Missouri 4-H'ers in Action

MU EXTENSION 4-H CENTER for YOUTH DEVELOPMENT and MISSOURI 4-H FOUNDATION

2014 ANNUAL REPORT
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4-H is the Most Effective Youth Organization! The University of Missouri Extension Center for Youth Development 2014 annual report provides highlights of our youth preparing to step up and lead this complex and changing world. While impressive, it is only a snapshot of our programs and partnerships. 4-H, the nation’s largest and premier youth program is the only development program with direct access to technological advances in agriculture, life sciences, engineering, learning technologies and social sciences from our land grant university system. This brings relevant science content and the know-how to help kids thrive to all citizens of Missouri.

The 4-H program reaches one in every five young people, ages 5 to 18. In fact, 4-H is the only youth organization with a presence in every county in the nation. In Missouri our outreach is possible due to strong partnerships between MU Extension campus and regional 4-H youth development specialists, 4-H program assistants and associates, University of Missouri and Lincoln University educators, faculty, donors, volunteers, parents and young people.

Our private sector partner, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, is invaluable in helping MU Extension provide the breadth and quality of 4-H opportunities it does. Foundation trustees are tireless advocates and fundraisers for our program. We want to thank those donors and trustees for investing in Missouri’s youth.

4-H values results-driven educational opportunities that prepare young people to participate and lead in their communities and the workforce. And the results are being documented in an ongoing research effort from Tufts University, which is finding that kids in 4-H far outperform their non-4-H peers in leadership experiences and giving back to their communities. In 2014, 8,353 4-H members from 106 counties and the City of St. Louis connected to the MU campus or campus faculty for rich learning experiences. We are inspired to do even better in 2015! 4-H’ers aspire to go on to higher education and are more likely to pursue careers related to sciences (including ag bio-science), engineering and technology since they spend more of their leisure time engaging in science programming.

Why such results? Our 4-H members have more caring adults in their lives to help support and guide them in positive ways. So 4-H members are both science- and leadership-ready to step up and keep our communities thriving. Our volunteers are essential in this effort. More than 8,000 volunteers are screened and trained each year. This commitment of our volunteers will continue to create environments preparing young people to step up.

Together, dedicated faculty, committed volunteers and spirited 4-H’ers will continue to learn and grow together to help our youths and communities thrive. Join us in the Most Effective Youth Organization!

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A community of 260,355 youth from across Missouri, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

One out of every five Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a MU Extension 4-H program in 2014.

A community of young people across Missouri...

4-H has no geographic boundaries. While it has its beginnings in rural America, 4-H projects and activities today appeal to all young people.

4-H members are supported by 11,325 youth and adult volunteers

Time valued at $47.65 million

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri volunteers report they contribute 200 hours per year. Volunteer time is valued at $21.00 per hour, so the contribution of Missouri 4-H volunteers was worth more than $47.65 million in 2014!

22,914 club participants

4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences where members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and sport fishing. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.

206,820* special-interest program participants

4-H special-interest programs include conferences, distance learning programs, day camps and other educational activities such as school-age care. They often reach youths with special needs, such as those living in group homes or youths who are physically or mentally challenged.

30,261* school program participants

4-H school enrichment programs are short-term educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom. Most of these programs are led by teachers or 4-H volunteers.

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Top projects for 2014 enrollment year

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Leadership

Dairy Judging Team excels in international competitions

The Missouri 4-H Dairy Judging Team continued their tradition of excellence by placing second in two international dairy judging contests as part of the 2014 International Dairy Judging Tour of Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

“Our team really embraced this opportunity to travel and have these new experiences. Not only did they see agriculture and the dairy industry in another part of the world, they also developed lifelong friendships with members of the tour from other states.”

—Karla Deaver
4-H Youth Development Specialist

Thanks to the alumni and organizations who made this trip possible through their contributions. The team receives ongoing support from Monsanto Company, FCS Financial, the Missouri Holstein Association and the Missouri Dairy Association in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

From left: Brittany Groves, Tucker Peterson, Bailee Whitehead and Steven Nelson.

