

Extension Comings and Goings

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This edition's streaming presentation by David Dinkins, Dr. Chad Hutchinson and Dr. Mark Clark utilizes the new system recently acquired by IFAS Communication Services - synchronizing streaming video or audio with the presenter's PowerPoint presentation. Viewing the presentation requires Microsoft Explorer, Windows Media Player 9 and a relatively fast Internet connection. For those using dial-up access, a modem version is also supplied, which plays an audio version of the presentation synchronized with the PowerPoint slides.

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[November Comings and Goings-- Hastings \(modem version\)](#)

IFAS Extension and the Levin College of Law have formed a partnership through the College of Law's Conservation Clinic to increase support for county faculty dealing with growth issues in Florida. The demand for this partnership has grown out of the increase demands from Extension programming related to "Smart Growth" and other issues related to environmental and land use policy at the local government level. IFAS Extension is providing funding for a conservation law fellow to work in the clinic and support county faculty. A search is underway for the law fellow. Stay tuned for more information.

Extension's Comings and Goings Newsletter Survey Thank you! Thank you! We had 168 faculty respond to the survey. Our purpose in asking you to fill out the survey was to find out what you thought about the newsletter and if it was meeting your needs. Following are some results. For a more in-depth look at the results, please visit <http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/evaluation/comingsgoings/results2006.htm>.

Highlights

- * We asked - How many of the past 4 Extension Comings and Goings have you read?
Results - Over 80% have read the last 3-4 issues!
- * We asked - How much of Extension Comings and Goings do you typically read?
Results - 20% haven't read any issues yet but 70% of you have read 2-3 issues!
- * We asked - Do you feel that Extension Comings and Goings keeps you informed about what is happening in Extension?
Results - 88% said yes!
- * We asked - Have you experienced any technical difficulty accessing the newsletter?
Results - 13% said you have had some trouble, but 87% have had no trouble at all!
- * We asked - Have you experienced any difficulty viewing the video clips?
Results - It seems half of you have had some difficulty and we'll be looking into solutions.

- * We asked - Overall, how would you characterize the usefulness of the information in Extension Comings and Goings?
Results - 63% found it somewhat useful, hopefully these results will help us make it very useful.
- * We asked - Tell us what you think about the timeliness of the topics covered
Results - 46% are very satisfied and 52% are somewhat satisfied.
- * We asked - Please rate our reader friendliness
Results - 41% are very satisfied and 49% are somewhat satisfied.
- * We asked - How relevant is the information?
Results - 49% are very satisfied and 46% are somewhat satisfied.

New Faculty - Our Extension Family is growing. Please welcome the following new hires:

Scott Kerr, EA I, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Suwannee County, 11/3/2006
Carolyn Saft, EA I, Horticulture, Suwannee County, 11/3/2006

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

Elizabeth G. Varley - Program Extension Agent II - Lee County- 11/6/2006
Gary Mikulecky - CED and EA III - Highlands County - 11/27/2006
Diane Behringer - EA II - Broward County - Sea Grant - 11/27/2006
Wilfredo E. Morales - EA II - Holmes County - 11/29/2006
Robert Wasno - EA I - Lee County - Sea Grant - 11/30/2006

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Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Extension Administration, we want to wish all of you a joyous Holiday Season!