

Extension This Month – November 2009

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.

EXTENSION PROFESSIONAL'S CREED

I am pleased to share the Extension Professional's Creed video with my colleagues in Oregon. This message speaks volumes about why I come to work every day. I hope you will also find inspiration in the words.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtJ_Ca1oWvY
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The video was produced by AgriLife Communications, the in-house communications unit that serves the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Specifically, the video was a collaboration between two of their communications specialists: Linda Lowe and Mark Cornelius. All the individuals you see in the video are actual Extension agents, specialists, and administrators in Texas.

OSU Extension continues to grow and thrive because of your beliefs and commitments to people. Thank you!!

Debbie Maddy
Associate Director
OSU Extension Service

STATE NEWS UPDATES

OSU Libraries: the MobileLib just got smarter.

Bonnie Avery, Natural Resources Librarian

Grab your mobile phone and connect to OSULMobile (<http://m.library.oregonstate.edu/>) – the mobile-friendly version of the OSU Libraries website. Look for static information like library hours, floor maps and driving directions which were rolled out last spring.

But try out these dynamic services added this fall:

- Reference assistance is made available via the “Ask a Librarian” chat service.
- The library catalog is available for searching.
- Dynamic maps show current availability of computers in the Learning Commons.

We do not yet offer mobile access to the e-journals and databases. This will depend on those publishers’ developing mobile friendly platforms. But look for developments in these and other areas.

Learn more about use of this service with your particular mobile phone at: http://library.oregonstate.edu/about_mobile and, as you think of applications that may help you with your work, let us know -- we will give them serious consideration in future development phases. Send your feedback to kim.griggs@oregonstate.edu.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOVEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

eXtension's professional development opportunities are open to all Cooperative Extension faculty, staff and employees. No pre-registration. Pick a topic and try it out!

Plan to join the session 5-minutes before the starting time at:

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/Learn>

All but one session will use your computer speakers for audio. The November 24th session will use telephone for audio.

Here's a brief list. More information and instructions can be found on the eXtension blog at: <http://about.extension.org/2009/11/02/1284/> or on the wiki at:

http://about.extension.org/wiki/Schedule_of_Professional_Development_Opportunities

November 6 - Search Engine Optimization - 8-9a.m. Pacific Time

Presented by: Wright Frazier, Webmaster for Purdue's Agriculture Communications Service. Search Engine Optimization. What does it mean? Why is it relevant? Who is my audience? (for all Extension)

November 9 - The New Ask an Expert "Follow-up" Feature - 11am-12p.m. Pacific Time

Demo with discussion presented by Aaron Hundley and Beth Raney. Everyone who has used the Ask an Expert Widget is encouraged to attend and learn how the new follow-up feature works.

November 10 - Successes and Challenges of a Statewide Ask an Expert Widget Implementation - 11am-12p.m. PT

Presented by Rhonda Conlon, Kyleen Burgess and Adrian Gaskins. North Carolina Cooperative Extension is well into a statewide effort to implement the eXtension Ask an Expert widget on all of their county web sites. (for all Extension)

November 18 - Intro To Pachyderm: Interactive Multimedia on the Web - 12-1p.m. PT

Presented by: Jeff Hino, Lifelong Learning Leader, Oregon State University. Jeff will demo this open source, web-based software with user-friendly templates that allows instructors to easily build learning modules that can incorporate video, audio, graphics and text. (for all Extension)

November 19 - Special Topic: The Liveability House: Exploring an Immersive Environment

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT

Tour this interactive learning experience that is designed to teach people about assistive technology and universal design features that enable a person to live at home despite physical or mental challenges caused by aging, illness, or disability. (for All Extension)

November 24 - Connecting with Online Communities: The Seaman Knapp Model of engagement

11:00-11:30 a.m. PT

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/Learn>

(Note: this session will use telephone for audio)

Tools and techniques to help you unearth existing networks in your areas of expertise.
(for all Extension)

SECOND LIFE

Various event dates and times every month

Second Life is an immersive 3-D virtual environment, inhabited by over a million users from all over the world.

In Second Life, you will find that eXtension has a virtual fairgrounds, a model county office, projects in development on assistive technology, turf grass, pest management, and more. In Teen Second Life, we have Bailey Island available for any 4-H educator to use for programming. Each month eXtension hosts several community events in Second Life. It is best to spend two or three hours orienting yourself to the Second Life environment before attending an event. You should know how to walk, sit, chat, use voice, and teleport.

EMAIL LIST:

If you or a colleague would like to get notices about upcoming professional development sessions offered by eXtension, go to <https://people.extension.org/communities/learn> and Click "Join Community."

