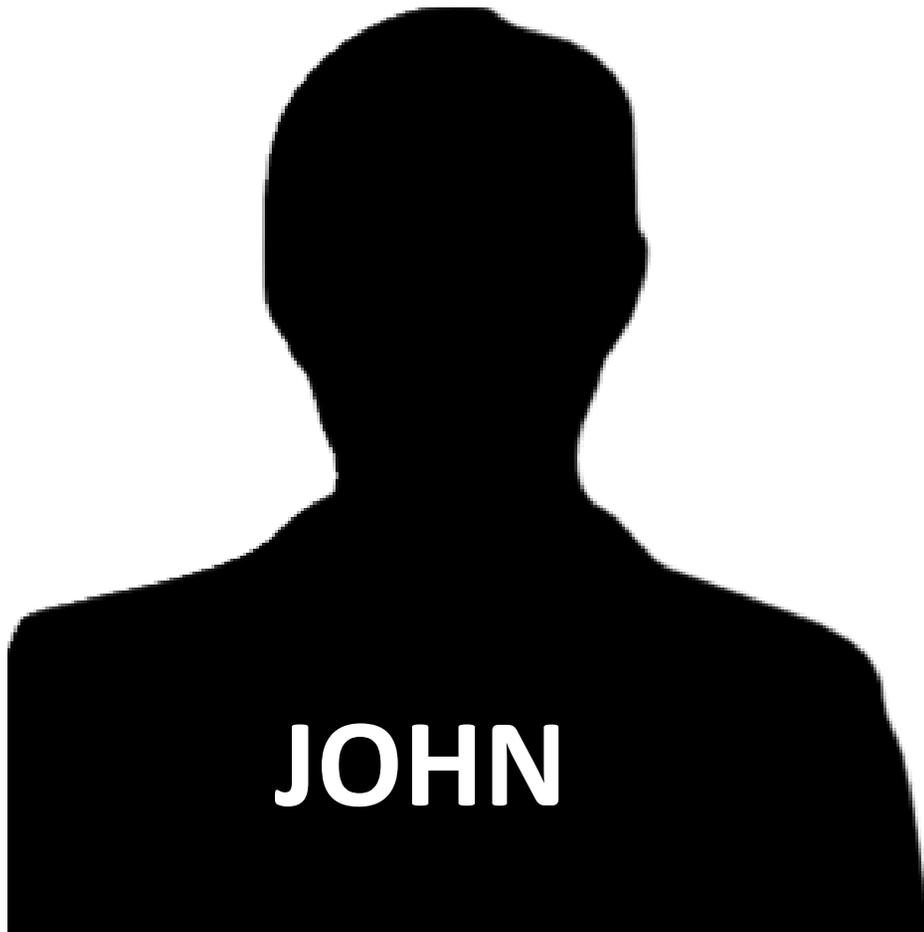


Greene County 4-H Partnership with County Juvenile Program

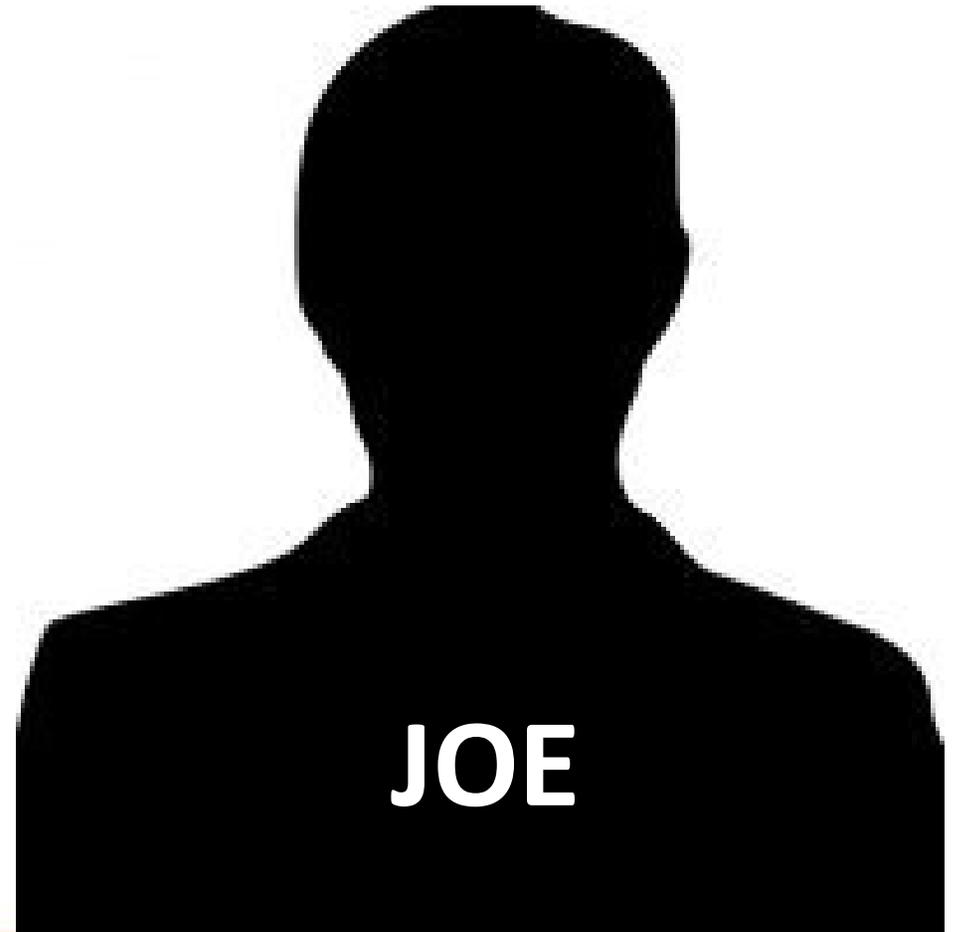


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**“You will not find 4-H
members in the county
juvenile program.”**

**Greene County Commissioner
Harold Bengsch**



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**“A text without a
context is a pretext.”**

