



Christian County Commission

100 West Church St, Room 100
Ozark, MO 65721

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Department: County Clerk

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MEETING ATTACHMENTS (ID # 5089)

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Meeting Attachments

ATTACHMENTS:

- SB 40 - Board Reappointments Request (PDF)
- SB 40 - Board Reappointment - Vetter, Jim (PDF)
- SB 40 - Board Reappointment - Crouse, Terri (PDF)
- SB 40 - Board Reappointment - Christiansen, Lisa (PDF)
- SB 40 - Board Reappointment - Connell, Stacey (PDF)
- Human Resources - County Issued Credit Cards Policy (PDF)
- MU Ext. - Monthly Update (PDF)

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July 18, 2019

Christian County Commission
100 W. Church Street, #104
Ozark, Missouri 65721

Dear County Commission:

The following Board members terms end on the SB40 Board on July 31, 2019. They would all like to extend their terms for another 3 years.

Jim Vetter

391 Wildflower Lane
Nixa, MO 65714
jrcvetter@gmail.com
Home: 417-581-8965
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Lisa Christiansen

1211 Verna Lane
Nixa, MO 65714
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Stacey Connell

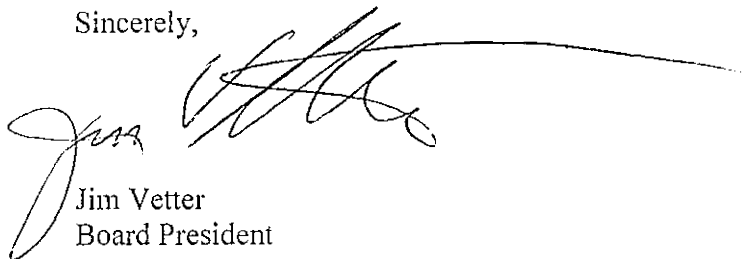
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Terri Crouse

242 Somerswood Lane
Clever, MO 65631
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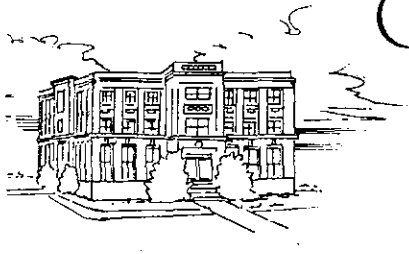
Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Jim Vetter
Board President

People First for 30 Years!



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Ralph Phillips
Presiding Commissioner

Hosea Bilyeu
Western Commissioner

Mike Robertson
Eastern Commissioner

August 1, 2019

Jim Vetter
391 Wildflower Lane
Nixa, MO 65714

Dear Mr. Vetter,

The Christian County Commission voted to reappoint you to the SB 40 Board for the Developmentally Disabled. We appreciate your agreement to serve an additional term and the service that you provide to our citizens. Your new term will expire August 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Terri Crouse
242 Somerswood Lane
Clever, MO 65631

Dear Ms. Crouse,

The Christian County Commission voted to reappoint you to the SB 40 Board for the Developmentally Disabled. We appreciate your agreement to serve an additional term and the service that you provide to our citizens. Your new term will expire August 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Lisa Christiansen
1211 Verna Lane
Nixa, MO 65714

Dear Dr. Christiansen,

The Christian County Commission voted to reappoint you to the SB 40 Board for the Developmentally Disabled. Your new term will expire August 1, 2022.

We appreciate your willingness to serve on this board and your service to improving the lives of those who have developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Stacey Connell
621 N. Ritter
Nixa, MO 65714

Dear Stacey,

The Christian County Commission voted to reappoint you to the SB 40 Board for the Developmentally Disabled. Your new term will expire August 1, 2022.

We appreciate your willingness to serve on this board and your service to improving the lives of those who have developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Mike Robertson
Eastern Commissioner

Ralph Phillips
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COUNTY ISSUED CREDIT CARDS

Authorized employees may check out County issued credit cards from the Commission Office. The County credit cards are for business expenses only and will only be released with an approved purchase order. Personal charges or cash advances of any kind on the company credit cards are not allowed for any reason. Only purchases with approved requisitions may be made. Authorized employees are responsible for the credit card's protection while in their possession. Employees using the credit card are responsible for safeguarding the account number and posting any card information is strictly prohibited. The Christian County Commission office should be notified immediately if the card is lost or stolen. All credit card purchases must have receipts detailing the goods or services purchased, cost, date of the purchase and the official business explanation thereof. Receipts must be provided for all purchases made. Said receipts/documentation will need the approved Requisition number written on the top of each. Receipts/documentation must be submitted within 7 days of purchase to reconcile against the monthly credit card statement.

