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Dear County Commissioners and Associated Friends of MU Extension:

At MU Extension, we know that citizens want their taxpayer-supported institutions to be responsive to their needs. Our distinct land-grant mission is to provide relevant, reliable and responsive education that improves Missourians’ lives, communities and the economy. We fulfill that mission by providing access to many research-based resources of the University of Missouri, in partnership with local and statewide organizations and groups.

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 appropriated from county government is leveraged with $6 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 MU Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute teaches volunteer and career firefighters how to handle or mitigate fires and disasters, resulting in safer firefighters, citizens and communities. In FY2012, MU FRTI trained 17,096 fire and emergency service personnel through 217,000 instructional hours of training. Enrollees were from all of Missouri’s 114 counties.

- This summer’s severe drought put MU Extension faculty in an active leadership role in helping Missourians deal with the crisis. MU Extension developed educational materials and programs and provided technical assistance for homeowners, businesses and the agricultural community. Social media, including Facebook, YouTube and websites, were used to inform citizens on such topics as animal nutrition, including nitrate poisoning; heat-related disabilities; government programs; wildfires; and more. Extension faculty also worked with Soil and Water Conservation Districts to implement drought cost-share practices, which allowed more than 11,000 landowners to apply for state assistance to access adequate water supplies for livestock and crop production.

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

University of Missouri, Lincoln University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Local Extension Councils Cooperating
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ADA INSTITUTIONS
Dear Friend of the Extension

The Jefferson County Extension Center provides a window for county residents to access the resources of the University of Missouri System. In 2012, the extension center provided over 85,323 contacts to clients through short courses, meetings, newsletters, telephone consultations, and personal instruction. Extension programs meet needs identified in the local community. Program emphasis includes agriculture, business and economic development, community development, strengthening families, enhancing health and nutrition, protecting the environment, and youth development.

The Jefferson County Extension Center is located at 301 3rd Street in Hillsboro, Missouri. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Administration of the center is overseen by the Jefferson County Extension Council. Council members are elected to represent the respective voting districts of the county.

This report highlights the 2012 programming efforts. The Jefferson County Extension Council wishes to express its thanks to the council members, professional staff, office staff, and the Jefferson County Council for their support and hard work. We look forward to working together to meet the needs of Jefferson Countians in 2013.

Sincerely,

Vernon Sullivan Chairman
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2012: A year of change

A new chapter for Dean Wilson

In March 2012, Dean Wilson announced at the Soils & Crops Conference that he would retire in August. Many of you know that Dean refers to the annual conference as the “Social Event of the Year!” Like everything that Dean did, he gave his all to his work as Agricultural Specialist during his 26 year tenure at Extension. Dean helped Jefferson County residents with a wide range of issues including soil testing, growing gardens and crops, maintaining lawns and healthy trees, raising livestock, identifying bugs and provided assistance with all matters of critters and habitats.

In his role as County Program Director, Dean enjoyed working with the Extension Council. Under his leadership, programming opportunities and staff at Extension expanded.

Additionally, Dean facilitated partnerships with local groups and fostered positive working relationship with county officials and legislators. We will miss Dean’s expertise and the skills he brought to Jefferson County, but perhaps most of all his sense of humor.

Wille named County Program Director

In August 2012, Sue Wille was named County Program Director for Jefferson County. Sue has been with Extension for 16+ years, most recently as the Family Nutrition Education Program Coordinator for a ten county area with thirty direct report staff. She has a Master of Public Policy Administration degree with emphasis in nonprofit management and leadership. Sue lives in Dittmer and is excited about her new role.

MU Extension reorganization

In September 2012, Dr. Michael Ouart, Vice Provost and Director of University of Missouri Extension, announced that Extension would be moving to a Total Resource Model of budgeting and staffing that would realign its regional and administrative structure to put more focus on high priority local programming. Effective January 1, 2013, Jefferson County will become part of the new Urban Region, which will consist of six counties surrounding St. Louis and Kansas City plus the City of St. Louis. “The focus will be on program impact, not the position,” said Ouart. “Decisions about where to invest in positions will be based on citizens’ greatest opportunities and needs and MU Extension’s available resources to fill those needs.”

In December 2012 we wished East Central Regional Director, Bud Reber, the best as he moves on to complete special projects. Jefferson County has been well served by Bud and we appreciate his dedication to programming in Jefferson County. Under the new staffing model announced by Dr. Ouart, the University is currently seeking to fill the position.
2013: looking forward

Our commitment to providing local programs that support healthy families, youth, communities, agriculture, business and citizens of Jefferson County remains our focus. The Extension Council guides programming that is responsive to local needs and emerging trends. The Jefferson County Extension Center is located at 301 3rd Street in Hillsboro. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our administrative support staff, Wanda Kiggans and Kathy Maddox, are here to help you. Please come visit us in 2013!

