



## JASPER COUNTY

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### Meet the candidates for Jasper County MU Extension Council:

- **Patrick Batchelder, Carthage**

Patrick is volunteer with Vision Carthage. He is a Colorado Master Gardener, has owned four greenhouses and an extensive cacti collection. Patrick is a member of Denver Botanical Gardens and served as President of Boulder CO Museum of History. He was a Vice President of Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society and instructor for U.S. Army, IBM, State of Colorado.

- **Lisa Daoud, Sarcoxie**

Lisa says she's "excited to seek re-election to the Jasper County MU Extension Council." Growing up in Jasper County, Lisa developed a deep connection to our community through her involvement in 4-H as a child. This experience instilled values of leadership, community service, and lifelong learning. As a parent, she has continued the tradition by serving as a 4-H leader, guiding the next generation of young leaders.

Professionally, Lisa brings a wealth of experience from her role as a Business Development Manager at Mercy where she specializes in Provider Relations and Promotion. Her work involves strategic planning, fostering partnerships, and organizational development. Lisa has a strong commitment to the Jasper County community and her professional expertise makes her a strong candidate for re-election. She states, "I'm dedicated to continuing our work in enhancing educational programs, supporting local agriculture, and promoting community well-being."

- **Charles E. (Charlie) Davis, Webb City**

Charlie graduated from Karlsruhe American High School in Karlsruhe Germany in 1983. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1983-1989 and owned a business in Joplin for 30 years. Charlie served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2011-2019 and is currently serving as the Jasper County Clerk, elected in 2018. Charlie previously served on the extension council as council chair.

- **Shiela Immesote-Foster, Joplin**

Shiela is the director for St. Peter's Outreach House. She feels this would be a great opportunity for her to network with the community and to help those in need.

- **Lea Ann Keeling, Carthage**

Lea Ann has lived in Jasper County for over 20 years and has served on the Jasper County Extension Council since 2023. “Being a Jasper County Extension Council member is very rewarding because it allows me the opportunity to work with other council members and our extension professionals to offer valuable services and educational programs to my community,” says Keeling.

Keeling has worked as a library media specialist at Carthage High School since 2012. Lea Ann attended University of Missouri, Columbia, MO with an EdS in Learning Technologies and Design, Technology in Schools emphasis; an MA in Information Science and Learning Technologies, Library Science emphasis; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR: MS in Human Environmental Sciences, Human Development and Family Studies emphasis; Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO: BS in Psychology, BS in Sociology.

- **Gail Lawrence, Carthage**

Gail has been involved with the Jasper County Extension Council for the past several years, currently serving as recording secretary. She was a member of Hi-Producers 4-H in her early life. She visited the extension office on many occasions.

She and her husband live on a farm outside Carthage. It is a beef/dairy cow farm that also raises hay. They also have a large garden that they freely share with neighbors and friends. Gail is a retired elementary teacher and served 31 years in the Carthage School system – then substituted several more years.

The past several years, Gail has helped judge the arts & crafts area of the Jasper County Youth Fair. She has also helped with the county and regional 4-H Achievement Days. This year she and her husband helped judge at the Ozark Empire Fair.

She and her husband work together as Mr. and Mrs. Claus each year, visiting several children of all ages, in various places. It is a blessing to bring smiles to their faces. Lawrence says, “I would be happy to serve on the council again.”

- **William D. (Dale) Lawrence, Carthage**

Dale is a lifetime Carthage resident. He worked 47 years at Carthage Marble. He is a Navy veteran. Dale has served on the extension council for almost two years, been involved with the Jasper County Youth Fair and the Ozark Empire Fair. Dale has a farm, with beef and some dairy cattle, raises hay crop and a large garden. He is Santa for various schools and other public events.

Lawrence says, “I would be happy to serve for another term on the extension council.”

- **John Marshall, Carthage**

John is 54 years old and has lived in Jasper County his entire life minus time served in the military. He graduated from Webb City High School and is a farmer. John has served one term on the Jasper County Extension Council. He was a three-term commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association and a life member of the VFW.