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Dear Members of the County Commission and Community:

Thank you! Your financial support to our land-grant university partnership makes it possible for University of Missouri Extension to deliver high-quality educational programs where Missourians live, work and experience quality of life.

More than 1 million Missourians annually turn to MU Extension for help in improving businesses, farms and communities and strengthening their families. Your partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the State of Missouri, and local organizations and businesses enhances the state's economy and brings unique opportunities to families and individuals.

In fact, MU Extension partners with more than 100 entities across the state. Those partnerships enable us to extend our educational reach without duplicating services. In FY2007, MU Extension will leverage \$39 million in federal and state funding resources into more than \$81 million in educational programming to serve Missourians.

In 2006, dollars allocated by county commissions to support extension at the local level amounted to 17 percent of the total dollars for extension funding statewide. These local dollars were leveraged to provide more programs to more people. Additionally, our local partners across the state (county commissioners and councils) provided significant in-kind contributions in the forms of office space and meeting space. Grants, fees and contract dollars account for almost 23 percent of extension funding. Combined with state and federal funds, every local tax dollar is matched with an average return of \$10.37. We use these funds very efficiently. In FY2007, just four percent of the budget is going toward administration, compared with 12 percent for most non-profits and government agencies.

The return on your investment in MU Extension for your community is great:

- Businesses become and remain profitable -- creating and retaining jobs.
- Improved agricultural yields add to producers' bottom line, and citizens enjoy a safer environment.
- Towns and cities use research-based resources to make better decisions about their future.
- Young people are more likely to stay in school and increase their lifetime earnings.
- Professionals and other workers stay on the cutting edge of career requirements through continuing education.
- Adults and young people live healthier lifestyles and suffer fewer medical costs.
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Your local extension faculty and staff, campus faculty, county extension council members, 4-H volunteers, Master Gardeners and other program supporters look forward to a continued fruitful partnership in 2007. If you have suggestions for how University of Missouri Extension can better serve your needs, please contact me or your local extension center.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Quart
Vice Provost and Director

cc: Brian Foster, Provost
Beverly Coberly, Director, Off-Campus Operations
Extension Regional Directors
Extension County Program Directors

Staff Members at the McDonald County's University Extension Center



John C. Hobbs
Ag/Rural Dev. Specialist
4 year with extension



Lynda DuMond
Youth Associate
10 years with extension



Dana Bordine
Secretary
8 years with extension



Jennifer Mermis
Nutrition Program Associate
2 years with extension



Linda Gill
Nutrition Program Asst.
4 years with extension

Diverse, Experienced and Well Trained Staff
The staff of the University of Missouri Extension Office in McDonald County is diverse, representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences and educational levels. Staff members have owned their own businesses, worked for other educational institutions, worked in the public and private sector and collectively have over twenty years of work experience with University of Missouri

4-H Youth Development

McDonald County 4-H Clubs—The 4-H clubs in McDonald County have grown steadily. We have seven clubs in the county with dedicated club leaders serving our youth. The clubs are located in Goodman, Longview, Pineville, Southwest City, Tiff City, Pineville After-School and Rocky Comfort After-School. Members active in 2006 totaled 159 and adult volunteers totaled 46. Our members are more active than ever with children participating in many educational opportunities offered by the 4-H program on a county, regional, state and national level. We have youth serving on the 4-H council within McDonald County, as well as, on the Regional and State 4-H Councils. Although our county is small, leadership in our youth is strong and we are well represented in the state.

Community Service- The community service projects we do change yearly. Our goals are to find needs and fill them. Clubs do a variety of community service projects, such as, picking up trash, planting flower beds, sending care packages to soldiers, visiting nursing homes, taking cookie trays to local businesses and donating food to Crosslines. Our county-wide community service in 2006 was a coat drive for needy youngsters in the Noel area. 4-H families donated new coats for children and delivered them to Noel Head Start. The 4-H'er wrapped and delivered the coats and then decorated Christmas cookies with the little ones. Some 4-H families spent time purchasing, organizing and handing out Christmas gifts with Angel Tree personnel. The families all felt they were blessed by this activity and the children learned valuable lessons about compassion, charity and being thankful for what they have.



