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Youths concentrate on placings at the annual state horse judging contest at Kansas State University.

Lyon County wins horse judging contest

A one point spread determined the winner of the 1985 state 4-H horse judging contest at Kansas State University.

Lori and Jesse Miser, Beth Henrikson and Ginger Wessel, who made up the Lyon County team, attributed their win to teamwork.

"We all have strong points in different things," Beth says. Beth is strongest in judging halter classes while Ginger excels at giving reasons. Lori and Jesse are good all around judges.

The Lyon County team also placed first in reasons, second in halter and fourth in performance classes. Lori topped individual performance and reasons classes and placed second overall.

The team was coached by Charlotte and Rhonda Wessel.

The Lyon County team will represent Kansas at the American Quarter Horse Congress Oct. 25 in Columbus, Ohio.

Linn County team members Frank Forgett, Matt Teagarden, Jill Lowe and Treasure Saunders were almost happy to finish in the second spot. Winning the contest would have meant they couldn't return and the team is a young one. Treasure is 16 and Matt, Jill and Frank, all 15-years-old.

Linn County team members prepared for the contest under the coaching of Shelly McColm and Marty Read. Team members had to participate in three of four judging contests and three of six workouts. Judging basics were stressed in workouts.

Team members said practice put the team in second place, but all could improve on presenting reasons.

Why do they judge?

"I like anything to do with horses. Hopefully judging will help get me a scholarship," says Jill, who has been judging since the age of 10.

Frank echoes similar sentiments. He hopes to further his study of horses in college.

"It helps me in horsemanship. When they ask the parts of the horse, I know them," Treasure said.

And for Matt, judging is an enjoyable activity.

The Linn County team placed first in performance and third in reasons. Jill took fourth spot in the overall individual scores and Treasure, fifth.

The Linn County team will represent Kansas at the National 4-H Horse Judging Conference in Denver Nov. 9.

Also winning top spots in judging were Dickinson County, third; Greenwood County, fourth; Ness County, fifth; Stanton County, sixth; Riley, seventh; Johnson, eighth; Bourbon, ninth; and Butler, tenth.

High overall individual was Kami Huxman, Ness. Scott Bankes, Dickinson, was third.

Dickinson and Greenwood County teams will attend the International Arabian Horse Judging Contest in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ness County will attend the American Junior Quarter Horse Association Conference in Tulsa, Okla.

Conferences concern clubs

Conferences to provide county agents and 4-H volunteers with information on how to strengthen local clubs will be held throughout the state in the fall.

Conducted by Kansas 4-H Youth staff members, sessions will concern group building, goal setting, enhancing project work, evaluating club progress and celebrating.

Roles and responsibilities of volunteers in the local club and steps and procedures in organizing and dividing clubs that are too large will be discussed.

The traditional community club, neighborhood clubs, such as the Junior Leaders and mini clubs, and project clubs will be covered.

"One reason we feel boys and girls are dropping out of 4-H is that not enough emphasis is being placed on strengthening the local clubs," says C.R. Salmon, assistant director of Extension, 4-H Youth programs. He hopes Hot Stuff Conferences will meet this need.

In the southwest area, Hot Stuff Conferences are planned for: Wichita County, Sept. 30; Pawnee County, Oct. 1; Grant County, Oct. 2; Clark County, Oct. 3.

Northwest area: Sherman County, Sept. 30; Sheridan County, Oct. 1; Phillips County, Oct. 2; Ellis County, Oct. 3.

Southeast area: Lyon County, Oct. 1; Neosho County, Oct. 2; Franklin County, Oct. 2.

Northeast area: Cloud County, Sept. 30; Pottawatomie County, Oct. 2; Atchison County, Oct. 3; Douglas County, Oct. 1.

Southcentral area: Kingman County, Sept. 30; Saline County, Oct. 1; McPherson County, Oct. 2; Sedgwick County, Oct. 3.

For more information, contact the county Extension office.

Concordia club grows and grows

The Spirit of '76 club of Concordia continues to grow. Organized 10 years ago because no Cloud County club met in Concordia, the club soon had 40 members.

Because of its large membership, a new club, New Horizons, was formed from its membership. Today both clubs have over 40 members and the day isn't far away when two new clubs will be formed from part of their membership.

Terri Detter and Rita Hosie, reporters



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Learning about friends.

Friendship is reaching out to someone else

"Why am I afraid to love?"

"Because you may not like who I am, and that's all I've got."

Friends don't just happen. Being a good friend really takes some work, some skills," says Marcia McFarland, state 4-H specialist. McFarland, a former school counselor, presented sessions on friends to campers at Rock Springs Ranch.

In a period of five minutes, find something that tells about yourself, she told the campers.

For one camper, that something was a Dr. Pepper can because, "we're both short and out of the ordinary."

A heart-shaped leaf was the choice of another, "because I like to love."

For still another, a gum wrapper tells that she likes to chew gum.

The first step in being friends is to know yourself, McFarland says. "You have to like yourself to be friends. Sometimes that's hard to do.

"You are the only person in the world that can tell you that you are

wonderful. Every day you need to tell yourself what you do well so you can be comfortable with other people."

It's also important to know what your best friend does well and to tell them when they do things well, McFarland said.

"Friendship is listening, doing things for others, making them feel good about themselves. You have to feel good about yourself in order to do that.

"You have to feel good enough to let them have their successes and accept who they are.

"You have to be honest to have friends. Part of being a friend is feeling comfortable enough to tell others what you need. Some people want to be touched; some want to be left alone; some want to talk.

"We have to feel safe enough to tell about ourselves. If you don't tell me who you are, I never get to know you.

"Friendship is trying to reach out and meet one another's needs. Love one another as you love yourself."

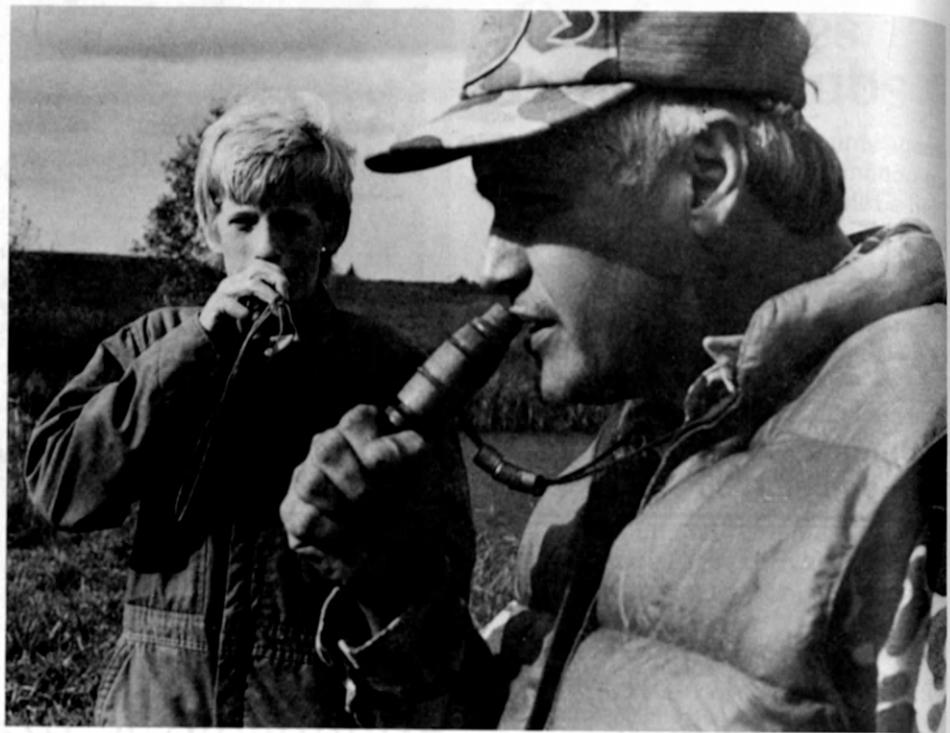
Club increases membership

When the Full O'Pep 4-H Club of Franklin County wanted to increase its membership, it did so with the cooperation of the school district in which the club resides.

