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Ste. Genevieve County Staff

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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
Dear Friends of Extension:

Thank you for continuing to make University of Missouri Extension relevant and successful in providing educational programs for citizens of Ste. Genevieve County. This annual report outlines the success MU Extension has had in Ste. Genevieve County in 2017.

We are pleased to provide a brief overview of some of those successes. County citizens helped determine our programming focus by defining local needs and priorities. Program emphasis areas include agriculture, business and economic development, strengthening families, enhancing health and nutrition, protecting the environment and youth development. Efforts to provide this programming include short courses, meetings, newsletters, telephone consultation and one-on-one interaction.

The success of University of Missouri Extension in Ste. Genevieve County depends upon the dedication and support of members of the Extension Council. The council assists staff with planning and implementing programs by communicating the interests and concerns of local citizens. Programming requires the best efforts of our partnerships in the state to maximize and apply our resources where the greatest impact can be made.

As we address the challenges of the future, we appreciate the continued support and hard work of the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. In addition, we salute the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations and businesses, extension council members and staff who have given of their time and talents. Together we look forward to enhancing the economic well being and improving the lives of the citizens of Ste. Genevieve County in 2018.

Mike Kertz Jr.
Mike Kertz, Jr.
Chair

Kate Kammler
Kate Kammler
County Program Director
Ste. Genevieve County 4-H

Number of Learners in 2017

- 54 4-H members
- 15 trained 4-H volunteers
- 5 organized county 4-H Clubs

What Did They Learn?

Ste. Genevieve County 4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, leadership, responsibility and teamwork. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers who teach the different project areas. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service and educational trips.

How Participants Benefit

4-H helps grow caring, confident, contributing members of the community. The youth are empowered with knowledge of how to set goals, learning management skills, self-motivation and an understanding of what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves.

How Does This Work Make Ste. Genevieve County and Missouri Better?

- 4-H members are the future leaders, businessmen, and community members of Ste. Genevieve County. Learning the skills that 4-H has to offer and by empowering youth, our volunteers have helped to create a better community for all of us to live in.
- 4-H is growing future scientists! 4-H members are 3 times more likely to go into science related careers than similar peers.
- Studies show that youth in programs like 4-H are 70% more likely to attend college and increase their earning potential by $2.01 million over their lifetime.
- Communities reap long-term benefits when they support 4-H. Youth engaged in the program are 60% more likely to vote than their non-engaged peers. In addition, 4-H youth are more likely to volunteer and contribute to their communities.
4-H members plant historic Liberty Tree in Ste. Genevieve County

In recognition of National 4-H Week, members of the 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club in Ste. Genevieve County, Mo. are helping to preserve American history, while promoting healthy, balanced ecosystems by planting a Liberty Tree on October 2 at the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center. The local effort, which is sponsored by Crader Distributing and local STIHL dealers in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation, is part of a National 4-H Week celebration showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

The original Liberty Tree was a famous elm tree that stood near Boston Common during the Revolutionary era. In 1765, the Sons of Liberty, a group of American colonists, staged the first act of defiance against British rule under the tree. This spawned the resistance that eventually led to the American Revolutionary War. During the war, several other towns designated their own Liberty Trees as support for the resistance spread throughout the colonies. These Liberty Trees become symbols of American independence.

The last original Liberty Tree, a Tulip Poplar, stood on the grounds of St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. until 1999 when it died during Hurricane Floyd. Prior to its death, 14 seedlings were successfully germinated from the tree through a project spearheaded by the nonprofit conservation organization American Forests. The seedlings were planted throughout the original 13 colonies.

In order to further preserve the legacy of the Liberty Trees, a bud-grafting program was launched, through which several bud-grafted trees were grown. Thanks to the generosity of Crader Distributing and local STIHL dealers, one of these bud-grafted trees was donated to the 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club.
# Horticulture

## Horticulture Specialist
Kate Kammler

## Number of Learners in 2017

- **261** Soil tests
- **1049** direct contact participants through programming (participants are actively engaged in the learning process); examples include Master Gardener Programs, Farmer’s Market Workshop, and individual contacts such as farm visits
- **18774** indirect contacts through calls, walk-ins, emails, monthly gardening newsletter, meetings, and other special assignments

## What Did They Learn?

Participants who engaged in horticultural/agronomy programming learned about **integrated pest management** (insects, weeds, disease), soil health, general plant care, and variety selection.

## How Participants Benefit

Participants who gained knowledge on horticulture/agronomy topics may benefit in the following ways:

- Learn to identify the problem, be it insect, disease, weed or nutrient and use an effective control measure, therefore reducing pesticide application and runoff into local water systems.
- Knowledge gained about soil health leads to saving money by applying the need rates of fertilizer, reducing nutrient runoff, and improving soil quality for future generations.
- Knowledge gained on general plant health and selecting the right plant for the right place for landscaping leads to increased property values, environmental benefits of reduced erosion and improved air quality, and conserving natural resources through reduced heating/cooling costs.
- Knowledge gained on home vegetable and fruit production leads to increased consumption of healthy food and increased exercise.