The Missouri 4-H team, which included Tucker Peterson, Steven Nelson, Bailee Whitehead and Brittany Groves, competed with other winning 4-H, FFA and intercollegiate teams at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland, and at a competition in Charleville, Ireland, placing second in both competitions. In addition, they toured dairy farms, agricultural industries and other local interest sites, providing a varied cultural opportunity for the team.
A few years of service, a lifetime of impact

Leadership and communication are just two of the many skills that young people develop in their 4-H careers. For a handful of 4-H’ers, the opportunity to serve on the State 4-H Council marks the pinnacle of that career. We recently asked several former council members about the impact this 4-H experience had on their lives. “Many of the opportunities, such as meeting state legislators and giving speeches, felt normal to us at the time,” said Natasha Frost, “but looking back I feel as though I was given very important experiences that helped shape who I am today professionally.”

“I was not the most popular kid in high school,” said Trent Todd. “Getting elected to the state council immediately boosted my self-confidence and completely changed my outlook on life. This new confidence gave me the encouragement I needed to take on new leadership opportunities. I became captain of my football team, president of several high school organizations, and went on to college where I continued to seek out new leadership opportunities.”

For others, the value of council service wasn’t realized until later in life. “I knew I made an impact on 4-H, but it wasn’t until I retired that I realized just how large that impact was,” said Bethany Bast. “Time has given me the opportunity to look back on all the memories made and see what all I did to change the lives of many to make the best better.” The work of the State 4-H Council continues in 2015 with regional energizers, state leadership events and 4-H club activities in communities across the state.

Ludwig heads state 4-H council

Trent Ludwig, a 10-year 4-H member and Jefferson City native, was elected president of the Missouri 4-H State Council. The new slate of officers and regional representatives were announced at the conclusion of the 69th annual State 4-H Congress in Columbia, Mo. Ludwig succeeds Jared Day as president.

Additionally, Marcie Eggers of Livingston County was elected vice president; Mikayla Engeman of Henry County was elected treasurer; and Cooper Sadowsky of Harrison County was elected secretary.

State representatives are Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Bridget Schumer of Cape Girardeau County; state extension council liaison Nathan Smith of Franklin County; Kids Helping Kids coordinator Jennifer Durbin of Marion County; and county youth liaison coordinator Nick Dungy of Livingston County.

The Missouri State 4-H Council is generously supported by Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Mary Davis.
Citizenship

Youth Civic Leaders Summit empowers teens to become community educators

Youths and adults from 15 Missouri counties, as well as groups from Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin, attended the ninth annual Youth Civic Leaders Summit, March 7-9, 2014. Youth-adult teams planned service learning projects focusing on “teens as teachers,” and participated in civic engagement workshops led by youth and adult presenters.

Carroll County 4-H Teens served as youth hosts for the week-long retreat. 4-H alumni led thought-provoking discussions on topics ranging from agriculture, technology and medicine, to education, leadership and community service.

Attendees celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act with activities promoting civic heritage and lifelong learning. They gained skills for successful work in teams, in careers and in their communities; and they created action plans to implement 4-H “teens as teachers” service-learning projects in their communities. Projects included a program in which 4-H teens taught robotics and STEM topics to third-graders at a local elementary school, a program to educate young people about agriculture and where their food comes from, and a program to promote education and encourage high school students to continue their education. With support from adults and opportunities to teach their peers about an issue or cause they care about, this event empowered youths to step into roles as community educators, change makers and lifelong learners.

“I learned that sharing knowledge is one of the most valuable gifts you can give. Teens teaching teens is a concept that can be shared over the years.”

—Carroll County youth participant

Sponsors of the Summit include Monsanto Company, Cenex Harvest States Foundation, the Missouri Bar, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, National 4-H Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.
Youth delegates gather for tenth annual 4-H Legislative Academy

Missouri 4-H youth representatives from 11 counties gathered at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on Feb. 17-19, 2014, to share their stories and experiences with legislators, commodity groups and state agency leaders. The tenth annual 4-H Legislative Academy brought youth delegates from all over Missouri to “learn by doing” at the heart of state government. While in Jefferson City, delegates were hosted in the State Capitol by Sen. Brian Munzlinger.

Delegates talked with more than 60 legislators and sponsors at a formal dinner, sponsored by the Missouri Agribusiness Association and the Jim Russell Foundation. Marty Oetting, University of Missouri government relations director, oriented the group to the Missouri General Assembly, and delegates were led on an evening tour of the Capitol by Rep. Mike Kelley.

