



# University of Missouri Extension Lewis County 2024 Annual Report

# Serve Missouri Deliver Mizzou





December 2024

Dear county commissioners, elected leaders and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my deep gratitude for your support of MU Extension and for your partnership in enhancing the lives of Missourians.

Your support for MU Extension fuels Missouri's agriculture, strengthens families, prepares our youth and promotes the health, well-being and vitality of our communities. Over the past year, our programs have focused on addressing key needs throughout the state:

- Expanding access to 4-H: To make 4-H more accessible, we've introduced more in-school and after-school clubs, reducing barriers and creating opportunities for young Missourians to develop essential skills and leadership abilities.
- Supporting agriculture and land stewardship: We're addressing critical issues such as succession planning for family farms, rural mental health, agricultural business management and land stewardship. These initiatives are helping Missouri's farmers plan for the future and preserve the health of our land for future generations.
- Advancing health initiatives: Our team of community health field specialists, covering every region of the state, works directly with local leaders to assess health needs and bring UM System resources and expertise to these communities, supporting healthier lives and stronger communities.
- **Promoting economic development:** MU Extension is helping to create economic opportunities by working with individuals, supporting businesses in their growth and collaborating with communities to enhance local vibrancy. Through these efforts, we help bring new jobs, skills and possibilities to Missourians across the state.
- **Providing essential training:** Our continuing education programs prepare Missouri's firefighters and health care workers to meet the demands of their roles with the latest skills and knowledge, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve our communities.

As you read through this annual report, I hope you feel as proud as I do of the accomplishments we've achieved together. The dedication and professionalism of MU Extension's faculty and staff are inspiring, and I am grateful to work alongside them—and each of you—as we make Missouri a stronger, healthier and more vibrant place. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are serving Missouri by delivering the University *for* Missouri.

Warm regards,

Chal Hojz

Chad Higgins, PhD Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

### **Lewis County**



#### UM System Statewide Footprint

#### **Economic and Community Development Highlights**

• In FY23, Business Development Specialists worked with small businesses and entrepreneurs statewide to create or retain 98,527 jobs.



For every dollar invested from 2019 to 2021, the MU Extension Business Development Program has returned \$133 in economic impact for its clients by increasing sales more than \$1.6 billion. For a total impact of \$3.1 billion, the program has generated more than 37,000 jobs and attracted nearly \$451 million in capital investments and \$1.5 billion in government contracts.

 Between FY18 and FY23, UM System brought Missouri more than \$1.58 billion in federal and private research funds, funded primarily from outside the state, but spent within the state.



In FY24, UM System was issued 29 patents and filed 69 new U.S. patent applications.

• In FY24, the UM System awarded 707 design and construction project contracts throughout Missouri, for a total investment of \$287.3 million in the state.



In FY24, to improve access to medical and health related services, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network's Show-Me ECHO program provided 16,687 hrs of case-based instruction to 3,113 learners located in 105 of 114 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.

#### **Education and Training Provided**





40,542 police, fire fighters, and medical professionals attending continuing education (2023)

Agriculture and natural resource programs served 369.077 farmers and related businesses (2023)



210,577 youth and stakeholder educational contacts in 4-H clubs, schools, camps and other programs (2023)

#### **Education Highlights FY24 Financial Aid Awards**

In FY24, 69.7% of the UM System's 79,014 students received financial aid totaling \$1.048 billion

\$127.7M

MU		UMKC	
28,608 students receiving financial aid	\$583.6M	11,518 students receiving financial aid	\$228.5M
Missouri S&T		UMSL	

6,720 students receiving financial aid awarded financial aid

8,256 students receiving financial aid awarded financial aid

\$107.8M



UM System's MOREnet (Missouri Research and Education Network) provides internet connectivity, access, support and training to 58 higher education institutions (230,000 students), 484 K-12 school districts (830,000 students) and 134 public libraries (serving nearly 3 million Missourians) in 2023.

