



Greene County “Reaching Out” Report

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Activities for August 2008

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County Program Director & Civic Communication Specialist Report

By David Burton

Took 14 days of annual leave this month

Community contact:

- 4 columns in the Springfield News-Leader
- 4 columns in the Republic Monitor
- News stories edited/written -- 40
- Phone calls – 12 special inquiries of me
- Public e-mailed questions answered – 21
- Office visits – 2
- Media requests for story help -- 6
- Botanical Center calls/contacts – 2; working on grants and should have five submitted before the end of this month, I’ve given up on trying to find or contract with a grant writer

Southwest Region News Service value:

- # of stories used in print during June: 220
- # of subscribers added: 8
- Value of June print: \$110,907.50

- Cumulative print and TV value for 2008: \$1,214,941 (ahead of 2007).
- Provided media training to new agronomy specialist

Participated in: Community Relations Group meeting; SPJ board meeting;

Awards: SW Missouri Society of Professional Journalists Chapter that David was president of last year and is again this year was named the National SPJ Chapter of the Year (for small media markets).

CPD Duties: CPD related office meetings - 38; worked on budget and personnel issues as well as council meetings and committees; meetings with 3 perspective Urban CPD applicant

Human Development Specialist Report

By Jim Wirth

Programs Presented: Presented **10** programs (1 to 2 hrs. each) to **128** attendees.

Program Topics & Participants in Programs were as follows:

- Chronic Disease Self Management (participants having chronic diseases)
- Exercising & Enhancing Your Memory (seniors)
- English Language Learners (Latinos trying to learn English)
- Ozarks Sayings (seniors)
- Spectrum Temperament (education & recreation staff members of the Federal Medical Prison)
- Leadership Development (educators)

Participated as a member in the Annual Meeting of the **Southwest MO Arthritis Advisory Board** (8-11); also appointed to serve in the **state-wide Arthritis Advisory Board**

Community Board: Beginning the 12th year serving as a member of the **Board of Adjustments** in a Taney County city. Boards of Adjustments are appeal boards--they review and judge variances regarding planning & zoning.

Nutrition Specialist & Family Nutrition Education Program Report

Dina Good, Becky Roark, and Tylane Garrett taught "Catch the Reading Bug" at three area Boys and Girls Clubs. The program included hands-on activities that allowed kids to prepare their own healthy snack, as well as participate in physical activities. They taught the program for 3 weeks and saw 150 kids each week!

Sherri Hull is teaching "Let's Get Moving!" at 12 satellite WIC clinics. The lesson teaches adults the importance of physical activity for them and their family.

Terry Egan has been on medical leave, return 8/18 to attend an FNEP Coordinator meeting in Columbia.

4-H Youth Development Specialist Report

By Velynda Cameron

Community contact: The phones are keeping both Becky and Velynda very busy answering questions about 4-H. Sept. 1 begins our new enrollment year. We anticipate thirty or more new members.

Programs Presented or Coordinated: Twenty three of our youth had their exhibits on display at the Missouri State Fair, August 8-17. Saturday, August 16 five of our youth participated at Linn Creek in the State Shooting Sports contest. On Saturday, September 20, eighteen shooting sports members will compete in the second half of the State Shooting Sports event in Columbia. Eight of our youth (two teams – Junior and Senior) will represent Greene County 4-H clubs in the State Livestock Judging Contest. The event date is Saturday, September 6 and will be held in Columbia.

Velynda is continuing to read, read, read, and sort through files of 4-H literature and information.

Participated in: Both Velynda and Becky

- Participated in the Greene County 4-H Leaders Council and Teen Council meetings held Thursday evening, August 21.
- Attended the Environmental/Conservation Education Summit Friday, August 15.
- Will provide support for and assist with the judging of Greene County youth written report forms on Thursday evening, September 28.

4-H Assistant Becky Fay is coordinating the upcoming County Recognition Night to be held October 11 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The event will recognize the many accomplishments of our youth and volunteers the past year. The Council is invited to attend.

Housing and Urban Development Specialist Report

By Jeff Barber

Took 3 1/2 days of leave this month

Coordinated:

- Letter of Agreement for joint MU Extension/Drury CCS visioning project in Brookfield & Joplin.
- Filmed segment on Webb City Main Street Vision with MU Cooperative Media Group.

