

JEFFERSON COUNTY MONTHLY REPORT

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Office Update – Kathy, Jody & Kathleen

In **October 2018**, we received **154** phone calls, which included over **5** information calls for county government, and **34** calls from St. Louis County & St. Charles County residents. We had **22** visitors and reached an average of **1,166** people with posts and **367** post engagements via the Facebook Page. Popular Facebook posts included “*Congratulations to Debi Kelly*” and “*GAP Certification process.*” Over **75** pieces of educational material were handed out, mailed or delivered to literature racks and passed out at workshops. Other services included processing **16** soil tests, and **1** plat book sales and **1** hay nitrate test.

Horticulture/Local Foods/CPD – Debi Kelly








Answered 39 requests from the St. Louis County Extension office and 18 requests from the St. Charles County Extension office. The majority of the requests were asking for an explanation of their soil test recommendation and lawns.

Agriculture

-  I received the Vice Chancellor’s Diversity Team Award at the 2018 Extension Summit. The team and program for the award was the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, Ranchers and Veterans.
-  Attended the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting.
-  Met with Karen Funkenbusch and the Human and Environmental Sciences media group to begin the marketing plan for the beginning farmer grant.
-  Met with Rachel Hopkins and Kendra Graham to begin planning the “Kick-Off Beginning Farmer Meeting” that will be held Monday, Nov 26 at City Hall in Hillsboro.
-  Met with Karen Funkenbusch and Becky Mott to begin the evaluating process for the Beginning Farmer Grant.
-  Began the process as the grant panel manager for a USDA NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) grant.
-  I was asked to represent Missouri Extension as a Horticulture Field Specialist on the “*Connecting Drought Early Warning to the Decision Making Needs of Specialty Crop Producers in the Midwestern United States Project*” and attended the initial teleconference of this 5 state project.
-  Attended the Brain Injury Association’s Annual Conference and exhibited as the Beginning Farmer Grant introducing the concept of farming as a viable career option to health care providers who work with individuals with brain injuries.
-  The Extension Council Ag Committee met to begin planning the 96th Annual Soils and Crops Conference.



Horticulture

-  Manjula Nathan, Director of the Soil Testing Lab, visited the Jefferson County Extension Office to discuss our use of the soil-testing lab and to provide input on the future of the soil-testing lab.
-  Participated in the Great Plains Growers Conference planning committee zoom meeting.
-  Visited the Washington Farmers’ Market to gather price data as part of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Agriculture.
-  Master Gardener Carol Kunz represented the Jefferson County Master Gardeners at the Bicentennial Celebration of Jefferson County.
-  Attended the Master Gardener Coordinator Leadership Team meeting.
-  Participated in the Metro Food Team zoom meeting.
-  Participated in the Metro Food Team’s subcommittee zoom meeting to continue planning the statewide conference on local food systems that will be held Feb 21, 2019 at the St. Charles County Extension Office.

County Program Director

- ☐ Attended the October Extension Council monthly meeting.
- ☐ Interviewed with radio station – KTJJ with a discussion on being an Extension Council Member and the upcoming elections.
- ☐ Assisted with representing Jefferson County Extension at the Bicentennial Celebration of Jefferson County.
- ☐ I was unable to attend but several members of the Extension Council attended the Urban Region Extension Council Training at the St. Louis Extension Office in Kirkwood.



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4-H Youth Development – Melissa Scheer

Extension Council Members

You are all invited to the 4-H Annual Banquet - Friday November 2, 6:00 pm, Jefferson College Cafeteria

Final Membership Count for 2017-2018 year:

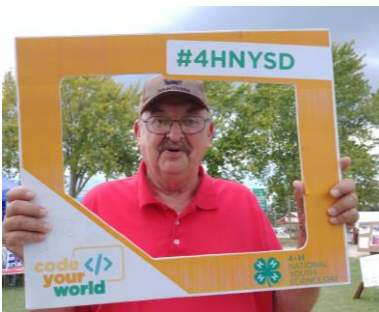
4-H Clubs total = 312 (with duplicates because of youth in multiple clubs) or 297 (no duplicates)

This includes: 31 in Youth Futures 4-H Clubs which meets in school all year
49 in Clyde Hammerick SPIN Clubs which meet afterschool for a short time

Enrollment is up from last year's 243 total (no duplicates).

Since the last report and in October, Melissa did the following:

- ☘ Met with staff and youth at Bridges Alternative school for **Youth Futures: College within Reach** (10/2, 10/17, 10/18). Youth took pre-program year surveys, completed the Colors personality assessment and began discussing their plans for life after high school. Cornita Robinson meets with youth 10/31 and 11/1. We also completed the plan of work for 2019.



