



The Kansas Future Farmer



Kansas FFA Officers Elected

By Becky Vining

Mike Torrey, 18, Wamego, will lead Kansas' 7,000 future Farmers of America members as 1982-83 state FFA president. The officer team will also include Julie Swanson, 18, vice president, from Arkansas City; Cheryl Hundley, 18, secretary, from Atchison County Community High FFA chapter (Ef-

tingham); Ann Durkes, 18, treasurer, from Mission Valley (Eskridge); Keith Westervelt, 19, reporter, from Riley County (Riley), and Vern Schweer, 19, sentinel, from Garden city.

The new state officers were installed at the concluding session of the 54th Kansas FFA Convention, at Kansas State University.



The new State Officers for 1982-83 are (from left) Mike Torrey, Julie Swanson, Vern Schweer, Cheryl Hundley, Keith Westervelt and Ann Durkes.

Hill City FFA Chapter Wins Triple Crown Award

By Becky Vining

The Hill City Future Farmers of America Chapter was named winner of the Triple Crown award, distinguishing it as the top FFA chapter in Kansas for 1982. The announcement was made at the 54th Kansas FFA Convention at Kansas State University.

The Triple Crown award honors the Kansas FFA chapter with the most outstanding overall activities. Winners are selected based on

40 percent of their National Chapter rating, 30 percent on Building Our American Communities and 30 percent on Safety.

Placing behind Hill City in the top 10 were Wamego, Marysville, Arkansas City, Cherryvale, Mankato, Labette County (Altamont), Fort Scott, Smith Center and Scott City.

The Triple Crown awards are sponsored by McPherson Concrete Storage Systems Inc.

54th Kansas FFA Convention June 2-4 at KSU

By Becky Vining

Nearly 2,000 Future Farmers of America members and guests were present on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan June 2-4 for the 54th Kansas FFA Convention. FFA members throughout the state recognized fellow members for outstanding achieve-

ments and conducted business of the state association.

Guest speakers at the convention were Harland Priddle, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture; Scott Heasham, national FFA president from Newton, Iowa; and Scott McKain, a motivational speaker who was national FFA secretary in 1974-75.

FFA Supporters Receive Special Awards At Convention

By Becky Vining

Supporters of the Kansas Future Farmers of America Association were recognized with Honorary State Farmer Degrees and distinguished Service Awards at the 54th state FFA convention. These individuals are honored for their dedication and support of the FFA over past years.

The honorary State Farmer Degree was conferred upon J. D. Adams, former vocational agriculture instructor at Garden City High School; Orlan Buller, associate professor of agricultural economics at KSU; Bennie Davis, manager of the Sunflower State Expo, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Deverff, farm couple from

Ellinwood; John Dunbar, Dean of Agriculture at KSU; Chuck Ladner, Chief of Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration, Topeka; Jack Livolsi, WIBW-TV cameraman, Topeka; and Monte Reese, vice president of public relations, Federal Land Bank, Wichita.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to L. C. Crouch, assistant commissioner of the state Board of Education, Topeka; Tena Feldhausen, secretary of the state FFA office, Manhattan; Emma Hamlin, secretary of the livestock show, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson; Norman Roux, trucker from Moundridge; and Evelyn Summers, secretary of ag mechanics, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson.

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Greg Schafer Selected FFA and Young Farmers Executive Secretary

By Becky Vining

Greg Schafer, Manhattan, has been selected as executive secretary for the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America and Kansas Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives Organization. As executive secretary, Schafer is employed as an instructor of adult and occupational education at

Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Schafer is in charge of planning, managing and carrying out programs of the two agricultural organizations.

Schafer has been the vocational agriculture instructor at Riley County High School (Riley) four

years. In this position, he served as adviser to both the Riley County FFA Chapter and Young Farmers Organization.

Schafer received his bachelor's degree in 1978 and master's in 1981, both in agricultural education from Kansas State University.

Kansas FFA Proficiency Award Winners Announced

Future Farmers of America members were recognized for their achievements in 22 diverse areas of agriculture at the 54th Kansas FFA Convention. The 22 state Proficiency Award winners each received \$100 and a certificate at the state convention.

The winners are: Ag Electrification, Jack Simmons, Erie; Ag Mechanics, Leroy Reitcheck Jr., Hoxie; Ag Processing, Keith Karlin, Plainville; Ag Sales and/or Service, Jay Christensen, Marion; Beef Production, Steve Gleason, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Crop Production, Scott Robinson, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Dairy Production, Loren Pachta, Belleville.

Diversified Livestock Production, Scott Vathauer, Valley Heights (Blue Rapids); Fish and Wildlife Management, Mark Jirak,

Centre (Lost Springs); Floriculture, Regina Powell, Mankato; Forest Management, George Heid, St. George; Fruit and/or Vegetable Production, Roger Marrs, Arkansas City; Nursery Operations, Kathy Flanagan, Wamego; Home and Farmstead Improvement, Kathy Hayes, Marion.

Horse Proficiency, Kip Boomhower, Russell; Outdoor Recreation, Daniel Renn, Southeast (Cherokee); Placement in Ag Production, Lee Weis, Salina; Poultry Production, Curtis Willems, Labette County (Altamont); Sheep Production, Danny Bauerle, Hiawatha; Soil and Water Management, Steve McGinnes, Hiawatha; Swine Production, Randy Dean, Mankato; and Turf and Landscape Management, Dennis Grauer, Marysville.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Members Honored

By Susan Tousignant

The 1982 outstanding Kansas FFA alumni member is an office manager and bookkeeper, as well as a homemaker and mother. Eleanor Mayfield of Caney was honored for her outstanding service to the Future Farmers of America and vocational agriculture.

Mayfield is a charter member of the Caney FFA Alumni Affiliate and has served as an officer for five years. She has established a scholarship for the local FFA chapter and received the Honorary chapter Farmer degree in 1971.

Rodney Stewart, Washington, was chosen as runner-up to the outstanding Kansas FFA alumni member. A graduate student at Kansas State University, Stewart was a member of the Ag Education Club and president of Alpha Tau Alpha ag education honorary. He was instrumental in the organization of the Washington FFA Alumni Affiliate and has served as president the past three years.

Both Mayfield and Stewart have attended the National FFA Alumni Convention as Kansas delegates and are life members of the FFA Alumni Association. They received their awards at the 1982 Kansas FFA Alumni Luncheon held in conjunction with the State FFA Convention at K-State.

State Par Law Winners

The Arkansas City FFA Chapter was the winner of the State Parliamentary procedure contest held at the 54th Kansas Future Farmers of America convention. Members of the winning team were: Barry Brinkman, Julie Swanson, Brad Jackson, Roger Marrs, Jeff Swanson, Darin Pike and Rodney East-

man. Advisor for the chapter is Rod Nulik.

Other team placings were the Marysville FFA, second; Clay Center FFA, third; and Hill City FFA, fourth. Plaques and checks were presented to the first through fourth placings by the Federal Land Bank Associations of Kansas.

Kansas FFA Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman For 1982

Loren Pachta of Belleville was named Star Farmer of Kansas, and Mike Torrey of Wamego was named Star Agribusinessman at the Thursday evening session of the Kansas Future Farmers of American convention.

