

Administrative News from Glen:

The monsoonal rains have brought some relief to dry smoldering Southeast Wyoming. The prairie's actually greening in a few upland places, lifting my wildfire smoke induced malaise of early summer. But...fair season and August specifically are reminders that classes will soon be starting here on campus. The campus is torn up with construction and repairs; we can hardly get around. I hope these projects are complete by the start of fall semester.

I am confident that you are having a productive and successful summer; a busy time for all in Extension. I'm looking forward to State Fair and seeing many of you there. I understand that Friday, August 17th will be University of Wyoming Day at the State Fair. I'm not sure what all that designation implies, but the College will have a reception on August 17th at the booth. If you are at the fair on Friday, stop by the College booth between 2:00 & 3:30 p.m. for something sweet and cold, and a friendly greeting from me.

Safe Travels and Best Regards, Glen

Personnel News:

West Area Extension Educator, SMRR – Position #1699, based in Sublette County. This is an extended term track position. This search has been extended and screening will begin August 31st.

CNN Area Extension Educator, PSAS/Small Acreage (RE-OPENED) – Position #0524, based in Natrona County. This is an extended term track position. Screening will begin September 7th.

NW Area Extension Educator, NFS – Position #1205, based in Fremont County-Lander. This is an extended term track position. This search has been extended and screening will begin September 7th.

NE Area Extension Educator, PSAS – Position #0568, based in Campbell County. This will be an Assistant or Associate UEE, extended term track position. This search has been extended and screening will begin August 31st.

SE Area Extension Educator, PSAS – Position #0601, based in Goshen County. This is an extended term track position. Screening will begin September 4th.

Converse County 4-H/Youth Educator – Position #4365 in Douglas. This is a non-extended term track position. Screening will begin September 24th.

Staff Development/Federal Relations News from Susan:

Professional Development News

In-Depth Training 2012 – Mark your calendars and reserve November 5-8, 2012 in Laramie.

Planning committee members are: Kellie Chichester – PSAS, Jennifer Cheney – 4-H, Julie Daniels – CDE, Mindy Meuli – CNP, Mae Smith – SMRR, Diane Saenz – NFS and Kelly Crane, Administrative Liaison. All initiative teams and CNP have great plans for training this November. The conference will include some active breaks, awards banquet, and time for networking with colleagues. Watch for details in September.

New Employee Training – All employees hired after November 1, 2011 should plan to attend the UW

Extension new employee training September 10–14, 2012 in Laramie.

ESCAPE – Extension Secretary Conference - a Professional Event: Save the Date - September 18–21 in Wheatland.

Reporting Tip

Second Reminder! UW Extension Fiscal Year 2012 On-Line Reports, which gather data on time and contacts for October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012, need to be completed for **ALL** Extension Employees (field educators and state specialists) by **October 5, 2012**. The system we use has to be manually rolled over to the new fiscal year October 1st – to facilitate this we are allowing employees a few days into October to complete these reports. Schedule time now to work on these reports. Remember – departmental support funds for specialists are tied to these reports.

If you need help with how to do reports, contact Theresa Chavez in our C&T Department.

Civil Rights Tip

County civil rights training reviews are scheduled for fall. Thanks to advisors and county staff for holding time for these important reviews. The purpose of the county reviews, which rotate every four years, are to assist all Extension staff in raising awareness and knowledge of documentation required for civil rights compliance. All Extension employees should participate in the review when in your county. Counties scheduled for reviews in 2012 include:

Washakie – September 17

Laramie – October 4

Platte – October 10

Sheridan – October 11

Goshen – October 17

Lincoln – November 15

Uinta – November 16

Customer Service Tip

Think of your Extension office as a “small business” and treat your customers as if your business depended on them. Be sure that the office reflects a positive image of the kind of “business” you are in. Evaluate your office from a “first impressions” standpoint. If it doesn’t measure up, plan a housekeeping day when you and your staff will spiffy up the office. Be aware and diligent about “visual signals” that send the wrong messages to customers about the educational work we do. These might include dead plants around the office (not a horticultural “best management practice”), use of junk food or junk food wrappers lying around (not the best nutrition message), or cluttered, unorganized offices (“How can they find my answer in that mess?”)

Source: Colorado State University Extension Customer Service Tips

Cent\$ible Nutrition News from Mary Kay:

CNP-sters Return

August 16th is the first day back for the 10-month Cent\$ible Nutrition employees. On August 6, we will welcome our newest employee, **Camden Robbins**. Camden is a UW graduate who has been working for Washington State University SNAP-Ed. She will serve as our **Coordinator for Laramie County**. While we don’t have the major curriculum changes (MyPlate) like last year, we will have some new reporting tools and a web-based program for participant data later this fall.

With the “FAIR-ly” busy August for many of you, here is a quick way to keep getting veggies:

Panned Carrots and Cabbage

In a large skillet on the stove heat 1 Tablespoon of canola oil. Add ½ of a chopped onion and cook 1 minute. Add 1 ½ cups grated carrots and 1 ½ cups grated (or thinly sliced) cabbage. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover tightly and steam about 5-8 minutes.

(MK’s addition – sprinkle with some chili powder for a nice pop of flavor).