4-H Events - 4-H youth participate in many activities throughout the year on a county, regional, or state level. These activities include: Camp, Achievement Day, Fashion Revue, Member/Leader Workshops, Teen Congress and Teen Conference, Citizenship Focus in Washington D.C. and many other educational trips. The McDonald County Fair, Ozark Empire Fair, and Missouri State Fair also provide McDonald County 4-H members the opportunity to exhibit their project work for judging. These hands on experiences provide youth with the mastery of skills and a sense of autonomy.

4-H Newsletter - The 4-H newsletter is sent out every month to keep 4-H families, club leaders, and project leaders up-to-date on activities and opportunities across the county, state and nation. Members and leaders also have access to current 4-H information on the McDonald County web page.

School Enrichment— Embryology is a very popular school-enrichment 4-H program that is offered every year to all the schools in McDonald County through the Extension Office. In 2006 there were 58 classrooms that participated in Embryology with a total of 1,337 students benefiting from the experience. Simmons Hatchery donated the eggs for this program that allows students to see first hand the development and hatching of chicks. Incubators with clear plastic sides are brought into the classroom and the students are able to view the process. More and more teachers are requesting this every year.



Agriculture & Small Family Farms

The purpose of the agriculture program is to provide information and to make recommendations that will help individuals, groups and agribusiness firms apply this knowledge. Academic support for this program comes from the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources in cooperation with Lincoln University and county, state and federal governments.

John Hobbs' programming areas include: soil-testing, fescue-seed production, fescue-fungus problems, fertilizer and pesticide recommendations, weed-, insect- and disease-identification and control, weather-related crop problems, soil conservation, crop scouting, current crop situation, forage production, forage-testing information, pesticide-use training, crop production, nitrate tests for forages, pasture management, variety selection, and warm-season grasses.

Agriculture in McDonald County - McDonald County is a forage, beef, and poultry producing county. Most of the farm income is from poultry and beef such that it is ranked second in *Missouri Farm Facts* in livestock receipts. Agriculture is an important asset to the economy of the county with \$145 million dollars in sales.

Impact in 2006

A sizable amount of staff time is spent working one-on-one with gardeners and farmers. Homeowners and ag producers telephone and visit the extension center often in search of research based information to solve their ag related problems. We are on the cutting edge of the U. of Missouri agriculture research for John Q. Public to receive research based information to solve their queries. In 2006, McDonald County Extension Center received almost 900 inquiries. The inquiries ranged from soil testing to farm leases, to pesticide use, to corrals, and to Japanese beetle control.

Grazing School- A two-day Grazing school was held for area farmers to study the relationship between soil, plant, and livestock, and how different management techniques effect each other. Forty farmers attended the program to qualify for DSP-3 cost-share practice with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Ag News & Views - Information to help producers with beef and forage production is provided by the monthly Ag News & Views newsletter that is distributed to 310 farmers in the county. More detailed information is distributed to the producer with guide sheets, programs, and personal farm visits by the specialist.

.Soil Testing The McDonald County Extension office serves the public with forage and soil testing. A total of 101 agricultural soil samples were submitted and analyzed through the University of Missouri testing facilities. With the price of fertilizers today, farmers need information based on unbiased fertility testing that is provided through the University of Missouri extension service. Producers are provided with the lime, fertilizer and cropping recommendations to improve their crops and build the soil. How to take a good soil sample was emphasized in four of the pasture programs that John Hobbs presented this year.





Pasture Walk and Weed Control Program In late July, John Hobbs and Jay Chism presented a weed control program to 26 area farmers from Newton, Barry, and McDonald counties. Selected areas were sprayed in late August. There were 4 combinations of herbicides used in the demonstrations. One quart per acre of a new product Pasturegard was used in one plot. One quart of quart of Grazon + one pint of remedy with a nonionic surfactant was used in another area. Surmount (1 qt per acre) was used on a third plot. The fourth area sprayed was with Grazon at a rate of 1 quart per acre. The effects of these herbicides were observed in a twilight field tour the Noel

Area on August 28. The McDonald County Soil and Water District had one of the tools available to rent on display. A weed wiper was displayed and demonstrated . One Quart of glyphosate to one quart of water is the correct ratio to use in the weed wiper. Tom and John gave recommendations on the rates of herbicide as well as when to spray to greatest success to control weeds and brush. Specific weed control recommendations were discussed for musk thistle, black berries, Serica lespedeza, Perilla mint, and oak and hickory saplings.