Program Area: Agriculture

Jefferson County Master Gardeners

2012 was again a significant year of growth. We had 33 students in our 12 week Level I classes, that ended in July, this was the largest class ever. The total of volunteer hours have been released, Jefferson County recorded 9,814 of work and educational hours for 2012. That exceeds last year’s total by over 1,800 hours, keeping us in the 4th place position of all MG chapters in the state. We also held 3 Level II classes that were attended by 100 students, this is the most students we’ve had attend Level II training. In September a Level I and II Graduation Party was held for 15 of our new MGs who completed their 30 hours volunteer work and 10 members received their Level II Certificates. In 2012 we started a new recognition program "Century Club", this is an award given to those members who volunteered over 100 hours during that year. In the first year, 24 members received this award and hat recognizing their accomplishment. In 2012, eight of our MGs taught Level I classes, compared to 5 in 2011. 2012 was one of the warmest and driest summers on record. In spite of the heat and extra work it took to maintain our sites most everything survived and in some cases thrived. Our volunteer sites at Jefferson College and Kress Farm have had large numbers of new workers and Scott Air Base Airmen have been a real benefit to us in maintaining the extensive landscaping at Fisher House in Jefferson Barracks. For more information on classes call the Extension Office.

Extension staying involved in Big River watershed master plan process

For the past 2 years the Jefferson County Extension center has assisted the URS Corporation, in getting input from the Big River watershed residents on how to spend lead mining settlement funds and best address the concern in the Big River watershed.

Work has begun on summarizing this effort into a plan being written by the Missouri Department of Resources, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Jefferson County Extension center will be staying involved in the plan process.
88th Jefferson County Soils and Crops Conference

Our 88th annual Soils and Crops Conference was held on March 24th, 2012. The feature of the Conference was a presentation on the “Introduction of Elk in Missouri” by Clint Dalbom of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The Conference, which was attended by over 250 people, featured slide presentations of the Henry Family Farm and the 2011 Century Farm, the Kraus Family. The popular event is sponsored by businesses that serve Jefferson County agriculture and features displays from these businesses and local organizations.

Food preservation

Mary Schroepfer - Food and Nutrition Specialist, Franklin County

Fifty-six Jefferson County residents learned to can and freeze food and prepare salsa in three hands-on food preservation workshops held in Desoto, Missouri.

Sessions were held on Pressure Canning and Water Bath Canning, Preparing Salsa, and Freezing Foods at Home.

Post-class evaluations from Desoto participants showed:

- 100% of participants would recommend the class to someone else.
- Participant knowledge increased dramatically. Before participating in the classes, only 1% said they knew a lot about food preservation and none said they knew a great deal about food preservation. After participating in the class 55% said they knew a lot about food preservation, and 20% said they knew a great deal about food preservation.
- 90% plan to preserve food following the classes.
- 55% plan to purchase or upgrade food preservation equipment.
- 70% plan to use tested recipes from a reliable source.
- 50% plan to share food preservation information with other people.

Comments included:

“I just wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know how much I enjoyed your canning classes and can’t wait for your next classes next year! ... So far we have canned about 40 assorted pints / quarts of salsa! YUM! Hubby goes through about a pint every two days!

“We have 21 quarts of green beans done and MORE ARE COMING! “ Yeah!”

Other comments:

* “This session was very helpful and told me many things I had questions about.”
* “I learned that hot packing is safer and product looks better. I also learned not to put pickles in the pressure canner.”
* “Use only tested recipes – do not make your own and can it. Do not add ingredients other than spices or herbs.”
* “Canning is not scary anymore!”
* “When we move from St. Louis to Potosi in 12 to 24 months, we will grow food and then use all that we have learned.”

“Thank you and…. I can’t wait to bring my husband with me next year so you can get all those “grandma’s” practices out of his head!!!!”

- Laura Ketchum
Increasing awareness of nutrition to make healthier choices...

University of Missouri Extension (UME) Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 7,506 low-income participants with nutrition education in Jefferson County during 2012. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. It also funds four full-time jobs with quality benefits plus expenses for making the programming available to qualified schools and agencies in this county.

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.

