Reaching Out Report



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Special Announcement On Office

The Greene County
Extension office
continues to follow the
lead of the Greene
County Commission,
Springfield-Greene
County Park Board and
the University of
Missouri on when to
reopen our physical
office inside the
Botanical Center.

As of the printing of this newsletter, MU Extension has suspended face-to-face programing until May 15. However, our staff and specialists are working remotely, conducted online programs, and helping clients that call or email with questions.

This newsletter includes information about upcoming programs. When our office reopens we will make that announcement to the media, on our Greene County Extension Council facebook page, and at our place of operation.

Our focus remains the well-being of our community.



A produce pack from Fahrmeier Farms.

Missouri Food Finder Connects Consumers with Locally Grown and Sold Food

The Missouri Food Finder (www.MOFoodFinder.org) is a new online tool that easily connects Missouri consumers with people growing and selling locally produced food in their region.

This site was developed by University of Missouri Extension's Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems (CARES) in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

The economic impact of COVID-19 is expected to hit local producers and growers hard, threatening businesses and livelihoods as they are cut off from their usual markets and selling opportunities.

Missouri Food Finder provides one-stop access for businesses and consumers. Farmers, growers and local suppliers can enter basic information about the food they sell, their hours, location and contact information. That information will automatically show up on a Missouri map.

At the printing of this newsletter there are three Greene County producers listed: Blue Silo Beef (Ash Grove), Circle B Ranch (Rogersville) and Farmers Market of the Ozarks (Springfield).

"I'm doing all I can to communicate with producers about the availability of this free resource if they will just make the effort to list their farm and products," said David Burton, county engagement specialist. "Then we also want consumers to use this tool."

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Monthly Focus Feature

Thanks to our 2020 Donors to Greene County Extension

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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.

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

95th SW Missouri All-Breed Performance Tested Bull Sale at Springfield Livestock Center March 30 Sees Strong Bidding, Increased Online Participation

The 95th Southwest Missouri All-Breed Performance Tested Bull Sale operated somewhat differently March 30 thanks to COVID-19. Extension livestock specialists were not in attendance but the consignors, sale manager, and Phoebe Wiles and her recruits made the sale successful.

The big change was the web site setup to livestream the sale via computer so persons at have could view and make phone bids. Attendance by spectators was discouraged and compared to previous Tested Bull Sale crowds, it was about one-half normal size.

The sale top was \$5,000 on an Angus consigned by Wiles Ridge Ranch, Willow Springs. The buyer was Richard LeJeune, Halfway. Twenty-six Angus averaged \$3,090. The second high price for the Angus, with



two consignors, Naylor's Angus, Buffalo; and Blue Mound Angus, Sheldon Swartzentruber, El Dorado Springs, selling three bulls for \$3,700 each.

Two Gelbvieh bulls from Witt Cattle, El Dorado Springs, averaged \$,3050 with a top of \$3,400. Buying the top-selling bull was Lichti Farms, Huntsville, Ark.

The volume buyer at the sale with four head was Cope Farms, Aurora. Three Angus bulls did not receive the floor bid of \$2,250. The October 2019 sale averaged \$2,818 and one year ago the average was \$2,903.

Persons interested in consigning bulls to the SWMO BCIA's next performance tested bull sale on Oct. 26 should contact sale manager Phoebe Wiles at 417-293-8002, or the MU Extension livestock specialist serving their county.

Eldon Cole Livestock specialist HQ: Lawrence County Tel: (417) 466-3102 ColeE@missouri.edu



Andy McCorkill
Livestock specialist
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Briefs

MU Extension offers Wednesday town hall meetings online for farmers, gardeners

University of Missouri Extension is offering online town hall meetings led by agronomy, livestock and horticulture specialists. State and regional extension specialists will hold the weekly town hall

question-and-answer sessions Wednesdays beginning April 8.

Times and topics every week are as follows:

- 11 a.m.-noon, home horticulture
- noon-1 p.m., commercial horticulture
- 1:30-2:30 p.m., forages and livestock

• 2:30-3:30 p.m., field crops.

The sessions will be via the Zoom teleconferencing system. Registration is required to receive email with the Zoom link and instructions. Register and submit questions at ipm.missouri.edu/TownHalls.

"This effort will bridge the distancing divide that restricts our site visits and face-to-face interactions to provide the service and support our farming community needs during this crisis, when plants and animals still require care," said Lee Miller, coordinator of

MU's Integrated Pest Management program.

MU Extension specialists continue to post timely articles to the MU Integrated Pest Management website at ipm.missouri.edu.

Extension 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

Donating to Greene County Extension is as Easy As:



- 1. Donate online at extension.missouri.edu/greene by mail or in person.
- **2.** Stay connected with Greene County Extension on social media, by email and/ or in service as a volunteer.
- **3.** Enjoy making a difference in the lives of 45,000 county residents annually.

