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Upcoming Events

**June**
- 11th-14th 4H Roundup
- 14th-Flag Day
- 16th-Father’s Day
- 21st-First Day of Summer

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**Rosson’s Roundup**

Welcome to Tiffany Dowell, Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist, Attorney – at – Law, who began Monday. Tiffany is located in room 337. She comes to us from a private firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please stop by and welcome her to the department.

Carl Anderson is in St. Joseph’s recuperating from surgery. He should be out next week and we certainly wish him a speedy, full recovery. Carl is in room 3320 and can have some visitors later today.

Summer school is in session and our classes are going well. Please welcome our students back to campus.

I want to thank Candice Foster, Donna Adcock and Emmy Williams for serving on the Staff Advisory Committee. Please thank them. The SAC made great progress during their term. The continuing members are Tracy Davis and Connie Smotek, so thanks for your continued service. The newest member is Donna Chester, and thank you agreeing to serve and I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Monday I attended the Department Head’s Council meeting. We had good discussions with the Vice Chancellor, the Directors and the Executive Associate Dean. The Grand Challenge initiative is moving forward, and it appears COALS is quite a bit ahead of the other colleges in this effort. Expectations are that the Grand Challenge process will lead to much increased dialogue and engagement between the College and the University, and also between AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research and the University. One of the likely outcomes of the process is more funding for faculty positions, and I believe COALS is at the front of the line. We are continuing with the Strategic Planning process for the Department and are going to tie our efforts in closely with COALS, Research and Extension. We are also getting the Curriculum Review process started, with input from the Undergraduate and Graduate Offices, along with the GAC and the UAC.

Let me remind you that next week is the 4-H Round Up, right across the street in Reed Arena. So, aside from a great opportunity to meet prospective students, be on the lookout for young people crossing streets, while heavily engage with others, or their iPhones!!

The **TTVN WebMeeting** webconferencing and collaboration application is available at no charge to all faculty, staff and students of the campuses and agencies of The Texas A&M University System. Get a TTVN WebMeeting account at [http://ttvnwebmeeting.tamu.edu](http://ttvnwebmeeting.tamu.edu). TTVN WebMeeting replaces the Centra system, which will be discontinued in late summer 2013. Centra users will need to request a new TTVN WebMeeting account. Centra accounts, events and recordings will not carry over to TTVN WebMeeting. Read how to move files out of Centra at [http://u.tamu.edu/centra-export](http://u.tamu.edu/centra-export).
Position Announcements

**Assistant Extension Professor**, Mississippi State University. This is a 12-month, 100% Extension appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. A Ph.D. in agricultural economics or economics, preferably with specific training in agricultural marketing, production economics, or agricultural finance. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all college and university work, and have three professional letters of reference sent to: Mrs. Debra Price, Department of Agricultural Economics, Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762 (or by email to price@agecon.msstate.edu). Applicants must complete the Personal Data Information form found at [www.jobs.msstate.edu](http://www.jobs.msstate.edu). (Search postings for PARF #XXXX). For more information about this position and the Department of Agricultural Economics contact Steve Turner (turner@agecon.msstate.edu, 662-325-2750) or visit the departmental website at [http://www.agecon.msstate.edu](http://www.agecon.msstate.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Initial screening will begin on August 12th, 2013.

The Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas has the following positions open:

- **Assistant/Associate Professor** – Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems
- **Assistant Professor** – Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis
- **Lecturer**

To view the position descriptions and for application instructions, go to: [http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/department/department_faculty_positions_announcement.html](http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/department/department_faculty_positions_announcement.html)

**New Publication**


**Upcoming Birthdays**

- Kerry Litzenberg 6/10
- Joe Outlaw 6/11
- Ashley Stover 6/11
- Richard Conner 6/22

Please Note: Lot 96 will be CLOSED, including handicapped spaces, all day on June 11.

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events. Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu