
Administration News from Glen:

The ESCAPE planning committee just completed a successful conference here in Laramie. For those less informed, ESCAPE is the acronym for “Extension Secretaries Conference: A Professional Event.” As usual it was a great Extension conference put on by and for a dedicated and hard working group of Extension employees. If you haven’t attended ESCAPE you may not know that the Extension staff, whether county or campus based and regardless of duties, are lifelong learners, committed to their work and their clients, and like all Extension folks have a good time when they get together. The conference is enhanced by the participation of staff from the Agricultural Experiment Station, our partners in the College’s off-campus mission.

I appreciate the efforts of the ESCAPE planning committee to put on a quality conference. As it was hosted here in Laramie, I observed more of the efforts of the committee to organize an educational and elevating event. I also appreciate the day-to-day contributions of this special group of Extension Employees. They provide great service to our Extension clients and colleagues. Thank you!
Regards, Glen

Update from Mary Kay:

Reminder New Forms

In the July UWE News Briefs, we shared new forms for In-Depth Training requests and Professional Association meeting requests. These forms can be found on the Extension Employee Resources under Professional Development/Training https://www.uwyo.edu/employee_resources/training.asp. Please submit requests several weeks in advance. Approved travel costs will be reimbursed. If you have any questions, please talk with Kelly Crane or Mary Kay Wardlaw.

Personnel 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. Interviews have been held and an offer is pending.

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 and interviews are scheduled.

Campbell County, Ag & Hort – Position #0568, based in Gillette. The position is being closed and will re-open soon.

Crook County, SMRR – Position #1675, based in Sundance. This is an extended term track, Assistant UEE position. This position has been extended and will close November 2, 2015.

State 4-H Office, 4-H Volunteer Specialist – Position #2137, based in Laramie (campus). This is an extended term track as either an Assistant, Associate, or Senior UEE position. Screening will begin October 23, 2015.



Please join me in welcoming Cinnamon Lenhart to UW Extension, who will fill the second 4-H Youth Development Educator position in Campbell County beginning Monday, October 5th. Cinnamon earned her B.S. from the University of Wyoming in 2014 with a double major in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics. She is a 5th generation rancher from northeast Wyoming and is continuing the legacy by raising black angus cattle with her husband. As a youth, she was an active member of 4-H and FFA. Cinnamon can be reached at CJL10@ccgov.net or by calling the

Campbell County Extension Office at 307-682-7281. We are excited to have her join our UW Extension team. Congratulations Cinnamon!

Staff Development/Federal Relations News from Kim:

Professional Development News

EPIC (Extension Professional Improvement Conference), November 10-12, 2015, Holiday Inn in Riverton: One hundred and thirteen (113) employees have registered for EPIC! If you are attending EPIC, a confirmation number for your hotel room at the Holiday Inn will be e-mailed toward the end of October. Registration for EPIC will be open Tuesday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The association meetings will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon and the conference will kick off with the EPIC Welcome Dinner on Tuesday evening. A complete agenda for EPIC can be found on the UW Extension Employee Resources website: https://www.uwyo.edu/employee_resources/epic/ Thanks for joining us at EPIC!

Kudos to the 2015 ESCAPE Committee members for such a great conference in Laramie!! Thank you Ann Roberson, Cathy Shuster, Emmalee Moore, Joanne Newcomb, Joleen Painter, Criss Crozier, Donna Nelson, Marilyn McKinley, Rachel Olsen, Sue Anderson, and Tiffany Olson.

Reporting Tip

On-line Contact Reporting: The on line-contact reporting system is now closed. Ann Tanaka has agreed to generate a full contact report for each employee and e-mail it to you. You will need to save it to your computer and attach it with the other performance review documents which are due to Cathy early in November.

Please do not enter contact report data for October while the system is being rolled over. You will be notified when the system roll over is finished and you are able to enter information for the 2015-16 year.

Impact Statements: Impact statements are the avenue used to share the difference your programs make in the lives of your clientele. An effective impact statement tells the story about your educational programs. It highlights what your clientele have learned, how their attitudes may have changed, what behavioral changes occurred that resulted in a positive impact in their life. Think about it in terms of writing a story; it needs an introduction (the situation and how you identified the need); it has a body (what were the objectives and outputs, what did you do to meet the identified need); and it has a conclusion (wrap your story up by sharing the results, what changes were made in knowledge, attitudes, behavior, practices, policy, etc.). Impact statements are important because they are shared with state and federal legislators, county commissioners, advisory committee members and other stakeholders. Through impact statements, your stories communicate the value of Extension to decision makers in Wyoming and within the federal government. As you are writing your impact statements, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program News from Mindy:

September 30th marked the end of the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program 2015 grant year. Our educators across the state are busy compiling their end-of-year reports and gearing up for a new grant year.

Earlier this month our SNAP Ed grant was approved for 2016 – 2018 and our EFNEP funding was approved for 2016. We are looking forward to the new year and some new directions we'll be taking.