Video Presentation by Millie Ferrer

This edition’s video presentation is from Dr. Millie Ferrer, Interim Dean and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service: http://webdev.ifas.ufl.edu/icsvideo/ComingsGoings/ComingsGoingsJan09.html

If you have Flash Player 8 or higher installed on your computer, you can view the video presentation using Flash. You can download Flash at the following website: http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/

Learning About 4-H During the Centennial Year

2009 is the Centennial Year for Florida 4-H, paralleling the Extension start-up efforts of many colleges across the United States. During this year, we will provide some background information on this organization and program that touches the lives of thousands of young people and adults across Florida. With its roots firmly embedded in Florida Agriculture, 4-H has grown into the urban areas. This is only natural, since 4-H youth development is about helping young people reach their fullest potential.

This month, learn more about 4-H and its culture: http://extadmin.ifas.ufl.edu/download/4-H/Learning About 4H Part 1.doc

The IFAS Extension Bookstore

is proud to announce the following exciting new products designed to enhance the everyday life of Florida citizens. Celebrate Florida’s agricultural heritage with this 25th Anniversary book presented by the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Florida’s Agricultural Heritage, SP 449, $35. SALE price of $25.00 for IFAS faculty and staff. Hardcover, 144 pp, 12x9” landscape format.
Centered on the accomplishments of inductees into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame, the story that unfolds is diverse—from the first citrus groves and cattle ranches to thoroughbred horse farms and advanced irrigation techniques. Let this beautifully designed book, accented with historic and contemporary illustrations and photographs, take you on a journey through the history of Florida agriculture. Whether reading cover to cover or browsing at random, one is inspired to imagine the bright future of Florida agriculture given the excellent examples set by the industry’s past leaders and contributors.


Adolescence can be a perplexing time for parents and a difficult, even dangerous time for their children, but with love and understanding, it can also be rich in experiences that can lead to a happy and healthy adulthood. “Teening-Up” is a six-session curriculum designed to help parents understand the turbulent physical, mental, and emotional changes their adolescent children are experiencing. Chapters include, The Teen Brain; Transitions in Adolescence; Positive Discipline; Talking about Dating, Sex, Drugs, and Alcohol; Understanding Teen Anger (and Managing Yours); and Empowering Teens to Build Assets.

Each chapter uses slides, handouts, and exercises to help parents guide their children through these wonderful, difficult years—while keeping their own sanity intact! The notebook includes a CD with PowerPoint slides, handout materials, and participant evaluation forms.

Solutions for Your Life.com

The number of visits to SFYL for the last 6 months have totaled 296,816. The most popular SFYL categories in order are:

- Lawn and Garden
- Agriculture
- Families and Consumers
- Sustainable Living
- Environment
- Disaster Preparation and Recovery
- 4H

Occasionally Agriculture and Families & Consumers swap their spots.

New Faculty

Please welcome the following new faculty:

Gary Thomas, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent II, Flagler County, 1/02/09

Aparna Gazula, Commercial Horticulture Extension Agents I, Alachua County, 1/5/2009

Melanie Goerger, 4-H Youth Development/FCS Extension Agent II, Gulf County, 1/12/2009
**Resignations**

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

**Gillian Crippen**, Regional Sustainability EA I, Pinellas County, 1/9/2009

**Christian Miller**, Water Science EA I, Miami-Dade County, 1/23/2009

**Christopher Catanzaro**, 4-H Youth Dev EA I, Lake County, 1/27/2009

**Retirement**

After many years of service and dedication **Don Sweat** (Citrus County Sea Grant Extension Agent IV) has retired. We want to thank him for all of his contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.

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