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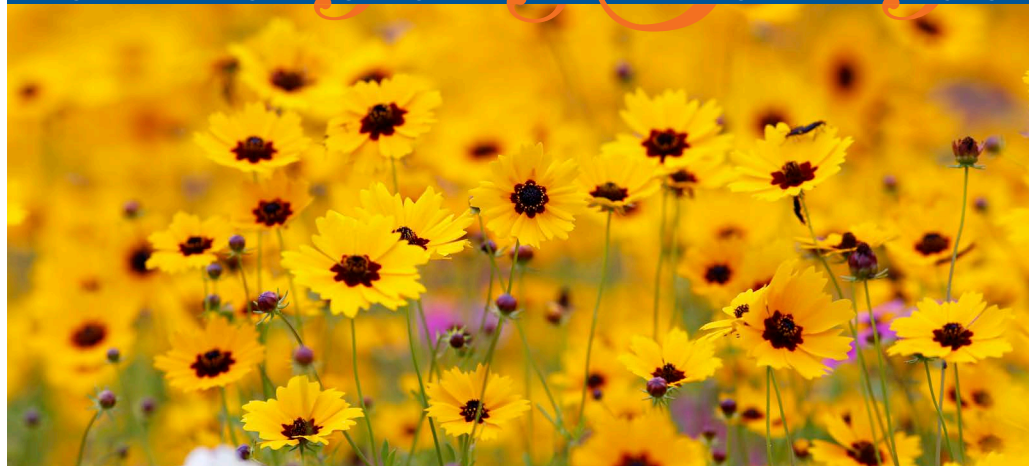
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UF/IFAS Extension *Comings & Goings*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN FOR EXTENSION



THE UF/IFAS EXTENSION AGENTS BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Jack Payne, UF Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources



UF/IFAS Extension is a whole lot more than your county livestock agent. In all likelihood, Alan Hodges and Christa Court have never been on your ranch.

But they've done plenty to tell your story in numbers.

The agricultural economists are the difference between you being able to say, "We are an important industry" and being able to say, "We support 118,000 Florida jobs, and more than 20,000 of them are in Orlando, Jacksonville and Miami."

That's the advantage of growing our operation in Gainesville, Ona, and Marianna. Even when research and Extension faculty are not in animal sciences, they could find themselves on a six-month meat and dairy project, as Hodges and Court did to produce a report documenting the economic might of the industry.

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences can only put out "help wanted" signs in the first place if the positions are funded by the state legislature. Fortunately, UF/IFAS has consistently received the support of the Florida Cattlemen's Association in making the case in Tallahassee for more agricultural science.

We don't stop with science in the lab. We deliver it, often through county agents. Other times, it's through state specialized Extension agents like Chris Prevatt.

The industry recognized that a beef cattle and forage enterprise budgeting and marketing agent could do more for the industry than another county agent. With the FCA's help, so did the legislature. We never could have hired Prevatt had we not received special state funding early this decade.

The cattle industry benefits when UF/IFAS is able to employ more scientists, even when the funding isn't for industry-specific positions. Hodges and Court measure citrus sales one month and document the value of hurricane-related timber damage the next.

They don't need to be in Ona to help you. They don't need to be in animal sciences.

They don't need to be livestock agents to deliver science to your ranch. They just need to be in UF/IFAS. We recognize the value of multiple departments working together. The more expertise we have, the more likely it is that we can deploy it to work on your challenges.

The other thing about more state funding is that when we get it for research, it's a force multiplier. We were able to hire Dr. Raluca Mateescu with the same animal science funding bump we used to bring on Prevatt. Because we were able to hire her, we now have five scientists working on how animals can bear up better during a blazing summer. She first secured a federal grant to work on genetics of tolerance to heat stress, then secured a second grant to bring on four Ph.D. candidates who will be trained to use genetics and genomics to address the needs of animal industries. Some will help her directly to develop tools the industry can use to keep the herd productive despite our blazing summers.

When we don't get state support, the science you depend on suffers. Budget shortfalls lead to hiring freezes, delayed candidate searches, and an inability to counteroffer to faculty who get recruited by other universities. Overall funding for UF/IFAS is essential for us to maintain the level of attention we give cattle.

