

Administrative News from Glen:

I just returned from a meeting of the Western Region Deans and Directors. The invitee list includes Deans of Agriculture, Directors of Experiment Stations and Extension, Academic Program Deans and The Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET); the Land-grant system's citizen advocacy group. This is always an interesting meeting, offering a real opportunity to learn about Extension and College of Agriculture programs in other western states. This year the focus of the meeting was on developing a "Western Agenda" to guide resource acquisition to support applied research and extension programs. The hope being that if the Western States Experiment Station and Extension organizations can unite in a common approach to address a common set of issues, the "Western Agenda" could then be carried to the USDA National Institute of Agriculture and the U.S. Congress to direct funds to this set of Western issues. It was an enlightening but somewhat challenging endeavor with the interests, issues and ecosystems discussed from the Western region; bordered by Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico on the east and Guam on the west. Our discussion has focused on five areas of work; Community and Economic Development, Energy, Food Systems, Natural Resource Management and Nutrition and Health. Based on the outcomes of the facilitated discussion, white papers will be developed on each of the five areas of work. I serve on the writing team for the Energy white paper.

I am encouraged by this effort. For one, it is the first time I have been involved in any effort to reach an agreement on a set of western issues that could be used to shape future funding. Secondly, this is a step forward in Extension and Experiment Station collaboration and cooperation on a regional scale in the west. Finally, it offers the opportunity for the western Land-grants to more effectively shape their futures by hanging together.

That is about all I have to report right now. As the white papers emerge and ideas coalesce into an agenda, I will share more. Before I close I want to give a shout out to a colleague. Dr. Bret Hess, Wyoming's Experiment Station Director, is leading this effort for the Experiment Stations along with Bill Frost, the Extension Director from California. Thanks Bret and congratulations!

Best Regards and Safe Travels, Glen

Personnel News:

Carbon County, NFS – Position #1281, based in Rawlins. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. The search will be extended through August 29, 2014.

Carbon County, SMRR – Position #0177, based in Rawlins. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. Screening will begin September 22, 2014.

Teton County, 4-H/Youth Development Educator – Position #4440, based in Jackson. This is a non-extended term position. Screening will begin August 29, 2014.

Teton County, NFS – Position #1282, based in Jackson. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. Screening will begin September 30, 2014.

Park County, PSAS – Position #2562, based in Powell. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. Screening will begin September 30, 2014.

Staff Development/Federal Relations News from Susan:

Professional Development News

In-Depth Training – 2014 will be held **November 3–6, 2014**. Please block these dates on your calendars now. UW Extension will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn and UW Conference Center for the training in Laramie. Initiative Team representatives serving on the planning committee include: Tom Foulke (CDE), Stacy Madden (4-H), Jossy Ibarra and Kentz Willis (NFS), Windy Kelly (SMRR) and Kellie Chichester and Chris Hilgert (PSAS). Mindy Meuli will represent CNP. Plans are progressing well. Watch for more details later in the summer.

UW Extension – New Employee Training will be held **September 8–11, 2014** in Laramie. All new employees hired since October 1, 2013 should reserve these dates.

ESCAPE – Extension Secretaries Conference, a Professional Event – will be held in Thermopolis, September 23-26, 2014.

Civil Rights Tip

Don't waste money on government forms, posters – every year offices receive official looking letters warning big fines if labor law posters are not in place. Misleading ads suggest that you must buy certain government forms and posters from private companies. In truth, most documents that you need to use and post in the workplace can be found free on government Web sites. Example: The Labor Department's poster page, www.dol.gov/osbp/sbrefa/poster, let's you download most labor-related posters. Tip: Web sites ending in ".gov" are the only official government sites. Some private ".com" sites sell government documents using official-looking sites. Specific to Wyoming Labor Law posters are available free from Wyoming Department of Workforce Service Offices. "And Justice for All" which are required in all county offices, can be obtained by going to the following Web site: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/and-justice-all-posters>. Poster 475A is the correct PDF for Extension.

Reporting Tip

Last fall we announced that we were moving to a new on-line reporting system. The system has been up and running since November. We no longer require UW Extension employees to report time. The new system is used to gather contact data only. If you have no contacts – you don't report any data for that day. The new program is Web based, and can be accessed from your PC, laptop, I-pad or other tablet, and smartphone. As in the past, this data will be collected from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. All reporting should be entered by September 30, 2014. URL:

<http://www.uwextensionreporting.org>.

ALL CONTACT REPORTING MUST BE COMPLETE BY OCTOBER 3, 2014.

The user name and password you had in the old reporting system is what you will need to access this system. If you can't remember your user name or password, contact Cathy Shuster, Theresa Chavez, or myself.

Customer Service Tip

As the busy summer season continues, one of the best customer service tips is to keep support staff and colleagues informed of your schedule. I know many educators are out in the field, at 4-H events, or other activities this time of year. There is nothing worse than a client calling or stopping at the office and no one knows where you are. It is common courtesy to keep others in your office informed.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program News from Mindy Meuli:

Assistant/Associate UEE – Cent\$ible Nutrition Program Manager (position #4346)

Non-extended term track. Located on Campus in Laramie, WY with statewide responsibilities. Application materials must be received August 15, 2014.

**So Long! Farewell!
Aufwiedersehen! Good-Bye!**