- ☘ Worked with 18 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers at the **Jefferson County Bicentennial** (10/6) to share 4-H activities including: horsemanship, poultry, computer programming, goats, and more. A huge thank you to the Dreamcatcher's 4-H Club – Wendy, Ike, Youngers and the rest! And Also Pia Broccard and the Ritters, Garzias and Hunnings. Also thanks to the Extension Council and Master Gardner representation. It was a great success!



- ☘ **Paper Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply** was October 6-14. I set up a display (10/6) and club members were invited to encourage customers to purchase Clovers by bagging purchases.
- ☘ Presented and Learned at the **National Association of Extension Youth Agents Conference** (10/6-10/11) in Ohio. I learned about: grants and community partners, science computer programming clubs, Youth programs for drug abuse prevention, Food and nutrition teens as teachers, and more. I work with teams to teach others about: Youth Futures – College within Reach Program and Youth Experiencing Homelessness.
- ☘ I met with Dreamcatcher's 4-H Club leaders to work on end of the year paperwork and finances (10/15).
- ☘ We accepted a donation of \$300 from Karen Siebert of **Siebert Insurance on behalf of United Mutual Insurance Company**. Though Karen was not able to meet us in person this year, we celebrated without her at the 4-H Council Meeting.
- ☘ **4-H Council Meetings** are usually the 4th Thursday of most months. In October, we met (10/18) and discussed the 4-H Banquet, and the 4-H Energizer – set for Feb 2 at Jefferson College. Next Meeting will be Nov 15. No meeting is scheduled for December. Then beginning in January we will be back to the regular 4th Thursday of the month.



- ☘ Learned about the exciting new beginnings for University of Missouri in terms of Extension! I was excited to hear about the really great partnership developing with MU Campus units. I visited the School of Social Work and Interactive Theatre troupe. I heard from researchers and external collaborators about how all of us can make more connections on campus and off.
- ☘ We had 4-H planning and learning meetings this month including: Youth and Families Collaborative Team Planning (10/1), NAE4-HA Conference Presentation planning (10/1), 4-H Field Specialists meeting (10/2), and Equity, Access & Belonging Committee Meeting on SKYPE (10/17), worked with both Kathleen and Jody to learn the basics of 4HOnline enrollment including accepting credit card payments (10/17).

Co-County Program Director work includes:

- 👤 Provided more forms and information (10/26) about the **MU Extension support staff jobs** to Debi Kelly and Jody Squires to continue the process. The next stage of approvals may happen around November 12.
- 👤 Continued to work with **Office Associate, Jody Fergusson**, to double check QuickBooks deposits (10/16), checks and reports. Everything is working very well. Thanks Jody!
- 👤 **Kathleen Firlie** has been wonderful in the office working with the 4-H Banquet preparation and developing an organizing system for the 4-H Curriculum library. Thank you Kathleen!

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FNEP Program – Gidget Mudd & Darla Wood

FNEP Monthly Program Report

Gidget Mudd/October 2018

Site Name	List curricula name (acronym) or SNAP Outreach	Youth Grade Level(s) <i>(if not adult audience)</i>
Crystal City Elementary	Let's Read About Healthy Eating	Pre-K
Crystal City Elementary	Adventures In Nutrition	Kindergarten
Crystal City Library	Eating Smart, Being Active	Adult
Crystal City Elementary	Fun With Food and Fitness	1 st Grade
Crystal City Elementary	Food Group Express	2 nd Grade
Crystal City Elementary	Building My Body	3 rd Grade
De Soto Farmers Market	Show Me Nutrition / Healthy Change Workshop	Youth and Adult
Sunrise Elementary	Show Me Nutrition	6 th /7 th and 8 th Grade
De Soto Library	Kids In The Kitchen	Homeschool Group
A Safe Place	Eating Smart, Being Active1	Adult
Vineland Elementary	Fun With Food and Fitness	1 st Grade
Vineland Elementary	Food Group Express	2 nd Grade

Notes for FNEP team, CPDs, council members: First Saturday of the month May through October, Kids Korner and Healthy Change Workshops at De Soto Farmers Market. Finished up all of the programming at Crystal City Elementary and Crystal City Library.

Darla Wood/October 2018

Site Name	List curricula name (acronym) or SNAP Outreach	Youth Grade Level(s) <i>(if not adult audience)</i>
House Spring Elementary	Food Group Express	Youth 2nd
House Springs Elementary	Building My Body	Youth 3rd
Hillsboro Primary	Adventures in Nutrition	Youth K
High Ridge Elementary	Food Group Express	Youth 2nd

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If you have any questions regarding programs and functions, please feel free to ask the staff