Participants in FNP become more aware of nutrition, make healthier meal and snack choices, eat breakfast more often, are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity and in general make healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and activity behaviors are more likely to enjoy a high quality of life as an adult and into old age. A healthy labor force is critical to attracting and keeping jobs in Missouri. In addition, this important programming effort serves to reduce healthcare costs over the participant’s lifetime, saving taxpayers money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.

During 2012, youth and adults were served through schools, community groups and agencies at the following locations:

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For more information please call the Family Nutrition Education Program Staff at 636-797-5391 or visit our website: http://extension.missouri.edu/fnep

Mrs. Jones, who teaches 2nd grade at Athena Elementary, told me that she was reviewing the calendar for the day and telling the students they had a birthday party with cupcakes for a student, a Stars party with popcorn and snacks and Mrs. Mudd will visit with vegetables. The only thing they cheered for was Mrs. Mudd and vegetables.
Children Teaching Parents!

During a 3rd grade class I asked the students if they ever read over the nutrition newsletters sent home following our lessons with their parents. Some said yes and others said no, but one little girl told me that her mom has wanted to eat healthier and they have been reading the newsletters and now they read labels before they buy the food… I thought that was great!
Program Area: Community Development

B.J. Eavy, Community Development Specialist

Through all the following efforts, many coalitions have been formed; therefore, creating a vast network of people helping people throughout Jefferson County as a result of M.U. Extension being alive and well.

- Jefferson County Parks Department Master Plan is completed and will be presented to the County Executive and Council for approval. Community meetings/surveys were used to determine needs and revenue streams.

- Emergency Management: a) Extension educated communities on dealing with weather situations; b) 72 people trained in disaster preparation and survival; c) Exercise Committee to develop training for First Responders.

- The Jefferson County Housing Task Force created and distributed an educational brochure, held two Foreclosure Resource Fairs where over 100 families found hope for loan modifications and some received modifications on the spot, and in March the Federal Reserve held an “Update on Jefferson County” praising Jefferson County Housing Task Force for the great and unique service they are providing for the community.

- The Homeless Youth program committee: a) lends support to 150 students (15 – 18 years old) who are homeless and have chosen to stay in school; b) consists of 55 volunteers who provide awareness to the community; c) work through school “Homeless Liaisons” to deliver hygiene packets and energy bars to the students; d) created clothes closets in the schools through donations from the community; e) coordinated a gift drive so the youth will have something to open for Christmas; f) are doing a needs assessment survey to determine next steps; g) has worked with the Festus YMCA, who are offering free membership to any homeless youth recommended by the Liaisons. The youth remain anonymous to the committee to alleviate liability concerns of our volunteer member groups. Next steps will depend on the needs assessment results.

- Fifty firefighters, officers, and Board members of a local fire district requested that MU Extension help them develop a vision for the future of their organization. The participatory process was conducted in five meetings over eight months, where issues were identified and resolved. A mission, vision and next steps were created. During the committee process, a retirement program was initiated. Relationships grew in positive ways, leading to better understanding and cooperation.

- Hillsboro and Herculaneum continue to make great strides toward fulfilling the vision of their master plans with over $7M in grants being awarded for infrastructure in the past year. Herculaneum Fire Department purchased a new pumper truck through a grant. The City of Herculaneum is building an all-inclusive playground and a Dog Park through grants and community support. Extension continues to support the efforts of these communities.

- “Be All You Can Dream” workshops have been held twice a year for five years as the highly valued capstone of the Hillsboro and De Soto high school Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Entrepreneurship classes. Workshops are planned and implemented by 30 community volunteer leaders. In five years, 250 students have participated. This hands-on program allows students to work as teams planning construction of a shopping mall with stores the individual teams design using all the skills and knowledge learned in their course work. Students say the workshop helped them realize they really want to be an entrepreneur.
Jefferson County Military Families Support Network (JCMFSN) is community members lending the support necessary to help military families stay strong and resilient under difficult circumstances. There are many ways for the community to assist, and as JCMFSN grows, there will be more possibilities. Often just being a friend is all that is needed, especially during deployment.

Through JCMFSN, more than 500 local volunteers have supported military functions in the last year, such as: adopting military families for Christmas, speaking to organizations on behalf of military children, helping provide tokens of support for children of deployed soldiers, collecting non-perishables and baby items at support drives for military families, learning about a soldier’s transitioning experience, serving lunch during National Guard Drill Week-ends, assisting with preparation and activities for Military Family Day in the Park, Armed Forces Day in Hillsboro, Veterans Day Parade in De Soto, Navy Family Day at Lambert Air Field, Veterans Benefits Fair in Arnold, Coming Home Seminar at Jefferson Barracks, Military Family Day with the 220th National Guard, and Military Family Christmas parties with the 220th and 735th National Guard.