Pasture Improvement Programs Over fifty producers attended pasture improvement programs at Crowder College this past year. Maximizing beef profits for the cow/calf operation including application of nutrients to pastures and hay fields in forms of poultry litter or commercial fertilizer in correct amounts. Emphasis was placed on fertility, species diversity, grazing management (including pasture rotation) and weed control. Covering the basics in pasture fertility including proper soil testing and using poultry litter when applicable was discussed. Different seeding rates of grasses and how to incorporate the seed was presented, also how to reduce fertilizer costs when legumes are no-tilled into hay fields and pastures was covered. Warm season grasses such as Bermuda grass was discussed as option in the summer when cool season grasses are dormant. A weed control program was included in the Crowder College meeting. Four approaches were presented: cultural practices, chemical control, mechanical control, and biological control.

Cow Calf Program

In January, 27 landowners from in and around McDonald County attended a program on cow/calf production. The program was presented by Gary Naylor, Eldon Cole and Dona Funk, livestock specialists with University of Missouri Extension. Participants gained information on basic cow/calf management. They were also presented with information on synchronization and artificial insemination, using EPD's to select bulls, and using alternative feeds for the cow herd.



Woodland Steward Short Course

Throughout the month of February, 2006, Forty-six landowners attended the Missouri Woodland Steward Short Course at Crowder College. Four indoor sessions focused on learning to assess the timber and wildlife potential of their property. Landowners will also become familiar with some basic principles and practices of forest and wildlife management. These evening sessions were held on February 7, 9, 21, and 28th from 7-9 P.M. at Crowder College in the Agricultural Building. The short course concluded with a field trip to a Barry County landowner forest (Hwy. 248) to see first-hand some of the practices presented in the indoor sessions. The field trip was held on March 4, 2006 from 8 AM – Noon. The short course is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with professional foresters and wildlife biologists in your area, as well as share ideas and knowledge with other interested landowners.



Master Wildlifer

Eighteen farm, forest, and other landowners attended the Master Wildlifer short course that offered a wealth of practical information on strategies to improve wildlife habitat on their land. Practicing land managers found the short course invaluable in highlighting alternative management approaches for wildlife in forest, farm and urban settings. Landowners and land managers who attended the short course obtained the necessary knowledge and tools to enhance habitat on their property for the conservation of select wildlife species to be enjoyed by themselves, family, and friends.



The short course was designed to be presented in eight 2½ hour nightly sessions over a 4-week period. Local instructors and facilitators Mike Petersen and John Hobbs were on hand to present information and address questions. Each session provided in-depth coverage of selected topics in an interactive fashion from highly qualified instructors. A comprehensive reference manual that parallels short course subject content was provided to those attending the short course. A registration fee of \$45.00 will be charged. This included a Student Manual and Educational Materials, and refreshments.

Private Applicator Training

Missouri law requires purchasers and users of restricted use pesticides to attend training to certify or recertify to buy and use the restricted use pesticides. The license is effective for five years and user and purchaser must take training to recertify. Private Pesticide Applicator Training was offered at Crowder College and in Barton, Newton, and McDonald counties. Eighty five participants received training to receive their restricted use license for pesticides. The course emphasizes pesticide labeling, formulations, pesticides in the environment, harmful effects, personal protective equipment, pesticide handling decisions, application equipment, mixing and loading, applying the correct amount, transportation, storage, disposal and spill cleanup.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

McDonald County Watershed Festival

All McDonald County public schools were invited to attend the McDonald County First Annual Watershed Festival. **278 fifth grade students and teachers** residing in McDonald County participated in the day long activities. This one day event had a number of hands-on activities focused on different aspects of water. Activities included investigating and identifying stream critters, testing your knowledge at the environmental wheel, enviro-scape, groundwater flow model, stream table erosion model and building a watershed plan. A special wrap-up performance was given by the Fishin' Magicians who used magic and comedy to teach about water quality.