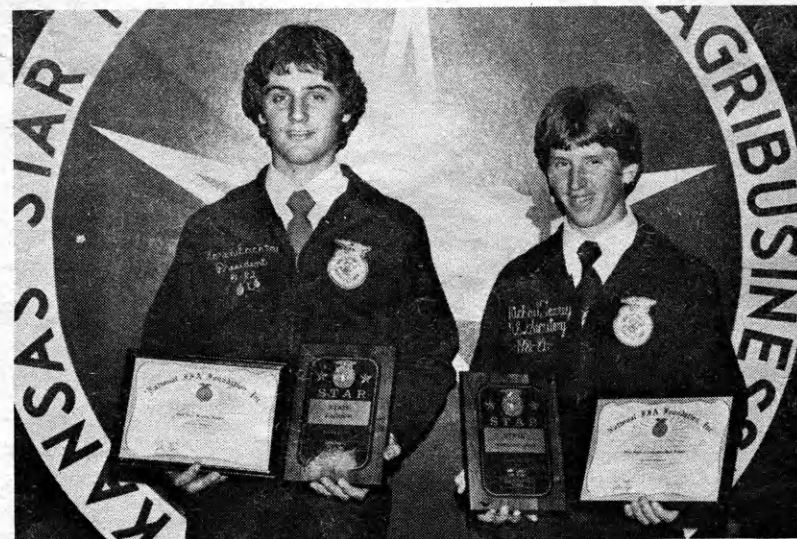
Pachta received the honor for the top program in production agriculture for his 14 dairy cows, 547 swine, 27 beef cattle, 75 acres of wheat and 28 acres of grain sorghum. DHIA records and artificial insemination on the Holsteins improve the dairy herd which averaged 14,280 pounds of milk. His 24 sows weaned an average 8.6 pigs per litter, and he finished out feeder steers. Pachta achieved a 41 bushel an acre yield on his wheat and 98 on his milo last year on the 104 acres he rents.

Torrey received the Star Agribusinessman award primarily for his work at Fulfer Feed Yard of Belvue. During the growing season, he cultivates row crops, lays irrigation pipe for wheat and corn, fills silo and harvests. His duties with the cattle include building

fence, vaccinating, implanting, feeding and sorting. Torrey also helped reconstruct the elevator, machine shed and shop that were destroyed by fire and tornado. He has worked nearly 2,000 hours at

the feedlot and has purchased 40 cattle of his own.

These two individuals were selected from 14 Star District Farmers and Agribusinessman from across the state.



The 1981-82 State Star Farmer, Loren Pachta (left), from the Belleville FFA, and the State Star Agribusinessman, Mike Torrey (right), from the Wamego FFA.

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Dates To Remember

- July 19-22 — State Leadership Camp, Rock Springs Ranch
- July 30 — National Convention Stage Crew Applications due to State Office
- August 2-5 — KVATA Conference, Hutchinson
- August 6-7 — State Young Farmers Tour, Goessel
- August 31 — Sunflower State Expo Entry Deadline, Topeka
- September 1 — Kansas State Fair Entries Deadline, Hutchinson
- September 2-6 — Sunflower State Expo, Topeka
- September 11-19 — Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- September 24-27 — Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Wichita
- September 30 — FFA DUES DEADLINE, State Office
- October 2-3 — District Officers Conference, Manhattan
- October 2 — KSU Ag Careers Day, Manhattan
- November 7-20 — American Royal, Kansas City
- November 10-13 — National FFA Convention, Kansas City
- November 30 — PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES DUE, State Office
- December 29 — Union Pacific Scholarship Applications Due, Dr. Welton, KSU
- January 18 — Vocational Citizenship Day, Topeka

Russell FFA

Russell County farmers toured the Russell FFA Chapter school farm on June 10 to observe ten popular varieties of wheat planted in the wheat test plot. They also observed results of the new herbicide Glean when applied to wheat, as well as a bindweed control study using Banvel, Roundup, and 2,4-D. The Russell County Ag Extension Council, Velsicol Chemical representatives, and agronomists from the Colby Experiment Station cooperated in the effort with the local FFA members.

Winners of 59th Annual Kansas FFA Contests Announced

By Becky Vining

Winners of the 59th annual Kansas FFA Contests at Kansas State University, Manhattan, were announced Tues., April 27 at an awards ceremony in McCain Auditorium. About 1,000 youth representing 129 schools from throughout the state competed in the 13 contests which were held April 25-27.

Ten high teams in meats identification and judging — Marion, Wabaunsee (Alma), Inman, Mission Valley (Eskridge), Satanta, Hillcrest, (Cuba), Arkansas City, Rossville, Salina Central and Washburn Rural (Topeka).

Ten high individuals in meats identification and judging — Greg Bahruth, Arkansas City; Eddie Moege, Wabaunsee (Alma); Matt Wineinger, Marion; Julian Seaman, Marion; Dell Dieball, Wabaunsee (Alma); Derren Esslinger, Mankato; Roy Loepe, Inman; Rodney Potter, Mission Valley, (Eskridge); Joe Makovec, Marion; Kevin Milner, Hillcrest, (Cuba).

Ten high teams in farm business management — Labette County (Altamont), Inman, Salina Central, Marysville, Hiawatha, Scott Community (Scott City), Wilson, Centre (Lost Springs), Uniontown, Marion.

Ten high individuals in farm business management — Kevin Regier, Inman; Bob Bowen, Hiawatha; Dennis Scoggin, Flint Hills AVTS (Emporia); Tim Flood, Southeast (Cherokee); Brenda Holle, Marysville, Kevin Jensen, Mankato; Doug Kjellin, Marion; Greg Lloyd, Labette County (Altamont); Martin Knowles, Salina Central; David Balzer, Inman.

Ten high teams in milk quality and dairy foods — Cherryvale, Girard, Wabaunsee (Alma), Hillsboro, Lebo, Chaparral (Anthony), Mankato, Salina Central, Washburn Rural (Topeka), Inman.

Ten high individuals in milk quality and dairy foods — Melissa Kinder, Minneapolis; Glen Fisher,

Chaparral (Anthony); Brent Huneycutt, Cherryvale; Brenda Harris, Girard; Caroline Strand, Belleville; Brad Linsey, Lebo; Julie Imthurn, Wabaunsee (Alma); Tony Fothergill, Centralia; Mon Yee, Buhler; Mark Meyer, Centre (Lost Springs).

Ten high teams in dairy cattle judging — Plainville, Hiawatha, Sabetha, Stockton, Highland, Yates Center, Marion, Newton, Medicine Lodge, South Haven.

Ten high individuals in dairy cattle judging — Victor Menold, Sabetha; Tony Rempe, Plainville; Matt Wineinger, Marion; Dale Becher, Yates Center; Ron Johnson, Ness City; Brad Jackson, Arkansas City; Lawrence Grathwohl, Hiawatha; Brent Lonker, Medicine Lodge; Mike Twombly, Highland; Lance Huck, Scott Community (Scott City).

Ten high teams in animal sciences and industry judging — Wamego, Medicine Lodge, Jetmore, Labette County (Altamont), Quinter, Chetopa, Marysville, Winfield, Satanta, Chaparral (Anthony).