Any employee that engages in an unauthorized or improper use of a county credit card will be subject to disciplinary measures, up to and including termination, and may be subject to civil/criminal prosecution consistent with applicable laws. The employee found to have inappropriately used the credit card will be required to reimburse Christian County for all costs associated with such improper use.

 _____ Ralph Phillips Presiding Commissioner 8-1-2019 _____ Date	 _____ Hosea Bilyeu Western Commissioner 8-01-19 _____ Date	 _____ Mike Robertson Eastern Commissioner 08-01-2019 _____ Date
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**CREDIT CARD POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND
AUTHORIZATION**

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read the Christian County Credit Card policy, and that I agree to honor and abide by its terms and conditions. I also hereby authorize Christian County to deduct from my continuing wages; sums necessary to reimburse Christian County for any purchases I make that are disapproved by the County, including any interest charged on such purchases by the credit card company.

Employee Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Elected Official Signature:

_____ Date: _____



Christian County Impact Report



County Engagement Specialist, Community Economic Development

By: Pam Duitsman
August 2019

Highlighted program: Farm to School of the Ozarks

Pam is the Farm to School (F2S) of the Ozarks Project Coordinator for USDA, which pays a significant portion of her salary. F2S programs share three core elements: (1) classroom education in food, agriculture, health, and nutrition; (2) edible school gardens with hands-on learning activities; and (3) school procurement of fresh foods from local farmers.

In 2015, the Missouri Legislature passed Senate Bill 701 that created a Farm to Table Program “to connect Missouri farmers and schools in order to provide schools with locally grown agricultural products for inclusion in school meals and snacks and to strengthen local farming economies.” The target is that institutions in the state would purchase 10% of their food from Missouri sources (RSMO § 262.960, 2016.)

So far this year, Pam has helped coordinate F2S activities and programs for four Ozark schools, taught and/or facilitated 15 community programs and meetings regarding F2S, held bi-weekly meetings and consultations to keep the program on track, assisted in creating documents to aid Missouri implement F2S state-wide; submitted a USDA grant revision to include additional schools (awarded the first week of April). Current schools include: Chadwick, Taneyville, Hollister, Springfield Public Schools.

Some programming highlights include:

1. A day-long teacher training for teachers provided education and hands-on training to equip classroom teachers with the skills needed to successfully teach in an outdoor classroom. The training day included sessions on: Managing Volunteers for Garden Workdays; Full Circle Gardening and Best Practices; Engaging the Community in F2S Demonstration lessons and activities from MU Extension’s “Eating from the Garden” Curriculum – curriculum provided to each teacher; Creating Pollinator Gardens; Composting; 4-H and Youth Development in the Garden – Curriculum provided to each teacher; and networking.
2. A Field trip for teachers, school administrators and community who are participating in F2S. Pam coordinated a day-long tour using Fisk transportation to Fayetteville AR for Local Food Connections with F2S programs. Participants were provided with school and farm tours, and offered education on best practices for F2S. Organizations participating: Taney County Health Department; Taneyville Schools; Hollister Schools; Chadwick Schools, Springfield Public Schools, Breath of Life Wellness, Planting Seeds LLC, Christian County community volunteers.
3. Tour of Ashland Missouri F2S Project: This project created a learning garden team with school personnel and community organizations and volunteers who have created a sustainable school garden with an outdoor classroom.
4. Participation in creation of Missouri specific documents to support F2S across the state:
 - a. Missouri F2S Guide for Farmers, Ranchers, Growers and Producers
 - b. Missouri F2S School Guide for Food Service Personnel
 - c. Missouri Farm to School Report
 - d. Missouri F2S Backgrounder.

F2S programs improve the connection communities have to fresh, local food, and local food producers; and provide schools with locally grown food products that are included in some school meals and snacks. Students are also participating in educational learning activities related to agriculture, food, health, and nutrition. School gardens are offering students hands-on experiences to grow their own food. This program empowers children and their families to make informed food choices; helps to strengthen the local economy; and helps to build more resilient communities.

The most recent USDA Farm to School Census surveyed Missouri School Food Authorities (SFA's) to find:

Economic Benefits to MO Schools. Of the SFA's reporting, 23% indicated that they were able to lower school meal program costs; 16% reduced food waste; 20% increased participation in school meals; and 33% found greater community support for school meals.