Notices of an evening meeting to explain the 4-H program to families were

posted on school bulletin boards. At the meeting, the 4-H program was explained as a family activity that requires a commitment of time.

Families who joined now are some of the strongest club members.



Spencer Tomb, Kansas State University, demonstrates the duck call at the annual Hunting, Fishing and Trapping School at Rock Springs Ranch. Tomb will teach again this year.

An opportunity to grow with nature

School features outdoor education

by Joan Istas

Henry Karl, Jr., gazed in wonder at the stars in the night sky, like so many glittering pieces of mica tossed against a curtain of black.

A Kansas City, Ks., resident, Karl does not see the stars at his home. Nor deer.

His heart beat a bit faster when he saw deer stepping through the trees.

For Karl, these experiences — the opportunity to be outside in nature for two days — added up to a glowing report of the first Hunting, Fishing and Trapping School at Rock Springs Ranch.

"I think it's great. I'd like to see it every year. It can't be beat," he said. "The cost is economical; this is a beautiful place."

Karl came to the fall camp with three of his children. He and son, Otto, attended a session on upland game while daughters Brenda and Rachel learned about bow hunting.

Otto called ducks, shot quail, pheasant and clay pigeons. Shooting clay pigeons was a first and favorite for him.

Brenda and Rachel listened spellbound as Jerry Bratton, Extension forester, talked about his experiences as a bowhunter.

"You don't know you are in trouble until you are in trouble," Bratton said in speaking about hypothermia. Bratton knows; he's been there.

"I couldn't hold my bow or arrows. I couldn't stand. I crawled on my hands and knees about a quarter of a mile. I came that close to dying."

Bratton stressed safety throughout the session that included following a blood trail, tips on building a stand, and how to shoot a bow and arrow.

"Be safe; use common sense," Bratton said.

Kingman County 4-H'er Travis Rakestraw highly praised the session he attended on coon hunting.

"I learned a lot; it was real educational. It was fun," he said.

Travis learned how to take care of his coon dog, about the equipment needed for coon hunting, respecting landowner's rights and places to hunt.

Travis, who is enrolled in the 4-H fur harvester project, hunts coon with his female Walker.

"I like the sport of coon hunting," he says.

Many of those who taught classes at the 1984 school will return as instructors at this year's school. Bratton will return to again teach bow hunting. Also returning will be Spencer Tomb, Kansas State University, and Roger Wells, Kansas Fish and Game Commission, to teach about upland game bird and duck hunting.

Fishing will be taught by Tom Bowman of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission.

Fur harvesting instructors are Lloyd Fox, Kansas Fish and Game Commission, and Mike Maugans, American Redbone Coonhound Association. They will demonstrate how to set traps, speak on ethics and other aspects of trapping needed to qualify youths for their fur harvester's license.

Youths also can qualify for hunting licenses by participating in hunter safety courses that will be taught at the two day school.

The school will be Oct. 12 and 13 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Cost is \$25. Youths 12 to 18 years of age are



Learning about nature is part of the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping School.

eligible to attend. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult. The adult need not be a parent. It can be another family member or a friend of the family.

Participants will sign up in one session and attend activities in it throughout the two days. In addition, there will be general sessions on ethics and wildlife, habitat management and birds of prey. Speakers at general sessions will include Maure Weigel of the Salina Prairie Raptor Association and Bill Harper, Neosho, Mo., who is widely known for his educational films on hunting.

Bob Henderson, who is coordinating the two-day school with Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, said the school is being offered again this year because of the enthusiasm of participant's at last year's school.

"Apparently there is a need for training in hunting, fishing and trapping skills," Henderson says. "These skills are not taught in public schools, and not all parents are trained in this area."

"This is a neat opportunity for kids and parents to learn together and become close friends in a conducive setting," Kling says.

For more information about the 1985 hunting, fishing and trapping school, contact the county Extension office.

Scavenger hunt brings in new members

The Norton County Busy Beavers 4-H Club membership party was whacky.

It was a scavenger hunt, and groups had to bring in such items as a grandpa wearing tennis shoes, a mom in high heels and jeans, a fried egg, a taped horse sound, 4-H book and lots more. Upon their return, members and guests were treated to funnel cakes.

The winning group received banana splits; second place, small malts; third place, medium cones; and last place, kiddy cones. A bicycle-telephone book hike is planned for next year.



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Sharing a sport he loves

by Joan Istas

When Tommie Berger hangs that gone fishing sign on the door, he often has a youth tagging along by his side.

Berger is the Ford County 4-H fishing project leader and annually in-



structs from 8 to 20 youths about the sport.

A fisherman since a small boy, Berger has been the fishing leader for four years now.

"I can't go through life not sharing a sport I love. Everyone of these kids ought to catch a fish or two in their life-time," he says.

The Ford County man credits his father with teaching him how to fish. By the time he was an eighth grader, he knew he wanted to be a game warden. Today, as fisheries biologist for the Kansas Fish and Game Commission, he's doing work he loves.

Part of his job is teaching others about fishing, and the Kansas Fish and Game Commission supports his instruction of youth in fishing.

Using an outline, the fisheries biologist conducts eight project meetings. Sessions begin in late April and end in mid-June.

Indoor meetings last no longer than 1½ hours and include films or slides to keep the interest of the youths. Sessions on identification of different kinds of fish, parts of a fish, why a person wants to go fishing and equipment comprise the first two indoor meetings.

Berger inspects each youth's fishing tackle and, if necessary, repairs it or recommends new purchases.

"Usually younger kids get hand-me-down equipment," Berger explains. "They must have equipment that will operate, that is functional — equipment that makes it fun to catch a fish."

Casting is discussed in the third project meeting, and youngsters compete in a casting contest. Prizes of candy bars are awarded.

An afternoon or evening of fishing in the pond at Dodge City Community College is followed by sessions on how to fish for species of fish that can be caught in southwest Kansas, fishing regulations and boating and other safety precautions.

Before completing the meetings with a day of fishing and a fish fry, 4-H'ers learn how to bring in a fish, how to use a stringer and how to clean and cook fish.

