

# PHELPS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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## Welcome! New 4-H Specialist

Elizabeth Flotte is the new 4-H Specialist with MU Extension serving Phelps, Dent, and Crawford counties. She is also the County Engagement Specialist for Crawford County, so her office is housed there. Her background is in animal biology and science education. She has prior experience with youth camps, environmental education, and formal biology instruction at the high school and college level. She is new to 4-H and is excited to learn from and get to know our Phelps County 4-H family. If you have any questions or need assistance with maintaining your 4-H activities using online resources, contact Elizabeth at [ecflotte@missouri.edu](mailto:ecflotte@missouri.edu).



April 28, 6:30 pm — Phelps County 4-H Council Meeting.....more information to come

Check it out on Missouri 4-H Facebook page! [#MO4H](#) [#extendMU](#)

YOU'RE INVITED TO

## Show Me Your Demonstration

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AT 1PM

DEMONSTRATIONS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE 4-H EXPERIENCE. JUST BECAUSE WE CAN'T MEET, DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO!

TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY ADD YOUR DEMONSTRATION TO THE COMMENTS BELOW!

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The staff at the Phelps County Extension Center are doing their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and working from home. If you need assistance, please email or call the office and someone will get back with you in a timely manner.



Face-to-face MU Extension programming has been suspended through May 15, 2020.

Check with program coordinators or webpages for details about rescheduling or reformatting of specific events.

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Only one club report will be printed per newsletter unless the newsletter covers more than one month. If submitting photos, please submit only one per month and they will be used if space is available. Due the 25th of each month. Keep them short!

On Tuesday March 3rd the **Evening Star 4-H Club** held their monthly meeting for March. It was called to order by club president Braxtyn Crider. The 4-H pledge was led by Travis Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alyssa Gill. The program was from the St. James ambulance crew, Jeff Ward and Keshia Goodman talked about the different stuff that was in the ambulance and gave the club some first aid tips. Roll call was "If you could change your name, what would you change it to?" Song leader Catriona Murphy led the club in singing "The Muffin Man", as well as Happy Birthday. Blake Shields read the Treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$903.36. Club members reported on their trip to the Pork Expo, they said it was a lot of fun. Several members shared their experience with the 4-H Energizer: Braxtyn Crider, Elyssia Cordes, Alyssa Gill, Lana Meeks, Daniel Cook, Eli Evans and Tara Murphy. Club leader Connie Laney and Leader Rachel Cook were there also. Project reports were as follows: Beef- Blake Shields, Vet science- Braxtyn Crider, Crafts- Tara Murphy Cake decorating- Cheyenne Bogart, Robotics- Daniel Cook, Poultry- Milly Gardner, Sewing- Catriona Murphy, Dairy foods- Allie Shields, Clover kids- Eli Evans, First aid- Scarlet Parsons. The club discussed going to a Cardinals game, humane society donations, 4-H camp and upcoming Trivia night on April 4th. County Achievement Days are June 22nd and 23rd. Trash pickup is scheduled for March 21st, 1pm, Two members did demonstrations, Allie Shields did an instant pudding demonstration and Braxtyn Crider explained bowling ball cleaning. Next meeting will be announced at a later date. Elyssia Cordes, Club Reporter



The **Soaring Eagles 4-H Club** met on Tuesday, March 10th at 3:45 PM at St Patrick School. President, Gianna Starns called the meeting to order. Pledges were recited. Old MacDonald was the song we sang. Each member got to choose the animal sound to make. Our program was Judging Events. We chose the best in these categories: Child Care, Arts & Crafts, Outdoors, and Foods. Clara Harden reported her Horse and Rabbit project groups met. We announced about the Trivia Night coming up. Our next meeting is April 14th. Emma Derther, Reporter.

**Royal 4-H** met at 7:00 pm at club leader Terry Campbell's house on March 9, 2020. Meeting was called to order by President Caleb Strackeljahn. Attendance was taken by asking members if all your clothes had to be one color what would it be. The meeting was attended by 13 members, 6 adults, 1 junior leader and 4 leaders. Secretary Kate Strackeljahn read the minutes from February's meeting. Treasurer Avery Campbell read the treasurer's report. Old business was reported on by those in attendance. Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop was on February 27 for all members who will be showing and selling at the local fairs was discussed. Avery Campbell



gave a demonstration on how to make taco bites. Aven Nickles gave a demonstration on how to show cattle at the fair. Emily Douglas will be doing a demonstration at the April meeting. The announcements of upcoming 4-H events were given. Weigh in dates were given for all livestock to be shown at the Rolla and St James fairs. The Grape and Fall Festival will be held August 27-29, 2020. 4-H Trivia Party will be April 4 at 5:30. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Respectfully submitted by Emily Douglas, Reporter \*\*\*Due to the current issues with the Corona Virus all Face to Face MU Extension programming have been suspended through May 15, 2020.

