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- Work with extension specialists to provide the county with quality educational programs;
- Manage finances of local extension operations;
- Provide personnel to carry out extension activities; and
- Elect and organize the local extension council.

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**Advanced Grazing School**
A one day workshop was offered to producers who had previously attended a basic grazing school. The objective of the class was to provide participants with additional training in topics related to grazing management. Presentations included “High Density Grazing”, “Taking Your Grazing Management to the Next Level” and “Mineral/Vitamin Supplementation on Pasture – What do You Really Need?” Twenty-six pasture-based beef and dairy producers attended.

**South-Central Dairy Grazers**
Enthusiasm remained high among group members in 2011. This group met monthly during the pasture growing season on members’ farms for “pasture walks”, where they learned together about new ideas concerning forage programs, cow management, and facilities, and dairy economics. The group has averaged between thirty and forty participants from Wright, Texas, Laclede, Douglas, Ozark, Howell and Webster Counties during 2011. South central Missouri pasture-based dairy producers annually produce 39 million pounds of milk valued at $7.5 million. These dairies provide a total economic impact of $23 million to our local economy. Pasture based dairy producers continue to be among the most profitable in our area.

**Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference**
The 2011 Missouri Dairy Grazing Conference was held in July in Springfield. Two hundred sixty-three attendees came from all across the United States including several from south central Missouri. The conference offered the latest and most cutting edge information dealing with pasture management, care of cattle, heifer development, pasture-based dairy economics, producing quality milk and dairy policy and outlook. A popular feature of the conference was a tour to local pasture-based dairy producers’ farms. Two local operations owned by Denis Turner and Clay McQuiddy were featured on the conference tour.

**Texas County Livestock Marketing Meeting**
University of Missouri Extension, NRCS and the Texas County Cattlemen teamed up to offer this meeting. Its purpose was to help cattle producers better understand methods for receiving the best prices when marketing their animals. Rick Huffman, Livestock Market Reporter with the MO Department of Agriculture talked about “Getting the Best Price for Your Cattle”. Mark Harmon, Field man, Joplin Regional Stockyards presented producers options for “Contracting and Video Marketing”. Al Vance, representing Ozarks Premier Beef Marketers discussed “Marketing Opportunities with South Ozarks Premier Beef”. Approximately sixty area beef producers attended the meeting.

**FFA Pasture Management Workshop**
University of Missouri Extension, Texas County SWCD and NRCS cooperatively developed a workshop on introductory pasture management for vocational agriculture students in Texas County. Students learned about soil fertility for pastures, pasture management basics and the importance of forage quality for livestock production. The day’s activities were split between classroom presentations and a field day to a local intensively managed grazing operation. Forty Texas County vocational agriculture students and three instructors attended the workshop.

**Calf Care Workshop**
Lewis Anderson Jr., Calf Management Consultant for Calf-Tel Products and the Hampel Corporation was the guest speaker for this workshop. Producers learned about the latest and most successful practices relating to health, housing and nutrition for calves. Sixty-nine dairy and beef producers attended the workshop.

**Dairy Profit Seminar**
Our annual Dairy Profit Seminar, held in Lebanon focused on technologies and management practices for improving management of area dairy operations. Topics discussed at this year’s meeting included methods for lowering somatic cell counts, dairy herd nutrition and improved calf raising. Approximately fifty producers and business people attended.

**Ozarks Forage and Livestock Conference**
The 2011 conference featured an expanded program offering topics of interest to a wide variety of people. Presentations included “Stretching Forage Supplies and Supplementation of Beef Cattle”, “Fall and Winter Pasture Management”, “Practical and Effective Parasite Control in Cattle”, “Pond Site Selection and Construction”, “Stocking and Managing Ponds”, “Raised Bed Gardening” and “Quick & Easy Meals”. Approximately sixty people attended the conference.

**Mountain Grove Energy Field Day**
The purpose of this event was to increase awareness among agricultural producers on opportunities to save energy on the farm and in the home. Participants also received information on energy assessments and cost share available for energy saving upgrades. Approximately sixty people attended. Of these twenty five indicated an intention to make energy saving changes on their farm or home.