Ten high individuals in animal sciences and industry judging — Mike Ochs, Jetmore; Kent Craghead, Jetmore; Brian Schultz, Chetopa; Mike Torrey, Wamego; Randall Turner, Quinter; Bryan Rein, Scott Community (Scott City); Rick Jackson, Stockton; Jerry Dreher, Iola; Ken Moldenhauer, Labette County (Altamont); Dale Lonker, Medicine Lodge.

Five high individuals in agricultural news writing — Brian Wiens, Hillsboro; Ellen Ash, Salina Central; David Rudicel, Kingman; Blake Jorgensen, Riley County (Riley); Brenda Holle, Marysville.

Ten high teams in poultry judging — Labette County (Altamont), Hillsboro, Cherryvale, Goessel, Washburn Rural (Topeka), Hillcrest (Cuba), Wabaunsee (Alma), Chaparral (Anthony), Neodesha, Stockton.

Ten high individuals in poultry judging — Daniel Bowers, Marion; Barry Hunter, Labette County (Altamont); Michelle Sage, Washburn Rural (Topeka); Kim Wiens, Hillsboro; Brian Petersen, Neodesha; Keith Harris, Girard; Don Blome, Cherryvale, Curt Clark, Chaparral (Anthony); Thomas Wolfley, Silver Lake; Roger Derksen, Goessel.

Ten high teams in crops — Buhler, Labette County (Altamont), Neodesha, Wilson, Moundridge, Chetopa, Haven, Russell, Centre (Lost Springs).

Ten high individuals in crops — Julie Andsager, Buhler; Curtis Willems, Labette County (Altamont); Brad Gillmore, Moundridge; Rick O'Neal, Neodesha; Steve Mog, Wilson; Brian Peterson, Neodesha; Paul Kritz, Haven; Daniel Bowers, Marion; Tracy Hucke, Labette County (Altamont); Frank Ptacek, Wilson.

Ten high teams in horticulture — Salina Central, Moundridge, Mankato, Jefferson West, Marion, Winfield, Paola, Riley County (Riley), Marysville, Plainville.

Ten high individuals in horticulture — Martin Knowles, Salina Central; Regina Powell, Mankato; Glen Herring, Jefferson West; Glen Westervelt, Riley County (Riley); Bob Copple, Winfield; Diana Hellmer, Marysville; Joe Hemmer, Salina; Doug Kjellin, Marion; Rhonda Gehring, Moundridge; Joe Macovec, Marion.

Ten high teams in agricultural mechanics skills — Southeast (Cherokee), Labette County (Altamont), Eureka, Altoona-Midway, Crest (Colony), Wilson, Osage City, Hillsboro, Ellis, Mission Valley (Eskridge).

Ten high individuals in agricultural mechanics skills — Kelly Green, Labette County (Altamont); Wade Dickerson, Crest (Colony); Kenny Stultz, Southeast (Cherokee); Tom Kaufman, Hillsboro; Lyle Carter, Altoona-Midway; Ed Vopata, Frankfort; Drexel Wil-

liams, Osage City; Frank Ptacek, Wilson; Gerald Johnson, Eureka; Bill Price, Altoona-Midway.

Ten high teams in electric power — Mission Valley (Eskridge), Salina Central, Wilson, Marion, Crest (Colony), Hillsboro, Jefferson West (Meriden), Garden City, Garnett, Clay Center.

Ten high individuals in electric power — Andy Wendland, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Tom Kaufman, Hillsboro; John Thelander, Salina Central; Jim Rudeen, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Steve Mog, Wilson; Gary Hibler, Garden City; Doug Chadd, Southeast (Cherokee); Duane Erikson, Wabaunsee (Alma); Dennis Duck, Solomon; Gerald Johnson, Eureka.

Ten high teams in power and machinery — Labette County (Altamont), Sabetha, LaCrosse, Clay Center, Crest (Colony), Centre (Lost Springs), McPherson, Southeast (Cherokee), Osage City, Miltonvale.

Ten high individuals in power and machinery — Randall Hine, Labette County (Altamont); Tom Kaufman, Hillsboro; Mike Froebe, Labette County (Altamont); Roland Lewallen, Labette County (Altamont); Ben Wysong, Sabetha; Genald Johnson, Eureka; Todd Svitak, Centre (Lost Springs); James Borgerding, Marysville; Chris Hamernick, Sabetha; John Thelander, Salina Central.

Ten high teams in entomology — Satanta, Columbus, Southeast (Cherokee), Mission Valley (Eskridge), Marysville, Marion, Osage City, Frankfort, Cherryvale, Hiawatha.

Ten high individuals in entomology — Kenby Clawson, Satanta; Rick DuBois, Satanta; Kurt Wilder, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Terry Blake, Southeast (Cherokee); Mike Handshy, Columbus; Troy Burch, Columbus; Eric Stichter-nath, Marysville; Carrie Hewes, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Matt Wineinger, Marion, Kregg Rennie, Columbus.

Kansas FFA Chapters Honored For BOAC Projects



David Casper and Rex Tessendorf of the Wamego FFA Chapter receive the Governor's Citation for 1st place BOAC award from David Carlin, son of Governor John Carlin.

Kansas Future Farmers of America chapters are making their communities better places to live and work through the FFA Building Our American Communities program. At the 54th Kansas FFA Convention at KSU, 39 chapters were honored for their outstanding BOAC projects, with the top BOAC chapter receiving the Governor's Citation.

The Governor's Citation went to the Wamego FFA Chapter and was presented to them by David Carlin, son of Governor John Carlin.

Other Gold award winners, from which the Governor's Citation winner was selected, are Fort Scott, Hill City, Hoxie, Marysville, St.

Francis, Smith Center, and South Barber (Kiowa).

Silver award winners were Arkansas City, Centralia, Cherryvale, Columbus, Girard, Hiawatha, Mankato, Oberlin, Plainville, and Uniontown.

The bronze winners included Blue Valley (Randolph), Buhler, Centre (Lost Springs), Chetopa, Cheylin (Bird City), Clay Center, Frankfort, Hillcrest (Cuba), Kensington, Labette County (Altamont), Linn, Marion, Marmaton Valley (Moran), Onaga, Osage City, Paola, Phillipsburg, Pike Valley (Scandia), Riley County (Riley), Scott City and Westmoreland.

Safety Awards Presented To Kansas FFA Chapters

By Becky Vining

Safety programs completed by Kansas Future Farmers of America chapters were awarded at the 54th Kansas FFA Convention, in McCain Auditorium at Kansas State University.

The Arkansas City, Cherryvale, Hill City, Labette County (Altamont), Mankato, Marysville, Mission Valley (Eskridge), Osage City, Scott City, and Wamego chapters received gold emblem awards for their safety programs.

Silver awards went to Columbus, Chetopa, Frankfort, Fort Scott, Kensington, Marmaton Valley (Moran), Plainville and Wilson.

The bronze award was presented to Centralia, Centre (Lost Springs), Chapman, Clay Center, Erie, Hoxie, Lawrence, Marion, Onaga, Phillipsburg, Riley County (Riley), Salina, Smith Center South Barber (Kiowa) and Washburn Rural (Topeka).



The 1st place trophy for top Safety program is presented by Chuck Houghland of Farm Bureau to Ann Durkes and Advisor T.D. Fanning of the Mission Valley FFA Chapter.

