Mary Baumann was recognized for 47 years of service to University of Missouri Extension, June 19, by the Andrew County Extension Council, which hosted a barbecue in her honor. A large crowd gathered on the courthouse lawn in Savannah, Mo., to wish her well, to share memories and to enjoy a delicious lunch.

Baumann received acknowledgement from Governor Matt Blunt, the United States Congress, the local University of Missouri Extension council and the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development.

Jim Humphrey, MU Extension livestock specialist in Andrew County and Tom Hare, Andrew County Extension Council President work the grill at Mary Baumann's retirement barbecue.

Ronald Walker, MU Extension 4-H youth specialist from Buchanan County, presented Baumann with her own autographed 4-H t-shirt. The shirt was signed by Northwest Regional 4-H faculty and staff.

2008 Extension Council
- Tom Hare, President
- Chris Evans, Vice-President
- Mary Anne Lamme, Secretary
- Geneva Cole, Treasurer
- Tom Hare, NW Regional Ext. Council Representative
- Susan Arn
- Gary Cole
- Paul Garrison
- Fritz Hegeman
- Johnnie Hubach
- Dick Townsend, County Commissioner
- Curtis Wandfluh, City of Savannah
- Steve Bunse, Andrew County Farm Bureau
December 2008

Dear Members of the County Commission and the Community:

As we begin another year, I want to thank you for your continued investment in University of Missouri Extension. Your investment makes it possible to provide educational programs to residents in your county that are Relevant, Responsive and Reliable. In these difficult economic times, it is particularly important that the programs you support show a return on investment.

Recently, the MU Community Policy Analysis Center completed an analysis of the economic impact of MU Extension programs statewide and found that:

Every $1 million dollar of investment in a broad range of programs:
- Generates more than $24 million in new or retained private sector jobs, sales and investments;
- More than $1.2 million in families’ reduced health care expense;
- Nearly $2 million in increased state, sales and property taxes.

Your county’s contribution is leveraged with other public and private funds, which allows MU Extension to deliver $96 million worth of educational programs.

Each year, MU Extension helps more than 1 million Missourians add value to their communities and improve their quality of life. The programs showcased in your county’s annual report give you a snapshot of MU Extension at work in your community.

If you have suggestions for how MU Extension can better serve your needs, please contact me or your local Extension Center.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Ouart
Vice Provost and Director

c: Provost Brian Foster
   Debbie Robison
   Beverly Coberly
   Sandy Stegall
KATHY HOFFMAN, NEW OFFICE MANAGER IN EXTENSION OFFICE

I was born May 2, 1967 in St. Joseph, MO to Dean and Sharon Trimmer. I have one brother, Terry. I have grown up and lived in Savannah all my life. I graduated from Savannah High School in 1985. I worked at Community Bank in Savannah my Senior year of high school. After graduation, I attended Missouri Western State College where I earned an Associate’s degree in Accounting. Shortly before I graduated from college, I began working at United Missouri Bank as a Senior Accounting Clerk.

I met my husband, Ted, in high school. Ted graduated from Bailey Technical School and went to work for McCarty Motors for 20 years until they closed and he currently is the shop foreman for Car City in St. Joseph. We were married on July 30, 1988. I continued to work at UMB until the birth of our first daughter. We have 2 girls. Kaitlin is 14 and in the 8th grade at Savannah Middle School. She is involved in volleyball, softball, student council and gold key. Jessica is 13 and in the 7th grade at Savannah Middle School. She is involved in volleyball, softball and 4-H. I was able to stay home with my girls until they started school. At that time, I went to work for the Savannah school district. I worked as a cashier and then in the kitchen until October of 2008 when I began working at the Andrew County Extension office.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE HELD TO ELECT COUNCIL-PERSONS

Each year in January, the Andrew County Extension Council meet over lunch for their regular monthly meeting and stay to visit with residents of the county as they come to the Andrew County Extension Center to cast their ballot for the council member that has been nominated for their own township.

“ITHE Eeven gives council members an opportunity to meet people from the county and share the story of MU Extension,” Tom Hare, Council President.