Spring Water Festival Over 200 McDonald County residents attended the 3rd Annual Spring Water Festival. There were over 10 exhibitors including NRCS and the University of Missouri Extension, John Hobbs and Drew Holt demonstrated "Groundwater Flow Model. The model demonstrates how leaking septic tanks get into the groundwater. The ERWIA was organized, thanks to a \$40,000 grant from Missouri DNR. The ERWIA has over 120 members



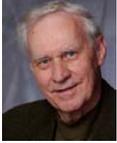
Elk River Watershed Improvement Association The ERWIA made much progress on its organizational development priorities and on its project-specific objectives during the period. ERWIA board of directors **developed and submitted Subgrant language for the WQIP agreement with ERC.** The scope of work from the original WQIP proposal was **modified to incorporate contributions by Crowder College related to demonstrations of advanced onsite sewage systems.**

The **EPA approved WQIP Subgrant agreement is being entered into between the ERC and ERWIA** that stipulates the specific project activities for cost-sharing demonstration projects for low-impact development, onsite sewage systems and riparian corridor restoration and stream bank stabilization, as well as, education and training activities, over the course of two years.

The ERWIA's website's **initial content was collected and submitted** to the local Internet Service Provider (ISP) through Elk River Computers in Pineville. Elk River Computers is preparing the initial content for dissemination on the Internet in cooperation with the ERWIA. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the **website is www.erwia.org.**

Business Development Programs

MCDONALD COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2006 ending September 2006



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As entrepreneurs and innovators, Missouri's small businesses are becoming a more diverse group that continues to make the state's economy productive. There are approximately 500,000 small businesses in Missouri. Nearly 98 percent of all businesses with employees are categorized as small businesses. In assisting the owners and managers of those businesses, MU Extension contributes to a county's economic development and the well-being of its citizens and communities.

In McDonald County, during 2006, business development program specialists and business counselors with MU Extension, Missouri Small Business Development Centers (MO SBDC), Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (MO PTAC), Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC)—including the MoFAST program, and the Missouri Market Development program served 19 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance. In addition, business owners and managers in McDonald County reported the following economic impact and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

- New businesses: 1
 - Loans and investments in business: \$975,000
 - Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 6
 - Business training attendees and conference participants: 7
- Information transfers: 6

Overall, the University of Missouri's Business Development Programs (BDP) served 11,176 people and their businesses state-wide. The total impact for all businesses assisted by the BDP was:

- New jobs: 6,054
 - Sales increases: \$168,908,759
 - Government contracts: \$186,010,945
 - New businesses: 83
 - Jobs retained: 570
 - Loans and investments in business: \$73,666,326
 - Businesses turned around or failures prevented: 18
 - Acquired assets: \$24,863,597
 - Government investment in commercialization: \$8,720,277 in SBIR proposals submitted.
 - Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 3,540
 - Business training attendees and conference participants: 6,048
- Information transfers: 1588

The business development faculty contributing to these business successes are from the programs identified above. These staff have regional and statewide assignments and work with businesses in all counties across the state.

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On December 8, 2006 Tom Keohan, Southwest Regional Business Development Specialist assisted in facilitating a program in Newton County given by Sharon Gulick, director of Community Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development (CEED). Seven of the twenty-one participants attending this program were from McDonald County. The two hour program, "Community Resources for New Business Assistance" was a free workshop to learn how to quickly and easily develop business start-up information, customized to a community or region. The workshop was designed for local economic developers, chamber staff, regional planning commissions, University Extension faculty and other resource providers in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Each participant received a CD containing the templates, resource publications and helpful websites and organizations. The templates are designed to be customized with the local organization's logo and address. They also included information on Federal, state and local requirements to start a business. Positive comments from the participants were: "Very well presented and was informative also, in computer programs and navigation. Presenter was well versed in subject and in target audiences." "The program was most helpful. I feel that in rural communities, this is the wave of the future." Funding for the program was awarded to CEED from the 4-State Heartland Economic Development consortium.

