

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION

Cape Girardeau County

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear county commissioners and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

Thank you for your important partnership with the University of Missouri Extension this past year.

I want to highlight three areas that address needs you helped us identify.

You may recall that the FY 23 state budget provided a one-time \$5 million infusion to MU Extension for growth. Of that, we allocated about \$3 million for field faculty in the areas of agriculture, 4-H, health/human development and business and community development.

Through a dedicated hiring effort, and thanks to that allocation, we have hired 168 new employees since November 2022. That includes 72 academic/faculty members, most of whom are field specialists in a priority area noted above, and 96 staff members (e.g., office administrators, youth and food and nutrition associates, etc.).

We also returned more faculty to local program delivery that best serves your county's needs, while preserving the partnership and relationship building work you value. Our extension and engagement specialists focus full-time on that work as they serve their assigned multi-county groups. Currently, 19 have been hired, with two more in the pipeline.

Finally, we are prioritizing our work with county extension councils. In the new role of partnership and council development director, Lorin Fahrmeier focuses on strengthening council representation and governance. This role will build stronger links with regional, educational and campus leadership to better identify and address local priorities.

At the UM System level, our engagement work across four universities and with leaders across the state makes a difference in areas of greatest need: broadband, workforce development, health access, food security and healthy futures for our youth.

Your county annual report shows what we are accomplishing together as we Serve Missouri and Deliver Mizzou. We look forward to strengthening that partnership with county commissioners and community stakeholders in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Chad Higgins, PhD
Interim Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

Who we are

Faculty and staff

Donna Aufdenberg
Field Specialist in Horticulture

Syl Christy
County Office Support

Anthony Ohmes
Field Specialist in Agronomy

Sally Ruesler
4-H Temporary Youth Program Associate

Stephanie Schindler
Extension Engagement Specialist

Clayton Skelton
4-H Youth Development Educator

Amanda Sullivan
Nutrition Program Associate

Staff Serving Cape Girardeau County

Darrell Aufdenberg
Temp. Livestock Technician

Bethany Bachmann
Field Specialist in Nutrition and Health

Sarah Denkler
Regional Director

Sarah Higgins
Field Specialist in Natural Resources

David Reinbott
Field Specialist in Agricultural Business

Audrey Johnson
Field Specialist in Human Development

Council members

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Sam Huenefeldt, Chair
Marti Suedemeyer, Secretary
Brad Burgess, Treasurer

MEMBERS

Nels Bergmark, City of Jackson Appointee
Seth Blattel
Matt Bollinger
Bonnie Coy-Svenson
Debbie Deneke, Master Gardeners Liaison
Mary Klaproth, FCE Liaison
Mark Lester
Ben Loenneke
James Newman, City of Cape Girardeau Appointee
Mark Rinehart
David Wichern

The University of Missouri Extension Council of Cape Girardeau County would like to thank the Cape Girardeau County Commissioners for their continued support of the Extension program.

County commissioners

Clint Tracy, Presiding Commissioner

Paul Koeper, Associate Commissioner – 1st District

Charles Herbst, Associate Commissioner – 2nd District

Budget and more

Appropriations budget

Income

County Appropriations	100,000
Total Income	100,000

Expenses

Personnel Services	73,075
Travel	4,704
Communications	1,750
Office Supplies/Materials	3,085
Equipment, Maintenance & Repairs	1,200
Building Maintenance & Utilities	14,800
Other	2,386
Total Expenses	100,000

Return on Investment

University System	1,200,000*
Donations	1,000
Program Revenue	6,500
Total Return on Investment	1,207,500

*Supports salary and retirement benefits for 34 people employed by UM, 18 of which are UM retirees and beneficiaries.

Key outcomes and numbers

- ✓ 184 Meetings and events held at the MU Extension Center in Cape Girardeau County
- ✓ 610 Soil tests provided for community members
- ✓ 481 Educational contacts for starting businesses, developing community leaders or renewing local economies
- ✓ 3,559 Educational contacts for productive farming, better gardening and managing our natural resources
- ✓ 2,575 Educational contacts for healthy lifestyle habits, personal finance, strengthening families or youth development
- ✓ 10,161 Total educational contacts from faculty and staff in Southeast region including Cape Girardeau County

MU Extension is a unique funding partnership

Extension funding is a three-way partnership of federal, state and county government. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pay professional staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial and youth assistant salaries, staff mileage and council expenses.