Citizens from across the county are invited via the Savannah Reporter, to come by the office for refreshments, visit with council members, office staff, and subject matter specialists. Tours of the offices were given to those who were new to the extension office.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING

Each year the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce holds a city-wide winter holiday activity with Santa Claus in the courthouse. The local extension council hosted Holiday Cookie Decorating in the basement of the courthouse tying into the overall theme. Since parents were required to be with the children, it offered an additional opportunity to give some handouts to them and certainly a new audience for extension. There were approximately 150 cookies decorated.
CAROL WILLIAM JOINS ANDREW COUNTY EXTENSION AS YOUTH PROGRAM ASSOCIATE

Carol was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating from Central High School as Carol Yost. She then ventured south to Lawrence, Kansas to attend University of Kansas. Carol graduated in 1979 with a bachelors in Music Education and in 1980 with a bachelors in Music Therapy. Carol worked for 6 ½ years at the State Hospital, presently Northwest Missouri Psychiatric Center. Carol began as an intern and when she departed was director of the music therapy department. She is one class short of having a special education certificate.

Carol met Dennis, her husband of 29 years as they both were employed at the state hospital. They lived in Kansas City for a year, 20 years in Savannah, and 8 years in Country Club. They have raised three sons. Douglas is an Ensign in the United States Navy stationed at Pensacola, Florida attending flight training. David has been assigned to tech school at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. He is attending school for propulsion mechanics. Drew is a freshman in high school and is home schooled.

Besides working at the State Hospital, she also taught music for 5 years at Calvary Community School. She has given private music lessons and taught home school enrichment classes and tutored privately. In her spare time, Carol enjoys cooking, walking/running, reading, swimming, gardening, and being with her family. Her husband, Dennis has been a Registered Nurse for 25 years within the St. Joseph area. Presently he is employed with Hands of Hope Hospice. Presently, Carol works for the University of Missouri Extension as the Youth Program Associate for 4-H in Andrew County.

CLOVER CORNER IN SAVANNAH REPORTER

The Clover Corner is an advertisement space in the Savannah Reporter about 4 to 6 inches square. It is used to share 4-H and/or University of Missouri Extension activities that are happening or have happened in the county. Pictures and short stories of 4-H events like the project events, shooting sports competitions, 4-H project judging, and the Andrew County Fair. MU Extension events in the Clover Corner include upcoming educational programs and special events.
ANDREW COUNTY RESIDENTS GO TO SCHOOL

MU Direct: Continuing and Distance Education meets the needs of adult learners by offering high-quality credit and noncredit University of Missouri programs in flexible formats. In FY2008, MU Direct worked with 10 schools and colleges to offer 41 degree options, several certificate programs and many individual courses to adults in 49 states and international locations, totaling 7,349 enrollments in 558 courses. Except for an evening bachelor’s degree program, three online bachelor’s degree completion programs, and one online Ph.D. program, the degree options offered are at the master’s level and are either completely or partially online. In addition, many of the programs have noncredit options. In Andrew County, 104 learners participated in MU Direct credit and noncredit courses. For more information, see: http://mudirect.missouri.edu/

MISSOURI STEER FEEDOUT

Over the last few years we have had several beef producers participate in the Missouri Steer Feedout Program. Producers only need to enter 5 head of steers to participate. During the steer feed-out process participants get feedback and documented data of how their cattle perform in the feedyard. Additionally, producers get approximately 20 different data points on their cattle at harvest time. During the feedout phase we make at least one trip to the feedyard were our cattle are being fed so producers can develop a relationship with feedyard managers/owners. We encourage participants to contact the feedyards on a regular basis to further develop their understanding of retaining ownership through the feeding phase of beef production. We also work with producers that want to take the next step and feed an entire pen of their own cattle. This program is a cooperative effort between Iowa State University, Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity and University of Missouri Extension.

DAIRY PRODUCTION

In February, approximately 20 dairy producers attended the annual Northwest Missouri Dairy Group Meeting in Savannah at the Fire Station. Topics presented by University of Missouri State and Regional Specialists were Dealing with High Feed Costs and Better Utilization of Forages. This program is very well attended by local dairymen as well as students and instructors from Northwest Missouri State University. Additionally, the local DHIA group hold a business meeting following the program.
AGRONOMIC PROGRAMMING IN NW MO

The value of crops and livestock in the Northwest Missouri region is an economic driver for the region. To maintain a competitive viable agriculture requires the latest research, education and resources to continue its growth.

The agronomic programming effort is focused on timely delivery of crop management information and research to the 15 counties in NW Region. The programming effort is accomplished through media such as radio, newspaper, newsletters, meetings and answering grower’s questions.

