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An eye catcher

Angora rabbits catch the eye of spectators at county and state fairs.

Shelly Cooper, Ford County, finds her Angoras draw a crowd. For 8-year-old Shannon Colvin, Frankfort, Angoras are a beginning rabbit project.

For more on the rabbit project, see pages 4 and 5.

Safety is life says state winner

Safety is life to 15-year-old Kurtis Carrico of the Mitchell County Clover Leaf 4-H Club.

"We must practice safety every minute of every day," he says. That attitude, he adds, has kept him and those around him safe.

As the 1985 state safety winner, Kurtis follows in his mother's footsteps as a state project winner. She was a leadership winner in 1959.

Kurtis began promoting safety at the age of eight when he enrolled in 4-H and the safety project. The first years he gave talks and demonstrations about safety. Later he added safety skits to the itinerary that he takes not only to county and regional club days but to the Kansas State Fair and civic organizations in Beloit.

State fair demonstrations have included fire safety, CPR and this year Kurtis will demonstrate how to control bleeding.

Kurtis selects a topic he is interested in, knowledgeable about, and that his audience will relate to and can use.

Material for the talks comes from Extension, Kansas Farm Bureau, the library, and state fire marshall's office. At the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Camp, he learned about CPR, motorcycle, water and gun safety, and first aid.

To promote the use of child restraint seats in automobiles and gather information for a talk on that subject, Kurtis surveyed stores in Beloit to determine which businesses sold the seats.

Kurtis has spoken to 5,000 people about safety and citizenship in the eight years he has been in 4-H. He also presents radio spots on the local station about safety.

The Mitchell County 4-H'er was instrumental in the Beloit City Council designating May as safety month and erecting a sign on the Carrico's block cautioning people that a deaf child lives in that area. Kurtis' little brother, Kyle, is partially deaf.

A major project for Kurtis was lobbying in the Kansas legislature to pass a bill that would require railroad cars to sport an eye-level strip of iridescent paint one foot wide.

He had presented the idea to the Mitchell County Farm Bureau and that group introduced it in Topeka as Bill 2400.

Kurtis also is a member of Students Against Drunk Driving.

The Mitchell County 4-H'er continues to find safety challenging and sets new goals in the project. This year he hopes to present a CPR class in Beloit, continue to work on passage of Bill 2400, and promote safety through talks and posters. He also would like to be a counselor at safety camp.

4-H itself is quite a project, Kurtis says. 4-H has taught me to set and attain long range and day-to-day goals, given me responsibility, and helped determine my career goal of dentistry.

Youths learn about grooming a steer

Fourteen Lyon County 4-H'ers learned how to prepare a steer for show at a grooming school taught by two former 4-H'ers at the George Evans Ranch near Reading.

Jodee and Ronna Rogers taught how to trim the stomach, head and neck of the calf, clip the body and put up the tail.



Kurtis Carrico demonstrates how to tie a tourniquet. Kurtis will present the demonstration on bleeding at the 1985 Kansas State Fair.

Saline County youth is helping plan National 4-H Congress

Steven Johnson, Salina, is one of four young people helping plan the 1985 National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Steven, who attended congress in 1984 as a state public speaking winner from Kansas, was chosen as a delegate from 1,700 youths at congress.

"I got lucky," he says of the honor.

At a planning session April 20-22 in Washington, D.C., Steven and other national delegate advisors reviewed the congress program for youth. A major problem discussed was declining participation by delegates as congress progresses. This long has been a problem, Steven said.

Hopes are to stimulate more participation in the 1985 congress with big name speakers and workshops on wildlife, personal development and computers.

At home in Salina, Steven is reviewing congress pamphlets. He will participate in a conference call in September and travel to Chicago in November to help put on the 1985 National 4-H Congress. He will help with congress programs including emceeing programs.

"I think it will be a lot of fun. It's a chance to learn a lot and meet a lot of outstanding people," Steven says.



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The Saline County carnival offered the opportunity to get married to 4-H. And young and old alike took advantage of the opportunity to don the bridegroom's hat or bride's veil. For more on the carnival, see page 15.

Judy Lies says thank you

After having a heart transplant on Aug. 7, 1984, Judy Lies' goal was to graduate with her class from Gardner-Edgerton High. The Johnson County 4-H member did so on May 23 of this year.

This goal was achieved because of the generosity of many friends and 4-H clubs throughout the state. We would like to thank these people for making this possible.

Judy Lies & Family
Sunnyside 4-H Club, Edgerton

How much time should 4-H take?

by C.R. Salmon

Assistant Director of Extension 4-H Youth

Recently after chaperoning my son to his fourth 4-H commitment in six days, I pondered the question: "How much time should we expect from our 4-H club members?"

Quickly I tabulated my children's hours for one week. My 13-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter each devoted approximately four hours to 4-H activities during an average week.

Another parent told me her children spend an average of three to four hours a week and right before the county fair and club days their time commitment to 4-H climbs to eight hours per week.

Is it realistic to expect every 4-H club member to be actively involved in every major club or county activity? Are we expecting so much time from our 4-H members that they cannot be active participants in school and athletic events? If so, we may be driving many of our high school members out of 4-H.

If children in your club are having difficulty meeting their 4-H time commitments, consider one or more of the following suggestions:

- Consider flex-time 4-H participation where 4-H members schedule involvement in monthly meetings and project groups around football seasons, speech tournaments, basketball seasons and others.

- Perhaps county events and contests could be held during the week or when band tournaments, track meets and college entrance exams normally are not scheduled.

- Maybe the chairman of the county advisory or county Extension agent could discuss the county 4-H activity calendar with local school administrators.

