OUR MISSION…

To serve Shannon 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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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Jenny Flatt, 4-H youth development specialist conducted eight programs in Shannon county in 2009 covering three program areas; Creating Economic Preparedness, Volunteer Development and Applying Science & Technology. One hundred two people in Shannon county were served through these program offerings.

4-H Clubs are community based clubs that meet regularly during the 4-H program year (September-August). The clubs become involved in projects such as Foods, Horsemanship, Goats, Hippology, Community Service, plus many more that are mentioned in the 4-H Clover. There are numerous regional and statewide opportunities available to all. Shannon County established a new club in 2009 enrolling 35 members. The club name is "Eminence Achievers" and the projects are: Cake Decorating, Painting, Small Animals, Hiking and Critter Tracks, Photography, Horsemanship, Outdoor Skills, and Painting. On Achievement Day 4-H’ers have their projects judged, participate in demonstrations and speaking, and generally explain their developed skills. 4-H Recognition Night is an annual gathering where members and volunteers are recognized for their accomplishments.

Family Nutrition Education Program

Kelly Younger
University of Missouri Extension (UME) Family Nutrition Education Programs (FNEP) reached 2,249 low-income participants with nutrition education in Shannon County during 2009. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. Kelly Younger is the Nutrition Program Associate in Shannon 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 resources management.

New programming and special programs included Health Fairs, the Pyramid of Power assembly play, and the Food Power interactive exhibit.

During 2009, 2,249 youths and adults were served through schools, community groups and agencies. The following is a list of the locations where participants were served:

Schools: Eminence Elementary, Eminence High, Mountain View Birch Tree, Summersville Elementary, Winona Elementary, and Winona Preschool.
Agencies: Shannon County Health Department’s WIC program, Ozark Action Headstart and Mountain View Public Library.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

In Shannon County, during 2009, business development program specialists and business counselors with MU Extension, Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC), Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (MO PTAC), Missouri Environmental Program, Missouri Career Options Project, and the Missouri Market Development program served 18 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance. In addition, entrepreneurs and business owners in Shannon County reported the following economic impact and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

- New jobs: 2
- Sales increases: $753,171
- New businesses: 1
- Jobs retained:
- Loans and investments in business: $300,000
- Businesses turned around or failures prevented:
- Acquired assets: $150,000
- Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 5
- Business training attendees and conference participants: 13
NRCS has been a great partner in this program. They are very willing to help, teach parts of the program, help make-up our books, help with setting up the farm visits. It varies from school to school how much work NRCS does. Some districts provide varying quantity of food for the schools, trying to keep the expense down to the producers and encouraging the farmer to participate.

Completion of a grazing school makes people eligible for participation in the NRCS District Special Program (DSP 3) a cost share program for installing a grazing system. Also, it will make the farmer more eligible for incentive payments in the EQIP program.

Grazing Schools held from May 13, 2009 to Oct. 28, 2009.

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Youth Leadership Development

A new Youth Leadership Development program was implemented into Shannon County in 2009. The program was delivered to Eminence High School Junior and Senior students in the spring and then again in the fall. The program included guest speakers from local leaders and Extension faculty. Topics included law, nutrition, team building, waste management and a special session presented by astronaut Tom Akers. The students were required to present a written grant proposal as well as an oral presentation of the grant to council members. Grant monies totaling $1,000.00 were distributed to the students to complete the grant proposal projects. The leadership projects that were accomplished include an aquatic program for the preschool, beautification of the elementary school ground with Missouri wildflowers, food purchases for the Shannon County Food Pantry, a donation to the Thrift Store to purchase personal hygiene products, as well as a senior citizen celebration with area senior citizens. The program was a huge success serving nearly 40 high school students, 50 elementary students, and hundreds of adults and families through the Senior Center, the Shannon County Food Pantry and the Thrift Store. It is planned to expand the program to include the Winona High School in the 10-11 school year.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Stacy Hambelton, Ag-Business Specialist

Grazing schools have played an important part in educating and informing land-users of proper grazing management. The target audience is the grassland managers in Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Reynolds, Shannon, Texas, and Wright Counties. By attending this school we help farmers improve utilization of their forage, reduce costs, improve efficiency, increase farm income and reduce soil erosion. Information taught during this time is: 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.

One hundred sixty five producers completed the 5 grazing management schools in 2008 within our grazing school region. The length of the school was 2 to 2 1/2 days.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Gary Cross, Community Development Specialist

Master Wildlife Program
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. Twenty-nine landowners from Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon and Texas counties received training on quail management, deer management, fish and pond management, forest management and a fieldtrip on burn management. Twenty-nine land owners graduated from the Master Wildlife Program and many Master naturalists used the program as an advance training. This was the first face to face master Wildlife Program done in the State of Missouri.
Staff Serving Shannon County

Cammie Younger  Nutrition & Health, CPD
Kelly Younger  Nutrition Program Associate
Gary Cross  Community Development
Andy Read  Horticulture
Ted Probert  Dairy
Stacy Hambelton  Ag-Business
Willis Mushrush  Business Development
Pat Snodgrass  Housing & Environmental Design
Brenda Bell  Human Development
Jenny Flatt  4-H Youth Development
Ray Walden  TCRC Coordinator, Information Technology
Rick Sparks  Regional Director

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Debbie Beller  Kim Bland
Kevin Goddard  Johnnie Lou Mahan
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Dale Counts  Shannon Co. Commission
SC Regional Council Representative
Carl Younger

Extension Council meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Financial Statement

Income
Allocated program funds balance  $2,000.00
County Appropriations  5,000.00
Total Income From County  $7,000.00

Expenses
Travel  $2,195.47
Postage  84.00
Advertising  485.50
Council Expenses  1,681.00
Program Expenses  1,991.02
Office Supplies  466.74
Equipment /Xerox  413.49
Total Expenses  $7,317.21
Net Income (Loss)  ($317.21)

University of Missouri's Contribution to Shannon County Extension Program

University of Missouri provides salaries and benefits for University staff members.

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

In total the University of Missouri provided support during 2009 to the extension program in Shannon County valued at approximately $40,000.00.