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Counseling sessions for six individuals, seeking business counseling and entrepreneurial advice resulted in over 35 hours, how to identify problem areas and find solutions. Some received assistance in writing a business plan, improving or creating products, developing markets finding financing sources.

PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR 2007

Small Business Development Counseling - 5

THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DELIVERY NETWORK INCLUDES

10 Business Development Specialists headquartered at University of Missouri Extension centers; the University of Missouri campuses at Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis and Rolla; and state colleges and universities across Missouri. The named programs delivered through this network include:

Missouri Small Business Development Centers (MO SBDC) – Funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, this \$1.6 million award is matched on the local level by state university hosts and private sector partners. Services include individualized business counseling and a wide variety of educational opportunities.

Missouri Procurement Assistance Centers (MO PTAC) -- Funded by the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency for \$495,000, this program helps businesses win government contracts for a wide range of products and services.

Missouri Small Business Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) – Some centers throughout the state are staffed with specially trained counselors who can assist high-technology and high-growth firms with a variety of management, production, financing, technology development and commercialization issues. One of the products offered through those centers is the MoFAST SBIR/STTR assistance. Specialists in this area work with university faculty and other innovators to win awards in support of the commercialization of technology.

Missouri Market Development Program – This program, which is funded at \$100,000 by the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Agency via the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, helps business owners find markets for recycled materials and helps other businesses in securing funding for manufacture of new goods using those recycled materials.

Career Options – Improving individual capacity is the focus of the MU Extension Career Options program, which is funded through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Economic Development Workforce Development unit. This program assists displaced workers and others in many ways, including through the exploration of business ownership and career repositioning following company closings, layoffs and other employment-related changes.

Visit the state business development program website at www.missouribusiness.net

Human Development



2nd Annual Senior Fair McDonald County Extension was a participant in the first annual Senior Fair. Twenty Six agencies and businesses including Missouri Bar Association, McDonald County 911, and AARP to promote their products and services for adults over 50. McDonald County Extension sponsored an exhibit that included information on healthy eating and fitness for seniors, MyPyramid and information on how to get involved in various nutrition programs sponsored by FNEP.

McDonald County High School Career Fair

John Hobbs spent the day at the high school involved in the Career Fair activities. The Extension booth provided information on career opportunities in landscaping and horticulture with two and four year degrees. Over 500 juniors and seniors attended the fair. Over one hundred professionals, community leaders and companies exhibited career options for the students.



Quilted Table Runner Class About a dozen McDonald County seamstresses gathered in City Hall in Pineville one cool March morning. Charlotte Foster, an accomplished quilter and quilt shop owner, came over from Pea Ridge, AR to introduce us to some new products and techniques. All participants brought sewing machines, supplies and fabric and went home with a completed or nearly completed table runner.

Mini Cambio Conference Jim Wirth presented a keynote presentation on Missouri's Changing Demographics and Building Inclusive Communities at this conference held at Crowder College.

Master Gardeners and Environment

Southwest Missouri has a great blend of commercial and home horticulture. Commercially, there are a number of fruit and vegetable growers, greenhouse producers, and numerous businesses associated with the “green industry” including nurseries and lawn/landscape businesses. Two large metropolitan areas in southwest Missouri, Springfield and Joplin, account for numerous homeowners and gardeners who have a genuine interest in home horticulture. Traditionally, southwest Missouri citizens have a great impact on the horticulture industry. Gardening magazine reported that Springfield, Mo. is ranked third highest in the U.S. with per capita spending of dollars for horticulture goods and services. Only the cities of Spokane, Washington and Portland, Oregon were reported to have spent more. Due to the demand for horticulture goods and services, there is also a strong demand for horticultural education and programming. To help address the general horticulture and gardening needs of the public, a strong Master Gardener program is present in Springfield. Master Gardeners are University of Missouri trained volunteers who assist with organized horticulture education programs for the gardening public.

