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**Extension in Worth County**

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University of Missouri Extension has had a long history in Worth County.

In 2006 a one half-time youth education assistant and one office manager were headquartered in Worth County: Karla Parman, Youth Program Assistant; and Stephanie Hardy, Office Manager. Jerry Baker, Community Development Specialist, serving in the Northwest Extension Region is the County Program Director.

Thirteen other specialists and one nutrition education assistant have programming responsibilities in Worth County.

The University of Missouri Extension Northwest Region consists of 15 counties. The Worth County Extension Office is located in the

County Courthouse. We appreciate the support of the County Commissioners and the public in our mission to provide practical, research-based information to our citizens.

University of Missouri faculty support the work of Extension specialist in local programs as identified in local issues identified in the county's deliberative group sessions when establishing the Plan of Work. Programming priorities are established throughout the region with programming from various specialists.

Extension specialists offer programs in the areas of Agriculture, Business and Workforce, Children and Teens, Community Development, Environmental Quality, Family Life, Home and Garden, Nutrition and Health, and Public Policy.

*Worth County residents also participated in Annie's Project and the Cattlemen's Beef Tour programs.*

A program designed to educate students about water quality, conservation, the water cycle, and pollution was held at the Hundley-Whaley Learning Discovery Center 2006. Third grade students from Worth County, Albany, Stanberry and King City schools attended this day-long event.

University of Missouri Extension specialists, Department of Conservation staff and NRCS staff conduct the program.

High School students from Worth County schools participated in the Student Field Day.

Stations explaining the various phases of agronomy and various forms of agriculture production illustrated to participants the importance of research and safety practices.

The Missouri Highway Patrol demonstrated "safety first" techniques.

College career choices were also explained to students as they visited various stations.

## 4-H Highlights

### Worth County Fair

Worth County had a very successful Junior Livestock Show which was held the first week of August. Sheep, swine, and cattle were shown on August 3rd. Seventeen members participated in the show and the "premium only" sale. This year was the first year the show included an exotic breed class.



Alysa Lyle shows llama in the Exotic Breeds class at the Worth County Fair.



Clover Kid Camp

The Worth County Horse Show was held on August 4th at the Fairgrounds. Members competed in halter, pleasure, and reining classes in two divisions: 11 years and under; and, 12 years and older. Junior and Senior Showmanship plaques were also awarded.

### Achievement Day

4-H Achievement Day was held on July 31, 2006. 4-H members exhibited items that were evaluated and awarded

blue, red or white ribbons based on the quality of their work. 4-H'ers also participated in Fashion Review and Personal Appearance contests. Clover Kids displayed items and received participation ribbons for their projects.

Twenty-one projects were chosen for the 2006 State Fair in Sedalia.

Eighteen of these projects were sent to the State Fair for exhibit.

### Worth County Horsemanship

Worth County hosted its fourth annual open 4-H Horse Show at Allendale Rodeo Grounds on July 8, 2006.

Competition was set up in 37 classes including games. High point boy and girl trophies were awarded. Junior and senior showmanship trophies were also given.

## More Youth Program Highlights

### Clover Kid Camp

Clover Kid Camp is a popular program in Worth County. This was the fourth year that a day camp was held for children ages 5-7. Karla Parman, Youth Program Assistant led activities for eight Clover Kids. Alysa Lyle was the youth counselor. Robin Davidson and Stephanie Weddle, FNEP's, helped the kids make a healthy snack during the morning activities. They also had them "get physical" by playing different games with balloons.

Marcia Rush, Miranda Lyle and Sherri Runde assisted the Clover Kids as they painted sun catchers, ceramic dogs and decorated cupcakes. After a lunch of pizza and juice, the children went outside to play water games. The event ended with a piñata activity.

### Worth County 4-H

Worth County 4-H had 44 members enrolled in four organized clubs for the 2006 program year.

Leaders and clubs were: Peggy Hunt, Denver Dashers; Sherri Runde, Oxford Owls; Janet Larison, Sheridan Shamrocks; Marcia Rush and Gidget Funk, West Fork Boosters.

Although each club functions independently, all work together on various projects throughout the year including having members serve on the Worth County 4-H Council which meets four times each year.

Communities reap long-term benefits by supporting programs like 4-H. Youth engaged in the programs are 60 percent more likely to vote and to volunteer and contribute to their community than their non-engaged peers.



## Community Development

Developing principles that sustain rural communities continue to be the focus for those engaged in strategic planning activities in local government enhancements, community betterment and tourism development. Two community groups asked 1,200 residents to respond to surveys that provided input into the local planning process. Two other communities are developing plans for designed population growth and tourism development.

Strategic planning takes time, information, and community input for sustainable actions to be developed. By using detailed questions, MU Extension has gathered more than 90,000 responses to probes from community residents from the two community-wide surveys.

The ex-CEED Project (entrepreneurship for youth and young adults) focuses on agri-business, agri-tourism and tourism in general. New businesses were assisted with their startup plans and four businesses received training in developing a plan. The new businesses continue to improve their marketing plans. Two businesses are in operation and a third business has an expansion completed.

All public high school business education teachers in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties have received the CD, *Missouri Small Business Start-up Kit*, for use in their classroom instruction on the processes and planning needed.

A formal assessment of tourism sites or potential tourism sites has been conducted in the five counties. Tourism training participants have come from as far away as the Kansas City and Plattsburg areas to attend presentations. Requests for tourism trainings continue. In addition, a listing of ten financial resources available to young entrepreneurs has been completed.

