

# Reaching Out Report



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## Council Meetings

**Monday, Jan. 27** at noon inside the Botanical Center. Lunch is provided by \$5. Special guest speaker: David Burton on reaching your neighbors.

**Monday, Feb. 10:** Mizzou Founders Day and County Extension Annual Meeting, 6 p.m. at Relics Event Center, Springfield. Registration online required.

## KOLR-10 Spots

Extension specialists are on KOLR-TV10 mid-day TV show as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 23:**

David Burton

**Monday, Jan. 6, 2020**

Amy Patillo,

**Monday, Jan. 20**

David Burton

**Monday, Feb. 3**

David Burton

**Kelly McGowan:**

same time every

Thursday, horticulture

## Facebook Data

Greene County Extension Council Facebook engagements in November:

- Followers: 3114 (+12)
- Post Reach: 14,772
- Engagements: 2,737
- Video views: 274



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Monthly Newsletter of Greene County Extension Council

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## Cover Photo Story

### Featured Programs in 2020 *Reaching Out Report*

Starting in 2020, each monthly issue of the *Reaching Out Report* will focus on one MU Extension specialist or educator serving Greene County. Their programs and impacts will be featured that one month. The following is the planned list.

**December 2019**– David Burton / Leadership Ash Grove

**January 2020** – Justin Kastning, 4-H

**February 2020** – Nutrition program—Terri Fossett

**March 2020** – SBDC Report for 2019 – Chrystal Irons

**April 2020** – Kelly McGowan, horticulture

**May 2020** - Andy McCorkill and Eldon Cole (livestock)

**June 2020** – Kelsa Ferguson, nutrition education

**July 2020** – Amber Allen, human development

**August 2020** – Sherri Hull and Marty Wood and Myra Dickensheet, nutrition educators

**October 2020** – Tim Schnakenberg, agronomy

**November 2020** – Karla Deaver 4-H programming

**December 2020** – Amy Patillo, workforce development

January 2021— David Burton, community development

*On the cover:*

### Maya Huffman Named Missouri Teen Miss United States Agriculture

Maya Huffman, a member of Shooting Stars 4-H and the Greene County 4-H Teen Council, was recently named 2020 Missouri Teen Miss United States Agriculture. Huffman competed in the state contest in December, and will travel to Orlando, Florida for the National Contest in June 2020. She will be working closely with the 2020 Missouri Miss on community service projects, state events. We are so excited to see her continue advocating for agriculture. Huffman is active in the beef, poultry and rabbit project areas and is a very active member of her club.



## Greene County 4-H Highlights in '19

Greene County 4-H had an amazing year in 2019. Eleven clubs, including two new SPIN (Special Interest) clubs were active, with 275 members. In addition to activities at the club and regional level, several members were involved in state and national opportunities. Some of the highlights include:

- Two members on State 4-H Leadership Council: Blake Wright and Lauren Waterman.
- County Beef Sweepstakes Award at Missouri State Fair.
- Frank Graham Volunteer Leadership Award Winner Lori Suter.
- Blake Wright member of Missouri 4-H Dairy Judging Team competing nationally.
- Monique Turner – State Public Speaking contest division winner in Prepared Speech.
- Members at State Teen Conference and State Congress
- Blake Wright attended State Legislative Academy.
- Members attended Kids and K-9 camp and Zoo Apprenticeship Camp.
- Members compete at Missouri 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest.

# 4-H For All in Greene County

4-H for All began through a partnership between the Greene County Juvenile Office and University of Missouri Extension Council of Greene County in January 2019.

The mission of 4-H for All is aligned with 4-H, which is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach.

What makes the program unique is services are provided to youth at risk in an urban area that typically would not have the opportunity to experience 4-H programs.

Justin Kastning, Youth Program Associate, is primarily responsible for this program. This program has already received statewide recognition, including the Reaching Diverse Audiences Award and Vice Chancellor's Diversity Award for both team and individual.

Kastning is currently working with four different groups of youth in the program. Due to the success of the program, additional opportunities to expand programming are currently under review.

The program has also received support from the Darr Family Foundation and Community Foundation of the Ozarks.



