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The University of Missouri Extension council in Greene County thanks the County Commission for supporting MU Extension programs during this past year. This council and staff remain committed to improving people's lives by helping them meet the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century with research-based education and information.

County residents decide the direction of extension's educational programming. Current areas of emphasis are environmental stewardship, family growth and health, agricultural sustainability, land use education, small business and marketing, horticulture, 4-H youth development and community development.

This annual report outlines some MU Extension successes in Greene County this year. But, it is important to remember that Greene County's Extension Center is part of a network of centers and specialists statewide that cooperate on programs.

On the cover



In August of 2006, Greene County voters approved a Parks sales tax. Funds from that tax, along with private donations being sought by the Greene County Extension Council and Friends of the Garden, Inc., will make construction of a Botanical Center in Nathaneal Greene Park possible by the year 2011. The facility will tie all of the gardens in Nathaneal Greene and Close Memorial Parks together, add

an educational component and include classrooms and meeting rooms as well as offices for the University of Missouri Extension specialist headquartered in Greene County. The photo on the cover, and at left, show the gazebo built at the northern most point of the planned botanical center. The gazebo looks out over the open park and down to Drummond Lake.

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During this past year, MU Extension recorded 16,591 enrollments for its noncredit and for-credit courses, seminars and conferences statewide. These numbers include teachers, health-care professionals, lawyers, firefighters, police officers, child-care providers, gardeners and others who turn to University of Missouri Extension to gain the latest research-based information. A total of 1,787 of those enrollments were from residents of Greene County.

The contents of this report are a summary of our educational efforts and programs in Greene County.

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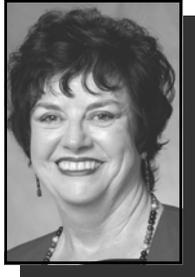
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19 years with extension



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35 years with extension



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4-H Youth Development

GREENE COUNTY CLUBS: 236 youth are members of 15 community 4-H Clubs this year. These clubs offer educational experiences with hands-on learning through projects, like woodworking, foods, beef, computer, environmental sciences, photography, shooting sports and horsemanship. Community service, leadership opportunities, trips, contests and family involvement add to 4-H.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Greene County has enrolled 148 adult volunteer leaders. Their volunteer time is valued in excess of \$279,000. They serve as club organizational leaders, subject matter or project leaders and leaders of county contests and events. In addition, a number of county residents volunteer to serve as judges, fair superintendents and support staff at various 4-H activities.

TRIPS, CAMPS AND SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES: Many 4-H'ers go beyond the county level seeking experiences at regional, state, national or international levels. In 2006 we had 49 members attend 4-H camp at Roaring River State Park. Two teens attended the 11 day Citizenship Focus trip to Washington D.C. and New York City. Four attended the Kansas City Global Conference, four attended State 4-H Congress at MU in Columbia, and two attended the Missouri Youth Forum at the state capitol in Jefferson City. Four attended State 4-H Teen Conference in Columbia, eight attended the Regional Action-packed Trip for Teens and nine attended 4-H Dairy Cow Camp in Springfield.

REGIONAL EFFORT: Missouri 4-H programs are headquartered at University of Missouri—Columbia as part of MU Extension's total educational efforts. In the 16 southwest Missouri counties, five regional 4-H specialists plan programs and oversee 4-H activities. In Missouri, about 200,000 youths from the ages of 5 through 18 participated in at least one 4-H educational program this year.



Planting Courthouse Flowers for the 18th Year

Members of 4-H clubs in Greene County provided plants and labor for five flower beds at the Greene County Courthouse. Commissioners asked 4-H to take on this project 18 years ago as part of Earth Day. Local 4-H'ers continue to enjoy this project (done third Saturday in April).



4-H Youth Development

Parents, Youth Report 4-H Camp Develops Life Skills

Camp is a great leisure activity for youth, and 4-H has a long tradition of providing quality camping experiences for youth. However, until this year, there had never been a comprehensive state-wide evaluation of 4-H camps in Missouri.

Camps across Missouri for 4-H'ers all take on a different look. Regardless, the curriculum for these camps focuses on the development of a spectrum of life skills: Learning to Learn, Social Skills, Teamwork, and Self-Responsibility.

To evaluate these camp programs, resident campers within the 10 to 13 year age range were surveyed about their camping experience. Parents of this targeted group were also surveyed to gather their perceptions of the impact of 4-H Camp on their children in the development of life skills.

In the quantitative section of the surveys, both 226 youth and 119 parent respondents were highly positive about the overall experience of campers at 4-H Camp.

Campers stated overwhelmingly that they want to return to camp next year (95.7 percent) and parents felt strongly that their child's self confidence improved and that the benefits their child's attendance at 4-H Camp outweighed the cost.

Parents overwhelmingly said they were glad they had sent their child to 4-H camp.

This single statement by parents showed the most positive response of all questions asked in the parent survey, with about 94 percent agreeing or strongly agreeing.

MORE IMPACT INFORMATION

Byron Morrison can be reached by telephone at (417) 862-9284. You can read reports of 4-H impact online at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/swregion/news>.



Grooming for show

Matthew Brooks from Fair Grove learned about grooming his cattle for show at a 4-H event in Dallas County.



Learn by doing

At personal presentation day, Becky Fay, 4-H youth development assistant in Greene County, samples a snack stick made by Samantha Gott (a member of the Highmark 4-H Club), Strafford during her 4-H demonstration.

4-H Youth Development

4-H'ers Participate in State Fair via Interactive Television

For the first time ever, several 4-H'ers from Greene County participated in the Missouri State Fair via interactive television (a visual computer connection where users can both see and hear each other) on Aug. 15.

"This is the first time for 'off site' demonstrations at the Missouri State Fair. It is a unique opportunity for these students," said Byron Morrison, 4-H youth development specialist, University of Missouri Extension.

Broadcasts were made from connections at the Library Center in Springfield and the Tri-Lakes TCRC in Reeds Spring, Mo., according to Chris Dean, Tri-Lakes TCRC coordinator.

This method makes it possible for 4-H'ers to compete in the state fair accommodates those who could not make it there in person.

"This is a virtual state fair so to speak. Sometimes children can not compete because of a summer job, money or not having a way to get to the fair. With the cost of gas, this is a savings and it allows some to participate who might not otherwise," said Morrison.

Those from southwest Missouri who are participating qualified for the Missouri State Fair by winning a blue ribbon at the 4-H demonstration day contest in their respective counties.