**Soil Testing**
The Texas County Extension Center serves to assist landown-
ers with understanding the nutrient needs of their soils. 244 soil test reports were received by the Crawford County Extension Center is 2011, belonging to Dent County residents. Soil testing helps producers determine the best course of action for fertilizing pasture and crop ground. While soil testing is unlikely to save producers money it does enable them to determine how best to spend their money in order to get the most bang for their fertilizer dollar.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training (PPAT)
Private Pesticide Applicator Training is a program which trains Missouri farmers and landowners proper safety and use of different chemicals, and enables them to produce and use on their operations restricted use pesticides and herbicides. In 2011, 31 Texas County residents received PPAT and either were newly certified or received re-certification for their enterprises.

University of Missouri Extension (UME) Family Nutrition Programs (FNEP) reached 3,368 low-income participants with nutrition education in Texas County during 2011. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness. Dana McGuire and Lorette' Smith are Nutrition Program Associates in Texas 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 resource management. Back-to-school and other health Fairs, the Pyramid of Power play, and the Food Power interactive exhibit were all also featured this year.

During 2011, both youth and adults were served through schools, community groups and agencies. The following is a list of the locations where participants were served:

Schools:
Cabool Elementary and Middle, Houston Elementary, Middle, and High, Licking Elementary and High, Plato Elementary, Raymondville Elementary, and Success Elementary.

Agencies:
Texas County Fairgrounds, Summersville Library, Cabool Library, Licking Library, Texas County Food Pantry, T&C Supermarket, 4-H, Cabool Housing Authority, Head Start, Houston Housing Authority, Senior Citizens Center of Houston, Southwest Missouri Ozark Action in Summersville, Ozark Action Inc., In Cabool, and various home visits.

In Summary, It has been a successful year in Texas County for FNEP.

Food Preservation
With the high costs of fuel came the skyrocketing prices of food. Class were held in Texas County to combat this problem. Many students participated in this class with 100% stating the need for more education in this area. These students learned the safe process of pressure canning, including preserving food for canning and the benefits of home food preservation. Students now have the knowledge of how to make their food dollars stretch by preserving some of their own food. The classes had 30 participants in Texas County in 2011.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Program
The Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) is a workshop given two and a half hours, once a week, for six weeks, in conjunction with local area hospitals and health facilities. People with different chronic health problems attended the program together. The subjects covered included:
- Techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation.
- Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility and endurance.
- Appropriate use of medications.
- Communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals.
- Nutrition
- Making informed treatment decisions

It is the process in which the CDSMP is taught that makes it effective. Sessions are highly participative, where mutual support and success builds the participants’ confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives. The Self-Management Workshop does not conflict with existing programs or treatment. It is designed to enhance regular treatment and disease-specific education such as Better Breathers, cardiac rehabilitation, or diabetes instruction. In addition, many people have more than one chronic condition. The program is especially helpful for these people, as it gives them the skills to coordinate all the things needed to manage their health, as well as to help them keep active in their lives. There were 15 people who attend the CDSMP program and all report the program being a success.

Focus on Kids
Focus on Kids is a highly effective program for families experiencing separation and/or divorce through learning better communication skills and how both parents can interact even through differences of opinions and lifestyles. The curricula used for Focus on Kids uses real life situations on video for clients. These video sessions are extremely effective in giving clients a "hands on" learning experience. Summary points of Focus on Kids are:
- Avoid Putting Children in the Middle
- Transitions Between households
- Money Matters
- Parenting Time

Focus on Kids is offered in 3 counties in the South Central Re-
gion. They are Pulaski, Phelps and Texas County. Texas County served 15 adults in the program. This generated information that impacted approximately 30 children.

Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate
Who Get’s Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate is a course designed to provide people with practical information about the inheritance of personal property as well as promoting individuals to plan the distribution of personal property and estate. Many dollars will be saved in attorney fees and court costs as a result of this program. Ten area residents were served with this program in 2011.

Strong Women– Healthy Lives Expo
The Strong Women-Healthy Lives Expo included the very best education in beauty, health, nutrition, fitness, financial planning, and entrepreneurship. This expo reached nearly 300 women from across the county. Women who attended the event reported increases in physical activity, while businesses that attended reported increases in their sales following the expo.

Eating from the Garden
The Eating from the Garden program provides research-based information to high-needs youth in schools and community programs. Through nutrition and gardening activities, Eating from the Garden hopes to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables. With help from area partners and volunteers, the program also promotes healthier food choices, gardening knowledge and physical activity. This was a pilot program in 2011 that served three Texas County residents.