- UM System awarded 50.5% of the 31,689 Bachelor's or higher degrees awarded by Missouri four-year public institutions in 2023-24.
- UM System awarded 35.0% of the 1,776 research doctorates and 26.8% of the 3,796 professional doctorates awarded by Missouri public and not-for-profit private institutions in 2023-24.
- In FY24, UM System's \$30.7 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants represented 96.9% of all NSF grants made to Missouri public colleges and universities.
- In 2024, over 12,400 Missourians accessed mobroadband.org, part of the UM System Broadband Initiative which helped the statewide build-out of high-speed internet infrastructure.

#### Supporting the University of Missouri is an investment in the future of Missouri.

The university advances Missouri citizens and communities through its mission of teaching, research, public service, and economic development across our four campuses and University of Missouri Extension.

Prepared in December 2024, based on the best available and most recent data. Data Sources include: Missouri Office of Administration • UM IR • MU Institute for Public Policy • Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems (CARES) • MU • UMKC • Missouri S&T • UMSL • UM System • UM Health Care • MU Extension • US Census Bureau • US Dept. of Health and Human Services • National Science Foundation



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## **Lewis County**



#### UM System Footprint in the county in 2024



#### FY24 county students

#### 21 students

- 14 Undergraduates
- 7 Graduate and professional students
- 19 Full-time students
- 2 Part-time students



#### **County employees and retirees**

#### 6 people employed by UM

• 6 Campuses 1 UM retiree or beneficiary UM salary and retirement income: \$352,942 UM state tax revenue: \$10,028 UM federal tax revenue: \$46,653

#### County alumni

#### Selected school alumni

- 3 Medicine
- 6 Nursing
- 12 Health Professions
- 2 Dentistry
- 1 Pharmacy
- 2 Veterinary Medicine
- 49 Agriculture
- 18 Engineering
- 6 Law

#### Alumni teaching K-12

- 10 teachers
- 8.7% of all district teachers
- 1 principal or administrator
- 12.5% of all district principals and administrators

## **County breakdown** MU

- 17 students
- 135 alumni
- 6 employees
- 0 students
- 7 alumni
- 0 employees

#### Missouri S&T

- 3 students
- 15 alumni
- 0 employees

#### UMSL

- 1 student
- 8 alumni

# **County properties and offices**

MU Extension in: Lewis County



County population: 9,945



#### **County services provided**

#### Health care (FY24)

- 269 in-state patients seen at MU Health Care, with \$535,497 of uncompensated care
- MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 53 visits to 33 patients having ZIP codes associated with the county

#### Extension (2023)

- 4,758 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the county, including:
- 374 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 4,321 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
- 41 contacts related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy

# **UMKC**

- 0 employees

# **About Lewis County**

#### **Faculty and Staff**

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#### **Extension Council Members**

Lea Rash	Chair, Farm Bureau
Jeff Whiston	Vice Chair, Northern Dist.
Tim Clapp	Treasurer, Northern Dist.
Chelsea Fellinger	Secretary, Southern Dist.
Jake Schaefer	Northern District
Jim Ellison	Northern District
Andrew Wiskirchen	Southern District
Wayne Murphy, Jr.	Lewis County Commission
Linda Williams	City of Canton
Les Eaton	Lewis/Marion Cattlemen

#### **Lewis County Commissioners**

Wayne Murphy, Jr. Presiding Commissioner

Travis Fleer Southern District Commissioner

**Deanne Whiston** Northern District Commissioner



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# **Lewis County Extension Council**

### **2024 Financial Summary**

Revenue		✓MU Extension programs support both	
County Appropriations	\$46,204.61	virtual and in-person learning formats, meeting a wider audience and allowing	
Expenses		flexibility for busier family lifestyles	
Salaries and Benefits	\$38,138.32	<ul> <li>✓2024 Show-Me-Select Bred Heifer sanctioned statewide sales added over \$4,490,675 to Missouri's economy</li> <li>✓Programs such as Annie's Project, Women in Ag and Pearls of Production continue to reach the underserved audience of women involved in the agriculture industry</li> </ul>	
Travel	\$2,688.00		
Postage/Printing	\$2,022.29		
Telephone	\$300.00		
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00		
Furniture/Equipment	\$250.00		
Council Operations	\$559.00	✓In 2024, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 53 visits to 33 patients in Lewis County	
Insurance	\$747.00		
Total Expenses	\$46,204.61		

#### MU Extension is a unique funding partnership.

Extension funding is a three-way partnership between federal, state and county governments. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pays professional staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial and youth assistant salaries, staff mileage and council expenses.

