

# Reaching Out Report



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## Special Announcement

The MU Extension leadership has decided to follow the lead of UM System and suspend all face to face MU Extension programming through May 15, 2020.

This includes meetings, programs, events and 4-H club gatherings.

The Greene County Extension office is also closed until mid-April, however staff members will continue to check for and respond to all phone and email messages.

Dr. Marshall Stewart, vice chancellor of extension and engagement, is asking staff to adapt meetings and programs to different formats so they can continue to be productive and support Missourians.

If you have enrolled in a program you will be notified of the changes.

The dual county meeting April 21 is canceled.

The Greene County Extension council meetings for March and April will be conducted via zoom.



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# Our 2020 “Presenting Sponsors” Keep Greene County MU Extension Programming Available, Accessible and Affordable

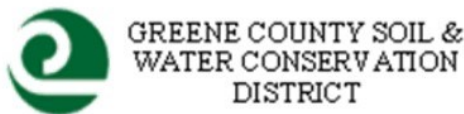
These partners have contributed an annual sum of a minimum of \$1,500 in support of local county MU Extension programs and services in four impact areas: agriculture & environment, youth & families, business & community development, nutrition & health.

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## Food Preservation 2020 Class Online

**NOW**

Enroll in MU Extension's self-paced online food preservation course. Participants will learn about pressure canning, boiling water bath canning, steam canning, dehydration, and freezing. Highlights include preserving salsas, pie fillings, pickling, sweet spreads, and harvesting and storage of produce. For questions contact Kelsa Ferguson at [kelsaferguson@missouri.edu](mailto:kelsaferguson@missouri.edu)

## "Taking Care of You" - Online Class

**April  
23**

Online class with MU Extension starting April 23. "Taking Care of You" is a multi-session program offering practical strategies and experiences to help you deal with the stress in your life. Managing life's challenges in a healthy way allows you to take better care of yourself. Register for the class on MU Extension's website. For details email Kelsa at [kelsaferguson@missouri.edu](mailto:kelsaferguson@missouri.edu).

## "Boost Your Brain" - Online Class

**April  
8**

This class uses a whole-person approach that helps you form new habits to live a healthier lifestyle, remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention and regulate your emotions. See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

## COVID-19 Impact on Small Businesses

**NOW**

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides low-interest disaster recovery loans to small businesses through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. Join Missouri SBDC webinars to learn more about the program. <https://sbdc.missouristate.edu/sbdctraining/>

**NEW!** ANNOUNCING

# GREENE COUNTY 2019 PLAT BOOK

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### Featured in 2020 *Reaching Out Report*

Each issue of the *Reaching Out Report* will focus on one MU Extension specialist or educator serving Greene County.

**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

### Master Gardeners of Greene County Support Educational Efforts in the County that Spur Economy

The Master Gardeners of Greene County are trendsetters for Missouri. The chapter excels in the number of volunteer hours and the work they do at the Botanical Center. Members also support the community with education. With education and training, people actually spend more money on horticulture items (even expanding their own hobby) and pass on knowledge and excitement to family and friends. It is in this way that Master Gardeners also add to the economic development of Greene County.

Here's a summary of the chapters accomplishments in 2019 and a comparison to 2018:

- 227 active members reporting 14,297 volunteer hours. 185 active members in 2018 reporting 15,993 hours.
- 82 emeritus members. 10 or more years of service to chapter.
- 31 new members completed 2019 core training. 50 in 2018, but that was an evening class which always has a higher enrollment.
- 13 educational programs offered to the public with 569 in attendance Same number of classes in 2018 with 384 in attendance. Not only do these classes generate revenue for the chapter, but they continue to gain in popularity.
- 1825 pounds of fresh produce grown and donated to area food pantries. 1400 pounds donated in 2018.
- 764 inquiries from 26 Missouri counties handled by Master Gardeners of Greene County hotline. 800 from 26 counties in 2018. These steady numbers are a testament to the public's value of our information.
- 24 speakers bureau requests filled. 16 filled in 2018. Our speakers bureau continues to grow.
- Children's programming reached 4500 attendees at the annual Butterfly Festival and Young Sprouts in the Garden event. 4000 in attendance in 2018. This is our largest children's event.
- Master Gardeners are a self-supporting, non-profit organization and raised \$13,688 at the 2019 annual plant sale. We made \$13,610 in 2018.



