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April 2019 Report

## Upcoming Meetings, Programs & Activities

**April 4**—Harrison Co Council Meeting & New Member Orientation

**April 9**—Mercer/Harrison Co Water Festival in Princeton

**April 10**—Harrison Co Interagency Meeting in Bethany

**April 11**—North Central Business Facilitation in Bethany

**April 13**—Show Me Mizzou Day (Campus Open House) in Columbia

**April 16**—Bethany Chamber

**April 18**—Tigers for Troops, United Methodist Church in Bethany

**April 18**—NW Roundtable of Economic Developers in Cameron

**April 22**—Communities of Excellence Meeting in St. Joseph

**April 23**—Northwest Enterprise Facilitation in King City

**April 25**—Grant City Chamber

**April 29**—Worth Co Extension Council Meeting in Grant City

**April 30**—Presentation Training – Johnson Co Extension Center in Warrensburg

**May 1**—Regional Extension Council Meeting in Hamilton

**May 3**—Safety Acres (Youth Farm Safety) in Maryville

**The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, then starting on the first one. - Mark Twain**

## Community Economic Development - Ag Business

### March Programs and Activities Report

- Harrison County Extension Council hosted their annual meeting on March 7 at Eckards Community Hall. Councilmembers and guests gathered to celebrate 2018 successes, recognize three Century Farms, and honor extension council members, volunteers, and our State Fair Farm Family.
- During the month of March, I continued to provide guidance to non-profit organizations and existing and start-up agribusinesses. In Gentry County, I am helping a non-profit with basic strategic planning and funding development; in Harrison County, I am helping an entrepreneur refine their business plan; and in Worth County, I am helping to find resources for a local grower.
- March 8-10, Worth County council members hosted a group of MU students through the MU Alternative Spring Break program. Six students helped clean the Fair Grounds building and the Senior Center, and stocked spring and summer clothes at Mission Possible.
- I attended my first meeting of the North Central Business Facilitation Team in Altamont on March 14 and look forward to working with this group to facilitate entrepreneurship in our region. Additionally, I helped to facilitate a Google Marketing session at the organization's annual Business Expo held in Trenton on March 20.
- On March 21 I attended my first meeting back with the Northwest Roundtable of Economic Developers in Cameron. This group of economic development professionals and partners work together to pull valuable economic development resources, initiatives, and programs to the northwest corner of our state.
- The Harrison County Health Department is forming a new Health & Wellness Coalition, and on March 22 I attended their inaugural meeting. The focus of the newly formed coalition includes smoking cessation, increased activity, and healthier food choices.
- USDA Rural Utility Service offers funding for two programs for broadband expansion into rural areas, the ReConnect Pilot Program and the Community Connect Program. On March 25 I attended training to learn how these programs can assist service providers and communities in building out broadband networks to our rural constituents.
- To conclude the month, I attended MU for You in Columbia along with Harrison County council members Tim Hill and Susie Rollheiser. This training brought council members and county engagement specialists from around the state together to brainstorm new ideas and share best practices for county councils.



**Please contact me with any questions or to request more information about upcoming events. [spainhowerj@missouri.edu](mailto:spainhowerj@missouri.edu) or (660) 425-6434**



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