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ANNUAL REPORT

### OUR MISSION...

To serve Oregon County by extending research-based knowledge and top quality educational programs to address high priority needs to citizens at the local level. University of Missouri Extension faculty help individuals and organizations turn knowledge into action, thus improving the quality of life for all.

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### 2009 OREGON COUNTY STATISTICS

**Contact summary for Oregon County 2009**

**Direct Contact: 4748**

**Indirect Contact: 2529**

**Total: 7277 Clients Served**

**Direct Contacts: are educational meetings, walk-ins, trainings, and individual visits.**

**Indirect Contacts: are phone calls, emails, and letters.**

**These contacts made in Oregon County were by Regional Staff, Program Assistants, Office Staff serving Oregon County in the South Central Region.**

**Farm Family**

**The Dale Jedlicka Family**

**Leaders Honor Roll**

**Nancy Alford**

**Paula Miller**

### AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

**Grazing schools** have played an important part in educating and informing land-users of improved grazing management. One hundred sixty five producers completed the 5 grazing management schools in 2009 within our grazing school region. The length of the school was 2 to 2 1/2 days. Information taught during this time was; resource inventory, farm planning economics, planning forage & water needs, soil fertility management, designing fence & water systems, farm tours, partial budgeting, breakeven analysis, cattle nutrition, grazing system layout and design, good cheap fencing & water ideas, matching livestock & forages, pasture growth & forage quality, and pasture condition scoring. During the last day we divide the farmers into groups and let them design and present a farm plan. This gives them a chance to build confidence and use the knowledge that they have acquired. Now they can go home and plan their own farm. Grazing School workshops were conducted through a partnership with USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Missouri Department of Conservation and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**Ag Lenders Seminar 2009** had twenty four agriculture lenders and Farm Service Agency personnel from Douglas, Green, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Texas and Wright Counties. Research

based information is provided to help make sound business decisions for their lending institutions. Lenders must consider many economic forces when making lending decisions and these seminars focused on key issues such as Cap and Trade, Single Purpose Loan Guarantee Change, and Carbon Credits. These new issues can have and economic affect on management behavior on producers in the South Central Region.

## FAMILY NUTRITION EDUCATION



Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 2,521 participants with nutrition education in the four Oregon County schools during 2009.

FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. Nichole Harms is our Nutrition Program Associate

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 resources management.

Additional programs being offered in Oregon County included Jump Into Foods and Fitness, the Pyramid of Power assembly play, FFFit camp, and the Food Power interactive exhibit

Teachers reported positive impact of the program, with 97% asking for the program again and 99% reporting one or more changes in students after FNP. In summary, it has been a successful year in Oregon County for FNEP.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Farmers Market Senior Vouchers** In 2009 the Oregon County Farmers Market, The Oregon County Health Department and the University of Missouri Extension started a senior voucher program from scratch. Missouri is one of two states that failed to participate in the Federal Farmers Market Voucher program. The Oregon County Farmers Market decided to raise funds by going to ask business for donations To support a local farmers market voucher program. 162 seniors received 9\$ worth of vouchers to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. 485 vouchers at \$3 apiece. This is an on going project to support senior citizen needs in our community.

**Master Wildlife** The Master Wildlife Program is a partnership between the University of Missouri Extension and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The Master Wildlife Course trains

Land owners to create a wildlife management plan and adopt wildlife friendly practices. 29 landowners from Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon and Texas Counties received training on quail management, deer management, fish and pond management, biology and ecosystem management, forest management and a field trip on burn management. 29 landowners graduated from the Master Wildlife Program and many Master Naturalist used this training as an advanced training. This was the first face to face training of Master Wildlife in the State of Missouri.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

In Oregon County, during 2009, 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 Mo FAST program, and the Missouri Market Development program served 22 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance. In addition, entrepreneurs and business owners in Oregon County reported the following economic impact and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

Government contracts: \$1,590,917, Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 13, Loans and investments in business: \$1,524,935, New jobs: 7, and Business training clients: 9.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**4-H Council** The Oregon County Council members work hard to insure that the best opportunities are provided for the youth of Oregon County. The Oregon County Council officers are: President – Darrell Strain; Vice President – Tammy Dorton; Secretary – Catherine Medlin and Treasurer – Sherri Orr.