**The Vice Chancellor's Diversity Award, for an individual, recognizes an MU Extension educator who provides leadership in diversity, equity and inclusion work. This year, the award went to Justin Kastning, youth program associate in Greene County for his role with 4-H for All Greene County.**

## Lawn Improvement Program

Springfield city limits & portions of the  
Wilson's Creek watershed

Free soil test and 3-year maintenance plan



Eliminate the guess work and find out exactly what your lawn needs.  
Think of it as a prescription for your lawn. Organic recommendations available.

Apply Online: [www.JamesRiverBasin.com/lawn-steward](http://www.JamesRiverBasin.com/lawn-steward)



# Dr. Temple Grandin

*Live Presentation / Small Fee*

**Monday, Feb. 24 | 7 p.m.**

**Author of: “Emergence: Labeled Autistic” and  
“Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an  
Inventor” and “The Autistic Brain.”**

Temple Grandin did not talk until she was three and a half years old. She was diagnosed with autism and mainstreamed into a normal kindergarten at age five. She is thankful for many helpful teachers.

Dr. Grandin became a prominent author and speaker on both autism and animal behavior. Today she is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and an inspiration for many.

She has a successful career consulting on both livestock handling equipment design and animal welfare. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016. Today half the cattle in the United States are handled in facilities she has designed.



## **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE REQUIRED**

Pre-register at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene> under events (search for program)

Thanks to an award from University of Missouri Extension to the Greene County 4-H For All program, this event has a minimal per person charge.

## **Event Location:**

***Fox Theater at The History Museum on the Square***

154 Park Central Square, Springfield, MO 65806

*Parking Available in Nearby Lots and Garages*

(In Case of Bad Weather Cancellation We will Reschedule for Feb. 25)

**Event Sponsored By:**



Stars4Autism.org

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*University of Missouri*



<http://extension.missouri.edu>



## Briefs

### Tim Schnakenberg

Agronomy specialist  
HQ: Stone County  
Tel: (417) 357-6812  
schnakenbergc@missouri.edu



## Agronomy Report From Tim Schnakenberg

Tim Schnakenberg's efforts have brought him to Greene County during December for the following projects:

- Working with co-workers to develop program topics and speakers for various programs including the Ag Production Conference in Greene County.
- Lining up seven private applicator training sessions in all counties served.
- Signed off on soil test recommendations for Greene and other counties.
- Answered phone calls, texts and emails from local producers and met with producers from Greene County. Conducted farm visits regarding overall forage plans (2 farms), evaluation of a new fescue seeding (2 farms) and weed identification.

## Spring Forage Conference in Springfield Feb. 25

The 36th annual Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave., in Springfield, Missouri. Pre-register early, no day-of registration due to limited seating.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Temple Grandin. Dr. Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University, animal behavior consultant to the livestock industry, and spokesperson for autism.

Conference check-in begins at 8 a.m., with sessions running from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A banquet luncheon is included with the registration. The cost is \$45 per person if registered by Feb. 14, 2020. After February 14, the cost is \$55 (if space is available).

Find more information about the conference and register at [www.springforageconference.com](http://www.springforageconference.com). Contact the Laclede County SWCD office at 417-532-6305, ext.101 for additional questions.

## Pesticide Applicator Training

The in-person private pesticide applicator training will take place March 3 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Springfield Botanical Center. Details can be found online. Registration for this event required.

## Mizzou Founders Day & Greene County Extension Annual Meeting

This event is set for 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10 at the Relics Event Center in Springfield. Evening includes dinner, awards, and a program on the science of sports analytics. Monies raised will support an alumni scholarships. Details can be found online. Registration for this event required.

## 97th Annual Greene County Ag Production Conference

The evening is free, includes dinner and begins at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 28 at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center. Two guest speakers will address getting increased profits from your cattle and starting u-pick operations. Details can be found online. Registration required.

## Leadership Ash Grove and More

Class 2 of the Leadership Ash Grove program kicks off in March. Residents of the school district can grow their personal network, learn about their community, and get hands-on leadership experience as part of this University of Missouri program. Details can be found online. Registration for the program is required. Contact David Burton at [burtond@missouri.edu](mailto:burtond@missouri.edu) for details. A Leadership Republic program will premier in 2020 as well.

## “Art on the Move” Student Show in Springfield during February

Students at the University of Missouri working in digital storytelling will have a display at the Springfield Botanical Center during February. The show kicks off with a reception. Students will be explaining their art and in some cases, creating art unique to that night and that location. Come learn more about the art known as digital storytelling and how the location can become part of the art. Details can be found online. Registration online for the reception is required.