## How Does This Work Make Ste. Genevieve County and Missouri Better?

When you support the community Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, participants will increase the use of IPM, increase use of personal protective equipment, and read the label contributing to correct pesticide application practices, which leads to reduced use of pesticides, decreased pesticide exposure, and increased IPM practices. **This will benefit the community by reducing cost to consumers, increasing health and safety, and protecting the environment.**
Agriculture Business

Agriculture Business Specialist
Rachel Hopkins

| Number of Learners in 2017 | ♦ 569 Direct Contact participants through programming (participants are actively engaged in the learning process) *i.e.*, Farm Lease, Quicken For Farmers, Farm Lease and individual contacts  
♦ 1865 Indirect Contacts (information distributed) *i.e.*, meetings, emails, calls, and other special assignments |
| What Did They Learn? | Participants who engaged in agriculture business programming learned about cash and crop share leases, pertinent items to included in a lease, record keeping, current trends in agriculture markets and livestock risk protection. |
| How Participants Benefit | Participants who gained knowledge on farm business management topics may benefit in the following ways:  
♦ Greater knowledge of farm leases and key points need to be included in a lease. This enables better landlord/tenant relationships, potentially **saving money in litigation fees** if there are disputes between parties.  
♦ Knowledge of record keeping gives farmers greater confidence to keep better records and generate financial reports. Good records translates to **better decision making and increased profitability**. Additionally, **tax accounting becomes easier** and **saves on accountant fees**.  
♦ Agriculture lenders are able to assist their clients make informed decisions derived from the decision tools, budgets and other resources. This benefits their producers by a **better understanding of enterprise budgets and cash flow** affecting families’ and businesses’ financial health. |
| How Does This Work Make Ste. Genevieve County and Missouri Better? | Farm Business Management programs encourage improved business practices by producers which translates to higher profitability. When **farmer’s are profitable, they will reinvest in their operation**, which in turn **supports local communities and businesses** and thus helps to sustain Missouri’s rural economies. |
## Number of Learners in 2017

- **256** direct contact participants through programming (participants are actively engaged in the learning process); *i.e.*, beef cattle workshops, kids conservation day, Ag Safety Day, Show-Me-Select program, grazing schools, Cattleman’s meetings and Show-Me Quality Assurance training.
- **48** individual contacts (one on one); *i.e.*, farm visits, walk ins, phone calls, emails.
- **198** indirect contacts (information distributed); *i.e.*, newsletters, SEMO Bull sale, meetings and other special assignments.

## What Did They Learn?

Participants who engaged in livestock programming learned about **heifer development, forage management, recordkeeping, financial management, beef reproduction and nutrition, and farm theft**. Youth participating in the Ag Safety day learned about **how to stay safe around agriculture**.

## How Participants Benefit

Participants who gained knowledge on livestock topics may benefit in the following ways:

- Producers involved in the Show-Me-Select Heifer program gain knowledge on raising and marketing high-quality heifers. **An increase in prices for heifers have been seen if they carry the Show-Me-Select tag.**
- Knowledge gained and implementation of forage/pasture management allows producers to **reduce feed costs, improve pasture health, decrease synthetic fertilizer application and cost therefore improving profitability.**
- Youth gained knowledge and awareness of agriculture equipment and farm safety.

## How Does This Work Make Ste. Genevieve County and Missouri Better?

Livestock production education programs teach management practices that can lead to a reduction of input costs and increased profitability. **Profits made on the farm are likely to be re-invested in local agribusinesses.** Increased livestock management tends to result in the production of higher quality meat or milk product therefore, increasing the value of that product. Educating youth about proper animal handling and welfare practices at an early age increases the chance they will continue utilizing the proper techniques as adults.
Progressive Agriculture Safety Day—One hundred twenty-five students from Bloomsdale and Ste. Genevieve Elementary Schools learned how to identify and deal with hazards on the farm on September 20, 2017 at Bloomsdale Elementary School. A half/day session was held for 5th grade students. The student participants of the University of Missouri-Extension’s Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® were able to learn how to take responsibility for their own safety, respect parents’ safety rules, and share safety tips with their family and friends. Hands-on experiences led by local community members taught safety day participants lifelong farm safety lessons. Over time, by sharing and applying the lessons learned at the safety day, participants will help to reduce the number of rural children who die or are injured in farm incidents. The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® was sponsored by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and its corporate sponsors. The safety day’s success is due in large part to the generous support of many local organizations and volunteers. The following individuals assisted at the safety day in presenting farm safety: Bloomsdale Volunteer Fire Department, Flieg’s Equipment, University of Missouri-Extension, William Nobbe & Co., MO One Call (Dig Rite).

