head dairy goat herd.

At the Gardner Day Camp, she demonstrated how to make a banana milk drink using goat's milk. Kids at the camp not only got to sample the drink, but were able to pet the goat Julie brought along as an extra attraction.

Christina, who is a member of the Solomon Valley Hustlers 4-H Club near Lenora, raises and sells dairy goats. She drinks goat milk and experiments with goat cheese. "Goat cheese is really good," she says.

She enjoys showing dairy goats and would like to judge dairy goat shows someday.

Christina, who lives on a 2,000 acre farm in Norton County, became acquainted with dairy goats when her family purchased nannies with which to raise bucket calves. She enrolled in the 4-H dairy goat project seven years ago, and her appreciation for the goat has grown since.

"They have personality; each has a different temperament. You can do a lot with them," she says.

Christina milks the goats, getting up before 6 in the morning on school days to do so. She began raising registered animals last year when she purchased a purebred Nubian buck. She also began showing goats at the state fair last year.

"I was really nervous; I didn't know what I was doing," she says. The one goat Christina showed did win a blue ribbon, though. In 1984 she exhibited eight goats at the state fair.

Christina begins training a goat about two weeks before a show by leading it in a big circle and setting it up. When the goat performs as it should, she rewards it by scratching it behind the ears.

She readies the goat for show by clipping its hair short, trimming its hooves and cleaning its ears. She likes to show a high quality dairy animal — one that isn't too fat or too skinny, one that has good udder attachment, a straight top line and sound feet.

She encourages 4-H'ers to enroll in the goat project. Before purchasing a goat, however, she says there should be some type of shelter for the animal. Preparation should be made for feeding it and the 4-H'er should realize it takes time to care for the animal.

Christina says goats can be purchased for as low as \$5 for a grade animal to over \$500 for a high quality registered animal.

Photos are on exhibit

Four Kansas 4-H members are among 172 youths with photographs in the National 4-H Photo Exhibition.

They are Brett Dunlap, Ottawa, Scott Iwig, Ulysses, James Kerns, Osage City, and Michael Rice, Lakin.

The National 4-H Photo Exhibition provides a showcase of 4-H members' photographic accomplishments, a way to improve the public's understanding of 4-H and a method of locating and utilizing photographs to promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

Eight clubs are recognized for outstanding projects

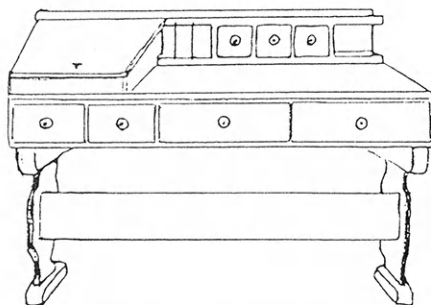
Eight clubs received cash as state 4-H club award winners for 1985.

Winner of the citizenship in action award is the Victory 4-H Club in Pottawatomie County; safety, Sunflower 4-H Club, Grant County; Acres for Wildlife, Golden Plains 4-H Club, Gove County; conservation, Gemini Jrs., Ellis County; health, Greenwood Meadowlarks, Johnson County; recreation, Mt. Zion Rustlers, Brown County; People to People, Ogallala 4-H Club, Trego County; leadership, Morning Glory 4-H Club, Johnson County.

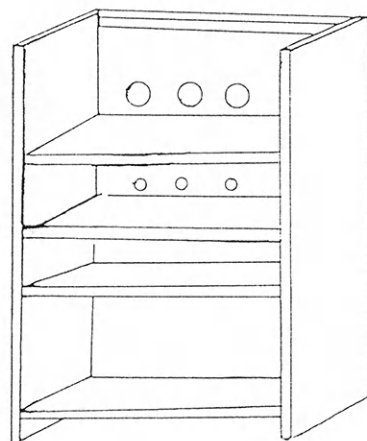
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Todd Knappenberger and brother Scott

Uses homegrown walnut for desk

by Joan Istas

A 14-year-old Johnson County boy used walnut cut 16 years ago from his grandfather's farm to make his 1984 woodworking project.

Todd Knappenberger always has had a soft spot for walnut. When he decided to make a desk for his room, he wanted to use that hardwood. But, in Todd's words, "walnut is so doggone expensive."

His grandfather's homegrown walnut was the right price, however. It was free.

Todd had to plane the air dried walnut down, and it worked almost as good as that he could have purchased at the local lumberyard.

A seven-year member of the Sharon 4-H Club, Todd has been enrolled in the woodworking project for six years. He became interested in woodworking because his dad loves to work with wood and has a large shop. He made a kitchen cutting board when he was 8, a difficult project at that time.

The desk he made last year was at times a very difficult project for a 14-year-old.

"That piece there I made four times," he says. "One day I took that board, threw it down and said, 'I quit.' I went into the house and did my homework and came out and tackled it again. I said, it isn't going to get the best of me."

"This is the most detailed project I ever made."

Todd drew the plans for the desk from a magazine picture. The desk is two inches higher than a standard desk so he can fit his long legs under it. Todd is 6'4" tall.