The Lewis County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the Lewis County Commissioners for their continued support of extension programs.



#### Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to Lewis County Extension with a gift to be used immediately or as an endowment contribution for long term efforts? Monies put into the endowment are left forever to earn interest, benefitting the county office program each year. You can also direct your donation to a specific program such as 4-H.

**Key Outcomes and Numbers** 

MU Extension provides equal opportunity to all participants in extension programs and activities and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, genetic information, disability or protected veteran status.

# Agriculture and Environment

## Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program



The Show-Me-Select (SMS) program focuses on increasing marketing opportunities for, and adding value to, Missouri-raised heifers with the creation of reliable sources of quality replacement heifers in terms of genetics and management.

MU Extension livestock specialists conduct farm visits, record heifer reproductive data and provide educational information on herd management.

## **Beef Cattle Improvement Association**

The Beef Cattle Improvement Association focuses on marketing top quality bulls through performance tested data management.

MU Extension livestock faculty work with producers to record performance data for all bulls enrolled in the program. Eligible bulls are sold in the annual Northeast Missouri Performance Tested Bull Sale, as well as off the farm.

## Missouri Livestock Symposium

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is an annual educational program attracting hundreds of livestock producers from across the Midwest and is considered a source for professional development by area agricultural educators and professionals.

The Symposium features a true multi-disciplinary and cross-agency approach to program planning with a diverse committee consisting of producers, Extension specialists, University researchers and governmental liaisons.

- ✓ 2 Lewis County producers were enrolled in the 2024 SMS bred heifer program; 1 producer consigned in a sale
- ✓ In 2024, SMS consignors sold a total of 459 heifers in the sanctioned NEMO spring and fall sales, averaging \$3,391 per head, adding \$1,595,550 to the local economy
- ✓ 1 Lewis County producer was enrolled in the 2024 NEMO Beef Cattle Improvement program
- ✓ In 2024, Performance Tested Bull consignors sold 34 bulls, averaging \$4,509 per head, and adding \$153,306 to the local economy





# **Agriculture and Environment**

## **Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)**

BQA is a national program that helps producers identify management processes, leading to increased herd profitability and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry. Producers learn about animal biosecurity, feeds and feed additives, antibiotics and residue avoidance, non-ambulatory cattle and euthanasia, vaccine administration and principles of cattle handling.

## **Integrated Pest Management**

MU Extension agronomist Nick Wesslak teamed with other Extension agronomists to monitor a variety of crop pests in northeast Missouri. Migratory insect trapping stations were set up to serve as an alert system for producers, which helped indicate what species of migratory pests producers should be scout for in their crop fields.

## **Private Pesticide Applicator Training**

MU Extension agronomist provide in-person and online pesticide certifications. Producers of agricultural commodities must have a private pesticide applicator license to purchase or apply restricted-use pesticides on property owned by them or their employer.

## **Horticulture in Lewis County**

The Garden Talk newsletter provides timely gardening tips on a variety of horticulture topics and includes upcoming horticulture programs and activities in northeast Missouri.

MU Extension horticulture specialist Jennifer Schutter helps residents make informed choices about their vegetable and flower gardens, fruit trees, soils, lawns and landscapes.



- ✓ In 2024, 49 Lewis County producers received Beef Quality Assurance certification
- ✓ 91 Lewis County soil samples were analyzed by the University of Missouri Soil Testing Lab
- ✓ 29 Lewis County agricultural producers were trained and licensed to purchase and apply restricted-use pesticides
- ✓ Many Lewis County residents receive the monthly Garden Talk newsletter





# Agriculture and Environment Missouri AgrAbility



AgrAbility helps farmers with disabilities, and their families, lead productive farm lives. The program links University of Missouri and Lincoln University Extension services with a nonprofit disability organization, providing practical education and on-the-farm assistance, to promote agricultural and rural independence. Services provided by AgrAbility include professional training, information dissemination, technical assistance, on-site farmstead or off-site assessment, and referral to other service providers.

