



Gene Hagman and his daughter, Patricia, got ready to go to the 2005 Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan. Patricia was the 2005 4-H Winter Scholarship recipient.

4-H'er awarded scholarship as final event of her career

Patricia Hagman was one of about forty Kansas 4-H members awarded scholarships at the 2005 Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan.

The scholarships are to help with post secondary or vocational school. Patricia's scholarship was sponsored by "Wint" Winter in memory of his parents in the form of the Winter Family Grants. His parents were Kansas State University graduates. After working as an ag teacher and in extension, Mr. Winter owned a car dealership in Lawrence.

Wint grew up with the strong work ethic of Kansas farmers by helping detail cars at the dealership and through his 4-H experience. He is a Douglas county banker and a former member of the Kansas legislature.

The Winter Family Grants are available to 4-H'ers with some financial need. Applicants also had to write a short essay explaining their

long and short term goals.

Patricia is a 12 year member of the Good Hope Boosters 4-H Club in Norton County. Her major projects in 4-H were Clothing and other consumer science projects. She was the 2003 State Award winner for the clothing project.

She is a sophomore at Kansas State University majoring in Social Sciences. In the future she hopes to attend law school at the University of Oklahoma.

Patricia accepted the award at the Emerald Circle Banquet. Her parents Gene and Nancy Hagman accompanied her. The theme for the evening's festivities was "4-H Making Connections." Bright geometric shapes surrounded the ballroom linking words like success, goals, dreams, lifeskills, learning and friends. The evening was most memorable as the final event of Patricia's 4-H career.

Memories....

Past 4-H'er tells about joining first 4-H Clubs

By Bob Strevey

My first 4-H Club was the Reager Jolly Huslers in Norton County. Mr. Faye Leichter was the club leader. Faye always looked directly at you when talking to you, even if you were only eight years old. I remember having a swine project, going to the county fair, and the club tour.

The next year, a new club, the Happy Huslers 4-H Club was started at Norcat. Several members of the Reager Club moved to the new club to help get it started. The Norcat Club was very large and, of course, it was in Decatur County. I remember Beverly Kindler helping us get organized.

Our club was very active with singing groups, band numbers, model meetings, plays, county fair, club tour, and many more. Most meetings had square dancing for entertainment. I really enjoyed attending Rock Springs camps during the early 1950's. I was also part of a square dance group that performed at the state fair.

I remember going to a 4-H activity at the Goddard Ranch near Morland where I met my first IFYE student from Egypt. What a wonderful way to expand our interest in other countries and cultures.

When my oldest daughter was ready for 4-H, the Norcat Club had disbanded and the Prairie Dog 4-H Club had just seven members including my daughter. It was great seeing my daughters grow in 4-H. They learned so much from the older 4-H'ers. Each project and each office brought new challenges and new insights.

Discovery Days was a great activity for the girls and I enjoyed taking groups to be a part of that experience. It was a great place to meet friends, to feel the pulse of a new generation, and to learn about Kansas State University.

I enjoyed my time as Club leader. We had a special group of kids and a great group of ac-

tive, supportive adults. We tried to reach out to new families, especially kids who were home schooled.

I resigned as club leader to help start the Norton County 4-H Ambassadors. That was a great experience and I really believe the best years in 4-H are the high school age. There are so many opportunities for camps, awards, leadership experience and meeting new friends. I was able to take Norton County 4-H'ers to the first State Leadership Forum setting up the Kansas State 4-H Council. Several of our kids have served on the State Council and one served as State President.

It's great to see kids you've worked with succeed. It was a great honor for our family to receive the Friends of 4-H award in 2004. It has been my experience that the more you give to the 4-H program, the more it gives back to you. I think the most important thing I've learned from 4-H is to reach out of the comfort zone and seek to be involved with new people, new ideas, to grow so we can continue to make the best even better.

Purple ribbon cake brought big bucks at fair

My name is Jade Braun. This is my fifth year in 4-H. I really like doing the foods and nutrition project. I enjoy cooking. This year I took a sponge cake to the fair. I got a purple ribbon and sold my cake for 80 dollars at the food sale.

Earlier in the year I participated in the Favorite Foods Show. I got first place in Level III with my cinnamon rolls and got a new cookbook as a prize.

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