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Upcoming Events June

9th-13th-4-H Roundup 18th-Faculty Meeting

Rosson's Roundup

I visited with Kerry Litzenberg at the hospital Wednesday night for a good bit. He's feeling much better, with a regular heart rhythm and more energy. He told me Thursday that he was optimistic he will be able to head home Friday. So, very good news! One of the things he wanted me to do was express his thanks and sincere gratitude to all who have come by to visit, sent cards, flowers, plants and other gifts to him during his stay at the hospital. The outpouring of support has been inspiring and indicates the deep caring of the department at time of need. Thanks to all of you for taking the extra effort to stop by and visit for a few minutes.

Drs. Sharma and Sinha, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, will be in the department next week. Their seminar will be Thursday, June 12 at 1:30 in room 372 AGLS. Both are with the Center for Health Economics. Their talks will focus on the interrelationships among diet, income, consumption and health in India, Indonesia and Vietnam. This should be an excellent opportunity to learn about health economics in three of the top emerging economies. Thanks to Senarath Dharmasena and the seminar committee for coordinating this program.

The COALS Department Heads had our monthly meeting with Dr. Dugas and other AgriLife administrators Monday. We have travel regulations now in-place for students – all students. Any student going out of the country on course related travel needs to register with the Study Abroad office. This information was sent to graduate students last week, but must be reinforced when you talk to them about their travel plans. Any student traveling domestically on official travel or official business is required to register with the Department of Student Activities. I sent Dr. David Reed's note and the guidelines to all faculty and staff on Thursday. If you have questions, please check with the Business Office. In addition, we will be scheduling a training session this summer for all staff who handle travel for faculty, staff or students to cover this rule, international travel and export control regulations. More will be provided on this after the training date has been determined. Thanks to all for adhering to these rules.

Friday, June 6, 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy, or D Day as it's commonly known. Once more this is a time to reflect on the sacrifices of a few so that many could live free. USA Today and the Guardian online versions have some great photos of France and the Normandy beaches, then and now.

Finally, the Texas 4 – H Roundup will be held June 9 -13, 2014. So, watch for more vehicular traffic, and more young people on and around campus and the cities. It should be a great event, with 50 workshops and contests being held. I hope many of you can participate.

Until next time, have a great weekend!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rebekka Dudensing on her election as the upcoming chair-elect of the Community and Regional

Economics Network (CRENET)!

Congratulations to Junyi Chen for being selected to receive a Tom Slick Graduate

Research Fellowship Award!

Students Studying Abroad in Angers, France



The students on an early morning visit to Rungis, which is the largest wholesale food market in France.

Agricultural Economics Department Seminar

TEXAS A&M

Dr. Anurag Sharma

Centre for Health Economics Monash University, Melbourne

"Taxing Sugar Sweetened Beverages: Impact by Income and Level of Consumption"

Dr. Kompal Sinha

Centre for Health Economics Monash University, Melbourne

"The Estimation of Item Specific Intra and Inter Country Food Purchasing Power Parities with Application to Cross Country Comparisons of Food Expenditure: India, Indonesia and Vietnam."

Drs. Sharma and Sinha will give short 15-20 minute presentations on their work, followed by a Q&A session.

AgriLIFE RESEARCH & EXTENSION Texas A&M System Thursday June 12th 1:30 pm AGLS 372

<u>Upcoming Birthdays</u>

Kerry Litzenberg 6/10
Joe Outlaw 6/11
Richard Conner 6/22



In order to give the Commons Committee, and the people that make the coffee every Friday morning, a bit of a break, we have decided to only provide coffee this summer on June 6th, July 11th, and August 1st. Rm 209 will be open for any of you that would like to still gather at 10 o'clock to visit, but please bring your own coffee!

Position Announcements

Regional Extension Specialist/Agriculture and Business Management Economist, Colorado State University-Grand Junction. The position is based in Mesa County which has a population of approximately 146,700 with Grand Junction as the primary urban community. To learn more about Mesa County, go to: http://www.mesacounty.us/. To learn more about Colorado State University Extension, go to: http://www.ext.colostate.edu/. Application Deadline is Noon Mountain time June 20, 2014. DEADLINE: All materials must be RECEIVED no later than Noon Mountain Time June 20, 2014 for full consideration. Please submit the following via e-mail to apply: • Cover letter • Statement (no more than 5 pages) of how you meet all the "Required" and "Desired" criteria listed in the Vacancy Announcement • Resume • Name, address, telephone, e-mail address, and your relationship to at least four (4) references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. • Transcripts of college(s) course work showing degrees conferred. E-mail all materials to coopext_personnel@mail.colostate.edu. If you are unable to e-mail your materials, please call 970-491-1617 for alternate delivery methods. For questions regarding the application process, contact 970-491-1617 or coopext_personnel@mail.colostate.edu. For questions regarding the job vacancy and responsibilities, please contact C.J. Mucklow, 970-846-2358, or cj.mucklow@colostate.edu.

Post-doctoral Associate, full-time, 12-month, non-tenure track. Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Application Procedures: Individuals wishing to apply should submit 1) cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, 2) curriculum vitae with summary of teaching evaluations (if available), 3) copies of transcripts, and 4) three letters of recommendation. Applications and inquiries should be sent to: Dr. Sherry Larkin, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, P.O. Box 110240, Gainesville, Florida 32611-0240, Phone: (352) 294-7676, E-mail: slarkin@ufl.edu

Click here for position announcements

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