### Specialists Piloting Programs at Elevate Middle School Program in Republic During Spring Session

For the spring session, Republic's unique after school program for middle school students is moving to the new student life center near Calvary Baptist Church. Classes this semester will be taught on Tuesdays with a goal of expanded days in 2020.

Students participate in a number of large groups, including UMKC's Generation Rx Program and service projects. But for six to eight weeks, students enroll and participate in special "clubs" as well.

During the Spring, three MU Extension specialists will be offering two different topics as 4-H SPIN Clubs. Nutrition Specialist Kelsa Ferguson and Horticulture Specialist Kelly McGowan will jointly offer:

#### **"Grow It and Eat It Pizza Club"**

*Do you love pizza? Then join the 'Grow it and Eat it Pizza Club'! This club will focus on a different pizza ingredient each week including dough, sauce, cheese, and toppings. Club members will learn how to grow ingredients, how ingredients are made, nutrition of ingredients, recipes, and taste testing at each meeting. The last meeting date will consist of putting all of the ingredients together and making your own pizza to take home for dinner.*

Community Development Specialist David Burton, in partnership with members of the Republic Chamber of Commerce, will teach:

#### **Junior Business Club & Tiger Cage**

*Learn the basics of creating your own business. Develop a dream. Learn about financing, marketing, management and more from local business owners. Then create your own business idea or product to present as part of a "Tiger Cage" competition. Our panel of judges will present prizes to support your new business or entrepreneur spirit.*



### Family Nutrition Education Programs

Nutrition and life skills for Missouri families

Nov. 2019 report from Myra Dickensheet, Nutrition Associate, Greene County

- Crosslines Food Pantry, Adults, Healthy Change Workshops, 96 participants
- Greenfield Elementary, Students, Show Me Nutrition, 112 participants
- Beacon Village, Adults, ESBA, 5 adults
- Shining Stars Preschool, 4 year olds, "Let's Read About Healthy Eating, 160 participants
- Green County Juvenile Justice Academy, High School, "Live It!" 5 participants
- Macedonia Baptist Preschool, "Let's Read About Healthy Eating," 65 students
- Study Alternative School, 3rd-5th graders, "Choosing Food For Me," 29 kids
- Study Middle, 6th-8<sup>th</sup> students, "Choices/Challenges," 36 participants
- Boys/Girls Club Sertoma Unit, 2nd - 6<sup>th</sup> students, "Kids in the Kitchen," 21 kids
- Crosslines Pantry, display, 2,359 adults
- Strafford Senior Center, Adults, "Healthy Change Workshops," 14 participants

### Master Gardener Hotline Call Totals for 2019

Members of the Master Gardeners of Greene County staff a horticulture hotline at the Springfield Botanical Center as part of their community service. They receive training from Horticulture Specialist Kelly McGowan. Master Gardener Patty Garrett is chair of the hotline and Kathy Rapp is scheduler.

The numbers are in for 2019 and our volunteers were busy! The hotline took 764 inquiries this year from 26 counties around the state. We also took 295 calls and 39 emails as due to KY3 Ask a Master Gardener segments.

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### New 2019 Greene County Plat Books Available From Greene County Extension

The Greene County MU Extension Council, in partnership with Mapping Solutions, is proud to announce the release of the new Greene County Plat Book. This spiral-bound book features the standard landownership map pages showing townships and ranges within the county, including property boundaries for all rural parcels. Along with landownership maps the books also includes new enhanced LiDAR aerial view maps that show a 3D-like topographical look at local land.

In this updated 100-page edition, information can be found regarding University of Missouri Extension, a School Districts Map, Watersheds Map, Landowner Index, and Municipal Maps of Ash Grove, Battlefield, Fair Grove, Republic, Strafford, and Willard.

**Greene County MU Extension is the exclusive seller of a limited number of Greene County Plat Books.**

\$50 per book at the local office inside the Springfield Botanical Center at 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo.

(Open office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

**Cash or check is accepted.**

Books can be ordered by mail by adding \$3 more per book for shipping to the final cost.

“This information is valuable to anyone interested, particularly those who own land in Greene County,” said David Burton, county engagement specialist, MU Extension.