Impact in 2006



Master Gardener program provided over 308 hours of volunteer service in 2006 to county projects.

Hill ‘n’ Holler Master Gardener Club - Some of the work provided by the Hill ‘n’ Holler Master Gardeners Chapter, which consists of graduates of the Newton-McDonald County Master Gardener Program are listed below.

- McDonald County members of the club began a new landscaping project in 2004 around the old historic courthouse in Pineville. This multi-year project emphasizes native plants. The Sugar Creek Betterment Association provided funding for the project.
- Maintained landscape plantings around McDonald County Library.
- Developed an educational exhibit for the public library.
- Held a plant sale at the annual Neosho Garage Sale.
- Created and maintained hanging baskets for Anderson Main Street.
- Participated in the Crowder College wreath display and benefit auction.
- Developed Master Gardener booth at McDonald County Fair.
- Established planter, Anderson Fire Department.
- Established a planter at fairgrounds



Family Nutrition Education Program-FNEP

FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness to low income adults and youths.

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

Impact in 2006

University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 1,785 limited-income youth with nutrition education in McDonald County during 2006. \$32,646 in-kind match was received to support FNEP programming. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness.

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Teaming with school districts to develop a school wellness policy became a major emphasis. FNEP support well policies by taking part in local committees, providing a regional training, and information for teachers and parents about the importance of choosing healthy snacks and class rewards.

Evaluation data collected across the entire state reflects the positive impacts that occur in every county with FNEP.

For youths who participated in FNP, results summarized for the state revealed the following positive impacts:

Feedback from teachers:

- 97% want the program again
 - 97% said class response was excellent or good
 - Most enjoyable parts of the program: activities, games, and tasting food!
- 99% reported one or more changes in students after FNP.

Student Changes reported by teachers:

- 95% more aware of nutrition
 - 62% make healthier meal and/or snack choices
 - 42% eat breakfast more often
 - 66% more willing to try new foods
 - 47% increased physical activity
- 82% improved hand washing

Linda Gill, Nutrition Program Assistant, enjoys relaying success stories she hears about children making healthy choices after participating in FNEP. "A Southwest City Elementary teacher told me her son was in my 3rd grade nutrition class. Her son loved the class and told her about what he had learned each week. He wanted to make sure they were eating the right amounts each day so the whole family could stay healthy."

Continuing and Distance Education

MU Direct: Continuing and Distance Education meets the needs of adult learners by offering high-quality credit and noncredit University of Missouri programs in flexible formats. In FY2006, MU Direct worked with 12 schools and colleges to offer 33 degree options to adults in all 50 states and international locations, totaling 6,503 enrollments in 501 courses. In addition, many of the programs have noncredit options. **In McDonald County, 35 learners participated in MU Direct non credit courses.** For more information, see: <http://mudirect.missouri.edu/>

Impact in 2006

MU Extension is the official training source for Missouri's 25,000 career and volunteer firefighters. Courses prepare firefighters for medical emergencies, hazardous materials response and acts of terrorism as well as fires. **In FY06, 7 enrollments came from McDonald County.** For more information, see: <http://www.mufrti.org/index.shtml>



The MU Conference Office provides high-quality, professional, full-service meeting management for a variety of noncredit educational programs, such as conferences, workshops, seminars and symposia. Whether a meeting is hosted on campus, in out-state Missouri or anywhere in the world, the office's professional staff provides assistance to create the best learning environment for event participants. In 2005, 14,418 Missouri registrants participated in such programs as workforce development, veterinary cancer, teacher training and youth leadership. **In McDonald County, 27 individuals participated in Conference Office events.** For more information, see: <http://muconf.missouri.edu/>



MU's Nursing Outreach program serves a predominantly rural healthcare audience with high-quality, affordable continuing education on such topics as chronic disease and gerontology. Nurses from 81 (70 percent) of Missouri's 114 counties and the city of St. Louis attended continuing education programs sponsored by MU Extension. Approximately nine of every 10 Missouri nurses who attend noncredit educational programs are from outside the metropolitan St. Louis and Kansas City areas. In 2006, 1,380 Missourians participated in a nursing outreach program, **including 1 in McDonald County.** For more information, see: <http://muhealth.org/~nursing/node/>



