

Extension This Month – April 2005

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.

NATIONAL NEWS UPDATES

Agriculture & Homeland Security Report Available

A 90-page report to Congress, *Homeland Security, Much Is Being Done to Protect Agriculture from a Terrorist Attack, but Important Challenges Remain*, March 2005, is now available.

The report says the United States still faces complex challenges that limit the nation's ability to respond effectively to an attack against livestock. For example, USDA would not be able to deploy animal vaccines within 24 hours of an outbreak as called for in a presidential directive, in part because the only vaccines currently stored in the United States are for strains of foot and mouth disease, and these vaccines need to be sent to the United Kingdom to be activated for use.

There are also management problems that inhibit the effectiveness of agencies' efforts to protect against agro-terrorism. For instance, since the transfer of agricultural inspectors from USDA to DHS in 2003, there have been fewer inspections of agricultural products at the nation's ports of entry.

Printed copies are available and the publication is available online. Go to the Government Accountability Office website <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/date.php> and search by date (March 8, 2005) to locate the report.

Plant Biosecurity Management Course Online

An online plant biosecurity management course, designed for Extension agents and specialists who understand the urgency of plant protection and who have the opportunity to teach biosecurity management, is available online. The course is available on the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) home page. The link is the left-hand side of the EDEN homepage <<http://www.eden.lsu.edu/>>

After completing the course, the user will have the knowledge and skills to teach others how to prepare for a plant biosecurity event, and how to appropriately respond to and recover from a plant biosecurity event.

For information about OSU's role with plant biosecurity, check with Melodie Putnam, OSU Plant Clinic disease diagnostician (541-737-3462 or putnamm@science.oregonstate.edu). For other emergency preparedness questions, contact Bill Braunworth, bill.braunworth@oregonstate.edu

STATE NEWS UPDATES

OSU Day at the Capitol

OSU students, faculty, staff and alumni head to Salem to talk with legislators about issues critical to the university and higher education in Oregon.

Wednesday, April 6, 10:00 AM– 6:30 PM, Reception: 5:00 PM (free and open to the public). Governor Kulongoski will be touring the OSU display area at 4:00 p.m. for those wishing to meet and greet him. A free chartered bus departs for the Capitol from the OSU Bookstore Jefferson Street entrance at 3 p.m. The bus will leave the Capitol at around 6:30 p.m., returning to Corvallis.. For more details visit their web site at [OSU Day](#)

Extension Conference Dates

Extension Annual Conference will be **September 21-22, 2005**. University Day has been changed to September 20th and in order to help accommodate those off-campus from having to travel to Corvallis twice, our conference will follow University Day.

2005 Family Enterprise Research Conference

The Austin Family Business Program is hosting the 2005 Family Enterprise Research Conference, May 21-22, 2005 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower in Portland. This conference is dedicated to developing a community of scholars interested in the conduct of research to improve understanding of the family firms and create usable knowledge. This conference aims to enable scholars to design and develop research projects that are theoretically sound, empirically rigorous and of practical significance and applicability to family firms. For more information visit their web site at <http://www.familybusinessonline.org/programs/ferc/>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6, 2005	OSU Day at the Capitol - Salem
May 19, 2005	New Hire Orientation
July 13-15, 2005	Western Region Mid Managers Conference, Santa Fe, NM
July 17-21, 2005	NACAA Annual Mtg/Professional Improvement Conference- Buffalo NY
September 21-22, 2005	OSU Extension Conference
September 21-22, 2005	AREC Inservice – Value Added Marketing & Production

2004 PROF Cluster Meetings

April 5-6, 2005 – Mid-Columbia Cluster, Port of Morrow, Boardman

AWARDS

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

William C. Krueger, Rangeland Resources, received the Fredrick G. Renner Award from the Society for Range Management for sustained accomplishments and contributions over his career.

Sharon Johnson, Jackson County, received two awards at the American Society on Aging. These national awards are given for Extension programs from an outside organization, Sharon is the first Extension professional to receive awards for programs from the American Society on Aging. This is an outstanding achievement by an Extension faculty member! Sharon received the following two awards:

**2005 HealthCare and Aging Award Recognizing Innovation and Quality
(sponsored by Pfizer)**

Sharon received this award for her 8-series training program, ***Maximizing brief Encounters: Realizing Measurable Gains***. A collaborative effort involving OSU's College of Pharmacy, the Rogue Valley Council of Government's Senior and Disability Services, and Oregon Health Sciences University School of Nursing, this program was developed to teach Meals on Wheels volunteers to do more than just hand a tray of food to homebound older adults. It teaches volunteers how to make in-the-home observations and initiate simple interventions to reduce risky behaviors and increase an older adult's safety and quality of life.

