



*Reynolds County University of Missouri Extension  
Council Annual Report*

*Reynolds County Extension Council*

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*Our Mission...*

To extend the educational resources and knowledge base of the University of Missouri to the people of Reynolds County.

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February 4, 2010

Dear Reynolds County Citizens:

On behalf of the Reynolds County University of Missouri Extension Center, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2009. The Reynolds County Extension Council has served this county for more than 60 years. Our council is comprised of 10 elected positions and 2 appointed positions. These groups of citizens include farmers, MODOT workers, business owners, telephone workers and retired individuals from diverse backgrounds. The two appointed positions are held by our Reynolds County Commissioner and Farm Bureau Representative. The Extension feels it is very important to give back to the community. The livestock show at the county fair was a huge success. Our office served more than 3,600 people last year. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past years.

Sincerely,

*Robert Copeland*

Robert Copeland – Council Chair

## COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL

Extension programs and staff are directed by an elected council of 10 citizens representing a broad spectrum of occupations, interests, locations, race and creed within the county. The County Commission and Mo Farm Bureau appoints a member to serve on the Council.

### OFFICERS FOR 2009

Robert Copeland, Chairman  
Nick Paruch, Vice Chairman  
Jimmy Bass, Secretary  
Gary Copeland, Treasurer

### ELECTED MEMBERS FOR 2009

Todd Adams  
Matt DeMent  
Jim Mann  
Neill Morrissey  
Terry Nahrup  
Sam Wilson

### APPOINTED MEMBERS FOR 2009

Donald Barnes, Reynolds County Commission  
Jimmy Pyles, Missouri Farm Bureau Representative

## OFFICE STAFF

Celeste Vanderbrugen, CPD  
Nancy Burns, Nutrition Specialist  
Tarah DeMent, Administrative Assistant

### 2009 GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET

Personnel Salary	\$ 5,016.81
Staff Benefits	\$ 797.34
Travel	\$ 660.12
Telephone Service	\$ 381.72
Space Rent/Lease	\$ 1,950.00
Supplies/Materials/Misc.	\$ 1,564.17
Utilities	\$ 1,297.81
Insurance	<u>\$ 332.03</u>
Total	\$12,000.00

## AGRICULTURE

SOIL-TESTING – There was 52 soil samples processed through our office this year.

## 2009 EVENTS

### Annual Dinner

The Reynolds County Extension office held their Annual Banquet on March 3 at City Hall in Ellington, MO. At the banquet, five new council members were sworn in to the Extension Council: Todd Adams, Jim Mann, Neill Morrissey, Nick Paruch and Sam Wilson. We also held Russell Ramsey's surprise retirement party during our annual dinner.



## Leader's Honor Roll

Each year the council nominates individuals to be Reynolds County Leader's Honor Roll because of their service and commitment to the county. This year we had 3 ladies that were deserving of this award.



Lorene Henry Adkins



Erma Crafton &  
Wilma Pyles

## Cow Chip Bingo

Ever wandered through a pasture and discovered that the remains of a cow chip was on your boots? I reckon everybody knows what a cow chip is, but I don't know if everybody has played cow chip BINGO. Here at the Reynolds County Fair we have an activity on the schedule called Cow Chip Bingo. So Bingo lovers, now's your chance to come on out and play bingo with the cows. It sort of makes you wonder just how this is going to work, but I'm sure the cow will play the game to perfection.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner in Cow Chip Bingo was – Lynn Adams  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner in Cow Chip Bingo was – Wendell Pogue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner in Cow Chip Bingo was – Linda Reddy

The new Reynolds County Historical and Genealogical Museum is expected to break ground sometime in February 2010. This effort represents \$500,000 in grants and more than \$500,000 in donations.

## 4-H in Reynolds County



Dept of Conservation helping our 4-H'ers with shooting sports.



Kendra Graham showing the 4-H'ers how to clip their animals.