Todd used a spray finish for the desk, the first time he has used that kind of finish. "It just came out exceptionally well," he says.

Todd began making the desk in May and completed it in August. He estimates he has 25 days of work in it.

Todd's younger brother Scott, 9, also is enrolled in the woodworking project. For the Knappenberger's, woodworking is almost a family project.

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Help Wanted gives teens job tips

A one day workshop, Help Wanted, will help teens find that first summer job.

Developed by Kirk Astroth, Southeast area 4-H specialist, the workshop will bring together business leaders in the Chanute community with 16- to 19-year-old youths from Erie, Humboldt and Chanute.

Business leaders will have an opportunity to tell the youths what they look for in an employee, how to apply for a summer job, what to do in an interview and how to fill out a job application.

One employer, for instance, selects

management personnel according to how the application is filled out. Any application not completely filled out automatically is discarded.

First impressions also are important, say employers. Dress appropriately, and be clean. Don't take your girl friend with you to fill out the application.

If you get the job, don't use the phone for personal business, and tell friends not to stop by and chat.

Help Wanted advertises both Kansas State University and 4-H. "It shows 4-H is interested in all youths and is doing things to help them," Astroth says.

Leaders and youths recognized

The North Pioneers club of Shawnee County recently recognized club members and leaders with their own Achievement Night.

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Then make plans now to participate in the Art-In at the Kansas State Fair this fall, says Marcia McFarland, state 4-H specialist.

McFarland says acts are needed for both weekends of the fair, Sept. 7-8 and 14-15. Acts that lend themselves well to the stage include puppet shows, magic acts, folk singing, small dance groups, instrumentals, aerobics, a jug band and other bands, ventriloquist acts and all kinds of dancing.

McFarland, however, stresses these merely are examples. If you believe your act is of interest, sign up using the accompanying registration blank. Craft demonstrations also are needed.

For more information, contact Marcia McFarland, 211 Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506, or Nancy Anderson, RR 1, Box 74, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

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This is your life ...

This is your life, Jim Winkler. Green Promise club members of Leavenworth County recently honored their fellow club member by spotlighting his life.

A member of a fourth generation family of 4-H'ers, Jim has exhibited more than 150 projects at county, regional and state fairs, served on many county and club committees and was a member of the state fair horticulture judging team.

Jim has given of himself by serving as a counselor at county camp at Rock Springs Ranch and promoted 4-H through news articles and radio TV spots. A state winner in forestry, Jim says his greatest accomplishment in 4-H is setting up forestry programs for other 4-H'ers including the handicapped.

Solve the puzzle

Please don't eat the dieffenbachia, say members of the Sunflower club of Grant County. Dieffenbachia is poisonous as are some other house plants and wild plants.

Club members list some of these poisonous plants in the following safety puzzle. See page 5 for the answers.

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Atropa	Jimsonweed
Azaleas	Laurels
Caladium	Lily of the valley
Crocus	Mistletoe
Daphne	Philodendrons
Dieffenbachia	Poinsettia
Elephant's ear	Pokeweed
English ivy	Potato
Foxglove	Rhododendron
Holly	Rhubarb
Jack in the pulpit	Skunk cabbage

Green Promise members not only presented a plaque to Jim, but they recognized volunteer leader Cora Moses with a plaque for her service. Cora has been a community club and project leader in foods, clothing and bicycle.

"Cora's tireless efforts have been appreciated in all areas of 4-H as she always is available to help the 4-H'ers whenever they need her," say Green Promise members.

Mary Moses, McLouth

Cookie season isn't far away

The Hiattville 4-H Club of Bourbon County is preparing for cookie season.

Each summer the club donates lemonade mix and cookies made by the 4-H'ers to the tourist center in Fort Scott. The treats are served to visitors of the Old Fort Museum.

Youths promote 4-H

The six Saline County Ambassadors are promoting the county 4-H program by visiting all 13 clubs in the county. The six youths also hand out applications for Ambassadors.



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Electric project members make fairground repairs

Community service is a part of the electric project for Jefferson County 4-H'ers.

The group, led by county-wide leader Dale Nichols, annually makes needed electrical repairs at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Last year the five members and their parents repaired electrical outlets, and the list of needed repairs is long for this year. Nichols says.

There's an all-night yardlight that doesn't work, wiring to do in the poultry building and outlets to repair in the hog building. Plans also are to develop a lighting scheme so the entire fairgrounds will be well lighted.

Nichols' daughter, Chris, also donated a large fan she renovated to cool one of the exhibit buildings.

The community service projects give the youths an opportunity to practically apply the knowledge they gain in the electric project and gives the county fair a boost.

Nichols also encourages the youths in the county-wide project to exhibit electric items at the county fair. He stresses a clean and showy exhibit with pictures to detail the progress of the project.

Whether the youths are working on an item for display or just for use at home, Nichols stresses safety.

"Take your time. Go back over what you have done; make sure it's done right. Act like it's your life at stake. You get shocked and you are dead," he tells the youths.



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