Youths fish both from a boat and from shore at the day's outing. Berger provides fish for the fish fry and cooks the fish. Each family brings a covered dish.

Why does Berger volunteer for the role of fishing project leader?

"I enjoy what I'm doing," he says. "I feel like I do a good job; I have good rapport with the kids."

He likes the parental support he receives at meetings and that is so much a part of the 4-H program.

"It means a lot to the kid to have dad sitting there," he says.

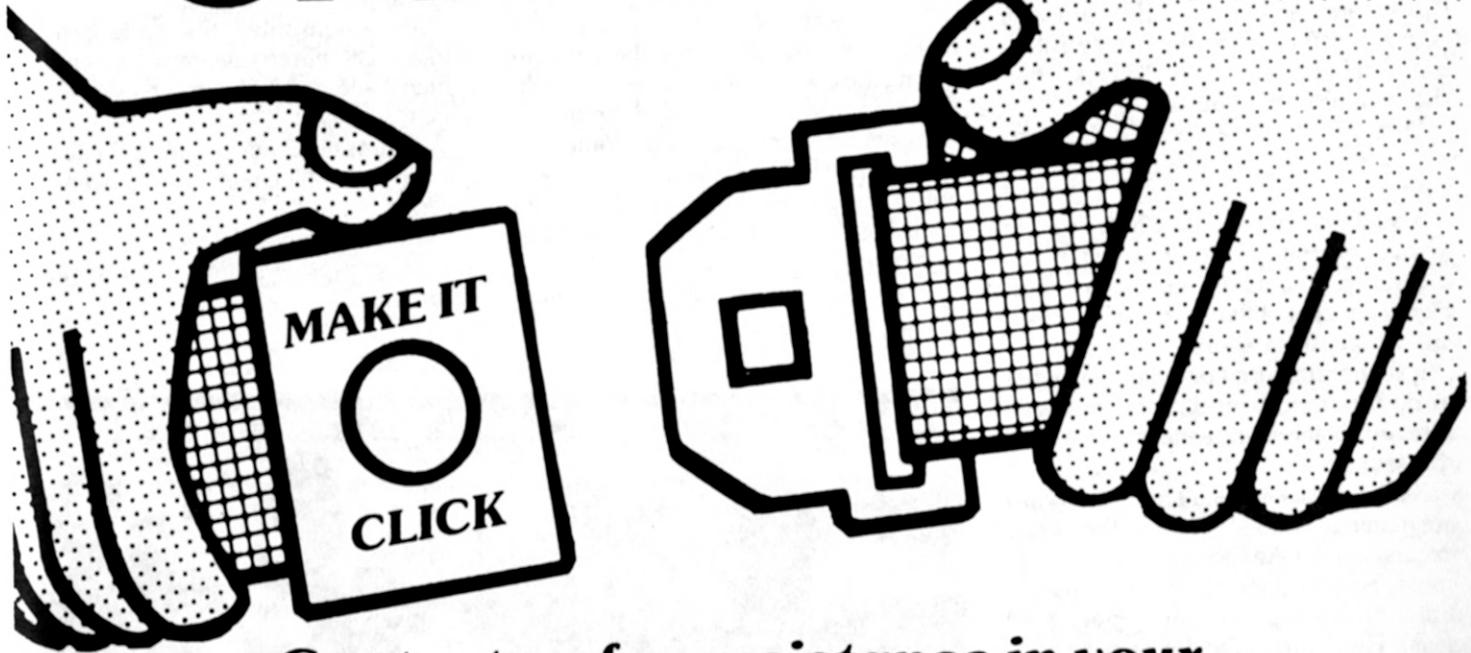
His greatest reward as a project leader is seeing the excitement on a kid's face when he catches his first fish.

Perhaps, someday, Berger's 4-H'ers will regard fishing as he does.

"It's a challenge to be able to go out on a body of water and catch something you can't even see. It's kind of a mystery-type situation."

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Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, demonstrates how to paddle a canoe.

Safety course saves lives

by Joan Istas

If Kansas City Chiefs football player Joe Delaney had taken the basic Red Cross water safety course, he'd probably be playing football today, Emily Kling, state 4-H specialist, tells 4-H'ers when she conducts that course.

Delaney, who was unable to swim, died while trying to save two drowning youths.

You don't have to know how to swim to save someone who is drowning, Kling, a certified Red Cross instructor, says. Eighty per cent of the people who drown are 10 feet from shore.

It is important that people know what to do in an emergency. You can save someone without endangering yourself," she says.

Kling advises 4-H'ers and agents who are going on canoe trips and other water excursions to take the basic water safety course before setting out. Even in shallow water, the unexpected can happen, she says. The course also helps build self-confidence.

Basic water safety is the pre-requisite for all water safety courses. It is not necessary to be a swimmer to take it.

Wabaunsee County Agricultural Agent Billy Woods took the course under Kling at the annual Extension conference and when Junior Leaders began talking about a canoe trip, he invited Kling to present

the course to them.

"I wanted to teach them water safety before I took them canoeing so I don't lose them," he says.

4-H'ers were asked to read Red Cross manuals before attending the session. During the course, they learned to reach, throw and go. They were discouraged from swimming out to rescue someone. Instead they learned how to safely reach out to someone from shore, about boating safety and rescue and artificial respiration.

They saw films on these safety

measures then practiced them in the water. Kling adapted the course to talk about problems that might occur on the canoe trip.

She demonstrated the basic canoe strokes. The youths swamped a canoe, righted it and paddled to shore using their hands.

Wabaunsee County Junior Leaders will canoe in Mill Creek and the Kansas River.

Kling is available to teach the course to other groups. A swimming pool must be provided.



Youths practice water rescue.

KFB Safety Seminar works



First Aid is part of the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Seminar.

Fifteen-year-old Lorrie McClelland hadn't been home from the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Seminar more than a week when she used what she had learned about fire safety.

While she was cooking, a grease fire flared up on the stove.

"If I hadn't gone to the seminar, I would have put water on the fire," Lorrie says. But she learned that water only feeds a grease fire and instead she put a lid on the skillet, turned down the heat and when the fire started up again put baking soda on it.

Lorrie was one of about 100 14- and 15-year-old youths who attended the annual seminar at Rock Springs Ranch.

A member of the Ellis Sunflowers 4-H Club in Ellis County, Lorrie received a scholarship to attend the camp.

"I wasn't looking forward to attending camp, but I'm glad I went. It was fun," Lorrie said. Lorrie came home from camp excited about sharing her knowledge of safety with others. She plans to present safety tips to her 4-H club and speak to her vo-ag class about safety.

Fourteen-year-old John Foster, who represented the Labette Foland Fliers 4-H Club, was most impressed with the films he saw on farm safety. He is convinced safety shields should be put on all farm equipment.

"If farmers in Norton County saw the films we did, they'd practice safety more," says Teresa Broyles of the Good Hope Boosters Club in Norton County. Teresa hopes her father will become more safety conscious on his farm.

Teresa is also excited about the CPR training she received at the seminar. "Now I can save a life," she says. She hopes to help put on a CPR clinic in Lenora and organize Students Against Drunk Driving in her school.

