

Extension This Month – April 2006

Welcome to ***Extension This Month!*** In an effort to keep the organization well informed, the Executive Team will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. Watch for us each month to hear updates and information happening throughout the organization.

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Asked and You Responded

Thanks to those who replied to my request for input on my performance during my first six months on the job. I want to briefly summarize what you told me and assure you that I will respond to the extent possible.

The strongest favorable message was our commitment to wider and more regular communications within Extension. Especially high marks were given for county visits, the “Inside Extension” quarterly video broadcasts, regular conference calls with staff chairs and similar efforts to keep information flowing. Even the new web blog was mentioned of having potential. (However, it has not been utilized much yet—have you read the postings lately?)

How about things to improve? One message was to be careful of overloading work priorities. As I’ve observed to many folks, in my first year, I imagined the need to say “yes” to everything—and sometimes it shows by getting stretched too thin with workload spillover to others. Another key message addressed the Outcomes Assessment Tool (OAT). Many thought that it was implemented without sufficient testing and isn’t meeting the most important needs for information collection and management. This was very helpful input and supports meaningful changes underway that I hope you agree are great improvements.

As I hope you can tell, I’m really committed to our growth as a learning organization, so please don’t hesitate to provide constructive suggestions to anyone with an ability to make things better.

Scott Reed

Dean and Director

MARKETING

2006 Pocket Calendars – Clearance Sale!

We still have a small supply of 2006 Extension Pocket Calendars. Pick them up for below the original price at \$0.50 each! First come first served. 2007 calendars will be available near the end of summer. Send orders to Kim Tarrant at kim.tarrant@oregonstate.edu or send in the order form located at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marketing/documents/orderform3-6-06.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Professional Development Funds

Deadline for applications for the Extension Professional Development Funds is **May 1, 2005**. You can locate the criteria, helpful information and the application online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/admin/profdevfunds.php>.

Include in your application how this activity relates to your overall professional development plan. Submit your application by mail (101 Ballard Hall), FAX (541-737-4423), or email (janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu). For more information, contact Janet at 541-737-1384.

THIS 'N THAT

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19-21, 2006	FCD In-Service Conference, Lake Oswego
April 24-27, 2006	2006 PILD-(Public Issues Leadership Development Conference)
May 11, 2006 -	New Faculty/Staff Orientation
May 31, 2006	Hyslop Farm Field Day 2006, Corvallis.
June 20, 2006	Union County Crops & Conservation Tour
July 23-27, 2006	NACAA Conference, Cincinnati, OH
September 18-20, 2006	Extension Annual Conference
September 21, 2006	OSU University Day
October 2-6, 2006	NEAFCS Conference, Denver, CO
October 22-26, 2006	NAE4HA Conference, Milwaukee, WI
October 23-25, 2006	Ag & Water Quality in the Pacific NW Conference
November 8-9, 2006	Extension Leadership Meeting
November 15-19, 2006	Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference, Annapolis, MD
December 4-5, 2006	Oregon Seed Growers League 2006 Annual Meeting, Doubletree Inn, Jantzen Beach, Portland..

2006 Extension Cluster Meetings

April 13	Mid-Valley	Marion County
April 26	Metro	NWREC
May 3	West Central	Lane
May 5	North Coast	Tillamook
May 10	Southwest	Gold Beach
May 17-18	Mid-Columbia	Boardman
May 24-25	Central	Lake County Note: date change

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Congratulations goes to the following faculty, staff, volunteers and clientele who have recently received awards of recognition.

Tom Cook, Extension Turf Specialist, received the Distinguished Service Award by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the 2006 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Atlanta.

Along with colleagues from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming, **Larry Lev**, AREC, will receive the 2006 Western Agricultural Economics Award for Outstanding Extension Program.

WITHIN EXTENSION

Retiree News

Marilyn Bervin, retired Benton County 4-H, and husband Art were honored with the Distinguished Service Award at the 2005 Benton County 4-H annual banquet.

Congratulations to two Extension retirees who were named to the Board of Directors of the Vina Moses Center in Corvallis. **Alice Mills Morrow**, President and **Irma Sargent**, Secretary.

John Burt, retired Marion County staff chair has been named interim executive director of the Agri-Business Council of Oregon. John is expected to serve in the role for two to three months while the council searches for a permanent executive.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Wedding Announcements

Tracy Baune, Coos County 4-H School Enrichment/Home Horticulture agent has set a wedding date of May 27th and will be marrying former Coos County Forestry Educator **Jonathan Martz**. We wish them "All the Best".

Get Well

Jim Bergeron, retired Extension Sea Grant agent had open heart surgery on April 6th. Cards can be sent to: Jim Bergeron, 40080 Old Highway 30, Astoria, OR 97103

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Change in Recruitment Practice in Extension

In order for Extension to conform to the standard OSU recruitment practices, we will no longer ask that college transcripts and letters of reference be provided with applications and resumes. At his/her discretion, the hiring supervisor or committee chair may request this information after finalists have been selected from the total applicant pool. If you have questions, please contact **Mary Mann**, Director of Operations at mary.l.mann@oregonstate.edu