Helping Greene County Extension Do More, Reach More, Be More!

University of Missouri Extension in Greene County

Located inside the Botanical Center at 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65807 Tel: (417) 881-8909 | Email: greeneco@missouri.edu | Online at http://extension.missouri.edu/greene

Register for Events at http://extension.missouri.edu

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, harvesting and storage of produce. For questions email Kelsa Ferguson at

kelsaferguson@missouri.edu

Workforce Rally Webinar Series



The MU Extension Employment, Labor, and Workforce webinar series deliver up to date information to support businesses. Industry experts discuss new strategies for economic development, labor and workforce and how to address challenges in rural communities.

"Taking Care of You" - Online Class

April 23

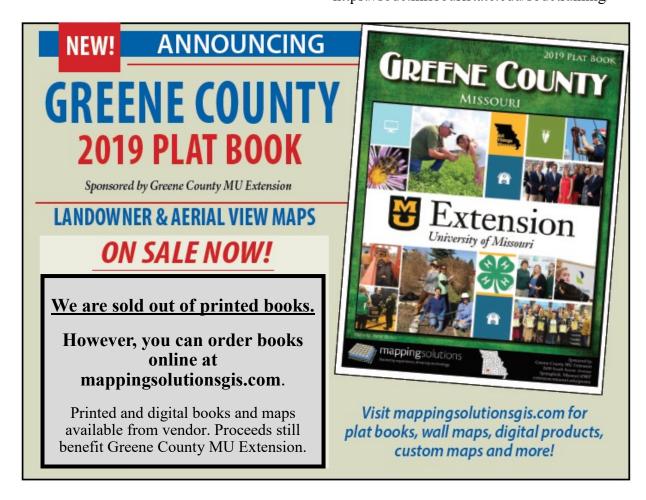
Online class with MU Extension starting April 23. "Taking Care

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.

COVID-19 Impact on Small Businesses



The U.S. Small Business
Administration provides lowinterest 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/



Our 2020 "<u>Presenting Sponsors</u>" 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.

Please join us in thanking them for their support!

To become a presenting sponsor contact:

Maggie Black at (417) 881-8909 or blackmag@missouri.edu

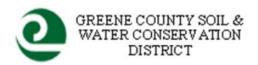
David Burton at (417) 881-8909 or burtond@missouri.edu























Agronomy Report

Due to concerns over COVID19, MU has suspended all face-to-face programs through May 15 and has required all MUpaid employees to work from home for an indefinite period of time.

Weekly Emergency Town Hall **Zoom Meetings** – In response to COVID19 concerns, I have joined state and field specialists in recent weeks on Zoom meetings to plan weekly on-line emergency town hall meetings and develop talking points to address farmers during the pandemic.

On-Line Private Applicator Training Efforts – Due to COVID19, field specialists in agronomy across the state have been working on adapting our private applicator training efforts to accommodate individual training needs as throughout the year.

Soil Testing Procedures for Closed Offices – Since several county offices have closed, I worked with our state soil testing director and other field specialists in agronomy to develop procedures for

helping farmers and get their soils tested.

Tim Schnakenberg Agronomy specialist homeowners HO: Stone County Tel: (417) 357-6812 schnakenbergc@missouri.edu



Soil and

Forage Analysis - Signed off on soil test recommendations and gave educational advice on tests for Stone, Taney Christian, Barry, Lawrence and Greene counties.

Farm Visits / Consultations – Answered phone calls, texts and emails from local producers and met with producers in my office. Conducted farm visits on forage alternatives for thin fescue stands, pasture improvement, weed control planning, new fescue stand evaluation, warm season grass establishment for wildlife management and weed control evaluations in warm season grass demo plots.

MU / NRCS Grasslands Project – Have continued to promote Management-intensive Grazing (MiG) systems using the EQIP program, soil health and warm season grasses. I participate in a Zoom meeting nearly every month with this committee.

Grazing Schools Postponed Due to COVID19

University of Missouri and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will postpone their annual series of managementintensive grazing schools in 2020 due to safety concerns about COVID-19. Organizers will look at the situation in late May to consider options

NRCS and MU Extension specialists hold more than 30 regional grazing schools annually during the forage growing season. This period will intersect with the projected peak of coronavirus spread in Missouri during May and gradual decrease through June and July.

For more information, contact your local

NRCS field office or MU Extension center, or contact the Missouri Forage and Grassland Council (www.mofgc.org at 573-338-1772.

Since the 1980s, MU has helped cattle producers learn better grazing techniques through MU's pioneering grazing research. In 1990, MU joined with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to hold schools statewide.

Forage-livestock enterprises contribute more than \$12 billion annually to the state's economy, providing direct income for more than 200,000 Missourians. Controlled grazing results in higher-quality grass, less waste and more pounds of livestock gains per acre.