Participants from Greene County included Seleene Bunch and Haley Wilkerson, both from the Rogersville Clover Comets Club; James Michael Cook from the Fair Grove Shooting Stars Club and Anthony Gott from the Strafford Highmark Club.



Anthony Gott, 11, of Strafford Highmark Club completes his demonstration on how to make a fruit smoothie at the Library Center. Greene County 4-H youth development specialist Byron Morrison tastes the fruit of his labor. Others watching are Reeds Spring TCRC coordinator Chris Dean and Avery Rollins, of Strafford. Photo taken by Donna Baxter and used with her permission.



Greene County 4-Hers, from left, James Michael Cook, Anthony Gott, Haley Wilkerson and Seleene Bunch at the Springfield Library Center watch Haley Riddle from Stone County give her state fair demonstration from Reeds Spring over interactive television. Photo taken by Donna Baxter and used with her permission.

4-H Youth Development

Greene County Continues to Host Dairy Cow Camp

The 11th annual 4-H Dairy Cow Camp was held May 30 through June 1 at Robthom Farm east of Springfield, Mo.

This three day camp provides an opportunity for campers to learn how to fit, judge and show dairy cattle.

“The camp gives them a chance to team with another camper, perhaps from another state, to accomplish goals,” said Byron Morrison, 4-H youth development specialist. This camp attracts 4-H’ers to Springfield from a four-state region.

This year’s campers also received Show-Me Quality Assurance training, required for exhibiting at the 2007 Missouri State Fair.



Dairy Cow Camp included 4-H’ers from across the Midwest including (from left to right), Sandra Steenbeck, Texas; Brady Potts, Texas; Seleene Bunch, Clover Comets 4-H Club, Rogersville; and Shea McKinnerney, Texas.

MU Extension Gains Mobile Classroom in S.W. Missouri

Byron Morrison, and other 4-H youth development specialists in the region, wrote and applied for a regional grant this year for the purchase of a “mobile resource center.” This customized trailer can be used as a classroom for all types of Extension programs. It can also be used to haul 4-H projects or used as a functional display at fairs or other events. Although the trailer is going to be shared throughout southwest Missouri. Morrison says Greene County 4-H’ers and other Extension programs will benefit from it. The trailer was custom built by Trux located on West Bypass in Springfield.



Community Development

Goal of Training: Increase Use of Deliberation

Seventeen people from Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Massachusetts, gathered at The Library Station in Springfield, Mo. (March 7 – 9), for training on how to convene and conduct public issue forums.

“The training was conducted by MU Extension for persons interested in learning how to use deliberative dialogs to resolve community issues,” said David Burton, civic communication specialist, University of Missouri Extension.

Program attendees learned how to develop public understanding and knowledge about issues, how to create common ground for action, how to convene and moderate public forums.

WHAT WAS LEARNED?

Attendees left the training saying they felt equipped to use the techniques. They were also exposed to the use of deliberation for community decision making.

“One thing I plan to do as a result of this session is to share what I learned with others, and set up a forum for local issues. Maybe even talk the Greene County Commission into doing a series of forums on up coming issues. It was a good training session,” said **Kent Morris, director of Greene County Planning and Zoning.**

Other attendees are planning public forums to help communities deal with difficult issues like zoning and charter government.

In **Willard, the city administrator Fred Gress** sees a possible use for deliberation this spring. “I’m going to suggest the city council’s work sessions be restructured to more closely resemble a forum than the traditional work session,” said Gress.

The program was taught by Dr. Sandy Hodge, public policy specialist, University of Missouri Extension.

REVITALIZING DEMOCRACY?

Do you have opinions about how our American democracy can be revitalized both locally and nationally? Do you feel like the democracy is working well and does not need to be revitalized? Would you like to know how to get your family, neighbors or co-workers more involved with the democratic process? Or, do you just like to share ideas with others?

If the answer is “yes” to any of those questions then get online and visit “Public Issues Forums in Southwest Missouri,” a new blog launched Aug. 15, 2006, by David Burton. The blog can be found at <http://publicissueforumsswmo.blogspot.com/>.

The goal of this blog, according to Burton, is to “experiment with online deliberation and generate more interest in public issue forums among those who are active in their community.”

MORE IMPACT INFORMATION

Learn about the impact of public issue forums online or by contacting David Burton. At 862-9284.



Out-of-state participant LaBarbarba Wigfall shares her perspective on a public issue while David Procter, Kansas State University, moderates a practice public issue forum during the deliberation training held in Springfield.

Environment and Water Quality

Private Pesticide Applicator Training Provided in County Office

Every spring, producers go to their local dealer to buy farm pesticides such as Grazon P+D, Gramoxone, Tordon 22 K, atrazine or Lorsban. Unfortunately, some farmers will be surprised when they are informed that their private pesticide applicators license has expired and they cannot purchase any of these products.

Persons needing to renew a private pesticide applicators license, or retake the course because a license has expired, can contact the county extension office. This year, 19 persons in Greene County renewed a license while 32 got a new license.

“Persons wanting to renew need to make an appointment and plan on spending 2.5 hours watching a video and filling out forms,” said Tom Hansen, agronomy specialist.

Since the inception of the pesticide application training program, over 6,000 commercial and about 40,000 private pesticide applicators have received initial training.

In addition to initial training, these applicators must be recertified by programs conducted by University of Missouri Extension as mandated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Pesticide Control.

During 2006, pesticide training and certificate was provided to 725 southwest Missourians through Extension.

“Public concerns over potential effects of pesticides on human health and the environment continue to increase. Plus, new laws and regulations which govern pesticides and their use make training essential,” said Hansen.

MORE IMPACT INFORMATION

Contact the Greene County Extension Center at (417) 862-9284 to make arrangements to renew a private pesticide applicator license.



Dennis Choate, who lives north of Springfield in Greene County, watches the video on July 20, 2006.

Specialist Focused on Water Quality

Years with Extension: 10

Education: bachelor's degree in public administration and urban/regional planning, Missouri State University (1982).

Relevant past employment: Holt has been the director of a four-county Regional Solid Waste Management District (Fayetteville, Ark.), a solid waste management specialist for Midwest Assistance Program Inc. (New Prague, Minn.).

Responsibilities:

Establish and manage informational and educational programs impacting water quality issues in southwest Missouri. For example, until February 2006, Holt was responsible to



University of Missouri Extension's State Water Quality Specialist for implementation of a special area 319 grant to provide education and information to reduce water pollution and increase awareness for the need of on-site sewage system maintenance. The project used educational classes, programs, demonstrations, field days, news articles and other means to reach the public, and more specifically, those in the Elk River and Shoal Creek watersheds.