Business Development
As entrepreneurs and innovators, Missouri’s small businesses are becoming a more diverse group that continues to make the state’s economy productive. There are approximately 500,000 small businesses in Missouri. Nearly 98 percent of all businesses with employees are categorized as small businesses. In assisting the owners and managers of those businesses, MU Extension contributes to a county’s economic development through growth in jobs, sales, innovation, technology development and commercialization.

In Texas County, during 2011, 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 21 people and their companies with business start-up and management counseling, training, and other assistance. In addition, entrepreneurs and business owners in Texas County reported the following economic impact and activity as a result of the services provided by the MU Extension Business Development Program:

- Loans and investments in business: $4,650,000
- Government Contracts: $36,000
- Clients/companies receiving business counseling: 21
- Business training attendees and conference participants: 18

Working with the Ozark Heritage Region economic developers which includes those from Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas, and Wright counties, University of Missouri Extension received grant money from the Small Business Administration to continue working with entrepreneur programs in these counties. A program entitled Youth Biz has been ongoing for the past five years. This program teaches entrepreneur skills to high school seniors through funding “hands-on” in-school projects as well as classroom training. Licking and Plato schools have participated in the past. These funds were awarded to continue this effort as well as expand the effort to adult entrepreneurs through training programs in all 7 counties. In 2011, this program assisted the Ozarks Small Business Incubator and its partner’s by funding a program called Operation Jumpstart. Additional programs are planned for 2012.

As part of the Youth Biz program, the Extreme Entrepreneur Tour which is a very dynamic youth oriented national program sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce is scheduled at the West Plains Civic Center on February 28, 2012. All schools in our 7 county area have been invited to attend. The primary goal these youth programs is to retain youth in our area after graduation from high school or college.

For his contribution to these efforts, and his assistance with client needs, Willis Mushrush, Business Development Specialist, was presented the Missouri Chamber of Commerce Award for 2011.

4-H Youth Development
4-H participants = 108 total youth in 4-H clubs in Texas County
Texas County 4-H clubs offer long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking and working with others. Members learn by doing under the guidance of adult volunteers, who teach projects ranging from aerospace and arts to veterinary science and sport fishing. Clubs also involve children and teens in community service, camping and educational trips.

4-H school programs
4-H participates 53
Texas County 4-H school enrichment programs are short-term educational experiences that supplement learning in the classroom, most are led by teachers or 4-H volunteers. The most popular 4-H school programs in Texas County is Computer Club in Plato. After-school tutoring and project work in Cabool.
4-H members supported by 21 youth and 55 adult volunteers
We do conference judging and this helps them get their project evening where the 4-H’ers serve as mentors for our youth, priceless.

Livestock Grading and Judging Contest
We took a bus from the Mountain Grove school with 68 4-H’ers in Agriculture to Trowbridge Livestock Center on MU Campus for the Livestock Judging and grading contest put on by the USDA. This is a learning experience for the 4-H’ers to learn how to judge and grade Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats.

Farm Bureau Ag Day
Farm Bureau has an Ag Day each year and this year 4-H was invited to do a talk on the rabbit and chicken projects and to acquaint the 4 & 5th graders from our 7 schools in Texas County. I had 500 plus kids go through the 4-H station from 9 to 2:30 that day.

Livestock Workshop
Was held in Mountain Grove for the South Central Region, the workshop was to teach the 4-H’ers and anyone interested to learn the procedure skill of fitting and showing their animals. The clinic was for Beef, Chickens, Dairy, Goat, Rabbits and Sheep. The Livestock Workshop was attended by 33 kids and 23 adults.

Quality Assurance
The Quality Assurance Class was taught by Logan Wallace our Livestock Specialist. This class was followed the Workshop and there were 16 kids and 13 adults attending this class. 4-H’ers and youth must have this to be able to show at the fairs. It teaches kids how to give injections and basic health care of their animals. All kids under 13 should take it every year and once after they reach 13.

White Oak / 4-H Camp
White Oak / 4-H Camp was attended by 83 campers, 12 counselors and 21 adults were the camp staff this year. The campers had Character Counts, they also got to swim and canoe at the river, shoot bow & arrows, did crafts - painting rocks with either a snake or ladybug on flat stones. They had workshops learning about birds, furbearing animals, Lewis & Clark across Missouri, Challenge games, and Food Nutrition snacks by the FNEP ladies.

