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**Candidates sought for (Name) County Extension council**

 CITY, Mo. -- Nominations are being accepted for the January 2004 election to the (Name) County University of Missouri Extension Council, says Council Chairman (Name).

 The University of Missouri Extension Council of (Name) County is the local link between county residents and the University of Missouri. Council members assist in planning and carrying out Extension educational programs to improve people’s lives. As public officials, council members administer a local budget of $XXXXX to support education that meets people’s highest priorities.

 "The (Name) County Extension council is seeking people from all walks of life who are interested in education and the progress of our community,” says (Council Chair Or Membership Chair). “Serving on the Extension council is a great way to help make our community a better place for people to live.”

Extension council members represent the broad educational needs and backgrounds of the people of (Name) County. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and reside in the district they would represent. Nominations for the (Name) County Extension council must be made by (date).

 Individuals interested in serving on the council may contact (specific council member(s)) at (phone no.) or call the (Name) County Extension center, (phone number).

 The (Name) County Extension council meets on the (when) day of each month (or every other month).

University Extension improves people’s lives with educational programs and access to University resources and experts to enhance economic viability; build strong individuals, families and communities; and create and sustain healthy environments. In (Name) County, Extension programs address such high-priority areas as (list specific programs, e.g., agriculture, nutrition and health, parenting and youth development, family life, consumer education, business and workforce, community development and continuing education).

Information about (Name) County Extension can be found on the web at http://extension.missouri.edu/(county) or by calling or visiting the Extension center, (phone/address information.)

University of Missouri Extension improves people’s lives with education and research from the four campuses of the University of Missouri System and Lincoln University. (Name) County Extension is your local link to these unbiased resources.

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