The Community Development Newsletters are published quarterly. Two special newsletter editions were also distributed this year. The newsletters are also distributed to federal, state, and local government officials serving the five-county area. In addition, these newsletters are available online at the Atchison County Extension website. More than one hundred fifty copies of the newsletter are sent electronically to groups who regularly participate in

extension trainings. Numerous articles were provided to area newspapers and two television presentations promoted Extension programming.

Each county council has developed an extensive plan of work that is accessible online. Group facilitation for this process was provided to the county councils as requested.

Training sessions were provided to extension staff and clients of non-profit agencies on how to sustain a quality of life in the community experiencing stressful situations and understanding how one's personality response style differs when working in a safe environment or when in conflict. In addition, a training session was provided for new extension employees on effective processes used when teaching adults.

Individual requests for information and assistance on community issues steadily increase.

Presentations and information access is provided to community clubs, not-for-profit, faith-based entities and private developers. Planning information supplied to developers and governmental agencies increased significantly during the year. A more complete listing of programs offered in the region is found on the last page of each newsletter.

Social and cultural diversity within the social framework of rural America is increasing. A school in-service training was developed and provided on diversity issues in the educational setting with special emphasis on the expanding differences noted within our non-metropolitan areas.

Facilitation assistance has been provided to groups ranging from prisoner re-entry programming to the examination of why and how others react to specific types of community involvements. Discussions focusing on safe community environments continue to be an expressed concern with program facilitation and assistance being provided to interested community groups.



An extension council member is recognized by Community Development Specialist, Jerry Baker, for tabulating more than 83,000 individual question



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Dear Members of the County Commission and Community:

Thank you! Your financial support to our land-grant university partnership makes it possible for University of Missouri Extension to deliver high-quality educational programs where Missourians live, work and experience quality of life.

More than 1 million Missourians annually turn to MU Extension for help in improving businesses, farms and communities and strengthening their families. Your partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the State of Missouri, and local organizations and businesses enhances the state's economy and brings unique opportunities to families and individuals.

In fact, MU Extension partners with more than 100 entities across the state. Those partnerships enable us to extend our educational reach without duplicating services. In FY2007, MU Extension will leverage \$39 million in federal and state funding resources into more than \$81 million in educational programming to serve Missourians.

In 2006, dollars allocated by county commissions to support extension at the local level amounted to 17 percent of the total dollars for extension funding statewide. These local dollars were leveraged to provide more programs to more people. Additionally, our local partners across the state (county commissioners and councils) provided significant in-kind contributions in the forms of office space and meeting space. Grants, fees and contract dollars account for almost 23 percent of extension funding. Combined with state and federal funds, every local tax dollar is matched with an average return of \$10.37. We use these funds very efficiently. In FY2007, just four percent of the budget is going toward administration, compared with 12 percent for most non-profits and government agencies.

The return on your investment in MU Extension for your community is great:

- Businesses become and remain profitable -- creating and retaining jobs.
- Improved agricultural yields add to producers' bottom line, and citizens enjoy a safer environment.
- Towns and cities use research-based resources to make better decisions about their future.
- Young people are more likely to stay in school and increase their lifetime earnings.
- Professionals and other workers stay on the cutting edge of career requirements through continuing education.
- Adults and young people live healthier lifestyles and suffer fewer medical costs.

Your local extension faculty and staff, campus faculty, county extension council members, 4-H volunteers, Master Gardeners and other program supporters look forward to a continued fruitful partnership in 2007. If you have suggestions for how University of Missouri Extension can better serve your needs, please contact me or your local extension center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Quart'.

Michael D. Quart  
Vice Provost and Director

cc: Brian Foster, Provost  
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**2006 Worth County Council Members**

**County Commissioners:**

Presiding Commissioner - Billy Fred Mazingo  
 West Commissioner - Lorace Waldeier  
 East Commissioner - Bill Calhoon

**Officers:**

Chairperson - Gidget Funk  
 Vice Chairperson - Tom Trullinger  
 Treasurer - Julie Tracy  
 Secretary - Kathy Gabbert

**Elected Members**

Marcia Rush	Andy Welch
Kathy Gabbert	Peggy Miller
Ron Richards	Allen Davidson
Mike Hall	Mike Cook
Sherri Runde	Gidget Funk
David Hunt	Karyn Pickering

**Appointed Members**

County Commission - Bill Calhoon  
 City - Charity Austin  
 MFA - Tom Trullinger  
 Farm Bureau - Julie Tracy

**2006 Worth County Extension General Operation Budget**

INCOME**	2006
County Commissioners	\$5,000
Rent	\$1,800
Resale Items/Soil Tests	\$260
Postage Income	\$700
Investment Income	\$9,046
Bonds transferred to checking	7,500
**In order to meet FY 2006 expenses, \$17,000 of bond and/or money market revenues were expended with any carryover applied to FY 2007.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,336</b>

EXPENSES	2006
Secretary/Bookkeeper	\$19,389
Publication/Printing	\$603
Soil Test, Resale,	\$197
Travel	\$874
Supplies/Materials	\$1,654
Postage	\$374
Ins., Bond, Internet	\$250
Utilities/Rent	\$1,568
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,909</b>

Federal and state funds provide salaries and benefits for professional staff assigned to the county, expenses for professional development, official mail, and cost sharing on computer technology. The University also provides educational materials and faculty support for extension programs. University of Missouri Extension also provides educational materials and faculty support for Extension programs.