You in the industry are the most convincing educators for the legislature. Please tell your lawmakers what UF/IFAS science means to you.

You'll always be able to call your livestock agent. But to help you, the livestock agents need to be able to call state specialized agents and researchers. That's why we work so hard to get the resources we need to keep hiring problem solvers, regardless of job title, office location, or academic department.

Jack Payne is the University of Florida's senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources and leader of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY AG TOUR 2019

Ralph Mitchell, Horticulture CED III, Charlotte County



A Drone's Perspective of the Pitaya Dragon Fruit Farm – Acres of Dragon Fruit Plants Pruned for Production.

WHEN I'M 65

Heidi Copeland, FCS EA III, Leon County

Not long ago, I had the opportunity to hear Mr. Don M. Blandin, President and CEO of the nonprofit Investor Protection Institute (IPI), speak about the resource collections offered through his organization. *When I'm 65* caught my attention. *When I'm 65*, a national public television documentary and community engagement program produced by Detroit Public Television, explores how personal financial and lifestyle choices today will affect our quality of life in retirement.

I also learned that each national public television member station determines its own format and schedule based on the interests and needs of their local audience.

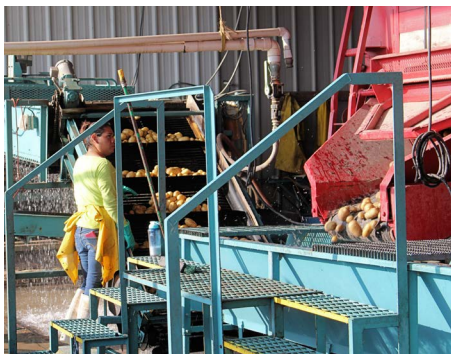
As a result, I reached out to The Honorable Jimmy Patronis, Chief Financial Officer, Florida Department of Financial Services for his support in a public campaign to encourage Floridians to plan for their personal financial futures. I also reached out to WFSU Public Media, specifically our local WFSU General Manager, David Mullins, in hopes of facilitating local community engagement. Within a relatively short time, both became invested.

WFSU has secured and scheduled the documentary *When I'm 65* to air on April 27, 2019 from 5–6pm (it will air simultaneously from 4–5pm in Panama City on our second station WFSG-TV).

This documentary's multigenerational approach to exploring lifestyle choices today and how they affect our quality of life in retirement is something anyone can appreciate. If you plan to retire, viewing *When I'm 65* can help make a meaningful difference in your financial future.

Many people forget where their food comes from. In fact, with the most abundant, diverse, safe, and inexpensive food in the world, US agricultural activities are often out of sight, and the resulting food is assumed to come from a grocery store, not the land. Recently, recreational and educational outreach efforts to increase people's knowledge of where their food comes from, also known as "agritourism," have increased in popularity.

Back in the late 1800s, urban residents often visited rural areas in search of relief from the heat and the business of the city. Just after World War II, people visited farming communities for a change of scenery and recreational opportunities. Sometimes agritourism and entertainment were combined into "agritainment" as the search for different



(Top left) Sill farms of Punta Gorda prepares freshly dug spring potatoes for market. (Bottom left) Unique to Charlotte County, Dilley Citrus Nursery raises citrus transplants in screened houses to keep out the dreaded citrus psyllid and the disease this insect carries, citrus greening. (Right) Young farmer Jay Ryals discusses saddle technology out on the range.



the local agricultural industry, its history, and how agriculture affects our economy. Participants saw firsthand the production efforts of local farmers in many diverse operations. This year's tour included visits to a large fresh spring potato farm, a dragon fruit operation, a screened-in citrus nursery, and an amazing working cattle ranch, all in Punta Gorda! While traditional crops such as citrus and beef continue to thrive, new crops such as dragon fruit are emerging as high-value commodities. Statistics from 2012 show that the total value of farm products sold in Charlotte County alone added up to at least \$103 million.