Economic Benefit to MO Communities. Participating SFA's invested a total of \$13,320,000 in local foods in 2015, including fluid milk. Using a multiplier effect of 1.7, local purchases by those SFA's potentially generated **22.6 million** in economic activity for those local areas.

Economic Benefit to Farmers. More than one third (35%) of the SFA's indicated that they purchase local food directly from farmers, ranchers and producers; 10% from producer cooperatives and 15% from farmers' markets. About 10% work directly with local producers to develop a specific product. Sixty-six percent purchased Missouri Grown foods from distributors and other vendors. Nearly half (43%) of the SFA's active in F2S have plans to increase local purchases in the future while 30% planned to sustain purchases at the same level.

Other benefits include:

Students: an increase in student healthy behaviors, increase of knowledge of agriculture, gardening, healthy eating, nutrition, growing cycles, local food, seasonality, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), concepts and language arts. Overall academic achievement improves in K-12 settings. F2S also improves opportunities for physical and social activities, and increases engagement in school activities. Life skills, self-esteem, social skills and behavior improve as well.

School Food Service staff: development of school food service to increase their capacity to serve seasonal recipes, healthier recipes, improve staff morale, increase knowledge and skill level in fresh food preparation, and have more interactions with teachers to strengthen classroom and cafeteria connections.

Adults: Teachers show positive changes in healthy eating and lifestyles. Parents show increased knowledge of local agriculture and of healthier behaviors such as increased fruit & vegetable consumption. Adults who participated in gardening at a young age are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables, try new produce, prepare meals at home, shop for healthy and local foods, and make healthier purchases.



Chadwick



Taneyville Field Trip



Teacher Training



Impact Report



Ag Business Specialist

By: Jim Spencer, Jr.
August 2019

Livestock & Forage Conferences

University of Missouri Extension specialist from across the SW region organize and conduct conferences covering livestock and forage educational topics within each county, helping producers improve the sustainability of their operations.

The 2019 Christian county conference was held at the Clever High School. Sponsors for the event were Christian County Farm Bureau, FCS Financial and the Christian County Commission. Additional community partners included the Christian County Soil & Water Conservation district, NRCS and Clever FFA chapter.

University of Missouri Extension specialists and a Division of Animal Science graduate student teamed up to teach the following topics; Genomics 101, Thoughts on Mineral Supplementation, Economics of Hay Production and Native Warm Season Grass production. Through their participation in the conference, producers are able to evaluate their current practices and determine if they can implement some of the “new” production strategies covered in the program.

Customer quotes

- *“I enjoyed the information regarding warm season grasses and plan to utilize them for summer forage production”.*
- *“I learned the importance of evaluating forages for mineral content and quality in order to reduce overall mineral costs”.*
- *“I had not considered the expense of hay production, specifically the loss of field nutrients and also gained an understanding of redistributing those nutrients through my feeding methods”.*

Course Participant outcomes

- *78 % of the respondents stated their knowledge of mineral supplementation was above average or excellent after the presentation.*
- *84 % of the respondents state their knowledge of the economics of hay production was above average or excellent after the presentation.*
- *72 % of the respondents stated their knowledge of warm season grasses was above average or excellent after the presentation.*
- *95 % of the respondents believe University of Missouri Extension programs are important to their community.*
- *100% of the respondents stated the conference met or exceeded their expectations.*



Upcoming programing:

MO Farm Financial Meetings
Master Gardener Training course
4H Livestock Judging program

Missouri State Fair
Estate & Succession Planning Course
Ag Business & Policy Training



Upcoming Events

Clever Clovers

August 6 @ 6:30 PM
Clever Fire Station

New Horizons

August 9 @ 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church,
Sparta

Ozark Back to School Bash

August 10
Ozark

Blue Ribbon Bandits Carnival

August 10
Springfield

Ozark Clover Kids

August 11 @ 2:00 PM
First Assembly of God,
Ozark

Nixa Extreme Explorers

August 18 @ 2:00 PM
Central Bank, Nixa

Mizzou to You

August 24
Lucas Race Track

CONFERENCE JUDGING

Philosophy

An exhibit is not the final statement of a child's effort nor does it offer a measurement of all of the learning that has taken place. The exhibit offers a display of what the child is capable of doing and that he/she has accomplished a goal.