NEW HIRES

Adan Barragon, Washington County, Program Assistant, February 22, 2006
Shannon Brooks, Clatsop County, 4-H Youth Development, March 13, 2006
Gordon Carlson, ECTU, Info Technology Consultant, April 3, 2006
Joyce Graham, Lincoln County, Program Assistant, March 1, 2006
Melody Garrett, Linn County, Program Assistant, March 1, 2006
Dennis Glaze, HMSC, Aquatic Animal Health/Sea Grant, March 1, 2006
Melissa Mettewson, Jackson County, Small Farms, March 6, 2006
Linda White, Coos County, Consumer Horticulture, March 31, 2006
Mark Whitham, Clatsop County, Seafood Produce Development, March 13, 2006
Elizabeth McGovern, Benton County, OS I, March 6, 2006

RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS

Tom Darnell, Umatilla-Milton Freewater, March 31, 2006 – retirement
Sonja Huebner, Hood River, March 31, 2006
Arleen Peterson, Washington County, March 22, 2006
Christine Schmitz, Lincoln County, March 10, 2006

RECRUITMENTS

**#-018-1026A - Extension Faculty, Southwest Oregon Small Farms 1.0 FTE
Jackson County (Central Point)
Serves Jackson/Josephine/Douglas Counties)**

Committee Chair: James Hermes
Candidate Selected: Melissa Matthewson
Status: Start Date March 6, 2006

**#018-1033 – Extension Faculty, Horticulturist (1.0 FTE)
Umatilla County (Housed at the Milton Freewater Office)
(Serves Umatilla County and Colombia Basin)**

Committee Chairs: Mary Corp and Ray William
Candidate Selected:
Status: Committee Process

**#018-1035 – Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (.7 FTE) and
Agriculture (.3 FTE)**

Clatsop County (Astoria)

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood
Candidate Selected: Shannon Brooks
Status: Start Date March 13, 2006

**#018-1038 – Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (1.0 FTE)
Coos County (Myrtle Point)**

Committee Chair: Roger Rennekamp
Candidate Selected:
Status: Committee Process

**#018-1040 – Extension Faculty, Nutrition Education Program Coordinator (1.0
FTE)**

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)

Committee Chair: Sally Bowman
Candidate Selected:
Status: Committee Process

#018-1041 – Extension Faculty, Social Demography (1.0 FTE)

Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR)

Committee Chair: Marc Braverman
Candidate Selected:
Status: Interview Process

**#018-1042 – Extension Faculty, Technology-assisted Education Developer (1.0
FTE)**

Extension & Experiment Station Communications (Corvallis, OR)

Committee Chair: Evie Engel
Candidate Selected: Bryan Mayjor
Status: Start date April 1, 2006

**#018-1043 – Extension Faculty, Nutrition Education Coordinator Part Time (0.5
FTE)**

Lincoln County (Newport, OR)

Committee Chairs: Janice Gregg and Anne Hoisington
Candidate Selected: Nancy Tido
Status: Start Date February 24, 2006

#018-1044 – Extension Faculty, Interim Extension Assistant Director (Negotiable 0.5 – 0.75 FTE)

Committee Chair: Deborah Maddy
Candidate Selected: Teresa Hogue
Status: Start Date March 1, 2006

**#018-1045 – Faculty Research Assistant – Research Technician (.50 FTE)
Columbia County (St. Helens, OR)**

Committee Chair: Chip Bubl
Candidate Selected:
Status: Committee Process

#018-1046 – 4-H Specialist in Volunteerism and Community Youth Development (1.0 FTE)

Oregon State University (Corvallis)

Committee Chair: Beverly Hobbs
Candidate Selected:
Status: Screening Applicant files April 6, 2006

**#018-1047 – Extension Marketing Specialist (1.0 FTE)
Extension & Experiment Station Communications (Corvallis, OR)**

Committee Chair: Andrea Dailey
Candidate Selected:
Status: Close date extended to April 10, 2006

**#018-1048 – Extension Human Resources Generalist (1.0 FTE)
Oregon State University (Corvallis)**

Committee Chair: Mary Mann
Candidate Selected:
Status: Screening applicant files April 7, 2006

**#018-1049 – Extension Faculty, Department Head
Extension and Experiment Station Communications
Oregon State University (Corvallis)**

Committee Chair: Jim Reeb
Candidate Selected:
Status: Screening applicant files on April 17, 2006

**#018-1050 – Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (1.0 FTE)
Klamath County (Klamath Falls)**

Committee Chair: Roger Rennekamp
Candidate Selected:
Status: Closed March 27, 2006

**#018-1051 – Extension Faculty, Water Resources and Community Development
Educator (1.0 FTE)**

Tillamook, OR (serving Tillamook & Clatsop Counties and the Oregon Coast)

Committee Chair: Pat Corcoran
Candidate Selected:
Status: Closes April 17, 2006

#018-1052 - Internal Search – Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (1.0 FTE)

Washington County (Beaverton)

Committee Chair: Roger Rennekamp

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closed Screening April 3, 2006

**#011-419 – Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor –
Community Nutrition Programming (1.0 FTE)**

Oregon State University (Campus)

Committee Chairs: Dr. Hans van der Mars

Dr. Carolyn Raab

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening Committee Process

**#011-420 – Extension Specialist and Assistant Professor –
Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention**

Oregon State University (Campus)

Committee Chair: Dr. Hans van der Mars

Dr. Carolyn Raab

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interview Process

Do you know of something happening in your office that you'd like to share? Perhaps a birth of a son or daughter or grandchild? Recognitions received? Has someone in your office experienced a loss of a loved one? We'd like to hear from you. Although we are spread across the miles, it's important that we stay connected. Please help us do that.

Send any information you would like shared with the organization, to Janet Drollinger janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu by the 25th of each month.