136 Kansas Future Farmers To Receive State Farmer Degree

The State Farmer Degree, the highest degree of membership that can be conferred by the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America, was presented to 136 Kansas FFA members this year. The 136 received the gold key and certificate during the Friday evening session of the 54th Kansas FFA Convention, June 2-4, in Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium at Manhattan.

Only two percent of Kansas' 7,000 FFA members may receive the State Farmer Degree. They are selected for outstanding occupational experience and leadership.

The 1982 State Farmers, by district, are:

East Central — Chuck Hutchison, Burlingame; Larry Smart, Burlington; Rachel Vining, Central Heights (Richmond); Debra Anderson and Kim Hoch, Council Grove;

David Steffey, Lawrence; R. D. Lindsey and Mark Vannocker, Lebo; Boyd Davis, Ann Durkes, Steve Gleason, Scott Robinson and Andy Wendland, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Jeff Pearson and Shelly Stutesman, Osage City; Edie Burnett and Brenda Egidy, Prairie View (LaCygne); Scott Smith, Seaman (Topeka) and Kathie Bates, Washburn Rural (Topeka).

North Central — Loren Pachta, Belleville; Lisa Wendland, Blue Valley (Randolph); Mike Hoover, Chapmen; Mike Sherbert, Clay Center; Alan Hulbert and Kevin Jensen, Mankato; Troy Boucek, Darin Luthi and Diane Ranney, Minneapolis; Gary Dahl, Darin Russell and Greg Stensaas, Pike Valley (Scandia); Joe Hemmer and John Thelander, Salina; Craig Dharsh, Kim Klozenbacher, Erik Parker and Scott Parker, Wa-

shington; and Perry Crenshaw, Steve Mog and Frank Ptacek, Wilson.

Northeast — Damon Bowen, Atchison County (Effingham); Bob Bowen, Jeff Brockhoff, Edward Christian Jr., Brad Ebel, Jeff Gormley, Steve McGuinness, Rob Oltjen and Barbara Tummons, Hiawatha; James Borgerding, Brenda Holle and Ann Schotte, Marysville; Lanny L. Bosse, Jay Rezac and Rick Wiedmann, Onaga; Richard Tarwater, Royal Valley (Blue Ra-

Torrey, Wamego; and Jeff Snapp, Westmoreland.

Northwest — Connie Disberger, Colby; Gary Paxson, Hill City; Kelly Schlick, Hoxie; Bryan Befort, Larry Long and Walter Schlatter, Lebanon; Dan Casper, Natoma; Jeff Emmert and Ron Thyfault, Palco; Shane Jarvis and Jeff Sammons,

Phillipsburg; and Steve Kugler, Smith Center.

South Central — Barry Brinkman, Rod Eastman, Roger Marrs and Julie Swanson, Arkansas City; Julie Andsager and Darrin Regier, Buhler; Greg Jirak and Mark Meyer, Centre (Lost Springs); Todd Dierksen and Todd Pray, Chaparral (Anthony); James Schlickau, Haven; Steve Knackstedt, Inman; Bonnie Gehring, Brad Gillmore, Joyce Roux, Annie Schrag and Royce Vogt, Moundridge; David Cooper, Max Cooper, Scott Entz, Curt Glaser and Royce Schmidt, Peabody; Tom Stark, South Barber (Kiowa); John Wiley, South Haven; Randall Chrisler, Linda Groene and Austin Waite, Winfield.

Southeast — Gina E. Mayfield, Caney; Don Blome and Kevin King, Cherryvale; James T. Hale and Bobby D. Soper, Columbus; Doug-

las B. Brungardt, Kirk Brungardt, Tom E. Giefer, Douglas W. LaRue and Jack Simmons, Erie; Keith Harris, Alice Kunshek, Russell Richardson and Jim Troike, Girard; John G. Roberts, Humboldt; Troy C. Kolb and Curtis Willems, Labette County (Altamont); Rick Fewins, Gary Sweany and Kelly Welch, Marmaton Valley (Moran); Daniel Renn, Southeast (Cherokee); John Ericson, Uniontown; Rhonda Roebuck, Steve Walker and Christy Watts, West Elk (Howard).

Southwest — Gary Bryant, Ensign; Gary Hibler and Roger Powers Garden City; Alphonsus Danler, Alan Myers, Robert Rupp and Randy Unruh, Holcomb; Tobin Kelling, Satanta; John Dague, Scott City; and Derrick Kysar and Kevin Wineinger, Tribune.

Petting Zoo Used To Push Back Time



The Food For America program has been an outstanding vehicle to allow FFA chapters the opportunity to educate young children about agriculture and the America food chain. But the Mission Valley FFA chapter has added a different dimension by taking a

program to another segment of our society, the elderly.

This spring, the Mission Valley FFA and some of the alumni took portable pens and set them up on the lawn outside the Santa Fe Trails Nursing Home in Burlingame, Kansas. In the pens they

placed small calves, sheep, goats, rabbits, ducks, puppies, and kittens. The residents of the home were brought out and allowed to pet and hold the animals.

Most of the residents of the home had spent much of their life on the farm or in the rural area. Being around the animals gave them the opportunity to remember. To remember when they raised livestock, to remember when they were a contributing part of our society, to remember when they were younger.

The FFA members that helped with the program spent much of their time talking with the residents, sharing thoughts and memories of another time. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the day the most, the elderly for being able to forget the present for awhile and remember the past, or the FFA members for the opportunity of being able to bring about a small change in the daily routine of the elderly.

State Prepared And Extemporaneous Public Speaking Awards

Kip Wedel of the Inman FFA Chapter was the winner of the State Prepared Public Speaking Contest held at the 54th State FFA Convention. Other FFA members placing were: Jeff Pearson, Osage City, second; Connie Disberger, Colby, third; and Lanny Bosse, Onaga, fourth. Kip was awarded \$100 and a certificate from the National Foundation and a plaque sponsored by the KSU Collegiate FFA.

In the State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Mike Torrey of the Wamego FFA Chapter was first; Eric Moss Hill City, second; Ann Durkes, Mission Valley (Eskridge), third; and Barry Brinkman, Arkansas City, fourth. Mike received \$100 and a certificate from the National Foundation and a plaque sponsored by the *Farmer Stockman of the Midwest*.

Marion FFA Member Receives Leadership Conference Scholarship

By Susan Touseignant

A Marion High School sophomore has been chosen to receive the 1982 Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship. Matt Wineinger, from the Marion chapter of Future Farmers of America, will represent Kansas at the conference.

Wineinger has been a member of district, state and national judging teams, as well as a chapter officer and committee chairman. He has worked extensively with FFA Alumni activities and has attended state and national workshops. He was the 1982 South Central Kansas District Star Greenhand and is a candidate for a district office.

The 1982 FFA Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship covers full payment of registration. It is made possible through a grant by the National FFA Alumni Association.

Creed Speaking Champion From Scott City FFA Chapter



Representing the Scott City FFA in the Creed Speaking Contest was Lance Huck. Bruce Fouts, State Treasurer, presented a plaque to Lance for his first place ranking.

