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December 4, 2017

Dear County Commissioners and Friends of MU Extension:

For much of the past year, MU Extension was focused on a long-overdue assessment of statewide needs and a deep look at how we respond to these needs with programs and resources.

We crisscrossed the state to gather input from 42 community conversations with 1,200 people and reviewed analysis and recommendations from a range of external experts. As a result, MU Extension is working on a variety of changes in the interest of providing better university engagement with your communities.

We are steadfast in our resolve to help local communities and the state meet grand challenges associated with economic opportunity, educational excellence and healthy futures. These challenges reflect what Missourians from every corner of the state told us they were most concerned about.

As you read your county's annual MU Extension report, I believe you will be pleased to see the results that have been accomplished through county-based University of Missouri faculty. These faculty members work in response to input received from local extension councils.

At the state level, local MU Extension efforts really add up. Though we have long known extension funds were leveraged, an independent review revealed that MU Extension created more than \$945 million dollars of public value from the \$80 million it received from federal, state, county, grant and contract partners. A public value ratio exceeding 11:1 even surprised us.

As we go about implementing changes based on the recently completed needs assessment and review of our organization, I am confident that our ability to create value at the local level will be even greater.

I encourage you to read the attached annual report from your MU Extension county center to gain an understanding of how MU Extension has worked this past year to serve your community.

Your support of MU Extension and your efforts in your community is greatly appreciated. As always, I welcome input on how the University of Missouri can better serve your community and its people.

Sincerely,



Marshall Stewart, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement

A Note from University of Missouri Extension in Harrison County

2017 Harrison County Council Members

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Nutrition and Health Education Specialist
County Program Director

Andy Luke

Agronomy Specialist
County Program Director

Micah Doty

Family Nutrition Program Associate

Bart Skroh

Youth Program Associate

Marcia Evans

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Dear County Commissioners and residents of Harrison County,

We are pleased to present you with this 2017 annual report highlighting some of University of Missouri Extension's programming in the county.

MU Extension is the statewide outreach of all four campuses of the University of Missouri and Lincoln University. MU Extension staff provide educational resources to help citizens apply researched knowledge to solve individual and community problems.

Through conferences, short courses, workshops, one-on-one consultations, printed and recorded materials, mass media and social media, the MU Extension team brings to the public practical information in six program areas:

4-H Youth Development
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Business and Workforce Development
Community Development
Continuing Education
Human Environmental Sciences

These solutions in Harrison County are made possible by the financial and programming support of the University of Missouri, Lincoln University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, County Commission and the County Extension Council. Our impact relies on the additional support of individual volunteers, groups, agencies, organizations and businesses.

We appreciate all those who made 2017 such a big success in improving people's lives and we look forward to continuing this effort together. We hope this report increases understanding about what University of Missouri Extension has done in Harrison County in 2017.



Tim Hill
Council Chair



Janet Hackert
County Program Director

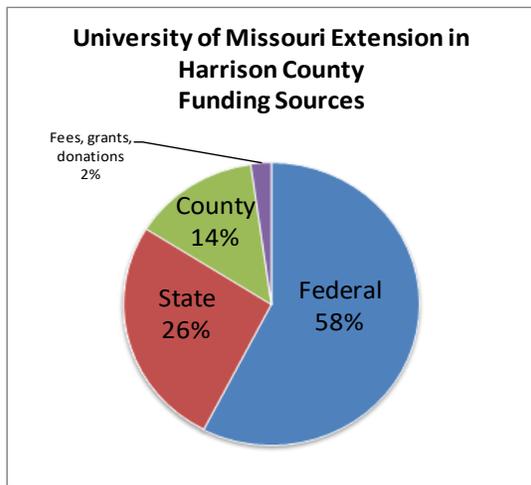
Extension Council Roles and Responsibilities

The Harrison County University of Missouri Extension Council serves as a governing body for MU Extension programs in the county. Their responsibilities include:

- Making recommendations and suggestions to the University concerning extension programs.
- Making recommendations and suggestions to the University concerning the appointment or removal of extension personnel.
- Arranging for and administering the county's share of the cost of the extension services over which the council has jurisdiction.
- Receiving, holding and/or selling real and personal property reasonably required for the extension program.