Bruce Pierce of the Montgomery County Rambling Rangers 4-H Club, came home with four commitments. He hopes to get others involved in safety, promote First Aid and CPR, have radio and TV programs on safety and speak about safety to area 4-H clubs.

Safety is a club project for the Rambling Rangers, and Bruce believes other 4-H'ers can benefit from such a project. "It's really important to know about safety. We have too many accidents caused by carelessness," he says.

Seminars on First Aid, non-swimming rescue, fire safety, poison control, motorcycle safety, farm safety, chain saw safety and self defense were taught.

The Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Camp was begun 18 years ago to coordinate youth safety activities across the state. Fourteen- and 15-year-old youths develop leadership in safety and in some instances have saved a life as a result of training they received, says Delbert Ekart, director Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Division, who coordinates the annual safety seminar.

A game idea for your club

This game was designed for the outdoors, but adapted to the great indoors. Everyone can play — and have fun.

Equipment: several balloons (in case of breakage)

Space: any open room

Time: as much as wanted

The Game:

The rules for balloon volleyball are much the same as regular volleyball except for a few modifications:

—Players must remain sitting at all times while the ball is in play

—Serve may be helped over by other players on your team — in fact, each side must use all three hits

—Net can be made up of chairs, desks, or a piece of string stretched across the room between two chairs.

—Boundary lines can be made of masking tape — put down quickly and easily removed.

—Scoring is the same as regular volleyball — first team to score 15 points wins.

Kansas Farm Bureau announces club safety awards

Kansas Farm Bureau is sponsoring a club safety awards program for the 1984-85 year.

4-H clubs who want to enter the contest can do so by submitting a notebook detailing 4-H club safety work for the 1984-85 year to: Delbert Ekart, Director

This game was submitted by Kirk Astroth, Southeast Area 4-H Specialist.

Club game ideas are welcome. Please submit contributions to: Kansas 4-H Journal, 116 Umberger, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Division, Kansas Farm Bureau, 2321 Anderson, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Ten scholarships also will be given to 14- and 15-year-old youths to attend the Kansas Farm Bureau Youth Safety Seminar held annually at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

50 years of judging at Moxley Farms

by Joan Istas

For 50 years Edna Moxley has watched 4-H'ers come to Moxley Farms near Council Grove for the annual Morris County Livestock Judging School.

Founded by her late husband, Jerry, a noted cattleman, the contest drew 4-H'ers from across the state. Some years as many as 350 youths participated.

The two-day school was not only a time of learning about livestock, it was a social event, recalls J. Harold Johnson, former state 4-H leader and now a member of the Kansas 4-H Foundation board of trustees.

"People had such a good time that they were anxious to come again."

In the early years, 4-H'ers brought their bedrolls and slept on the hillside above the farm house. If a rainstorm came up during the night they moved into the hay barns. Sometimes it seemed that dawn arrived before everyone was asleep again.

County agents and a Council Grove bachelor Clarence Krouse cooked for the kids. Breakfast often was scrambled eggs cooked over an open campfire. Beans, roasting ears and watermelon often made up other meals.

"They were good meals, and the young people were always hungry," Johnson says.

The objective of the two-day program was to teach livestock judging. Youths judged cattle, draft horses and Quarter Horses from the Moxley Farm and swine and sheep classes brought in from neighbor's farms.

"It was an excellent line-up of livestock," Johnson says.

Livestock judging demonstrations by Moxley were always a part of the school.

"Jerry Moxley was a master at livestock judging," Johnson recalls. "He was an artist at drawing pictures on the blackboard whether it was horses travelling correctly or the thickness of expensive cuts of an expensive steer."

"Jerry saw a need for these judging schools," Mrs. Moxley says. "It was an informal way of learning. Jerry's business always was calves and kids."

Out of the livestock judging school came such outstanding national competitors as Walter and Joe Lewis, Larned. The Moxley's sons, Tom (who now operates the farm) and the late Hall, also were expert judges.

The youths that come to the annual school today seem younger, Mrs. Moxley says. There have been other changes in the school, too.

Cattle judged no longer are Moxley Hereford's as that herd was dispersed. Cattle judged come from neighbor's farms. Horses are judged in the horse arena in Council Grove and sheep at the fairgrounds. Youths travel to Jim Colliers' farm to judge swine.

The two day school is still a social event. Swimming is provided in the evening for competitors and youths camp out overnight at the lake or stay in motels.

Like the youths of 25, 30 and 50 years ago, today's 4-H'ers come to learn about livestock judging.

Morris County 4-H'er Clay Dalquest began judging at the contest when he joined 4-H at the age of seven. Today, at 16, he can claim wins at area livestock judging contests, has competed at the state livestock judging contest and been offered judging scholarships at junior colleges.

"I enjoy judging," Clay says. "I like being around the kids. I like livestock."

"I think judging is good for you. It helps you learn to make decisions and explain those decisions. When you make decisions in life you have to be able to back them up. You have to be able to communicate."

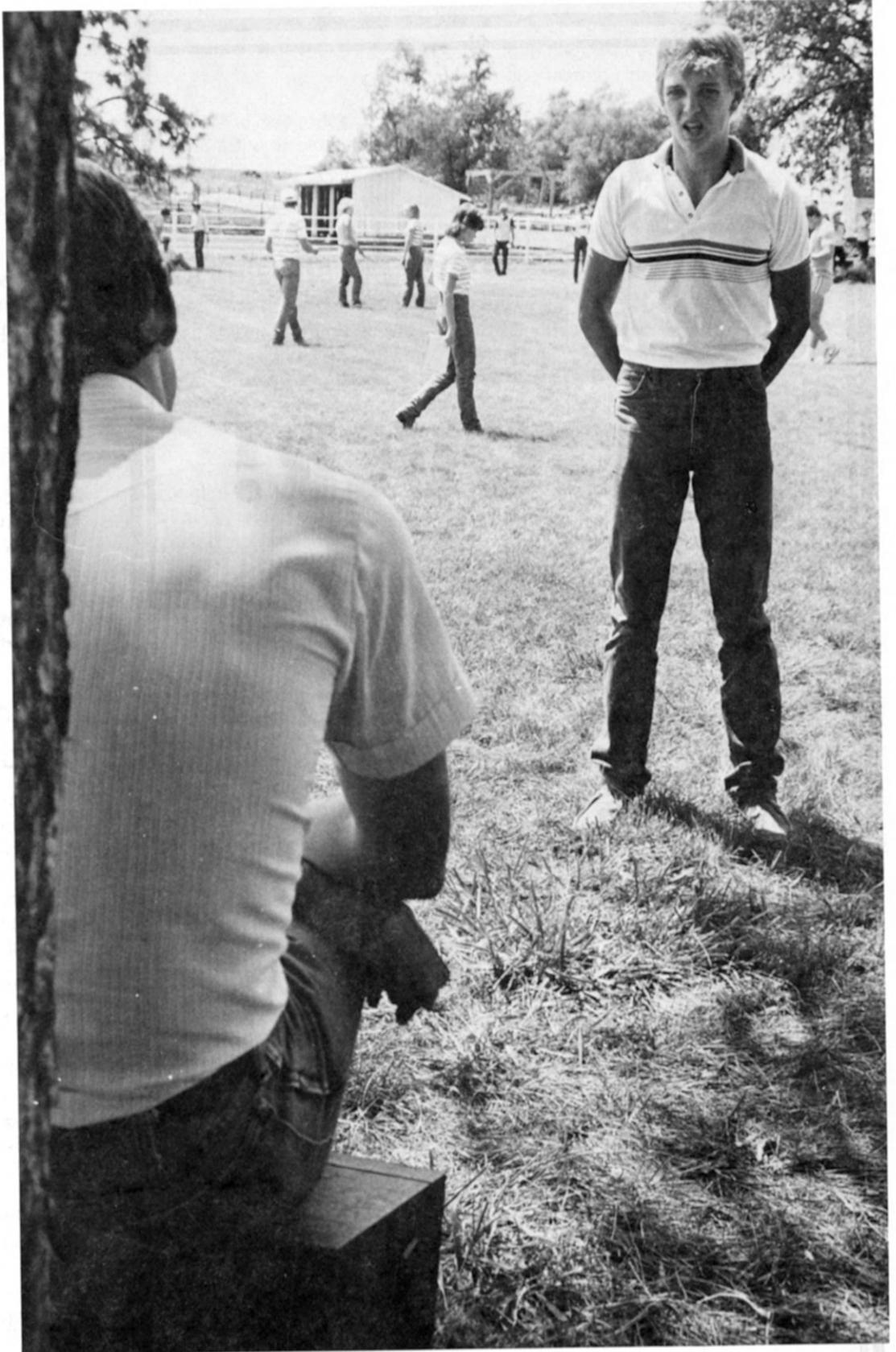
When judging, Clay looks for the most obvious differences in the animals such as size. Then he finds the best and worst in the class.

