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Palmyra Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News

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MU EXTENSION

MU Extension is the University of Missouri's classroom in Marion County. Its mission is to serve Missouri and its residents as they strive to improve and transform their lives. MU Extension partners with the Marion County Commission and other local organizations to provide education, information and services for individuals, families, farms, businesses, and our community. The elected and appointed members of the Marion County Extension Council provide guidance in identifying needs to ensure that educational programs are relevant, reliable and responsive.

The Marion County Extension Service began in April 1913 at a meeting of Marion County farmers as a part of the Farm Bureau organized at the same time. H. H. Laude became the first County Agent, prior to the passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 that provided funding for outreach endeavors at Land-Grant Universities. Specifically, the Act stated, "In order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, uses of solar energy with respect to agriculture, home economics, and rural energy." Home Demonstration work was started with Miss Louise Laitem in 1918.

That same year, in cooperation with the County Superintendent of Schools, several boys and girls clubs, the precursors to 4-H, were formed. These included stock judging clubs, sewing clubs and, believe it or not, hot lunch clubs. By 1925, these clubs became known as 4-H in Marion County, though the name had been used as early as 1910 in other parts of the country.

In 1936, during the Great Depression, MU Extension teamed with the C.C.C., Civilian Conservation Corps, and the Soil Conservation association officers to build soil conserving structures such as terraces, waterways and dams. They also helped to organize farmers so that the REA (Rural Electric Association) could obtain a loan to help electrify rural areas.

World War II significantly altered the activities of the Extension reported Kermit Hildahl in "76 Years of Marion County Extension." "Practically all parts of Extension work were devoted directly or indirectly to the war effort. Collecting scrap iron for the machines of war, collecting fats for the explosives of war, collecting rubber to be used for tires, raising food to feed troops and allies, everything was aimed at one goal: victory."



The Marion County Junior Fair, or show as it was called on its inception in 1947, was traditionally held in conjunction with the Palmyra Fall Festival. For only a brief period early in the 21st century were the two events separate.

Sherry Nelson, a Human Development Specialist, is the new County Program Director. Ms. Nelson works with the Extension Council to promote MU Extension, produces an annual report,

collaborates with the Farm Bureau to select a farm family for the State Fair and offers classes on an "as needed" basis. Classes offered in 2014, included disaster recovery/preparedness/response, mental health first aid, and chronic disease self-management.

Also based in the Marion County office is John Martellaro, 4-H Youth Program Educator for the county. "We have 9 active clubs, right now," said John. He is involved in chick hatching in Marion County school classrooms at present, a project many parents and students remember fondly.

Kristen Williams, County Office Support Staff, assists with the annual Show-Me-Select Heifer Sale in addition to completing her regular office duties. The December 2014 sale set record prices. All heifers in the sale were enrolled by consignors in a yearlong heifer improvement program with management emphasizing health and nutrition in addition to proven genetics.

"We are also in the process of hiring an agronomist, and hoping the individual will be on staff in this office by mid-summer," shared Ms. Nelson.

There are other services available at MU Extension you may not be aware of. Private pesticide applicator training is available. Enrolled in a Mizzou Online course? MU Extension proctors tests for students enrolled in these courses. Soil testing and Canner gauge tests are available. Need a copy of the 2010 Marion County Missouri Platbook? A portion of the proceeds for platbooks sold at the Marion County Extension Office goes to the 4-H Council and is used to support youth development programs. Food and Nutrition Programs as well as the Salt River Master Gardeners are active in Marion County. Publications on a wide range of topics are available for a nominal fee.

Stop by and see what MU Extension has to offer! The office is conveniently located in the Marion County Court House. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



In 2014, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which created Cooperative Extension, the forerunner of modern-day MU Extension.

Chamber Briefs...

