

Extension Comings and Goings
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- We hope you will look at this video which highlights programs in the South Central District. This presentation can be viewed at:
http://real.video.ufl.edu/~icsvideo/vavrina_feb06.asx
- **2006 Extension Symposium**
The 2006 Extension Symposium is fast approaching. A while back we sent out a "Save the Date Post Card" asking all of you to set aside May 15-18, 2006 for Extension Professional Development Seminars. Following is an update on what is being planned for the Symposium.

On **May 15th** Extension Professional Development Seminars for State Faculty will be held from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The committee planning the 2nd Annual Extension Symposium for Sate Faculty will soon have the offerings ready to share. If you have not done so already, please respond to the survey they sent out requesting your ideas for possible seminar topics.

May 16-18th Extension Professional Development Seminars for County and Sate Faculty will be held. See below for a sneak preview of the workshops that will be offered from May 16-18.

Workshops Offered:

May 16th-Morning

- Stone Fruit (Peaches, Plums, and Nectarines) and Blueberry Production in Florida
- Growing Up: Changes During the "Tween" and Teen Years
- Smart Growth: Help at the Urban/Rural Interface
- Instructor Training for Landscape IPM Short Course
- Partnering to Decrease Childhood Overweight in Florida
- Advisory Committee Dynamics
- Planning a 4-H Focused Program for the 5% or More of Your Extension time for County Faculty
- Working with Volunteers in Youth Programming

- Digital Photography: Choosing a camera, learning to shoot effective digital photographs, using digital photography for Web and print (manipulating images and storing images)
- Practical Training in the Use of a Geographical Information System (ArcGIS 9.1) for marine and natural resource applications
- Weeds Growing Everywhere, Affecting Everyone

May 16th -Afternoon

- Organizing Local Citizens for Community Development
- Growing Up: Changes During the "Tween" and Teen Years
- Biosecurity/Bioterrorism - What Every Faculty Needs to Know
- Grant Writing
- Partnering to Decrease Childhood Overweight in Florida
- Hurricanes and Trees in Urban Settings
- How Can I Buy/Rent Affordable Housing 101
- Leadership Skills You Never Outgrow-Youth Audiences
- Teaching Strategies for Outreach Educational Programs (using "Getting to The Core: Reflections on Teaching and Learning" by S. Joseph Levine)
- Solutions for Your Life Web site: Production and how it interfaces with county sites
- Ethical Angling/Creating a 4-H Sport Fishing Program
- Weeds Growing Everywhere, Affecting Everyone

May 17th -Morning

- Effective Distance-Learning Tools for Extension Program Delivery
- Extension Educator's Technology Survival Guide
- Financial Literacy: Consumer Education and Financial Management
- Dooryard Fruit and Citrus Guidelines for the Landscape
- Housing and Home Environment
- Turf and Ornamental Pest Control Updates
- Sustainable Agriculture in Rural Communities: New Roles, New Skills for Extension Educators
- Assessing the Value of Extension Programs
- Digital Photography: Choosing a camera, learning to shoot effective digital photographs, using digital photography for Web and print (manipulating images and storing images)
- Pest Diagnostic Techniques, Networks and New DDIS

- Pond Management
- Understanding and Providing Support for Equine Clientele
- Emerging Trends in Pasture Forage Fertilization

May 17th -Afternoon

- Newsletter Production: For both Print and Electronic Distribution
- Using WebCT Vista and Other Technology for Extension Activities
- Financial Literacy: Consumer Education and Financial Management
- Dealing with "Nuisance" Wildlife in Urban and Suburban Settings
- Housing and Home Environment
- How to Get Your Team to the Goal - Teambuilding
- Sustainable Agriculture in Rural Communities: New Roles, New Skills for Extension Educators
- Assessing the Value of Extension Programs
- Be a Better Communicator, Problem Solver and Team Member
- Soil Moisture Measurement for Irrigation Scheduling
- Grant Writing
- Pond Management
- Beef Cattle Youth Projects-Enhancing the Experience

May 18th -Morning

- Program for Resource Efficient Communities - Greening Master Planned Communities
- Web construction and training: Using a content management system
- Become Captain of Your Financial Ship
- Managing Conflict
- Building Youth Extension Programs Through Strategic Planning
- Dealing with Issues Surrounding aquatic, marine and natural resource invasive species
- Urban Tree Selection, Planting and Management
- Helping your Small Farmers Progress Towards a Successful Business
- Emerging Trends in Beef Production
- Assessing the Financial Value of FCS Programs
- After school Programming
- Household Invaders Pest Identification and African Bees
- Extreme EDIS: What's New & What's Hot

You will be able to register soon. More details about speaker and session information will be forthcoming.

- **The State/County Experience**

The New Year brings exciting opportunities for faculty participating in the State/County Experience. Feedback from state and county faculty participating in the pilot year of this project has been overwhelming supportive! As a result of participating in the program, state faculty have developed an understanding of how programs are created, developed, and funded at the county level and have developed educational materials that will most effectively support county staff. In turn, county faculty have developed an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Extension specialists and are working with them to guide the development of educational materials.

We'd like to thank the following state and county faculty for sharing their time and resources to make this program happen.