Each week, “Crop News and Notes,” an agronomic column is written and distributed to area papers and radio stations in Northwest Missouri. The column communicates information regarding fertilizer usage, pests attacking crops, and various crop management topics. The column is sent to 17 local newspapers and 11 radio stations.

Another way we communicate with growers is through the use of an electronic email newsletter with a distribution list of 329 growers. The monthly electronic newsletter allows us to quickly inform producers of a pest outbreak and what control measures should be taken.

Winter Ag Update meetings focus on critical topics such for both row crop and livestock producers. Pest topics such as soybean rust, soybean aphid, soybean fungicides, seed treatments, new technologies are presented yearly at these meetings. Private pesticide applicator license recertification and training is conducted also during the Ag Updates.

SHOW-ME-SELECT REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROGRAM

Several beef producers from the area continue to participate in the Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer Program in Northwest Missouri. We held a sale in December, with heifers averaging $1098/head. Our group has already scheduled the spring calving heifer sale for December 2009 with a possible sale for fall calving heifers scheduled in late spring 2009. This program is open to any beef producer in Missouri.

MEAT GOAT POCKET GUIDE

The Andrew County Extension Council, University of Missouri Extension and KaeCo Group, have continued their efforts on the Meat Goat Pocket Guides, with over 6,500 guides distributed throughout Missouri as well as several other states. These guides are designed to help meat goat and sheep producers keep better records on their operations. Additionally, we have been receiving very positive comments on the pocket guides and continue to get requests on a regular basis.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK

In 2008 we held a Beef Fitting Clinic and Meat Goat Clinic at the Andrew County Fairgrounds, we had over 50 youth and adults attend these clinics. Clipping and fitting demonstrations were provided by area producers with nutrition, ethics, handling and quality assurance topics covered by extension personnel and area producers.
ANDREW COUNTY 4-H SEES SOME CHANGES

The biggest change this year was the retirement of Mary Baumann, YPA, in April of 2008. May has been with 4-H and the University of Missouri Extension for 47 years. She has been sorely missed and it has been difficult to fill her shoes and care on.

However, she was replaced with the appointment of Carol Williams, YPA, on September 8, 2008. Due to this change of personnel there will be gaps in this year’s report.

Fall of ’08 began with only three of the seven schools contact about beginning, and/or joining established 4-H programs. But with this decline we still signed up 26 new members. A kickoff event to encourage new membership in 4-H was held at Zack Ford’s Farm in late September. We had a variety of different projects talk about what they do including: sports fishing, cake decorating, public speaking and photography. This was well attended with 20 youth attending. Enrollment ended up with 120 youth and 70 volunteers. Volunteer orientation was held at each club meeting in order to train all parents and get them registered to contribute to 4-H if needed.

In the fall we participated in Christmas in Savannah by providing three crafts for the children to do as they waited for Santa or to decorate a cookie. We also had clubs provide games as money making projects.

We promote 4-H and Extension activities in the Clover Corner. Each week we highlight a club, project meeting or service project that clubs are doing. We have even advertised for project leaders from the community and have gotten a response. Carol has gone to service organizations to talk about 4-H and need for volunteers.

There were ten campers who attended summer 4-H camp at Crowder State Park.

Report forms received back totaled 13. We took ten youth and two adults to the Kansas Speedway and Legends.

Recognition Dinner was held at the Helena Methodist Church was attended by 40 people. We announced Interstate Youth and I Dare You Award.

Shooting Sports had five youth win awards in the state contest. But we had about 10 participate on the state level.

Brooke Todd had continued as a 4-H State Representative. She has been diligent to attend state council meetings in Columbia and has been encouraged to attend the various club meetings.

We are continuing to develop the Andrew County Youth Grounds. The ground has been cleared and tubes have been ordered and received. As the weather cooperates, the tubes will be laid and more arrangements for improvements will be made.

Money making activities include:

- Winter dog show
- Chili/Soup Supper
- Friday Fun Night on the Square
- Concessions during Livestock Show for fair week
- Buchanan County rental for dairy show ½ price
- Rental from auctioneers for auctions/sales

Many activities 4-Hers and 4-H volunteers who represent us in public help showcase the 4-H program in Andrew County. Merchants around the square have been more than generous to let the youth put their project exhibits in their windows for public viewing.