Eight-year-old Labette County 4-H'er Melissa Hahn says she judges livestock because it's fun and she learns a lot.

Osage County 4-H'er John Harsch, 14, enjoys the challenge and competition of judging. Though he began judging just a year ago, he already has won judging and eventually would like to be the official judge at such contests.

"Sometimes it beats showing; it's fun," he says.





Youths still come to the annual Morris County Livestock Judging School to learn about the judging of sheep, swine, horses, and beef animals. Labette County 4-H'er Melissa Hahn gets help in sheep judging while a Johnson County youth consults with Johnson County Agricultural Agent Richard Miller about his placings. Then it's time to justify those placings with reasons. Morris County Agricultural Agent Chris Baker listens to reasons.



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Fun Food Fair is a success

Russell County 4-H'ers 7 to 14 years of age had fun while cooking at that county's first Fun Food Fair. Six Junior Leaders and an agent taught 30 youths about chocolate lace baskets, designer sandwiches, country crackers, edible flowers and pizza pizzazz.

Chocolate lace baskets were made by dripping chocolate over aluminum foil, letting it set up and peeling off the foil. To make designer sandwiches, 4-H'ers needed paint made out of egg yolks and food coloring, paint brushes, bread, a toaster and a little creativity.

Students in the country crackers class learned how to make crackers from scratch. Edible flowers (and animals) were created out of various fruits and vegetables. In the pizza pizzazz class, students learned different ways to make pizza.

Of course, like one youngster said, the best part of the day was eating what they made.

Program features foods project

The foods project was featured as the program for one meeting of the Busy Beaver 4-H Club of Norton County. Those enrolled in the project gave reports, demonstrations and talks, presented games or served items they had made.

Loveboat tours world of people

The U.S.S. Loveboat recently set sail at the Tisdale United Methodist Church in Cowley County to give Tisdale 4-H'ers and guests a tour of the world.

Participants were divided into groups according to passport color, and a tour guide led them through booths of art, crafts and customs of six countries.

Akemi Shimizu, Southwestern College student, told about Japan; and Marguerite Hessini discussed Algeria and presented a slide show about that country.

Shandi Samuel demonstrated how to drape an Indian woman's dress. Wilma and Arlan Anglemeyer shared slides, booklets and memorabilia from Israel. Representing Denmark, Mary Rogers presented articles and information about that country. Anu Topi, foreign exchange student from Finland, showed slides and spoke about her country.

Tina Bodkins, reporter

4-H is ...

Winners of the 4-H is ... contest have been named in the categories: 7-year-olds, 8- and 9-year olds, 10- and 11-year-olds and 12- and 13-year-olds. An additional three winners were selected overall.

Because of the high quality of entries, judges also made honorable mention selections.

Winners ...

A group, a gathering, a club; no, it's more than that. It's competition, a challenge, self-discipline, friends, work and a fair. It's American — "4-H!"

*Rachel Bratcher, 13
Cowley County
Walnut Valley*

4-H: The Preventative Medicine

One dose of 4-H taken at an early age and continued use until adulthood will: prevent boredom; promote learning; encourage good safety and learning habits; help make new friends; and make you a better person!

Dr. Glad I Joined

*Jenee Thayer, 10½
Dickinson County
Willowdale*

4-H is fun like parties, tours ...

4-H is work like record books ...

4-H is learning like meetings, projects ...

Playing, working or learning I like 4-H!

Travis Troyer, 9

*Riley County
Leonardville Hustlers*

4-H is fun and exciting. 4-H teaches me new things. We learn to help each other. I love 4-H.

*Jason Frasier, 7
Wallace County
Harrison Endeavors*

4-H is fun and also hard work. You learn how to organize and exhibit. And the fun is learning how. 4-H makes my day.

*Carl Black, 11
Chase County
Bazaar*

4-H is terrific, educational, fun and LOTS OF WORK! I learn discipline for life and I set goals and keep records. I LOVE 4-H!

*Ingrahm Crawford, 9
Rice County
Fairplay*

4-H to me is for meeting new people, learning new activities and helping other people young or old.

*Angie Morgan, 12
Russell County
Blue Jeans Kids*

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4-H is a club to learn about and experience things in a variety of topics from arts and crafts to cats and dogs.

*Jennifer Jirak, 12
Coffey County
Stringtown Bombers*

Through 4-H I have learned and done things I never would have without it. 4-H has opened my eyes to new things. 4-H is terrific!

*Jennifer Black, 12
Chase County
Bazaar*

4-H is an important asset to any community. It teaches skills and values to its members providing useful young citizens with productive ideas.

*Kristi Winningham, 13
Shawnee County
Pleasant Hill*

4-H is not winning ribbons.

4-H is not trying to beat fellow 4-H'ers.

But 4-H is doing your best at everything you do.

*Colby Jones, 11
Miami County
Rolling Hills*

4-H means family, friends and fun, all working together "to make the best better." We keep busy and enjoy a variety of learning experiences together.

*Cara Myers, 10
Leavenworth County
Happy Helpers*

I think 4-H is fun for kids of all ages.

*Tonya Splitter, 10
Lincoln County
Sylvan Hustlers*

4-H is learning by doing, striving for the best and helping each other grow in self worth. 4-H is a fun learning experience.