Participated in:

- Community Partnership (CPO) orientation seminar ‘The Big Picture’
- Artful Askers grant writing seminar at Library Station
- Environmental Collaborative Learning Summit at the Nature Center
- Christian Co Family Violence Center Board Meeting – dining area renovation project
- Ozark Green Building Coalition monthly meeting
- Rountree Neighborhood Association Annual Block Party & “Meet Your Teacher Night”
- 2008 storm water survey DRAFT – partnered effort with City and other neighborhood associations to develop a more accurate data set for the impact of the March and June flooding events
- University Heights Neighborhood Association meeting attendance on Neighborhood Security and initiating collaboration on the 2008 flooding survey

Consultations: Over 20 telephone questions and consults on topics including ‘human itch mites’, mold / mildew cleanup, indoor air quality (VOC’s) and basement/yard drainage methods.

Horticulture Specialist Report

By Patrick Byers -- For the period 7/26-8/22

Community Contact:**TV and Radio**

- 4 taped spots for KOLR10 “Weekly Gardening Tips with Jill Gilardi”
- 4 live spots with Tom Trtan of KOLR10
- 1 hour call-in radio program on gardening with Dan Vaughn of KWTO

Print media**Requests for information (7/22-8/19)**

- Site visits – 4 made for consultation
- Telephone contacts – 100 for advisement
- Email contacts – 28 contacts
- Office visits – 5 arranged for consultation

Programs Presented:

- “Bulbs in the Fall Garden”, presented at Fall into Gardening seminar (8/9)
- “Raised Bed Gardening”, presented to the Southwest Center for Independent Living (8/14)
- “Pesticide Safety for the Home Gardener”, Level 2 Master Gardener training, Jasper County (8/21)

- Greene County Extension Council Meeting (7/28)
- Master Gardener display booth, Ozark Empire Fair (7/31)
- Eridu Farm Elderberry Field Day, Ashland, MO (8/3)
- National Walnut Council Meeting, Columbia, MO (8/4)
- Greene County Master Gardener Board Meeting (8/5)
- Fall Into Gardening Seminar (8/9)
- MO SARE PDP Centra meeting (8/12)
- Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting (8/12)
- Greene County Master Gardener General Meeting (8/12)
- Show Me Yards and Gardens planning meeting (8/13)
- Environmental/Conservation Education Summit (8/15)
- Springfield Plateau chapter Master Naturalist meeting (8/18)
- Extension Regional Faculty Meeting (8/19)

Participated in:

- 1 horticulture IPM teleconference

Extension Office Activities

Nancy Chambers and Lorri Winters

Soil Tests Submitted – 29 soil tests
Pesticide Training – 2
Correspondence Tests Proctored—4

Monthly Travel—Enter and print monthly travel reports for Greene County office

Daily—numerous phone calls and walk-in inquires to be researched, answered, info mailed out and/or referred to appropriate persons. Assist all specialists as needed for mailings, projects, questions, etc.

Other Activities: Assisted and attended evening Canning class—15 attendees in afternoon; 18 in evening class. Assist with mailings to Council and Botanical Center fundraising. Order and mail out Extension publications as requested.

Nancy Chambers

Weekly News Articles—8 to 10 uploaded to AgEbb ; faxed and/or mailed copies to other parties

Weekly Calendars—Coordinate and print weekly calendars for Greene County office; email calendars to other regional counties

Newsletters Mailed: *Master Gardener Newsletter* -- 300 copies labeled and sealed for bulk mailing

Master Gardener Activities: 250+ Hotline gardening calls recorded by Master Gardeners
Ozark Empire Fair—200 copies each of 10+ handouts and flyers
Fall Into Gardening Program—registered 60+ attendees; prepared handouts
2009 Master Gardener Class—Researched and reserve location for new class in Jan-March 2009; mailing list for interested public; Maintain member rosters; maintain Grapevine mailing list; track annual service hours for volunteers;

Lorri Winters

Other Activities: Researched prior year budget procedures/reports/totals to prepare the proposed 2009 Extension Council Budget for the Budget Committee and County Commission.

Regional Travel: Processed regional travel for the 16 counties in the SW Region and charge and printed 40 checks for regional specialists.

Ext. Council Bookkeeping: Prepared/processed bills & printed checks for Council. Processed payroll, monthly reports, made bank deposits & reconciled check books for Regional Travel Account and Extension Council.

The "Greene County Reaching Out Report" is a communication tool used by MU Extension staff and specialists in Greene County to concisely communicate activities, contacts and events to members of the Greene County Extension Council and the Greene County Commission on monthly basis. For more information about this report contact the County Program Director at (417) 862-9284.