During MU Legislative Day, Feb. 18, delegates met with Missouri Supreme Court Justice Mary Rhodes Russell and spent the afternoon shadowing state senators and representatives. The following day, delegates met with executive branch offices including Secretary of State Jason Kinder and staff from Governor Jay Nixon’s office.

Delegates discussed trends and current events with agricultural leaders from the Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Beef Industry Council, Missouri Cattlemans Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Pork Producers Association and Missouri Farm Bureau. They visited with spokespersons from state agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Social Services. Conservation officials hosted the group at the Runge Nature Center, where delegates learned about 4-H’s partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The 2014 4-H Legislative Academy was sponsored by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, CenturyLink, Gamble & Schlemeier, the Missouri Cattlemans Association, the Missouri Trucking Association, Missouri Outdoor Advertising, the Missouri Pork Association, Darrell and Nelda Godfrey, and Polsinelli Shughart PC, in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.
Life Skills

Cultivating young entrepreneurs

Sixteen Missouri teens put their entrepreneurial skills to the test at the 2014 Summers @ Mizzou Build-a-Business Camp. Campers created business ideas and plans, learned about their entrepreneurial strengths, and finished the week with more confidence and greater connections as young entrepreneurs.

Throughout the week, campers met with local business leaders and aspiring entrepreneurs such as Meg Goddard, owner of FreshStart, and Dustin and Austin Stanton, owners of Stanton Brothers Eggs. They toured the Mizzou Store, Tiger Garden and MU’s Craft Studio, where they learned about many aspects of the retail industry like supply-chain management, marketing and promotions. Campers teamed up on a creative marketing challenge, in which they brainstormed solutions for real-world marketing problems; and they took to the streets of MU for a customer service challenge, carrying out curbside promotions for local businesses.

Campers also met with representatives from Dual Cases, LLC, Driver’s Foods and Products, LLC, Accounting Plus, Central Missouri Community Action, Commerce Bank, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the MU Office of Technology Management and Industry Relations, State Farm Insurance, MU Extension, Mid Missouri SCORE, and MU Extension Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development (ExCEED).

The four-day camp ended with a pitch competition at MU’s Trulaske College of Business, where campers pitched their business ideas to a panel of judges, with awards given to winners to help them start their business.

Camp sponsors in 2014 included Commerce Bank, Miller’s Professional Imaging/MPIX, MU Trulaske College of Business, MU ExCEED, CLIMB Mizzou, Regional Economic Development, Inc., Orange Leaf Yogurt, the Missouri 4-H Foundation and the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.

“The speakers and business professionals helped me to better understand the business world and how to move in it.”

—Build-a-Business camper
4-H’ers learn about fish art, Asian carp and more at state sportfishing event

Thirty-nine 4-H members and their families participated in a fishing derby, casting contest and skill-a-thon during the annual 4-H Sportfishing State Event, held in May at Little Dixie Conservation Area.

“Sportfishing is not just about dropping a line in the water and waiting for a bite,” said Shannon White of the MU Extension 4-H program. “It includes knowledge of aquatic ecology, casting, tackle craft, and even how humans and fish are interdependent.”


Youths learned to make in-line spinners; practice knot tying; and created art by making prints directly from fish using a technique based on the Japanese art form gyotaku.

Volunteers included representatives from MU Extension; the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR); the CAFNR department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences; the CAFNR department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; the Missouri Geographic Alliance; and the City of Columbia. Sponsors included MU Extension 4-H, Bass Pro Shops and the Missouri Department of Conservation in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

MU Extension hosts national youth wildlife education event

University of Missouri Extension was host to the Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) 2014 national contest, July 25-30, 2014, in Columbia, Mo. More than 60 youths from 4-H and FFA in 16 states experienced hands-on learning about the biology and management of wildlife habitats and fisheries under the guidance of 32 adult leaders, including Missouri 4-H and MU Extension faculty; and biologists from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service.

Participants competed on species identification, wildlife knowledge, ability to evaluate wildlife habitat and understanding of habitat management practices.

Teams of youths evaluated habitat quality at a defined site and then developed written habitat management plans for that site. Individual team members then presented an oral defense of their plan before a panel of judges.