JCMFSN, and the community it represents, will also remain a vital resource to the future strength and resilience of our veterans and their families as they return home in the months to come.

Program Area:
Small Business and Technology Development

Taking care of Jefferson County’s existing businesses was an obvious theme in 2012. The SBTDC partnered with several members of the Jefferson County Council, the County Executive, the County Administrator, representatives of Jefferson College, The University of Missouri St. Louis, and the Missouri Career Centers, holding several round-table sessions across the county to listen to the concerns and needs of Jefferson county entrepreneurs. Many of those concerns were immediately addressed across the county and specifically by the County Council.

Jefferson County, like most counties, has an intense desire to create jobs by attracting business to the area. The leaders in Jefferson County, however, also recognize the importance of those businesses we already have!

The Jefferson County SBTDC presented the round-table model to state economic developers and key legislators at Governor Nixon’s Economic Development Conference in St. Louis with County Executive Ken Waller serving as a co-speaker.

The SBTDC continues to offer programming for small business based on demand and specific needs, working closely with the Missouri Career Centers and MoDot, for example, offering business courses for aspiring entrepreneurs and existing Mo-Dot contractors.

The Jefferson County SBTDC continues to develop relationships with legislators, banks, agencies, and the Department of Economic Development to improve the lending / financing environment throughout the county.

A new focus of the Small Business and Technology Development Centers, The Missouri Department of Economic Development, The Department of Commerce, and The SBA relates to creating export opportunities for Jefferson County businesses. A great deal of training and some funding is available for qualified exporters through the SBTDC as well.

“For one-on-one counseling, call for an appointment or email your plan to tuckergd@missouri.edu.”
Program Area: Family Financial Education

Taking control of your finances – when you lose your job

The Missouri Career Centers and University of Missouri Extension worked together to offer bi-weekly workshops for dislocated workers. Workshops help those searching for employment to manage their household budgets, credit, retirement plans, and other financial issues until they find new employment. These workshops are offered in the Arnold office and provide support in a time of need.

“These workshops are very helpful to those in need. They help families manage their budgets, outstanding debt, and make ends meet. They can then concentrate on finding their future employment”, Diana Voelker

Safeguard your savings

Protecting our financial resources has become a major priority for individuals and families. The Jefferson County Library System has hosted local Safeguard Your Savings courses focusing on the long-term financial goals of saving, investing, and retirement planning while avoiding investment fraud.

In partnership with Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan’s office and the Investor Protection Trust, University of Missouri Extension continues to offer free, local programming in this area.

Our extension office continues to help individuals, couples, and families understand their finances. This year we received calls, emails, and met one on one with Jefferson County Residents with questions about credit, insurance, budgeting, estate planning, and numerous additional topics. We’re also answering “Ask an Expert” questions through eXtension.org.

We’re always happy to help!

Financial education for employed youth

University of Missouri Extension provided personal finance and career building workshops for youth working summer jobs with the Missouri Career Centers. We actually wrote resumes and cover letters, and held mock interviews to hone career search skills. Building the knowledge and skills to manage finances and seek successful careers is especially important to successful and prosperous careers and lifelong habits for these youth that are already earning their own way.

I was looking through the help wanted ads here (on campus) and there was an ad for an administrative assistant at right across the street. I called them and they told me to send them a resume in which I did and they called me back for an interview the next day. I actually used the resume I made in the workshop being as it showed them I had exactly what they were looking for. I just wanted to tell you how helpful that workshop was and to thank you for all the help you’ve offered. The jobs I’ve had through the WIA program gave me the exact experience I need for this new job and I’m really confident about getting it.

Thank you,
Program Participant

Home Ownership education for successful new homeowners

Our “Home Ownership Made Easier” or HOME program helps first-time homeowners. The class covers the financial responsibilities as well as the ongoing maintenance required to enjoy the benefits of home ownership. In 2012 the Jefferson County Extension Center offered this course to individuals and couples achieving their dream and owning their own home.
Program Area:
4-H in Jefferson County
A community of 115 youth building life skills, engaging in science and connecting to community.

One of every five Missourians between the ages of 5 and 18 participated in a Missouri 4-H program in 2012

Jefferson County 4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, record keeping, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers, who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and shooting sports. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.