THIS 'N THAT

DATES TO REMEMBER

2010

February 2-4	JCEP national Leadership Conference (Regional) – Memphis TN
March 2-4	Navigating Difference-Cultural Competency Training for Extension Professionals, Corvallis
March 16-20	National Camping Institute Conference, 4-H Center, Salem
April 13-16	Extension Spring Training Week - Corvallis
April 26-28	Public Issues Leadership Development – Arlington VA
May 10-13	4-H Spring Staff Conference
June 27-30	ANREP Conference, Fairbanks AK
July 11-15	NACAA, Tulsa OK
July 28-31	2010 Master Gardener Mini College, Corvallis
October 12-15	ESP National Conference, Jackson Hole, WY

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October 9-13	National ESP Conference, Syracuse, NY
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October 6-9	National ESP Conference – Mobile AL
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September 15-22	Galaxy IV – Pittsburgh, PA
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RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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

Melodie Putnam, Plant Clinic, received the OSU Extended Education Faculty Achievement Award, presented by President Ray on behalf of the OSU Faculty Senate.

Ken Brown, retired Extension Agent received the 2009 Barney Douglass Research Award from the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. The award was created to recognize individuals in the industry who have made outstanding contributions in the general area of research & innovative technologies.

CSREES Partnership Award for Multistate Efforts was presented to the Change Agents States for Diversity Initiative. Oregon is a partner in the initiative under the capable leadership of Dan McGrath.

The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) has received the **USDA/CSREES Partnership Award for Effective and Efficient Use of Resources**. EDEN earned the award for the collaboration of land-grant university professionals that provide exemplary resources through Cooperative Extension to reduce the impact of disasters through education. Oregon is represented by **Bill Braunworth**, Ag Program Leader.

Alex Stone, Horticulture, received the 2009 Oregon Organic Coalition Award for Excellence in the category of Individual Science. Alex was recognized for her accomplishments in furthering the quality and growth of organic food.

James Oldfield, Professor Emeritus, Animal Sciences, OSU, has been selected by the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists for their Distinguished Professional Animal Scientist Award.

The **4-H Urban-rural Exchange** is featured on the cover of the OPB Primetime Magazine and was featured as the season premiere. 4-H member from Grant County, Haley Brown was one of the stars of the show.

eXtension Conference Presentations

Mark Anderson-Wilk, EESC; **Alex Stone**, Horticulture and **John McQueen** - Be, Grow, Create Phase 2 @ Oregon State
<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p53661579/>

Dana Martin, Deschutes County and **Jeff Hino**, EESC – Assessing County Extension Program's Readiness to Adopt Technology: They Don't Know What They Don't Know
<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p35128725/>

Mark Anderson-Wilk: EESC – Effective Review Standards: The Role of Authors, Editors, Reviewers, Users, and Communicators in Quality Control and Usability
<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p61842397/>

Participatory Evaluation with Youth Program Wins National Award

The 4-H Participatory Evaluation with Youth program will be presented with a MetLife Foundation Award of Excellence on October 27th at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents in Rochester, NY. This is one of four \$1,500 awards given by National 4-H Council to programs that are approved as Programs of Distinction through CSREES at USDA that excellence in citizenship programming in an after-school/out-of-school environment.

The award will be used to support travel for a group of 4-H teens from Deschutes County who were selected to present at the national meeting of the American Evaluation Association, November 14th in Orlando, Florida. The title of their presentation is *Youth Participatory Evaluation: The Perspectives of Youth Researchers and Evaluators*. This marks the first time that youth will be peer-reviewed presenters at the AEA conference. In addition, Dr. Kim Sabo, a leading figure in participatory evaluation with youth will be the session discussant. Deschutes County presenters include Madison Mills, Kendal Johnson, Netti Knowles, and Anna Shoffner. **David White** has served as leader for the team.

The Participatory Evaluation with Youth Program was developed by **Mary Arnold**, 4-H Youth Development Specialist and **Elissa Wells**, 4-H Educator in Coos County. The program trains teams of youth and adults to develop research and evaluation skills for community action.

2009 4-H Hall of Fame

Four adult volunteers from across the state will be inducted into the Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame during their county recognition nights in November. The 2009 Hall of Fame inductees are: **Patricia Combest**, Marion County; **Mike and Gail Mann**, Linn County; **Nellie Oehler**, Benton County; and **Vern Struble**, Benton County.

Combest will be honored at the Marion County recognition night Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stayton Community Center. She is a well-known leader and supporter of Marion County 4-H and created the riding club, Willamette River Riders, 43 years ago. She encouraged club members to win riding competitions, but also to try other areas in 4-H such as presentations, photography and educational displays to build confidence and responsibility. Combest has served as superintendent of the Marion County fair and in several other leadership positions. Her name is on many of the 4-H horse-training manuals.