Forty-five (45) participants not only became more aware of Charlotte County's agricultural "backyard" through on-site visits and dialogues with the farmers, but also learned more about where their food comes from. A follow-up electronic survey was sent to participants to measure their feedback. One-hundred percent (100%) of those surveyed found that they increased their knowledge concerning the scope and

impact of agriculture in Charlotte County. Forty-five percent of the participants were actually new to taking the tour. One participant indicated in the survey that, "The tour was fantastic and I would (and already have) highly recommended it to others!"

Agriculture is essential to the economy and our food system. Increased awareness of this often out-of-sight industry brings appreciation and advocacy for this time-honored art and science! For more information on agriculture in Charlotte County, please contact Ralph Mitchell, UF/IFAS Extension County Director/Horticulture Agent at shadowed@ufl.edu.

types of recreation found in rural farming communities continued. Agritourism offers people a front-row seat to see where their food and fiber comes from. This not only increases the appreciation for this all-important job, but also develops advocates and educated consumers.

The UF/IFAS Extension Charlotte County Service offered such an opportunity on March 12th. This has become an every-other-year tradition in which Extension hosts a bus tour through some of the agricultural production areas of Charlotte County. Guided by our well-versed UF/IFAS Regional Vegetable Agent, Gene McAvoy, participants learned about

EFNEP AND FNP EDUCATING AND GROWING TOGETHER

Danielle De Vries Navarro, EFNEP EA I, Palm Beach County

Cyndi Longley, FCS EA I, Palm Beach County

Under the leadership of Cyndi Longley (FCS Agent) and Danielle De Vries-Navarro (EFNEP Agent), the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) are paving the way for collaborative education in Palm Beach County. Our partnership with Club 100 Charities is a good example.

Club 100 Charities is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to

improving the quality of life for limited-resource families living in Palm Beach County. Their mission is to provide supplemental food and clothing to the community as well as fitness activities and educational programs for local youth. They operate a supplemental food and clothing pantry at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Lake Park, Florida, which serves approximately 300 families (predominantly Haitian) per month. To date, Club 100 Charities

has gifted over 400,000 items of food and 300,000 items of clothing to all ages. Club 100 Charities also delivers a successful afterschool and summer program that reaches over 200 youth annually.

EFNEP partnered with Club 100 Charities in 2014 and has graduated over 100 pantry clients. EFNEP teaches nutrition, food safety and preparation, simple recipes, and smart shopping



Harry at Club 100

tips through an 8-lesson evidence-based series. In spring 2018, EFNEP graduated 15 Haitian pantry clients. Our data shows that 93% of these graduates improved one or more diet quality indicators, 80% improved one or more physical activity behaviors, 93% improved one or more food safety practices, and 93% improved one or more food resource management skills.

In 2017, EFNEP collaborated with FNP at Club 100 Charities to increase access to healthy foods and to enhance nutrition education. FNP uses a Policies, Systems, Environmental (PSE) change approach to complement nutrition education provided by EFNEP. FNP installed a vegetable and fruit garden at the Club 100 Charities food

pantry to increase easier access to fresh produce. This garden project is an example of an improved environmental change (a component of PSE) and activities related to gardening will benefit several 100 participants that access the Club 100 Charities food pantry.

Next fiscal year, EFNEP will continue to teach nutrition and fitness education to the adults

that visit the food pantry, with FNP providing nutrition education to the youth attending the afterschool and summer programs.

Using the FNP-installed vegetable/fruit garden at Club 100 Charities, FNP will incorporate a garden-themed nutrition education kit (Grow it, Try it, Like it) to further strengthen the teaching and learning process. Through hands-on activities, planting experiences, and education that introduces the core concepts of MyPlate, this curriculum teaches children how various fruits and vegetables grow. Furthermore, FNP will continue to introduce healthy ways of not only increasing fruit and vegetable consumption through a variety of new food tastings, but physical activity as

well. Due to the town of Lake Park's limited access to safe play areas, Club 100 Charities recently donated new basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. FNP will encourage frequent use of these facilities to promote active play in order to achieve recommended physical activity benchmarks.

