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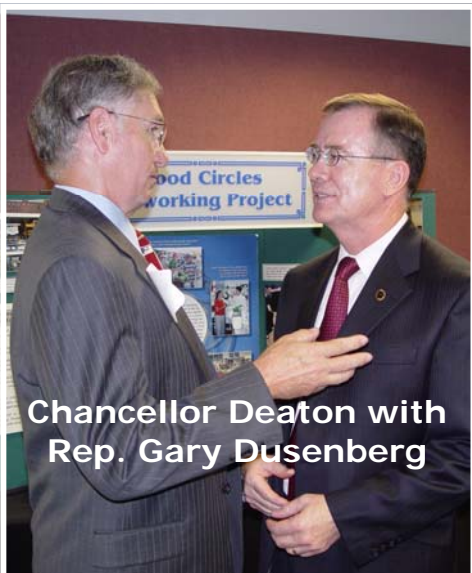
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SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS THE FACE OF EXTENSION

University of Missouri-Columbia Chancellor Brady Deaton, Blue River Community College President Malcolm Wilson and Jackson County Program Director Cindy Zluticky celebrated a new partnership and reviewed local extension programming at the June 22 Showcase. The Eastern Jackson County Extension Center relocated to the BRCC Blue Springs campus in February, supported by a 10.2 percent funding increase from the Jackson County Legislature.

Deaton said the world is looking to higher education to help uplift the quality of life in society and culture, create jobs and promote harmony in society. Educational leaders are looking to extension to bring the resources of our knowledge industry to communities with critical needs and educate people in a thriving democracy, he said. Representatives Gary Dusenburg and Bryan Pratt were among the guests viewing exhibits of local programs, along with Metropolitan Community College Chancellor Jackie Snyder.

Extension faculty members were available to answer questions about programs such as Rent Smart, Money Action Plan and Project Alianzas. This type of programming demonstrates the new face of extension, reflecting changing demographics, said Deaton.



**Chancellor Deaton with
Rep. Gary Dusenburg**



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BLAST OFF TO AEROSPACE CAMP

Jackson County 4-H had a delegation of eleven Kansas City youth and four adults participate in the 2005 Aerospace Camp held at the University of Missouri Rolla campus in July. Youth experienced aeronautics and space flight from the ground up perspective learning about the history of flight and space exploration, computer simulations, interactive teamwork activities. Building paper airplanes, boats, bridges, rocketry, robotics and GPS systems provided youth with many hands on learning experiences. A downlink with NASA provided youth with the opportunity to ask questions of the staff at NASA. Keynote speaker was Colonel Tom Akers, a graduate of UMR and former astronaut.



"A SURVIVOR'S STORY"

Marsha Alexander, Housing and Environmental Design Specialist, has a special assignment in the West Central Region to distribute new information on cancer and related conditions to staff and clients as part of a special grant through the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture. For the last four months she has presented "A Survivor's Story" to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients affiliated with the Kansas City St. Luke's Cancer Institute. Over 55 patients and staff have attended the presentations.



MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER'S ARE "GOIN' TO KANSAS CITY" FOR 2005 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

The Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City in conjunction with the University of Missouri Extension will be hosting the 11th Annual Missouri Master Gardener Conference on September 16-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence. The conference will feature an outstanding range of speaker's, topics, workshops and tours. Saturday participants will have the opportunity to select one of five all-day tours of Greater Kansas City's most beautiful and interesting gardens. Saturday evening's dinner is at Lone Summit Range with Felder Rushing as the keynote speaker. Conference planners are anticipating 250 Master Gardeners from across the state to attend the event.



VALUE-ADDED AGRI-BUSINESS TOUR

The importance of connecting local businesses with local agriculture was the focus of the day-long value-added tour of five agri-businesses in Jackson, Johnson and Lafayette Counties on July 29. The tour was sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension Food Circles Networking Project, in conjunction with Agriculture Futures of America. Forty people comprising various backgrounds including college students, small farm owners, wholesale fruit producers, elected officials, government support and extension specialists participated in the tour. Tour attendees were treated to a meal consisting of Missouri grown and processed products and were able to tour, taste and purchase products at Alma Meats Cooperative, Jordon Foods Company, Montserrat Winery, Hen House Grocery Store, and Local Harvest Grocery Store.

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