This week we had the AgriLife Administrative Retreat. The event was held in the AgriLife Center. The main focus was on two key questions: Where have we been and where are we going? In addition to many on-campus administrators, we had representation from the Research and Extension centers. The cross-cutting theme of the retreat centered on the Grand Challenges and where our programs and people fit within each one: Feeding Our World, Protecting Our Environment, Enriching Our Youth, Improving Our Health and Growing Our Economy. There seemed to be much agreement that the Grand Challenges reflect what we do and can be used to convey the importance and relevance of what we do to the public. The messages I took away from this event were that we need to communicate and coordinate our efforts, think and act more strategically and create rewards/incentives in order to have faculty and staff come together to function as teams. Expect to see much more about the way forward over the next several weeks, into the fall semester and beyond.

Position Update: As you know, we have been recruiting for several positions. The Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist – Management position in Corpus Christi has been filled by Levi Russell (Kansas State). He begins September 1st, and in fact, will be joining us for the Extension Workgroup retreat in mid-July. We are reviewing applicants for the Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist – Marine Economics in Corpus and hope to have that finalized soon. We are also reviewing applicants for the Assistant/Associate Professor – Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems and the Assistant Professor – Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis. I hope we can have applicants narrowed down for interviews on the latter two positions by late July. Recruitment is ongoing for the Assistant/Associate Professor position in Natural Resources and Policy Economics at the El Paso Research Center. The emphasis of this position is on water resources. If you are aware of a good person, please encourage them to apply or contact Ari Michelsen.

Update on Carl Anderson: Carl is now back in the CCU at St. Joseph’s and can once again have visitors. You may want to call before you go to be sure you can get in to see him. The visiting hours are somewhat limited.

Finally, today, June 21, is the longest day and of course, the first ‘official’ day of summer. So, I hope you get out and enjoy the weekend.
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.

Assistant or Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University, Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences Agribusiness, tenure-track, nine month appointment (with potential for additional summer employment). An earned doctorate in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, or closely related field is required. Persons ABD will be considered with evidence of completion by start date, January 1, 2014. Apply electronically https://shsu.peopleadmin.com submit a letter of interest, curriculum vita, and State of Texas employment application. Send official transcripts for all university work and documents detailing the candidate’s philosophy of teaching, research, and service directly to the search committee chair. Three letters of recommendation should be sent by references directly to the search committee chair. Dr. Foy Mills, Jr., Agribusiness Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences, Sam Houston State University, P.O. Box 2088, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2088. Phone: 936-294-1207. E-mail: foymills@shsu.edu

The Department of Agricultural Economic, 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

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2013 Employee Benefits & Annual Enrollment - Save the Date

Monday, July 8 – 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., AGLS 129
TTVN 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Employee Benefits & Annual Enrollment Information Session

AGHR will be hosting a TTVN Presentation to provide you with information and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming Annual Enrollment period. Insurance carrier representatives will be available at the session. If you have questions concerning Employee Benefits &/or Annual Enrollment, please contact one of the Benefits staff: Dana Daugherty (ddaughert@ag.tamu.edu), Vicki Welch (vwelch@ag.tamu.edu), or Lupe Velasquez (g-velasquez@ag.tamu.edu) or by calling 979-845-2423.

New Publication


Thank You!!

Connie Smotek, Caroline Gleaton and Mark Welch for hosting Friday Coffee

Upcoming Birthdays

Richard Conner 6/22
Dean McCorkle 7/3
Shelly Peacock 7/4
Ron Knutson 7/12
Caroline Gleaton 7/14

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