- Short-term membership might allow a youngster to participate in monthly 4-H meetings in the fall or spring, so they are eligible for county fairs and judging contests.

These suggestions may or may not work for you. However, I do think we need to closely evaluate our time requirements for 4-H membership. We may need to become more flexible and less demanding on 4-H members and families. If we fail to do so, we may experience additional conflicts with competitors for our 4-H member's time.

4-H'er is hooked on rabbits

by Joan Istas

Pam Peterson used to think people who owned a lot of rabbits were weird. That was before she inherited a couple of crossbred rabbits four years ago.

Today Pam has 20 bucks and does, and at times rabbit numbers in the barn behind the Peterson home southeast of Salina climb as high as 70.

"I just like rabbits; I think I'm hooked on them," Pam says.

Pam, who is the 1985 state rabbit winner, breeds Rex, Holland Lops, and Mini Lops for show. Rabbits that are not of show quality find their way to the Peterson family table where they are served as rabbit McNuggets, rabbit and biscuits, and numerous other ways.

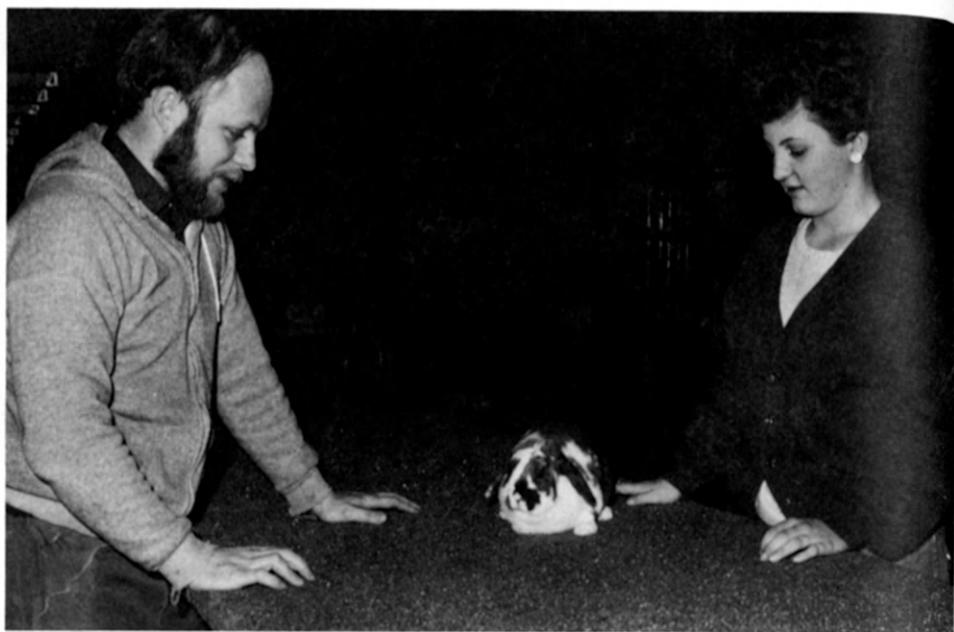
A show rabbit constantly is trained under Pam's hands. She teaches the rabbit to sit up to show best conformation, to sit still on the judge's table and to be calm when handled by the judge. The rabbit also must perform to breed specifications. A Rex, for instance, must hold its ears up straight.

A show rabbit must have a good personality and like humans, Pam says.

Pam especially enjoys participating in rabbit showmanship and considers her first Kansas State Fair showmanship trophy one of the highlights of her 4-H years.

"I just like showmanship; you and the rabbit have to work together. It proves how much you know and how you can handle yourself.

"I think it helps kids a lot; it helped



Pam gets plenty of help from her father, Charles, when it comes to the rabbit project. In fact, the entire family is hooked on rabbits.

me." Pam says she is a better speaker as a result of being interviewed in showmanship.

The showmanship participant acts as the judge. The youth checks the rabbit's teeth, toenails, ears, eyes, and nose. He must decide if the animal meets breed qualifications. Does it have blemishes?

The youth is judged on appearance and poise, and the rabbit on condition. Top showmanship exhibitors are interviewed about rabbits, record books and their interests.

Pam enjoys showing because it gives her the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

The rabbit project has taught her responsibility. The rabbits had to be fed and watered even if temperatures were below zero and the path to the barn was blocked by four foot high snowdrifts.

"When I lived in town I used to complain about going out on the back porch and feeding the dog," she says with a laugh.

The Saline County youth has developed leadership qualities by holding club and county offices and serving as a project leader in rabbit, horse and clothing.

Pam says she likes helping younger kids learn. "I can remember when I was there and no one was there to help me," she says. A special moment for her was watching a young rabbit exhibitor she had helped win a blue ribbon.

"I like to see people I helped do good," she explains.

Pam didn't always like keeping records. She began keeping more precise records last year because she wanted to win the state rabbit award. She also learned she likes to write.

"I wrote a 4½-page rabbit story," she says in astonishment.

After five years in 4-H, Pam continues to find the program exciting. "I'm so involved; there's not time to get bored," she says.



Pam demonstrates how to judge a rabbit.

Rabbits are pets in the Lyons' home

by Joan Istas

Visit Preece Lyons at her home in Fort Scott, and you'll probably be greeted by two very fluffy, long-haired Angora rabbits.

Many people mistake Preece's pets for dogs, but once they overcome their surprise they like the rabbits, Preece says.

The Angora is characterized by wool on the face, tassels on the ears and long hair covering its body. It primarily is raised for its wool.

The 16-year-old 4-H'er fell in love with Angoras when she saw them at the Bourbon County Fair. While vacationing in Florida, she blew her yearly clothing budget to purchase six babies for \$40 each.