The Cape Girardeau County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the Cape Girardeau County Commissioners for their continued support of extension programs.



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to Cape Girardeau County Extension with a gift to be used immediately or as an endowment contribution for long term efforts. Monies put into the endowment are left forever to earn interest with the county office benefiting each year. You can also direct your donation to a specific program such as 4-H or Master Gardeners.



Economic Opportunity

With Anthony Ohmes, Field Specialist in Agronomy

2023 MU Extension Crop Conference

The 2023 Regional Crop Conference was held at the Miner Convention Center during January. Participants from 11 MO counties, including Cape Girardeau County, and two other states were presented research-based information in market outlook, commodity organization updates, soybean and corn disease management, weed management and nutrient management.

Over 100 attendees rated the overall value from the information provided at 8.0 average out of a maximum of 10.

When asked what changes would be made as a result of the information provided the responses included:

1) Marketing crops; 2) Herbicide and weed control options; 3) Plant soybeans earlier; 4) Crop rotations.

Overall, the research-based education increased overall knowledge in the topic areas which will lead to informed decisions that can help implement changes in management practices. Therefore, improving the economic viability of farm operations.



MU Crop Conference Meeting



John Turner teaching at the Spring Grazing School

University of Missouri Grazing Schools

University of Missouri Extension offered two grazing schools in the SE region of Missouri. The Fall grazing school was hosted in Cape Girardeau County. A total of 37 participants from across Southeast Missouri, learned various aspects of managed intensive grazing (MiG) over 3 days.

Missouri's 7.1 million acres of permanent pasture provide feed for the state's 1.9 million cows (2018 data). Pasture yield and quality, in turn, drive the productivity of Missouri's beef industry. Over the past 30 years, public agencies in Missouri have devoted extensive effort toward educating and incentivizing producers to adopt improved grazing management practices. These efforts raise the economic output of Missouri's beef industry by more than \$125 million every year.

Participants overall indicated an increase in knowledge and plan to incorporate one or more aspects of managed intensive grazing (MIG). 85% of participants indicated their knowledge of MIG increased and 91% of participants plan to adopt or currently practice rotational grazing management.



Economic Opportunity

Soil Nutrient Management and Pest Management



Thin fescue stand

Field Specialist in Agronomy, Anthony Ohmes, provided direct and indirect one-on-one education to producers, consultants and other ag related clients. One-on-one education is one of the most impactful ways to reach producers. One-on-one, clients are engaged and make changes to improve their forage or row crop production be it through soil test results and consultation or pest identification and control. MU Extension continues to meet the educational needs of Missouri producers, consultants and all who support Missouri agriculture by providing research-based information and expertise to individuals when and where they need it. In return, participants remain engaged in learning and making changes based on information provided.

A total of 470 agronomic soil tests were reviewed and 365 producers were contacted through one-on-one education in Cape Girardeau County.

Workshops Conducted in 2023

Three workshops were conducted in Cape Girardeau County. In February, a scouting workshop was offered in Cape Girardeau County. The workshop provided integrated pest management and crop growth and development education of consultants and producers from Mississippi, Cape Girardeau, Scott and Stoddard Counties. Specifically, the topics included scouting information for corn, soybean, wheat and forage crops. Pest identification, the importance of beneficial insects, proper scouting timing based on crop stage, and general crop management. Two MU Agronomy Specialists provided the education.

Overall, the meeting rating of knowledge gained from attending on a scale of 1 to 7, averaged 4.5 before and increased to 6.125 after. The overall rating of the teaching for the workshop was 6.625. Those surveyed on intent of using knowledge was 6.5.

In July, a regional drought workshop provided information on managing a cow herd through a drought and building resiliency in your pasture system. 38 participants across 14 counties participated in-person or online. Anthony Ohmes provided the agronomic information on pasture resiliency.