Financial Update

Federal and state funds provide salaries and benefits for professional staff assigned to the county, expenses for professional development, official mail and cost-sharing on computer technology. The University also provides educational materials and faculty support for extension programs.



| 2017 Financial Statement Harrison County Extension | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Income | |
| County Appropriations | \$25,000.00 |
| Gifts/Grants/Contracts | 1.35 |
| Balance Transfers | 295.06 |
| Total Income | <u>\$25,296.44</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Salary and Payroll | \$16,087.62 |
| Payroll Expenses | 1,269.71 |
| Non Payroll Salaries | 4,594.48 |
| Travel | 1,188.88 |
| Postage | 100.00 |
| Telephone - Local | 447.50 |
| Telephone - Tolls | 226.57 |
| Rent/Lease Equipment | 724.16 |
| Supplies/Services | 388.51 |
| Council Expenses | -24.39 |
| Insurance | 178.00 |
| Extension Council Election | 115.40 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$25,296.44</u> |



**We would like to thank Harrison County Commissioners
Jim Holcomb, Jack Hodge and Rick Smith
for their ongoing support of
University of Missouri Extension in Harrison County.**

PROGRAM AREA- 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTERS—BECKY SIMPSON AND BART SKROH

TITLE OF PROGRAM—4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



| Number of Harrison County Learners | How Do Volunteers Contribute? | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>122 4-H youth members</p> <p>25 trained volunteers</p> | <p>Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri 4-H volunteers responding to a survey report that they contribute on average 100 hours per year. Valuing their time at \$21.31 per hour, based on average Missouri incomes, the contribution of Harrison County 4-H volunteers was worth more than \$53,275 in 2017. More important, these adults serve as mentors for our youths helping them transition into healthy adulthood and that is priceless.</p> <p>¹(Lemer & Lemer, 2011) ²(Dalton & St. John, 2016) ³(NACUBO, 2012)</p> | <p>Harrison County 4-H is a community of young people learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. The 4-H program aims to educate youths in arts and sciences and to encourage belonging and service to communities. 4-H continues to develop new projects beyond agriculture and animal husbandry, including photography, public speaking, shooting sports, computer programming, filmmaking, robotics and other interests. Through club meetings, camps and educational trips Harrison County 4-H is offering life-long learning opportunities.</p> <p>Regional and state event attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Summer Camps: 23 • Camp Counselors: 2 • Clover Kid Camp: 8 • Livestock Judging: 8 • Regional Energizer: 14 • State Fair Showing and Demonstration: 15 • Harrison County Shooting Sports: 15 | <p>The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, an ongoing longitudinal study which began in 2002, discovered some measurable differences between 4-H members and their non-4-H peers¹.</p> <p>Compared to non-4-H youths, 4-H youths are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 percent less likely to engage in risky behaviors. • 70 percent more likely to participate in science, engineering or computer technology programs. • 40 percent more likely to pursue science, engineering or computer technology courses or careers. • 70 percent more likely to go on to college. • 20 percent more likely to graduate from college. • 25 percent more likely to positively contribute to their families and communities. | <p>4-H youths are more connected to college campuses and faculty than their non-4-H friends. MU Extension 4-H connects 5176 young people to University of Missouri campuses. Being on campus is a predictor of youths going on to higher education. 4-H youths are nearly twice as likely to expect to go on to college².</p> <p>Youths who earn their bachelor's degree, increase annual earnings by over \$2 million over their lifetime³. If 50 percent of the Harrison County members participating in 4-H events on the University of Missouri campus go on to earn their bachelor's degree, 4-H would help young people earn \$142,130,000 more in lifetime earnings.</p> <p>Missouri 4-H members learn to use their talents to engage in their communities. Young people in 4-H are engaged in twice as many leadership roles than their non-4-H peers. This provides them with the experience in problem-solving to step up and lead in a complex, changing world. In Harrison County, 122 youths were engaged in leadership and service experiences in their communities¹.</p> |
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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: *Members learning what they need to be adults.*



Week Two at 4-H Camp Crowder



4-H Environmentalist



State Fair Exhibitors



Week One at 4-H Camp Crowder



Planting the Liberty Tree at Gilman City school to commemorate the new Gilman City, Blue Ribbon Bandits 4-H Club.