Two of the six are housebroken. "They're a lot easier to train than a cat," Preece says. "They're real sweet. They're not biters and scratchers.

"I love them. They're a lot of fun."

Preece's mother also has fallen in love with the rabbits, and her father was accepted them.

Preece has shown the Angoras at the county fair and Kansas State Fair and breeds them.

"I want to get big in Angoras. Hopefully I'll get up to 200 to 300 rabbits," she says.

Ford County 4-H'er Shelly Cooper purchased Angoras for the animal's hair and spins it with sheep's wool to make sweaters.

The Angora produces an ounce to six ounces of hair per year, and Shelly plucks the rabbits every 10 weeks. The hair is dead, and the animal is not hurt.

Shelly says she could sell the Angora hair for \$4.50 to \$10 per ounce.



Preece Lyons

Eight-year-old Shannon Colvin's Angoras replace the cows, pigs and chickens he couldn't have because he lives in Frankfort. With his mother's help,

he clips the four Angoras every three months.

Rabbits are a fun project, he says.

Stay at encampment at state fair

Those who use 4-H encampment facilities at the Kansas State Fair this year will see changes in prices and food service, says Charles Bates, state 4-H specialist.

Bates, who manages the dormitory and food service during the state fair, says a modified food service plan will go into effect this year because fewer people are eating at encampment.

In the past, three meals have been served daily during the fair.

Meals at the 1985 fair will be served beginning the evening of Friday, Sept. 6, through Sunday evening, Sept. 8. A

continental breakfast of coffee, milk and sweet rolls will be served Sept. 9 - 12. Full service begins the morning of Sept. 12 through lunch Sept. 15.

Prices remain at \$2.25 for breakfast and \$2.75 for lunch and dinner.

Beds this year are \$5 per night, an increase of \$1.

Bates encourages 4-H'ers and their families to use encampment facilities. Not only does encampment provide meals and housing for 4-H'ers and FFA members, but it is a meeting place, a place for sharing of ideas at the fair, he says.

Reservations can be made through the county Extension office.

Hopewell Corners helps community

The Hopewell Corners 4-H Club of Cloud County has approved two community service projects this year. Plans are to donate items for a class at the Frank Carlson Library, Concordia, and to help clean up the nature trail at Cloud County Community College.

—Mark Ford, reporter



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Parents' committee gives club new life

A parents' committee organized three years ago has been a lifesaver for the Ottawa County Pleasant Valley 4-H Club.

"Three years ago we were totally unorganized; the club was floundering. We had people who wanted to help but who didn't want the responsibility of being a leader," recalls Kay Scheibler, who was a member of the original parent's committee.

The committee, comprised of three women, was formed with the help of Charlie Lang, state 4-H specialist. People were selected who were willing to give their time and could work well with people. It's important to have people on the committee who are pleasant and who don't have to be in charge, Scheibler says.

The main responsibility of the committee is to find project leaders and schedule the enrollment fair. Leaders are present at the fair to talk about the projects they teach.

The committee also finds club community leaders and conducted a membership drive that more than doubled its enrollment. The club has grown from 15 to 35 members.

"The parents' committee has been a lifesaver for our club," Scheibler says.

Decatur County sponsors scholarship

The Decatur County 4-H Council and Decatur-Rawlins County Pork Producers has established a scholarship for Decatur County 4-H'ers.

Three \$250 scholarships are awarded to 4-H'ers majoring in agriculture at a v-tech school or four year college. Recipients this year are Becky Tally, Theron Krizek and Ward Votapka.

Funds are raised through a porkburger stand at the Decatur County Fair.

Guide explains 4-H program

"4-H, A Family Affair," is the title of the introduction guide for families entering the 4-H program in Barton County.

The guide, which explains the 4-H program, is tailored to Barton County. It was so well accepted when introduced that not only did it go to new 4-H families but old 4-H families asked for their copy, too.

Egg hunt is club project

South Haven Happy Hustlers Junior Leaders of Sumner County conduct an Easter egg hunt for their community service project.

The hunt is publicized with posters and through the local newspaper. Local merchants donate money for prizes.

Hundreds of hen eggs are boiled for the hunt. These and large, individually wrapped candy eggs are hidden. Kids who don't find a candy egg receive sacks of candy. The Easter bunny usually makes an appearance.

At this year's hunt, it seemed like kids multiplied as quickly as rabbits do. Still there was enough candy for everyone.

"It's so rewarding to all of us to sponsor the Easter egg hunt as it's our chance to give back to a community that gives so much to us," the Junior Leaders say. South Haven Happy Hustlers 4-H Club

Lutheran churches provide funds

Pratt and Preston Lutheran Churches in Pratt County are providing both financial and volunteer assistance for the Pratt County 4-H program.

In 1983, the Preston Lutheran Church obtained \$3,500 from the AID Association of Lutherans, Appleton, Wis., to purchase bleachers for the Pratt County Fair. This year, the Pratt Lutheran Church received \$2,500 from that association to purchase additional bleachers for the county fair.

Members of the two congregations also provided volunteer workers to erect the bleachers.

Paul Hartman, Pratt County agricultural agent, says other counties can receive similar assistance through the Lutheran Church in their area.

Youths go on canoe trip

Youths and leaders in northwest Kansas annually participate in a three-day canoe trip in the waters of south-central Nebraska and Wilson Lake.

Number of participants has more than tripled since the expedition was started three years ago.

The trip usually is held in late June. Participants provide their own life jackets and personal items. Leaders pack food, cooking equipment and locate canoes for the group.

Youths learn about canoeing, outdoor cooking and outdoor survival.