WHEP is a nationwide natural resource program for 4-H and FFA youths ages 8-19. Young people ages 14-19 who win their state’s contest are eligible to attend the national contest, which is held in a different state each year.
Dear Friends,

The Missouri 4-H Foundation recently said goodbye to longtime foundation trustee Bill Crouch, who passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 10, 2014. Bill was a Missouri 4-H’er to the core, with a 4-H family history that spanned decades. Over the years, Bill served in numerous roles on the board, including as board chairman, and he cared deeply about 4-H and its future. We will miss his smile and his levity, but most of all, we’ll miss Bill’s loyal friendship. All of us at 4-H will keep Bill’s wife Betty, his son Steve, his daughter Libby, and the entire Crouch family in our thoughts and prayers.

The year 2014 gave us many things to be grateful for, and Crader Distributing Company is certainly one of them! Crader, the exclusive Midwest dealer of STIHL outdoor power equipment, has teamed up with DuPont Pioneer to support the Foundation’s community service grant program. Crader and longtime partner Pioneer have committed to Missouri’s youth through this vital program that teaches youths the importance of giving back. Both companies have rich histories of helping local communities, and with their support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will continue to provide much needed grant funding to 4-H clubs and councils throughout the state.

We recently launched an exciting new program with longtime partner the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), in which we’re conducting a study involving 39 of MDC’s 70 unstaffed shooting ranges. On Jan. 2, Missouri 4-H began seeking public input on the available services and usage of these ranges. The information collected during this year-long survey will assist MDC to better understand the needs of citizens using the ranges so the department can consider them in their long-range plans. As a national leader in youth shooting sports, 4-H has a significant interest in the quality of the experience at the shooting ranges in our state, so we’re very pleased to implement this important study on behalf of MDC and the public. Please take a few minutes to participate in the study if you see a 4-H survey clerk at your local range!

The Missouri 4-H Foundation has announced a $250,000 matching gift challenge to support 4-H Youth Futures: College Within Reach, a long-term mentoring program designed to help first-generation college students and minorities obtain a college education. The goal is to secure permanent support for the Youth Futures program by establishing an endowment. To help meet this goal, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will match your contributions dollar-for-dollar up to $250,000, so please support Youth Futures today!

As always, thanks so much to each of you for your support of Missouri 4-H through the Missouri 4-H Foundation! Please pledge your continued annual or endowed support today! Call us at 1-800-642-8041, email us at 4hfoundation@missouri.edu, or visit us online at 4h.missouri.edu/foundation/.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Reams
Executive Director

Dale R. Ludwig
Board Chair
Remembering William “Bill” Mohler Crouch

William “Bill” Mohler Crouch passed away on Dec. 10, 2014, at the age of 81. Bill was born on Aug. 23, 1933, in Alberta, Canada to Edwin and Naomi Crouch, and grew up in Liberty, Mo. He and his two younger brothers, John and Eddie, were members of the Little Shoal 4-H Club in Clay County, Mo. Their mother, Naomi, served as their club leader.

Bill met his wife, Betty, while attending the University of Missouri–Columbia. They were married in 1959, and moved to St. Louis, Mo., where they raised their two children, Steve and Iiby. After working for Betty’s family-owned business, Adams Dairy and Velvet Freeze Ice Cream, Bill began a new career in the financial services industry and eventually became a founding partner of The Capital Group, LLC.

A man of service, dedicated to his family and community, Bill served on the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees for more than 19 years. During his tenure, he served as chairman and led the Investment and Finance Committee for several terms. He also served on the boards of William Jewell College, the American and Missouri Quarter Horse Associations, and he was a devoted member of Kirkwood Baptist Church.

Much like his mother, Bill was a dedicated 4-H volunteer and embodied every quality the 4-H clover represents. In 1990, the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees established the Naomi Crouch Volunteer Leadership Award in recognition of her dedication to the youth of Missouri. Each spring, Bill proudly presented the award to three outstanding 4-H volunteers in honor of his mother.

Bill is survived by his wife Betty Crouch; son Steven Crouch; daughter Elizabeth “Iiby” Crouch Woodsmall; grandchildren Kyle and Tyler Woodsmall; sister Sarah Crouch Peterson of Plano, Tex.; and brother John Crouch of Waikoloa, Hawaii. He is preceded in death by his brother Eddie Crouch and his sister Marie Crouch Pryor.

Memorials may be given to the Missouri 4-H Foundation Naomi Crouch Volunteer Leadership Fund, 1110 S. College Avenue, Columbia, MO 65211.
MDC partners with 4-H Foundation for shooting range study

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to seek public input on the available services and usage of MDC’s unstaffed shooting ranges across the state.