Raymondville Picnic
4-H’ers helped at the Raymondville Picnic serving sodas to carnival goers. This helps the Shooting Sports Club to make money for supplies they use at the shooting range. Usually 3 to 5 4-H’ers and 2 or 3 adults man the booth.

Achievement Day
Achievement Day was held at the Extension Office. This is an evening where the 4-H’ers bring their projects to be judged. We do conference judging and this helps them get their project ready for the upcoming fairs. There was 13 4-H’ers and 7 adults who attended Achievement Day this year.

County Fairs
Wright County Fair had 60 entries in the 4-H Building and many more Texas County kids showed in the animal shows. Heart of the Ozarks Fair, ten, and Texas County 4-H’ers showed their projects at the Fair in Howell County. Texas County Fair was down this year at the Home Economics and Horticulture Building. We had 29 4-H’ers and 11 Youth and FFA exhibitors with 80 exhibits and 7 adult exhibitors with 29 exhibits. Also these 4-H and FFA exhibitors had animals they were showing down at the Livestock area.

Clover Kids Camp
This year we had 22 kids signed up for Clover Kids Camp. We started the day camp with a lesson in Character Counts then they participated in crafts and science projects, the kids love the science projects that they get to do each year. The Food Nutrition Ladies did the snacks with the kids, which is always one of the highlights of the day. The kids finish the day with fun games led by 2 of my older 4-H girls Abby Sprouse and Victoria Pankey

Shooting Sports
Texas County 4-H has a Shooting Sports Program that holds its own with 4-H shooters throughout the state. We have had many individual first place 4-H’ers at the state competitions in all the disciplines. We also have had two 4-H members go to nationals. One Zach Collins took first place individual at Nationals in Small-bore 22 and Makaylie Coble took 4th place at Nationals in Small-bore Pellet. This also shows how good our Volunteer 4-H instructors are at training our youth. Shooting Sports is a great success in Texas County with some of the best instructors in the state. Texas County 4-H Shooters always take top honors at the State competitions. At competitions our 4-H’ers are always at the top of their discipline. 4-H participants average 20 kids in all the disciplines of Shot Gun, Archery, Small-bore 22, Pellet and BB.

4-H National Science Wind Day
Dawn Sprouse a science teacher in the Plato Schools and a Texas County 4-H Leader conducted the 4-H National Science Wind Day here at the University of Missouri Extension Office with 20 kids learning the power of the wind, engineering design, and process about the wind and its uses.

Recognition Night
Recognition Night was held at the Christian Church with 35 attending. We have a potluck for all the families to get to meet and have a good evening together. This night is to recognize the 4-H’ers for their accomplishments in completing their 4-H projects throughout the 4-H year. The 4-H’ers family and friends are welcome to attend and see what the 4-H’er have done throughout the year.
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Financial Statement
Jan - Dec 11

Income
0005 · Fundraising 51.00
0100 · Student Fees 493.00
0210 · County Appropriations 36,000.00
0300 · Investment Income 28.96
0400 · Gift/Grants/Contracts 2,868.44
0600 · FNP Reimbursement 10,127.85
0900 · Resales/Educ Services Fees 4,248.25
1500 · Postage Allotment 675.00
Total Income 54,492.50

Gross Profit 54,492.50

Expense
subscriptions and publications 48.00
2700 · Persnnl Serv - Salaries & Wag 20,174.22
2800 · Payroll Expenses 3,726.39
2900 · Non Payroll Salaries 8,497.60
3100 · Travel 2,248.01
3600 · Postage 517.53
3700 · Telephone Serv - Local 1,506.37
3800 · Telephone Serv - Tolls 460.40
3900 · Advertising 793.40
4300 · Rent/Lease Space 2,457.60
4400 · Rent/Lease Equipment 2,031.91
5100 · Supplies/Services 2,389.12
6800 · Insurance 100.00
7000 · Miscellaneous 89.00
7100 · Soil Test Expenses 3,207.56
7200 · Publications for Resale 386.50
7700 · Furniture/Equipment 1,767.47
Total Expense 50,401.08

Net Income 4,091.42