Summertime means livestock judging contests for many 4-H members. 4-H'ers learn how to make decisions by judging as well as how to select animals for breeding and show. Chuck Otte, Geary County agricultural agent, shows 4-H'ers how to judge a lamb.

Photo contest deadline nears

Entry deadline for the Kansas 4-H Journal photo contest is Aug. 1 at the Kansas 4-H Journal office, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

All photographers must be 4-H members. The contest consists of two divisions; 12 and under and 13 and older. Entries are limited to two per individual.

Photos must tell about 4-H and must have been taken during the current 4-H

year. All photos must be black and white enlargements, 5 x 7 or larger. Only single negatives can be used. Negatives must be available upon request.

Winning entries will be published in the Kansas 4-H Journal, and photographers will receive two passports to Worlds of Fun.

A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany entries for the return of the photos.

Sew-in sessions are held

Sew-in sessions were held in Greenwood County during June for 4-H'ers enrolled in the clothing projects.

The month of special sessions began with a shopping trip to select a pattern, fabric and other sewing supplies. Store personnel spoke about styles and techniques for new fabrics.

After the shopping day, in their homes, 4-H'ers prepared fabric for sewing.

Four day-long sewing sessions were held for 4-H'ers in all but the very beginning sewing phase. Jan Stephans,

Greenwood County home economist, believes younger youths need the individualized supervision that project leaders can give.

4-H'ers took their sewing machines to the sew-ins and worked on their garments under the supervision of Stephans and 4-H sewing leaders.

Stephans believes the sew-in answers a need for additional supervision outside the project meeting for older youths. Many of today's parents do not sew, she explains.

Clothing judged twice a year

Clothing construction and fashion revue judging in Norton County is held twice a year — in the spring and again at fair time.

This gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to do some or all of their clothing project work in the early spring and enjoy wearing these outfits for spring and summer, says

Beverly Kindler, Norton County home economist.

Those who receive purple ribbons in construction and fashion revue judging are considered for champion awards selected in July. Judges remain the same for both judging events. All garments are exhibited at the Norton County Fair.



Joe Schwinn with some of his winning garden produce.

Commercial gardening is 90% guts, 10% money

Joe Schwinn could almost say he inherited his garden hoe. The hoe is passed down from his father, Gerald, and his Grandfather Schwinn was a gardener.

Joe has happy memories of his grandfather gardening. "He loved to work in the soil," he says. "Dad finds it relaxing and enjoyable. I find it exciting and challenging I enjoy seeing plants grow."

Joe and his brother, Jay, are the first commercial gardeners in the Schwinn family. The brothers sold \$40 worth of vegetables their first year in the project — enough to keep them in spending money at the county fair for a week.

Though Jay since has graduated from 4-H, the commercial garden has grown under Joe's management.

"Right now," he says, "it's 90% guts and 10% money. I don't really have any capital at my age."

Joe is planting 10 acres to vegetables

today. He starts the plants from seeds in the greenhouse he and his father built. The greenhouse makes the initial investment cheaper and allows him to get an earlier start on the growing season.

Planting is done with a restored commercial planter, and insects are controlled with insecticides applied with a sprayer Joe and his father built.

Joe primarily grows sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, and cantaloupe. Sweet corn gives him the highest return on his money, and the greatest acreage is planted to that crop.

He sells 800 to 850 dozen ears of sweet corn annually for 75 cents to \$1.50 per dozen.

The Happy Hollow 4-H'er continually searches for new information about gardening by attending area and state horticulture meetings.

He plans on attending Kansas State University and majoring in horticulture.

Horticulture takes her outdoors

Horticulture is a favorite project for Marion County 4-H'er Denise Sellers.

She enjoys gardening, she says, because she likes being outdoors.

Gardening for the Sellers family begins in the fall when they apply manure to the plot. In the spring the garden is rototilled and planted. Vegetables are selected for planting that the family likes to eat.

Potatoes, peas, radishes, carrots, corn, tomatoes, peppers, and asparagus usually are planted. Denise likes to experiment by planting vegetables she hasn't grown before and also plants flowers for her floriculture project.

Weeding and caring for the garden during the summer months primarily is Denise's responsibility.

She especially enjoys harvesting the

produce, preparing it for the table and showing it at the county and state fairs. The past two years she has qualified for the state fair with her group display of vegetables. A group display consists of five vegetables.

When selecting vegetables for fair exhibit, she tries to find produce that is in good condition, about the same size and coloring, and that is clean.

Denise has been a member of Marion County's state horticulture judging team the past two years and has given talks about the horticulture project at the state fair and the national horticulture speaking contest in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By being involved in the horticulture project, Denise has learned how plants grow, the best varieties to plant and about fertilization and watering.

Garden plot promotes 4-H

Gardening leader Dick Frohardt and his project members are taking 4-H gardening into the Shawnee community with a community garden plot.

The Johnson County leader and eight youths in the Greenwood Meadowlarks 4-H Club signed up for four 20x20 plots in Shawnee Community Gardens.

Plots in this area are set aside by the city of Shawnee for community groups. Produce is donated to the needy.

The 4-H'ers began working in the plot last fall by collecting leaves and grass clippings and rototilling them in. In the spring they staked out the plots and planted cool season vegetables, including broccoli, onions, turnips, carrots, cress, beets, okra, and parsley. Flowers on the borders set off the garden.

Tomatoes, bell and hot peppers, green beans, and zucchini were planted in the summer.

During the six weeks Frohardt will be on vacation this summer. 4-H'ers will be scheduled on a weekly basis to care for the garden.

The 4-H'ers are taking pictures of the garden and plan to enter them in national community garden competition. A sign identifying the 2,000 square foot plot as a 4-H project promotes the 4-H program.

Eight youths, 10 and 11 years of age, are enrolled in the project.