## Briefs

- Provided informational booths at 9 Springfield area events distributing non-biased, research based information to the public We attended the same amount of events in 2018, but the amount of outreach we get from these, increases our attendance at the plant sale and public education classes.
- 3763 Facebook followers
- Monthly public newsletter sent to over 2500 subscribers
- New entrances completed and dedicated in 2019. Thank you to Friends of the Garden's sponsorship program, Great Southern Bank for their sponsorship, the redesign committee, and all those that put in sweat equity to make these beautiful new entrances happen!

### Kelly McGowan

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### Not Letting a Pandemic Slow us Down; County Councils Move Online

All over the nation, people are working online. Missouri's county extension councils are no exception. Quickly adapting to changing needs, these citizen advisers are now holding their monthly meetings by phone and online videoconference to help make sure University of Missouri Extension can continue its local work.

In all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis, extension councils comprising elected, appointed and delegated citizens are important partners in MU's work across Missouri — figuring out local needs, connecting with community leaders and evaluating the work MU Extension does.

"We're not going to sit back and let a pandemic slow us down," said Greg Boehne, chair of the Greene County extension council. "If anything, these unusual times amplify the need for extension and the work we do." Greene, Putnam, Cooper and Barton counties are among the first councils to make this online transition.

Council members need to approve payments, monitor programs, plan initiatives and help their communities respond to this current crisis, said Mabelle Rinehart, Putnam County extension council chair.

"We're in the midst of so many important things right now: soil testing, planning for the fair in September. It's so important to keep our counties going and everything up to date, especially for our youths and as we move into planting season," said Rinehart, whose grandfather served on the council and great-grandmother helped establish the county's 4-H program many years ago. "I know what a good resource extension is for the community."

Katie Gadberry, who has served on the Putnam council for four years, said she had never used Zoom before. "But I thought the meeting went really well. We had a great turnout. Some people who usually can't come were able to."

That flexibility is something all four counties noted. "We had record attendance," said David Burton, county engagement specialist in community development in Greene County.

Boehne said this uptick in attendance may prompt exploration of ways to incorporate an optional virtual component to future face-to-face meetings.

Joe Koenen, county engagement specialist in agriculture and environment in Putnam County, said today's pandemic reaction reminds him of the farm crisis in the 1980s. People are afraid and juggling

uncertainty about the long-term impact on their communities and farms while continuing to need credible information about immediate concerns such as fence laws. "The important thing is for us to be here and be available and knowledgeable," Koenen said.

The dedication and commitment of county extension councils to ensure this work continues is greatly appreciated, said Sarah Traub, MU Extension's interim director of off-campus operations. "They are integral to helping our faculty and staff see the educational needs in their community and, now, helping spread the word about how we will continue to serve them online."

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#### April Council Meeting

Monday, April 27 online or via telephone using the following information.

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://muextension.zoom.us/j/355711943>

#### Access the meeting by audio, dia:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
Meeting ID: 355 711 943

# Boost Your Brain & Memory

## Brain Fitness Class

Our aim is to help participants implement new habits to maintain cognitive health while also practicing new skills for better memory performance.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

(4 session class)

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Virtual Learning Opportunity via Zoom



The class uses a whole-person approach that helps you form new habits to live a healthier lifestyle, remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention and regulate your emotions. Each participant will receive a workbook including memory exercises, tips on nutrition and exercise, and summaries of evidence-based research on brain health.