Engagement With Neighboring

Neighborhood Art Can Spread Kindness and Joy in a Community to Combat Isolation and Loneliness

Robert Frost once said, "Good fences make good neighbors." While many families are sheltering-in-place, that phrase could be "good art makes good neighbors," according to David Burton, a county engagement specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

"Greene County MU Extension has been working on a neighboring project for about a year. We are teaching people how to improve their communities by first getting to know their neighbors," said Burton. "It all begins with learning and remembering the name of your neighbor. That changes the whole discussion. It changes a greeting from 'Hey you,' to 'Hey Steve' and eventually to 'Hey Steve, you want to come over for dinner tonight'."

For example, while families are sheltering at home, chalk art can be a way to bless your neighbors, right on your sidewalk or driveway. Residents of Willard, Mo., organized a "Chalk Art Walk" toward the end of March.

This week in the city of Republic, some individuals have been working to organize safe activities within neighborhoods.

"Some ladies in my neighborhood took this to a new level. Cathy Baker and Julia Casella

created different weekly themes for April. Along with another friend, Rose White, they sent out fliers and organized a neighborhood Facebook group to let families know about the themes. We are hoping that other neighborhoods in Republic will join us," said Burton.

This began with Bear Hunt in the neighborhood. Several families put a stuffed bear in their front window, and children, when going on walks with their parents, would look for bears from the sidewalk. That idea is based on the book, "Going on a Bear Hunt," by Michael Rosen.

This week's theme in Burton's neighborhood is "Quotes and Sayings."



"We are asking neighbors to make it large and inspiring. A little fun, for all ages, while we stay home and stay safe, and get some fresh air walking," said Burton.

Future themes included a virtual Easter egg hunt, decorating with hearts, one week with outdoor lights, another has an orange and black theme for high school seniors.

During the last week of the month, the neighborhood theme is "art walk." Homeowners are encouraged to create and put unique art in windows or yards.

"We know this virus is contagious, just like panic and anxiety. But kindness, joy, and

optimism can also be contagious and I would rather take part in spreading those. Art or other activities can be a way to make that happen," said Burton.

These events are something any neighborhood can organize. All that is required is for one

person to take the imitative in communicating with neighbors about a theme.

"Don't expect everyone to participate. But, everyone that does is a step in the right direction," said Burton. "Then don't let the momentum end. Use this energy to do a neighborhood cookout this summer or kick off an active neighborhood watch program. It just takes some initiative."

See last page of newsletter for examples from this Community Art and Neighboring project

Engagement With Neighboring

Neighboring Ideas During COVID-19:

Social Distancing Versus Social Isolation

Being diligent to practice social distancing and following the guidelines established by public officials is vital to our own safety and the safety of others. However, as we engage in physical distancing practices, it is important to note that there is a big difference between social distancing and social isolation. Isolation and loneliness negatively affect our mental and physical health, as well as our overall well-being.

Most of us have experienced a dramatic change in the amount of face-to-face interactions we have with people at work, school and church. At the same time, more people are out walking in our neighborhoods that ever before. As a result, we have a unique opportunity to build connections with the people that live near us that will make a big difference in their lives and in ours. The key is learning how to do this from six feet away.

Here are a few tips we are recommending:

- 1. Reach out to your neighbors by email or phone. If you don't have their information leave a note on their door explaining who you are and how to get in touch with you. (Wash your hands before writing and delivering the note).
- 2. When you see people outside, make it a point to talk to them. One-minute conversations are a big deal when it comes to building relationships in your neighborhood.

- **3. Build a neighborhood directory.** This would be a good time to compile contact information of the people that live in close proximity to you.
- **4.** Ask your neighbors how they are doing in the midst of this crisis. Here are a few good questions to ask:
- How are you and your family doing in light of all the changes?
- How has this impacted your job or your company?
- Have you noticed any silver linings as a result of the adjustments that this crisis has forced all of us to make?
- Is there anything that you need or that I can help you with?
- Have you been able to find flour or toilet paper anywhere?

Being neighborly is easy to get started. But the first step is to acquainted and work on staying connected. "You may find that being neighborly not only blesses your heart and shows kindness to others but that it also has the power to improve our community one family relationship at a time," said Burton.

More details on this topic, including a neighbor name chart and related videos can be found online at http://extension.missouri.edu/greene under the "Neighboring Project" tab.

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 <u>FREE</u> but limited to the first 25 that register.

Program offered online via Zoom.

Must register for access details.

Have your lunch ready and join online!

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.



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





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.



For more information, David Burton, (417) 881-8909 or email at burtond@missouri.edu



Need your soil tested?

Scan the gr code

for easy access to the website

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.