- 1) Kate Fogarty, youth development specialist in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences is working with Janet Golden (Pinellas County), Germaine Pointer (Broward County), and Nicole Walker (Polk County) to develop evaluation tools and presentation materials for 4H programs.
- 2) Pratap Pullamanappillil, specialist in the Department of Agriculture and Biological Engineering is working with Lamar Christenberry (Escambia County) on a plan for composting and utilization of horse bedding and manure generated at the County's Equestrian Center.
- 3) Danielle Treadwell, specialist in organic and sustainable vegetable production will be making her first site visits with Ed Skvarch (St. Lucie County) and Teresa Olczyk (Miami-Dade County) this February and March.
- 4) Michael Andreu, specialists in forest systems at Mid-Florida REC, Plant City campus will be visiting Eleanor Foerste (Osceola County) and Larry Figart (Duval County) in the next few months.
- 5) Alan Wright, soil and water science specialist at the Everglades REC is working with Pat Miller (Okeechobee County) on a publication about phosphorus removal in turf sod grass.
- 6) Cheryl Mackowiak, specialist in soil and water sciences at the North Florida REC is working with Shep Eubanks (Holmes County) and Gerald Edmondson (Okaloosa County) to develop an organic fertilizer web page.

7) Kelly Morgan, a soil scientist at the Southwest Florida REC is organizing a vegetable irrigation and nutrition workshop for August of this year with Gene McAvoy (Hendry County). Kelly is also working with Steve Brown (Lee County) on a demonstration project with Master Gardeners.

We'd also like to welcome our newest faculty members - Cortney Ohs, specialist in fisheries and aquatic sciences at the Indian River REC and Cody Gray, specialist in aquatic and wetland research at the Ft. Lauderdale REC.

In the future, the State/County Experience program will continue to build strong partnerships and support between state and county faculty. Creating opportunities for collaboration and exchange enables both county and state faculty to more fully comprehend their respective roles within the Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

More details of what is happening with this program will be in future issues of *Comings and Goings*. For additional information please contact Millie Ferrer or Janice Easton, Coordinator, The State/County Experience jeaston@ufl.edu (352) 846-2463.

- Florida Sea Grant Extension (FSGE) coordinated a hurricane action and assessment response in-service training at the Escambia County Extension Hurricane House in Pensacola on January 23-25. Participants included 28 extension faculty from the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Discussion centered around pre-hurricane event, response, recovery and rebuilding strategies and exploration of regional cooperative, mutual aid efforts in preparation for the 2006 hurricane season. Training was developed by Don Jackson, FSGE Special Project Coordinator. UF/IFAS speakers included Don Jackson, Scott Jackson, Joan Dusky, George Rogers, and Mike Spranger.

- **Florida 4-H Program Experiences a Rise of over 22,000 Youth During the 2004-2005 Program Year**

Total Number of Youth Involved:	240,563
4-H Clubs	24,052
Special Interest/Day Camps	31,172
Overnight Camping Programs	2,870
School Enrichment Programs	226,754

Individual Study/Family 4-H	1,128
School-Aged Child Care	2,375

Where They Lived:

8,073 on Farms (3.4%)
52,711 in Towns under 10,000 and in open country (21.9%)
91,290 in Towns and cities of 10,000 to 50,000 (37.9%)
40,851 in Suburbs of cities over 50,000 (17%)
47,638 in Central cities over 50,000 in population (19.8%)

The single most popular project was public speaking with over 114,000 youth learning the parts of a speech, researching a topic, preparing a speech, and giving it to a group of youth.

Enrollment in animal and plant projects is stable and historically the generally accepted major part of community club efforts in Florida. A total of 59,623 projects were taken by Florida 4-H members. The most popular included:

Ag in the Classroom - 19,355
Beef - 3,027
Poultry - 2,292
Dairy Cattle - 743
Goats (all types) - 455
Horse/Pony - 3,678
Rabbits/Cavies - 1,621
Small Animals (not cats/dogs) - 3,640
Swine - 3,228
Plants - 11,650
Fruit/Vegetable Gardens - 6,569
Dogs - 841

With over 300,000 projects actively studied by youth, an active county, district, and state leadership development program; and quality 4-H programs at the county level, the 4-H program all across Florida is both a premier youth program and youth organization.

- Our Extension Family is growing with new faculty. Please welcome the following new hires:
Chris DeCubillis - Gilchrist Co - 4H Youth Development

Lee Ann Kendrick - Washington Co - 4H Agent
Tracy Tesdall - Leon Co - 4H Agent

- After many years of service and dedication to UF/IFAS Extension, Lawrence Heitmeyer, Leon County CED, retires on February 28, 2006. We want to thank him for all his contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.
- Resignations: We want to wish the following faculty the best of luck in their endeavors:
Clyde Smith - Regional Specialized IPM Agent - 1/16/06
- Mrs. Betty Lander, the wife of Don Lander, former Collier County Extension Director (1950-1980) passed away on December 27, 2005.

Extension Comings and Goings Retiree News:

- A message from James D. Dilbeck:
Enjoying retirement; however, working part time for St. Johns County Administrator. I have two grandchildren.
- A message from Donald A. George:
Rollin McNutt and Richard Bradley, both former Extension Agents in Sumter County passed away last year.

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