

Extension Comings and Goings
From the Office of the Dean for Extension
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- UF/IFAS Extension has created a comprehensive new Web site, Solutions for Your Life, www.SolutionsForYourLife.ufl.edu. The site, which links to all UF/IFAS Web sites and other science-based resources, is up-to-date, easy to use, and relevant. We are pleased to announce that the website is now available for faculty review. Extension faculty are encouraged to review the site and send feedback to webteam@ifas.ufl.edu in advance of the public launch date, May 1, 2006.

We hope you will look at this video which highlights Solutions for Your Life.

This presentation can be viewed at:

High speed connection:

mms://wm8.video.ufl.edu/icsvideo/extension/arrington1_mar06.wmv

Modem connection:

mms://wm8.video.ufl.edu/icsvideo/extension/arrington2_mar06.wmv

- **2006 Extension Symposium**
For a sneak preview of the agenda for the 2006 Extension Symposium please visit the Extension website at <http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu/> on Friday, March 17th. Official registration for the Symposium will be open to all in late March.
- The current class of new faculty completed new faculty orientation and training on Thursday, February 23rd. Congratulations to the following faculty.

UF/IFAS NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
New County Extension Faculty Graduates
February 2006

Agriculture, including Horticulture/FYN/MG

Name; Title – Program Area

Baucum, Leslie; EA II – Agron Crops, M/C
Beckford, Fitzroy; EA II – Ag/Nat Res
Burton, Wendy; EA II – Livestock/Nat Res
Campbell, Mary; CED IV – Hort
Chandler, Jason, EA I – Ag/Nat Res
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Morales, Wilfredo; EA II – 4-H
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- Mike Spranger, Assistant Dean of Extension was invited to provide a presentation to the U.S. Global Ocean Observing System Steering Committee (US GSC) to lead a discussion on “the future role of the US GSC in Education and Outreach”. The US GSC is composed of representatives of the Coastal Ocean Observing System Regional Associations, the National Federation of Regional Associations (NFRA), and Oceans.US (the federal body that is coordinating the 11 federal agency effort) to develop the national coastal ocean observing system.

- eXtension to Host Call for Engagement Workshop
By: Craig Wood -- Thu, 02 February 2006 13:24:17 (224 Views) -- Print this release eXtension, the Internet-based land-grant university education and information project, will host a multi-media conference call for prospective Communities of Practice on both February 13 and February 16, 2006. This workshop will be particularly helpful to groups planning to submit proposals to the eXtension Call for Engagement announced today, February 1, 2006. Persons interested in participating in the eXtension Call for Engagement training should go to:

<http://breeze.extension.iastate.edu/cfe/>

Monday, February 13, 2006 12:30 pm CST

Thursday, February 16, 2006 2:00 pm CST

These meetings will be held using Breeze, an integrated phone conferencing. Participants need to have an Internet connection on their computer and a telephone. It is best if the phone has a speaker (hands free) option and a mute button. Each session will be 90 minutes.

The training will be conducted by Craig Wood and Carla Craycraft, eXtension Associate Directors of Content, and Carl O'Connor, Executive Director for the Association of North Central Extension Directors and Ron Brown, Executive Director for the Association of Southern Region Extension Directors. O'Connor and Brown serve as the panel managers for the Call for Engagement review process.

When you go to the meeting space, use the "Enter as a Guest" option; type in your name and press "Enter".

After you enter the meeting space, you will see instructions for joining the audio conference.

For participants who have never used Breeze technology before, you can test your connection by going to the following address:

http://breeze.extension.iastate.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Optionally, individuals who will be presenters or who would like to ensure their browsers go into full screen mode, can download and install the following Flash plugin -

Windows : [<](http://www.macromedia.com/go/breeze_addin_install_win/)

Mac: [>](http://www.macromedia.com/go/breeze_addin_install_mac/)