Contact information: Greene County Extension Center, 833 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. 65802; telephone (417) 862-9284 or holtdm@missouri.edu

Early Spring Best Time to Control Musk Thistle

According to Tom Hansen, University of Missouri Extension agronomy specialist in Springfield, Mo., early spring is the best time of year to control musk thistle and buck brush. For musk thistle, herbicides can be used prior to the time buds begin to show a little pink. The product 2, 4-D can be applied in the early spring before the head shoot begins to grow.

For best results, daytime temperatures should be in the mid 60's or higher and nighttime temperatures no lower than the mid 40's.

"After the head shoot begins to grow, other herbicides such as Ally, Banvel, Grazon, Remedy or Tordon can be used. Ally would not be the best choice for fescue fields," said Hansen.

Once a little pink appears in the bud, through the end of July, control should be left to the musk thistle weevil.

"When the buds begin to open, the adult weevil comes out of hibernation and lays its eggs on the flower head," said Hansen.

The eggs hatch; the larvae bore into the head and destroy the seed. Next the larvae pupate and later emerge as adults and go into hibernation until the next year. If this process is allowed to happen, weevil numbers increase each year until they are high enough to control the thistle.

"If we kill or destroy the musk thistle during this period of time, we reduce the weevil population for the following year and lose the long-term control," said Hansen, who regularly hosts pasture walks to educate landowners about musk thistle and how to control it.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For a brochure about methods of controlling Musk Thistle contact Tom Hansen at 862-9284.



By mid-June, musk thistle was plentiful along Greene County roads (Hwy. MM through Brookline above) and on private property. Extension has been leading efforts to educate landowners about musk thistle, weevils, the proper use of chemicals and the growth cycles of the weed.



Tours Offer Education in the Field

Tom Hansen (third from left), MU Extension agronomy specialist, explained pasture weed control options to 30 farmers from Webster, Laclede, Wright and Douglas Counties during a tour of the Dwight Kibby farm on Aug. 8. Hansen hosted three similar field tours in Greene County during the year.

Agriculture

Programs Impact in 2006

Spring Forage Conference: Over 400 attended the Spring Forage Conference March 2 in Springfield. Topics ranged from native warm season grasses to grazing goats and cattle together and pasture leasing.

Pasture Walks: Pasture walks were held in April and August. Topics covered in April were musk thistle and poison hemlock control. In August, a pasture walk was held on the Lee McLean Ranch near Willard. Topics discussed included renovating drought damaged pastures and pasture weed control. Sixteen Greene County residents attended.

Managed Grazing: The Greene County grazing school had 37 attend. Farmers were given assistance in developing a grazing system.

Crop and Soil Conference: The 83rd Annual Greene County Soils & Crops Conference drew an attendance of 59. Topics covered included the cost of making hay, farm safety and pasture weed control.

Farm Visits: During 2006, Tom Hansen recorded over 200 visits with Greene County producers concerning musk thistle control, soil fertility, forage establishment, pasture renovation, identifying poisonous plants, pasture maintenance and weed and brush control.

Field soil tests: The Greene County office processes soil tests for farm fields at a cost of \$14. These tests help prevent producers from putting on too much fertilizer. In 2006, the Greene County office did a total of 209 soil tests on fields.

Drought program: The Greene County office helped conduct a special program May 11 in Springfield on dealing with drought on the farm. A total of 28 persons attended.



Lynn McElhany with his recognition plaque.

State Fair Farm Family

Tammy and Lynn McElhany operate a 140-head Angus beef cattle farm southwest of Republic, Mo. They were the “State Fair Farm Family” for Greene County in 2006.

Part of the recognition for this selection was the opportunity to attend Farm Family Day at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on Monday, Aug. 14, 2006. However, work obligations kept them from being able to attend this year.

Farm Family Day at the State Fair is jointly sponsored by University of Missouri Extension, Farm Bureau, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri State Fair.

“Each year a successful farm family is selected by the Greene County Extension Council to represent the county at the fair. The Extension Council then provides funding to help with the expenses of getting to the fair,” said Byron Morrison, co-county program director for MU Extension in Greene County.

Century Farms

Keith's Farms Near Ash Grove Added to Century Farm List

ELSON-KEITH FARM

Edwin W. Elson, great-grandfather to Robert Kim Keith, started his farm in 1878 and passed this farm to his children in 1918. Kim's grandmother, Helen was one of eight children. She married Elmer H. Keith and they bought the farm from the other children, and then passed it to Charles R. Keith, Kim's father. Charles then passed the farm to Kim and his wife, Becky, on Nov. 10, 1993. Since the purchase of that original 160 acres the farm has increased to 730 acres.

ELI KEITH FARM

Eli C. Keith, great-great-grandfather to Robert Kim Keith, acquired this farm in 1898. He passed it to his sons, Josiah W. and Harvey W. (Kim's great-grandfather). Harvey left it to his wife, Emma, who then left it to her sons, Lewis and Elmer H. (Robert's grandfather). Elmer then passed it to Kim's father, Charles R., and he passed it to Kim on Nov. 10, 1993. One of the two barns on the farm is still in use. The Keith family raises beef cattle, alfalfa hay and fescue seed.

"All generations of this family have been fulltime farmers," said Robert.

Kim and Becky plan to leave the farm to their children, Hilary, Nicholas and Holly.



Among the new Century Farms were two family farms located south of Ash Grove. Pictured here accepting the farm plaque are Holly, Kim, Becky, Annabell, C.R. (Bob), and Hillary Keith. The plaque was awarded on Sept. 25, 2006.

Pyeatt Farm Near Republic Honored

Bob Pyeatt's grandfather, John Fowler Pyeatt, bought a farm north of Republic in 1906 from Henry Boothe. That farm is now one of the newest additions to the Century Farm list.

Bob was born and raised on this honored farm. He worked hard at farming and milking cows during his school years, even while going to college and earning a bachelor's in geography and geology.

The barn on the farm was built in 1913. Bob's dad hauled wheat to Billings, Mo and returned with lumber for the barn.

There is a spring near the farm house that was used by the family, as well as neighbors, during the drought of the 1930s. It is still being used today.

