Reaching Out Report
Small County Office Making a BIG Difference!

Maude Kelly, Human Development Specialist

- Program for 20 Washington County Head Start parents about cooking with children and getting them to eat foods that are good for them (Nov).
- Participated in conference call with East Central retreat planning committee (Dec.).
- Attended a Regional staff meeting in Union, MO (Dec.)
- Worked on budget proposal to submit to Washington County Commission, then met with them to answer questions about our budget request (Dec & Jan).
- Presented program to 17 Washington County Head Start parents about ‘Money Matters’, which included information on ‘stretching’ their dollars and budgeting (Dec.).
- Met with other HES (Human Environmental Sciences) specialists in the East Central region to work on region-wide programming efforts (Jan.).
- Entered 4-H volunteer information into the computer program.
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Agriculture Business Update

Lynn Heins, Ag Business Specialist

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**Family Nutrition Education Program Update**

**Andrea Oswell-Holmes, Nutrition Program Associate**  
**Deanna Graham, Nutrition Program Associate**

**ANDREA**

With the snow and holidays I continue programming throughout Washington County trying to complete all my commitments. I will continue to program Bismarck until 1st grade is completed, which at that time St. Francois County will resume programming in the area. In addition, I will continue to program Richwoods Elementary until they are fully completed Pre-School through 8th grade, which pretty much keeps there until the end of the school year.

- **KINGSTON** — December 6th was my last day at Kingston K-14. I finished Teaching 1/3 of the Kingston students at Kingston K-14 (K through 5th Grade).

- **RICHWOODS** — Next week, I finish the first set of programming on Thursday’s with 100 Pre-K, 1st Grade, 5th Grade, and 6th Grade students at Richwoods Elementary. I will start the second set of students on January 30th. I will be teaching 100 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade students. SMN Display is in the building-Phytonutrients.

- **BISMARCK** — Next week, I am finish up with the 1st Grade students at Bismarck Elementary. St. Francois County will then continue to program at Bismarck.

**DEANNA**

I am so glad to be back in school after all of the holidays and enclimate weather. I am back to full speed.

- **Potosi Elementary** — I teach 1st grade on Mondays and Tuesdays. I teach Pre-K and Special Ed on Fridays.

- **Caledonia Elementary** — Currently Programming on Wednesdays at Caledonia Elementary-4th -6th grade.

- I am in the process of working with the High School principal in Caledonia to see if I can do some classes there.

- I am also working with the Washington County Health Department to program with their Wise Woman program. I have many things that I am going to schedule and work on with other agencies. As they are set in stone I will keep you informed.
4-H LIFE Update

Robert Wilkerson

- Attended and participated at the 4-H National Mentoring Project in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Provided training on 4-H LIFE to 16 participants. States participating in 4-H LIFE Cohort: Missouri, Washington DC, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and New Hampshire.

- 4-H LIFE at MECC at Potosi continued as scheduled.

- Participated and facilitated teleconferences and webinars for 4-H LIFE Cohort as part of National Mentoring Project.

- Assuming PI role on Missouri National Mentoring Project Year 4 and shared responsibility for Lead Advisor Role on National Mentoring Project for 4-H Missouri Mentoring.

- Met with BOP in Springfield in person and several calls/Adobe Connect on possible expansion of 4-H LIFE to Bureau of Prisons.

- Participated in presentation to Children's Commission in Jefferson City on 4-H LIFE in Missouri.

- Completed certification to do afterschool assessments as part of Youth Quality Assurance Training.

Office Manager Update

Lisa Eisenbeis

- Attended County Christmas celebration

- Worked with Maudie in preparing the budget request for the County Commission

- Working on preparing QuickBooks for annual year end reports and closeout

- 4-H assistance
  - 2014 program year enrollment process
  - coordinating multiple meetings
  - provided information request from new 4-H President
  - preparing bills to be paid
  - program year 2013 budget information for specialist as a base for budget committee to review and make recommendations
  - communicating with 4-H members and volunteers

- Office duties (as needed but not limited to)
  * bill paying
  * financial report generation
  * processed soil samples
  * update county website
  * daily post to Facebook
  * assisted walk/call-in customers

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