Missouri is a national leader in providing free, publicly-owned shooting ranges with MDC maintaining 70 unstaffed ranges. MDC is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation for a year-long survey, where 4-H Foundation staff will ask users about their experiences at the ranges. Participation in the survey is voluntary. The study will include nearly 1,700 site visits across the eight MDC regions in Missouri.

“The mission of the Missouri Department of Conservation’s range program is to provide a safe place to practice shooting and archery skills for Missouri citizens,” said MDC Hunting Education and Shooting Range Coordinator Kyle Lairmore. “The survey will assist the department with better understanding the needs of citizens using the ranges so we can consider them in our long-term shooting range plan.”

MDC partnered with the Foundation for the survey because of the Foundation’s long history of supporting shooting sports across the state. Surveys are being conducted at 39 MDC unstaffed shooting ranges now through Dec. 31, 2015.

“Missouri 4-H is a national leader in youth shooting sports with a significant interest in the quality of the experience at the shooting ranges in our state, so we’re very pleased to implement this important program on behalf of MDC and the public,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. “We encourage range users to participate in this survey to help MDC to continue providing the best facilities for our state’s hunting and shooting enthusiasts.”
Crader Distributing Company supports 4-H community service grants

Crader Distributing Company and STIHLdealers.com have established a partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation that will provide community service grant funding to 4-H clubs throughout the state of Missouri.

“We are committed to the growth, prosperity and stability of the community as a whole,” said Stan Crader, president of Crader Distributing Company. “We see this as an exciting new opportunity to extend our support to families throughout Missouri, while encouraging Missouri youths to take an active role in community service and civic engagement.”

Founded in 1944 in Marble Hill, Mo., Crader Distributing Company is a family-owned business and the exclusive distributor of STIHL outdoor power equipment in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and southern Illinois. Along with its sister organization, Blue Mountain Equipment, Crader supplies more than 1,300 dealers throughout the Midwest.

Missouri 4-H’ers learn the importance of giving back to their communities early on in their 4-H involvement. Through this generous new partnership, 4-H clubs will be eligible for grants to match funding for service learning projects in their local communities.

“We are deeply grateful to Crader Distributing Company for their generous support of the Missouri 4-H Foundation’s community service grant program,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. “Service learning is a key component of the Missouri 4-H program and these projects have a lasting impact on 4-H members and the communities they serve.”

The Foundation’s community service grant program also receives ongoing support from DuPont Pioneer. Since 2003, DuPont Pioneer — the world’s leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics, providing high quality seeds to farmers in more than 90 countries — has supported 4-H community improvement projects throughout Missouri, with grants totaling more than $33,000.
Missouri 4-H Foundation announces $250,000 matching gift challenge to support 4-H Youth Futures

The Missouri 4-H Foundation has announced a $250,000 matching gift challenge to support 4-H Youth Futures: College Within Reach, a successful long-term mentoring program that prepares underserved youths to succeed in college.

The goal is to secure permanent support for the Youth Futures program by establishing a $2 million endowment, which will provide the $100,000 in annual funding needed to sustain the program. To help meet this goal, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will match funds raised to support Youth Futures dollar-for-dollar up to $250,000.

Shortly before his passing, Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Bill Crouch announced the challenge at a National 4-H event in St. Louis, Mo. He said, "Sustaining 4-H programming is becoming increasingly challenging, and Youth Futures is a high priority for the Missouri 4-H Foundation. We hope the Foundation's commitment to Youth Futures will encourage others to partner with us to secure this important program.”

4-H Youth Futures: College Within Reach was established in 2002 by the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension. It was designed to help first-generation college students and minorities — who have historically lagged others in college enrollment and degree attainment — to go to college and stay in college by guiding them through an extensive program that includes ongoing local mentoring and an on-campus college orientation conference.

“We recognize the significant impact of Youth Futures to help underserved and minority youths overcome obstacles on the path to obtaining a college degree.”

—Cheryl Reams, Executive Director

“This challenge gift reflects the Missouri 4-H Foundation's dedication to ensuring Youth Futures continues to benefit all of the young people who need it,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

For more information about how to support the Youth Futures program, call the Missouri 4-H Foundation at 1-800-642-8041.