Bob's parents retired in 1959 and moved to Republic, Mo. The farm was then rented for several years. Bob ran a small herd of beef cattle on the land while working at road construction. When Bob retired in 1980 he began to clean up the farm, built fences and ponds and eliminated hedge trees.

Bob says he is planning on leaving the farm to his eldest son, John Michael Pyeatt. He hopes the farm will be taken care of and handed down through future generations.

Century Farms



One of the newest Century Farms is located at 8406 N. Creek Lane north of Willard, The owners, Murray and Rosalyn Young, are pictured here with a few of their children and grandchildren on Sept. 25, 2006



The newest addition to the Missouri Century Farm list includes a farm located at 2527 South Farm Road 29, northwest of Republic. The farm is owned by Bob and Carol Pyeatt, pictured here receiving their fence sign from David Burton, civic communication specialist with MU Extension. The plaque was awarded on Sept. 25, 2006.

Murray Young Farm North of Willard on Century Farm List

Charles Wesley Earnest, grandfather to Murray Young, was born Dec. 3, 1839 in Tennessee but moved to Greene County in 1851.

After 19 years on his father's farm he purchased and moved to this farm north of Willard in 1871. He lived in one place for more than 40 years, during which time he developed one of the best farms in Cass Township. He carried on general farming and raised cows and mules.

In 1891, C.W. Earnest married Elizabeth Murray. Jessie Earnest, Murray Young's mother, was born on the farm in 1896. She married Denzil Young in 1917.

Murray Young was born on this farm in 1928. Denzil died in 1929 and C.W. in 1932. Jessie continued to run the farm until Murray married in 1950. They then went into a 50-50 partnership until her passing in 1989.

Murray has farmed for over 40 years. They have a 16 head cow-calf operation (with rotational grazing system) and they bale their own hay.

Century Farms

Researching the 83 Century Farms in Greene County

Jackie Warfel is a member of the Greene County Historic Sites Board who is currently researching each of the 86 farms in Greene County listed as a Missouri Century Farm.

Warfel's short term goal is to make sure the farms have remained in the same family since first being listed and updating all contact information.

Along the way, she would like to compile biographical information on each farm and develop a comprehensive report about the Century Farms in Greene County.

Warfel's long term goal is to see some of the farms added to Greene County's historic register or to a farmland preservation program.

If you have information about a Century Farm in Greene County, please contact Warfel in writing at PO Box 1836, Bois D'Arc, Mo. 65612-1839, or by telephone at (417) 742-3848.

The Missouri Century Farm Program annually recognizes Missouri farms that still have at least 40 acres productive and have been in the same family for 100 years or more.

The Missouri Century Farm Program was launched in 1976. Since that time nearly 6,000 farms statewide have been added to the program's list.



Jackie Warfel (left) and Vera Chandler display a map they have developed showing the location of all 86 Century Farms in Greene County. Jackie hopes to write a book about the historic farms in Greene County.



Chandler House Exemplifies Century Farm

The Chandler House, located northwest of Hwy. AA and Hwy. 65, at the end of Farm Road 74, was built in 1871. The house is one of the few remaining double pen, mirror (two front doors) designs left in Greene County. It is a 2-1/2 story frame house with two side porches and a wraparound covered porch. Its development represents an exemplary vernacular "Victorian" farmhouse of Greene County. This home was part of a farm recognized as a Century Farm in 1992. It was added to the Greene County Historic Sites Register on Jan. 18, 1994.

Horticulture and Master Gardeners

Master Gardener Programs Continue to Impact Greene County

The Master Gardeners in Greene County have been established in Springfield for 20 years. During that time, about 600 students have trained through the Master Gardener program and over 90,000 volunteer hours have been delivered by the Master Gardeners.

Two major ongoing projects are the Xeriscape Garden, established in 1992 and the Nathanael Greene Demonstration Garden established in 1994. These projects have been maintained by Master Gardeners and have been a tremendous partnership with the City of Springfield, Springfield City Utilities, Springfield Parks and Recreation, and University of Missouri Extension, and Master Gardeners.

According to **Patricia Dierking, supervisor of marketing and communication**, "City Utilities of Springfield annually provides information to our customers on the importance of proper tree management and landscaping. Protecting our environment is a constant concern and we strive to provide our customers reminders of how they can do their part for our community. Our city's Xeriscape garden, completed over 10 years ago in partnership with the Master Gardeners, is a daily reminder of the value of our efforts to promote beautification and environmental enhancements. A popular place for our neighbors, it features native plants and offers landscape design tips that promote efficient use of water."

Tom Finnie, Springfield City Manager said, "The partnership with the Master Gardener and Parks Department has created added value to our community. I'm particularly proud of the Xeriscape garden since Kay and I participated there as Master Gardener volunteers. The most exciting potential is the expansion of the Demonstration Garden into a full service Botanical Garden with its own building and garden area. The cumulative impact of the Master Gardeners is one of the reasons Springfield is such a special place."

Barbara Lucks, materials recovery and education coordinator for Springfield said, "The Master Gardeners are one of our most effective partners in the delivery of accurate information about our yard waste recycling and composting activities and in our efforts to protect and preserve our natural environment, especially our water quality, here in Southwest Missouri. The Master Gardeners are one of our most active partners in the Show-Me Yards and Neighborhoods program - an educational project targeting the connection between our urban lawn practices and water quality in our streams and lakes."

MORE IMPACT INFORMATION

Discover the impact Master Gardeners have locally by reading various reports and studies online at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/swregion/IMPACT/impact.shtml>.



Xeriscape Garden is located in the middle of Springfield and offers shade for relaxation and lessons in how to garden efficiently. During the winter of 2006, the garden was upgraded, new irrigation was added and the gazebo was remodeled.

Horticulture and Master Gardeners

Plant Sale Helps Master Gardeners Take Root

Despite the rainy weather, over 150 persons were standing in line when the annual Southwest Missouri Master Gardeners Plant Sale got underway on Saturday, April 27, 2006.

When the start signal was given, customers rushed into the tent (and surrounding field) at Nathanael Greene Park with garden carts, wheelbarrows, cardboard boxes, trash cans, storage containers and little red wagons.

"This is the garage sale for plants," said Susan Boswell, coordinator of the sale. "The only difference between this and a Macy's sale is that plant people are nicer."

During the first hour of the event, nearly 1,500 people had come and gone. By 10:30 a.m., over 4,000 plants had been sold.

Gaylord Moore, MU Extension horticulture specialist and advisor to the gardeners, said the annual sales offer a myriad of shrubs, bulbs, perennials, annuals, grasses, ground covers, houseplants and other garden-related items.

