

EXTENSION

Comings & Goings

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN FOR EXTENSION

Video Presentation

This edition's video presentation is from Tom Obreza, Interim Associate Dean, UF/IFAS Extension Administration, who provides some information on some special sessions at [EPAF](#).

<http://webdev.ifas.ufl.edu/icsvideo/Comingsgoings/comingsgoingsjuly09.html>

This video presentation utilizes the same streaming technology being used on the Solutions for Your Life web site. If you have Flash Player 8 or higher installed on your computer, you can view the video using Flash. You can download Flash at the following website: <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>

Requires Flash Player installed on your PC and a relatively fast broadband connection.

Success Stories

Market in the Park - Pinellas County

Market in the Park is a unique farmers market with major emphasis on promoting healthy living and sustainable practices. Located on the grounds of Pinellas County Extension, it is an educationally oriented farmers market that promotes locally grown produce/products supporting regional merchants and economic sustainability. Initiated in 2007, this farmers market is unique in emphasizing outreach education. The Market encourages sustainability through weekly Extension programs and activities from FCS, 4-H, Natural Resources and Urban Sustainability program areas. It offers fresh local flavor by offering a wide assortment of locally grown products. The market is open from November through April.

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Local Food System Development - Sarasota County

The program arose out of the county's need to reduce its Ecological Footprint, 26% of which came from the county's food acquisition and consumption patterns. Sarasota County Extension faculty initiated community discussions that resulted in specific County Comprehensive Plan language that supports a sustainable local food system. Next steps were developing and implementing initiatives to carry out the intent of the county Comprehensive Plan. Six different initiatives have been developed and implemented, including the Farm to School Program, demonstration and training for diversified small farm enterprises, Extension classes at two community gardens, weekly classes at two school gardens, Southwest Small Farmer Network Meetings at farms and agricultural operations, and the Suncoast Food Alliance local food distributorship partnership.

4-H Historical Marker Unveiling

On August 4th, 4-H unveiled a new historical marker on the UF campus. The following is a link to the full story: http://emr.ifas.ufl.edu/inside_ifas/2009/047.html



New Faculty

Please welcome Richard Tyson into his new position as County Extension Director in Orange County.

Resignations

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

Cyndy Mondelus, FCS EA I, Orange County, 5/1/2009

Retirement

After many years of service and dedication, Donna Peacock (Hernando CED and FCS Extension Agent IV) and Deborah Boulware (Lake CED and FCS Extension Agent IV) have retired. We want to thank them for all of their contributions to UF/IFAS Extension.

Passing of George Rogers

George Rogers Jr. passed away on July 12, 2009 after a valiant 6 month battle with pancreatic cancer. George dedicated his life to service. He served his country for 26 years in the US Navy, he served the City of Pensacola for 15 years as the Administrator of the Inspections Services Department, and he served the state of Florida as an educator and a Program Extension agent based in Escambia County for over 9 years.

George specialized in windstorm mitigation, green building and emergency preparedness. His work has been instrumental in the development of BRACE, a preparedness program that was recently briefed to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration for possible national implementation.

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