Lance Huck of the Scott City FFA Chapter won the FFA Creed Speaking Contest for first year FFA members. Ward Brethour, Wamego, was second; Rhonda Gehring, Moundridge, placed

third; and Julie Bechard, Clay Center, placed fourth. Lance's name will be added to the Todd Brethour Memorial Trophy sponsored by the Wamego FFA Alumni.



Chuck Houglund of Farm Bureau presented a check of \$300 to Mike Torrey and Dennis Wilson of the Wamego FFA Chapter for the top Crime Prevention program in Kansas.

Youth In Agriculture The Future Farmers of America

FFA State Record Keeping Winners Announced

By Becky Vining

Steve Gleason from the Mission Valley FFA Chapter at Eskridge and Linda Groene of the Winfield FFA Chapter have been named winners of the Grass and Grain FFA record keeping awards.

The awards were presented to Gleason for his production agriculture records and to Groene for her agribusiness records at the 54th Kansas Future Farmers of American convention, June 2-4, at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The Grass and Grain awards are presented to the production agriculturist and agribusinessman in each of the seven FFA districts for completeness, neatness and ac-

curacy of records. Gleason and Groene were selected as the state winners from the district winners.

District winners were North Central — Loren Pachta, Belleville, and Kevin Jensen, Mankato; South Central — Todd Pray, Chaparral (Anthony), and Groene; Northeast — James Borgerding, Marysville, and Mike Torrey, Wamego; East Central — Gleason and Ann Durkes, Mission Valley (Eskridge); Southwest — Roger Powers and Gary Hibler, both of Garden City; Southeast — Curtis Willems, Labette County, (Altamont), and Jack Simmons, Erie; and Northwest — Shane Jarvis, Phillipsburg, and Connie Disberger, Colby.

FFA Names Carnes New Administrative Director

Wilson Carnes, a 27-year staff member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) has been named the organization's administrative director, effective February 27, 1982.

Carnes, editor of *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine, will continue his editorial direction of the magazine while taking on the responsibility of administration for the FFA.

Carnes, an Alabama native, is a graduate of Auburn University, where he received a B.S. degree in

Agricultural Education. There he became interested in communications, and after teaching agriculture and working as a market news analyst for the Alabama Department of Agriculture, joined the Alabama FFA Staff as Vo-Ag/FFA Editor. In 1955 Carnes began work with *The National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine.

As Administrative Director, Carnes says the biggest challenge will be to maintain the effectiveness of the FFA organization.

"One of the biggest problems is

to try to operate an active and efficient organization in view of today's inflation and somewhat limited income," says Carnes.

Carnes, a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, will retain his title as Director of FFA Publication Division. He and his wife Becky have three children and one grandchild. Carnes served as President of the American Agricultural Editors' Association (AAEA) and is a member of the Ag Relations Council.

Chapter News

Lawrence FFA Chapter News

The Lawrence FFA Chapter held its FFA Parent and Member banquet on Thursday, May 13, 1982. The State FFA Reporter, Shelly Hasvold, presented the address and greetings from the State FFA. David Steffey was recognized as our Star Chapter Farmer and received the DeKalb Agricultural Achievement Award. Our Star Greenhand was Dan Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hegeman and Mr. Bill Lassman were raised to the degree of Honorary Chapter Farmer and Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Les Bequelin and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Zaremba.

Five of our officers attended the 54th State FFA Convention held in Manhattan. They reported that they found it to be both educational and inspiring. Those attending were President, Dan Wiley; Vice President, Lori Schumann; Secretary, Sonja Othick; Treasurer, Scott Zaremba; Sentinel, Mark Elston; and our advisor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Larson. Attending on Friday to receive the State Farmer Degree was David Steffey and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dell Steffey.

Two of our officers will attend national leadership conferences this summer. President Dan Wiley will attend the Co-Op Youth Leadership Conference held at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri and our Vice President, Lori Schumann, will attend the 1982 Washington Conference program at the Marriott Twin Bridges Hotel, Crystal City, Virginia near the National FFA Center.

Mark Hegeman, Reporter
Lawrence FFA Chapter

Marion FFA News

Two Work Experience Abroad (WEA) inbound participants from the Netherlands are of the opinion that Kansas farming is similar to, yet on a larger and more sophisticated scale than the type of farming done in their native country.

The two young men arrived in the Marion area in early April, and are now receiving occupational experiences on local farms.

John Van Schagen is being hosted by the Steve Krispense family which operates a beef, swine and general crop farming system. Steve Krispense is an alumni of the Marion FFA Chapter and represents the chapter's only American Farmer recipient.

Jer Pesselaar is being hosted by the Hanschu Jersey Dairy operated by the families of Harry and Lyle Hanschu. Lyle Hanschu is a charter member of the Florence/Marion FFA Alumni Association.

The two Dutch WEA participants notice the hotter weather of Kansas. Holland lies farther north in latitude than Kansas, and the coastal climate there is much milder, producing warmer winters and cooler summers.

Attending the State FFA Convention last month was a special treat for John and Jer. Since coming to Kansas the two have had several opportunities to become involved with a number of local FFA activities and they are looking forward to more events in the near future.

John and Jer will stay in the Marion area with their host families until October. Then they will spend another six months somewhere else in the United States before returning to the Netherlands next April.

Daniel Bowers
Marion/Florence FFA Reporter

South Barber FFA

The South Barber FFA held its annual South Barber FFA Calf Fry, May 10th serving approximately 275 people from the Kiowa, Hazelton and Hardtner areas. The calf fry, a community service project, is enjoyable by both members and community as it boasts "all the fries and trimmings you can eat." The officers first ordered 350 pounds of bull fries from the Kiowa Locker System, where they later cleaned, tenderized and bagged the meat. The raw fries are then taken to a local restaurant, The Ranch House, where several Advisory Council and Alumni members prepared batter, rolled and deep fat fried the fries. They are then hauled to the ag shop a batch at a time so that FFA members may serve them to the public. Beside the fries, the chapter also serves potato salad, potato chips, pork and beans, ice tea, coffee and ice cream. The activity has been a tremendous success the past few years with attendance growing steadily enabling the chapter to "break even" on expenses plus allowing for a time when the community may tour the ag shop and facilities.

Marion FFA News Article

For the last few years the menu for the Marion/Florence FFA Banquet has featured pit barbecued beef. A core group of the local FFA have the cooking of the meat down to an exact science for the "just-right" taste, flavor and tenderness. Such a skill is difficult to keep secret.

When it came time for officials of the National Jersey Cattle Tour to select a menu for one of their stops in Central Kansas, what did they want for their main course? Of course, they wanted pit barbecued beef prepared by the Marion/Florence FFA.

Activities for the event started on Saturday, June 5, 1982, with the digging of the pit nearly six feet deep. Next it is necessary to collect two pick-up loads of wood. Kevin Robinson, Marion FFA member and chief chef, insists on cured hedge (Osage Orange) for developing the bed of coals.

It takes nearly one whole day to build the bed of coals nearly five feet deep in the pit.

Especially selected beef which has been specifically seasoned is the laid on the coals. The pit is then covered with soil to allow the beef to cook for ten hours. At that point you operate on faith. Any steam holes need to be quickly covered.