PALMYRA CHAMBER TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

The Palmyra Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 10 at HATS. President Rodney Kuntmeyer welcomed a standing room only crowd including FBLA members Hailey Fohey and Hannah Lochman and new Chamber business member Jesse Knowles of Flowers For You. He invited anyone interested in contributing ideas and serving on the committee for the Chamber's first "Howdy Neighbor Day" this Spring to a planning meeting, March 12th, at 5 p.m. at the Old Stone House Inn.

MARION COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Fair co-chairs, Michele and Randy Hopson, updated members on the Marion County Fair. Any group interested in selling ads for the Fair Tabloid as a fundraiser should contact them or the Chamber Office as this opportunity is available. Larry Vaughn has stepped down as Fair Parade Chairman after 15 years. Graciously, Steve Lewis has volunteered to take on this position. Carol Dent will be the new Queen Contests' coordinator.

FLAG DAY

June 13 will be the date for this year's Flag Day parade. Nancy Goellner and Karen Minch will co-chair a committee for this event and welcome your input.

Mark your calendars for the date and place of the next Chamber meeting: the lunch meeting will take place at noon at The Old Stone House Inn and feature guest speaker Todd Ahrens, President and CEO of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System. Ahrens will be sharing updates on the latest technology and services HRH is providing.

PALMYRA CHAMBER GETS UPDATE ON DOYLE ENTERPRISE, PALMYRA

Catie Doyle, of Doyle Equipment Manufacturing presented a program on the history of the company and a glimpse of the future. "Jack" Doyle and partner Adams started a Fertilizer Spreading Business in Quincy, Illinois in 1951, introducing the first Mechanical Truck Spreader that same year. The businesses continued to expand and in 1987 went International; Doyle currently sells to 70 different countries all over the world.

Riverview Manufacturing, the manufacturer of the Doyle Spreader Line, opened in Palmyra on an 81 acre track overlooking the Mississippi River in 2005. Since opening, Riverview has expanded three times and has more than doubled in square footage. Between Riverview and Doyle Manufacturing, Doyle employs over 140 individuals.

The ground breaking ceremony for Doyle Enterprise in Palmyra was held in May 2011. The new plant sits on a 144 acre site and will be under one roof - as opposed to five as is in the case of Doyle's Quincy location. The building will be almost twice as large as the current Illinois space with 208,000 square feet. Work on the building is 95% complete. "My dad, Monty Doyle, and brother Colton are now working to move from traditional manufacturing to new construction methods with the help of Imec," shared Ms. Doyle. Technology is, of course, being integrated. The Tending Line and offices will hopefully be moving in this Spring with Conveyor and Blender lines to follow. The spreader line will remain at Riverview. Doyle will be extending an invitation to a Grand Opening at a later date.

upcoming events CALENDAR

April 5

Easter

April 7
Election Day

April 10 & 11

7:30 p.m.: Chase Anderson MDA

Memorial Rodeo

April 11

10 a.m.: Palmyra Young Farmers' Consignment Sale Flower City Park Arena

April 18

9 a.m.: Story of HOPE Race Flower City Park

5:00 p.m. - ?: Flower Children's Spring Fling Dinner & Auction American Legion Hall

April 25

City-Wide Garage Sale

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS YOUR NEXT CHAMBER MEETING IS NOON

**Tues. April 14, 2015
Old Stone House Inn**

Todd Ahrens, President and CEO of Hannibal Regional Healthcare System. Ahrens will be sharing updates on the latest technology and services.

**Tues. May 12, 2015
Kerley's**

Marcy Minnick, Family & Consumer Science Instructor and FCCLA Sponsor at Palmyra R-1 High School, and students will share all our local Family, Career and Community Leaders of America chapter has accomplished this school year.

Tu. June 9th
Details TBD.

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 **Palmyra MO Chamber of Commerce**

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CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

**If you haven't already done so,
it's definitely time to renew your
Chamber Membership for 2015!**

Application available on the Chamber website.
We will be updating the Business Directory on the
Chamber website soon.

[Click here for Membership Form!](#)