PROGRAM AREA-FAMILY NUTRITION PROGRAM (FNP)

PRESENTER- MICAH DOTY

TITLE OF PROGRAM - FAMILY NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM



| Number of Harrison County Learners | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Work Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>University of Missouri Extension's Family Nutrition Program (FNP) reached 678 participants directly and 496 indirectly with nutrition education in Harrison County during 2017, a significant percentage of which were low income. FNP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness by working with qualifying schools, community groups and agencies.</p> | <p>Youth from Pre-school to 8th grade learned through kid-friendly, hands-on lessons and activities. Activities include opportunities for taste-testing healthy foods and practicing skills that lead to good health. Education for adults also includes nutrition, food safety, and physical activity, as well as food resource management.</p> | <p>Nutrition Program Associates (NPA's) go into schools and other grant eligible locations and interact with community members to help them make healthier choices and build healthy habits. They see the difference the program makes in people's lives.</p> | <p>The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) brought \$9,681, 129.00 federal funds to the state of Missouri. These funds were used to provide nutrition education to 838,295 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients and eligible citizens of Missouri. There were 3,831,270 educational contacts. This year we had 3,064,781 indirect educational contacts. Indirect contacts are reached through newsletters, health fairs, food pantries and the Show Me Nutrition help line. 1,174 of these participants reside in Harrison County.</p> <p>Participants in FNP become more aware of nutrition, make healthier meal and snack choices, eat breakfast more often, are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity and in general make healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and activity behaviors are more likely to enjoy a high quality of life as an adult and into old age. A healthy labor force is critical to attracting and keeping jobs in Missouri. In addition, this important programming effort serves to reduce healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayers money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.</p> |
| | | <p>Nutrition class at Gilman City Summer School</p> | |

PROGRAM AREA—NUTRITION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

PRESENTER NAME - JANET HACKERT

TITLE OF PROGRAM—STAY STRONG, STAY HEALTHY



| Number of Harrison County Learners | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Work Make the County and Missouri Better? |
|---|--|--|--|
| <p>Eight women from Gentry, Harrison and Worth counties participated in the eight-week Stay Strong, Stay Healthy strength training class for a total of 71 contact hours.</p> | <p>The class met twice weekly in Albany. It incorporates warm-up exercises; simple strengthening exercises, with or without weights; and cool-down stretches.</p> <p>Participants practice safe ways to do these to increase strength and improve the balance and flexibility needed for everyday activities.</p> <p>Four participants completed both the pre- and post-assessment, using five tools to test strength, balance and flexibility. Of these, 100 percent (4 of 4) showed improvement in four (3) or five (1) of the five areas of the assessment.</p> | <p>Of participants who filled out the exit survey, 100% (8 of 8) demonstrated the ability to do the exercise routine safely and 87% (7 of 8) indicated that they felt confident to continue doing the exercises on their own because of this class.</p> <p>Results from the standardized program feedback form found the following; 100% (4 of 4) indicated that their health is better because of the program. 100% (4 of 4) indicated they felt physically stronger. 100% (4 of 4) reported having more energy. 75% (3 of 4) felt more flexible. 50% (2 of 4) reported their joints were less painful. 25% (1 of 4) reported sleeping better. 25% (1 of 4) added other physical activities to their weekly schedule.</p> <p>When asked how this program has improved their lives, participants reported: better strength and balance – useful for my other activities. My back pain was less on days we did the exercises.</p> | <p>When you support MU Extension's Stay Strong, Stay Healthy program, participants will increase their physical activity and may improve strength, balance and flexibility, resulting in reduced risk for falls, better overall health and greater independence. These health benefits decrease the likelihood of a participant entering a nursing home, which costs on average \$56,758 per year in Missouri¹. The money saved benefits the community by keeping more discretionary income in circulation locally. It also keeps people actively, independently contributing to society longer.</p> <p>¹ Leadingagemissouri.org</p> |
| <p>A Stay Strong Stay Healthy participant with sciatica and other bone and joint issues said, "<i>I feel so much better after doing these exercises - my back and hip don't hurt as much and I can move better, more like how I want to.</i>"</p> | | | |

PROGRAM AREA- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

PRESENTER—JESSICA TRUSSELL

TITLE OF PROGRAM—HEALTHY HOMES—BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES



| Number of Harrison County Learners | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|--|--|---|---|
| Healthy Homes 5 participants | The most common sources of pollution. How pollutants get in the home. | Participants made plans to purchase or check their carbon monoxide detector and be more aware of sources of pollution in their home. | University of Missouri Extension worked collaboratively with Community Action Partnership of North Central Missouri to strengthen families and provide life skills education. |
| Working 3 participants | Identified their strengths and how those transfer to work situations. What employees want in an employee | Participants made plans to update their current resume, create a functional resume and to develop a plan to obtain new employment. | When you support University of Missouri Extension’s Building Strong Families program, |
| Balancing Responsibilities 5 participants | Causes for a lack of balance in managing work, family and community responsibilities. Solutions for creating a balance in responsibilities. | Participants made plans to focus on their family finances, make time to spend interacting with their children and to organize their time to better utilize their time and resources. | participants learn new skills and participants’ family relationships improve which help participants to make better family decisions. |
| Managing Stress 9 participants | Understand what stress and stressors are in their lives. To recognize the signs and symptoms of stress in their family. Practiced stress reduction techniques. | Participants made plans to reduce stress in their lives by utilizing stress reduction techniques learned in the program. | When stronger families more effectively engage with others at home and work, communities benefit from a higher level of household and workplace productivity. University of Missouri Extension worked collaboratively with Community Action Partnership of North Central Missouri to strengthen families and provide life skills education. |
| Ridgeway School Kids and Self-Esteem 12 participants | Strategies for enhancing children’s self-esteem and self-awareness. <i>One participant stated that they “didn’t even think about my self-esteem affecting my children.”</i> | Participants made plans to: Set goals to increase their self-esteem. | University of Missouri Extension worked collaboratively with Ridgeway R-V School to strengthen families within their school district. |
| Positive Discipline 8 participants | Positive discipline techniques for different age groups. <i>One participant stated that they “Feel like they can be an even better parent.”</i> | Participants made plans to: Be more open. Communicate more effectively. Listen to my younger children more. | When you support University of Missouri Extension’s Building Strong Families program, participants improve family functioning through healthier relationships, increased positive communication, greater and increased self-esteem in parents and children. When stronger families more effectively engage with others at home and school, |
| Communication 5 participants | Completed a communication quiz to determine their communication style as well as that of their child/ren. | Participants made plans to: Give my kids the Love Language quiz. Use this more with children I watch and my own children. I was reminded how important it is to take time to do one-on-one things with, or listening to, family. | communities benefit from children who do well in school and families thrive and contribute to community well-being. |

PROGRAM AREA—FAMILY FINANCIAL EDUCATION

PRESENTER NAME— MERIDITH BERRY

TITLE OF PROGRAM—VITA TAX PREPARATION AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION



| Number of Harrison County Participants | Total Dollars Returned From Federal and Missouri Refunds. | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Work Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p>15 participants representing 12 households.</p> | <p>A total of \$13,464 was returned in federal tax and \$2,049 in state refunds.</p> | <p>Importance of retirement savings</p> <p>Savings Credit</p> <p>Other tax credits</p> <p>Lowering tax liabilities</p> <p>Consequences of bankruptcy</p> <p>Student loans and paying them back</p> <p>Health insurance mandate</p> <p>Rules for self-employment and taxes.</p> | <p>Many clients are repeat customers or referrals from past clients.</p> <p>Clients made appointments to have their tax returns completed and filed at no charge.</p> <p>The electronic filing provided faster refunds.</p> <p>Several additional state returns were filed on behalf of Harrison County citizens.</p> | <p>In addition to the income and education, an average of \$90 per return was saved by having taxes prepared by University of Missouri Extension.</p> <p>Regionally, federal and state tax forms were filed for more than 300 households. In addition to Missouri tax returns, state returns for seven other states were prepared.</p> <p>Supporting extension saved low-income families the cost of a tax preparer and brought money to the area in refunds, earned income credit, child tax credits, and other tax credit benefits.</p> <p>According to the IRS, regionally, the VITA program had an economic impact of over 2 million dollars in northwest Missouri.</p> |