A first year gardening leader, Frohardt began his project meetings in October with a planning session where he outlined meeting dates and discussed topics. He has covered seed germination, plant structure, how plants grow, and trees and shrubs. He keeps technical information short and goes on field trips.

"I try to do things the kids enjoy," he says.





The poultry house on the Buethe farm near Lincolnville holds 22,000 chickens and often is a site for tours. Kim enjoys giving these tours.



Kim Buethe

Poultry is part of her life

by Joan Istas

Marion County 4-H'er Kim Buethe combines her love of people and poultry in her 4-H poultry project.

Poultry for Kim means mass egg production in a 22,000 capacity hen house owned and operated by her parents near Lincolnville. A unique operation in that area, Kim often is called on to conduct tours.

Japanese exchange students and women's and school groups are among those who visit the facility. Many come with the belief that they don't like poultry only to leave with a different opinion after viewing the mechanized operation, Kim says.

"I enjoy watching people's faces. They say this is a chicken house? The poultry industry has changed so much. Today's industry is scientific."

Poultry has been a part of Kim's life ever since she was born. That year her parents got into the poultry business by purchasing 1,000 laying hens.

Though she had to stand on a stool to do so, Kim was gathering eggs at the age of 3. At 9, she enrolled in the 4-H poultry project and began keeping daily records of 1% of the 7,000

hens in her parent's flock.

She paid 1% of the expenses including electric bill, maintenance, light bulbs, insurance, mouse bait and foggers for flies and, as an allowance, received 1% of the profit. As she grew older and the operation expanded to 22,000 hens, her share increased to 3% of the operation.

She also began using graphs and charts to show the peak production of the house.

Her interest in poultry has been evident in the demonstrations she has given, too. For one of her first 4-H demonstrations, Kim showed how to make Chicken Jubilee. Since, almost all her demonstrations have concerned poultry.

Today her favorite demonstration is, "Do your own thing; have an omelet." Two eggs, two teaspoons of water and salt and pepper — that's all it takes to make an omelet, she tells her audience. To prove it is easy to make, she often has a member of the audience make an omelet.

Kim judges poultry and has exhibited in production classes at the county fair. A sign of a good layer is

little pigmentation on the legs, a bleached out beak and white rings around the eyes. Usually the ones that are the roughest looking lay the best, she says.

Kim has won a lot of awards in the poultry project including a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago as the state poultry project award winner and a \$500 scholarship as the recipient of the Midwest Poultry Federation Youth Achievement award.

Awards are not as important to Kim as the satisfaction she receives from sharing her knowledge with others as the poultry project leader for the Lincolnville Wide Awake 4-H Club.

"Teaching kids is my favorite part of 4-H," she says. "It's fun teaching them some of the things the older kids taught me."

Record keeping also is an important part of 4-H, Kim says.

"Kids hate to keep records, but they're going to have to use that skill sometime. They're going to have to keep checkbooks, personal records and records for income tax purposes. It's the skill that probably has helped me the most."

4-H'er visits the White House

by Joan Istas

In just two short weeks, 16-year-old Cathy Barnes went to Washington D.C., not once but twice.

Cathy spent April 13-19 at the National 4-H Conference as Kansas' Ambassador representative. Five days later she was on her way to Washington again

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— this time as one of five Ambassadors in the nation selected to participate in National Volunteer Week ceremonies at the White House.

She was named a representative on the basis of a five minute speech she gave at conference on leadership and her 4-H accomplishments.

During the half hour presentation in the Rose Garden, Cathy sat just five feet from President Ronald Reagan.

"Really I was in awe," Cathy says. And she couldn't help observing that the president looks younger than he does on TV.

As the president spoke about how today's youth are helping build the foundation of the nation, Cathy realized she too, is a volunteer.

"I've always thought of myself as benefiting from 4-H, not giving. This gave me a whole new insight; we are shaping the nation," Cathy says.

"I think I have been a volunteer since I was born. I like people; I like to help people."

Cathy began donating her time as a

4-H volunteer when she became a 4-H member at the age of 7. She has helped with such community service projects as raising money for the heart fund and promoting the diabetes hot line and vial for life.

As a Jefferson County Junior Leader and national dog award winner, Cathy has organized dog shows, helped younger 4-H'ers train dogs and presented programs on pet care to grade school children.

When appearing before school groups, she usually is accompanied by her dog and often the kids just sit in awe.

She remembers one kindergartener who had no pet coming up to her after the presentation to ask for one of the leaflets on pet care.

"I'm going to make my mother get me a dog," she announced confidently.

Cathy believes volunteers are important. "Volunteers are essential to 4-H and the nation. I'm proud to be a volunteer," she says.

Kansans attend conference

Five Kansans were among 63 leaders who attended a National 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Dolores Landry, Cloud County, Lorraine Davis, Osage County, and Judy Cape, Merle Fritzemeier and Sally Vernon, all of Reno County, received scholarships to attend the conference.

Other states represented were Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Prince Edward Island, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

In keeping with the theme, "Here Come the Kids, What Are They Like?," volunteers looked at the lives of kids.

4-H'ers, Scouts work together

4-H'ers and Scouts in Clay Center worked together to erect welcome signs at the fairgrounds in Clay Center.

Boy Scout Andy Hogan built the signs using materials provided by the Hayes Boosters 4-H Club. Andy and the 30 4-H members then met at the fairgrounds and put up the signs.

Materials for the signs were purchased with a \$150 Kansas 4-H Foundation citizenship-in-action grant. The grant also was used to purchase picnic table to place

near the 4-H food stand at the fairgrounds.