To register for this class at:

<https://extension2.missouri.edu/events/boost-your-brain-and-memory-springfield-virtual-via-zoom>

Registration Fee: \$40



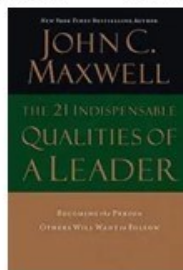


## Class Begins April 6

- Online class meets 3 days a week (MWF) for 22 sessions.
- Sessions begin at 11:30 a.m. (CST) and lasts 30 minutes.
- Register online to receive a link to the zoom class and a link to the recording of the class if you miss a session.
- Register for the class at <http://extension.missouri.edu>.

# The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader

A 21-day online, interactive, group study of John C Maxwell's class book, "The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader." Learn more about yourself and how to lead by enrolling in this free course led by University of Missouri Extension specialists. Classes will be done online via zoom.



If you register, and then miss a class, a session recording will be sent to you. Book is available at most libraries, Amazon, Audible and Abebooks.com. You can participate without the book. Advance registration is required and must be done on the MU Extension website.

Enroll at <http://extension.missouri.edu>. Run search for title on website.



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## EMPLOYMENT, LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Register Here! [bit.ly/WorkforceRally](https://bit.ly/WorkforceRally)



## INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 1, 2020      2:00 PM - 3:30 PM      Credentialing \$30.00

### COVID-19 and Other Disaster Recovery Resources

Updates and changes to FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act), SBA (Small Business Assistance), EDA (Economic Development Administration) and Disaster Recovery, USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Rural Business Development Grants, COVID-19 loans and local initiatives.

**JUST SIT BACK AND LET US DO  
THE WORK FOR YOU!**

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# Mizzou & Community Leadership Network

## Laura Farmer

Q&A: May 14 | 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

### LEADING IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Laura leads CASA in southwest Missouri. CASA is an intervention and prevention program working to prevent future incidence of abuse and protecting siblings from similar experiences by assisting child welfare professionals and acting as "the eyes and ears" of the Juvenile court judge. The Executive Director at CASA appoints volunteer advocates to work on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system.

- **Mizzou alum: Social Work degree 2007**
- **Recently nominated as Non-Profit Director of the Year in Southwest Missouri**



### REGISTRATION / TICKETS

- Pre-registration required. Call (417) 881-8909 or search for event name and registered online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>
- **Thanks to a sponsor, the event is FREE but limited to the first 25 that register.**

**Network with community minded people, learn about a Mizzou alum who is making a difference, and see their local offices and/or operations live and in person.**

*Meeting at the offices of  
CASA of SW Missouri  
1911 S National Ave., Springfield, Mo  
Parking in the back if the front lot is full.*



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

**Event Sponsored By:**



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# Leadership Ash Grove & Leadership Republic

Leadership Ash Grove and Leadership Republic expose participants to the people, issues, and opportunities in their respective communities while also providing practical opportunities to develop leadership skills for the benefit of their family, neighborhood, community and employer.

Find program details and costs online.

## Ash Grove Class

Begins July 23, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., runs for 9 months

## Republic Class

Begins July 7, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. (runs to 9 months)

Enroll at <http://extension.missouri.edu>. Run search for title on website.



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# Ways to Be a Good Neighbor

## Children Appropriate Activities

Use these random acts of kindness to brighten your neighbor's day.



Say hello or wave each time you see your neighbors.



Bake a plate of cookies or a favorite dessert for your neighbor.



Cook dinner for a neighbor who is ill or just had a new baby.



Write a message or draw a picture on neighbor's sidewalk with chalk.



Bring in your neighbors' garbage can or offer to wash their car.



Leave a bottle of bubbles, flowers or coloring book on neighbor's doorstep.



Ask an neighbor if there's a chore you can help them do.



Write out your favorite joke and put in in your neighbor's mailbox.



Offer to walk your neighbor's dog, water their garden, rake leaves or shovel snow.



Deliver a homemade card to your neighbor, or leave it in their door.



Bring out a cold drink on a hot day when you see your neighbor working outside.



Offer to play with your neighbor's children for an afternoon.



Set up a reverse lemonade stand with free drinks for neighbors.



Help your parents host a simple block party with some food and drinks.



Perform an active of kindness with no expectation of getting anything in return!