In December, a forage workshop provided general grazing management information to producers. The information covered rotational grazing, incorporating native warm season grasses, forage nutrient management and weed management.



Economic Opportunity

Extension Tax Schools

With Mary Sobba, Ag Business Field Specialist.

University of Missouri Extension Ag. Economics Department and Ag. Business specialists worked together to coordinate one Summer and three Fall Tax Schools. The Summer Tax School was both in-person and live online. Fall Tax Schools took place in Columbia and Springfield and were also presented online. The schools were designed for those who prepare taxes including enrolled agents, tax preparers, CPAs, individuals, and attorneys.

The training included updates on legislation, rulings and cases, individual taxpayer issues, agricultural and natural resources topics, ethics, trusts and estates, agriculture and natural resource tax issues, business tax issues, business entity tax issues, IRS issues, penalties and defenses, form 4797 sales of property, retirement tax issues, like-kind exchange issues. The schools were approved for 8 and 16 hours of continuing education credit by the IRS, Missouri Bar and for CFP continuing education. Total continuing education hours reported to IRS for the schools was 3,336 hours.

The teaching teams included a CPA and former IRS stakeholder liaison, an IRS certified retired Ag. Economics professor, an attorney, Missouri Department of Revenue and Extension Ag. Business specialists.

The trainings received positive evaluations and planning is underway to offer trainings in 2024. Local county residents benefit when local tax preparers have the opportunity to gain knowledge, which benefits their clients and communities. The tax schools are a program of the ag business and policy program of MU Extension, coordinated by Mary Sobba with help from a team of Ag. Business specialists throughout the state.

The resources for the schools included the IRS, the National Income Tax Workbook from the Land Grant University Tax Education Foundation, and materials written by the instructors.

The 2023 school attendance totaled three hundred twenty-seven people. The participants were from throughout Missouri.





Educational Access & Excellence

With Anthony Ohmes, Field Specialist in Agronomy

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Under the Missouri Pesticide Use Act, University of Missouri Extension provides education to private pesticide applicators in the core competency areas of pest management, environmental stewardship and personal protection. Specifics include the importance of scouting for pests and evaluating implemented plans, understanding the label, and protecting exposure routes from poisoning with personal protective equipment. A private applicator is defined as any individual who is certified by the director as authorized to use, or to supervise the use of, any pesticide which is classified for restricted use for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented or on the property of another person, if used without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of another person.

Nine in-person training events were held in Cape Girardeau County from January through December. Additional multiple online trainings through Zoom were offered and trainings were provided on-demand at the local extension office. One hundred two (102) applicators received certification/recertification in Cape County.

Survey of participants indicated an increase in knowledge of IPM, understanding the label and pesticide safety. On a scale of 1 to 7, the knowledge prior to training averaged 5.1 and after training

increased to 6.4. When asked if they would use or change due to training the average was 6.6. Overall presentation and presenter rating was 6.6. As far as changes indicated specifically, participants included better handling of pesticides and personal protective equipment.

Comments include: "Scout better and more frequently" "As a new resident and new applicator, I appreciate the depth of knowledge I received in this class." "Very good information, not too in depth but detailed."

Private applicator training and the information provided is vital for the wellbeing of our producers and our environment.

For information on University of Missouri Pesticide Applicator training contact MU Extension or refer to our website:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/pesticide-applicator-training>

University of Missouri Strip Trial Program

The University of Missouri's Strip Trial Program is an on-farm research effort to help producers learn more about specific research areas on a farm scale. Those areas of research include cover crops, nutrients, and fungicides. One strip trial conducted in Cape Girardeau County looked at R3 fungicide timing in soybean. Information gained will help MU researchers provide applied research-based information back to producers to help make informed management decisions. MU Field Specialist in Agronomy, Anthony Ohmes, helped coordinate and work with farmer cooperators in this research effort. For more information on the MU Strip Trial program or how you can participate as a farmer cooperator, visit our website:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/strip-trial-program>



Educational Access & Excellence



Horticulture Programming in the Southeast Region

Donna Aufdenberg, Field Specialist in Horticulture

In 2023, there were 1580 direct contacts (participants) through gardening programs where participants were actively engaged in the learning process. Programs were in-person and online. Participants learned about planning the vegetable gardening, planting flower and shrubs, growing and using culinary herbs, native plants, growing specialty crops hydroponically, container gardening, high tunnel and greenhouse basics, seed saving, gardening pests and many more topics.