After the cooking process, the beef was then served to participants on the tour. Serving the meal was done by the executive committee of the Marion/Florence FFA Chapter. The meal was served the evening of June 8, 1982.

Participants on the tour were from Europe, Canada, and nearly every state in America. Now the secret is really out.

Daniel Bowers
Marion/Florence FFA Reporter

Oberlin FFA

In celebration of the chapters 50th anniversary, the Oberlin FFA chapter planned and carried out many new activities during the year. These activities included establishing a Kiddies Barnyard at the county fair, co-sponsoring a spring steer and lamb show, having daily activities during National FFA week and holding activities with the local Future Homemakers of America chapter.

Activities during FFA week included sunrise services and a breakfast, painting downtown windows, having a tractorcade promoting rural crime prevention, cow chip, bale, and egg tossing contests, official dress day at school, and officer interviews with the local TV station.

For the annual parent-member banquet, the chapter pit barbecued cuts of beef, pork and lamb. Approximately 300 parents, members, alumni, faculty, administrators, and guests attended the banquet and awards presentation. A highlight of the banquet included a slide show depicting various activities of the chapter during the year.

Ending the year the chapter sponsored a greased pig catch with the local chamber of commerce, held a slave sale and bake sale, and co-sponsored the prospect steer and lamb show with the 4-H council.

By promoting the FFA with these activities the members participated in more activities. These ideas also brought the FFA to the attention of more community members, businessmen and prospective students.

Becky Tally
Reporter
Oberlin FFA chapter

Reporter Awards

Becky Hereford of the Fort Scott FFA Chapter was the recipient of the State Chapter award at the 54th Kansas State FFA Convention.

Becky also received the scrapbook award sponsored by High Plains Journal.



Gary Paxson and Craig Noah of the Hill City FFA Chapter receive 1st place National Chapter Award from President Ron Wineinger.

Kansas FFA Chapters To Receive Nat'l. Chapter Awards

By Becky Vining

Kansas' top Future Farmers of America chapters received National Chapter Awards at the 54th State FFA Convention. These awards are for overall chapter activities, including chapter leadership, alumni relations and community programs.

Chapters that received Gold Emblem awards are Arkansas City, Cherryvale, Columbus Frankfort, Hiawatha, Hill City, Hoxie, Labette County (Altamont), Mankato, Marion, Marysville, Plainville, Scott

City, Smith Center, South Barber (Kiowa) and Wamego. The chapters that were announced as the top 10 at the convention will compete for national honors next fall.

Silver Emblem winners were Fort Scott, Osage City, Pike Valley (Scandia) and Riley County (Riley).

Bronze Emblem chapters were Onaga, Norton, Uniontown, Clifflin, Salina, Linn, Cheylin (Bird City), Phillipsburg, Blue Valley (Randolph), Paola, Centre (Lost Springs) and Chetopa.

Kansas FFA Membership Reaches 99%; Chapters Honored

By Becky Vining

Kansas FFA membership has reached 100 percent, and the chapters that made this possible were honored at the 54th Kansas Future Farmers of America Convention, June 2-4, at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The 100 percent distinction compares FFA membership to vocational agriculture enrollment. The Hoxie FFA Chapter reached 200 percent membership to win the state Membership Achievement award. Other chapters in the gold emblem division reached membership from 118 to 193 percent. Those in the silver division achieved 106 to 117 percent membership, and the chapters honored as bronze winners had 100 to 105 percent membership.

Chapters that will be honored at the state convention and gold emblem Membership Achievement winners are Hoxie, Linn, Winfield, Hill City, Mankato, Jewell, Norton, Marion, Hiawatha, Valley Heights (Blue Rapids), Clifflin, Wamego, Erie, Troy, Stafford, Goessel, Plainville, Centre (Lost Springs), South Barber (Kiowa).

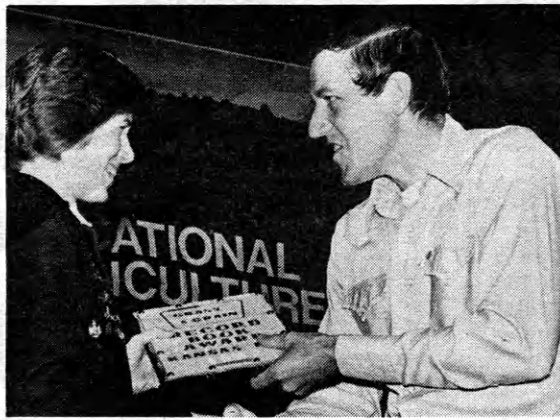
Riley County (Riley), Wakeeney, Coffeyville, Hope, Miltonvale,

Cheylin (Bird City), Kaw Valley (Rossville), Pike Valley (Scandia), Tribune, Humboldt, Ness City, Chaparral (Anthony), Frankfort, Sabetha, Wabaunsee (Alma), Council Grove, Yates Center, Moundridge, Southwestern Heights (Kismet), St. George, Clay Center, Ensign, Labette County (Altamont), and Phillipsburg.

Also to recognize FFA membership growth, 23 chapters were recognized as "10 PLUS" chapters — having 10 more members than last year. These chapters are Chaparral (Anthony), Clifton, Concordia, Frankfort, Fredonia, Hoxie, Jetmore, Manhattan, Mankato, McPherson, Medicine Lodge, Newton, Onaga, Paola, Plainville, Prairie View, (LaCygne), St. Francis, Salina, Scott City, Troy, Washburn Rural (Topeka), Wellington, and Westmoreland.



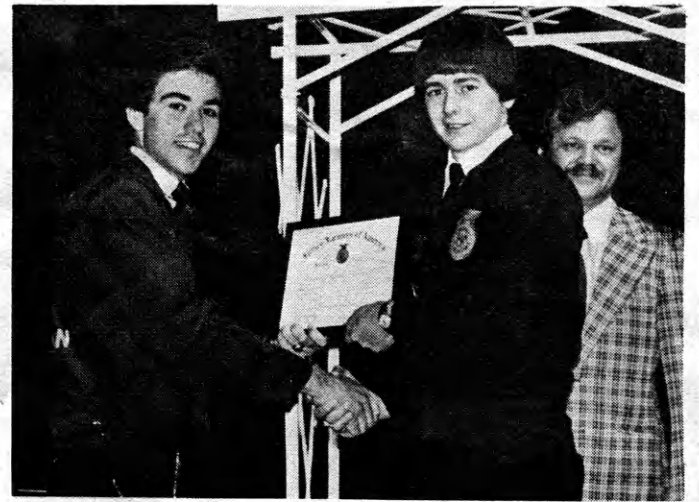
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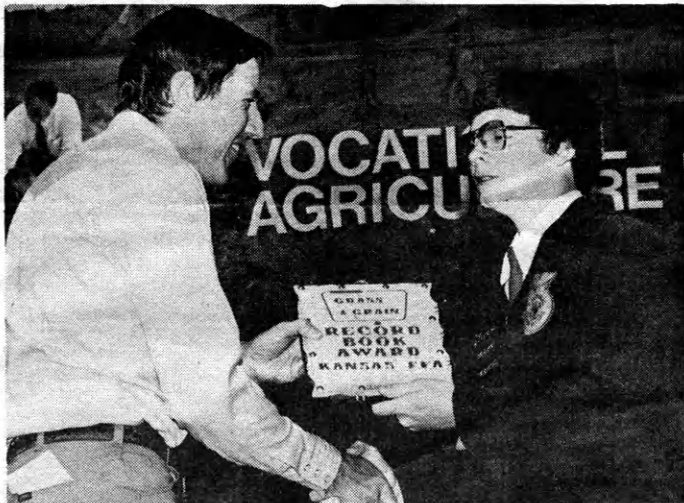
Winner of the Grass & Grain Recordkeeping Award in the Agribusiness area was Linda Groene, Winfield FFA. Mr. Frank Buchman, editor of the Grass & Grain, presented Linda her award.