**4-H Clubs** Currently Oregon County has four clubs. Thayer Bob-Cat Club with club leaders Colleen and Elizabeth Snethern; Kosh 4-H Club with club leader Lynn Woolever; the Alton GO-ATS 4-H Club with club leader Darrell Strain and the Alton Comet 4-H Club with club leader Catherine Medlin.

**4-H Club Activity** The Oregon County youth have or will be participating this 2009-2010 year in the following projects: Shooting Sports; Square Dancing; Cooking; Cake Decorating; Rug Making; Photography/Scrapbooking; Pet Therapy; Chick Hatching; Cross Stitching; Health and Fitness; Robotics; Frugal Fashion; Goats; Sheep; Swine; and more! We look forward to our Achievement Day in May when all of the youth will showcase their achievements! Those youth that receive a blue ribbon at the Oregon County Achievement Day will go on to the Heart of the Ozarks Regional Fair.

**Oregon County Youth Summit** Oregon County Youth Summit is comprised of approximately 12 high school junior representing the four schools in the county. They participate in team building activities and challenges as well as specific community minded projects that encourage leadership and community awareness. This past fall was our 11<sup>th</sup> annual summit. The youth participated in a food drive that was given to local food banks. Their challenge was to create works of art with the canned and boxed items that they collected. The winners were the Thayer Bob-Cat club who received a \$200.00 prize and the other participates received a \$100.00 prize. With those funds they come up with ways to improve their communities.

**Human and Environmental Sciences**

**Better Child Care for Missouri** Two hundred child care providers and Head Start staff from six counties attended 36 hours of workshop training to meet state licensing requirements. Topics included Understanding Autism, Screening and Diagnosing Autism, Brain Development and Physical Activity, Consequences that Teach Responsibility, Using Music to Enhance Learning Skills, Science and Reads Aloud. Head Start participants received continuing education credit through the MU workshops.

**Ounce of Prevention Curriculum Training for Consumer and Family Science Teachers** A Preconference was presented at the Association of Career and Technical Education. Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers State Conference in Springfield, MO. Lori Williamson-Dean, genetics counselor, was the co presenter. The training was funded through a community health grant from the Missouri March of Dimes through the Missouri Department of Health, with graduate credit through the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Family and Consumer Science Curriculum Director facilitated the conference. Since the creating of the curriculum in 2000, 789 copies have been distributed through Extension publications.

**2009 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chair:.....David Case  
 Vice-Chair:.....Bill Martin  
 Secretary:.....Janet Brewer  
 Treasurer:.....Juanita Jett

**2009 ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Wayne Adrian .....Nancy Alford  
 Junior Roberts .....Russell Grooms  
 Lester Jett.....Phil Johnson  
 Debbie Strain.....Dale Jedlicka  
 Randy Moran

**2009 APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Janet Brewer 4H  
 Edward Casey Commissioner  
 David Crews Farm Bureau

**Oregon County Extension Staff**

Gary Cross Community Development  
 Sarah Kenyon Agronomy Specialist  
 Becky Bassett 4H Youth Development Assistant  
 Nichole Harms FNP Assistant  
 Kathy Loth Office Professional  
 Pat Mitchell Part Time Secretary

**Staff Serving Oregon County**

Rick Sparks Regional Director  
 Brenda Bell Human Environmental Science  
 Jenny Flatt 4-H Youth Development  
 Stacy Hambelton Ag-Business  
 Willis Mushrush Business Development  
 Ray Walden Technology  
 Cammie Younger Nutrition & Health

**The Oregon County Extension Board would like to thank the Oregon County Commissioners for their budgetary support of extension.**

**Leo Warren Presiding Commissioner**  
**John Wrenfrow 1<sup>st</sup> District**  
**Edward Casey 2<sup>nd</sup> District**

**2009 Budget Income**

County Appropriations	\$38,000
Personnel Services	\$27,293.50
Travel	3,648.57
Telephone	1,767.43
Supplies and Services	3,771.45
Contractual Services	393.60
Insurance	170.00
Repairs and Maintenance	267.00
Furniture and Equipment	448.98
Advertising	-241.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,518.98</b>