Hayes Boosters stress citizenship with an annual citizenship project. Using money earned from sales from its fireworks stand, the club purchased an exhaust fan and fire extinguisher for the food stand.

Community service is stressed in Clay County with the annual awarding of the \$50 Hal Scott award to the club with the top community service project.

Shooting sports meet is successful

Twenty-three youths from Rawlins, Ellis and Scott counties participated in the first shooting sports meet in the state in Rawlins County.

The double shoot consisted of classes for four age groups: fourth grade and under, fifth and sixth graders, seventh and eighth graders, and high schoolers.

An entry fee of \$5 to cover ribbons and medals was charged.

Safety was the number one emphasis during the shoot. "You have to be safe in this kind of an event," says Dana Belshe, Rawlins County agricultural agent.

716 youths compete in annual judging contest

About 716 youths competed in the annual Fort Hays Experiment Station 4-H and FFA Judging School and contest.

The contest is unique in the state because it brings both livestock and home economics contestants together for the one-day event, says Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist.

High individuals in a class of 402 4-H livestock competitors were Robin Greenhagen, Cheyenne County; Luke Nichols, Russell County; and Bruce Heath, Rush County. All were tied for first place.

The Lone Star 4-H Club of Russell County comprised of members Luke Nichols and Ted and Sam Wagner placed first in team competition. Lawn Ridge 4-H Club, Cheyenne County, placed second; and Otis Go-Getters, Rush County, third.

In the junior home economics judging contest, the Hoisington Jets of Barton County placed first. Team members were Cindy Evers, Christy Butler and Kathryn Reitchek. The Winners 4-H Club, Ellis County, placed second; and Eager Beavers, Osborne County, third.

Top junior individuals were Gwen

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The shoot was the culmination of a shooting sports program that was introduced in Rawlins County in October. The first session was an information meeting for parents and 4-H'ers. Meetings were held once a month, and again safety was emphasized.

Fourteen youths participated in the program and learned about handling a rifle. Although most of those in the program were 4-H members, some youths joined 4-H to participate.

The shoot helped reinforce the instruction of the past seven months, says Dana Belshe, Rawlins County agricultural

Staab, Ellis; and Christine Folkerts and Cathy Ochs, both of Rush.

The Hackberry 4-H Club of Gove County won the senior home economics judging. Veronica Tuttle, Melanie Fairchild and Tonya Courtney were team members. Placing second was the Lone Star Club, Russell; and third, Otis Go-Getters, Rush.

Top individuals were Marcia Pieschl, Pawnee; Veronica Tuttle, Gove; and Melissa Chadwick, Logan.

agent. Youths could more clearly understand the reasons for the instructions, and the meet allowed them to demonstrate the skills they had learned.

Following the Rawlins County Fair, the county shooting sports program will resume with shotgun instruction.

"This is a super program. Kids are learning a skill they will use the rest of their lives," Belshe says.



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Coe scholarship announced

Master club is part of future of 4-H

by Joan Istas

Fifty years, 35 years, 10 years ago, they were the cream of the Kansas 4-H program — 4-H'ers selected to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.

They traveled to the national conference by train, by bus and later by air.

Eyes wide with wonder, they saw the Lincoln Memorial, met with national legislators and told national 4-H leaders their views of the 4-H program.

These young hopefuls returned to Kansas to become state 4-H specialists, school teachers, farmers, journalists and businessmen and women. They served as 4-H volunteer leaders and guided their children, grandchildren and countless other young people through the program in which they believe so strongly. Two of their number, Martha Streeter and Marilyn Galle, are members of the Kansas 4-H Foundation board of directors.

These alumni of the National 4-H Conference recently met on the Kansas State University campus for the reunion of the Kansas Master 4-H Club. The Master Club, which meets every three years, is unique to Kansas and is made up of Kansans who have attended the national conference.

The 1985 reunion brought back Mary Tilton Conger, Kansas' first conference representative in 1927. The classes of 1933 and 1939 were represented in full. Ronald Robb, Lottie Hinegardner, Virginia Wagner Chappell and Joseph L. Wetta make up the class of 1933. The class of 1939 is comprised of Charles Hoyt, Helen Woodard Dillon, Maurice Francis and Martha Streeter.

It was the first time the class of 1939 had been together since 1941 when all members attended a reunion at Kansas State University.

Mrs. Dillon and Hoyt said 4-H has been a major influence in their lives. "I wonder if I'd gone to college if it weren't for 4-H," Mrs. Dillon said.

"4-H gave me a lot of opportunities to meet other young people. It stood me in good stead through college. Club work helped me develop responsibility and the ability to speak in public. 4-H probably has been the most influential thing in my life," Hoyt said.

The Masters 4-H Club is part of the past, but it also is a part of the future of 4-H. Hoyt, a past Kansas 4-H specialist, demonstrated his commitment to today's 4-H program with a \$1,000 donation to

the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

The Kansas Masters 4-H Club M.H. Coe Memorial Scholarship also was announced. Plans are to collect \$7,000 for an annual \$500 scholarship.

Coe was state 4-H club leader from 1926 to 1945 and before that was assistant club leader in charge of livestock. He worked to strengthen the community clubs, which were begun in 1922.

Junior leadership was organized as a new project and by 1941, 1,635 youths were enrolled as junior leaders. Coe helped organize the Kansas State University Collegiate 4-H Club.

To improve local club meetings, model meetings were initiated in 1935. Two years later other activities were added — one act plays, choruses, bands and instrumental ensembles. These Spring Festivals evolved into the present 4-H Days.

Coe often referred to his years with the Kansas 4-H program as the highlight of his life.

Contributions for the Maynard Coe Scholarship should be mailed to: Kansas 4-H Foundation, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.