*Jason Obermeyer, 10
Marshall County
Waterville Busy Beavers*

4-H is fun. I like camp, going to meetings and competing at club days. I like learning new things when I do my projects.

*Frank Black, 7
Chase County
Bazaar*

4-H projects are the most fun. The cat project and horse project are the ones I like the most. Home environment will be my next.

*Cindy Price, 7
Grantville 4-H*

Join 4-H. 4-H has many fun things to do like: cooking, sewing, arts, crafts, gardening, raising animals, reading, going to the fair and winning ribbons.

*Ingrid Sullivan, 8
Montgomery County
Cheery Cherokees*

You learn to be responsible and have a chance to learn new and different things. You get to make new friends and have fun.

*Rebecca Sodja, 9
Franklin County
Junior Judges*

4-H is learning by doing. It means finding bone fragments at a paleontological dig, baking treats and caring for animals. 4-H is learning by doing.

*Joel McReynolds, 8
Rooks County
Woodston Sunflower*

I think 4-H is full of fun. You can enter lots of things in the fair. Those who aren't in 4-H are missing lots of fun.

*Kelly Schnepf, 8
Riley County
Little Apple*

It teaches you things. But I'm only 9; later on it will help me. You have fun and go on field trips. It's terrific!

*Jamie Reel, 9
Leavenworth County
Livewires*

4-H is challenging. It offers me a variety of activities and helps me learn more. 4-H isn't only for farm kids, 4-H is for everybody!

*Amy Leyerzapf, 10
Dickinson County
Willowdale*

Foundation awards grants

Twelve 4-H clubs have been awarded citizenship in action grants ranging from \$15 to \$355, according to Charles Bates, state 4-H specialist.

Grants, awarded through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, are sponsored by Pioneer Hybrid International, Plains Division, Lincoln, Neb., and Southwestern Bell, Topeka.

Grants awarded are: Barber County Junior Leaders, \$250 for E. Dick Memorial Park and Barber County Fair; Cheyenne County Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club, \$150, improvement of park playground; Cloud County Republican Valley 4-H Club, \$275 to remodel the Sibley Schoolhouse.

Geary County McDowell Creek 4-H Club, \$235.66, playground equipment and benches for McDowell Creek Community; Hodgeman County Busy Bees Jrs., \$300, lifeline and long term care residents; Jefferson County Crackerjacks 4-H Club, \$270, McLouth Community Library; Kingman County Junior Leaders, \$290, fairgrounds beautification; Pottawatomie County Victory 4-H Club, \$250, emergency picture communication for medical staff.

Stafford County Antrim Streamliners, \$200, Wells Fargo gamefield walking course; Wyandotte Nearman 4-H Club, \$300, Help us Help Sherry, the Sherry McLaughlin Fund; Cheyenne County Lawn Ridge 4-H Club, swimming pool floor and safety project, \$355.

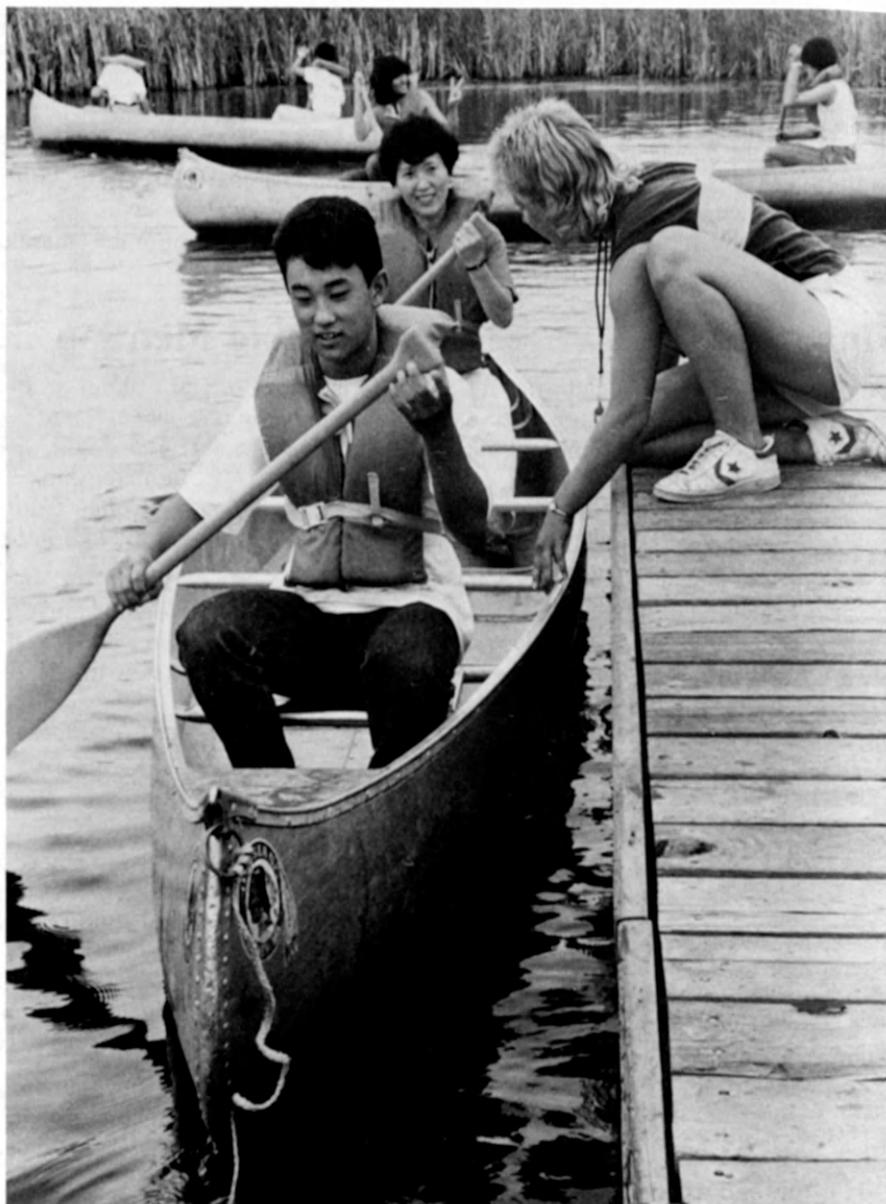
Grant application forms are received annually by county Extension offices in mid-April. Deadline to have completed forms returned to the state 4-H office is July 1.

Clinic features communications

The newly organized Fort Hays State Collegiate 4-H Club presented a communications clinic and record book workshop for area youths this year.

About 80 youths from Trego, Russell, Rush and Ellis counties participated in the communications clinic that featured project talks, demonstrations and public speaking. Talks were video taped and youths constantly reminded to smile and have fun. It's not so scary to give a talk; all you're doing is sharing a project experience, they were told.

Collegiate 4-H club members judged at five county club day events this year and this summer helped with area day camps. About 25 youths are members of the organization.



Incoming LABO youths spent a weekend at Rock Springs Ranch before traveling on to meet their host families. The 90 Japanese youths are learning about the U.S. by spending a month with 4-H families in Kansas.

