

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
STODDARD COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL
CANDIDATES FOR 2012**

MARTIE SIFFORD - I am very honored to have been asked to submit my name in nomination as a member of the University of Missouri Extension Council of Stoddard County. I have pretty much called Puxico my home for my entire life. I graduated from Puxico High School in 1979 and married Nicole Cook in 1983. Shortly after our marriage, my wife and I both enlisted in the United States Air Force and spent the next four years in Homestead, Florida. After our four year commitment, we returned to Puxico where I started working for the school system and my wife returned back to school. I still work for the elementary school as a fourth grade teacher and bus driver. My wife teaches at Three Rivers College and we have one daughter, April. She teaches math and coaches volleyball at Puxico High School. About five years ago, our family started another venture by planting a vineyard. We now own and operate Indian Hill Winery located North of Puxico where we produce all of our own wines from grapes that we grow here on site.

JASON HUEY – I was raised on a cattle and row crop farm in rural Dexter. Upon graduation from Dexter High School, I attended Missouri State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. After teaching vocational agriculture for three years, I became employed with Tyson Foods in Dexter as a Breeder Technician. I currently reside in Dexter with my wife and two sons.

JACKIE RATLIFF – I have served a 2 year term on the council and I hope to serve another term. I am a retired Postmaster, residing in Puxico, Missouri. My daughter and son-in-law reside in Puxico, both are veterans and currently employed in Stoddard County. My five grandchildren attend Puxico Schools and are active in 4-H. I volunteer for Red Cross at a local hospital. I would like to continue to be involved in Extension and serve the community.

TONI CHILDERS – I am 21 years old. I am a stay-at-home, full time mother of an 18 month old daughter. My husband and I have a hobby farm that consists of 25 laying hens and a few roosters, turkeys and ducks. In my spare time, I love to bake. On our down time we like to golf, fish and travel. Our family are active members of Missouri Farm Bureau.