Find more on neighboring at <http://extension.missouri.edu>





## Need your soil tested?

Submit samples directly to the MU Soil Testing Laboratory

If done as a self-serve option, send completed form, soil and payment by check for the amount due.

Scan the qr code  
for easy access  
to the website



### Helpful links

- How to submit samples:  
<https://extension2.missouri.edu/spl-submit-samples>
- Soil sample information form for lawns and gardens:  
<https://extension2.missouri.edu/mp555>
- Special soil tests form:  
<https://extension2.missouri.edu/mp960>

### MU Soil Testing Laboratory address

23 Mumford Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211

Phone: 573-882-0623



**SPECIAL NOTE:** You can take your soil, a check for \$20 to MU Extension, and completed soil test forms to the MFA locations in Ash Grove, Marshfield or Ozark





# Tips for co-parenting during COVID-19



## Create a healthy environment

Parents may have concerns that transferring their child from house to house may introduce more opportunities for exposure to illnesses.

- It is important to follow the CDC, state and local recommendations for best practices (e.g., stay home when sick, proper handwashing, cleaning regularly touched surfaces).
- Create a brave space to have conversations around anxiety, stress, uncertainty and loss to promote your children's emotional health as well as physical health.

## Maintain structure while embracing flexibility

Children of all ages thrive when they have predictable routines.

- However, parents may need to adjust plans and other arrangements to accommodate changing schedules and shifting priorities.
- Life disruption as a result of any crisis may necessitate flexibility. Model empathy by adapting schedules when possible. Practice patience with yourself, your children, and others when possible.

## Build bridges and practice compassion

Remember, this is an ever-changing situation. Avoid exposing children to conflict.

- Make it a priority to use healthy conflict management skills when having discussions in front of children.
- Encourage connectedness with the other parent. This would be a great time to use technology to have a virtual visit with the child's other partner and extended family. Arrange a virtual visit, play a virtual game or read a book together.

## Self care

You, too, may be feeling overwhelmed.

- Take steps to keep yourself physically and emotionally healthy as you co-parent.
- Be intentional about scheduling personal time to recharge and decompress.
- Given isolation and loneliness are public health concerns, stay virtually connected to both your family and social network.



# Extension Council

## MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COUNCIL OF GREENE COUNTY

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2020

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

**Attendees:** Larry Adams, Tony Ahart, Morgan Ash, Lisa Bakerink, Greg Boehne, Chad Courtney, Karen Dowdy, Alex Greiwe, Tyler Gunlock, Brandon Hebbert, Joseph Hoffman, Scott Smith, and Jason Whitesell.

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 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 Lisa Bakerink and was seconded by Joseph Hoffman, to approve the Consent Agenda including the January meeting minutes, and January 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. Sherri Hull is working at Head Start and elementary school class sites. There is a new class starting in Fair Grove. Marti Wood is continuing to facilitate classes at Pregnancy Care Center and with Preferred Family Healthcare. Amy Patillo has an agricultural focus group today at the E-Plex and there are two Labor and Workforce Development Summits tomorrow in Joplin and in Houston, Missouri. Kelly McGowan has a high tunnel workshop this Saturday and is working on a elevate program with Kelsa Ferguson in Republic with middle school students. Kelsa Ferguson is working on a Taking Care of You class with Amber Allen. Her Northview Center class is finishing this week. She has conferences for the next two years in Columbia. Maggie Black reports that the temporary employee has been working on the computers and the Master Gardener hotline begins on March 1st. This is a perfect time to do soil testing.

Council Youth Representative Report: Lauren Waterman had to work and could not attend the meeting.

**Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:** Plat Books: There are 8 plat books left.

**New Business:** Founders Day Event: Twenty-eight surveys have been reviewed. Fifty tickets were sold. Please provide feedback.

### 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

Meeting Tables: A horse ranch purchased the tables for \$100 and picked them up.

Dual Meeting: Greene County is partnered with Lawrence County for state council report and area council feedback. There may be a dual meeting on April 21st. There will be a focus on programming that ties the two counties together with lots of feedback on the programming provided and needed.