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Committee formed on the family

A project developmental committee is being established to provide direction for the family strengths project, according to Marcia McFarland, state 4-H specialist.

"When the futuristic committee met, one thing that kept surfacing was the need for involving the family more and in different ways in 4-H activities, McFarland said.

County 4-H advisories across the state also are really looking at family involvement, McFarland said.

The family strengths project in Kansas was started in 1981. Project materials, which include a record sheet, are adapted from Nebraska materials.

The family strengths committee will meet Nov. 22 and 23 at Rock Springs Ranch.



A 4-H petting zoo during a downtown shopping weekend in Franklin County introduces people to the 4-H program. Here Mom and the two children learn about beef animals.

Family strengths is club project

Jayhawkers 4-H Club members in Pottawatomie County are thinking more about the family today because the club is taking family strengths as a project.

"Since 4-H is a family organization, we decided this was a neat way to emphasize the family," says Mary Lenheer, community club leader.

Mrs. Lenheer believes 4-H strengthens the family. But sometimes even 4-H people forget that the family is important, she says.

The club also wanted a different kind of club project.

All 24 families in the club are enrolled in the project, and all fill out record sheets. A family is considered a unit of people living and sharing together. A family can be one adult and one child. It does not necessarily have to be a couple with children.

The family is mentioned at almost every club meeting. Sometimes club members answer roll call by telling what they do as a family.

As part of the program every month,

two families in the club give a project talk telling what they do as a family.

The Bill and Betty Dorman family talked about how the extended family and family heritage is important to them.

The Larry Jackson family told how they have researched their family history, and the Cletus and Rita Legleiter family, about the importance of the fairs and 4-H in their lives.

When the Legleiters go to the state fair, they leave at 4 in the morning. A tailgate breakfast starts fair activities.

The Legleiters work on 4-H projects together. "4-H kept us from having a generation gap when the kids were teens," Mrs. Legleiter said.

Club members and their families are encouraged to attend the annual hayrack ride and weiner roast together. Parents also are encouraged to attend club meetings with their children.

Some families believe more guidelines are needed for the project. Still participation has been good, and Mrs. Legleiter, who also is a community leader, and Mrs. Lenheer hope the club will take it as a project again next year.

Country school gets new look

An old country school in Neosho County has a brighter look because of the Jolly Jayhawkers club.

Club members and parents painted both the exterior and interior of the building, waxed the wood floors, made curtains for the windows and erected a sign at the front of the building designating it as the home of the club.

Citizenship has long been a club project. In addition to giving the schoolhouse a new look, club members have taken Christmas baskets to the elderly, made a county fair banner on citizenship and visited the state capital.

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Celebrating 50 years

by Joan Istas

Celebrating 50 years and looking forward to 75 — That's the philosophy of Sharon 4-H Club members as they observe the 50th anniversary of the club.

Ruth McCulley Bacon, who was the first secretary-treasurer of the club, recalls that Mary Elsie Border, former state 4-H specialist, was instrumental in the founding of the club. At that time, there was only one other club in Johnson County.

Mrs. Bacon was 19-years-old when she became a community club member. She had been a member of a 4-H girl's project club. But, she says, "We wanted the boys in, too."

"Once you get interested in 4-H, you don't get out."

A year after the club was organized, Mrs. Bacon became the community leader and continued in that capacity until she married. Today she still sponsors trophies for county fair events and made and donated a China painted plate for the club's anniversary celebration.

"Once you get interested in 4-H, you don't get out. 4-H is so wonderful," Mrs. McCulley says.

Josephine Wiswell Morrison, also a charter member, says 4-H was much different in 1935 than today.

Mrs. Morrison, who became a Sharon 4-H Club member at the age of 17, recalls that the club had 45 members at that time.

"We had a lot of fun," she says.

Pearl Brink Nickolson, the first club reporter, says she has never forgotten her 4-H years.

"I liked everything," she says. "The fellowship was fantastic. We learned parliamentary procedure and public speaking."

J. Jones, the first club president, recalls that the club originally met at the Sharon School and took its name from the school.

"It was exciting being president; it was an honor, too," he says.

Jones remembers taking a sow and litter as a 4-H project and competing in a judging contest in which the prize was a Duroc gilt. The Shawnee Mission Fair was the only fair in the county.

Jones went to camp in the Bonner Springs area where he went swimming in the creek.

"We had a lot of fun in 4-H," he says.

Today the Sharon 4-H Club boasts 42 members. Members come from the southern part of Johnson County, and livestock and home economics are major projects. Woodworking, horse and crafts also are popular projects.

Many club members remain in the program for 10 years



J. Jones, first Sharon 4-H Club president, and Arlene Engel, current club president.

or more. Rex Harrison, now majoring in animal science at Kansas State University, was a 10-year 4-H'er.

"I enjoyed the learning experience, the people I met at county and state events," he explains. "If I had the time, I would be a leader. Someday I sure will have my kids in 4-H."

Rex is using many of the things he learned in 4-H in college. As a result of giving 4-H talks and demonstrations, he feels confident about talking about the cattle industry.

"My experiences in 4-H are going to be with me through life," he says.

John Barrier, who is in his 10th year in 4-H, believes the youth program is synonymous with learning.

"4-H is more like a career field," he says. "In 4-H, learning is fun."

John developed leadership qualities, set goals, learned to strive for higher standards and discovered his career choice of a chef.

Susie Mackey, who graduated from 4-H after 11 years as a member, fondly remembers the fairs. She was so sad on the last day of her final 4-H fair that she sat down and cried.

"I wish I could have stayed in longer," she says. "I still can't stay away from the fair. I love showing livestock."

Susie isn't entirely out of 4-H. Now she accompanies her younger brother Jake to livestock shows.

Susie believes the Sharon 4-H Club is a strong club because members work and play together. Parties are a part of every 4-H year as well as community service projects. Club members have collected aluminum cans, picked up trash along roadsides, conducted paper drives, planted trees and, as part of an Acres for Wildlife project, had Governor John Carlin sign a National Wildlife Week proclamation.

Dorothy Van Daele, who has been associated with the

Tiny Toilers celebrate 50th

Sixty-eight people helped the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club of Pawnee County celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The club was organized Dec. 6, 1934 with 31 charter members. It was named the Tiny Toilers because the club met in the basement of the Tiny Church.

The club has had 45 state winners, five national award winners and the past 21 years annually has received state recognition for its work in safety.

Former members Donald Deege and Jim Forrest have served as community leaders and been honored as state alumni award winners.

At the 50th anniversary celebration, charter members Mildred (Mast) Scott, Wichita, and Glenn Froetschner, Larned, were honored. Lucinda Reat, the first community leader, was memorialized for having greatly contributed to the club's success.

The Deege family was recognized for having three generations who have been club members. Present club members are Donald, Denese and David (Deege) Freeland.

Frances Lewis showed old movies of club activities and Pawnee County fairs taken during the early 1950s when she was a community leader. Old secretary's and reporter's books and pictures were available for browsing.