Kip Wedel, Inman FFA, received first place in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest held during the 54th State Convention. John Gilliam, President of the KSU Collegiate FFA presented Kip with his plaque.



The Hoxie FFA Chapter received recognition for their 200% Membership Achievement for 1981-1982.



Steve Gleason, Mission Valley FFA, received a certificate naming him winner of the Grass & Grain Recordkeeping Award in the Production area. Frank Buchman, editor of the Grass & Grain, was on hand to present the award.



The first place parliamentary procedure team in the state for 1982 was the Arkansas City FFA. Barry Brinkman, Arkansas City FFA, received the team plaque from Mr. Dave Woolfolk of the Federal Land Bank of Manhattan-Abilene.

Frankfort: From Busted To Booming

The Frankfort FFA Chapter has one of the oldest Charters in the State, and over the years has produced many successes in its program. Unfortunately, the late 1970's found the "lackluster" more often the way.

The Frankfort Chapter was failing to meet the standards they had helped to set for the Northeast District. Chapter activities were non-existent; SOE programs were under-developed; and, projects were few in number and quality. Participation in district, state and national events had gone the direction of the program, with little student interest. The late 70's en-

ded with the Frankfort Chapter close to busted.

The start of a new decade, the 80's, like the rising of the sun, saw the gloom of the dark Frankfort Chapter give way to the light of a new warm way. The ushering in of a new experienced vo-ag instructor and the beaconing of undergraduates who had seen enough took charge of the Frankfort FFA. The coming and going of two instructors in one year was over. Classroom vandalism and shop inactivity were replaced by a leadership that believed in its own three R's: respect, responsibility and reasoning. A new enthusiasm

was ignited into the Frankfort Chapter that had not been seen in a long time.

Chapter Officers, with little experience, but aided by a knowledgeable advisor, brought new ideas into discussion, which were acted upon by involved committees and well-received by now an excited membership.

The new Frankfort Chapter was involved, with city park construction and repair, demolition of a fire-gutted house, country trap shoots, area mud-drags, shop repair, watershed projects and outside classrooms.

A safety program was developed to involve grade school students in the FFA. The community became involved in the Local Contests. The FFA meetings were moved to evenings and members participation was exciting. Contests were prepared for and won; and, there was summer attendance at camps, fairs, and social events.

The 1980-81 year found the Frankfort FFA making Gold Emblem Chapter, a step up from the previous year. This was due to more ideas generated from the previous year's programs, and the installation of new programs and events. For example a

scholarship-fund program was begun, and a fund-raising program was started to raise money for SID, the number one killer of infants.

A summer educational trip is being planned. Also an Annual Frankfort FFA Fall Friendship Days for all of northeastern area is in the making. And, a new classroom and shop are in the near future.

The 80's has brought new life to a dying ember. We have come from dead last to a Gold Emblem Chapter, and the future looks only brighter. The Frankfort FFA Chapter has gone from busted to booming!

On The Road For 20 Years

An event that happens only to very, very few FFA chapters in the U.S. happens to the Mission Valley FFA chapter every year. It has been an annual event for the past 23 years. This event is the Mission Valley FFA Spring Educational Trip.

The trip is basically just what the title implies, an educational trip where you learn by seeing and doing, instead of reading about it. You sit and study in a classroom for nine months and during the first week of June you get to go out and really see what you have been learning about.

Each year the trip consists of touring three different states. This year it was western Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming. Next year it will be southeastern Kansas, southern Missouri, and Arkansas. The third trip includes northeastern Kansas, northern Missouri, and Iowa. Then the trips start over and continue to rotate through the different states.

Each trip is set up by a committee of four sophomores selected

by the chapter. Early planning for the trip begins in January. Tours to farms, ranches, businesses, and agri-industry that have been visited before and new stops that would be of interest are contacted during the planning stage. After basic contact is made, an agenda is set up, and letters of confirmation are sent out. Transportation is a standard yellow school bus supplied by the school board. Gasoline is paid for the chapter and the only cost to the members is for their meals.

This year's trip lasted seven days and covered 2,500 miles. At night, the chapter stays at various schools as guests of the local FFA chapter. Members sleep in sleeping bags in high school gyms. The floor may seem a little hard the first night or so but midway through the trip they seem to get softer. Overnight accommodations such as this really cut down on the cost to the individual members. Both boys and girls are allowed to participate in the trip as long as certain requirements

have been met. Usually about 35 members go on the trip.

During the 1982 Educational tour the chapter toured Hesston Manufacturing, Hesston, KS; Mid-States Wool Growers, Hutchinson, KS; Reeves Agri-Energy and cattle feedlots, Garden City, KS; Gigot Brothers Irrigation, Garden City, KS; Prime Pork, Scott City, KS; Dickinson Longhorn Ranch, Calhan, CO; Cherokee Santa Gertrudis Ranch, Sedalia, CO; Kityama Brothers Flowers, Brighton, CO; Paul Hoshiko truck farms, Kersey, CO; Monfort Feedlots Kersey, CO; Weld County tour, Greeley, CO; and the Cronberg Sheep Ranch, Medicine Bow, Wyoming. As long as they were there, the chapter toured the Rocky Mountain National Park and other scenic areas.

With a schedule such as this it meant that the members often got to sleep about midnight and up in the morning by 4 o'clock. At the end of seven days the members arrived home very tired, but much more educated about the world in which they live.

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District Winners Compete For FFA Star Farmer and Agribusinessman

The District Star Farmers were featured in the film "Seven Stars Over Kansas" sponsored by Farm-land Industries and WIBW of Topeka. The film was shown at the convention Thursday night before the announcement of the State Star Farmers. It was also aired on numerous television stations across the state.

A slide program illustrating the programs of the district Star Agribusinessman was shown before the announcement of the state winner.

District Star Farmers were Steve Gleason, Mission Valley (Es-kridge); James Borgerding, Marysville; Roger Powers, Garden City; Shane Jarvis, Phillipsburg; Kelly Welch, Marmaton Valley (Moran); and Annie Schrag, Moundridge-Hesston.

District Star Businessmen were Ann Durkes, Mission Valley (Es-kridge); Alan Meyers, Holcomb; Connie Disberger, Colby; Jack Simmons, Erie; Keven Jensen, Mankato; and Linda Groene, Winfield.

FFA is important to the 1981-1982 Kansas FFA officer team. So important, they have secured their future involvement by purchasing a life-time membership in the FFA Alumni Association.



