

EXTENSION

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**Panhandle Outdoors -  
Special Edition: Gulf  
Oil Spill**

"Pahhandle Outdoors" is a districtwide publication authored by Andrew Diller, Extension Marine agent in Escambia County, with contributing extension faculty from across the Northwest Extension District.

Our Summer 2010 issue focuses on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The University of Florida IFAS Extension and Florida Sea Grant are committed to provide the best science-based information to the communities and individuals impacted by the spill. Research is already under way into just what the economic, environmental, and health impacts will be and what services Extension can provide. The articles in this issue provide a place to start and cover a variety of topics including a basic introduction to oil spills, clean-up and response methods, seafood safety, human stress, and environmental impacts. Please

don't hesitate to contact your local Extension Office with any question about the spill. We will find the best available answers to help everyone overcome this disaster.

<http://lyra.ifas.ufl.edu/LyraServlet?command=getNewsletter&soid=PanhandleOutdoorsMay-August2010&countyID=nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu>



Oil coated hard hat that washed ashore on Perdido Key.

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## New Information Technology Specialist for the Northwest Extension District

Please welcome **John Wells**, [johnrwells@ufl.edu](mailto:johnrwells@ufl.edu), as the new Information Technology Specialist for the Northwest Extension District. John will assist the faculty and staff in the 16 counties of the Northwest Extension District. A big thank you to **Louise Ryan**, [ryanlo@ufl.edu](mailto:ryanlo@ufl.edu), and congratulations in her retirement.



Dr. Pete Vergot, Louise Ryan, Sandy Joyner and John Wells

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## Florida 4-H Congress

Florida 4-H Congress Planning Committee completed their “Mission: Possible”- making this year’s Congress a success! During this eventful week, over 300 youth took part in educational workshops, heard from guest speakers and hosted the first 4-H Day of Service. Florida 4-H Congress brings youth together from 67 counties throughout the state and provides an environment for 4-H members to exchange ideas, hear success stories and learn by doing. 4-H members learn alongside other 4-H’ers, participating in educational workshops, activities and competitions; covering a range of subject matter including science and technology, citizenship, leadership, and environmental education amongst others.



During 4-H Congress week, 4-Hers participated in Gardening Project, volunteered for various community service projects like St. Francis House, visited the Florida Museum and participated in Fashion Revue and Share the Fun.

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## Establishing Numeric Nutrient Standards for Florida

The following presentation by Dr. Daniel Canfield provides some insight into the issues regarding the establishment of numeric nutrient standards for Florida:

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=2ed5e9940453426e86a37a8bad58d595>

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## New Faculty

Please welcome the following new faculty:

Angelo Randaci ([arandaci@ufl.edu](mailto:arandaci@ufl.edu)), Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent I, Sarasota County, 6/25/2010

Lloyd Singleton ([lsingleton@ufl.edu](mailto:lsingleton@ufl.edu)), Florida Friendly Landscaping/Urban Horticulture Extension Agent I, Sumter County, 7/1/2010

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## Resignations

Holly Jordan, Hillsborough County 4-H Courtesy EA I, 07/03/10

## Retirement

After many years of service and dedication Dana Venrick (Volusia County Commercial Horticulture Agent II) and Shelda Wilkens (Seminole County 4-H Courtesy EA) have retired. We want to thank them for all of their contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.

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