Mizzou For You: March 30 & 31st there is an Extension Council workshop in Columbia, Missouri. Greg Boehne and Chris Schulze will attend.

### **New Business:**

Office Closure Policy: This matter was passed and was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Regional Council: There are usually two members that attend from each council. Greg Boehne goes and is willing to continue to attend the meetings every three months. They are on the last Tuesday evening of the month from 6:00-8:30 pm. Alex Greiwe will serve as our meeting attendee alternate.

Officer Election: Morgan Ash was sworn in but did not have the oath to sign. Other new officers did not get sworn in. They will need to visit Shane Schoeller's office to accomplish this.

Jason Whitesell moved to nominate Greg Boehne as Chair and Chad Courtney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tyler Gunlock moved to nominate Jason Whitesell as Vice-Chair and Greg Boehne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Hoffman moved to nominate Morgan Ash as Secretary and Greg Boehne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Boehne moved to nominate Lisa Bakerink as Treasurer and Jason Whitesell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Educational Program: David Burton presented on Leadership

Republic and Ash Grove. It was called Excel years ago but evolved into Leadership Springfield (a separate entity), now locally. The program is now started in Ash Grove and Republic. Great new programs and projects have come out of this, including the Ash Grove foundation and the extension of the Republic Expo. The name has changed due to group confusion and there has been a much better response and more energy for the program. There is a goal to learn more about the community and then engage more with their community in impactful ways. They are shifting to day time programs. Businesses like professional development and sustainability aspect of the day time leadership program. Leadership Greene County is coming soon for county employees and council members. There will be lectures, guests visiting to educate, volunteers solicited and class attendees will give reports on projects or on leadership literature. The start date is unsure but there are definite plans underway. Mt. Vernon has a program that David assists with and Willard has expressed an interest in a future leadership program. He will also be giving a presentation on coordinated giving to three different programs in Northern Italy next month.

Joseph Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 pm and Morgan Ash seconded the motion. The idea passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by Morgan Ash**

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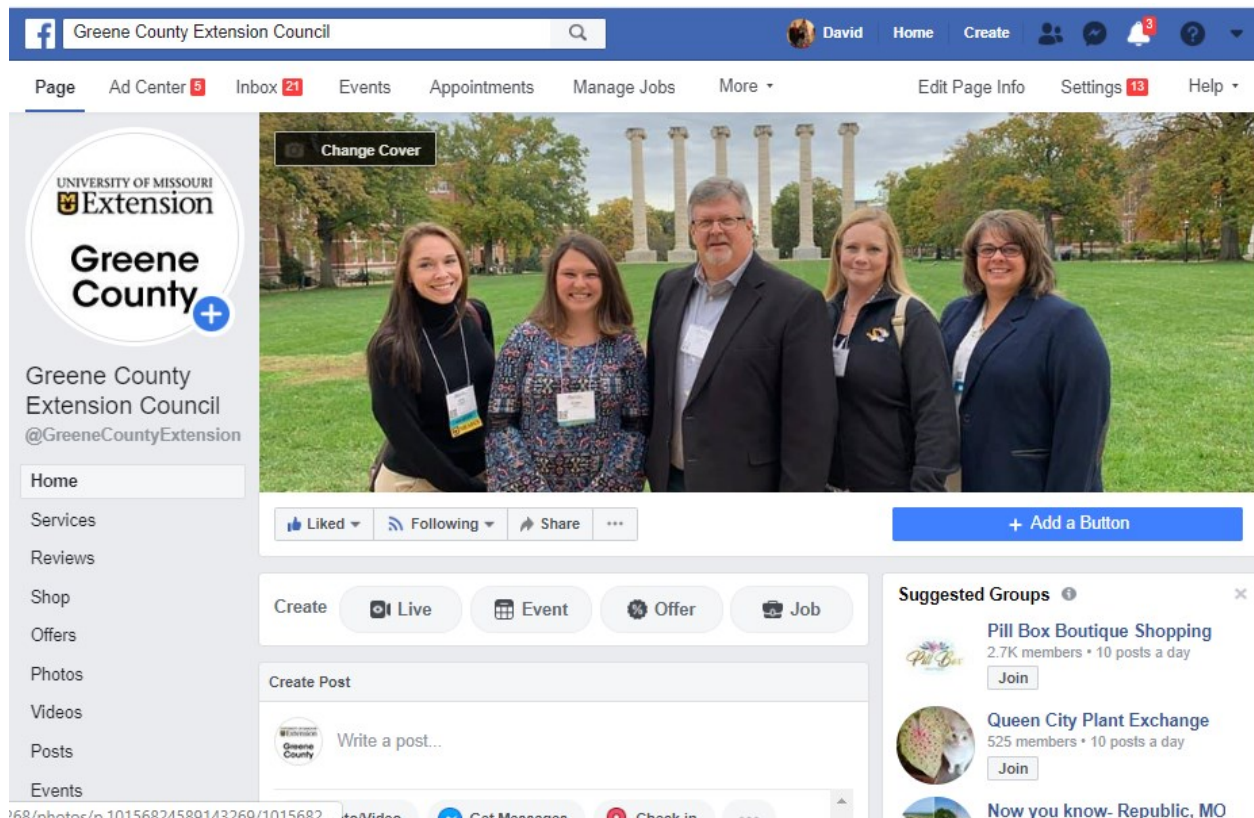
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**MU Extension Staff Headquartered in Greene County**