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



<u>SPECIAL NOTE:</u> 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



Extension Council

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COUNCIL OF GREENE COUNTY

Date: Monday, March 30, 2020

Place: Via Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Larry Adams, Tony Ahart, Morgan Ash, Lisa Bakerink, Harold Bengsch, Greg Boehne, Chad Courtney, Karen Dowdy, Alex Greiwe, Tyler Gunlock, Missey Hayward, Joseph Hoffman, Ray Meyer, Chris Schultz, Rick Stenberg, Scott Smith, Eric Sutton, Lauren Waterman and Jason Whitesell.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm, by Council Chair, Greg Boehne, 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 Joseph Hoffman and was seconded by Tony Ahart, to approve the Consent Agenda including the February meeting minutes, and February Treasurer's report and bills to be paid for the month. Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Reports: Amber Allen asked that attendees share information on her Boost Your Brain event. Kelsa Ferguson shared that the Taking Care of You class will be offered virtually. Different videos will be recorded with 4-H projects. Kelly McGowan is working with a horticulture group on Covid-19 articles and answering questions from across the state. Over 14,000 volunteer hours by Master Gardeners have been donated. Amy Patillo has a workshop that starts on Wednesday on Covid-19 disaster recovery for businesses. Maggie Black has a new process for sending in soil tests. She has been working on updating travel spreadsheets.

Council Youth Representative Report: Lauren Waterman reported that all events have been cancelled or postponed.

Unfinished Business/Committee Reports:

Plat Books: There are 8 plat books left.

New Business:

Council Member Swear In: It was questioned if all council members have been sworn in and signed their oaths. Morgan Ash submitted her signed oath, still missing a few others.

Personnel Committee: Lisa Bakerink reported on perception of balance with consideration of employee versus office hours fairness. The committee supports the current weather closure policy and no change is recommended.

Greene County Extension Council Members

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Rick Stenberg
Alex Greiwe
Larry Adams
Ray Meyer
Eric Sutton

Mike Lofaro Tiger Ambassador

Workforce Development

Workforce Series Continues Online Until at Least May 20

"We have a great set of workforce and industry experts who are prepared to answer your workforce questions. Be sure to frequently check the Rally schedule listed below as it is updated," said Amy Patillo, workforce development specialist with MU Extension in Greene County.

Search for "Workforce Rally MU Extension Webinar Series" online at http://extension.missouri.edu. Currently scheduled upcoming classes include the following.

Small Businesses, A Brighter Day Ahead. Lessons Learned in Disaster Recov-



ery: May 6th, 2-3:30 PM. Local experts in Business and Workforce Development will share lessons learned after the Joplin Tornado. During the Rally the best practices for economic development response and recovery will be explored at length.

Work Ready System Recovery for COVID-Resilient Workforce Ecosystems: May 13th, 3-4:30 PM. Workforce partners discuss how resilient workforce systems are responding to the economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Fiduciary Duties for Employers to Remember Related to Cobra, Group Health Plans and Pension Plans: May 14th, 10-11:00 AM. Workforce Development experts will discuss the compensation and beneficiary obligations that are owed to employees.

ACT Work Ready Rock Stars: May 20th, 2-3:30 PM. Guests will explore how the ACT Work Ready program was launched at various locations. In addition they will focus on the benefits of hiring individuals with a NCRC and they will discuss how to develop strategic workforce partnerships.

Extension Council — Continued

Dual Meeting: The meeting dual meeting with Greene County and Lawrence County has been cancelled. 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.

Leadership Ash Grove & Republic: the new leadership classes are still set to start in July.

Committees: Committees are encouraged to meet via Zoom. Please check each committee and join one and participate in the meetings.

MU Chancellor: The MU Chancellor took a position in Florida. President Choi is currently serving as Interim Chancellor.

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.

Educational Program: The resource development plan was discussed and strengths were reviewed.

Joseph Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 pm and Rick Stenberg seconded the motion. The idea passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Ash

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 burtond@missouri.edu

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.





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



Sherri Hull Nutrition Associate Joined 2008





M. Dickensheet Nutrition Associate Joined 2018



Myrna Stark FNEP Program Manager



Terri Fossett Program director Joined 2000

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Featured Impacts: Neighborhood Community Art





The two images above are examples of the community art done in a Republic neighborhood during the "quotes and sayings week."



County Engagement Specialist David Burton created and installed this in his yard for this neighborhood "Art Walk." It depicts the end of the rainbow in his yard with a pot of gold.

About MU Extension in Greene County:

Since 1914, Greene County and area residents have sought help from MU Extension in areas related to agriculture, gardening, 4-H youth, nutrition, families, business and community development. MU Extension programs focus on the high-priority needs of Missourians to improve lives, communities and economies with relevant, responsive and reliable educational solutions. Each county extension center, with oversight by elected and appointed citizens, is your local link to practical education. Our local office is located inside the Springfield Botanical Center.