McDonald County Council

Chairman

Jim Bradley, elected member, term ends 2008

Vice Chairman

Dennis Coberley elected member, term ends 2008

Secretary

Gerald Elkins, elected member, term ends 2007

Treasurer

Jo Percy, elected member, term ends 2007

Other Members:

Keith Patterson elected member, term ends 2007

Harold Melton elected member, term ends 2007

Clint Helm elected member, term ends 2007

Will Gordon, elected member, term ends 2008

Jonathan Pierce, elected member, term ends 2008

Alvin Layne elected member, term ends 2008

Gayle Brock, appointed member from County Commission

Jennifer Keaton, appointed member from Farm Bureau

Unique partnership

McDonald County's University Extension Council is a full partner with Missouri's land-grant universities to deliver high-quality education and research-based information that helps people solve real-world problems and take advantage of opportunities. Council members:

- Work with extension specialists to provide the county with quality educational programs;
- Manage finances of local extension operations;
- Provide personnel to carry out extension activities; and
- Elect and organize the local extension council.



McDonald County Courthouse.

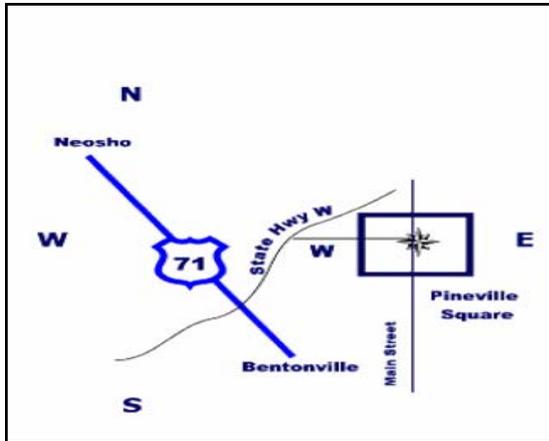
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McDonald County's conference room can seat 20.



McDonald County Extension Center
In the Old Courthouse on the Square

McDonald County University of Missouri Extension Center is located in the historic McDonald County Courthouse, built in 1866. We share this facility with the Missouri Career Center which helps disabled and displaced workers gain employment and the education necessary to update their skills. The McDonald County MADD Chapter is also housed in the courthouse. A large classroom/conference room is also available to organizations for meetings.

2006

State, Federal and County Funding for Extension

University Outreach and Extension programs in McDonald County are funded by county, state and federal appropriations. Local funding for support of the Extension Center is provided by the McDonald County Commission. They provide office space, funds for office expenses, clerical salaries and travel expenses of extension specialists who conduct educational programs in McDonald County.

University of Missouri's Contribution to County Extension Program

University of Missouri provides salaries and benefits for professional and para-professional staff members headquartered in McDonald County.

The University provides in-service training expenses, including travel and lodging for staff, metered postage for staff communications and matching funds for computer equipment costs and maintenance.

Financial Statement

REVENUE

Beginning Balance	\$ 00,000.00
County Appropriations	\$ 37,575.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 37,575.00

EXPENSES

Secretary Salary	\$ 19,016.00
Council Paid Benefits	\$ 2,508.00
Youth Associate	\$ 6,380.00
Travel	\$ 4,400.00
Postage	\$ 650.00
Bulk mailing permit	\$ 150.00
Telephone	\$ 1,100.00
Supplies and Service	\$ 1,200.00
Office Network	\$ 180.00
Insurance—Bond	\$ 351.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Copy Machine Lease	\$ 600.00
Furniture and equipment	\$ 400.00
Printing	\$ 200.00
Repairs & maintenance	\$ 100.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 37,575.00

Thank you...

A special acknowledgement and appreciation is given to the McDonald County Commissioners for their financial assistance and also for their continued support of 4-H and school enrichment activities through the funding of our Youth Associate position.

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