4-H Club members are the officers of their own clubs. These members won awards for best record keeping in their offices: Trail Blazers Members for the Secretary book (all club members took turns holding offices so that members could practice); Katrina Pierce of the Rounders 4-H Club for the Treasurer record; and Dreamcatchers 4-H Club for the Scrapbook and Historian records.

Kaycee Nail Jefferson County 4-H Alumni from the Clover Ridge Clover Leafs 4-H Club:
“I am confident that I would not be where I am in my life if it was not for 4-H. 4-H has prepared me for success in college and especially in the work I do here [at the 4-H Center for Youth Development]. The networking has provided me with a job at Mizzou working with a group of high school Latino youth. This job has already changed my life and will continue to help me learn and grow as a person and a professional. This is just one of the many things for which I can thank 4-H.”

Kaycee is now a sophomore at University of Missouri studying political communications and women’s & gender studies. She is planning to study about genocide and human rights in Rwanda summer of 2013.

4-H Connects Kids to College and a Higher Quality of Life

Missouri 4-H Members are twice more likely to have been on a college campus than their non-4-H peers. MU is by far the campus most frequently visited and 4-H is the second most reported reason to be on the MU Campus (Lerner, 2008). In 2011, MU Extension 4-H connected 8,500 young people age 8 to 18 to University of Missouri campuses and faculty. Being on a campus is a predictor of youth going on to higher education (Hoover, 2006).

Twenty-two Jefferson County 4-H members participated in seven different 4-H events and/or contests on the MU Campus.

These students are more likely to go to college and enjoy

- increased financial success for themselves and their offspring
- be better consumers
- improve quality of life through more opportunities for leisure and hobbies
- improve health for themselves and their children (Porter, 2003)
- more likely to vote as adults
- more likely to contribute to their community (Lerner, 2009; Zaff et al, 2003)

Youth who earn their earn bachelor’s degree, increase annual earnings by $2.01 million over their lifetime (Porter, 2003). If 70% of the twenty-two members participating in 4-H events on the MU Campus go onto earning their Bachelors, 4-H would help young people earn $30.9 million.
4-H programs are made possible through donations from community supporters. United Mutual Insurance, Co. of Washington, MO and serving Jefferson County, again donated $300 to the Jefferson County University of Missouri Extension 4-H Clubs. With a long history of providing insurance to farms and rural homes, United Mutual feels it a privilege to give back to the communities that it represents. Jefferson County 4-H members and volunteers will have many more educational opportunities because of this donation.

Jefferson County 4-H school enrichment programs are short-term educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom. These programs are led by teachers or MU Extension staff. During the Hatching Chicks in the Classroom program youth get to experience the growth and development of eggs and care for baby chicks. Over 3000 youth participated in the Jefferson County Hatching Chicks in the Classroom during the spring of 2012. Over 150 School Educators make the Hatching Chicks in the Classroom successful. Educators reported:

- “This opened up a whole new way of thinking about chickens, taking care of animals, and farms. My students live in the city and they have never experienced this and perhaps never will.”
- “Holding the chicks gently calmed even my hyperactive students.”
- “We made pictures and talked about life and its value. We and our families enjoy this program so much. Thank you!”
- “They understand the process of hatching. It helped my students understand sexual and asexual reproduction, which we were studying at the time. They seemed to care more, and had compassion for living things.”
- “They will remember that learning can be a fun, hands-on experience.”

*Duplicates not removed

4-H members supported by 44 youth and adult volunteers

Time valued at $82,720.00

Volunteers create, support and are part of the 4-H community. Missouri 4-H volunteers responding to a survey report they contribute on average 100 hours per year. Valuing their time at $18.80 per hour, based on average Missouri incomes, the contribution of Jefferson County 4-H volunteers was worth more than $82,720 in 2012! More importantly, these adults serve as mentors for our youth helping them transition into health adulthood, priceless.

References:
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Informational Phone Calls ........................................ 7,913
Visitors ................................................................. 4,009
Newsletters .............................................................. 685
Educational Materials .................................................. 72,250
Soil Tests & Lead Tests .............................................. 420
Correspondence Course Exams & Pesticide Training ........ 46

Total Contacts: 85,323

University Extension is a cooperative effort funded by federal, state, and local funds. The University of Missouri receives money from the federal and state governments along with revenue from grants and contracts. These funds are used to support extension staff salaries and benefits and to provide program support, training, and materials.

Local funding through the Jefferson County Commission pays the operating expenses of the local office, including the salaries of the secretarial staff. Those funds are administered by the Extension Council. Above please find the final accounting for 2012.