Kimberly Forrest



Todd Knappenberger, who chaired the 50th celebration committee, makes a special presentation to long-time Sharon 4-H Club leader Dorothy Van Daele.

club as a community or project leader for 25 years, believes the club has survived 50 years because of cooperation between parents, leaders and members. "Parents have to be interested," she says.

"The community club is important because it holds the community together," Mrs. Daele says.

"The community club ties a lot of neighbors together," agrees Tom Knappenberger, present club community leader. "The community club is the basis behind the 4-H program."

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Northeast area roundup

Soil conservation is a major interest of the Willis All-Stars 4-H Club of Brown County.

The club has won the award for the best soil conservation banner at the Brown County Fair, planted 12 trees for a windbreak at the Horton Elementary School, had project talks on conservation and presented the skit, "Soil Erosion Meets Its Doom."

All 17 club members, 7 to 17 years of age, participated in the skit. It was an opportunity for older and younger club members to work with each other.

Elizabeth Luna, reporter

About 135 5- to 11-year-olds attended Johnson County's largest 4-H Day Camp — The Gardner Day Camp.

Campers attended sessions on woodworking, mountain man, kitchen magnets, paper flowers, foods, bingo and recreation. In keeping with the theme, Mexican Fiesta, two pinatas were broken, and youths scrambled for the prizes of candy and small toys.

Junior Leaders from the Prairie Star, Oxford Hustlers and Busy Bees clubs, and adults volunteered their time to put on the Day Camp.

Swimming and a weiner roast were combined with the Morrill Tip Top 4-H club tour for an evening of fun. Steers, horses, hogs rabbits and poultry were seen on the tour.

Darin Grimm and Traves Aberle

A county-wide livestock judging session and a clinic on grooming and showing livestock were hosted by the Prairie View Club of Atchison County recently. Local livestock producers and junior leaders from area 4-H clubs provided animals for the clinic.

The session was for beginning judges and those who wanted more instruction on judging and reasons.

After the judging, watermelon was served at the Effingham City Park.

The Prairie View Club consists of 22 members and three adult leaders.

Sheila Swendson

The Fairview Willing Workers 4-H Club promotes health for a club project. The club has made tray favors for the hospital, delivered cookies to shut-ins at Christmas, canvassed the town for the arthritis foundation and cancer fund and donated bake sale funds for the Ronald McDonald House. A community Halloween party hosted by the club was fun. Club members took children to the houses for treats and returned them home safely.

Lori Rieger, reporter

Photography was added to the Riley County Spring Show. Thirty-seven entries were critiqued in consultation judging.

Have you ever wanted to dress like your favorite rock star, have a crazy supper or go to the amusement park in Kansas City?

Mt. Zion Rustlers of Brown County have done these things and more in the club's recreation project. The club also has had swimming parties and hosted a bike-a-thon for the American Cancer Society.

Kim Rieger, reporter

Nemaha County Stateliners 4-H Club members picked up aluminum cans to raise funds to restore the Statue of Liberty.

Jonas Smith, reporter

Senior citizens in Nemaha County are benefitting from the Stateliners club citizenship project. The club delivers tray favors to area nursing homes and meals to senior citizens.

On holidays, members of the Marshall County Wide Awake 4-H Club take tray favors to nursing home residents. The club raises money for this and other projects with bake sales.

Brown County's third annual day camp was a success as 73 campers, counselors, agents and 4-H program development committee members participated.

PDC members spoke about their hobbies or professions. Sessions included common insect pests of pets, dental hygiene, beef showmanship, crafts and electricity. PDC members also baked cookies for snacks.

Wyandotte County has gone to the dogs, thanks to Marie Evanson and Harriet Lewetzow. These 4-H leaders spent many hours teaching 4-H'ers how to handle their dogs. Mrs. Evanson teaches basic obedience where dogs are taught basic commands such as sit, stay and heel. Mrs. Lewetzow teaches advanced obedience where the dogs are trained off leash.

Ginny Swanson

The Bonfire club of Riley County hosted two day camps for 5- to 9-year-olds in the Green Valley community. Day Camp activities included making nutritious snacks, arts and crafts, singing and games. Bonfire's junior leaders organized the event and served as instructors and counselors.

Holly Lambert

Eight senior and eight junior teams from Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell and Republic counties participated in the first North Central Kansas Trivia Bowl recently in Cloud County.

Questions used in the bowl were based on 4-H home economics project materials. Winners were declared after three rounds of questions.

The winning senior team was the Cloud County team of Kathy Hayden, Steven Buss, Susan Letourneau and Linda Barnett. The Mitchell County team of Kristi Guipre, Annie Bunger, Rebel Mahieu and Melinda Odle placed second.

In the junior division, the Mitchell County team of Missy Heller, Jana Jones, Amy Yeary and Jennifer Brummer won the contest. Cloud County members Danielle Emmel, Stephanie Pfannenstiel, Darrel Barnett and Gloria Detrixhe placed second.

The purpose of the trivia bowl is to teach home economics subject matter. It is patterned after the College Bowl which brought together two opposing teams of four persons to answer scholarly questions.

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He plans a career in electricity

An interest in electricity developed through the 4-H electric project may become a career for Geary County 4-H'er Todd Strain.

Todd is a freshman at Kansas State University majoring in electrical engineering.

"Electricity is something I'm interested in. It's there. I want to be a part of it, to understand it, to explain it to others."

Todd developed his electrical interest himself. Neither of his parents is knowledgeable on the subject. Perhaps that was one of the fascinations of the project, Todd says. It was something I could do that no one else in the family could.

A 10-year member of the Humboldt 4-H Club, Todd has enrolled in electricity the past five years. Like many youths, he made an extension cord his first year.

"It was easy to make, and I could put it together myself," he says.

Todd has found local electricians helpful as he has made other projects —

a four way switch, a fluorescent lamp and a demonstration board that showed why a fuse blows.

Todd made the demonstration board because the circuit breakers in the Strain's home were always blowing. The demonstration board helped him understand why this occurred.

His most enjoyable project was making the four way switch because he plans to wire one in the basement of his home.

The Geary County youth has exhibited his electric projects at the Geary County Fair, and all have qualified for exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. At Hutchinson, his exhibits have been awarded blue and red ribbons.

Todd has found the knowledge he gained in the electric project applicable in his school work. As a ninth grader, he converted the Strains miniature windmill into a wind generator by wiring it to a small turntable motor.

When his high school physics class began discussing volts, amps and wat-

tage, Todd said, "Hey, I know that. I was ahead of a lot of the kids in the class."

Todd also shared his demonstration board with his physics class.

Safety has been an important aspect of the electric project for Todd. It's important to know how to handle loose wire safely, he says.

Todd has promoted the electric project by demonstrating how to wire a switch and how to properly add an outlet for his 4-H club.

The 18-year-old youth says he still has a lot to learn about the electric project. He is enrolled in two phases of electricity this year — "Behind the Switch" and "Electronics." In "Behind the Switch" he is learning about power distribution, secondary and primary lines and transformers. In electronics, he works with transistors, resistors and relays.

Todd is sold on 4-H. "It's a big learning experience outside of school," he says.



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