**NEW!** ANNOUNCING

# GREENE COUNTY 2019 PLAT BOOK

*Sponsored by Greene County MU Extension*

## LANDOWNER & AERIAL VIEW MAPS


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**Greene County MU Extension**  
2400 South Scenic Avenue  
Springfield, Missouri 65807  
(417) 881-8909

**WIN A FREE WALL MAP OR SMART MAP!**

**THERE ARE 2 CHANCES TO WIN:**

1. Stop by the Greene County MU Extension office above for more info.
2. Like "Mapping Solutions" on Facebook and find your county's post



Visit [mappingsolutionsgis.com](http://mappingsolutionsgis.com) for plat books, wall maps, digital products, custom maps and more!

# 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Greene County Agriculture Production Conference



## Program Agenda

- 5:30** – Welcome and Dinner
- 6:00** – Update: ???, Greene County MU Extension
- 6:15** – Updates: Abby Inglis (FSA) and Diana Sheridan (NRCS)
- 6:30** – SWCD Update & Greene County Awards – Will Rhodes
- 6:45** – “Grazing Your Way to Profitable Beef Production” – Will McClain, Asst. Professor at Missouri State University
- 7:30** – “Growing Farm Revenues with U-Pick Operations”, Kelly McGowan, Horticulture Specialist. MU Extension. Panelists:

**Event is Free of Charge  
Pre-Registration is Required  
Details and Registration on  
County Extension Website**

*Does Eat Place of Springfield, Mo. is catering our meal.*

*Including the Greene County Soil and Water  
Conservation District Annual Meeting*

**January 28: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Held at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center,  
*(2nd floor banquet room)*

6821 West Independence, Springfield, MO 65802



**This annual event offers opportunities to help you better  
manage and profit from your farming or rural enterprises.**





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### Program Schedule

WELCOME & INTRO: Greg Cole, president, Greater Ozarks Chapter of Mizzou Alumni Association

MEAL: *Provided by As You Like it Catering*

EXTENSION SPEAKER: "2019 Success Stories for MU Extension in Greene County"  
David Burton, county engagement specialist for MU Extension

LEADERS HONOR ROLL: Tom Kissee and Carl Redmon

OATH OF OFFICE: Shane Schoeller, County Clerk  
*Administered to the newly elected members of the extension council*

STUDENT SPEAKER: Lynn Kreul, Republic, Mo.  
Senior at Mizzou,  
President of the  
Alumni Association Student Board

UNIVERSITY GUEST: "Data in Motion: How Sports Analytics is Changing the Game."  
Dr. Chris Wikle and Dr. Erin Schliep  
College of Arts and Science

MIZZOU ATHLETICS: Pending

ALUMNI: Todd McCubbin, Executive Director  
University of Missouri Alumni  
Association

CLOSING COMMENTS: Greg Cole, president, Greater Ozarks Chapter of Mizzou Alumni Association



**MIZZOU FOUNDERS DAY**  
& Greene County Extension Council  
ANNUAL MEETING

Mizzou  
University of Missouri

Extension  
University of Missouri

MIZZOU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Greater Ozarks Chapter



**6:00 pm., Monday, Feb. 10, 2020**  
At Relics Event Center  
2015 Battlefield Rd, Springfield, MO 65807

**Pre-Registration Required. Details on our website.  
\$10 Per Person**



**36th Annual**

**Southwest Missouri Spring Forage Conference**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**Location: Oasis Hotel and Convention Center**

**2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri**

**For additional information and to pre-register:**

***[www.springforageconference.com](http://www.springforageconference.com)***

**417-532-6305 ext.101**

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# Mizzou Community & Leadership Network

## Dan Reiter

Q&A: Feb. 13 | 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

- Vice President/General Manager of the Springfield Cardinals
- Has been with the Springfield Cardinals since 2004.
- Worked in ticket and corporate sales, marketing and leadership for the Cardinals.
- Seventh Double-A Field of the Year award (2019).
- **Mizzou alum: 2003, Marketing**



**Menu:** Chef Salad Bar with a mix of Romaine and baby greens, selection of dressings, tomatoes, cucumbers, black olives, carrots, shredded cheddar and swiss, croutons, hard boiled eggs, and chopped ham, turkey and chicken.

**NEXT: May 14, 2020 lunch guest:** Laura Farmer, Mizzou alum, executive director of CASA



### People You Need to Know

**LIVE INTERVIEW** with *David Burton*  
County Engagement Specialist, MU Extension

Network with community minded people and learn about a Mizzou alum who is making a difference.