The Carron family was selected as the Ste. Genevieve County Missouri Farm Family by the Ste. Genevieve County Extension Council and local Farm Bureau. The family includes Travis, Heather and their three children Dakota, Abigail, and Kelci.

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

The Carron Family Farm is a 312 acre horse and cattle operation. It has been in the Carron family since 1907 owned by Martin and Albert Carron, and now by Werner Carron.
The Missouri Century Farm program's history dates back to 1976 as a result of the Missouri Committee for Agriculture. The committee's purpose was to organize the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration in Missouri. One activity that was initiated by the committee was the "Centennial Farm" project, which awarded certificates to persons owning farms that had been in the same family for 100 years or more. Interest in the program continued after 1976. The College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and University of Missouri Extension planned a 10-year update in 1986 called the "Century Farm" program. This program has been sustained as a yearly event with over 100 farms recognized each year. In 2008, the Missouri Farm Bureau became a program co-sponsor.

Since Missouri began the program in 1976, more than 8,000 century farms have been recognized. This year Ste. Genevieve County had 6 century farms. Two families had two century farms.
Program Highlight: When you support MU Extension’s Master Gardener Program, participants give back volunteer hours in the county, contributing to beautification, tourism, education, and vegetable donations. The Master Gardener program gives gardeners the chance to give back to their communities while learning more about gardening. 30 hours of classroom instruction plus 30 volunteer hours are required to become a Master Gardener. A minimum of 20 hours per year volunteered back to the community maintains Master Gardener certification. Master Gardeners are involved in a variety of service, educational and community support. Master Gardeners assist MU Extension in increasing public knowledge of horticulture issues.
MU Extension’s Business Development Program each year provides research-based education and technical assistance to thousands of Missouri business owners to help them improve the competitiveness and success of their small businesses.

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<td>♦ Created or retained 492 jobs</td>
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<td>♦ Provided training events for 142 individuals</td>
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<td>♦ An additional 129 residents and businesses received start-up and management counseling, training and other assistance.</td>
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<th>Total Statewide Impact</th>
<th>Overall, the University of Missouri Extension Business Development Programs (BDP) assisted companies and businesses across the state by supporting business growth, sustainability, enhancing the creation of new businesses entities and fostering job creation and job retention. The total impact for all businesses assisted by the BDP was:</th>
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<td>♦ 3,458 clients/companies receiving assistance or counseling</td>
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<td>♦ 10,685 participants attending training events and seminars</td>
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### What Did They Learn?

Participants learned how to spend and borrow responsibly, save more and gain control over their financial health, estate planning, budgeting, etc. **Across the four counties of Jefferson, Franklin, St. Francois County, and Ste. Genevieve County, and a few surrounding counties there were 1,367 participants/families reached.**

### How Participants Benefit

Participants who gained knowledge on family financial topics may benefit in the following ways:

- **High School Financial Planning:** youth learned the basics of personal finance including how to track their spending, goal setting, needs vs. wants, understanding their credit, etc.

- **Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?** helps families distribute their non-titled property. Topics covered include determining what fair means, identifying objects to transfer, distribution options and consequences, and managing conflicts if they arise. **100% of the participants will do the following after attending: 1) Initiate conversations with others about inheritance and personal possessions 2) Identify their personal property transfer goals, and 3) Discuss different perceptions of "fairness" with others.**

- St. Vincent De Paul in Ste. Genevieve, MO requested information on budgeting techniques to help people at their Food Pantry to become more financially stable. A workshop with budgeting packets that included the envelope method of budgeting, ways to track your spending, a sheet to help determine a budget and net worth, a bill calendar, directions on how to develop a budget, a paycheck booster calculator, and MU Extension's living on less guide sheet. 90 packets were sent out to the audience that they serve.

### How Does This Work Make Ste. Genevieve County and Missouri Better?

When you support MU Extension’s Financial Education Programs, **participants spend and borrow responsibly, save more and gain control over their financial health. These behaviors benefit other community members by reducing predatory lending, reliance on public assistance programs, and crime.**
The Family Nutrition Education Program (FNEP) brings the latest nutrition information to low-income Missourians. FNEP helps clients achieve life-long health and fitness. Paraprofessional nutrition educators work with clients individually and in groups in their communities and schools. Clients gain skills that pave the way for nutrition well-being and health.

