

Wasco County Extension Office Makes Changes

The following is a quick update of happenings at the Oregon State University Wasco County Extension Office.

Due to budget reductions, we have had to reduce secretarial staff support. Secretaries will be able to assist you Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM. Extension Agents will continue to work five days a week. On Fridays, the office may or may not be open all day, depending on agent's schedules. If you need agent support on Fridays, please make prior arrangements by calling 541-296-5494 to make sure the office will be open. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

The Wasco County Extension staff has adopted a new office administrative structure, which divides up the office administrative duties among the four Extension Agents. The following is a review of each Extension agent's program and administrative responsibilities:

*Fern Wilcox – Family Community Development Agent (FCD) for Wasco and Sherman Counties. Administrative duties include all personnel and office policy issues.

*Tonya Aitkin – 4-H Agent for Wasco County. Administrative duties include supervision of office secretarial support staff.

*Lynn Long - Stone Fruits Horticulture Agent for Wasco and Hood River Counties. Administrative duties include Extension agent evaluations.

*Brian Tuck - Dryland and Irrigated Field Crops Agent for Wasco County. Administrative duties include the Extension office budget.

The Wasco County Extension Support Staff includes:

*Kim McCullough – Extension Office Coordinator. Kim is responsible for fiscal management and secretarial support for Fern, Lynn and Brian.

*Jo Smith – 4-H Secretary. Jo provides program management support for the county 4-H program.

*Rosa Guevara-Ayala – OFNEP (Oregon Food and Nutrition Education Program) Program assistant to Fern Wilcox to providing Nutrition education programming to Hispanic audiences.

We truly appreciate the patience of Wasco County residents as we make adjustments in our office hours and administrative structure. Our focus is to provide the highest quality service possible. If you have any suggestions or comments please call us at 296-5494.