Dear County Commissioners and Associated Friends of MU Extension:

“Efficiency” and “Innovation” are two watchwords of citizens and government in our currently challenging economy. I am pleased to report that University of Missouri Extension has kept these words in the forefront and acted accordingly for the benefit of Missouri residents statewide.

Funded through the support of federal, state and county government; grants and contracts; fees for services; and private gifts, MU Extension leverages every dollar received to create expanded educational opportunities. Every dollar provided from counties is leveraged with an additional $6.00 to create a significant return on investment.

MU Extension creates value for citizens – including those who do not participate directly in its programs. For example:

The federal Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program provided $1.6 million to the state of Missouri. These funds provide nutrition education to limited-resource families. Participants who graduate from the program improve the way they manage their food dollars; demonstrate acceptable food safety practices and make healthier food choices. A healthy labor force is critical to attracting and keeping jobs in Missouri. In addition, this important program reduces healthcare costs over the participant’s lifetime, saving taxpayers money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.

2011 has been a difficult year due to natural disasters in Missouri. The MU Extension statewide Community Emergency Management Program and local emergency management groups provided immediate on-site assistance by coordinating with the State Emergency Management Agency, Red Cross and other groups and by providing online resources through web pages and other media. As a result, citizens learned how to avoid scammers, ensure safe drinking water and food, and recover from a disaster. MU Extension’s emergency management program helps communities, businesses, schools and residents reduce a community’s disaster recovery period. This action saves lives and countless dollars in emergency recovery operations and avoids job loss. Additionally, the whole community builds a greater sense of cohesion.

These are just two examples of MU Extension’s public value impact. I’m sure you will find many other examples in your local community.

I want to thank you for your support of MU Extension as a critical team player in your locale. Your ideas for improving our partnership are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Ouart
Vice Provost and Director
Brenda Middleton, FNEP educator, presents a program to Iron County children.

Food and Nutrition Programs Reach Almost 800 County Residents

University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs reached 1256 participants with nutrition education in Iron County during the 2010-2011 school year.

The program provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. Nutrition education for youths 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.

Brenda Middleton and Patty Jones serve Iron County, visiting Arcadia Valley, South Iron, Belleview, and Viburnum Schools, as well as Iron County Headstart, the Ozark Regional Library, and Blessings from Above Daycare.

Lunch and Learn: Community Development

The Iron County Lunch and Learn series convened May 20, 21, 24 and 25th with 8 organizations participating.

Topics covered: nuts and bolts of operating, strengthening current board, problem solving and target marketing. The group decided they wanted to focus on funding.

Five organizations participated in the two part funding session. The funding plans created through the Nonprofit organizations Lunch and Learn series could yield $850,000, purchase health equipment, provide job training and fund a new construction project to increase tourism.

Five individuals representing eight different organizations participated in the Iron County series. Some individuals represent multiple organizations while other organizations may have more than one representative present.

Social networking was identified as an area need by participants. Discussions included sharing resources, non-duplication of services and joint problem solving. By using a three tier funding guideline organizations increased their knowledge base. By applying the funding grid to each organization’s specific situation the non-profit organizations were able to apply their knowledge and increase their skill set.

The funding plans generated included a timeline and realistic goals. The funding goals were higher than originally anticipated by the organizations, but were more attainable because of the cost calculations and attainable funding sources identified.
Hands-on Learning with 4-H in Iron County

4-H club members are more likely to go to college, enjoy increased financial success for themselves and their families, be better consumers, have better health (both for themselves and their children, are more likely to vote, and are more likely to contribute to their communities.

4-H club members enjoy monthly meetings, where they are introduced to different facets of 4-H programming. Club members learn about Roberts Rules of Order, about public speaking, livestock, horticulture, technology and science, cooking, pets—almost any topic is open for kids to do hands-on learning.

A new club was formed in Iron County this spring, with 35 members and 10 adult volunteers.

Club members and parents participated in the Fall Festival Parade, and helped decorate the iron County Courthouse for the holiday season.

4-H Youth Specialist Debra Henk also visited Iron County schools and Head Start to present programs during the year, including an Earth Day program for Arcadia Valley Elementary School, a pre-school fun day at South Iron, and summer school programs on science at South Iron and Arcadia Valley.

4-H Connects Kids to College

More information for Iron County

Other programs presented by Extension Specialists for Iron County residents included water bath and pressure cooker canning, a home poultry production class, gardening classes, and wildflower photography.

In conjunction with Iron County Soil and Water District, we produce a quarterly newsletter on topics of interest to local farmers and homeowners.

Office Manager’s Report

Elaine Willhite, office manager for the University of Missouri Extension office in Iron County, is the first contact for many of our customers. She provides research-based information from the University, and refers questions to state and regional specialists and other agencies when appropriate.

Questions fielded this year included such diverse subjects as starting businesses, food preservation and safety, pest and plant identification, fruit and vegetable growing, custom rates for agricultural work, cost of leasing property for agriculture, and livestock management questions.

The historic Iron County Courthouse. Iron County Extension is located on the third floor.
University Outreach and Extension programs in Iron County are funded by Iron County, state and federal appropriations. Local funding for support of the Iron County Extension Center is provided by the Iron County Commission. They provide office space, funds for office expenses, clerical salaries and travel expenses of extension specialists who conduct educational programs in Iron County.

The Iron County Extension Council appreciates the financial support provided by the Iron County Commission.

University of Missouri provides salaries and benefits for one professional staff member headquartered in Iron County, as well as in-service training expenses, including travel and lodging for staff, postage for staff communications and funds for computer equipment costs and maintenance.

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**Financial Statement**

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