- Our Extension Family is growing with new faculty. Please welcome the following new hires:
 - Keith Patton - Palm Beach County - FYN - 1/06
 - Jim DeValerio - Bradford County - EA I - 3/10/06
 - Gus Koerner - Brevard County - EA I - 1/28/06
 - Esther L. Berg - Hernando County - Program Assistant - 1/27/06
 - Bryan Fluech - Collier County - Prog. EA I - 3/2/06
 - Martha Thomas - Lake County - EA I - 1/3/06
 - Alicia Bradigan - Bentancourt - Monroe County - EA I - 2/10/06
 - Betty Miller - Leon County - CED - 2/8/06
 - Christa Carlson - Manatee County - EA I - 3/3/06
 - Laura Valencia - Orange County - Program Assistant - 3/10/06
 - BobbiJo Jarvis - Pasco County - EA IV CED - 3/24/06
- After many years of service and dedication to UF/IFAS Extension the following individuals have retired. We want to thank them for all their contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.
 - Elaine Shook - Leon County - 4-H Agent - 12/30/05
 - Elaine Faison - Gilchrist County - Program Assistant - 1/1/06
 - Diane Yates - Volusia County - FCS Agent - 1/31/06
- Resignations: We want to wish the following individuals the best of luck in their endeavors:
 - Jarek Nowak - NFREC - Forestry Specialist - 12/31/05
 - Chris Andrews - Highlands County - Courtesy Agent - 1/20/06
 - Carolyn Cochrane - Collier County - Program Assistant - 2/27/06

News From The Northwest District

- Please join me in congratulating Dr. Betty Miller as the County Extension Director for University of Florida IFAS Leon County Extension. Betty received her Bachelors' degree from Pittsburg State University and her Masters and Ph.D. from Kansas State University. She began her Extension career for Kansas State University in 1968 and with UF IFAS Extension in 1995. Betty currently holds the rank of Agent IV and has chaired the IFAS tenure and promotion committee, in 2005 Betty was honored with the NEAFCS and FEAFCS Distinguished Service Award the highest award presented by these professional associations. Betty will continue to program in the FCS program area along with her duties as CED. We will soon post the open position in Leon County after developing a position announcement.
- Josh Wilson, Northwest IT computer specialists has resigned to work in private industry. Josh has assisted the faculty and staff of the Northwest District, to become leaders statewide in technology use in Extension program planning and delivery. We will all remember his diligent service, people friendly support and knowledge of his technological practice.
- **Join us and register today for NETC and AIAEE**
NETC (National Extension Technology Conference)
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/NETC2006/#reg>
May 8-11, 2006 Hilton UF Conference Center Gainesville, FL
NETC (National Extension Technology Conference) is an annual event, not a formal organization. In some ways, NETC is a virtual organization of people interested in the use and application of information technology in the Cooperative Extension System.

NETC is an opportunity for sharing and learning about innovative types and uses of information technology. Participation is not limited to faculty and staff of Extension. In fact, anyone with an interest in information technology and its use in higher and continuing education, as well as in organization management, is welcome to participate.

- **AIAEE (Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education)**
<http://www.aiaee.org/conferences.html>
May 14-17, 2006 Clearwater Beach, FL

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) was established in 1984 to provide a professional association to network agricultural and Extension educators who share the common goal of strengthening agricultural and Extension education programs and institutions worldwide.

News From The Northeast District

- Congratulations to Bridgette Milam, Clay county and Cindy Sanders, Alachua county who have recently completed their Masters Degrees.
- Jacque Breman, Union County CED, has been recognized for the Best Presentation in his Session at the Recent SAAS Meeting (Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists), held in Orlando, Florida February 4-8.
- The Duval County Extension Service received the highest award "Platinum" for United Way Campaign contributions. They were one of four departments in the city that reached this level. They also had 100% participation. Thanks to Becky and the Duval County Extension team for their part in this important community activity.

News From The South Central District

- **Two-Year Socio-Economic Impact Survey of Artificial Reefs Funded**
The Charlotte County Sea Grant Agent, acting as the County's artificial reef coordinator, in partnership with artificial reef coordinators from Hillsborough and Pinellas counties south to Collier County has secured funding for a two-year socio-economic impact survey of the artificial reefs in SW Florida. This \$315,000 study will be funded in part by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Artificial Reef Grants program, the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND), and through local county funds. The socio-economic study will evaluate recreational utilization levels by fishers and divers at the artificial reefs within the seven-county study area. Ultimately, the goal is to identify the human use and economic impact of artificial reefs and add this information to existing long-range management plans. [Contact: Betty Staugler]

- **4H Kids Train Adults**

A three-day Money Camp for kids from Hernando, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties focused on Banking - online and normal; Identity Theft, the Importance of Credit, and Buying a Car. T-shirts and real shredded money from the Federal Reserve were special items given for participating, along with a certificate of completion. The camps were quite successful, with full classes and lengthy waiting lists. Parents and students reported nothing but positive experiences from the camps. Parents said that students quizzed them on topics and re-taught lessons at home. A common comment from the students was that they "could not wait to come the next day." Repeated requests have been received for more camps in '06. The camps were sponsored by a grant to the 4-H Foundation from J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. [Contact: Georgene Bender]