Garrett Copeland & Marshon Morrissey



More pictures of hogs



4-H kids showing off their hogs



Gracie, Austin and Mikka with their goats



Trevor DeMent

## **Programming by Specialists for Reynolds County**

### **Kendra Graham, Livestock Specialist**

QSA Evaluation - Beef Quality Systems Assessment evaluation performed for the Missouri Department of Ag source and age verification program. Includes record and farm evaluation.

SMQA Reynolds Co. - 4-H youth showing at some county fairs, district fairs and the Missouri State Fair are required to go through the SMQA training. Youth heard about why quality assurance is important. Activities performed in clue injection sites and types, residue, biosecurity, animal identification, animal water requirements, medicine withdrawal times and responsibility of producing good quality meat. We also discussed showmanship and care of show animals as well as putting together a feed ration for beef steers.

Reynolds showmanship and grooming training - The 4-H club started a beef project this year with 3 youth showing market steers. I also attended the livestock show to view how the youth performed at the fair. An evening program held at the fairgrounds covered animal selection, showmanship, clipping, grooming, questions judges might ask, supplies needed at the fair and much more. Animals were present and a clipping demonstration was performed with the kids clipping on their own animals.

### **Phyllis Flanigan, Human Development Specialist**

Adolescent Health/STD/HIV Prevention-Ellington Health Fair - I taught AIDS education to 6th graders and puberty education to the 5th graders at South Reynolds County School. Puberty program: the students saw a film and then discussed 10 things that are happening with puberty. AIDS program: the students played jeopardy with basic AIDS facts.

### **Kyle Cunningham, Forestry and Business Development Specialist**

Yard Tree & Timber Casualty Loss Tax Workshop

**Kathy Portell, Nutrition Specialist**

The Family Nutrition Programs (FNEP) is an important part of University Extension bringing the latest nutrition information to low-income Missourians. There were **441 Reynolds County Residents** who participated in our nutrition program this year.

**Kevin Anderson, Coordinator for TCRC**

Poplar Bluff TCRC Credit Courses – 141 people participated in these courses.

**Celeste Vanderbrugen, Community Development Specialist**

Presentation to Taum Sauk funding board about Extension programming - Presentation regarding possible extension programming in Reynolds and how funds from the board could be used to support the effort. 3 council members assisted in the presentation. While I was there I assisted the board with some general board development questions. The Reynolds County Council submitted 4 grant applications. The funding board was reviewing and approving them that night. 1 Council member was there along with the county secretary. I was there to answer questions and present Extension information. 2 of the 4 applications were approved. They were submitted by the Reynolds Council and Kyle Cunningham, Debra Henk and Kendra Graham. Educational programming and materials included cattle handling and Missouri Woodland Steward.

December 2009

Dear Members of the County Commission and the Community:

As we approach the end of another year and the beginning of a new year, I want to thank you for the support you have given to your local University of Missouri Extension Center during these difficult economic times. Your partnership with federal and state government and many other entities through MU Extension has made it possible for:

- Young people to learn life skills that make them contributing, caring members of the community; prepare them with science-based education for higher education and careers of the future; and help them avoid risky behaviors.
- Aspiring entrepreneurs and existing businesses to be more efficient and profitable, thereby helping to strengthen the local economy.
- Farmers and agribusinesses to incorporate new, research-based production techniques and best practices into their operations to improve their bottom line while protecting the environment.
- Families to learn and engage in healthy nutrition, fitness and lifestyle behaviors, which also help them reduce medical costs.
- Firefighters, nurses, law enforcement officers, teachers and others maintain and upgrade their professional skills and certifications.
- Communities to develop local leaders and deal with critical issues in a non-biased, neutral way for the public good.

The funds invested in MU Extension are well-managed. \$11 million in county council funds, combined with other public and private funds, allow us to deliver \$99 million worth of educational programs statewide. While the methods for delivering educational programs continue to evolve – including the Web, videos, social networking media, print materials and face-to-face meetings – the core of MU Extension’s mission remains:

*“... to improve people’s lives, communities and the economy by providing Relevant, Responsive and Reliable Research-based education.”*

Sincerely,

  
Vice Provost and Director