“4-H offers such a diversity of experiences-Ag, life skills, social groups, community service and business protocol along with a true mix of rural and town youth rubbing elbows,” says Carol Williams, Youth Program Associate.
## Impact on Andrew County, Missouri

### UM Students from Your County in 2008
- 94 students
  - 70 - MU
  - 19 - UMKC
  - 5 - Missouri S&T
  - 74 - Undergraduates
  - 20 - Graduates
  - 79 - Full-time students
  - 15 - Part-time students

### UM Alumni Residing in Your County in 2008
- 36 alumni
  - 227 - MU
  - 73 - UMKC
  - 9 - Missouri S&T
  - 7 - UMSL

- 169 Selected School Alumni
  - 7 - Medicine
  - 23 - Nursing
  - 7 - Health Professions
  - 8 - Dentistry
  - 8 - Pharmacy
  - 2 - Optometry
  - 8 - Veterinary Medicine
  - 16 - Agriculture
  - 22 - Engineering
  - 18 - Law

### UM Alumni Teaching K-12 in Your County in 2008
- 9 teachers
  - 4% of all county teachers

### UM Employees Residing in Your County in 2008
- 13 people employed by UM
  - 2 - MU
  - 4 - UMKC
  - 1 - UM Health Care
  - 5 - MU Extension
  - 1 - UMSL

### Tax Revenue Generated by UM Employees Residing in Your County in 2008
- $30,257

- $615,659 in employee salary returning to the state

### UM Services Received in Your County in 2008
- 19 patients seen at UM Health Care with $47,747 of uncompensated care.
- 22 patients seen at the UMKC School of Dentistry with an average of $30 per patient in uncompensated care.
- 3,843 educational contacts with MU Extension through MU Extension events held in your county.
FIXED-TIMED ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION PROJECT

During 2008 two beef producers from Andrew County participated in the Fixed-Timed Artificial Insemination project that combined the efforts of State Specialists from the University of Missouri Extension with that of the Andrew County Extension Council. These two beef producers provided approximately 300 beef cows to be estrus synchronized using the CO-Synch + CIDR program and then artificially inseminated 66 hours after CIDR’s were removed. The purpose of this project was to demonstrate to area beef producers that fixed-time artificial insemination technology has improved significantly and successful conception rates can be achieved when beef cows have been on proper planes of nutrition, in adequate body condition and receiving proper vaccinations. Research from previous fixed-time AI programs has shown 61% of calves were born in first 21 days of the calving season and 94% of calves born in first 63 days of the calving season. Based on the pregnancy checks using ultrasound our producers are in line to meet or exceed these numbers.

“Through this project, we were able to showcase the portable breeding barns that are available to producers in NW MO,” says Jim Humphrey, Livestock Specialist headquartered in Andrew County.

GRAZING WEDGE AND DIGITAL PASTURE PLATE METER

Beginning in Spring 2008 Bob Kelly and Jim Humphrey obtained a Digital Pasture Plate Meter from New Zealand. With the help of four area beef and dairy producers we started measuring the density and quantity of forages on four different rotational grazing systems located in Andrew County. These four systems had 27 paddocks we were measuring twice a month until through late fall. In addition to the forage measurements we were obtaining we kept track of management practices producers were performing on their individual operations. This information is being kept as baseline data for future years. In the process of taking our bi-monthly measurements we noticed two paddocks that were not regrowing as fast as their counterparts. Upon further investigation through soil and forage sampling and analysis we found soil nutrient deficiencies. We are working with this producer on correcting this situation. Once forage measurements were taken they were entered in a web based program developed by the University of Missouri Extension Plant Sciences Division called the “Grazing Wedge”. Additionally, the grazing wedge creates charts that allow producers to monitor and track forage growth and yield over multiple months and years.

![Grazing Wedge](image)

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University of Missouri Extension (UME) Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 1,176 low-income participants with nutrition education in Andrew County during 2007-08. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness.

Nutrition education for youth provides information in kid-friendly terms and lessons with hands-on activities. Activities include opportunities for taste-testing healthy foods and practicing skills that lead to good health. Education for adults includes nutrition, food safety, physical activity, and food resource management.

Evaluation data collected across the entire state reflects the positive impacts that occur in every county with FNEP. For youth who participated in FNEP, results summarized for the state revealed the following positive impacts:

Three thousand three hundred forty-eight (3,348) teachers gave us feedback.
- 38% have participated in FNP for more than 3 years
- 99% (3,293 teachers) reported one or more changes in students after FNP.

