

News Briefs

September 5, 2014

Administrative News from Glen:

I first want to thank all contributed to a successful State Fair. We had a high proportion of both field educators and state specialists involved in our State Fair effort this year. It was a success for our 4-H youth, their parents, and other clients involved in the fair. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to this important partnership.

I also want to thank those who organized and attended our UW Extension centennial celebration at the fair. The centennial display is exceptional and the birthday reception was a success. Thank you for your commitment and excellent work.

We have begun implementation of action in our 2014 – 2020 academic plan even though the University's process is not complete. You will hear more from me regarding the steps forward on several academic planning actions over the next couple of months.

Just a reminder of our In-Depth Training conference scheduled for November 3rd through 6th. Registration is open. The purpose of our annual conferences (EPIC and In-depth) is both education and socialization. Having the right science based information is critical, but successful Extension work is also about relationships, networks, and collaboration. In-Depth is held in Laramie to more easily allow specialists to teach and build those intra-extension, specialist/educator relationships and networks that are so critical to Extension's effectiveness across Wyoming. If you are a specialist and are wondering what In-Depth has for you, please attend the initiative team meal breaks and social activities associated with the conference. Build your relationships with other Extension folks and your working networks. Okay, end of speech! Please accept my invitation to register and attend our In-Depth conference.

See you at In-Depth!

Glen

Personnel News:

<u>Campbell County, CDE</u> – Position #0464, based in Gillette. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. This position will open soon.

<u>Carbon County, NFS</u> – Position #1281, based in Rawlins. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. The search has closed and screening is under way.

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

<u>Teton County, 4-H/Youth Development Educator</u> – Position #4440, based in Jackson. This is a non-extended term position. The search has closed and screening is under way.

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

<u>Park County, PSAS</u> – 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 theme **100 Years Making a Difference – UW Extension,** will be held **November 3–6, 2014**. UW Extension will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn and UW Conference Center for the training in Laramie. Initiative teams and CNP will have subject matter training with time for professional association meetings, a welcome event and awards banquet to recognize colleagues. Most initiative teams have also scheduled team meetings during the time in Laramie. Registration is available and must be completed by September 30th. 2014 In-Depth Registration

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

The new 4-H year will begin October 1st – as you plan for re-enrollment and starting new 4-H clubs, remember each county should have signed assurances of non-discrimination. Form examples are available in the county civil rights box. Master Gardener organizations and Homemaker groups should also have signed disclosures. Contact Susan if you have guestions on this.

Reporting Tip

Third Reminder: 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

National Customer Service Week is October 6–10, 20014 – what a great time to show appreciation to all of our extension clients! 4-H celebrates National 4-H Week, but we have many dedicated volunteers and clients in other programs. As we celebrate 100 years of UW Extension in Wyoming, say thanks to those individuals who utilize our educational services. The national theme is Say Yes to Excellence, which is very appropriate for all of us in Extension also!

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program News from Mindy Meuli:

CNP at Farmer's Markets - There are now more options for SNAP Recipients to buy fresh produce at the Farmer's Markets across Wyoming; six markets in Wyoming are now accepting SNAP benefits to purchase fresh produce. Our CNP Educators have partnered with these markets, setting up booths with information and providing educational resources to SNAP recipients. Our summer students and a dietetic intern created two brochures to be used at Farmer's Markets statewide for SNAP recipients. The *Farm Fresh Finds* brochure features information on why to eat local, budget tips, and food safety; and the *Farm Fresh Foods* brochure features more tips on food safety, plus storing foods from the market, and how to add fresh produce into your diet. Both feature recipes to try using product purchased at the Farmer's Markets. CNP educators were key players in orchestrating the partnership between the markets and SNAP offices, coordinating the ability to accept SNAP benefits

for fresh produce. The Farmer's Markets in Wyoming currently accepting SNAP are Casper, Cheyenne, Green River, Laramie, Rock Springs, and the Wind River Indian Reservation. We look forward to growing our partnership with Wyoming Farmer's Markets and increasing the number of markets accepting SNAP in the coming years.

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