### PRE-REGISTRATION ONLINE REQUIRED

Pre-register online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene> (search for program)  
Cost of \$15 per person includes meal. Seating is limited.

**Event Location:** *Springfield Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo 65807* \* Call (417) 881-8909 for Details

Event Sponsored By:

  
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# Extension Council

## MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COUNCIL OF GREENE COUNTY

**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2019

**Place:** Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S Scenic Ave, Springfield, Missouri

**Attendees:** Tony Ahart, Morgan Ash, Lisa Bakerink, Harold Bengsch, Greg Boehne, Chad Courtney, Karen Dowdy, Alex Greiwe, Tyler Gunlock, Marissa Hayward, Sam Snider, Rick Stenberg and Jason Whitesell. 4-H Representative = Lauren Waterman

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm, by Council Chair, Jason Whitesell, who welcomed those in attendance, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Secretary Morgan Ash called roll and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Rick Stenberg and was seconded by Harold Bengsch, to approve the Consent Agenda including the October meeting minutes, and the October Treasurer's report and bills to be paid for the month. Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote.

**Staff Reports:** Please see and share the Reaching Out Report in your packet. Amber Allen will be presenting on, "Toxic Relationships," at Habitat for Humanity in January. She is preparing a list of speaking topics offered on Human Development. Kelly McGowan has been working on end of year reporting and planning for next year. Maggie Black reported that the office has been quiet due to all of the end of year reporting. Amy Patillo has been working on a workforce analytics project and will pilot a project with a few companies next year. Kelsa Ferguson has been teaching diabetes management and cooking matter classes that have been going well. She is going to teach at Victory Mission and at Central Assembly next year.

**Council Youth Representative Report:** Lauren Waterman reported that there were a lot of awards given but few attendees at 50th banquet. There is a state board conference in January.

**Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:** Plat Books: The books are finished are being shipped. There are 100 for sale for \$50 and digital copies are also available. A letter will be sent to title companies when shipment is received.

**Council Nominations:** There are eight seats and eight nominees. Lisa Bakerink moved to approve the nominees and Sam Snider seconded motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**Campus Gift Fund Proposal:** Eleven requests for \$12,400.00 were made for fund expenditure. Also, at least \$20,000.00 marked for endowment. A discussion was had to hold out funds for a new copier contract in January. A total gift fund balance of \$46,000.00 is available. Morgan Ash moved to approve the staff spending, copier fund and endowment proposal

## Greene County Extension Council Members

Jason Whitesell  
*Chairman*

Greg Boehne  
*Vice-chair*

Morgan Ash  
*Secretary*

Lisa Bakerink  
*Treasurer*

Harold Bengsch  
*County Commissioner*

Vacant  
*Farm Bureau*

Jordan Miller  
*MFA*

Vacant  
*City of Republic*

Samuel Snider  
*City of Willard*

Joseph Hoffman  
*City of Springfield*

Lauren Waterman  
*4-H Youth member*

*Members at large*

Tony Ahart

Missy Hayward

Tyler Gunlock

Ann Hall

Scott Smith

Chad Courtney

Karen Dowdy

Chris Schulze

Rick Stenberg

Alex Greiwe

Larry Adams

Ray Meyer

Eric Sutton

Mike Lofaro  
*Tiger Ambassador*

## Extension Council

and Tony Ahart seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**New Business:**

**Personnel Committee:** Needs to meet in January.

**Annual Fund Mailing and Phone**

**Calls:** There is a calling party on January 13, 14 & 16, with pizza, script and phone bank. Please donate one evening to help out. The plan is to thank donors for previous donations, provide Founder’s Day information, tell them about the election and ask for a pledge.

**Founders Day Event:** The event will be held on February 10th at Relic’s Event Center with program, dinner and informational displays and a topic of sports analytics.

**2020 Meeting Lunches:** Volunteers are needed to pick up lunches (will get reimbursed). Please see schedule.

**Monthly Recognition Awards:** The Squealing Pig Award this month was awarded to Tyler Gunlock for his leadership Ash Grove involvement.

