Upcoming Events

**August 3, 2017**
Grundy Electric Supper-Bart Skroh

**August 4, 2017**
Produce Auction Tour & Discussion with Dr. Stewart
9 am-3 pm - Tim Baker

**August 7, 2017**
Harrison County Extension Council Meeting - 6 pm

**August 10-20, 2017**
Missouri State Fair

**Aug. 16-Oct. 13, 2017**
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy-Albany
Janet Hackert

**August 21, 2017**
Solar Eclipse

**August 22, 2017**
Field Day at Graves Chapple & Hundley-Whaley
Andy Luke

**August 31-Sept 4, 2017**
NW MO State Fair

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On July 7th I attended the Pest Management Field Day in Columbia. This event focused on the herbicide dicamba and some of the issues with off-target movement that we are seeing in Missouri. Several reports of damaged soybeans, home gardens, orchards and ornamentals throughout the state resulted in a temporary ban on the use of dicamba for agricultural purposes. I have fielded several calls in Harrison County from growers who have soybeans with dicamba damage, but damage is much less in our area than in the Missouri River bottoms and Bootheel portions of the state.

The Crop Diagnostic Clinic was held on July 13th in Columbia and focused on nutrient management for corn and soybeans as well as overall crop health management. The Missouri Show Me Soy School was held the following day with demonstrations on cover crops, soybean cyst nematodes and soybean breeding. Soybean yield world record holder Randy Dowdy of Valdosta, Georgia provided the keynote address of the meeting. He spoke about his management strategies and challenged attendees to not be afraid to try new things when chasing higher yields.

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**FNEP Program Events for July 1-31, 2017**

**FNEP Staff Training**

**FNEP Update, Columbia**

**Harrison County Food Pantry, Bethany** – Healthy Change Workshops for Adults

**Caldwell County Health Department** – Kids in the Kitchen Classes with NPA, Julie Meek

**Daviess County Health Department** – Kids in the Kitchen Classes with NPA, Connie Griffith

**Worth County Community Services, Inc.** – Kids in the Kitchen Classes with NPA, Julie Meek

**Please Join Me for Current & Future Programs**

*(Please contact me for more information)*

- **Harrison County Food Pantry, Bethany** – Healthy Change Workshops for Adults
- **Mercer County Food Pantry, Princeton** – Healthy Change Workshops for Adults

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**Bart Skroh**

**Youth Program Associate**

July is a very light month for 4-H programming. My main goals for the month of July are to get the items going to state fair entered and tagged, make sure that all of those who are going to show their animals at state fair are approved in the state fair entry system, and get ready for things that are coming up in August and September.

On July 23rd we had a 4-H advisory board meeting to discuss much of our upcoming events. Right away on August 3rd we will be assisting with the Grundy Electric supper. We also planned for North West Missouri State Fair and Recognition Day.

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**Marcia Evans**

**Office Manager/Bookkeeper**

July has been a busy month because of an emergency absence due to my mother’s health. I was out 6 days while she underwent heart surgery, not to mention all the celebrations taken place around the 4th.

There was plenty to catch up on including the annual training required by campus. I have completed the online training, “MakeItSafe”, Security Awareness for End Users, as well as, Discrimination Prevention and Title IV. I also attended an Adobe ISE—Building an Effective Board/Council. It mainly focused on keeping 4-H volunteers engaged in the program. It was hosted by Paula Huff and Denise Retzleff of UW-Extension.