

**Taney County Extension Council Candidate 2011
Short Bios**

Eastern District Candidates

Cinda Bauer – My husband Rick and I have lived in Taney County with our 2 boys for 19 years. Graduated from Central Methodist College. Currently completing first term on the Extension Council and served as council chair this year. ***Program interests:*** 4H and programs for the betterment and quality of life for Taney County residents.

April Gilbert – 41 years old, born and raised in Branson, MO. Began working in education in 1991 at local private school where she opened a day care. In 2006, she pioneered another daycare at a local church. In 2008, decided to open my own home day care. ***Program interests:*** job skills for drop outs and parenting classes.

Angela Leist – Angela and family have lived in Walnut Shade for the last 15 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State University, Bakersfield and works as the City Administrator in Merriam Woods. She currently serves on the Bonniebrook Historical Society Board of Directors as Treasurer and the University of Missouri Extension Council, has served on the Taney County Park Board as Secretary, and works for the Taney County Clerk as an election supervisor. ***Program interests:*** consumer education and small business development.

Jerry J. Shackette – An award winning teacher at College of the Ozarks and a resident of Eastern Taney County since 1994. Currently serving as a board member and Treasurer of the Hollister Chamber of Commerce. Active in a variety of professional groups including the Springfield-Branson Chapter of the Missouri Restaurant Association, the Springfield-Branson Chefs Association and an active community volunteer. ***Program interests:*** Small Business Development. Programs in food, nutrition, gardening, preserving, cooking, nutrition, and smart buying.

Deborah Wilkerson – Deborah has lived in Cedar Creek for over 30 years. She was the County clerk (budget Officer and Election Official) for Taney County from 1999 through 2003. Twice elected as a board member of the Cedar Creek school. Ten years as Office Manager for the Taney County Prosecutor's Office as well as working for attorneys for over 13 years. Presently she is employed at the Taney County Collector's Office. Program interests: computers, natural gardening, young farmers and large animal care

Western District Candidates

Chance Bailey – Is a student at the College of the Ozarks majoring in business management with a minor in Accounting. ***Program interests:*** I would like to see the Parents as Teachers program be better funded to give the less fortunate more of an opportunity to succeed.

Daryl Brown – Branson resident – Environmental Health & Safety Manager College of the Ozarks. Missouri native; graduate of University of Central Missouri; married for 27 years; two children – daughter attending College of the Ozarks & son in the Branson School District; have worked in the EHS field for 25 years; Taney County resident for 12 years; actively involved in church and community activities. ***Program interests:*** I have been a past volunteer participant with children/youth agriculture safety event.

Josh Franks – Hollister resident- I have a BS degree from College of the Ozarks in Agribusiness and am currently working on a MS from Missouri State in the same field of study. I grew up on a small farm in Cushman, Arkansas and moved to Taney County in 1996 to attend college. After graduation, I went to work at C of O as the manager of the Meat Processing Plant. Shortly after that, I moved to the Landscaping Department where I was a supervisor for almost 10 years. I worked for a tree service for a few months and obtained a degree as a Certified Arborist from the International Society of Arboriculture. Now I am currently the Feed Mill Manager and an Instructor of Agriculture at College of the Ozarks.

I am married to Sara and we have one son (Bryson) who attends Hollister Elementary. We live on four acres on the south side of Hollister. We enjoy this area and like to spend time camping, hunting, fishing, etc.

Any outdoor, wildlife, farming, conservation, gardening, or horticulture type programs are of interest to me.

Jae Jones – Hollister resident – Manager of KCOZ Radio Station at College of the Ozarks. Native of Taney County and have been employed at the College of the Ozarks since 1985, the same year that my wife, Debbie Redford, and I got married. We have two daughters Chelsea and Molly, attending college. Serves as treasurer on the Board of the Ozark Adventures, an organization which runs Elderhostel programs and is focused on preserving and sharing Ozarks culture.

Kenton C. Olson – Branson resident – Retired College Administrator and Biology Professor. My wife, Patricia, and I have lived in Branson with our three sons, Eric, Leif, and Lars since moving to the Ozarks in 1971. We have one grandson, Karsten Carl, age four. Educational and professional background: B.A. Biology, Indiana Univ. 1962; M.S. and Ph.D. Botany and Horticulture Univ. Wisconsin, Madison 1967; Post-Doctoral studies Indian Univ. and research associate Apollo 11 Lunar Landing 1969; Professor of Biology, College of the Ozarks 1971-1988; Dean of College of the College of the Ozarks 1988-2001. Retired 2001. Have traveled extensively in this country and Europe attending mycological workshops and pursuing an interest in family genealogy. **Program interests:** Programs related to native plants and mushrooms in the Ozarks, poisonous and edible etc. and their role in nature.

Andrea K. Sitzes – A 2010 graduate of College of the Ozarks with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts: emphasis on Public Relations, Double Minor: Graphic Arts/Meeting and Special Event Management. While attending CofO Sitzes served as the HACCP coordinator of the Processing Plant and completed an internship with the retail store Maurices where she later became a part-time assistant manager. She also worked with the Hollister Area Chamber of Commerce aiding in the coordination of the city's Centennial Celebrations. Sitzes has been an associate at Big Cedar Lodge since August 2007 where she worked in the Collections Boutique and Cedar Mountain Stables. After graduation Sitzes was promoted to the position of Sales Administrator where she works prospecting corporate business and showcasing the Grandview Conference Center. Andrea is married to Michael Sitzes, an Iraq veteran who recently returned home from his tour of duty. The two currently reside in Hollister, MO. **Program interests:** Agriculture Technologies, teaching our rural farmers to stay on the cutting edge and maintain productivity in today's fast pace market. Sales and Marketing – programs that teach area residents how to brand their products and/or services. Hospitality Integration – “Farm Vacations” are trending in the business world. There are acres of untapped resources in our area and the correct training could help residents capitalize on their land assets.

Gil Stockebrand – Grew up on farm; raised cattle, horses, soybeans, milo and wheat. BS degree in Biology from Emporia State University. Member of First Baptist Church in Branson. Currently landscape supervisor at the College of the Ozarks. ***Program Interests:*** Conservation programs such as arborist training, learning to identify diseases and insect damage on trees and shrubs.