#### **Key Outcomes and Numbers**

- One Lewis County producer client were provided with Missouri AgrAbility assistance in the 2024 program year
- Two Lewis County firms received FSMA Plan support from MU livestock specialist Brenda Schreck, FMSA Preventive Controls Qualified Individual

## Ag Lenders Seminar

Ag lenders from Missouri attended Ag Lenders seminars held in 2024. Lenders learned about crop and livestock outlook, agriculture policy, rental rates & land values, MU budgets, input costs, USDA Farm Service Agency, and Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA) programs.

By attending University of Missouri's Agricultural Lenders' seminars, lenders help their clients make better decisions based on risk management tools, budgets and other resources.



## **Food Safety Modernization Act for Livestock Feed**

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) aims to ensure the United States food supply is safe, by shifting the focus from responding to preventing contamination in livestock feed.

Qualified elevator firms are required to create and maintain a feed safety plan manual that includes an analysis of on-site hazards, or potential hazards, and risk-based preventive controls that minimize or prevent feed safety hazards.



## **Agriculture and Environment** Women in Ag Workshop

Women from across northeast Missouri participated in a one-day workshop focusing on agriculture practices for farm and home. By offering programs targeting women in agriculture, MU Extension empowers women to make informed decisions about farm and home management.



#### **Key Outcomes and Numbers**

✓96% of participants rated the workshop material as "very" useful or "better"

✓34 women participated in the 2024 workshop, 20 were Lewis County residents



Workshop sessions were led by an MU Extension nutrition and health specialist, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation staff, Missouri Department of Conservation staff, Missouri Beef Industry Council staff, and local agriculture business professionals.

Workshop participants received information about the Missouri beef industry, pond management and greenhouse gardening. Participants also enjoyed a hands-on activity of creating home-canned sweet spreads, melting and pouring their own car fresheners as well as observing a live soil health demonstration.





Home canning presentation by Carrie Elsen MU Extension nutrition and health

Soil runoff demonstration presented by Lucas Brass USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

# **Agriculture and Environment** Lewis County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Lewis County Farm Safety Day is held annually at the Lewis County fairgrounds and provides Lewis County elementary students a fun-filled day of hands-on learning. Topics this year included grain bin safety, livestock safety, water safety, sun/tick safety, fire safety, lawnmower safety, electricity, firearms safety and pesticide safety. Students finished the day by observing a PTO demonstration.

MU Extension livestock specialist Brenda Schreck led a workshop on safety around livestock, where students learned that different animals have different comfort zones and how to safely approach (or not), those animals.

MU Extension agronomy specialist Nick Wesslak presented a program about youth and pesticide safety on the farm. Nick discussed the importance of proper chemical usage and storage, and appropriate spraying and personal protective equipment.

## **Lewis County Conservation Day**

Lewis County elementary students attended the 2024 Conservation Field Day held at Deer Ridge Conservation Area. Rotating workshops included topics about waterfowl, reptiles, furbearers, aquatic insects, as well as beekeeping. Students were also given a hands-on opportunity at a stream table demonstration, plus learned orienteering with a compass.

MU Extension livestock specialist Brenda Schreck led students and their group leaders in a trivia game with topics related to pollinators and flowers. Participants learned that through the effort of bees, butterflies, moths, bats and birds, many plants produce seeds and fruits because of pollination actions.

### **Key Outcomes and Numbers**

✓103 Lewis County students attended the annual Farm Safety Day and learned about a variety of safety topics in the home and on the farm

 ✓ 108 Lewis County students attended the annual Conservation
 Day and learned about conservation habitat and management for both on and off the farm





## **Youth and Families** 4-H Community Clubs



Three out of every ten Lewis County youth, under the age of 18, participated in an MU Extension 4-H Youth Development program.

Lewis County serves youth through five organized 4-H community, one SPIN Club, and three In-school 4-H clubs, offering long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, leadership and educational opportunities.



4-H volunteers participate in development opportunities like project leader training and club leader summits. With support from MU Extension youth faculty and staff, volunteers gain knowledge offering a valuable learning experience to youth they work with, while maintaining a safe, supportive environment.

