

Extension Comings and Goings

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This edition's streaming presentation by Dr. Jim Jones and Dr. Clyde Fraisse 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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Water's Journey: Everglades is a 2 part program that is to air nationally on PBS in February 2007. Dr. Mark Clark of the Soil and Water Science Department has been a key player in narrating the film on South Florida Ecosystems. Part 1 of the Everglades will air next week in Gainesville on WUFT at 10:00 pm. The schedule for Gainesville and other Florida locations can be found at: http://www.karstproductions.com/ev_broadcst.html.

Comings and Goings Survey - Thanks to all who responded to the survey that was due Friday, October 27th. We will share with you the feedback we received soon.

Solutions for Your Life Template and Training Update - The Solutions for Your Life website is growing in leaps and bounds! Analysis of its usage reveals that the site is logging more than 10,000 visits each week. The Web Team continues to distribute templates and training to many county offices as well as other offices within IFAS. Training is provided using the new templates in both Dreamweaver and FrontPage, with additional training to come using Contribute. The following tasks have been completed or are in the process of being completed:

- Over the past six weeks, several departments and counties within each district have received templates and training in one-on-one sessions.
- New content, especially in the "Hot Topics" area of SFYL is updated almost every day.
- Over the next two months, template training is scheduled in every Extension District to be offered concurrently with the UNIFAS trainings. Additional training will also be offered on writing for the Web, and other topics of interest.
- Extension Districts are assigning two individuals in each county to oversee their respective webpages - a content specialist and a web specialist. They are also providing requests for Contribute software.
- The Web Oversight Committee met to discuss the process for distribution of templates, training and the choosing of a Content Management System. A timeline is in progress to accomplish this.

Marine Industries Riding Wave to Cleaner Future - September marked a number of firsts for the Clean Boating Partnership in Charlotte County. Co-located, Palm Island Marina & Marine Max pledged their commitment and worked together to achieve the County's 1st Clean Marina, Clean Boatyard and Clean Marine Retailer designations. The Clean Boating Partnership works with area marine industries to implement best management practices allowing them to remain competitive in today's market and protect the marine environment at the same time. Designees confirm that not only are they in compliance with the rules that govern them, but that they have gone above and beyond those rules in an effort to be good stewards of our marine resources. Charlotte County's Clean Boating Partnership team, consisting of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, The Southwest Florida Marine Industries Association, and Florida Sea Grant, works with pledged industries to implement best management practices and achieve the "Clean" status. Palm Island Marina became Florida's 122nd Clean Marina. Marine Max became Florida's 23rd Clean Boatyard and Florida's 1st Clean Marine Retailer. Marine Max also achieved the distinction of becoming the first industry in Florida to receive two "Clean" designations! [Contact: Betty Staugler]

Bar the Door Katy - Florida residents have many questions about how to reinforce their homes against hurricane damage. Window protection is a critical part of home reinforcement. A PowerPoint to help evaluate hurricane window shutter options was developed by the Hillsborough County Extension. The PowerPoint discusses shutter ratings and advantages & disadvantages of the various options, and it links to fact sheets & websites that have additional information. The PowerPoint has been downloaded over 600 times, it was used in an Extension hurricane home inspector training, and State Farm Insurance plans to use pictures from the PowerPoint in a training brochure for their inspectors. Expertise and guidance for this effort was provided by St. Lucie County Extension; Florida House Learning Center; Florida Energy Extension; and Escambia County Extension. [Contact Lisa Leslie]

The Way to the Mind is Through The Stomach - Lunch and Learn Programs for County Employees - Clerk of Circuit Court's staff wanted educational programs presented during their lunch hours. They contacted Extension FCS for ideas and were given a list of 52 topics. Their top 6 requests were: Living Wills and Funeral Planning; Stress Management; Money Management; Family Records and Valuable Papers; Disaster Preparedness; and Food and Fitness. Management was willing to stagger lunches so that more could attend. The monthly series began in September 2006 and will run through March 2007. **IMPACT:** Agent received NEAFCS Award and the Mary Harrison professorship basically for presenting 2-hour employee development workshops. Targeting 100 employees per topic; 6 topics presented 4 times; a company would normally pay at least \$100 per person to outside agency for training, so cost savings to the county is approximately \$60,000. [Contact: Betsy Crisp]

4-H "Interested Parents" Efforts Spawn 10 New Clubs - In the fall of 2004, a Pinellas County 4-H agent started the program "Interested Parents." Parents of 4-H members were sent informational emails normally only sent to 4-H volunteers. These parents were also

invited to attend 4-H leaders training workshops. One objective of this program was to educate parents on the responsibilities of 4-H club leaders and to understand more about the opportunities of the Pinellas County 4-H program. As a result of the "Interested Parents" program, enough parents have signed on to begin ten new 4-H clubs this fall. These new clubs will cover the horse, sports fishing, robotics, and clothing construction projects areas, among others. [Contact: Jean Rogalsky]

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

Jonnali Mayberry, EA I, Orange County, 10/20/06

Brooke Burn, Program EA I, Sumter County, 10/20/06

Wendy Wood, EA I, Putnam County, 10/20/06

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

Ed Ayen - Okeechobee County - 10/5/06

Sharon Guest-Tagliavento - Flagler County - 10/27/06

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