There was a continued interest in home vegetable gardening in 2023 due to concerns about food security and food costs. Many new gardeners learned about growing their own food, increasing consumption of healthy food, exercising caution in the garden during extreme heat and drought and the diligence required to plant and maintain a garden.

Horticulture

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Noun 1. the art or practice of garden cultivation and management

1,580+
Participants
in 60+
Programs

1,000+
One-on-One
Education
➤ Calls and
Emails
➤ Walk-ins

Top Gardening Requests

Vegetable Gardening • Growing Berries • Planting Fruit Trees • Composting • Soil Testing • Raised Bed Garden • Hydroponics • Planting Shrubs



TO REGISTER OR ASK A QUESTION:
<https://jam.missouri.edu/townHalls/>
Once you register, you will get a weekly reminder email from MU Extension Horticulture

The Garden Hour with MU Extension

FREE!!!
Zoom Or YouTube Livestream
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MUIPM>
Weekly On Wednesdays noon to 1 pm

MU Extension Horticulture Specialists from across the state will answer your garden questions! Topics include vegetables, flowers, lawns, fruit, ornamental, houseplants, trees, and landscapes.

Online programming remains an important educational tool. This includes MU Extension Garden Hour at noon on Wednesdays during the gardening season, horticulture education meetings, home gardening webinar, farmers market webinar series and commercial vegetable program. Participants who engaged in horticulture programming learned about insects, weeds, diseases, soil health and fertility, general plant care, and variety selection.

A monthly Garden Spade Newsletter reaches over 2,300 subscribers every month with a 20% increase in readership during 2023. Subscribe to the garden spade at <https://extension.missouri.edu/counties/cape-girardeau> or click the QR code at the right.





Educational Access & Excellence

Cape Girardeau County 4-H Programs—Impacting Local Youth by Teaching Life Skills

Cape Girardeau County 4-H Clubs offer long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as leadership, citizenship, responsibility, teamwork and community service under the guidance of trained adult volunteers. Project based learning teaches youth life skills, such as goal-setting, while they pursue what interests them.

4-H youth connect to the University of Missouri for hands-on learning and leadership events on campus. Participation in 4-H activities encourages skills such as wise use of resources, decision making, goal setting, marketable skills and self motivation. This grows youth who care about and contribute to the economic vitality of the entire community.

Cape Girardeau County has community 4-H clubs in Cape Girardeau, Daisy, Delta, Friedheim, Gordonville, Jackson, and Pochontas with over 98 volunteers serving 197 youth and growing. Projects range from arts and crafts to archery and shotgun projects.

Cape Girardeau County received grants totaling over \$12,000 in equipment and supplies to support the Shooting Sports programs. The contribution of our volunteers had a value of over \$500,000 based on a rate of \$25 for each hour of volunteer service.

4-H members are three times more likely to go into science related careers. Studies show that youth in programs like 4-H are 70% more likely to attend college, increasing their earning potential by over \$2 million over their lifetime. Communities reap long-term benefits when they support 4-H clubs. Youth engaged in the program are 60% more likely to vote and volunteer for their community than their non-engaged peers.

4-H programs are supported by the University of Missouri Extension Council and facilitated by Brad Coleman, 4-H Field Specialist, and 4-H Youth Development Educator Clayton Skelton.





Health & Well-being

Mandie Sullivan, Nutrition Program Associate

2023 Mountain Plains Crunch Off

October is national Farm to School month and this year the Family Nutrition Education Program had the opportunity to partner with local popcorn growers in the state, to receive a prepackaged 1 cup, single serving of popcorn to give out at local Crunch off events around the state. Locally in Cape Girardeau, kindergarten thru 4th grade students at Jefferson Elementary, participated in a Crunch Off event hosted by Nutrition Program Associate Mandie Sullivan. Over 340 students participated in tasting popcorn grown from Osage River Popcorn Company from Osage Beach, Missouri.