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<th>Number of Ste. Genevieve County Learners in 2017</th>
<th>596 youth and 275 adults received nutrition education at Ste. Genevieve and Bloomsdale Elementary.</th>
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<td>What Did They Learn?</td>
<td>♦ 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.</td>
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<td>Total Statewide Impact</td>
<td>The Family Nutrition Education Program (FNEP) 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 (SNAP) 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. In addition to providing nutrition education, in mid-2017, FNEP began partnering with the SNAP Outreach program. Our Nutrition Program Associates (NPAs) are spending an average of 4 hours per week in providing information and assistance with SNAP applications.</td>
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Program Highlight: During 2017, seven 4-H Youth from Ste. Genevieve County participated in the “Put It UP” Youth Food Preservation Workshop learning to dry apples, make peach fruit leather, prepare traditional strawberry jam, and quick pack dill pickles. Many of these 4-H youth showed their products at the local fairs.

After attending a Put It UP: Youth Home Food Preservation workshop, 98% reported improved knowledge, skills, or understanding of safe food preservation methods; 87% reported using skills and knowledge to preserve food safely.

Participants had fun, and learned to work cooperatively to cut produce, fill jars, fill out worksheets, sample products, and clean up.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **MU Extension’s Fire and Rescue Training Institute** provides 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. There were 43 FRTI students in 2017 from Ste. Genevieve County. [http://www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org)

- **The MU Conference Office** provides high-quality, professional, full-service meeting management for a variety of noncredit educational programs, such as conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia. Whether a meeting is hosted on campus, in out-state Missouri or anywhere in the world, the office’s professional staff provides assistance to create the best learning environment for participants. In FY 2017, 24 Ste. Genevieve county residents registered to attend MU Extension conferences for teacher education in math, science, and writing; crop management, and agricultural lending, as well as statewide youth leadership programs such as FCCLA and 4-H. [http://muconf.missouri.edu](http://muconf.missouri.edu)

- **The MU Extension Labor Education Program** works with members and leaders of a variety of workplace-based organizations across Missouri to help them develop skills to contribute to their organizations, act effectively in the workplace, and be informed and active participants in their communities. In FY 2017, 12 Ste. Genevieve county residents participated. The majority of these participants are elected and appointed leaders of organizations representing the economic interests of more than 20,000 working people in Missouri and surrounding states. [http://labored/missouri.edu](http://labored/missouri.edu)

4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.
2018 IMPACT DATA
Ste. Genevieve County

UM System Footprint in the County in 2017

**Students**
- 86 County students
  - 71 Undergraduates
  - 15 Graduates
  - 79 Full-time students
  - 7 Part-time students
  - 17 Pell grant recipients (aid year '17)

**Employees and retirees**
- 4 people employed by UM
  - 2 Campus
  - 2 UM Health Care
  - 0 UM System
- 2 UM retirees and beneficiaries

**Services provided**

**Health care**
- 5 patients seen at UM Health Care, with $144 of uncompensated care
- 2 patients seen at the UMSL Center for Eye Care with an average of $52 per patient in uncompensated care

**Extension**
- 5,538 total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of county, including:
  - 1,560 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
  - 3,348 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
  - 600 contacts related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy

**Alumni**

Selected school alumni
- 1 - Medicine
- 29 - Nursing
- 21 - Health Professions
- 5 - Dentistry
- 4 - Pharmacy
- 4 - Optometry
- 8 - Veterinary Medicine
- 33 - Agriculture
- 85 - Engineering
- 8 - Law

Alumni teaching K-12
- 16 teachers
- 11% of all county teachers

**Breakdown by campus**

**MU**
- 36 students
- 229 alumni
- 1 employees

**UMKC**
- 7 students
- 15 alumni
- 0 employees

**Missouri S&T**
- 20 students
- 68 alumni
- 0 employees

**UMSL**
- 17 students
- 139 alumni
- 1 employees

**Properties and offices**

MU Extension in: Ste. Genevieve County

County population: 17,990

UM salary and retirement income: $129,399
UM state tax revenue: $5,018
UM federal tax revenue: $26,067
Ste. Genevieve County Extension is funded through a three-way partnership between federal, state, and county government. Federal and state funding provided through the University of Missouri pay professional staff salaries, benefits, training costs, and part of the communication equipment used in the local office.

County funding provides the local Extension Center with office space, operation cost which includes secretary salary, benefits, mileage for staff, telephone, supplies, and other miscellaneous council costs for programming.

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Master Gardener trainees learning about soil texture.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can direct your donation to a specific county as a gift to be used immediately or as an endowment contribution to support the county’s efforts long term. Gifts are generally used within one to two years. Money put into an endowment are left in the fund forever to earn interest; once the endowment is fully funded, the county extension office receives the earnings monthly—forever.

You can also direct your donation to a specific MU Extension program, such as your county’s Master Gardener or 4-H program.
A very special THANK YOU to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission for their continued support of Extension programming!