Welcome, Leah!

Leah Sundquist began work at the Clackamas County Extension office as our new Office Manager on May 13. She replaces Roxie Applebee who retired 1.5 years ago, but has been serving in an interim role while the position was being recruited.

“We are really excited to have found Leah for this critical position in our office,” said Mike Bondi, Clackamas Extension’s County Liaison. “She has extensive experience in strategic planning, leadership at various levels in the military, plus demonstrated experience in personnel, budgeting, communication, and safety/risk management. I can't imagine finding anyone more qualified than Leah to provide strong leadership in our office and help us grow into the future.”

Leah joins Extension following a 35 year career in the US Army. She is a combat veteran who has most recently served in leadership positions in the military and the civilian workforce. The final portion of her military career included roles as the Chief of Staff and Director of Plans and Operations for the Oregon National Guard in Salem.

Leah is no stranger to education and Extension, either. She has a Bachelor's degree in K–12 Education and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Leah taught physical education and health full time for six years in elementary and middle school grades. Currently, she is pursuing a certification in academic evaluation. Leah has a daughter who recently graduated from high school but was in 4-H for several years.

Welcome to Extension, Leah!

Michael Bondi
Clackamas County Liaison

Welcome Janet, A New Member of Our MG Program Team!

We are excited to announce and welcome Janet Hohman as Administrative Program Assistant for the Metro -area Master Gardener program team. For the past year, Janet has served as an Office Specialist for the Clackamas Co. OSU Extension Service office. A portion of her position included time supporting the Master Gardener program. In her role as office specialist, Janet has been assisting and supporting Master Gardeners signing up for the Clackamas phone hotline and the MG program team. We are thrilled to have Janet, her skills, and positive energy contributing to the metro-area OSU Master Gardener program. A few fun facts about Janet...she has confessed to LOVING dirt, has a keen interest in composting, and plays the banjo! Please join us in giving Janet a warm welcome!

Marcia McIntyre
Master Gardener Coordinator
NWREC Community Open House

This year’s annual Community Open House at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) will be Wednesday, July 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. NWREC is located at 15210 Miley Road, Aurora. Take the Charbonneau Exit off I-5 and just south of Wilsonville. Go east on Miley Road for one mile.

The NWREC Open House is the time of year when the Center opens up their gates to the public and community to showcase the latest technology in farming and food production. Research and outreach faculty and staff from NWREC will be on hand with displays, demonstrations, and explain their work with hazelnuts, berry crops, vegetable production, Christmas trees, nursery and greenhouse production, pest management, and small scale farming.

A special feature each year is the hay wagon farm tours that depart every 45 minutes beginning at 4:15 pm. Tractor driving is always a very popular activity and will be available again this year. OSU Master Gardeners will be present to answer your home landscape and gardening questions. OSU Family Food Educators will share tips and ideas for proper food preservation and canning methods—plus tasty treats to sample!

The Open House is a fun and educational event for all ages. Special youth activities are organized by the Master Gardeners. You also won’t want to miss the berry tasting and comparing the latest varieties being developed for consumers.

An added feature for this year’s Community Open House will be an appearance by OSU’s Benny Beaver. Bring the entire family to enjoy a beautiful evening on the farm. For more information see NWREC’s website at http://oregonstate.edu/dept/NWREC.

Michael Bondi
Clackamas County Liaison

New Position Information

Applications are being accepted for a Fiscal Coordinator 1 position with the Clackamas County Extension Service. This is a classified position with Oregon State University, located in Oregon City, Oregon. To view the posting and apply, please visit:

https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/78349

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If you have questions about the position, please contact Roxie Applebee, roxie.applebee@oregonstate.edu, 503-557-5832.
Extension Education Center Update

Work continues with the City of Oregon City on the land use approval for the Extension Education Center. Several additional modifications were recently identified including moving the building five feet to the east. Questions about utility right-of-way agreements are still being examined.

The City has until August to make their final ruling to approve. We continue to hope the decision will come sooner than later.

In the meantime, fundraising meetings continue. We are focusing on the forest products companies. We want to showcase their new and innovative advanced wood technology products in the building.

Michael Bondi
Clackamas County Liaison

Extension BBQ at Fair

This year’s Clackamas County Fair will be August 13-17. On the Thursday evening of Fair week, August 15, the Clackamas Extension office will host a BBQ that will be open to the public. This is the second year for the Extension BBQ. Last year’s event served nearly 300 attendees and was created to celebrate Extension’s Centennial year in Clackamas County.

This year’s BBQ will feature food prepared by the Clarkes Grange. Cost is $10 for those ages 12 and older. The under 12 years old cost is $5. Food will be served between 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Grove.

The Extension BBQ will include a brief program at 6:30 pm to share the latest information about the Extension Education Center project. Architect drawings for the building will be on display, plus descriptions about the main features of the Education Center, and the timeline for ground breaking and build out.

Dinner tickets will be sold in advance. Watch for more details.

Michael Bondi
Clackamas County Liaison

We had a great time at the first-annual dinner celebrating our centennial birthday.
Future Events

June:
CCFFA Annual Picnic and Woodland Farmer of the Year Tour: Saturday, June 29 from 2:00 to 7:30 pm at the Guttridge Brothers Tree Farm. All are welcome. Contact Glenn Ahrens 503-655-8631.

July:
Office Closed: Thursday, July 4 the Extension office will be closed In observation of Independence Day.

4-H Horse Fair: July 6-12 at the Clackamas County Event Center. 4-H Horse members will demonstrate their riding and horsemanship skills and knowledge. Contact Wendy Hein 503-650-3122.

Forestry Twilight Tour: Thursday, July 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Hollingsworth Tree Farm. Participants tour the tree farm and celebrate the Clackamas Woodland Farmer of the Year. Contact Glenn Ahrens 503-655-8631.

4-H Dog Fair: Saturday, July 13 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Clackamas County Event Center. 4-H dog members will demonstrate their showmanship skills and knowledge. Contact Jan Williams 503-650-3122.

Community Forestry Day: Saturday, July 13 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Contact Peter Matzka 503-655-8631.

Small Farm School: Thursday, July 18 at Clackamas Community College. Pre-registration is required. Contact Heidi Noordijk 971-801-0392.

NWREC Open House: Wednesday, July 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at NWREC. Open to the community. Contact Shelley Hughes 971-533-8614.

August:
Community Forestry Day: Saturday, August 10 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Contact Peter Matzka 503-655-8631.

Clackamas County Fair: July 13-17 at the Clackamas County Event Center.

Extension BBQ Dinner: Thursday, August 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Clackamas County Event Center. Catering will be done by Clarkes Grange. Contact Cheryl Keithan 503-655-8631.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by two weeks before the event to the contact person listed on the event.

This publication will be made available in accessible formats upon request. Please call 503-655-8631 for information.