- **Helping Families Cope with Workplace Change**

Workplace change impacts the entire family. When major corporate changes (downsizing, restructuring, location closings, and mergers) take place, the "surviving" employees have to return to the task of getting the work done, deal with workplace adjustments, and manage family stress. Because people often expect the family to serve as a buffer for workplace strain, family relationships can suffer. The Hillsborough County Extension service conducted workplace seminars for Tampa employees of Bank of America who were affected by major corporate restructuring. The goal of the seminar series is to help participants work through a trying time while maintaining the quality of their family life. The progression of the topics within this curriculum (from the focus on the individual to the partner and children) is based on the belief that during trying times, people can best support family members when they first understand their own situation and feelings. Participants gained an understanding of how children respond to stress in age-specific ways, learned how to connect with their children during stressful times, how to communicate with a partner, and how to influence the successful outcome of work uncertainty. [Contact: Diana Converse]

- **Preserving Wetlands as Habitats Theme for Local Television Show**

In conjunction with Manatee Educational Television, Marine Extension and Master Gardeners, Manatee Extension hosted a 30 minute program showcasing the county's Emerson Preserve. This preserve is a great educational tool to demonstrate the need for mangrove wetlands and the importance of preserving habitat to mitigate the negative effects of water pollution and to provide for

wildlife. This interrelationship was described and shown in the television show and was broadcast to an audience of 100,000 people. [Contact: Jane Morse]

News From The South District

- **Extension Website offers Pruning Tips**
In response to concerns by the Board of County Commissioners and Code Enforcement staff, Extension has initiated an attempt to better educate the public about tree trimming and pruning through our website, www.pbcgov.com/coopext/home . Each week a "Pruning Tip of the Week" will be displayed, linking to an EDIS publication and providing the public with general information which we hope will prevent further canopy damage and reduce debris in the event of future storms.
- **Step Up America!**
In celebration of Heart Month (February), Family and Consumer Science faculty, in collaboration with other community agencies, participated in events and made presentations for the community to encourage greater physical activity, careful reading of food labels and wise food choices to reduce the incidence of heart disease, hypertensive illnesses and foster healthy lifestyles. These events will continue in various communities throughout the year.
- **Beacon Center "Budget Gourmets"**
EFNEP is piloting two Beacon Center programs at West Riviera Beach Elementary School and Pahokee Elementary School with parents of young children. Eight sessions are scheduled in each school one evening a week using the standard EFNEP curriculum. Participants have named the series Beacon Budget Gourmets since all participants are currently involved in the school Beacon Centers, will learn to save money on food expenditures and will participate in food experiences to improve food preparation skills. Funds for food experiences will be provided by United Way and some appliances have been provided by Sunbeam Corporation.
- **Fishing for success** was held on January 26 at the ponds on the Ft. Lauderdale REC campus. Twenty-six people attended, 16 youth, two signed up to join the 4-H program. 4-H partnered with Youth Environmental Alliance and Broward County Environmental Protection Department. The youth learned about knots, casting, catch and release and then had a session on water quality conducted by

Kevin Carter one of our 4-H Advisory members. [contact Germaine Pointer or Joe Metellus]

- **Retirement Series** was conducted at S.W. Regional Library in Broward County. Three sessions were held for 6 hours of teaching. Evaluations on the Broward County Customer Satisfaction Surveys indicated 100% satisfaction. Participants gained knowledge and understanding in the:
Value of pretax investing
Importance of diversification between asset classes
Difference between stocks and bonds
Difference in Traditional and Roth IRAs
[contact Mary Peters]
- The Landscape Inspectors' Association of Florida and Broward County Extension facilitated **Storm Summit III** which provided a forum for each participating municipality to present their ideas, methods and protocols for informing their residents, property owners and property managers about compliance with local landscape codes. Input from this meeting was used to tweak Extension's list of recommended replant options available on-line as "Storm-Damaged Trees: What to Replant With? [contact Mike Orfanedes]
- Monroe County Sea Grant Extension partnered with over two dozen sponsors to launch the Florida Keys First Annual Seafood Festival on Saturday, January 21 in Key West. Thousands of people attended this event. The Florida Keys Commercial Fisherman's Association provided grilled lobster tails, stone crab claws, fried fish, conch chowder, conch salad and conch fritters. This activity helped to support the fisherman after they sustained severe damage from hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma. In addition to the food about thirty vendors and non-profit organizations provided information and sold products.
[contact Doug Gregory]

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