Representing the class of 1939 were Charles Hoyt, Helen Woodard Dillon, Martha Streeter, and Maurice Francis.



Joseph Wetta, Lottie Hinegardner, Virginia Wagner Chappell, and Ronald Robb make up the class of 1933

Youths tackle problems

Why do teens drop out of 4-H? Are 11- to 14-year-olds our forgotten 4-H'ers?

These are just two of the issues delegates to the 1985 National 4-H Conference addressed recently.

Attending the Washington D.C. conference from Kansas were Trent Lancaster, Ottawa, Marcy Henton, Dodge City, and Kristen Spaeth, Manhattan. Cathy Barnes, Valley Falls, was the Ambassador representative.

Burn-out and competition with school activities are some of the reasons why teens drop out of 4-H, Marcy said. Most drop out in the early teen years.

More trips and awards and computer programs are needed for 11- to 14-year-olds, Marcy said.

A state-wide event for 11- to 14-year-olds also will help build interest, Trent said.

Trent, who participated in a session on reaching and keeping 4-H youth, noted many people still have a stereotyped image that 4-H is cows and cooking. Media exposure is needed to show that 4-H is cooking, cows and more, he said.

Family involvement is important in 4-H, he added. Parents must take on leadership responsibilities. More training is needed for 4-H leaders.

That committee also recommended more guidelines for the self-determined 4-H project. Youths need to know how to start their own self-determined project, Trent said.

Kristen's group concentrated on career opportunities. Suggestions of that committee included listing careers related to the project in project material and listing jobs available to teens at the county Extension office.

4-H'ers aren't being adequately shown the career possibilities available today, she said. The Extension Service has the personnel to provide that material.

Recommendations of National Conference delegates are presented to the national 4-H staff.

May Day custom is revived

The Sumner County Golden Buffalos 4-H Club of Argonia brought back the May Day custom this year by taking May Day baskets and flowers to about 45 senior citizens and school teachers.

Evidently it was a success as the club received many thank yous.



C.R. Salmon, state 4-H leader, and delegates who attended the 1985 National 4-H Conference — Cathy Barnes, Marcy Henton, Kristen Spaeth, and Trent Lancaster — look at memorabilia at the Master 4-H Club meeting. Cathy, Marcy, Kristen, and Trent are new initiates to the Master 4-H Club.

Success or failure? You are the final judge

You received a white ribbon at the county fair, and it ruined your entire 4-H year.

Then you haven't done your homework, says Lois Redman, state 4-H specialist. You don't have to take something to the fair to find out whether it's good or bad. Every time you bake a tray of cookies, every time you make a dress, you should evaluate it. Compare it with work you've done before.

Redman points out that when you take a 4-H project to a judge, you're asking a total stranger for his opinion.

It's only one person's opinion. It is not a life-and-death situation. It is not black or white, she says.

You can agree or disagree with that opinion, but you should not be disagreeable with the judge. You asked for that opinion.

Kids should decide for themselves whether an item is good or bad, Redman says. "Make things for yourself; don't make them for judges."

She tells the story of the 4-H'er who was told by the fair judge that her bread was too heavy. She had worked too much flour into it. She spent the next year making light bread only to be told by the fair judge she hadn't worked enough flour into it. It was too light.

"You can't do it for the judge because we will change it on you every time," she says.

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Northwest area roundup

Cheyenne County Junior Leaders plan a special thank you this fall to honor the person who has been especially helpful in their 4-H career. Hopes are it will be an annual event.

Rush County thanks 4-H supporters with an annual businessmen's barbecue. Hamburgers are barbecued and each 4-H family brings a potluck dish. About 100 to 150 people attend the annual event.

Kyle Vanover and Steve Brooks, of the Prairie Dog 4-H Club of Norton County, are learning about computers by taking computer as a self-determined computer project this year. In addition to schoolwork, they have used the computer for crop records, to study for ACT tests and to record basketball statistics.

Bart Brooks, reporter

The Ogallala 4-H Club is active in many community service projects in Trego County.

Club members help with the Crop Walk, community Halloween party and chili supper and go Christmas caroling in Ogallala. They take nut cups to residents of the Heartland Nursing Home, make Valentines for the elderly and send Christmas cards to those at St. Jude's Ranch. The club also has donated to the Ministerial Alliance and recently helped with the cancer drive.

The club's involvement with many different kinds of people earned it the state People to People club award last year.

Barton and Rush County youths participated in the annual poultry judging contest at LaCrosse.

Youths judged two classes of production hens, two of candled eggs, one of broke out eggs, one of exterior eggs and one of dressed poultry.

Kris Ganoung, Barton County, was high senior individual and Brenda Sohm, Rush County, second high senior individual. Denese Abrams, Barton County, topped the junior division with Curtis Sohm, Rush County, placing second.

Shooting sports is a new project in Rush County. Eight youths are enrolled in the course conducted by John Ficken, rifle instructor, Richard Baldwin, shotgun instructor, and Eugene Algrim, county coordinator. Plans are to shoot at the county fair. Total score and most improved score will be considered in the ratings.

The Sherman County 4-H Council is raising money for community service projects by selling fireworks. Members of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club are chairing the project. Flyers have been made about the sale, and members of the five clubs in the county will distribute them.

Cheyenne County Junior Leaders are sponsoring a street dance in St. Francis for people in the county in conjunction with the county fair. Junior Leaders raise money for the event and hire the band and DJ. "There was an excellent turnout for last year's dance. The kids felt real good about it," says Cheyenne County Home Economist Libby Curry.

The Solomon Valley Hustlers club of Norton County replaces its regular program every other month with a project meeting and short business meeting. Foods, clothing, leather and crafts projects have been featured.