**Kelly McGowan**

Horticulture Specialist  
*mcgowank@missouri.edu*

**Started:** 2012

**Responsibilities:** Coordinates the Core Training for the Greene County Master Gardeners, assists the Master Gardener chapter, and develops and plans educational opportunities and events for the public.



**David Burton**

County Engagement in  
Community Development  
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**Started:** 2001

**Responsibilities:** Engages residents through leadership development, neighboring, heritage tourism, arts, 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 like “Boost Your Brain and Memory,” “Focus on Kids” and Greene Dot violence prevention programs.

**Vacant**

Open Office



**Kelsa Ferguson**

Nutrition Specialist

**Started:** February 2019

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



**Amy Patillo**

Workforce Development  
*patilloa@missouri.edu*

**Started:** November 2011

**Responsibilities:** Working across the state to coordinate the Universities high priority commitments and identify projects where Extension can grow Missouri’s workforce.



**Justin Kastning**

4-H Youth Associate

**Started:** January 7, 2019

**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

**Responsibilities:** Manage office financials, soil tests, event registrations, council relations, and customer service. She also works to develop local funds for programs and presenting sponsorships.

**MU Extension Staff Serving Greene County**

	<b>Sherri Hull</b> <i>Nutrition Associate</i> Joined 2008		<b>M. Dickensheet</b> <i>Nutrition Associate</i> Joined 2018
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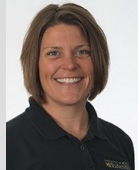
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## Featured Impacts: Temple Grandin on Autism

On Feb. 24, 425 people attended in person and over 400 have watched a livestream of the free presentation on autism given by Temple Grandin at the Fox Theater in Springfield. The program was organized and funded by University of Missouri Extension using funds from the diversity award given to the Greene County 4-H for All Program.

During the talk, Grandin posed the question of how sculptor Michelangelo, composer Ludwig van Beethoven and inventor Thomas Edison would fare in today's public schools. These were not typical students. They were different. They were bullied and underestimated. They did not fit in.

"Where would he end up today? Probably in the basement playing video games," she said. "That's the problem."



Photo from Springfield News-Leader.

## Cooking Matters 4 Moms

Another Cooking Matters session has been completed in downtown Springfield by Sherri Hull and Kelsa Ferguson.

As posted online: Partner "Single Moms Our moms LOVE this class and their teachers! Thank you Greene County Extension Council for the time and effort and relationship building you do and thank you to Central Assembly of God for providing childcare and the venue for these classes! We love our partners!"



### About MU Extension in Greene County:

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