Objectives of the 4-H Program

4-H members should have fun, learn to make decisions, think, feel, and act creatively; be conscious of their community and country; and inventive, resourceful and original in problem solving; explore aspects of their 4-H project; evaluate their 4-H project; and investigate careers that are related to their project.

Evaluating the 4-H Project

- The purpose of the evaluation is for positive learning. Judges are expected to be objective. If there is a questionable decision, error in favor of the youth.
- Projects and members knowledge are evaluated.
- Projects and members need to be evaluated independently, not compared.
- Judges will award ribbons according to the exhibitors' knowledge about the exhibit (50%) and the quality of the exhibit (50%).
- Emphasis during the evaluation should be placed on what the member has done and learned.
- There's no such thing as "the 4-H way" of doing things. Many different methods of preparing an exhibit are acceptable.

A Message to Judges

Conference judging brings 4-H members and judges together to evaluate project exhibits. It provides a unique opportunity for 4-H exhibitors to learn from the experiences



4-H Council

August 26 @ 6:30 PM
Extension office, Ozark

and knowledge of the judge. Conference judging involves one-to-one communication in which judge and exhibitor talk directly with each other. This two-way evaluation provides the judge the opportunity for suggestions for improvement. The participant also has an opportunity to explain problems encountered and solutions used.

Christian County Fair

- 2019: 95 projects, 30 youth
- 2018: 64 projects, 18 youth
- 2017: 86 projects, 26 youth
- 2016: 75 projects, 19 youth





Christian County Master Gardeners

June IMPACT Report

What We've Been Up to in June

- Our June itinerary began June 1 with our garden tour of a garden in Springfield and those of two of our members, JJ Leek, featuring JJ's Berry Patch, and Laura Burdette, featuring her custom-made greenhouse, both in rural Christian County. We had a full bus of more than 40 members and guests. We lunched at Highland Springs Country Club and enjoyed a presentation by Chef Craig from Harvest Restaurant at Sunshine Valley Farm and his wife, Tamara, who grows the vegetables he cooks.



- President Jennifer Ailor presented the proposed bylaws changes to members at our June 24 meeting. Some concerns were expressed about three proposed changes, which the board has slightly modified and will present again at the July 22 meeting.
- Our new note cards are in and will be used by members for thank you's, invitations, congratulations, thinking of you messages, etc. Designed by member Tina Cackley, they feature our new brand, which has been printed in green on a white background.
- An audit of CCMG's finances was conducted June 20 in accordance with our bylaws. No problems were detected. Thanks to members Beth Platt, Debbie Clithero and Dayle Enderson for participating in the audit. Kathy Pyeatt served as the Extension's representative.
- Thanks to Lowe's Home Improvement of Ozark for donating seed-starter bagged soil and thousands of seed packets to CCMG for give-aways at events, gifts, etc.





- Our June 24 speaker was Kay Frazier of Carson's Nursery on "Raised Beds and Landscaping." She spoke on a wide variety of gardening topics. Once again we had about a dozen guests from the general public. Our publicity and personal outreach by our Member Advocate Debbie Clithero are working!



Upcoming Events

- **July 13** – Our second free public seminar on "Community-supported Agriculture: A Grower's Perspective," featuring Wes Hunter, co-owner with his wife, Anne, of Providence Farm near Seymour, and "Greenhouse Gardening: Lessons Learned from Master Gardeners," featuring a panel of our members.
- **July 22** – Our monthly program will feature Master Gardener Gaylene Seibold on "Growing Tomatoes, According to Patchwork Flower Farm." Members also will bring their own tomatoes for tasting and a vote on the best-tasting tomato. We will not invite the public to this meeting because we might not have enough tomatoes to share with a large crowd.
- **Aug. 24** – Katie Keith, coordinator of the Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, will lead an advanced training workshop on "Creating a Functional Rain Garden." The training will be held at the center and will teach Master Gardeners how to use rain gardens to control water issues in their landscapes. We have reservations to fill the limit of 18 participants.
- **Sept. 19** – We'll have a plant exchange among members only at Rotary Gardens in Nixa.
- **Sept. 23** – Our monthly meeting will feature Joe Pitts on "Environmental Changes for the Gardener & How to Be Good Stewards."
- **Sept. 28** – Our annual fall plant sale will be held 8-11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Assembly of God Church at Hwy. 14 and Main in Nixa. This is a much smaller plant sale than our spring sale, but the funds still support our scholarships and projects.