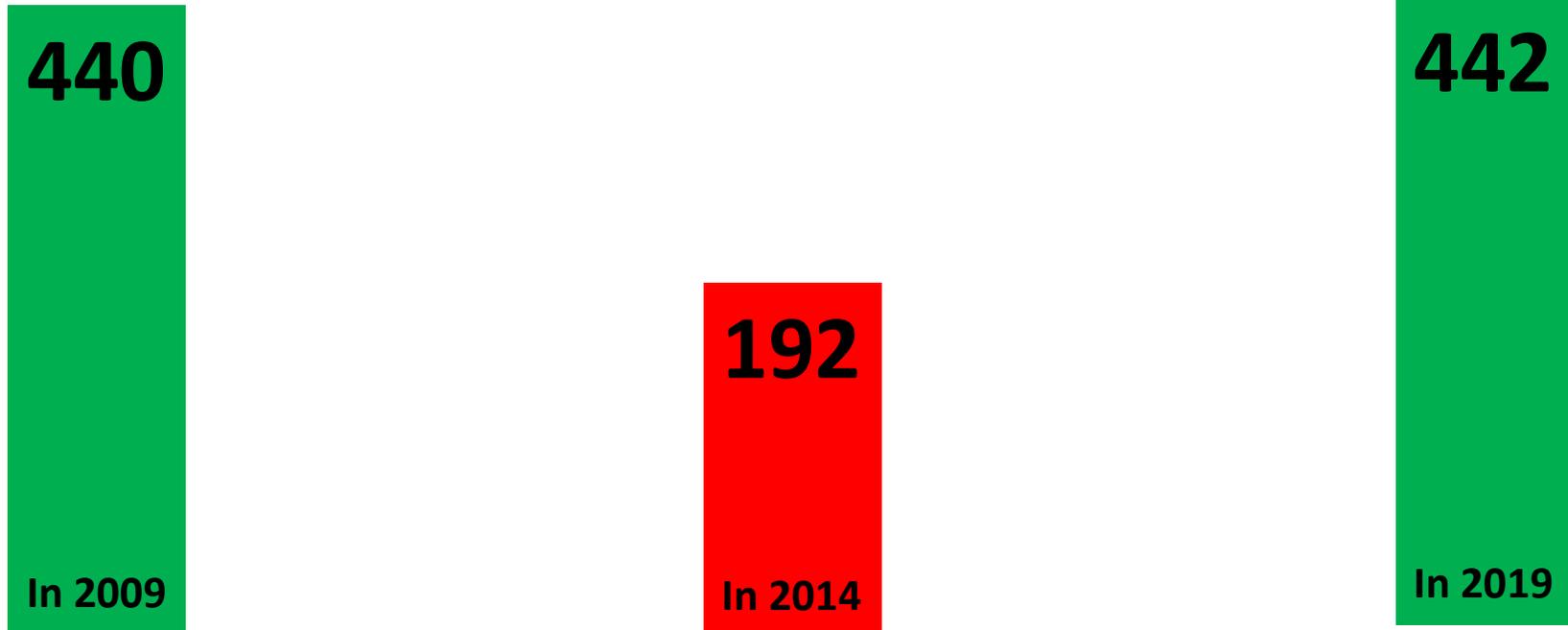
-- Dr. Donald A. Carson

Youth position cut

- When our budget was cut in 2011 some changes had a negative impact on 4-H.
- These cuts required our council to cut the youth program assistant position.
- Eventually the regional position was moved too.



4-H Trends in Greene County



4-H For All

- **Vision Statement:** Safe Youth, Strong Leaders, Productive Adults.
- **Mission Statement:** Our mission is to support youth with involvement in and while transitioning from the juvenile justice court system through positive youth development programming.





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Goal of the program

- Reduce repeat juvenile justice offenders.
- Grow 4-H membership county-wide
- Increase workforce readiness for juvenile offenders and foster youth.

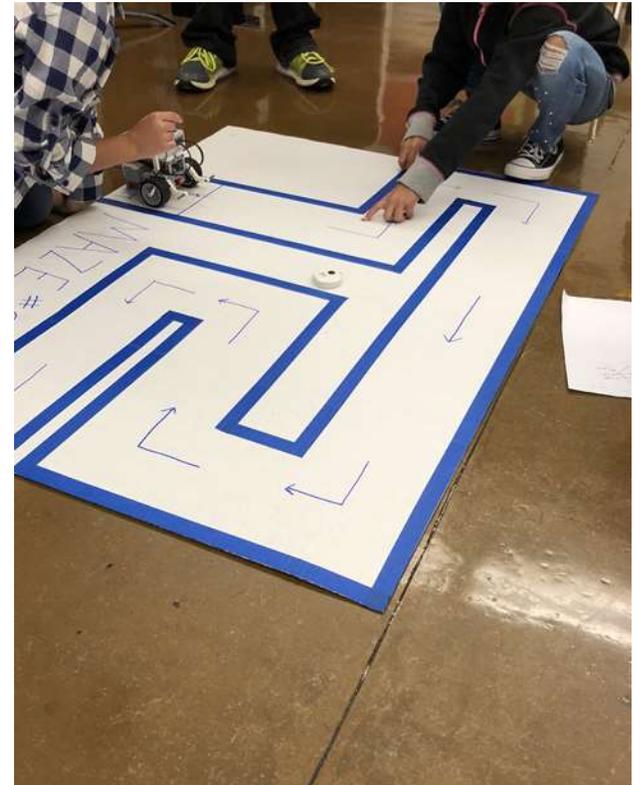
Measurements

- The county will track participating students in regards to repeat offense but also progress in terms of student success.