2023 Program Reach

1,131 Direct programming and engagement contacts for Perry and Cape Girardeau County
14,285 Indirect programming and engagement contacts for Perry and Cape Girardeau County including Show Me Nutrition Education Posters and corresponding hand out, as well as Show Me Nutrition Family Newsletters that go home each lesson reinforcing the tips covered in class.

SNAP-Ed Public Value Statement 2023

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Education or SNAP-Ed) brought \$10,874,798 in federal funds to Missouri. During FY2023, Missouri's SNAP-Ed program reached over 78,000 Missourians through direct classroom education. Each person participated in an average of 6 hours of education totaling over 15,000 hours. In addition, an additional 760,135 persons participated in indirect education. Direct and indirect education resulted in over 1.8 million total contacts with Missourians.

A total of **1,775** participants were from Cape Girardeau County.

Participants in SNAP-Ed learn the importance of making healthier meals and snack choices, eating breakfast more often, are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity, and make healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and are physically active are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force and enjoy a high quality of life throughout the lifespan. This vital programming effort also reduces healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayer money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.



Health & Well-being

Bethany Bachmann, Nutrition and Health Specialist



2023 Health and Wellness Expo

The 2023 Health and Wellness Expo was held in Cape Girardeau on March 2nd. Nutrition Specialist, Bethany Bachmann, and Nutrition Program Associate, Mandie Sullivan represented MU Extension at the event. Bethany and Mandie set up a table display featuring information on fruits and vegetables including selecting, storing, preparing, preserving, and growing. Fruit and vegetables colanders were given away to participants and those in attendance were also able to sign up for a time to have Mandie assist them in filling out the SNAP application.



2023 Program Reach

3,540 Direct programming and engagement contacts

51,550 Indirect programming and engagement contacts including KFVS12 livestream views, news articles, the Garden Spade Newsletter, health fairs, meetings, and presentations.

National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Awards and Presentations:

- 1st Place National and Central Region, Family Health and Wellness Award
- 1st Place Central Region, Environmental Education Award
- Poster presentation and concurrent session presentation on the Freeze It! Curriculum project at the NEAFCS Conference in Providence, RI

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION

Natural Resources

Sarah J. Higgins
Field Specialist in Natural
Resources



Covering Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Dunklin, Howell, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Francois, Ste Genevieve, Stoddard, Texas, Washington, and Wayne Counties

About me & 2023 in review

Hello all! I started my position as a Natural Resources Specialist on July 5th, 2023. I am based out of Phelps County in Rolla, and I serve 28 other counties in southeast Missouri. I got the opportunity to work in this part of the Ozarks while pursuing my undergraduate degree Environmental Science from Mizzou and loved getting to explore the beautiful landscapes in this region. I moved back to Missouri after receiving my master's in Environmental, Soil, & Water Science from West Virginia University, and I feel so grateful to be back. I'm excited to work with the people in this region to conserve our beautiful natural resources.

Since starting in July, I've gotten the opportunity to meet many others in the area involved in natural resources, including private landowners, Missouri Department of Conservation employees, and Natural Resources Conservation Service employees, people involved in the timber industry, and other Extension professionals. I'm looking forward to developing these partnerships more in 2024 and collaborating on programs to deliver in southeast Missouri. Please contact me to talk more about what kinds of natural resource programming you'd like to see in your county. Looking forward to working more with you all in 2024!



Field site demonstrating the need for timber management at the MO Tree Farm Conference.



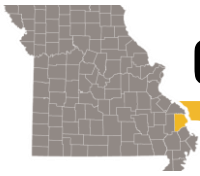
Invasive bush honeysuckle from an invasive species workshop in Versailles, MO. Other invasive species discussed included autumn olive, multiflora rose, wintercreeper, sericea lespedeza, princess tree, and eastern redcedar (a native field invader).