People in the Master Gardeners program gather plants to sell from their own gardens. They also bring plants from gardens at Nathanael Greene and the Xeriscape maintained by the local chapter.

"The quality is excellent and the prices are real bargains," said Moore.

Moore said all proceeds from the sales go to enhance Master Gardeners' projects as well as to continue its mission to disseminate gardening information to the public by providing free seminars, literature and assistance to other organizations.

The 2007 sale is planned for the last Saturday in April (April 28) at Nathanael Greene Park .

During 2006, members of the Master Gardener chapter in Springfield contributed over 12,000 volunteer hours to community gardening projects and educational efforts.

MORE IMPACT

Gaylord Moore can be reached by telephone at (417) 862-9284. Discover the impact Master Gardeners have locally by reading stories, reports and studies at:



Customers at the Master Gardener Plant Sale wait for the 7:30 a.m. signal that the sale has begun. This year's sale raised nearly \$10,000 for Master Gardener programs and gardens in the Springfield area.

Horticulture and Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners' County Impact in 2006

Greene County's 150 active Master Gardeners provided over **12,000** volunteer hours in support of home horticulture programs. Examples of service activities include:

- **Greene County's Master Gardener Hotline**, staffed by volunteers assisted, over **4,000** citizens during 2005 by giving horticulture advice to callers and office walk-ins.
- A **Master Gardener speaker's bureau** delivered seminars about horticulture information to over 700 participants.
- **Show-Me Yards and Neighborhoods** addresses non-point source pollution by providing alternative choices of products and practices for homeowners and landscapers.
- **Xeriscape** and **Nathanael Greene Gardens** are maintained to help gardeners with proper plant selections for turf, gardens and landscape.
- Hosted the **2006 Missouri Master Gardener state convention** which had 280 Master Gardeners in attendance.
- A **regional horticulture specialist** provides education and assistance to commercial businesses through individual contacts, workshops and media releases.
- **Lawn and garden soil tests:** The Greene County office conducts soil tests for both lawns and gardens at a cost of \$14. These tests help prevent gardeners and homeowners from putting too much fertilizer on their gardens or lawns, thereby preventing fertilizer runoff. In 2006, the Greene County office did a total of 155 soil tests on gardens and 167 soil tests on lawns.

“Bluegrass and Blossoms” Event at Nathanael Greene Park

The first “Blue Grass and Blossoms” was held Saturday, June 24, at Close Memorial Park, which is located on the south side of Nathanael Greene Park in Springfield, Mo.

The Lindley Creek Blue Grass Band was featured and guided tours of the botanical gardens and arboretum at Close Memorial Park were given to nearly 200 people.

This special awareness-raising event was sponsored by the non-profit organization Friends of the Garden Inc., which is leading a fundraising effort to build a 19,000 square foot Botanical Center.

The lower level office area of the building will be shared by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, University of Missouri Extension and Friends of the Garden. The top floor will have public meeting rooms and staff to answer questions from local gardeners.



The Lindley Creek Blue Grass Band was featured during the first “Bluegrass and Blossoms.”

Horticulture and Master Gardeners

300 Master Gardeners Converge on Springfield for Missouri Gardening Conference Sept. 15 - 17

“Get Your Kicks on Root 66” was the theme of the 12th Annual Missouri State Master Gardener Conference Sept. 15 – 17 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 3333 S. Glenstone, Springfield, Mo.

Barbara Lucks, materials recovery and education coordinator for the City of Springfield Public Works Department, lead the group of Master Gardeners from Greene County who organized this conference.

The conference began Friday, Sept. 15 with an afternoon seminar on native plants followed by a reception and garden stroll at the Nathanael Greene Park Demonstration Garden, which is maintained by Springfield Master Gardeners.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, Master Gardeners traveled throughout southwest Missouri to tour gardens. These gardens ranged from shade to sun to commercial theme parks. The group then returned for an evening banquet. The schedule on Sunday, Sept. 17 included a variety of informative workshop covering topics from flower arranging to creating a community garden.



Over 300 Master Gardeners from across Missouri visited Springfield to learn more about gardening and to tour some of the finest gardens in this area. Above, four of the convention attendees enjoyed the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden at Nathanael Greene Park in Springfield which was one of the tour stops.



Local Master Gardeners hosted 300 gardeners at the 12th Annual State Master Gardener Conference in Springfield.



Greene County President Commissioner Dave Coonrod spoke to the group Saturday.



Judy Domeny of Rogersville provided unique Ozarks music and stories during the banquet.

Business Development

“Starting A Small Business” Reaches Greene County Residents

“Starting A Small Business: The First Steps” is a class conducted on an on-going basis in Springfield at the Greene County Libraries. During 2006, about 180 area residents attended the class.

To determine long-term impact of the training, 10 participants that attended the program in 2003 were randomly selected and called to learn what changes occurred for them because of the program.

Two of the 10 reported new business start-ups, creating three jobs; and three of the 10 said they gained a better understanding of how to get into the business world.

Research shows that 60 percent of adults consider starting their own business, but only 3 to 4 percent actually do.

When training is completed, that percentage jumps to as high as 50 percent.

Since 1990, over 90 percent of new jobs are created by small businesses and the self-employed. Those who start a successful business typically hire 4 employees within a five year period.

Held monthly since 1999, this course continues to be the most popular business training offered.

“Partnering with the Springfield-Greene County Library creates a broad-based promotion that gets the MU Extension Business Development Program name out to area adults, resulting in more time to teach and less time spent marketing and promoting,” said Lorton.



Renewed Vigor for Ward Conciliation LLC

“After being in business for almost 20 years, I decided it was necessary to make a few adjustments and refresh myself on the basics. After taking Dr. Lorton's classes on ‘Starting a Business: The First Steps’ and ‘How to Write a Business Plan: The Path to Success’ I felt the vigor and excitement that I had when I first began the adventure of ‘self employment. Every meeting and visit with Dr. Lorton since then has not only been professional but also comfortable and as a result a friendship was made,” wrote **Kent Ward, owner of Ward Conciliation LLC**. Kent is pictured here (on the right) with MU Extension business specialist Dr. Betty Lorton after a recent program. For more information about Ward’s computer consulting, networking and training business visit <http://wardconciliation.com> or call him at (417) 353-1794.