4-H Youth Futures alumni speaking about the program at an event in St. Louis, Mo.
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Richard L. Fordyce
Barbara K. Froke
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Nancy Mense
Terry Meyer
Karen M. Miller
Marvin and Leigh Moore
Melvin and Susan Moore
I am Missouri 4-H

By KATIE ALLEN, Missouri 4-H Alumna

Caitlyn Rose was her name. The red, white-faced Simmental heifer was a twin my dad purchased as my first 4-H project. As an 8-year-old first-time 4-H’er, I fell in love with that bucket calf. Everything about her — from her under bite to the way she’d nearly take me down each time I entered the gate with a bottle of milk — made me smile.

As we approached the county fair, I worked hard to halter break Caitlyn. I learned how to club her and fit her for show day. I washed her, led her around the dry lot, and practiced how I would answer the judge’s questions.

Almost a month before the fair, my dad and I talked about weaning her from the bottle and what that meant. Dad said to me, "This is the last week we’ll feed Caitlyn the bottle. We are incorporating grain into her diet now so she can continue to grow."

One of the last times I fed her the bottle, Caitlyn darted toward me from the feed bunk and immediately began eating. That wasn’t out of the ordinary. But what happened next was scary for me.

Caitlyn started coughing, almost like she was choking. I ran back to the house to get my dad. We took her to our local veterinarian, and he told us she had inhaled milk and feed into her lungs.

We tried to treat her, based on our veterinarian’s recommendations. The situation, however, only got worse for Caitlyn. She got aspiration pneumonia and died within just a few days, and only weeks before the county fair.

Although I wasn’t able to take Caitlyn to the fair, I had already submitted her entry. The show superintendent let me take my bucket calf exam, which made up a portion of the overall score in deciding the placement of the calves. I scored perfect on the test but didn’t have a high enough overall score to receive a blue ribbon.

On show day, I watched 4-H exhibitors like me with their bucket calves. As the announcer handed out the awards, she called me to the ring and said, "This little girl’s bucket calf couldn’t make it to the fair, but she completed her exam. We want to acknowledge her with a red ribbon."

I walked away with my red ribbon and tears in my eyes. I was mixed with emotion, as I missed my calf, but I was grateful that the announcer still acknowledged Caitlyn and me. On that day, I learned being a 4-H member meant more than projects and ribbons. It was about growing, helping others and taking in life lessons.

Through my involvement with 4-H, my love for cattle extended to other livestock, and together with my five younger siblings we’ve shown about every animal species in the book. In addition to livestock projects, I explored other projects too.

When I pull weeds in my community garden plot today in Manhattan, Kan., I think back to my 4-H gardening projects and apply the skills I learned long ago as a youth. When I take my garden vegetables home, I remember my grandparents’ kitchen and the times they helped me prepare my canned tomato juice, jams and pickles for the fair.

I am a more patient person who reads and follows directions carefully as an adult, thanks to the 4-H projects such as shooting sports, cooking, cake decorating and clothing. When I make tough decisions, I recall my days on the 4-H livestock judging team and develop a list of reasons to help me through that decision.

I believe in 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service so much that I’ve made a career of it. I currently work for K-State Research and Extension as a communications specialist, where I get to tell stories about 4-H members, employees and volunteers who, like me, have benefited from the program.

I may have had my eye on a blue ribbon or shiny trophy as the end goal when I was a 4-H member. But today, the ribbons are boxed up, and the trophies continue to collect dust on the walls of my old bedroom at my parents’ house. I’m confident the knowledge I gained remains in me, and I continue to use my hands, head, heart and health to strive to be a better person today.
Charles and Marilyn Moreland
Dale and June Morgan
Rick and Melinda Morgan
Byron D. Morrison, Jr.
Carol and Roger Morrison
Terrie R. Nagel
Howard L. Neth
Hope A. Newsom
Elizabeth Nuelle
Patricia A. Nuelle
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Keith H. Struchtemeyer
Wilma S. Sutton
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Kathleen M. Teegarden
Randall and Diane Temple
Gladys M. Thompson
Tom and Dixie Thornton
Chelsie Todd
Trent Todd
Dennis F. Tuck
Jenny Tudor
Julie Ver Dught
Neil R. Voigt
Brent Voorheis
Carolyn and David Walden
Karolyn Wayman
Becky D. Weiss
Phyllis A. White
Meghan Wichern
Eleanor L. Wiegel
Robert and Edris Wilhoit
Mary Jo Williams
Derrick and Glenda Willis
Chris Willow
Anna J. Wilt
Jana and Jerry Wirth
Marilyn J. Wolverton
Pam J. Woodland
Howard C. Wright, Jr.
Theresa J. Yeager
Mary M. Zimmerman
Bank of Louisiana
Buchanan County Extension Council
Cannon Kids 4-H Club
Clark Community Mental Health Center
Clerk of the US District Court
Greene County 4-H Foundation