MU Extension also reaches out to adults in Northwest Missouri. At each of the 6-7 lessons taught to PreK – 5th grade, a newsletter goes home to the family. It explains what was taught in the lessons, sometimes using a game or puzzle as an interactive way for parents or caretakers to discover what their student learned. A recipe on the newsletter makes it even more fun to turn the head knowledge about nutrition and food safety into practical behaviors, like eating vegetables with a yummy, healthy dip, or trying a new protein food like hummus.

Each fall and through the school year, FNEP staff participates in Back to School Fairs and Health fairs at the local schools. At these fairs, the adults in these communities can pick up information on healthy snacks, keeping food safe and reading labels. There are also opportunities to interact directly with Nutrition Educators to learn more about nutrition or about what their children are hearing about in school.

Once again, in 2007-08, FNEP used a media campaign to deliver healthy tips to Food Stamp recipients. In Andrew County, 346 adults received postcards. These colorful postcards had nutrition information, seasonal recipes and fun suggestions for getting themselves and their families more physically active. Each postcard also gave the toll-free phone number for the Show-Me Nutrition Line, at 1-888-515-0016, to answer any further questions that may come up as they make healthier choices for themselves and their families.
STEPS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS

In conjunction with Missouri Department of Corrections, I (Dr. Rebecca J. Travnichek) teach a money management class to DOC Probation and Parole clients; as well as with other learners each quarter from the Andrew County Extension Center or other room in the courthouse. The course can be formatted as a day-long course or multiple sessions. Learners completed a short financial quiz at the beginning of the day and again at the end of the day. The quiz utilizes financial concepts covered within the course in a fun, “fill-in the spaces” format. Learners also completed the “end of class” evaluation from the Money Action Plan curriculum at the end of the final session.

Topics include:
- Getting Started
- Planning Your Spending
- Keeping Financial Records
- Communicating About Money

ANDREW COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVE BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM MU EXTENSION

As entrepreneurs and innovators, Missouri’s small businesses are becoming a more diverse group that continues to make the state’s economy productive. There are approximately 500,000 small businesses in Missouri. Nearly 98 percent of all businesses with employees are categorized as small businesses. In assisting the owners and managers of those businesses, MU Extension contributes to a county’s economic development through growth in jobs, sales, innovation, technology development and commercialization.

In Andrew County, during 2008, business development program specialists and business counselors with MU Extension, Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC), Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (MO PTAC), Missouri Environmental Program, Missouri Career Options Project, and the Missouri Market Development program served 29 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance. In addition, entrepreneurs and business owners in Andrew County reported the following economic impact and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

- New jobs: 6
- Sales increases: $186,000
- New businesses: 3
- Jobs retained: 12
- Loans and investments in business: $21,000
- Acquired assets: $640,000
- Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 20
- Business training attendees and conference participants: 9
CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT MONEY

One hundred fifty Kindergarten and First Grade students in Andrew County learned how to identify money (coins and bills), credit cards, and checks using the “Money Apron.” They learned where their parents obtain money—by earning it, and also about where their parents spend their money—on needs (housing, food, clothing, etc.) and wants (pets, recreation, etc.). Encouraging a child to be a smart shopper now, will lead to a better financial decision-maker in the future.

FREE TAX PREPARATION BENEFITS ANDREW COUNTY RESIDENTS

In partnership with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Savannah, MU Extension Family Financial Education Specialist, Dr. Rebecca J. Travnichek assisted in free tax preparation for 637 families in 2008 (2007 tax year’s information). There individuals and families’ returns were filed electronically with the IRS. Tax refunds for these individuals amounted to $420,996.

HOME OWNERSHIP MADE EASIER

As a requirement of USDA Rural Development Home Loans, individuals and families are required to have a certificate of participation for a class on financial issues related to purchasing and owning a home; as well as how to maintain a home. MU Extension designed a two-hour class to meet this requirement.

Over 10 individuals have completed the program across NW Missouri in 2008.
## Andrew County Extension Council
### Financial Report
#### January-December 2008

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**Net Income**: 4,938.76
**Extension Mission**

The mission of University of Missouri Extension is to improve the economics and social well-being of Andrew County citizens with improved knowledge through educational information. The staff works to inform as well as encourage and stimulate citizens to strive toward more competitiveness, self improvement, improved economics, and life enrichment. Much of the staff efforts are expanded by working with and through other associations, organizations, and agencies.

**Live. And Learn.**

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**Regional Extension Specialists and additional faculty and staff available to assist Andrew County citizens**

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