Harry Drier (President of Club 100 Charities) recently stated, "Our partnership with UF/IFAS Extension has been one of our most welcomed and successful partnerships. Club 100 Charities is able to promote health and wellness through nutrition education to our community with EFNEP and FNP. Without them, the community would lack knowledge about the importance of nutrition and physical activity." Harry also stated that he is pleased that UF/IFAS Extension is helping Haitian and Jamaican families in Palm Beach County to access the locally-grown produce available at the food pantry. The volunteer staff have noticed an increase in fruit and vegetable distributions from the pantry as a result of EFNEP and FNP outreach. According to Harry, pantry clients indicate they have learned how to use the fruits/vegetables and their families are now enjoying the new recipes that were demonstrated by EFNEP. He expressed his excitement for the future of Club 100 Charities with EFNEP and FNP as supportive partners.

PREPARING FOR HOME OWNERSHIP: Grandparents Guide Millennials in Home Buyer Education at UF/IFAS Extension Volusia County

Lisa Hamilton, FCS EA I, Volusia County

At UF/IFAS Extension Volusia County, it is not unusual to receive phone calls from grandmothers seeking information about the first-time home buyer program on behalf of their grandchildren. Volusia County, like many other communities in the United States, is facing an affordable housing crisis. In 2017 and 2018 rents increased 6.4% and 5%, respectively. Enrollment in the first-time home buyer classes increased from 227 in 2017 to 377 in 2018. Over 60% of participants are millennials, ages 23–38, and some are present in the class because their grandmothers sought out a program to help them achieve home ownership. One grandmother, Susan, said that her grandson has a good job, but he has no idea how to buy a home or whom to trust. She was pleased

to learn that the UF/IFAS Extension program is paired with financial education programs supported by Florida Master Money Mentors.

The majority of participants in the home buyer classes are not "mortgage ready" and need to save money, repair credit, and/or increase scores to qualify for a mortgage. In 2018, about 25% of home buyer class participants (n=377) followed through with financial education from UF/IFAS Extension programs. Annual follow-up surveys indicate that 35 graduates purchased their first homes, receiving over \$300,000 in down-payment assistance programs. UF/IFAS Extension Volusia County is helping families break the cycle of poverty, build wealth, and share the wisdom of grandparents.

MINORITY INVOLVEMENT BRINGS MULTIFACETED BENEFITS

Dennis Mudge, Agriculture
Natural Resources EA III,
Volusia County



Encouraging minority involvement in mainstream UF/IFAS Extension programs is a challenge. The Florida Master Naturalist Program in Volusia County has found success by recruiting state and county park employees to enroll. The employer gladly pays the registration fee and employees are able to participate on work time as a valuable in-service training. However, some employees in minority groups are hesitant to apply, concerned they won't feel welcome. Extending personal invitations to these employees is the first step in overcoming that concern. The participants were pleased to be so warmly accepted into the program. Enriche, one such state employee, received a significant promotion and pay raise as a result of his participation. FMNP enrollees submit a project as part of the course requirement for each Core Program they complete, and Enriche submitted a very advanced environmental project. Enriche was able then in turn to enhance the learning experience for all participants.

THE STORM

Les Harrison, Agriculture Natural Resources CED III, Wakulla County



The arena at the UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla office was used as a staging site for relief supplies to be sent into the disaster area. Area volunteers collected, sorted and prepared goods for shipment into the hurricane affected area.

With the currently forecasted reprieve from hurricanes in 2019, it is appropriate to assess the effectiveness of UF/IFAS Extension's responses to the needs of citizens. In the case of Hurricane Michael every state agency and many citizen groups mobilized to deliver aid to people in distress.

The UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County office and other Extension offices in counties throughout the state promptly swung into action with the intent of helping those who had been pummeled by Hurricane Michael. In Wakulla County, the project quickly became a community effort with involvement by a diverse group of people as well as varied public agencies and private businesses.

"Initially we were providing some basic provisions to county residents who were suffering the ill effects of the storm's aftermath," said Rachel Pienta, Ph.D., UF/IFAS Wakulla County 4-H Agent. "The response effort ramped up quickly as the outcry became so great for relief supplies that we had to move beyond county lines to offer aid to the entire impacted area," she said.

The most immediate need was safe drinking water and shelf-stable foods that did not require refrigeration. In the storm-battered counties the power was off and would stay off for weeks with severe damage to the electric grid.

In times of crisis, such as in the aftermath of a major hurricane, peanut butter is one of the most requested food items because it is nutritious, filling, and palate-pleasing to all ages, with the added advantage that it requires neither refrigeration nor water for preparation.

Wakulla 4-H, along with other 4-H groups in the UF/IFAS Extension Northwest Florida District, has participated in the Peanut Butter Challenge since 2012. This effort was established to help ensure area residents from Jefferson to Escambia County could stock their pantries with a nutritious protein source appealing to the palates of adults and children alike.

Peanut Proud, an organization created in 2009 to instill pride in the people associated with the production and manufacturing of peanut products, partners with state grower organizations to immediately respond to natural disasters in peanut-producing states by supplying peanut butter and peanut products. Peanut Proud



Rachel Pienta, Wakulla 4-H Agent, give volunteers last minute instructions before a day of loading and shipping peanut butter and other food relief into the post-Hurricane Michael disaster zone.

sent over 70,000 jars of peanut butter into Florida after Hurricane Michael.

Both the Florida Peanut Federation and the Florida Peanut Producers Association, longtime partners with UF/IFAS in the annual Peanut Butter Challenge, saw a way to offer relief to the population who had lost so much in the storm with the infusion of peanut butter from Peanut Proud. Teams of committed people quickly started distributing peanut butter in supply shipments.

A call to action via television, print, and radio brought together a team of volunteers from multiple counties and many walks of life who donated their time as drivers, packers and loaders. Attorneys worked alongside stay-at-home moms, 4-H youth, and many other community volunteers to efficiently distribute thousands of jars of peanut butter along with toiletries, nonperishables, and other emergency supplies.

Shipments had to be committed to specific groups in identifiable locations. Unloaders had to be waiting to transfer the supplies. To further complicate matters, a number of buildings that may have served as identified points of distribution prior to the storm's landfall were now severely damaged if not completely destroyed.

At times, in communities where irregular cellular service remained a challenge, social media direct messaging was the only option to contact an area of critical need. Days started early and work went into the night, but the relief results were swift and effective.

Material contributions flowed into the UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County office, where a cadre of volunteer workers sorted the items and assembled shipments to meet specific needs of individual locales. Drivers were at the ready with



Volunteer drivers lined up to be loaded by other volunteers for a day of food relief deliveries to Hurricane Michael victims.

pickup trucks and passenger cars to transport the materials into the disaster zone.

One relief center which received aid within the disaster zone was the Jackson County Fair Grounds. It served as a supply hub for both the citizens and the many farms in the area.

In addition to the basic needs of life, truckloads of farm supplies were delivered. Livestock feed, pet food, fencing, metal posts, and much more soon became available, and the initial trickle of supplies soon became a well-managed flow meeting the needs of many residents.

The immediate response of volunteers and civic groups working with Extension delivered critical aid in this time of dire need.

The lessons learned from large- to small-scale, but all were important to accomplishing the objective of immediate aid to citizens in a terrible situation beyond their control.

Extension faculty and staff must be prepared to work collectively. Acknowledge strengths and weaknesses and use these to better divide the task.

Be prepared to innovate so each situation can be adapted to with the greatest speed and efficiency. There are no "cookbook or boilerplate" responses.

Reach out and find new support and interested parties through networking. There are plenty of people with an array of skills and resources who will gladly serve provided a well-led effort, and Extension must be ready to lead.

Preparations for the next weather event are already underway, so expedited relief is set, but hopefully that disaster will be many years in coming.

On Sunday May 19th Nassau County 4-H lost a beloved leader, Kristen Poppell, who passed away on May 19, 2019.



Kristen was an accomplished and beloved agent and her loss will forever be a hole in our hearts.

Kristen worked for the UF/IFAS Extension Florida 4-H Youth Development Program since November 2015. Although she was only with us for a brief period, she was quickly recognized as a rising star. She was particularly dedicated to her citizenship/leadership programs like County Council, summer camp counselors, and the Youth Leadership Nassau Program. There are few photos of her in action because she always wanted the recognition to go to the youth. She loved her 4-H'ers. She genuinely cared about their success and would do everything in her power to help them. She was constantly thinking of new ways to make 4-H better for *them*. Many late nights and fundraisers meant she could provide opportunities and support for so many youth.

She had received numerous awards, including the prestigious Outstanding Young Professional for Florida 4-H in 2018, the Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award and the Search for Program of Excellence in Teen Programming Award in 2019. She was also awarded the 2019 Achievement in Service Award out of all the 4-H Agents in the State. This is only a small percentage of her recognition. She was honest and humble. She was devoted to her work and gave each task 100%...always willing to step up and help out. She was a fabulous teacher and mentor for both youth and agents. She provided a vision, structure, and foundation that will ensure Nassau County 4-H's success for a lifetime.

More than anything, she could always light up a room with her smile.

After her untimely passing there was an incredible outcry of love, demonstrating just how many lives she touched.

Kristen's world included her faith, the outdoors, quick wit and sarcasm, her fur-children Ace and Arrow, a devoted husband Chase, her loving Parents Gloria and Dwayne, countless friends, Gator Football, being barefoot, country music, and traveling. She was close with her family and took every opportunity to make memories with them. She was finally able to visit Europe this past winter and never missed an opportunity to laugh. She was environmentally conscious and her family asks to honor her memory with trees, not flowers. Her favorite tree was an *Acer rubrum* (or Red Maple). We will plant one at the Callahan Extension in her memory.



Kristen leaves behind a legacy and a higher benchmark for all of us.

Your life was a blessing

Your memory a treasure

***You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure***





ROBERT BEZELLE WHITTY

Robert Whitty passed away on June 22, 2019 peacefully.

Originally from Lee, FL, Robert was the UF/IFAS Extension Martin County Director IV for 23 years. He also volunteered with Suwannee and Martin County 4-H, Live Oak Jaycees, Kiwanis Club of Stuart, The Orchid Society, Men's Garden Club and more. He was a graduate of the University of Florida, served in the United States Army, and also held positions with the Florida State School for Boys and the Martin County Property Appraiser's Office.

The following piece was written and delivered by former UF/IFAS Extension Palm Beach County Director Clayton Hutcheson at Bob Whitty's memorial service.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time.

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.

An African quote goes something like this: "When an older man dies, it's like a library burning down."

Well, the Robert B. Whitty Audio Library of Scientific Knowledge, Spiritual Wisdom, Family History, Humor and Good Fellowship may be closed, but it's not forgotten. I have my lifetime library card, and it will expire when I expire.

I know many of you have your lifetime library card. Some people were only issued a visitor's library card, but it was only because they knew Bob the librarian for only a short time.

The Robert B. Whitty Audio Library of Scientific Knowledge, Spiritual Wisdom, Family History, Humor and Good Fellowship had many rooms.

It was my good fortune to be given entrance into all those rooms of prominence, at least to some extent, but the Humor and Good Fellowship room was my favorite. It had large, comfortable leather chairs. The atmosphere was conducive to storytelling, and the only limiting factor was time.

My initial introduction to Bob the Librarian and the Library was when I joined the UF/IFAS Extension service in 1970. Over the next four years I was issued a visitor's card to the library. I only saw Bob infrequently.

Then in 1975 or early 1976, when my family and I moved to PBC, and I was the UF/IFAS Extension County Director, I came to know Bob the Librarian well, and I received my lifetime library card.

The University of Florida, in its wisdom, had many in-service trainings, and Bob and I rode together to those more often than not. We also would room together.

When we got in the car, Bob's library was open for business. He shared stories, thoughts and occasionally information on animal science. And the University was paying me to visit the library!

Bob was a repository for all the more recent history of Extension in north Florida, where it seemed there was a much more colorful set of Extension workers than in south Florida. I never tired of hearing the stories. Some were interwoven with scientific knowledge **and** humor, so that was a "twofer."

Others had wisdom: "Old Sam," (I have changed the names to protect the innocent), "Old Sam probably shouldn't have done that. It wasn't right but he did it anyway."

