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Worth County

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Dear county commissioners and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

As we look forward to 2022, I want to take a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished together this year. You, our closest partners, are key to improving Missourians' lives and opportunities.

You have been vital to the work that has already extended broadband access and workforce development strategies statewide. You have helped us connect with the right partners, working together toward meaningful outcomes that will help our communities thrive in our areas of greatest need around the economy, education and health.

During MU Extension and Engagement Week in October, we learned about some of the ways that MU's NextGen Precision Health Initiative will help Missouri improve statewide health care indicators from our current ranking of 38th in the nation to 25th.

COVID-19 has shown us that we must expand investment in our health care resources, knowledge and infrastructure. It has exposed the urgent need to make research and expertise available in communities and to empower individuals and providers to address every aspect of individuals' and communities' health needs — including the inequities of social determinants and their effects on people's health.

Our extension faculty is poised to help identify those needs and be the bridge to the health care providers and caregivers, the clinical trials and public health initiatives that can deliver improved healthcare access and outcomes in every county across our state.

I hope you see the impact of your hard work this past year throughout this county annual report. I thank you for your continuing support as we recommit ourselves to do what we do best: help communities thrive through civic engagement, community building and neighborliness. We look forward to continuing the programs, partnerships, and sharing of knowledge that foster kindness, caring, respect and deep connections in the year and decade to come.

Sincerely,

Marshall Stewart, EdD
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

Who we are

Faculty and staff

Jackie Spainhower

County Engagement Specialist in Community Economic Development

Cody Green

Youth Program Associate

Kevin Fisher

Office Manager, Progress Development Planner

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Field Specialist in Human Development

Rebecca Lobina

Business Development Specialist

Joe Lear

Northwest Regional Director

County commissioners

Jubal Summers, Presiding Commissioner

Regan Nonneman, East District Commissioner

Tyler Paxson, West District Commissioner

Council members

David Hunt, Chairman, MFA

Chevy Davidson, Vice-chairman

Jessica Davidson, Secretary

Julie Tracy, Treasurer, Farm Bureau

Tyler Paxson, County Commissioner

Meggan Brown, City of Grant City

Steve Cordell

Adam Downing

Staci Downing

Amanda Gilland

Abby Hawk

Mary Kay Hunt

Sherri Runde

Justin Seipel

Kathy Sherer



Jackie Spainhower, Cody Green, and new this year, Kevin Fisher, all work in the Worth County Extension office on a part-time basis.

Budget and more

Appropriations budget

Income

County Appropriations	6,600
Interest Income	254
Gifts/Grants/Contracts	3,927
Total Income	10,781

Expenses

Salaries/Benefits	6,065
Travel	595
Postage	110
Telephone	540
Insurance	458
Office Supplies/Service	356
Printing/Advertising	220
Election Expenses	201
Misc. Expense	316
Total Expenses	8,861

Key outcomes and numbers

- ✓ 30 direct contacts with Worth County residents at 8 educational events in the County.
- ✓ 1,358 indirect contacts at Worth County Council meetings, livestock shows, 4-H events, and other community connections, with another 164 contacts with Worth County residents at events in neighboring counties.
- ✓ A total of 627 educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the County, including:
 - 35 related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
 - 480 related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
 - 112 related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy

MU Extension is a unique funding partnership.

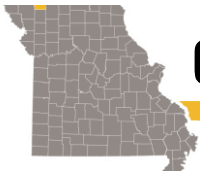
Extension funding is a three-way partnership of federal, state and county government. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pay professional staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial salaries,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

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



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to Worth 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.



County highlights

Neighborhood Leadership Academy



Jackie Spainhower helped facilitate the Northwest/Mid-Mo cohort of the second annual statewide offering of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy program. Seen above are the graduates from the cohort's, with a local resident from Worth County as a participant. NLA teaches individual leadership skills, along with basic community development principles.

Ag Update

On February 15, Andy Luke, Field Specialist in Agronomy, provided Private Pesticide Applicator Training at the Worth County Fair Grounds to producers.

Family Nutrition Education Program

Missouri Extension's Family Nutrition Program (FNEP) reached 145 direct and indirect participants with nutrition education in Worth County during 2021, a significant percentage of which were low income. FNEP provides information on nutrition, food safety, and physical activity for lifelong health and fitness by working with qualifying schools, community groups and agencies.

Creating Entrepreneurial Communities



In 2021, Jackie Spainhower served on the planning committee for the inaugural Creating Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC) Conference held September 29-30 in Hannibal. The CEC conference aims to create, connect, and promote community economic revitalization through entrepreneurship and will be hosted by a new entrepreneurial community each year.

Worth County 4-H

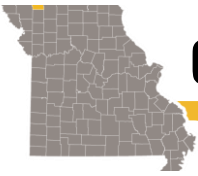
Worth County had a total of 37 members and 3 Clubs for the 2020-2021 4-H year. These clubs include: Sheridan Shamrocks, Westfork Boosters, and Allendale Arrows. Our clubs are led by Amber Hawk, Glenda Craven, and Lori Wimer. We also added a Horsemanship SPIN (Special Interest) Club this year in which many of our Worth County youth participated. Our families were very excited to give their youth a chance to learn



about and ride horses even if they don't own their own horse. We are looking forward to all the opportunities this club has to offer our youth in the future.



During the year of 2021 our regional events were starting to get back to normal. Because of the Covid-19 virus, the way we programmed 4-H events completely changed. Many of our events moved to an online setting in 2020. But this year we were able to have in person events with some limits. Our 4-H camp was able to take place but only as a day camp. Our Energizer event also took place but with a limited number being able to attend in person and most participants attending online. In 2022 we are hoping to take another step in getting back to more of a normal programming year with overnight stay at camp and an in person only energizer. We have all learned the great things we can do online with our technology if need be. But we're all ready to return to seeing each other face to face.



County highlights

Worth County Extension Council Hosts Blood Drive

On June 29, the Worth County Extension Council, in partnership with the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at the Worth County Skating Rink. The drive collected 28 units of life-saving blood, donated from Worth County residents.



Maximize NWMO Survey

On March 18, Jackie Spainhower presented survey results from a survey jointly conducted by Maximize NWMO and MU Extension’s EXCEED Team to the NW County Commissioners at their meeting in Allendale.



Extension Engagement Week Activities

Worth County Extension Council members collected personal hygiene products October 18 – 22, 2021, to donate to the Worth County R-III School District, as part of a service project during the University of Missouri’s Extension and Engagement Week. Five boxes of products were delivered to the school as a result of this project. Pictured below are superintendent Chris Healy, elementary principal Chuck Borey, extension council members Sherri Runde and Meggan Brown, and health aid Amanda Campbell.



Regional Broadband Forum Held at Hundley Whaley

Rep. Randy Railsback asked Extension specialists to assist with pulling together a regional forum for our state elected officials and internet service providers across the region.



Engels Named State Fair Farm Family of the Year



Jay and DJ Engel and their kids Will, Keelin and Eva, of rural Worth County, were honored during the 62nd annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 16 at the Missouri State Fair. However, due to the family’s livestock show schedule, they were unable to attend the event in person.

Members of the Worth County Farm Bureau and Worth County Extension Council took the opportunity to recognize the family during halftime of the home football game, October 15 and present them with their 2021 Farm Family award.

The Engel family was selected as the Worth County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension in Worth County and the local Farm Bureau.

The Engel family farm includes cropland, hayland, pastureland and CRP. Jay and DJ run 200 head of momma cows and the kids have been active with raising Berkshire hogs and crossbred and Cheviot sheep.