Business Development

Networking Group Raises Profile of Small Businesses

Southwest Business Networking (SBN) was formed in 2000 by a group of professionals wanting to use the power of networking, education, and referrals to build their businesses. Leadership for the board of directors is co-sponsored by the University of Missouri Extension—Greene County.

The bi-monthly SBN meetings are attended by about 30 members and guests. More than 50 percent of the participants are women business owners and managers.

“Small business owners and managers attending SBN report that they feel overlooked and lost in the crowd when attending traditional business events. They wanted a more intimate, structured, and comfortable atmosphere where they could learn and network together in a consistent setting,” said Dr. Betty Lorton, extension business development specialist.

Based on a member survey conducted in early 2006, SBN participants overwhelmingly reported the greatest membership benefit as building close, supportive business relationships and friendships with fellow members and guests. Learning from one another and program presenters tied as the second highest responses.

Business owners in SBN reported creating 9 new jobs, retaining 14 jobs, increasing customer base from 2 percent to 75 percent (for an average of 22 percent increase), and increasing profits by an average of 20 percent thanks, in part, to participation in SBN.

Business professionals reported increasing their yearly income by an average of \$5000, improving job satisfaction and work performance significantly, gaining 230 SBN referrals and gaining new skills and understandings on how to do a marketing plan and networking and communications because of SBN membership.

MORE IMPACT

Dr. Betty Lorton can be reached at (417) 862-9284. To learn more about Southwest Business Networking visit the organization’s website online at <http://www.sbnmo.org/>.



SBN Group Makes Business “Fun”

Debbie Hopkins is the Radio, Web & Event Marketing Consultant for Clear Channel—Springfield. Her work focuses on the following Springfield radio stations: GBX/105.9, KTOZ/Alice@95.5, US97Rocks, KSWF/The Wolf/100.5 and ESPN/1400. She was also the 2006 president of Southwest Business Networking. “I benefit from SBN in numerous ways. We’re a great mix of professionals knowledgeable in our fields. Many are entrepreneurs wanting to grow their business, share and be with like minded professionals. Plus, we make business fun,” said Hopkins. “The educational aspect of SBN, especially in the area of marketing, customer service and managing business, is sponsored by Dr. Betty Lorton from University of Missouri Extension.”

Business Development

Impacting Greene County Business Owners in 2006

In Greene County, during 2006, business development program specialists and business counselors with MU Extension, Missouri Small Business Development Centers (MO SBDC) and the Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) **served 503** people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training and other assistance.

Business owners and managers in Greene County reported the following impact as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

- New jobs: 178

- Sales increases: \$9,028,620
- Government contracts: \$2,641,612
- New businesses: 3
- Jobs retained: 201
- Loans/investments in business: \$8,635,088
- Businesses failures prevented: 1
- Clients receiving business counseling: 139
- Information transfers: 33

- 331 people participated in business training programs like, "How To Write A Business Plan," "Understanding Financial Statements," "QuickBooks Basics," "Government Contracting," and "Starting a Small Business: The First Steps."

TO LEARN MORE

Contact Dr. Betty Lorton at (417) 862-9284 or visit <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>.



Full house for Marketing and Starting a Business Classes

Each month Dr. Betty Lorton teaches two classes at the library: one on marketing and then two sessions on starting a new business. Those classes have an average attendance of 10 persons per month. Pictured above is the Aug. 23, 2006, marketing class at the Library Station which had 43 persons in attendance.

Human Development

Wirth's Programs Have Impact on County, Region

Extension human environmental sciences programs focus on the needs of families and individuals. Some of the major areas addressed include: family resource management, good health through nutrition, strengthening family relationships, leadership development, housing and energy management and effective decision-making.

Dr. Jim Wirth is the human development specialist housed in Greene County. He does programming in all of southwest Missouri. During 2006, he gave **185 programs** presented to **3,943** participants in 12 counties plus several statewide audiences. Program topics offered were as follows:

Healthy Families – 94 programs on 44 different topics for 1,983 participants in the following topical areas: **Childcare Provider training, Youth, Parenting and Family Programs, and Senior and Aging Programs.** Participants included: childcare providers, parents, foster parents, violence shelters and others.

Citizen Engagement and Diversity – 28 programs for 734 participants on topics like diversity, multiculturalism, Latinos, and demographics.

Career, Professional, and Workforce Development – 38 programs for 747 participants with information on issues in career development. Participants included: business owners, federal prisoners, recovering addicts, and others.

Healthy Living – 22 programs for 452 participants with information on cancer education and holistic health. Participants included: cancer support groups, seniors, health practitioners, and others.

Leadership Development – three programs for 27 participants in leadership workshops.



Music to learn by

Whether it is the “Sounds of Silence” or an original song written for the occasion, Dr. Jim Wirth frequently uses music to introduce and summarize the topics of his classes. Shown here playing his acoustic guitar, Wirth has been using music in his programs for many years. “It is a memorable way to start a program for adults,” said Wirth who has been with Greene County Extension for nine years. He has a Bachelors in English and Philosophy from St. Meinrad College; a Master’s of Divinity from St. Meinrad Theology (St. Meinrad, Ind.); a Master’s in Sociology and Education from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, Ill.); and Doctorate in sociology (Ph.D.) from Loyola University of Chicago. Prior to joining Extension he was a professor of sociology at College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO. He has also worked as a counselor at Half-Way House for Federal Prisoners.

Human Development

Graduates of Leadership Program to Celebrate Successes

Nineteen community members from southwest Missouri celebrated their completion of the “Step-Up to Leadership” program with a graduation ceremony Monday, May 22, 2006, at the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) Central Office, 215 S. Barnes Ave., Springfield, Mo.

The program was a partnership between University of Missouri Extension and OACAC. Financial support for the program came from the Community Services Block Grant. The funding helped pay for meals, travel expenses, program supplies and grants.

Participants also applied for the grants to support the individual community projects they worked on during the training.

“Each OACAC supervisor in the region nominated recipients they thought would be successful candidates in the leadership training. As a whole, the group was enthusiastic and the whole experience was a great self-esteem builder for them,” said Tom Keohan, Extension business development specialist.

Other teachers in the program from University of Missouri Extension were Renette Wardlow, human development specialist; Wayne Dietrich, community development specialist; Dr. Jim Wirth, human development specialist; and Becky Faye, 4-H youth assistant. Michelle

Fittro, resource development director for OACAC and Alisa Griffiths, program development specialist with OACAC, also served as instructors.

The training was geared to develop the group and to also develop leadership skills in participants. According to Keohan, the result is the development of new community leaders.