**Educational Program:** Pam Duitsman introduced the community development company, Noble Hill, who uses landfill gases for energy production. There is an appeal for project developers to come up with

novel ideas and plan for creating greenhouses and agriculture. The Green Circle proposal accepted by City Springfield for 1 acre. Half will be used for young farmer accelerator project and growing for large industrial food needs. An average box of produce travels 1,500 miles, this will make more of our produce grown locally. The first stage of the project will train new farmers with an MSU certificate. The second stage is an agriculture accerator with young farmers leasing land and growing produce to sell. Financing capital through FCS, USDA, FSA and SBA. Hydroponic greenhouses provide internships for local students who will sell leafy greens and herbs to retail distributors and institutional buyers. Food distribution centers keep cash and jobs in the local economy. Agroforestry and permaculture demonstrations with Extension, MSU, MDC and USDA will show case specialty crops. The first two stages will cost approximately \$11.9 million.

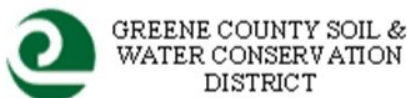
Rick Stenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 pm and Tyler Gunlock seconded the motion. The idea passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by Morgan Ash**

## “Presenting Sponsors” for Greene County Extension

These partners have contributed an annual sum in support of local MU Extension programs and services in four impact areas: agriculture & environment, youth & families, business & community development, nutrition & health.

**Contact David Burton at (417) 881-8909 to add your logo as a sponsor!**



# Industrial Hemp in Missouri

REGULATIONS – AGRONOMICS – BUDGETS

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Southwest Research Center**

Administrative Bldg. Auditorium

**14548 Hwy H**

**Mt. Vernon, MO 65712**



**Space is limited**

**Please RSVP: 573-751-8981 or [hempprogram@mda.mo.gov](mailto:hempprogram@mda.mo.gov)**

Day-of Contact: 417-466-2148



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**MU Extension Staff Headquartered in Greene County**



**Kelly McGowan**

Horticulture Specialist  
*mcgowank@missouri.edu*

**Started:** 2012

**Job responsibilities:** I coordinate the Core Training for the Greene County Master Gardeners, assist the Master Gardener chapter, and also develop and plan educational opportunities and events for the public.



**David Burton**

County Engagement in  
Community Development  
*burtond@missouri.edu*

**Started:** 2001

**Job responsibilities:** Engages through leadership development, neighboring, heritage tourism, art on the move, and media relations. Works with council to fund and administer the office and to plan local programs.



**Amber Allen**

Human Development

**Started:** October 2019

**Responsibilities:** Programs that focus on the improvement of families and senior adults.

**Vacant**

Open Office



**Kelsa Ferguson**

Nutrition Specialist

**Started:** February 2019

**Responsibilities:** Nutrition and health education programs including classes on chronic disease management, food preservation and more.



**Amy Patillo**

Workforce Development  
*patilloa@missouri.edu*

**Started:** November 2011

**Responsibilities:** Workforce development, leadership and community development programming for businesses, government agencies and nonprofits and leading local foods grants.



**Justin Kastning**

4-H Youth Associate

**Started:** January 7, 2019

**Job responsibilities:** Develop and expand current 4-H programming in the county and grow new clubs with a primary focus on 4-H programming at Greene County Youth Academy.



**Maggie Black**






Office Manager

**Started:** May 2015

Maggie manages office financials, soil tests, event registrations, council relations, and customer service of all types including canner testing.



**MU Extension Staff Serving Greene County**

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|  | <b>Sherri Hull</b><br><i>Nutrition Associate</i><br>Joined 2008 |  | <b>M. Dickensheet</b><br><i>Nutrition Associate</i><br>Joined 2018 |
|  | <b>Marty Wood</b><br><i>Nutrition Associate</i><br>Joined 2000  |  | <b>Myrna Stark</b><br><i>FNEP Program Manager</i>                  |
|   |   |  | <b>Terri Fossett</b><br><i>Program director</i><br>Joined 2000     |

**Family Nutrition Education Program**  
2160 W. Chesterfield Blvd. F200, Springfield, Mo  
Tel: 417-886-2059

**Southwest Region Directors Office**

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Springfield, Mo.  
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## Featured Impact of the Month

For more examples follow the Greene County Extension Council on Facebook.

Posted by Kelly McGowan: *Dec. 10 (2019) was the annual Master Gardeners of Greene County Christmas party. The focus of this year's party was volunteer recognition. Our Master Gardener volunteers donate thousands of hours of their precious time each year to carry out their mission of "Helping Others Learn to Grow" and to represent University of Missouri Extension. Pictured below are outgoing board members Nancy Chambers, Bobby Ream, Carl Redmon and Gale Edwards.*



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