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### **Upcoming Events**

June
18th-Faculty Meeting
30th-July 2nd-Extension Mtng.
July
4th-Independence Day

# Rosson's Roundup

First of all, Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. There are some interesting 'takes' in USA Today (online) about why this date is so prominent in our, and other, cultures. It's worth reading.

I'm in Guatemala this weekend, right in the middle of my course in the Executive Masters in Applied Economics and Business Administration. We are approaching 20 years with the program and it's had stable enrollment despite the civil war, the economic ups and downs that the economy has experienced, and some political instability. I have 12 students in my course in International Trade Policy Analysis. John Penson also arrives today to teach his course. He has 15 students in Managerial Accounting, and I'm sure they will have a great experience. Almost all of our students are working professionals who use this program to either move up in their firms or to spring board to other opportunities. I have five students in my course from one of the largest sugar mills in the country, and they are intense, driven managers who see themselves progressing within the organization. So, as we approach the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, all is well with the program. Thanks to Vivian Martinez, our coordinator in Guatemala, who handles all program logistics and management. Thanks also to Connie Moore who handles program logistics from our side.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are going to reopen our position for an Assistant Professor in the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems. Jim Mjelde is the Chair of the Search Committee, comprised of Steve Amosson, Tiffany Dowell, Bruce McCarl, Rabi Mohtar (BAEN) and John Pappas (Energy Institute). We will be sending out the position announcement early next week. Please circulate this information to those who you think may have an interest. We seek a broad, diverse pool of candidates and think the potential is very good to find an excellent person for this position. If you are attending the Western Ag Econ Association meetings, for example, please pass along the opportunity. I'm attending the 2014 EIA Energy Conference in Washington, DC (July 14-15) and will be on the lookout for good candidates. This event attracts more than 400 attendees each year, many from academia, so it's a good hunting ground. The search committee is meeting Monday morning, so if you have any input, please contact me or one of the committee members. Thanks

Have a great weekend!!



# Upcoming Birthdays

Richard Conner 6/22
Dean McCorkle 7/3
Shelly Peacock 7/4
Lora Monsees 7/5



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

Executive Director, Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation, Inc. (the "CPDMC")

The CPDMC search committee seeks a technically-qualified and skilled manager to lead the CPDMC team and execute the objectives of the CPDMC. A candidate for the Executive Director ("ED") must have strong business management, technical, organizational, leadership and critical thinking skills in order to manage the CPDMC. Qualifications: Five (5) years of agriculture and/or business management experience, MS, MBA or PhD preferred, but not required for consideration; Minimum of four (4) years of experience in the following areas: Agricultural pest management, experience with area wide pest management preferred, Managing budgets, personnel and grant resources, Working with growers and producers; Experience with citrus pests and diseases (conventional and organic) preferred. Position is based at the CPDMC office in Mission, Texas, but some travel is expected. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, benefits include health and retirement benefits. Qualified candidates should submit their cover letter, CV and references to Noel Troxclair by July 15, 2014 at noel@valleyag.org. For more information about the position and CPDMC, go to: <a href="http://www.texascitrusgreening.org/news/position-opening-executive-director-for-the-texas-citrus-pest-and-disease-management-corporation-inc/">http://www.texascitrusgreening.org/news/position-opening-executive-director-for-the-texas-citrus-pest-and-disease-management-corporation-inc/</a>

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: <a href="http://www.mesacounty.us/">http://www.mesacounty.us/</a>. To learn more about Colorado State University Extension, go to: <a href="http://www.ext.colostate.edu/">http://www.ext.colostate.edu/</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:coopext\_personnel@mail.colostate.edu">coopext\_personnel@mail.colostate.edu</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:coopext\_personnel@mail.colostate.edu">coopext\_personnel@mail.colostate.edu</a>. For questions regarding the job vacancy and responsibilities, please contact C.J. Mucklow, 970-846-2358, or cj.mucklow@colostate.edu.

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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 <a href="mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu">valnoyes@tamu.edu</a>