PROGRAM AREA -AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PRESENTERS— WAYNE FLANARY AND SHAWN DEERING

TITLE OF PROGRAM—LIVESTOCK AND AGRONOMY



| Number of Harrison County Learners | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
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| Ag Update and Pesticide Applicator Training | Initial training and recertification for private pesticide applicators and update on current agricultural topics. Dicamba resistant soybeans was the top topic this year. | Thirty-three applicators completed the legal requirements to obtain or renew their private pesticide applicators license. | In the rural areas of Missouri, a healthy agricultural community is the backbone of economic growth and sustainability. University of Missouri Extension events provide relevant, research-based information that allows producers to make informed decisions. These decisions impact their financial bottom line and ultimately determine whether or not they stay in business. |
| Three-State Beef Conference | Cow-calf profit and loss, alternative production systems and using reproductive technologies to improve profitability. | Producers learned what changes to make to improve their bottom line and about opportunities and challenges in beef production. | The average age of the farmer or livestock producer in the United States is continually increasing. The general population is becoming more and more removed from agriculture. Even though a student is enrolled in FFA, it does not mean that they have a farming background. By hosting events such as the |
| Hundley-Whaley Research Center Field Day | Management techniques to improve corn and soybean yields and current topics regarding weed control. | Attendees gained information to help make smart management decisions on weed control and nutrient management. | Hundley-Whaley FFA day, we are exposing young people to agriculture, the University of Missouri system, and the resources and education that University of Missouri Extension can provide. |
| Hundley-Whaley Research Center FFA Field Day | 117 students and 7 adults from 4 county high schools learned new agricultural production technologies and career options. | FFA students learned how to identify forages, handle livestock and control fires on the farm. They were also exposed to several careers in agriculture. | Over the past few years, a great deal of northwest Missouri pasture and hay ground has been converted to row-crop production. University of Missouri Extension regional livestock and agronomy specialists are helping producers manage their limited forage resources for increased production and decreased cost. |
| Harrison County Women in Ag Meeting | The 35 women in attendance learned about straw-bale gardening. | Several said that they planned to grow vegetables on their own straw bale gardens next year. | |
| 44 soil tests and 1 feed test |  <p data-bbox="354 1843 683 1898">Agronomist Andy Luke speaks at Hundley-Whaley Field Days</p> | | |

PROGRAM AREA - AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

PRESENTER NAME-TIM BAKER, VALERIE TATE

TITLE OF PROGRAMS-WATER FESTIVAL & HORTICULTURE PROGRAMMING, HAY SCHOOL



| Number of Harrison County Learners | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|---|---|--|--|
| <p>Water Festival</p> <p>116 fifth graders and 10 teachers from all five Harrison County schools</p>  | <p>Participants learned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How water and soil resources are related. • Erosion, pollution and soil quality along with other topics. | <p>After attending the program, most of the students were more aware of the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing water pollution. • Soil to every aspect of their lives. <p>Students suggested ways to prevent pollution of various kinds in the Enviro-scape display as well as what they could do in their own environments.</p> | <p>Teaching children at a young age about the importance of protecting water and soil resources will help to ensure the continued health of these community resources into the future.</p> |
| <p>Horticulture programming</p> | <p>Participants request information to answer specific concerns with their home or market vegetable and flower gardens and lawns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect identification. • Weed identification. • Fruit and vegetable viruses. • Tree diseases. • Pesticide drift. • Safe post-harvest handling practices. | <p>Because most of this programming is direct contact with producers and homeowners, participants receive and utilize the concrete, practical and individualized guidance provided. One Harrison County resident was concerned about a tree that was planted in memory of her husband. Mr. Baker assured her that the tree was suffering from leaf scorch from transplanting, and that the tree would make a full recovery.</p>  | <p>When you support MU Extension's horticulture programs for commercial and private producers, farmers are aided in their battle with insects, diseases, and the everyday challenges of growing fruits and vegetables. By answering the questions that growers had on their land, MU Extension helped to give them a sense of pride that they were growing their own nutritious produce, while also insuring that locally-produced healthy food was available.</p> |
| <p>Hay School</p> <p>2 participants 7 hours per person Total of 14 contact hours.</p> | <p>This course covered all aspects of hay and balage production. It is specifically designed for livestock and horse producers who may already have their own hay equipment or have hay custom harvested on their land.</p> | <p>Participants were encouraged to evaluate their own operation to determine if harvesting hay on their property is the most cost effective means of feeding livestock.</p> | <p>Hay can often be purchased for less than the cost of production, but often hay quality is poor. Participants are better able to evaluate hay quality versus cost and make informed decisions about hay production.</p> |

