



# Greene County “Reaching Out” Report

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*Activities for June 2008*

## County Program Director & Civic Communication Specialist Report

*By David Burton*

### Community contact:

- 4 columns in the Springfield News-Leader
- 4 columns in the Republic Monitor
- Special print interviews this month – 1
- Requests for special columns -- 2
- Radio interview – 1 on rural schools
- TV interviews – 3 gardening spots KOLR
- News stories edited/written -- 46
- Extension presentations – 1
- Phone calls – 23 special inquiries of me
- E-mailed questions responded to – 32
- Office visits – 3
- Media requests for story help -- 8
- Botanical Center calls/contacts – 23; 4 new gifts; continue search for grant writing options/solutions

### Southwest Region News Service value:

- # of stories used in print during May: 257
- # of subscribers added: 12
- Value of print in May: \$182,493.25
- Cumulative print & TV value: \$1,007,835

**Publications:** updated Greene County staff brochure; updated regional expert guide; worked on Greene County Annual Report; began work on MU Extension statewide report that will feature SW Region

### Programs Presented or Coordinated:

Teaching five-week journalism course to 9 high school juniors from Central, Parkview and Hillcrest as part of the TRIO/Upward program at MSU to reach underserved students.

**Participated in:** Community Relations Group meeting; PRSA educational meeting; SPJ board meeting; Friends of the Garden meeting; FOG development committee; Gift of Time awards banquet for nominee Jackie Warfel.

**CPD Duties:** Greene County Commission meeting 6/2; two orientation lunches and training sessions with new employees; CPD related office meetings - 32

## Nutrition Specialist & Family Nutrition Education Program Report

**Terry Egan:** Programs Presented: 3-Monthly Staff trainings, focused on summer teaching and revised curriculum; **Participated in:** FNEP Coordinator meeting, new staff training

**Sherri Hull,** Nutrition Program Assistant working with adults, presented “Think Your Drink” in 10 WIC satellite clinics. Presented 3 nutrition classes at Ash Grove Pre-K.

**Tylane Garrett,** Nutrition Program Associate, presented “Jump into Fun & Fitness” at Willard, Campbell and Walnut Grove summer schools.

## Human Development Specialist Report: Summary Highlights

*By Jim Wirth*

**Programs Presented:** 19 programs; Presented 2 programs at the MO State Foster Parent/Adoptive Parent Conference

## 4-H Youth Development Specialist Report

*By Velynda Cameron*

**Participated in:** Employee Orientation, Columbia 6/9; Orientation luncheon with Regional Director; Orientation luncheon with CPD; Regional Faculty Meeting 6/17; 4-H Teen Camp 6/16; 4-H Member Camp 6/20 (Roaring River Camp Smokey); Leaders Council 6/19; Representing Greene County 4-H at the Brewer Science Inc. open house for Roy Blunt Innovation Center 6/30.

## Housing and Urban Development Specialist Report

*By Jeff Barber*

### Programs Presented:

- HomeSafe: Taking Shelter from the Storm for Taney / Stone Healthy Families Taskforce – 24 persons
- Phone/e-mail consultations on flood clean-up, mold, indoor air quality and pest control.

### Coordinated:

- Site visit to Brookfield, MO for joint MU ExCEED/Drury CCS visioning project
- Lamar DREAM application team meeting

- Groundwork for future visioning projects in Joplin, Reeds Spring, Galena and others.

### Participated in:

- Housing Specialist program coordination conference call
- DREAM community training in Jefferson City
- Missouri Main Street training on Tax Credits for Redevelopment in Liberty, MO
- Missouri Brownfields training with DNR at Lake of the Ozarks

## Horticulture Specialist Report

*By Patrick Byers 6/1 to 6/26*

### Community Contact:

- **TV:** 7 taped spots for KOLR10 “Weekly Gardening Tips with Jill Gilardi”; 4 live spots with Tom Trtan of KOLR10
- **Print media:** Photo shoot with Joplin Globe; 3 columns written or revised
- **Requests for information:** Site visits – 12 made for consultation; Telephone contacts – 54 for advisement; Email contacts – 29 contacts (6/1-19); Office visits – 4 arranged for consultation

### Programs Presented:

- Delivered presentation at Lawrence County Extension Council meeting
- Delivered presentation at Plant Propagation Field Day (MSU-FES) (Propagation of houseplants)
- Delivered presentation at Kansas Fruit Growers Summer tour (High tunnel fruit production)
- Delivered presentation to Dallas county MG/Garden Club meeting (Elderberries and other fruit in the home garden)

- Delivered presentation at North American Elderberry Summit (Elderberry research and development in Missouri)

### Coordinated:

- Native Vitis (grape) collection trip (with MSU and USDA-ARS)
- Data collection for elderberry research

### Participated in:

- 2 horticulture IPM teleconferences
- June general meeting of the Greene County Master Gardeners
- Greene County Master Gardener garden tour
- Planning meeting for Lawrence County Horticulture Tour
- First annual North American Elderberry Summit, St. Bernard, Quebec
- SW Regional Extension Council Meeting

## 4-H Youth Assistant Report

By Becky Fay

**Programs Presented:**

**Participated in:**

**Coordinated:**

## Water Quality Specialist Report

By Drew Holt

Drew Holt continued serving as **Project Coordinator for Elk River and upper Shoal Creek watershed improvement alliances in portions of Barry, McDonald and Newton Counties.** Drew manages two Subgrants for the Elk River watershed, one for water quality improvement demonstration projects and the other for developing five sub-basin watershed management plans. He manages a Subgrant for upper Shoal Creek watershed to improve water quality by providing landowner cost-share for maintenance of septic tanks and for repair and replacement of failing septic systems.

In June, in addition to Elk River and upper Shoal Creek Subgrant activities, Drew participated in one meeting of the lower Shoal Creek watershed partnership's executive committee on June 19 and

in one meeting of the Grand Lake O' the Cherokee's Watershed Alliance Foundation's watershed management planning committee on June 12.

Drew received and responded to two requests for assistance from outside his targeted watersheds, including a request from a Hickory County resident on proper disposal of old paint and a request from a Johnson County (Warrensburg) resident on remediation of a failing septic system.

**Drew was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting as he is providing dinner music during the James River Basin Partnership (JRBP) awards ceremony for Artists involved in JRBP's rain barrel promotions.**

## Extension Office Activities

By Nancy Chambers and Lorri Winters

**Soil Tests Submitted** – 13 soil; 11 pH tests; 3 compost; 3 plant analysis (last 30 days)

**Pesticide Tests given** – 2

**Correspondence Tests Proctored**—5

**Newsletters Mailed:**

*Master Gardener newsletter* -- 300 copies

**Master Gardener Activities:** 196+ Hotline gardening calls (first 3 weeks)

Young Sprouts in the Garden—new program with 200+ attendees until rained out

Garden Symposium—June advanced training open to Master Gardeners & general public

**Other Activities:** New postage meter installed and training provided; kitchen area cleaned and white table clothes added.

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*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.*