Looking at 2024

Here are a few programs to keep an eye out for in 2024. I also hope to visit more counties and attend some Extension council meetings, so please reach out if you'd like me to come!

- Restarting Women Owning Woodlands program. We hope to have social hikes and monthly virtual meetings.
- White Oak, Whiskey, and Wine webinar series at 12 pm on Mondays in January.
- Hybrid (virtual & in-person) Succession Planning workshop on February 29th.
- Invasive Species workshop in March.
- Forest health webinar series in early April, followed by a forest health field day on April 13th.

Please contact me for any details related to the programs above. I will send more information and updates on programs throughout the year. I'm eager to work with you all next year!



County highlights

Cape Girardeau County Century Farms honored in 2023

The Missouri Century Farm program began during the Bicentennial year of 1976 and since that year 144 farms have been recognized in Cape Girardeau County. The Century Farm Program recognizes century farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 consecutive years or more, the present farm consists of no less than 40 acres of the original and makes a financial contribution to the overall farm income. In 2008 Farm Bureau along with the College of Food and Agriculture and University of Missouri Extension became a sponsoring organization of the program.

The new Cape Girardeau County Century Farm owners honored in 2023 are: Dennis and Elizabeth Aufdenberg, Jerry and Darlene Petzoldt, Kent and Judy Peetz, Carol J. McDowell, and Dennis E. and Doris I. Koeberl.

For more information, contact the University of Missouri Extension Center in Jackson at 573-243-3581 or stop by the office at 684 W. Jackson Trail in Jackson. You can also visit the Missouri Century Farm Program website: <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/century-farms>.



Avery and Judy Sullinger, with their Missouri Century Farm sign.

New Faculty and Staff

Cape Girardeau County welcomed new faculty and staff members this year!

Syl Christy, County Office Support

Clayton Skelton, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Sally Ruesler, Youth Program Associate

Amanda Sullivan, Nutrition Program Associate

Welcome aboard!

2023 Annual Dinner



At the 2023 Annual Dinner, we celebrated the beginning of a new year by swearing in new Extension Council members and honoring many of those who have served our county.

Cape Girardeau County



UM System Footprint in the county in 2023



FY23 county students

328 students

- 240 Undergraduates
- 88 Graduate and professional students
- 269 Full-time students
- 59 Part-time students
- 46 Pell grant recipients (aid year 2023)



County employees and retirees

34 people employed by UM

- 30 Campuses
- 1 MU Health Care
- 3 UM System

18 UM retirees and beneficiaries

UM salary and retirement income: \$1.3 million

UM state tax revenue: \$30,424

UM federal tax revenue: \$144,896



County alumni

Selected school alumni

- 84 Medicine
- 99 Nursing
- 160 Health Professions
- 37 Dentistry
- 27 Pharmacy
- 15 Optometry
- 28 Veterinary Medicine
- 208 Agriculture
- 335 Engineering
- 99 Law

Alumni teaching K-12

- 32 teachers
- 3.7% of all district teachers
- 7 principals and administrators
- 15.2% of all district principals and administrators



County breakdown

MU

- 221 students
- 1,321 alumni
- 26 employees

UMKC

- 31 students
- 150 alumni
- 3 employees

Missouri S&T

- 55 students
- 291 alumni
- 1 employee

UMSL

- 21 students
- 187 alumni
- 0 employees



Construction projects

- \$238,480 remitted to 1 county vendor, for 1 project



County properties and offices

MU Extension in: Cape Girardeau County



County population: 81,086



County services provided

Health care (FY23)

- 124 in-state patients seen at MU Health Care, with \$42,939 of uncompensated care
- 3 in-state patients seen at UMSL Center for Eye Care with a statewide average of \$34.82 per patient in uncompensated care
- 7 in-state patients seen at UMKC School of Dentistry with a statewide average of \$43.61 per patient in uncompensated care
- MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 56 visits to 34 patients having ZIP codes associated with the county

Extension (2022)

- 6,493 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the county, including:
- 5,197 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 1,170 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
- 112 contacts related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy