

Extension Comings and Goings
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Streaming Presentation by Dean Kirby Barrick

This edition's streaming presentation is from Dr. Kirby Barrick, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, who provides some options for delivery of Extension programs via distance education. Viewing the presentation requires the Microsoft Explorer browser, Windows Media Player 9 and a relatively fast Internet connection. However for those using dial-up access, a modem version is also supplied, which plays an audio version of his presentation.

[Dean Barrick - Distance Education - August Comings and Goings](#)

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[Dean Barrick - Distance Education - August Comings and Goings \(audio only--modem version\)](#)

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Meet Your Specialist - Steven Arthurs



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Steven Arthurs came to the University of Florida from USDA-ARS Yakima Agricultural Research Lab where he was a post-doc researching biological-based pesticides to control the codling moth and other orchard insect pests. His specialties are biological control and integrated pest management of insect and mite pests and he also take special

interest in insect pathogens and reduced risk pesticides. In 2001, he received his degree from the University of London's Imperial College.

"I grew up in England but came to the United States in 2001 and never left. I have spent a number of years working with biological control projects for major insect pests. I recently moved from Washington State where I helped test a biological pesticides based on insect viruses. Prior to that I worked at Texas A&M on a parasitic nematode that attacks thrips and before that a fungus that has been developed to control locusts and grasshoppers in Africa and Australia (the product is called *Green Muscle*). I now am free to work on pretty much any bug that eats ornamental trees and shrubs, which is a bit of a daunting list! I am currently investigating biological control options for aphids, scale and thrips. I have a 30% extension appointment and anticipate working with nursery and landscape managers to achieve the aims. I very much enjoy being at the University of Florida - it is a tremendous opportunity and I am very impressed with the many dedicated people who represent IFAS extension. I am also intrigued with Florida's crazy weather currently alternating between rain and sun - which reminds me of being back home!"

Moo...it's a Cow Parade! - Four dairy 4-Hers partnered with Dairy Farmers, Inc., Chick-Fil-A, Inc. and H&C Dairy in Lakeland, FL for the celebration of Cow Appreciation Day. The 4-Hers walked their cows in the streets of downtown Orlando while answering questions from citizens on their dairy projects and the dairy industry while representatives from Dairy Farmers, Inc., and Chick-Fil-A passed out educational and promotional material—and, of course, free food! This partnership allowed our 4-H youth to showcase dairy animals and educate the public through a new exciting and innovative way. [Contact: Brent Broaddus]

Camp Cloverleaf Revisited - Fifty nine youth and four adults participated in a fun week learning new skills and meeting new 4-H friends at Camp Cloverleaf. This is significant because Lee County did not participate in the Camp Program in 2006 and 2007 was a building year with only 18 youth attending camp. The success of this year's program is attributed to planning, adult volunteers, and training of Teen Leaders to be Camp Counselors. Twelve Lee County youth attended the State Certification training held in April, and this made a measurable difference in the quality and success of camp in 2008. Based on verbal feedback from parents and campers, everyone wants to return next year and bring a friend. It looks like next

year's opportunity is going to be negotiating to get more slots for Lee County youth to attend camp. [Contact: Cathy Suggs]

Evaluating Livestock Topic for Summer Day Camp - The Livestock Extension Agent coordinated and hosted a 4 day Livestock Evaluation Daycamp for 23 youth and 2 adult volunteers. During the camp, the participants were able to understand scorecards, figure their scores using cuts, learn parts of livestock animals, breed characteristics of livestock, cuts of meat for beef and swine, terminology for livestock, what to look for, how to use Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's), and how to give oral reasons. Throughout the week the youth were able to participate in hands-on activities to further their knowledge of what to look for when evaluating livestock. By the end of the week youth and adults were able to participate in live animal evaluations and practice their knowledge gained during the week. Livestock evaluation teaches youth decision making skills, prioritization, oral communication skills, self confidence and many more life skills. [Contact: Christa Kirby]

Living Well for Seniors - The Family and Consumer Sciences agent and a registered nurse with the Manatee County Health Department co-presented a three-part "Living Well for Seniors" series at the Manatee County Central Library. During the series, participants learned to: 1) identify five major concepts of a healthy lifestyle; 2) identify the signs and symptoms of several nutritionally-related diseases; 3) substitute healthier ingredients for "traditional" ones in recipes; 4) pare down recipes for one or two people; 5) include dessert as a healthy addition to meals. A total of 76 people attended. Post-class surveys showed that participants reported an increase in knowledge of both the five healthy lifestyle concepts (92%) and the signs and symptoms of nutritionally-related diseases (76%). New behaviors they would most likely adopt are: 1) substituting healthy ingredients for "traditional" ones in recipes (88%); 2) paring down recipes for one or two people (86%); and 3) including a healthy dessert in their meal plans (78%). [Contact: Samantha Kennedy]

New Faculty - Please welcome the following new faculty:

Lynn Barber, FYN Courtesy Extension Agent EA I, Hillsborough County, 8/18/2008

Xiomara Diaz, 4-H Courtesy Extension Agent, Marion County, 8/18/2008

Jennifer Ramos, FYN Courtesy Extension Agent EA I, Orange County, 8/11/2008

Daniel Fenneman, Ag/Nat Res Extension Agent EA I, Madison County, 8/25/2008

Sandra Joyner, Office Assistant, Northwest District, 8/25/2008

Resignations - We want to wish the following faculty the best of luck in their endeavors:

Beth Tobias Courtesy Extension Agent, Pinellas County, 8/01/08

Anna Galdames Courtesy Extension Agent, Collier County, 8/01/08

Joberde Metellus, Extension Agent I, 4-H/Youth Dev, Broward County, 8/01/08

Sara Shepherd, Extension Agent I, 4-H FCS, Alachua County, 8/01/08

Danielle Summers Extension Agent II, FCS, Leon County, 8/05/08

Cynthia Minot, Extension Agent 4-H, Brevard County, 8/07/08

Susan Lovelace, Extension Agent I, 4-H, Flagler County, 8/08/08

JC Mayberry, Extension Agent I FCS, Orange County, 8/16/08

Kelley Ann Hiemstra, Regional Specialist Agent III, NFREC Quincy, 8/27/08

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<http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu>. If you have any suggestions or would like to submit your own recognition or short article of interest, please send them to Liz Perez at lizann@ufl.edu.