# Upcoming Events

As we monitor the national, state and university response to contain the spread of COVID-19 and keep public health top priority, all face to face MU Extension programming has been suspended through at least May 15, 2020. This includes all 4-H club and project meetings, programs, and events.

Please watch the state and county 4-H Facebook pages as well as other's to find new and exciting online learning.

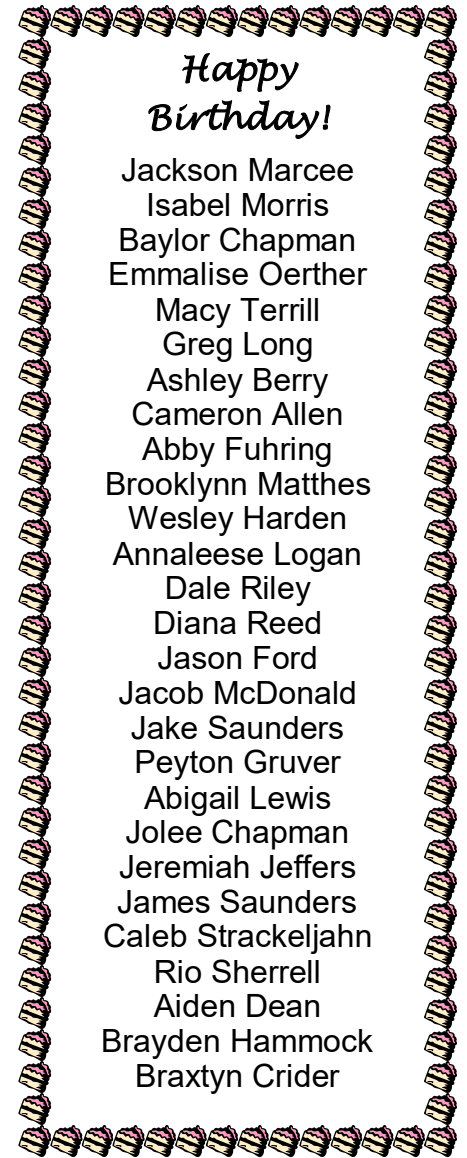
## Keep Up-To-Date!

To keep up-to-date on the latest information in 4-H. Please become familiar with the following sites:

Phelps County 4-H Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phelps4h/>

Missouri 4-H Webpage: <http://4h.missouri.edu/>

Missouri 4-H Online: <https://4honline.com/>



## Clover Kids Corner

### Gourd Birdhouses

Try growing your own birdhouses this year. Bottle gourds can be great homes for a variety of birds, including wrens, purple martins and chickadees. Besides bringing their happy song to your yard they can eat thousands of insects a day.

Bottle gourds are easy to grow and seeds are available at garden centers or garden seed catalogs. Plant the gourd seeds in late May. Make sure you have plenty of room for the vines to grow. Let the gourds mature on the vine and pick before a hard frost. Bring the bottle gourds inside and allow them to cure for several months in a cool, dry place until you here the seeds rattle inside as you shake the gourd.

Drill a small front door on the middle side of the gourd. Cut the hole to 1 inch in diameter for wrens, 1 1/8 inches for chickadees and 2 1/4 inches for purple martins. Also drill two or three small holes in the bottom of the gourd for drainage. Drill two more holes in the top of the gourd and thread a piece of wire through these holes to hang the birdhouse.

Hang your new gourd birdhouse in a tree on a sturdy branch.





## State Fair County Banners

There will be a change to the county banners at the Missouri State Fair. For 2021, as part of the Bicentennial, we will be replacing all of the banners in the 4-H building. Instead of continuing to use fabric banners, a committee has decided to switch to vinyl with hopes that it will stay “looking new” for longer. Please review the instructions below (also attached) and reach out if you have any questions.

### Construction Instructions:

Missouri will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2021. One way Missouri 4-H will join the celebration will be with updated county banners for the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair. Any county that does not submit their own banner will be represented by a generic 4-H banner. The old banners will be returned to the counties.

Please follow the guidelines given below when designing the county banner.

1. A PowerPoint template can be found in the Missouri 4-H Marketing Box Folder. Please save a copy of this template to your computer before starting your design. Do not modify the size or orientation of the slide. Banners should be one-sided.
2. The design selected for the banner should represent your county's heritage or “Claim to Fame”, or should be symbolic of the 4-H or Extension programs. We encourage you to have some kind of contest or event that involves many people contributing their ideas to the design. Remember, the banners will be in the building for years, so the design should be “timeless.”
3. The design used on the flag must include the name of the county. The name can be placed at any location on the flag that contributes to the overall attractiveness of the flag. Letters for the county name should be in a minimum font size of 216. There is no maximum letter size; the design will determine this. The county name should be readable from a distance of 30 feet. Do not include club names on the banner. Refer to the 4-H Branding Toolkit on the Missouri 4-H website for the correct logos and color palette.
4. Photos and graphics should be of high resolution to ensure a decent print quality.