Hermann Veterinary Clinic
Independent Farmers Bank
Kahoka State Bank
Lafayette County 4-H Council Fund
Landmark Bank
Little Rascals Clover Kids 4-H Club
MAFCE, Inc.
Martin Farms
Milo-Oakdale 4-H Club
Missouri Life Media
Monroe County 4-H Council
Order of the Eastern Star-Independence Chapter
School House Bed and Breakfast
Shelby 4-H Club
St. Louis Cardinals
The School District of Springfield R-12
United Security Bank
University Concert Series
U.S. Marshal & Court Security Officers
Veterinary Clinic of the Mineral Area
Yates House Bed and Breakfast

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Martha Jo Ahrends Lincoln, Ill.
Eileen S. Appleton* Bloomington, Ind.
Arthur Ausherman* Columbia
Aaron and Erica Baker Atlanta
C.O. and Katy Balentine Raymore
Melman Bolm* Warrenton
Dr. William and Barbara Casady Warsaw, Ill.
James and Jane Chenoweth Springfield
Diane Cole Tipton
Bill* and Betty Crouch St. Louis
Mary Camille Davis Kansas City
Elizabeth Drake* Warsaw
Robert and Gloria Fridley St. Charles
Everett L. Gallup* O’Fallon
Mark Goth St. Charles
Nancy Headrick Jefferson City
Konrad and Barbara Heid Joplin
Ambrose* and Janet Heimann Raymore
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THE MISSOURI 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
(Only the total net asset classifications are displayed)

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The condensed financial statement information above have been derived from financial statements audited by Beard-Boehmer & Associates, PC for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The audited financial statements and auditors report are available at the Missouri 4-H Foundation administrative office, 1110 S. College Avenue, Columbia, MO 65211

4-H CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVE GRANTS JULY 1, 2013–JUNE 30, 2014

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Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame honors 54 inductees

Making the best better for generations of 4-H’ers, 54 volunteers joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Aug. 9 at the State Fair Community College campus in Sedalia. Inductees from 41 counties bring with them a total of 1,566 years of volunteer service to the hall of fame. The annual event is sponsored by the Missouri 4-H Foundation, FCS Financial and the Missouri State Fair.

Sam Carneal  Andrew  Audrain
Leland Hanneken  Audrain  Benton
Donald and Wilma McKibben  Barton
Anna Lou Engelhardt  Bates
Mary Westermier  Benton  Buchanan
Helen Whitlock  Buchanan
Virginia Howell  Caldwell  Callaway
Rodney Garnett  Callaway
Candy Schlueter  Carroll
John Vic Grice  Cass
Larry Young, Kahoka Meat Processors  Clark
Rosalie Ingle  Clinton
James Jay Wilbers  Cole

Ann Lenz  Cooper  Franklin
Marilyn Eckelkamp  Franklin  Gasconade
Gary and Jane Peanick  Greene
Sherry Kelley  Greene
Les and Betty Spickard  Grundy
David and Laura Henny  Grundy
Mike and Pat Cloud  Jasper
Kenneth and Marilyn Parsons  Johnson
Mary Jane Bergman  Lafayette
Marilyn Calvin  Lawrence
Kevin Cary*  Lewis
John Northcutt  Lincoln
Doris Liebhart  Linn
William Bagley  Livingston

Shari Bibbs  Macon
Don and Kathy Nicholson  Marion
Mike and Julann McLaughlin  Monroe
Geralyn Kleffner  Osage
Karl and Ruth Ann Darby  Pettis
Chris Niemeyer  Pike
Robert and Karen Houf  Putnam
Terry and Joy Hoyt  Ralls
Arthur Ray and Clara Heath  Randolph
Kim Vogel  Saline
Randy Ward  Scotland
Jan Beach  Shelby
Barbara Haverland  St. Clair
Neal and Connie Gerster  Vernon

*Awarded posthumously