

Administration News from Glen:

Summer is clearly over in Laramie. It's still warm and the streets are an obstacle course of construction barriers, but the campus is buzzing with the students back. We just finished our week of New Employee Training & Orientation. It has been a pleasure to get to know this great group of new employees. I'll offer them one more word of welcome here. The County Coordinators also met early in the week for some interaction and training; the first of formal face-to-face for this group for quite a few years. These 24 County Coordinators provide a great service to Extension and to their coworkers by undertaking subtle challenges of proving leadership for our county programs. Thank you for that service.

Looking at my calendar over the next several months, it's clear that the meeting season has begun. UW Extension has been trying to project more of a presence at the association meetings of our clients. I am certainly not aware of nor do I attend anywhere near all of our relevant client associations. Here are some I am aware of and do attend. We are trying to have a display in the vendor space at these meetings.

- Wyoming County Commissioners/Wyoming Association of County Officials - September 22-25, 2015 – in Laramie.
- Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts – October 2-5, 2015 in Laramie.
- Wyoming Farm Bureau – November 12-14, 2015 in Cody.
- Wyoming Stockgrowers Association – November 30-December 2, 2015 in Casper.
- Wyoming Crop Improvement – February 4-5, 2016 in Powell.

I appreciate the work that many of you do to attend and staff these meetings. I also recognize that there are many more local and statewide groups that you meet and work with to connect your work and Extension with our clientele. Thank you for your efforts. These connections and relationships circumscribe our effectiveness both as individuals and as an organization.

As you know, some of our own conferences are coming up:

- ESCAPE – September 29-October 2, 2015 in Laramie
- EPIC – November 10-12 in Riverton

I look forward to seeing you at one of these.

Regards, Glen

Personal News:

Converse County, 4-H Youth Development - Position #4365, based in Douglas. This is a non-extended term track, Assistant UEE position. The position closed September 1, 2015. Screening is underway and interviews will be scheduled.

Platte/Laramie County, NFS - Position #0805, based in Wheatland or Cheyenne. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. The position closed September 1, 2015. Screening is underway and interviews will be scheduled.

Campbell County, Ag & Hort – Position #0568, based in Gillette. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. Screening will be begin September 25th.

Crook County, SMRR – Position #1675, based in Sundance. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. Screening will begin October 1st.

OPENING SOON:

State 4-H Office, 4-H Volunteer Specialist – Position #2137, based in Laramie (campus). This is an extended term track and is being advertised as either an Assistant, Associate, or Senior UEE position.

Staff Development/Federal Relations News from Kim:

Thank you for the notes of congratulations and all the well wishes upon my new role as the Federal Relations and Staff Development Coordinator. I'm excited about the new challenges and as a lifelong learner, I'm also excited about the opportunity to continue to learn, grow and stretch in my career with UW Extension. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions and/or suggestions. If I don't know the answer "off the top of my head", I will certainly do the best that I can to find it for you.

Professional Development News

EPIC (Extension Professional Improvement Conference) is November 10-12, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Riverton. On-line registration as well as the information letter, concurrent sessions, and agenda can be accessed on the Employee Resources website:

https://www.uwyo.edu/employee_resources/epic/

Many of you have already registered. If you have not registered yet, please remember that registration will close on September 30, 2015. As you know the cost of the motel rooms will be provided by UW Extension based upon double occupancy. Please indicate your roommate when you complete your on-line registration. If you do not indicate a roommate, we can assign you a roommate once registration closes. Should you wish to have a single room, we can make arrangements to invoice you for half of the room cost. Members of the planning committee look forward to seeing all of you at EPIC!

ESCAPE Conference is September 29-October 1, 2015 in Laramie. We are very pleased with the number of individuals who are registered and look forward to seeing all of you at ESCAPE. For more information about the conference please refer to: <https://www.facebook.com/ESCAPE-119440384858502/timeline/>

Reporting Tip

On-line Contact Reporting – All Extension employees (extension educators, specialists, program associates, and county horticulturists) are required to do UW Extension on-line contact reports. These contact reports provide the data used to compile reports for UW, the Federal Plan of Work, and documentation of Civil Rights compliance. UW Extension also ties completion of these reports to the Extension departmental funds received for Extension work.

Contacts for this reporting year are from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. All contacts must be entered by October 6, 2015 before the system is rolled over for the new reporting year. The Web site can be found at: <http://www.uwextensionreporting.org/> Once the rollover happens on October 7th, you will no longer be able to add contacts for the 2014-15 year. In most cases, the **user name** is your first name and the **password** is your last name. If you have trouble logging in, please contact myself or Theresa Chavez of C & T via "Support Request Ticket Web site:

https://uwextension.zendesk.co/anonymous_requests/new

You will also want to save a copy of your full contact report to submit with your annual performance review materials. Once you have entered all of your contacts, click on the report tab on the top bar

and choose 2014-15 as the reporting year. Save your Full Contact Report by converting it to a .pdf or printing a hard copy and scan it to a pdf file.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program News from Mindy:

For the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, August marks the return to work for many of our educators. Fall classes across the state will start up soon for both adults and youth. This fall many CNP educators are also taking the leap into the world of social media. Stop by their Facebook pages to see what they are up to and for some helpful, healthy tips.

This month we are also happy to welcome Brittney Kupec to our State Office team. Brittney is a graduate from UW, originally from Cheyenne. She is taking over the Project Coordinator Assistant position and we are excited to have her with us.

September 30th is the end of our 2015 grant year. Over the next couple of weeks we will begin compiling our data from the year for our year-end reports.