GCYA Project

- Greene County Youth Academy (GCYA) is a day treatment program
- They go to school there during the day and participate in programming after school.
- Students are enrolled in 4-H (working on sponsors to fund this and curriculum).



Additional Programs

- Teens in Transition
- GEMS (girls)
- Foster Care Youth (14-18)
- Requests for new clubs: Northwest Project, Fairbanks, Weaver and Bissett Schools and the Dream Center (55 students or more)



Juvenile Numbers

- County receives 1,600 referrals each year for delinquency
- County serves 600 youth subject to the courts jurisdiction due to abuse and neglect
- 60% are male; 94% from lower socially economic categories and single parent homes



Partnership Facts

“Our limitation is not ideas; it is going to be time and partners. Lots of great opportunities here that we believe will create real results. But there will certainly be a phase-in period as I learn the ropes, as we gain partners, volunteers and resources.”

-- Justin Kastning



4-H Partnership Facts

- This year, the county extension council is funding 4-H memberships for these at-risk students.
- Justin has brought on new sponsors and partners
- We have grants pending that could provide \$8,000 for memberships, camp fees and supply costs.
- Just received a Darr Family Foundation Grant to fund memberships and trips.





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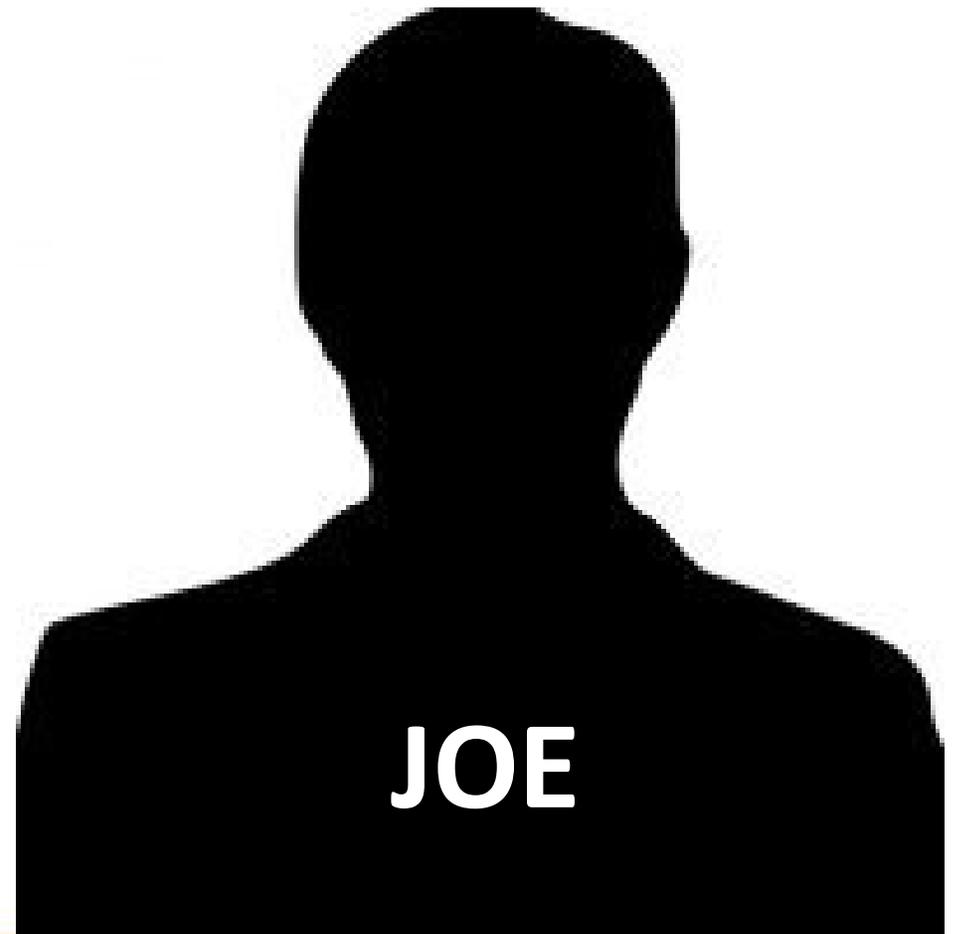
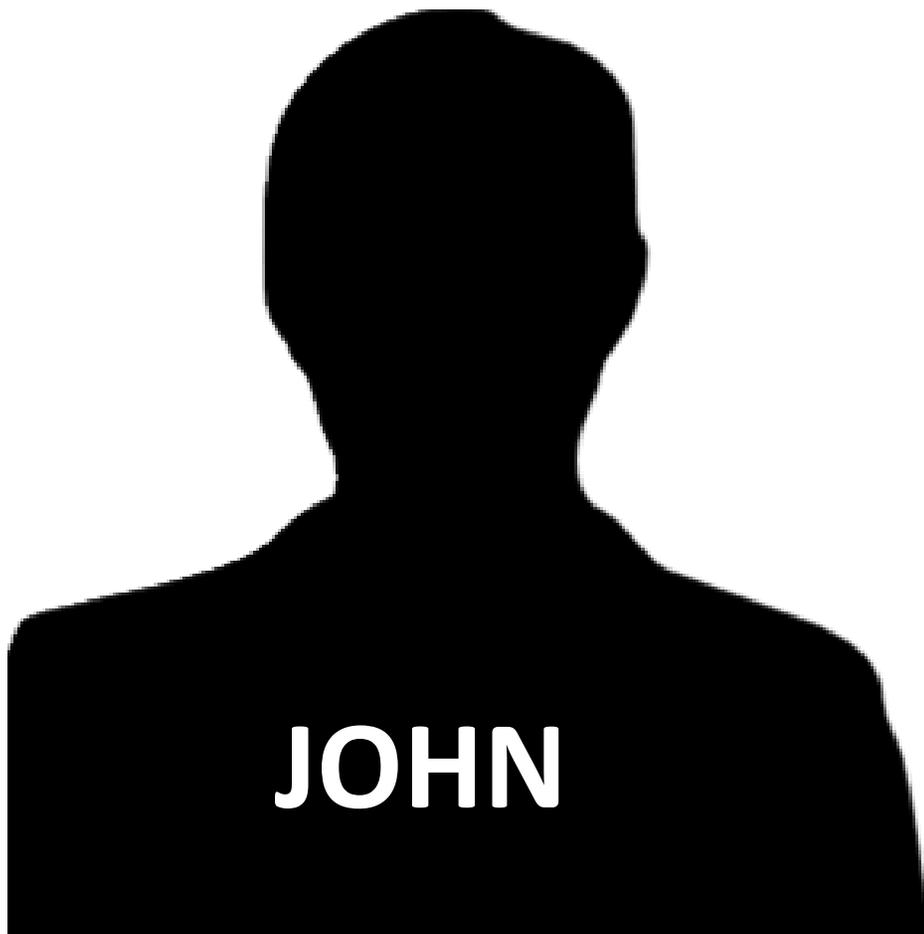
Spring Break Project

- GCYA classes at Botanical Center
- Spring Break 4-H Camp for GCYA involving other specialists
- Next year we may open the Spring Break program up to other youth



“Preventing one person from being incarcerated in our jail at the current cost of \$63 per day, we would recoup the county investment in this venture in 254 days..”

**Greene County Commissioner
Harold Bengsch**





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David Burton

COUNTY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST

County Engagement Specialist in Greene County

- University of Missouri's rep in Greene County
- Helps broker connections, information, knowledge and resources, based on county needs
- Also, community economic development specialist for Greene and Lawrence counties
- Greene County is home. Grew up in Ash Grove. Now live in Republic.



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