Program classes dealt with topics like being a good team member, leading others, understanding diversity, legalities of a non-profit organization, meetings and manners, conflict as an opportunity, public speaking, grant writing and resume building.

“Step Up To Leadership is designed for community-minded people wanting to make a difference. It is for people who want to learn how to work well in groups, develop strong working partnerships and be good leaders,” said Dr. Wirth.

An overall evaluation was taken after the 11th session. The evaluations indicated over 90 percent of the students enjoyed the class and were enthusiastic about becoming a board member.

MORE IMPACT INFORMATION

Dr. Jim Wirth can be reached by telephone at (417) 862-9284. Discover the impact his human development programs have locally online at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/swregion/news>.



New graduates of the “Step-Up to Leadership” program conducted in Springfield by University of Missouri Extension and OACAC.

Human Development

MU Extension Specialists Help With Inmate Education

A group of MU Extension specialists from southwest Missouri are into their second year of programming at the Federal Medical Center in Springfield.

What started as a volunteer effort at a mock job fair three years ago is now on-going and growing. Pat Williams was the originator of this effort. The group is now led by Wayne Dietrich, the community development specialists headquartered in Taney County.

Since first starting three years ago, one change has been obvious: inmate interest and response. The first series of programs were met with something less than enthusiasm. As the programs progressed there was a change in the level of participation and interest among the inmates.

Inmates have limited opportunity to access meaningful educational programs while incarcerated.

Situation: Inmates have limited opportunity to access meaningful educational programs while incarcerated. Lack of adequate funding seems to be the primary reason for this. Discussions with prison staff and inmates indicated there was a growing unmet need for a variety of educational programs, many of which could be delivered by MU Extension.

Among the needs were classes on: anger management, planning and goal setting, self-esteem, financial planning and financial literacy, English literacy and basic job skills.

Results: The program developed and presented in the Spring of 2006 offered classes based on two University of Missouri Extension programs: "Tackling the Tough Skills" and "Building Strong Families."

Program evaluations showed the majority of participants gained new, useful information.

For more information contact Dr. Jim Wirth at (417) 862-9284.

Extension Helps with Mock Job Fair at the Federal Prison



Medical Center employees Brenna Mathews, right, job fair coordinator, and Mari Welch check a list. For three years the Federal Medical Prison in Springfield has hosted a mock job fair for prisoners. Specialists from MU Extension help conduct interviews and provide education through classes focused on the needs of prisoners.



Jack Smith, left, and Susan Pugh, both of White River Counseling talk to Kevin Schmidt at the mock job fair at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners.

Food and Nutrition Education Program

FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activities 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 tasting healthy foods and practicing skills that lead to good health. Education for adults includes nutrition, food safety, physical activity, and shopping skills.

Greene County Facts 2006

- 13,022 youth participated in school, after-school and summer youth programs through Family Nutrition Program (FNP).
- 192 Adults participated in programs and data collection

Teacher Comments about FNP

- 97% of teachers want the program again
- 97% rated class response excellent or good
- 99% (2, 916 teachers) reported one or more changes in students after FNP

Student Changes reported

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

Adult Impacts

For adults who participated in Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), results summarized revealed the following:

- 48% more often followed the practice of not thawing foods at room temperature
- 50% more often planned meals in advance
- 48% now use a list for grocery shopping
- 49% more often thought about healthy food choices when deciding what to cook
- 61% more often used the “Nutrition Facts” on food labels
- 41% reported that their children ate breakfast more often



Tylane Garrett

A nutrition program associate, she works with schools in Greene County.



Dina Good

A nutrition program associate, she works with area schools.



Becky Roark

A nutrition program associate, she works with area schools.



Teresa DeFord

Family Nutrition Education Program (FNEP) Manager.



Marta Wood

Nutrition Program Assistant with EFNEP, she works with adults at the Pregnancy Care Center and at Parenting Life Skills.



Brenda Shannon

Extension nutrition assistant and Southwest Region Food Power Coordinator.

Food and Nutrition Education Program



Terry Egan (pictured above) worked the nutrition booth at the “Vitality, Vim and Vigor of Life Community Health Celebration.” Over 1,000 persons, many Hispanic, attended and many gained new information about the “Eat Smart, Play Hard” nutrition program.

Nutrition Specialists Always go Where the Need Exists

Nutrition specialists and assistants with University of Missouri Extension teach at the place of the need.

For example, in Greene County they can be found teaching about nutrition in public elementary schools, at the Pregnancy Care Center, the Parenting Life Skills Center, Greene County (WIC) and area Head Starts.

Special outreach efforts are made when opportunities present themselves. For example, during September, nutrition specialists and assistants could be found:

- Promoting “Eat Smart, Play Hard” at the “Vitality, Vim and Vigor for Life Community Health Celebration” sponsored by Hand-in-Hand Ministries and targeting the Springfield area Hispanic community.
- Promoting “Eat Smart, Play Hard” at the Convoy of Hope events in Willard and Nixa. These events include grocery distributions, job and health fairs, refreshments, activities for children and live entertainment.

Bedell’s 24 Years Followed Growth of Nutrition Program

Deborah Bedell worked as a nutrition program assistant for MU Extension’s Family Nutrition Education Program for 24 years.

During her early years, Bedell went door-to-door

in low income neighborhoods to offer programs to assist families with food preparation, food budgeting, and food safety skills. Small groups were formed in family homes, churches and community centers.

A dozen years ago, EFNEP began focusing on group programming. Bedell made the transition by offering nutrition education at community agencies including WIC, The Salvation Army, the Kitchen, Victory Mission and apartment complex community centers.

Bedell also began teaching nutrition to low-income youth. She was instrumental in starting a summer parks program with Springfield Parks Program. She taught at several Head Start and Pre-K programs.



Egan (left) presents Bedell a certificate of appreciation.

Family Nutrition Education Program

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Greene County Extension Council

Extension Council Represents Greene County Citizens

Chair: Dennis Grisham, term ends 2007

Vice Chair: Mary Quinn, term ends 2006

Secretary: Jean Ryan, term ends 2007

Treasurer: Mary Anne Mauss, appointed

Other Members:

Jodie Adams, appointed by City of Springfield; Carl Allison, elected, term ends 2007; Harold Bengsch, County Commission; Lindy Biglieni, elected, term ends 2006; Cindy Burks, elected, term ends 2007; Bryan Campbell, elected, term ends 2006; Marlene Chism, elected, term ends 2006; Kendall Cook, elected, term ends 2006; Elmer Curbow, elected, term ends

2006; John Davis, appointed by Farm Bureau; Susie Harrington, elected, term ends 2007; Carl Redmon, elected, term ends 2006; Dennis Schmitt, elected, term ends 2007; Linda Shelton, elected, term ends 2006; Greg Short, elected, term ends 2006; Jerry Tolbert, elected, term ends 2006; David Tummons, elected, term ends 2007; Keith Versaw, elected, term ends 2006; Paula Vinson, elected, term ends 2006.