The Linn County award winners will receive their award Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Linn County Fairgrounds conference rooms. Nationally recognized quarter horse breeders Mike and Gail Mann have been involved in 4-H since the mid 1950s, when they were children participating in equine and livestock clubs. Gail has been an active registered leader for 30 years, and was the leader of the largest horse 4-H club in Linn County for more than 20 of those years. The Manns offer free clinics and riding space at their equine facility to any Linn County 4-H member who wishes to visit and learn. They provide 4-H horse club members with educational opportunities and have given horses to 4-H members who could not afford project animals. Gail has been a 4-H Judge in county and state fairs for many years.

Benton County will recognize Oehler and Struble at the awards and recognition banquet Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at Philomath Elementary School. Oehler has given 44 years to the Oregon 4-H program as a volunteer leader and many years as a Family and Community Development Extension Agent in Linn, Benton and Lane Counties. She has touched the lives of many 4-H members, leaders and families and is known statewide for her humor, wit, energy and commitment. Oehler has led home economics, livestock and 4-H Cloverbud clubs in Linn and Benton counties and is known for helping youth

focus on learning and fun. She has been a county 4-H sheep barn superintendent for more than 15 years and coordinates the large animal Master Showmanship contest each year at the county fair. At the state level she serves as the "Dorm Mom" at State Fair, and is also the State Fair herdsmanship judge.

Struble has led the Benton 4-H Archers for 45 years and served on the county 4-H Advisory Council for six years. The archery program has brought urban residents and youth of color into 4-H who might not have joined in other areas. At the state level, Struble coordinated the 4-H archery contest for many years and served on the state 4-H Shooting Sports Development and Natural Resources Development committees. He encourages fellow bow hunters to make a difference in the lives of youth by getting involved as 4-H leaders.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Extension – October 2009

Carole Smith, Union County, *De-Stress Your County Fair, Let Technology Do the Work!,"*

Arnold, Mary E.; Dolenc, Brooke J.; Rennekamp, Roger A., *4-H Youth, An Assessment of 4-H Volunteer Experience: Implications for Building Positive Youth Development Capacity*

Driscoll, Debra Minar, Polk County, *The Death of the Professor: Dialogue Education's Learning Focus*

Carole Smith, Union County, 4-H Survivor Camp curriculum – published number curriculum

WITHIN EXTENSION

ON THE HOME FRONT

Births

Barbi Riggs, Crook County, and husband welcomed a new baby boy, GW Louis Riggs, born on October 3rd, 8lbs 7oz. Mom and baby are doing well.

Doug Hart, Extension Admin, has a new granddaughter, Livie Sunshine, born to son Brian and wife Ashtin on October 30th.

Deaths

Harold Kerr, retired Associate Director and Agent in Crook, Morrow and Wasco Counties, died October 16, 2009. Remembrances may be made to Benton County Hospice or Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, 305 Strand Ag Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331 or <http://aitc.orestate.edu>

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Resignations:

None

Retirements:

Joan Bird, Office Specialist 2, Sherman County, 10/30/09

New Hires:

Allison McIntyre, Education Program Assistant, Deschutes County - Redmond,
9/30/09

Recruitment Updates:

Unclassified

#0004849 Office Manager, Washington Co

Committee Chair: Roxie Applebee
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Under Review by Committee

#0004843 Instructor, La Grande

Committee Chair: Waiver of Search
Candidate Selected: Robin Maille
Status: Offer Extended

Classified

#0004612 Office Specialist 1, Washington County

Committee Chair: Pat Willis
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Interviews Approved

#0004641 Education Program Assistant , Marion Co

Committee Chair: Holly Berry
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Interviews Approved

#0004753 Office Specialist 1, Internal Search, Benton Co

Committee Chair: Rosemary Weidman
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Posted – Closing date extended to 11/31/09

#0004761 Education Program Assistant, Wasco Co

Committee Chair: Lynette Black
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Under Review by Committee

#0004767 Office Specialist 1, Union Co

Committee Chair: Carole Smith
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Pending – Offer Extended

#0004772 Education Program Assistant, Union Co

Committee Chair: Carole Smith
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Interviews Approved

#0004847 Education Program Assistant, Warm Springs

Committee Chair: Emilee Hugie
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Under Review by Committee

#0004883 Seed Certification Aide 2, Union Co

Committee Chair: Darrin Walenta

Candidate Selected: None

Status: Closes 11/03

#0004844 Office Assistant, Douglas Co

Committee Chair: John Punches

Candidate Selected: None

Status: Interviews Approved

#0004861 Education Program Assistant, Clackamas Co

Committee Chair: Roxie Applebee

Candidate Selected: None

Status: Closes 11/02

#0004852 Education Program Assistant, Deschutes Co

Committee Chair: Glenda Hyde

Candidate Selected: None

Status: Under Review by Committee

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.