PROGRAM AREA – AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS

PRESENTER NAME – JOE KOENEN, DAVID REINBOTT,
MARY SOBBA, WESLEY TUCKER



TITLE OF PROGRAM – MU AG BUSINESS INCOME TAX SCHOOLS

| Number of Harrison County Learners | Total Hours of Collective Workshop Participation in 2017 | What Did They Learn? | What Action Did They Take? | How Does This Work Make Harrison County and Missouri Better? |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <p>3 participants</p> <p>A total of 382 tax preparers and attorneys from 93 Missouri counties, plus Illinois, Kansas and Tennessee.</p> | <p>24 hours (8 hrs x number of County participants)</p> <p>3,056 hours total for all participants</p> | <p>Topics for the tax schools included: new tax legislation, rulings and cases, individual taxpayer issues, affordable care act, IRS rules and regulations, business issues, retirement issues, cybersecurity, ethics and agricultural topics.</p> <p>96% said they were more-knowledgeable about the tax provisions and how they affected their clients.</p> <p>97% felt prepared to assist clients by understanding loss limitations.</p> <p>95% are better prepared to help clients reach their business/personal financial goals.</p> <p>All participants received the National Income Tax Workbook 2017 published by the Land Grant University Tax Education Foundation, Inc.</p> | <p>Tax preparers will help their clients use to the information to follow the rules and help their businesses.</p> <p>96% will help clients reduce their total tax liability by understanding new cases.</p> <p>96% plan to modify/make changes (ex. confidentiality) by understanding ethics better.</p> <p>Tax preparers will also adopt practices to make sure client data is kept safe and confidential.</p> | <p>The participants attending tax schools during 2017 prepared more than 37,000 tax returns of Missouri businesses and individuals.</p> <p>As the preparers gain more knowledge they will help their clients by understanding consequences of decisions, new rules and regulations and reduce tax liability, which gives them more dollars to spend in local communities.</p> |

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Saying “goodbye” to our longtime co-worker and County Program Director, Janet Hackert, who retired after 20 years of service to Harrison County. Janet was most well known as the Nutrition and Health Education Specialist that taught many youngsters the value of eating healthy and the benefits of physical activity, (playing). She is also remembered as the teacher of adult classes such as Stay Strong, Stay Healthy-Matter of Balance-Cooking Matters-Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions and Food Preservation Made Easy, among many more. Council members and co-workers old and new gathered for her reception. We wish her well in her next endeavor.



Through the county deliberative group process, water quality was identified as an important program area for University Missouri Extension (UME) to develop and implement environmental educational programs. In addition to the county councils identifying water quality education important to Missouri citizens, more stringent drinking water standards have triggered a renewed interest from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture, who have allocated resources toward programmatic thrusts regarding water quality issues.

The Extension Team participated in the annual “Scare on the Square” this Halloween. Andy Luke, Micah Doty and Marcia Evans dressed in costume and handed out treats to over 400 youngsters. They gave out snack boxes of Raisins, “Live Like Your Life Depends On It” reusable grocery bags, and notepads and pencils. The event was sponsored by the Bethany Chamber of Commerce and KAAN Radio. The square was lined with vendors from across the county.



LEADERS HONOR ROLL

Leaders Honor Roll is an award given to members of the community who have gone above and beyond to support University of Missouri Extension and to help promote programming.. The 2017 award recipients are Vickie Vandiver and Violet Ellsworth.

Vickie Vandiver is the leader of Mitchellville 4-H club and has been involved with 4-H as a volunteer for 15 years. Vickie is a great leader, she is changing the world, one life at a time.

Vickie Vandiver receives the Leaders Honor Roll Award.



Violet Ellsworth served on the Extension Council for two years, sharing ideas and offering her time and talents. She helped with marketing endeavors and her behind the scenes contributions were much appreciated.

Violet Ellsworth receives Leader Honors Roll Award.

STATE FAIR FARM FAMILY



The State Fair Farm Family Award is sponsored by University of Missouri Extension and Missouri Farm Bureau. The families are active in their community, taking on leadership roles.

They are respected by their neighbors and support youth organizations such as 4-H, FFA and other farm organizations.

Jim and Teela Sadowsky and their daughters Cooper (away at college) and Mardee are this year's State Fair Farm Family. Jim and Teela run Osage Bulls and Teela is leader of the Pawnee Peppers 4-H club. Cooper and Mardee have both been involved in 4-H and on the Livestock Judging Teams that have gone to Nationals.

MISSOURI CENTURY FARMS

The Missouri Century Farm Award is given to farms that have at least 40 acres and have been in the same family for at least 100 years.

The Smith family farm is owned by Lanora Adams and is located near Martinsville. The 40 acre farm was first purchased by John W. Smith, Lanora's grandfather, in 1898.

Pictured right; daughter-in-law, Andrea Kern, son, Harold Kern, Lanora Adams and her granddaughter, Sue Ellen Richards.



NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE FAIR GIVEAWAY



This year at the Northwest Missouri State Fair, the Extension's fair booth theme was "Get Healthy". We stuffed a tote with goodies and held a free drawing at the fair. Over 100 people entered, with Angie Barnett the winner. Sorry, no photo available.

STAFF SERVING HARRISON COUNTY

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Daviess County

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