This is done because of the busy schedules of the eight club members and also helps get everyone involved.

Christina Merriman, reporter

A roping clinic, fishing program and basic first aid are on the program for Wallace County day camps this year. Day camps are held in each of the three communities in the county — Sharon Springs, Wallace and Weskan. This allows youths in the communities to either walk or bicycle to the camp instead of relying on their parents for transportation. The camps are planned by the 4-H advisory, and Junior Leaders serve as counselors.

Graham County Home Economist Kimberly Trexler increases participation in home economics judging contests by holding them in conjunction with clothing construction judging, county club days and an international foods day.

The international foods day features a demonstration and lesson on a selected country. Germany, East India, Japanese and Swedish cookery have been featured.

Sixty-five head of cattle were exhibited at the first annual Golden Belt Steer and Heifer Classic at Great Bend. Miles McKee, of the Kansas State University animal science department, was the judge.

A near record crowd of 140 people turned out for the annual DeWerff Dairy Judging School and Field Day at the Vernon DeWerff Dairy Farm in Barton County. The Sedgwick County team took top honors at the 37-year-old event. Charles Norton, of the Kansas State University dairy department, was the instructor.

A former 4-H'er, Don Miller, taught the tractor safety clinic in Barton County this year. Thirty-two youths learned about tractor safety during the seven week course.

Featuring ...

In August Southeast
In September Northeast

Wallace County 4-H'ers are participating in an inter-state exchange with 4-H'ers in Illinois. Last year Wallace County youths traveled to Illinois and this year Illinois youths will spend a week with families in the northwest Kansas community.

Norton County Agricultural Agent Keith VanSlike encouraged Cedar Ridge club members to get involved in the wildlife project. He suggested club members build birdhouses and erect them in the Almena community.

He also spoke about song birds, game birds and showed a film on bluegill fishing.

Laquita Wilson, reporter

Day camps are part of the Rush County 4-H program. Two are held in June and August for 7- to 10-year-olds. Jim Strine, area forester, will speak about Smokey the Bear. Games are planned and the camp ends with the traditional water fight. The fight is waged with water filled soap bottles. Everyone gets wet, even the agents.

The Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club of Norton County begins its year with a project enrollment fair. Parents man the booths, so the 4-H'ers can enjoy the fun.

Lari Ann McMullen, reporter

Fifty to sixty youths annually participate in the area livestock judging school in Colby. Demonstrations are held on the judging and fitting and showing of swine, beef and sheep.

Safety is a club project for the Good Hope Boosters and Four-Square 4-H clubs of Norton County.

The major goal of the Four-Square club this year is to get a flashing light and other safety devices installed at the intersection of Highways 36 and 383 west of Norton. Several fatality accidents have occurred here. A petition is being circulated in the county to present to the State Highway Department.

The Good Hope Boosters made laminated city maps of Lenora and New Almelo to help county ambulance drivers more easily find house addresses.

They helped the local EHU with an Identify-a-Kid project by distributing information to all families in the community and helped fingerprint 110 kids. Halloween safety leaflets were distributed before that holiday.

Jamie Stark and Lisa Thiele, reporters



Revived carnival is a hit

A rejuvenated carnival in Saline County not only was fun but netted \$2,500 for the 4-H Council and 13 clubs in the county.

The carnival, a long-time county tradi-

tion, was discontinued for a year only to be revived this spring.

"People came in with some new ideas; the kids were excited about it," says Saline County 4-H Agent Pam Van

Horn.

The carnival was patterned after the one held annually in Reno County. Each club was responsible for a booth, and some clubs manned two.

For the purchase of a 15-cent ticket, people had the opportunity to try their luck at the roulette wheel, dart throw, pop toss, bean bag throw or duck pond. Youngster could shave a balloon, compete in a food eating contest, get married to 4-H or have their faces decorated.

Popular booths like the roulette wheel netted over \$80; an auction, \$300; and the concession stand quickly sold out of sloppy joes. The greatest moneymaker of the evening was the king and queen contest.

Each club nominated a king and queen, and votes were cast at a penny a vote. Named carnival king with \$349.58 was Sasnak 4-H'er Jason Pierce. Amy Webb, also a Sasnak member, earned \$253.31 and was crowned queen.

Van Horn said the March carnival was a success because of planning which began back in November and enthusiasm by a lot of people.



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Electricity intrigues Elk Countian

Electricity is a favorite project for 14-year-old Darrin Clubine of the Moline Shining Star 4-H Club in Elk County.

"I enjoy learning how things work and knowing that I can build them," Darrin says.

Darrin has been taking appliances and games apart since he was a small child. Four years ago he enrolled in the 4-H electric project and built a battery operated robot and a small motor.

He got the idea for building the robot from a friend who made one for a school science fair. He used a feed bucket for the body, a coffee can for the head and reflectors for the eyes and mouth.

Holes were cut in the wood base for wheels that were purchased from a catalog. A long extension cord runs from the robot to allow greater maneuverability.

"It wasn't an easy project," Darrin recalls. "A lot went wrong, and I had to start over."

At the county fair, the robot was a hit. All the

kids played with it.

Darrin says the robot has been his most difficult electric project. "After that everything fell into place and was easy to make," he says.

Darrin also has made a burglar alarm, wired two lamps and made three extension cords.

This year he plans to rewire his bedroom to accommodate his new computer. He is taking computer as a self-determined project.

As assistant electric project leader last year, Darrin helped another youth make a simple light switch. He enjoyed that role and intends to continue as a leader this year.

His electric project serves double duty as he also takes it as an FFA project.

He keeps records for both 4-H and FFA projects by writing down daily activities on the calendar. He gets help from Mom when he fills out his record book.



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