Dedicated volunteers help organize club meetings, fundraisers and events. They also provide learning opportunities for youth with their projects, teaching life skills and instilling qualities of character traits like respect and responsibility in 4-H members.

#### **Key Outcomes and Numbers**

#### 2024 Lewis County 4-H Enrollment

- ✓ 593 members in 4-H Community clubs, 4-H Spin clubs and In-school 4-H clubs
- Lewis County members enrolled in a combined total of 960 projects for the 4-H year
- ✓ Over 147 4-H members were engaged in science-related projects and experiences
- ✓ 1,500 hours of community club work
- ✓ Over 2,439 hours of community service projects completed by 4-H members and volunteers
- ✓ 82 adult volunteers contributed 19,500 hours to the Lewis County 4-H program, valued at \$643,008
- ✓ 1,301 meals were donated in Lewis County through the 4-H Feeding Missouri Initiative



# 4-H members demonstrated learning through the following activities:

- ✓ 1,138 Lewis County Fair entries from 184
   4-H and FFA members
- ✓ Over 32 State Fair building and livestock exhibits from Lewis County, with 3 building exhibits earning Best of Show
- ✓ 2 State level Recognition forms completed
- ✓ 1 member attended State 4-H Teen Conference
- ✓ 2 members attended State 4-H Congress
- ✓ 9 members participated in the spring 4-H Northeast Region Energizer
- ✓ 5 members participated in State 4-H skill development contests including State Meats Contest, State Livestock Judging, State Fashion Revue, State Poultry Day and State Public Speaking
- ✓ Over 27 youth participated in the State 4-H Shoot

## Youth and Families 4-H School Enrichment-Embryology

The Hatching Chicks in the Classroom program teaches students about the 21-day development of a chick occurring within a fertilized, incubated egg. Students learn how to care for the developing chicks and often gain experience with death and disabilities. Once the chicks hatch, the students care for them, providing feed, water, warmth and a calm environment.

School Enrichment programs allow students to practice life skills including decision making and responsibility, helping them to develop qualities that will shape their growth into adults. Students are provided with the opportunity for a practical experience that connects with the core subjects of communication arts, math, science and health.



Through participation in science-based programs like Embryology, youth are more likely to pursue science-related careers which contribute to our local and global economy. Students become conscious for the need to practice proper hand washing techniques which helps prevent the spread of illness and disease throughout the community. Students also learn compassion and develop an understanding of how to accept individuals with disabilities and how to compensate for a disability.



- ✓ 363 students from 17 Lewis County classrooms participated in the Hatching Chicks in the Classroom Embryology program
- Students participated in over 2,178 hours of learning with the Embryology program



MU Extension Nutrition and Youth Program Associate Kaley Bozarth shares the story of chick development

# Youth and Families

## 4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC)

4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) clubs are offered in a variety of settings including before school, during school, afterschool, and in other community settings. These programs help youth build knowledge about nutrition and fitness. Youth are encouraged to become an ambassador of Healthy Living in their communities by designing and implementing a leadership project that will improve the education and fitness of others.

In Lewis County, SNAC efforts saw 70 leadership projects completed including creating cookbooks youth made for a friend of their choice, providing tomato starter plants for each teacher and staff member at Canton Elementary, and cleaning up the community garden in Canton.







#### **Key Outcomes and Numbers**

- ✓ 70 students from Canton Elementary School participated in the Eating from the Garden school enrichment program
- ✓ Over 7,300 youth in Missouri were reached through SNAC leadership projects, with 2,543 youth participating in 121 SNAC clubs
- ✓ 37 Missouri counties were awarded mini grants to help establish SNAC leadership projects, totaling \$18,500 for 2024
- Students learned about gardening and healthy nutrition through hands-on experience



Through nutrition and gardening activities, the Eating in the Garden project encourages students to learned about growing different types of vegetables and making delicious, healthy snacks.

## Youth and Families Family Nutrition Education Program

#### SNAP-Ed in the Classroom

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Education or SNAP-Ed) brought \$11,145,237 in federal funds to Missouri. The funds supported engagement with 74,864 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients and eligible citizens of Missouri who learned about being active and healthy eating on a budget.

#### Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a vital programming effort to reduce healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayer money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.

In 2024, EFNEP funds were used to enroll 559 limitedresource families in nutrition education and meal preparation classes, representing 2,068 family members. These programs were provided to Lewis County residents by Youth Program and Nutrition Program Associate Kaley Bozarth.

## **Nutrition and Health Education**

Carrie Elsen, MU Extension Nutrition and Health specialist presented Quality for Keeps: Home Food Preservation Basics in Pressure Canning to Lewis County residents. The workshop provided canning instruction and educational materials on home food preservation. Participants were given hands-on instruction on how to safely pressure can green beans.

One female participant stated, "This is a great class, I can't wait to take another class from you."; another female participant said, "I have learned a lot from this class."





- ✓ 1,164,143 million indirect SNAP-Ed contacts were made in Missouri through newsletters, health fairs, food pantries, and the Show Me Nutrition helpline, bringing in \$11,145.237 in federal funds to the state
- ✓ 652 Lewis County students participated in SNAP-Ed programs
- ✓ MU Extension Nutrition Program Associate Wendy Atterberg provided SNAP-Ed assistance to Canton R-V Elementary school students and to the Northeast Community Action Agency.
- ✓ The EFNEP program brought \$1,624,777 in federal funds to Missouri
- ✓ 46 Lewis County youth and adults participated in the EFNEP program in 2024
- ✓ 4 Lewis County residents participated in the Quality for Keeps Home Canning workshop

# **County Engagement**

## **Missouri Century Farms**

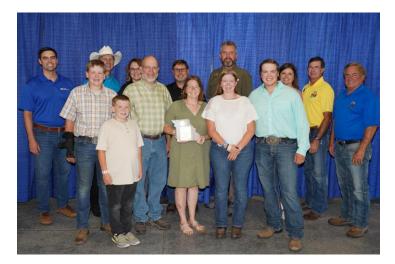
Century farms and ranches have shaped our nation. In every kitchen, behind every barn door, and in every soiled and calloused hand lie stories of those who feed our world. The Missouri Century Farm program celebrates the lasting contributions farmers and ranchers have made to our country and state heritages.

The Eisenberg Farms, LaGrange, MO were awarded the 2024 Century Farm designation. The original 174-acre farm near LaGrange was purchased in 1911 by Henry W. Eisenberg.

## **State Fair Farm Family**

Each year, the Missouri State Fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across Missouri that are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The Jim and Tammy Ellison family, Canton, were nominated as the 2024 Lewis County State Fair Farm Family.



#### **MU Extension in the Community**



MU Extension Nutrition and Youth Program Associate Kaley Bozarth provided Extension information to over 220 residents during the 2024 Lewis County Health Department Halloween Bash.



MU Extension promotes educational information and engagement opportunities each year at the Lewis County Fair.

# **Continuing Education**

MU Extension partners with several of the University's schools and colleges to deliver noncredit continuing education courses, programs and training in a variety of professional trades that contribute to the success of public-sector organizations and private industries throughout Missouri and the nation.

#### **CONTINUING VETERINARY EDUCATION**

As part of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the MU Extension Veterinary Medical Education and Continuing Education program provides learning opportunities for practicing veterinarians and the general public. The objective is to increase the professional competence of veterinarians by providing the latest information available in order to improve the quality of veterinary medicine.

## FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE (MU FRTI)

MU FRTI is charged with providing comprehensive continuing professional education and training to Missouri's fire service and emergency response personnel. Courses prepare firefighters for medical emergencies, hazardous materials response and disaster preparedness and mitigation, as well as fires.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE (LETI)

LETI brings state-of-the-art, certified, professional training to law enforcement officers and continuing professional education to a wide spectrum of other criminal justice and public safety professionals. The institute has for more than 60 years been the state's leader in providing vital training and education services for Missouri's 20,000 in-service personnel and 3,000 police recruits annually.

#### **NURSING OUTREACH AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

MU Sinclair School of Nursing's Nursing Outreach offers high-quality, affordable programs available in in-person and online formats for registered nurses in virtually any specialty, practice setting or location.