Reporter Shelly Hasvold of Lawrence; Treasurer Bruce Fouts, Maple Hill; President Ron Wineinger, Marion; Vice President Doug Haddan, Stark; Secretary Wes Beal, Mount Hope; and Sentinel Greg Diel, Kiowa, present life-time membership dues to Federal Land Bank of Wichita Vice President-Public Relations Monte Reese. Monte is president of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association. Also pictured are (second row) state FFA Advisor Les Olsen, and (at right) FLB Assistant Director of Marketing Bob Broeckelman. Bob worked with the state officers as state executive secretary before joining the land bank in January.

For information on FFA Alumni write to:



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State FFA Officers Attend Leadership Conference

The 1982-83 State FFA Officers attended the National FFA Leadership Conference for State Officers June 29 to July 2. The Conference was held at Farmland Training Center in Kansas City, Missouri. This is one of nine national conferences held across the nation.

The Future Farmers of America Conference is designed to improve leadership and communication skills, develop an understanding of state FFA officer responsibilities and prepare state officers for more effective leadership roles in their State FFA Association. The Conference is also a forum for exchange of

ideas between officers from several states.

A highlight of the Conference is the opportunity to work with the National FFA Officers that are conducting the Conferences. Besides the training sessions, the 1982 program includes a public speaking workshop, an FFA quiz contest, a banquet program, and many other leadership activities all designed to improve the communication skills of state FFA officers.

The National FFA Leadership Conference for State Officers is sponsored by The Merck Company Foundation as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

New American Farmer Degree Program Sponsor

Na-Churs Plant Food Company, one of the pioneers in the manufacture of liquid fertilizers, will co-sponsor the FFA's American Farmer Degree Recognition Program for 1982.

The Marion, Ohio-based firm joins the ranks of the National FFA Foundation, Inc., with its agreement to sponsor one sixth of the program. Other co-sponsors include J. I. Case, A Tenneco Company; Production Credit Associations; Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors; Federal Land Banks; and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

LeaAnna Taylor, Market Supervisor for Na-Churs, says the sponsorship offers the company a unique assistance opportunity.

"FFA members are not only our farmers of tomorrow," Taylor says, "they're helping agriculture today. We're very proud to be a part of that effort."

Sponsorship of the American Farmer Degree Recognition Program makes it possible for FFA members to receive the highest award the organization can bestow upon them. The American Farmer Degree is awarded only two students per thousand each year.

Recipients are recognized for their overall excellence in vocational agriculture and FFA involvement. They receive award certificates and symbolic gold keys at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, as well as travel awards to offset their travel expenses to the convention.

State FFA Band

Under the direction of Carroll Couture, Belleville and Charles Yingling, Riley County, the State FFA Band gave an outstanding performance at the 54th State FFA Convention.

Band members are chosen from chapters throughout the state. Members of this year's band were: Darren Heaton, Holton; Brit Shelton, Uniontown; Jeff Powell, Riley Co.; Keli Obermeyer, Marysville; Blake Jorgensen, Riley Co.; Ricky Perkins, West Elk (Howard); Melissa Gerstner, Colby, Manda Kingsbury, Smith Center; David Lalman, Uniontown; Patrick Splichal, Belleville; Mike Hoover, Chapman; Yvonne Colle, Medicine Lodge; Darin Wiley, Wellington; Alan Bohnenblust, Riley Co.; Bill Holeman, Uniontown; Marc Bokelman, Linn; William Curtis, Osage City; Mary Slagle, North Central (Morrowville); Cindy Heerey, Marion; Randy Nichols, Miltonvale; Scott Neaderhiser, Miltonvale; Ted Krehbiel, Moundridge; Kyle Holmberg, Belleville; and Richrd Webb, Riley Co.

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Matt Wineinger, Marion FFA, received a scholarship sponsored by the FFA Alumni from State Secretary Wes Beal. The scholarship will aid Matt in attending the Washington Conference at the National Center.

Marion FFA News

Members of the Marion/Florence FFA Chapter lost no time getting started on their 1982-83 Building Our American Communities' projects. Early this summer this Central Kansas FFA group started on a bold project reaching as far as the Wats area of Los Angeles and Newark, New Jersey.

Working with a program called World Impact, local FFA members constructed a round-top building. The building is located on a ranch near Florence where young men from economic depressed areas of large cities are to receive basic occupational and domestic family training.

Already youth from the Wats area of Los Angeles, Wichita and other large cities have been utilizing the World Impact facilities. The hope is for youth receiving training to return to their home areas and in turn be of assistance to other youth in large cities.

The building recently constructed by the Marion/Florence FFA Chapter will be used to store building materials. Long range planning reflects the eventual construction of several homes for expanded use on the ranch. With that

type of future, the World Impact program has a great need for storing building materials.

Marion/Florence FFA members also got involved in salvaging lumber from three large army barracks. This lumber will now be used in buildings at the ranch.

FFA members even surprised themselves in being able to erect and complete the entire building project in one day's time. Local alumni played a significant role, also, by providing the noon meal and refreshment breaks for the day.

Persons playing a major role in the event included Tate McCarty, Todd Siebert, Tim Richmond, "Little Joe" Graham, Terry Olsen, Kevin Robinson, Matt Wineinger, Doug Kjellin, Monte Dalke, Judy Hansen, Julian Seaman, Brenda Ellis, William Snelling, Jerry Peters, "Big Joe" Graham, John Grayson of Wichita, and Darryl Kilgore and Mike Hendrix both of Los Angeles. Alumni providing food were from the families of Dannenfels, Bowers, Kjellin and Wineinger.

Daniel Bowers
Marion/Florence FFA Reporter

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Wichita

Individual FFA Members To Be Honored At State Convention

By Becky Vining

Future Farmers of America members from across the state were the recipients of several scholarships at the 54th Kansas FFA Convention.

College scholarships were presented to four FFA members. Barry Brinkman, Arkansas City, received the Roy Freeland scholarship, and Rachel Vining, Central Heights, (Richmond), received the Kimberly Kurtz award. Both of these scholarships are for students who plan to major in agricultural education. Ann Durkes, Mission Valley, (Eskridge), and Steve Mog, Wilson, received the Santa Fe scholarships. FFA winners of the Union Pacific scholarships who were recognized are Cheryl Hundley, Atchison County (Effingham); Steve Mog, Wilson; Barbara Tummons, Hiawatha; and Edward Vopata, Frankfort.

Tonjua White, Southwestern Heights (Kismet), and Becky Vining, Central Heights (Richmond), received travel scholarships to participate in the FFA Work Experience Abroad program. White will live and work with a farm family in Germany for three months, and Vining will spend six months in the Netherlands.

Kansas FFA Alumni Affiliates Receive Awards

By Susan Tousignant

The Washington Future Farmers of America Alumni Affiliate was named outstanding affiliate at the recent alumni luncheon held in conjunction with the State FFA Convention at Kansas State University, Manhattan. They were judged to have the state's best overall program in support of vocational agriculture and FFA.

The Washington Affiliate was also recipient of the Golden Service Award. Others receiving this award were Caney, Cherryvale, Erie, and Wamego. They were selected on the basis of service to local vocational agriculture and FFA programs.

Four Kansas affiliates were given the Century Award, which is earned by affiliates whose alumni membership equals or exceeds the membership of the local FFA chapter. Century award winners were Centre, Cherryvale, Wamego, and Washington.



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