2005 ASA-MetLife Foundation MindAlertAwards

The ASA-MetLife Foundation MindAlert Awards recognize innovations in mental fitness programming for older adults. Programs receiving awards are judged for their innovation, their basis in research, demonstration of their effectiveness, potential for replication and the extent to which the programs are accessible to diverse groups of older adults. Awards are given in three categories. Sharon's program, ***Understanding Age-Related Memory Loss and Dementia*** received the top award in the category "Lifelong Learning and Third Age Learning Programs Where Mental Fitness is Implicit."

NEW HIRES

Olivia Quiroz, Benton County - Latino Outreach Program assistant, 2/1/05

Amber Brennan, Wasco County, Program Assistant, 2/22/05

Nicole Sturm-Orton, Union County, Program Assistant, 3/1/05

Maria Alcazar, Marion County, Program Assistant, 3/7/05

Sara Chatfield, Clackamas County, FCD Instructor, 2/16/05

Robert Reynolds, Jackson County, Program Assistant, 3/5/05

Michael Thompson, OSU Seafood Lab, Assistant Professor, 3/1/06

Sara Miller, Lane County, 4-H Instructor, 3/1/05

Amy Rowe, Lane County – 4-H Instructor, 3/1/05

NEW ASSIGNMENT

Vicki Avery, 4-H, Program Coordinator, conversion to unclassified, 3/1/05

Mona Easley, 4-H, Program Coordinator, conversion to unclassified, 3/1/05

RECRUITMENT UPDATES

#018-995 – 4H Youth Program Leader and Department Chair Campus (Corvallis)

Committee Chair: Anne Manlove

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending signed letter of offer and hiring paperwork

#018-999A – 4-H Youth Development Education (1.0 FTE) Lane County (Eugene)

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending signed letter of offer and hiring paperwork

#018-1006 – Extension Faculty, Family and Community Development (1.0 FTE) Union County - Serves both Union and Baker counties

Committee Chair: Holly Berry

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening Process

#018-1008A- Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development & Agriculture (1.0 FTE) Clatsop County (Astoria)

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes March 31, 2005

#018-1009 - Internal Search - Extension Faculty, Staff Chair (.60 FTE) and Extension Program Assignment (.40 FTE)

Marion County (Salem)

Committee Chair: Deborah Maddy

Candidate Selected:

Status: Awaiting final OHR approval

#018-1011 - Extension Faculty, Field Crops & Watershed Management (1.0 FTE) Malheur County (Ontario)

Committee Co-Chairs: Dan Sullivan and Lynn Jensen

Candidate Selected:

Status: Pending signed letter of offer and hiring paperwork

#018-1012 - Extension Faculty, Family & Community Development (1.0 FTE) Coos County (Serves Coos/Curry Counties)

Committee Chair: Debra Driscoll

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening Process

**#018-1013 - Extension Faculty, Field Crops (1.0 FTE)
Marion County (Salem)**

Committee Co-Chairs: Bill Young and John Burt

Candidate Selected:

Status: Interviews April 21st and 22nd 2005

**#018-1014 - Extension Faculty, Livestock/Range and Staff Chair (1.0 FTE)
Baker County (serves Baker & Union Counties)**

Committee Chair: James Thompson

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening March 21, 2005

**#018-1015 - Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Outreach Instructor (.5 FTE)
Lane County (Eugene)**

Committee Chair: Charlotte Riersgard

Candidate Selected: Amy Rowe

Status: Completed

**#018-1016 - Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development Education (.5 FTE)
Lane County (Eugene)**

Committee Chair: Charlotte Riersgard

Candidate Selected: Sara Miller

Status: Completed

**#018-1017 - Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development (1.0FTE)
Lincoln County (Newport)**

Committee Chair: Lillian Larwood

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening process

**#018-1018 - Extension Faculty, Seed Certification (1.0 FTE)
OSU Campus**

Committee Chairs: Ron Cook/Julie Hendrix

Candidate Selected:

Status: Screening files March 29, 2005

**#018-1020 - Extension Faculty, Family & Community Development (1.0 FTE)
Clackamas County**

Committee Chair: Janice Smiley

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closed April 22, 2005

**#018-1021 - Extension Faculty, Marine Education Volunteer Coordinator (1.0 FTE)
Hatfield Marine Science Center**

Committee Chair: Jon Luke

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes March 25, 2005

**#018-1023 - Internal Search - Extension Faculty Jefferson County Staff Chair and
Central**

Oregon Agriculture Research Center Superintendent (1.0 FTE)

Jefferson County

Committee Chair: Teresa Hogue

Candidate Selected:

Status: Closes March 31, 2005

WITHIN EXTENSION

Please join us on April 5th in 104 Ballard Hall to say goodbye to **Julie Mills**, Extension Administration. Julie is leaving us to pursue other job opportunities. The reception will be from 3-5pm. If you'd like to sign her guest book, click on the following link:

<http://home.comcast.net/~tarrantb/julie.html>

ON THE HOME FRONT

Wedding Bells were ringing again! Congratulations to

Julie Mills, Extension Administration, will wed Vincent Allen on April 9th in Las Vegas, NV.

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.