**Banner designs should be submitted to the 2021 State Fair County Banner Box Folder by February 1, 2021.** The State Office will be placing a group order and ensure the new banners are in the building for the 2021 Missouri State Fair. Counties will be billed for their individual banner. We do not expect the cost to be more than \$30 per banner.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Calvert at [calvertml@missouri.edu](mailto:calvertml@missouri.edu) or 573-882-8835.



An old banner that now hangs in the Phelps County 4-H office.

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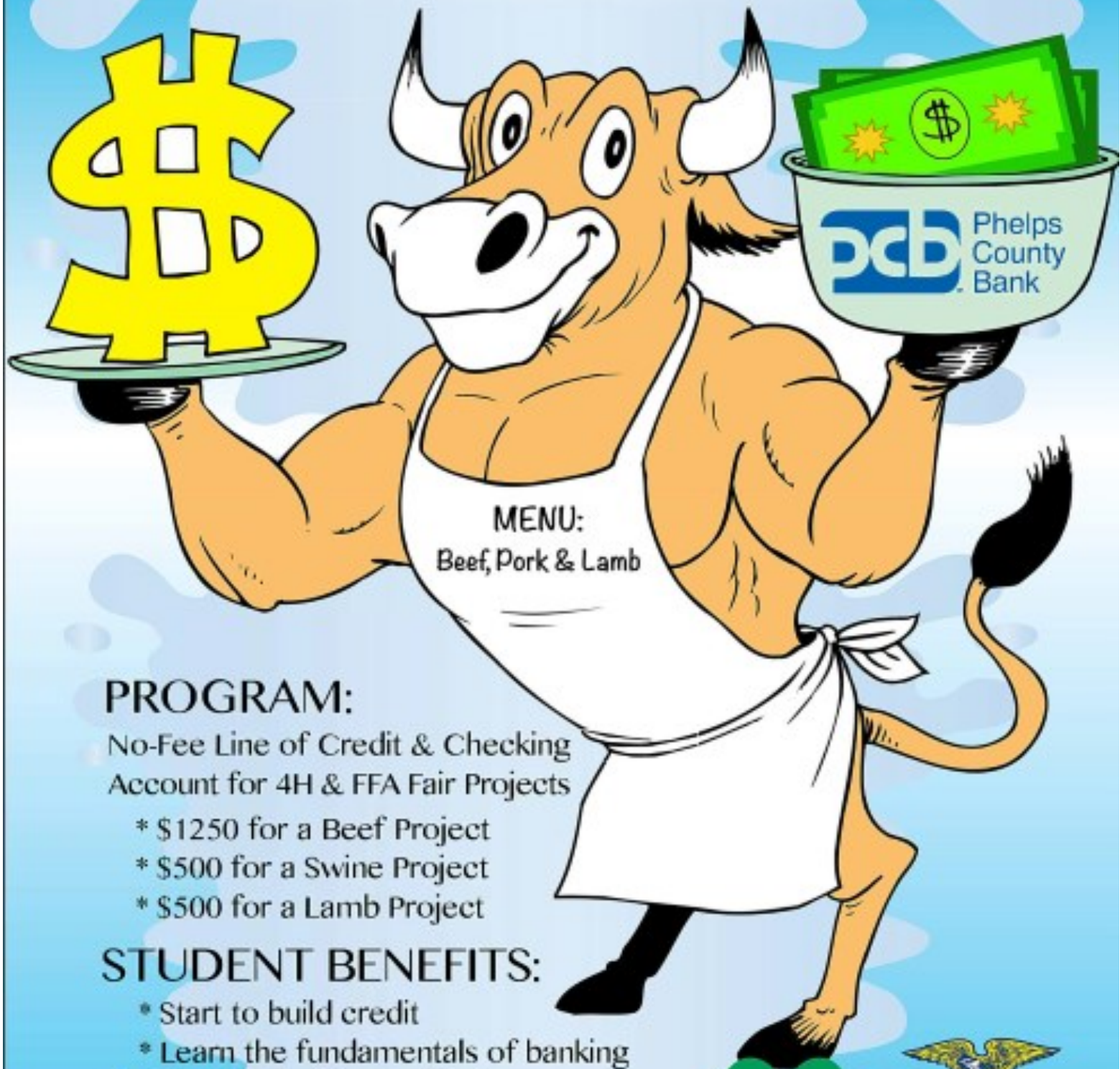
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