It may have been nearly five hours to Gainesville in those earlier days, but they always passed quickly. All trips we enjoyed together were uplifting to say the least.

I remember one incident where, in the earlier days of the Florida lottery, our annual state Extension meeting was in Destin.

Bob and I, along with Tom Schueneman and Ken Shuler, were making our way in the same car across the woods near Bronson, Cross City, Chiefland or some other north Florida metropolis. The conversation turned to the lottery, and none of us had ever bought a ticket.

We reviewed all the hardships that would come our way if we won, when friends and relatives would begin to show up at our front steps wanting a loan or gift. We all agreed it wouldn't be worth it.

Tom Schueneman figured it was worth it. We pulled over into a Grab and Go or other convenience store and Tom bought a ticket.

Tom never won the lottery, but we all, including Bob, had a great time figuring out how we would help Tom spend his winnings.

As I remember, it was something like riding in a Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus clown car. We didn't have funny wheels or an aonga horn. What we all had issued to us, or probably reissued by this time, were our lifetime library cards to the Robert B. Whitty Audio Library of Scientific Knowledge, Spiritual Wisdom, Family History, Humor and Good Fellowship. Bob gave them out without hesitation. We also returned in the same clown car. And the University was **still paying us**.

Ann and I had several occasions to travel to national meetings and spend time with Bob and Mary Ruth.

We went to a national meeting in Fargo, North Dakota, before the movie *Fargo*. We have some great photos together of hundreds of acres of sunflowers in full bloom.

We ended up in Seattle, Washington, at our national meeting. We two couples took a limo to the docks to take the hydrofoil for a daytrip, to Victoria I believe. Then in our great, manly wisdom, when the day was over we decided we should walk with our wives from the docks back to the hotel...not knowing the shortest route would take us through skid row...at dusk. The ladies finally forgave us...I think.

Because of our travels together Bob was never hesitant to remind Ann that he had spent more time in motel rooms with me than she ever would.

I am trying to make up for that in our retirement, but I'm not making much headway.

Ann and I will be driving across Florida and I'll say, "that was sure an interesting place over there."

She says, "We've never been there." And then I'll sheepishly say, "Oh, I guess that was me and Bob."

With that in mind, when Bob retired I went and purchased a brand new pillowcase. I then had the best picture I could find of my smiling face and had it transferred onto that pillowcase. I gave it to him at his retirement event and told him to take it when he traveled. As he got ready for bed he could slip it on a pillow on the adjoining bed and think of me. As I understand he took Mary Ruth instead, and she used that pillow case to dust furniture. Which I understand.

Robert B. Whitty, you ran a fine library. Thanks for inviting me and my family to be a part of it. I have my lifetime library card and I will continue to visit often even though the doors are closed.

From your Extension Service friends, "We'll miss you our good friend, and thank you for the joy you brought into our lives."

Clayton Hutcheson
Saturday, June 29, 2019

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We would like to welcome the following newly hired and moving faculty. These individuals were hired following a highly competitive search, screening and selection process. In some cases, candidates interviewed both on the UF campus in Gainesville and in a county UF/IFAS Extension office. Selection was often difficult because we typically have two or three suitable candidates. These faculty are truly the best of the best!

HIRES

Kenda Woodburn, Small Farms/Natural Resources
Courtesy EA II (FAMU), Gadsden County

Stephanie Herzog, FCS EA I, Jackson County

Kendra Zamojski, FCS RSA II, NW District from interim
FCS RSA II

Daniel Gonzalez, 4-H EA I, Palm Beach County

We would like to wish the following agents the best of luck in their future endeavors:

DEPARTURES

Richard Guggenheim, Residential Horticulture EA I,
Collier County

Alison Grooms, FCS EA I, Hillsborough County

MOVES

Prissy Fletcher, Ag EA I, St. Johns County from
Putnam County

Luke Harlow, Agriculture/Natural Resources/4-H Acting
CED I, Union County from Clay County

Erin Harlow, Residential/Commercial Horticulture EA II,
Columbia County from Duval County

RETIREMENTS

Diann Douglas, FCS EA IV, Madison County

James Fletcher, Water Resources RSA IV, Central District