Richard Struckoff, the County Clerk for Greene County, administers the oath of office of the newly elected members of the Greene County Extension Council as part of Extension's 2006 Annual Meeting.

New Honor Roll Recipients Recognized at Annual Meeting



Each year, the Greene County Extension Council is given the opportunity to name individuals to the University of Missouri Leader's Honor Roll to recognize individuals who have done outstanding work on behalf of Extension. At the 2006 Annual Meeting, the local council honored (pictured from left to right) Carl Allison (Springfield) Richard Lawless (Springfield) and Barbara Lucks (Springfield). All three have severed multiple terms on the local county council and in leadership positions for other MU Extension programs (like Master Gardeners).

Greene County Extension Council

This 2006 Annual Report was designed and written by David L. Burton, civic communication specialist for University of Missouri Extension in the Southwest Region.

Working With the Media

Southwest Region News Service is a weekly service, headquartered in Greene County, that highlights University of Missouri Extension programs in southwest Missouri.

Readers and members of the media that subscribe to the service are surveyed annually to determine how they are using the news service, how it is impacting them and what information they would like to read more about.

This year's survey had responses from 100 journalists who had the following to say.

- 96.8% said "Southwest Region News Service is generally well written."
- 92.1% said they have found stories in the news service to be "accurate."
- 79.4% said they used a story from the news service during the last 6 months.
- 76.2% said news service content helped them perform their job better.

Though this effort, specialists in Greene County — and all of Southwest Region — are able to reach residents with research-based, educational information.

Funding for Extension

University of Missouri Extension programs in Greene County are funded by county, state and federal appropriations. The Greene County Commission provides local extension funding for office space, office expenses, clerical salaries and travel expenses of extension specialists who conduct educational programs in Greene County. The University of Missouri provides salaries and benefits for professional and para-professional staff members headquartered in Greene County. This includes training and travel expenses, postage, staff communications and computer equipment costs and maintenance.

2006 Income & Expense Financial Report

Income	\$
0100 · Student Fees	51,249.90
0210 · County Appropriations	86,264.67
0300 · Investment Income	6,510.51
0400 · Gift/Grants/Contracts	500.00
0900 · Resales/Educ Services Fees	17,069.62
1300 · Miscellaneous Income	3,058.48
1500 · Postage Allotment	4,837.56
1600 · Balance Transfers	0.00
Total Income	\$ 177,462.74
Expense	\$
2700 · Persnnl Serv - Salaries & Wag	58,231.50
2800 · Payroll Expenses	12,207.34
3100 · Travel	12,989.51
3600 · Postage	5,760.00
3700 · Telephone Serv - Local	4,232.94
3800 · Telephone Serv - Tolls	12.20
3900 · Advertising	284.60
4401 · Postage Meter Rental	375.53
4700 · Publishing/Printing	3,429.91
4800 · Reproduction/Copy Services	45.00
5100 · Supplies/Services	39,883.49
5110 · Annual Meeting	427.50
5120 · Secretarial Training	116.00
5200 · Professional Development	1,043.64
5600 · Professional Services	1,435.00
6400 · Other Contract Services	2,800.00
6800 · Insurance	693.00
7000 · Miscellaneous	580.00
7010 · Extension Council Election	74.52
7100 · Soil Test Expenses	6,442.25
7200 · Publications for Resale	1,736.81
7300 · Repairs/Maintenance	1,144.62
7700 · Furniture/Equipment	11,887.00
Total Expense	\$ 165,832.36
Net Income	\$ 11,630.38

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Checking	\$103,940.35
Building Fund	\$ 27,085.79
TOTAL ASSETS 12/31/06	\$131,026.14
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	\$119,395.76
Net Income	11,630.38
TOTAL EQUITY 12/31/06	\$131,026.14
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 0.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	\$131,026.14

Greene County's Extension Center

Gardener Hotline

Call (417) 862-9284 for help with gardening, lawn or plant questions.

Gardening TV

Watch Gaylord Moore on KOLR-TV10 on Thursday during the 11 a.m. news.

Extension Programs (KOLR-TV 10)

Watch a different specialist two Mondays per month during the 11 a.m. news.

Library Publications

Selected guide sheets and brochures are available at displays inside most of the Springfield-Greene County's Libraries.

Guide Sheets Online

Extension guide sheets are available online at: <http://muextension.missouri.edu/xplor>.



Located near the Courthouse

Greene County's Extension center is located at 833 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices, a classroom and meeting room, are on the second floor.

"Ask a Master Gardener"

Every Sunday, read Gaylord Moore's column in the Spaces section of the News-Leader.

"Agriculture in the Ozarks"

Every Sunday, read David Burton's column, in the business section of the News-Leader.

"Live and Learn"

Every week, read David Burton's column, in The Monitor, the weekly newspaper in Republic, Mo.

"Living Well"

Every month, read David Burton's home-living column in Ozark's Maturity magazine.

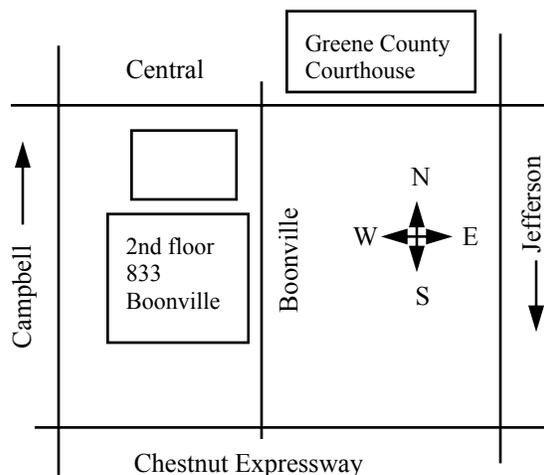
Greene County's Extension Website

The website (<http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>) had over 18,000 unique visitors in 2006.

Southwest Region News Service

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Map to 833 Boonville in Springfield



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