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Upcoming Events

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

Larson Patty, Lauren Friend, Michael Garcia, Julee Mullins, Jake teVelde, Kaitlin Bomar, Jake McGlaun, Karl Dyke, and Megan Lund

Rosson's Roundup

This week has moved by pretty quickly, despite the fact that the longer days of summer are upon us. I attended the Dean of Faculties Conflict Management workshop all day Wednesday and learned quite a bit about how to manage difficult situations and people, not that we have either in our department. Perhaps the key take-away message is that conflict results from change, so that means conflict is continuous. The other key points centered on the importance of being an effective listener, having a grasp of the tools needed to address conflict and being aware of the 'drama triangle,' consisting of the victim (damsel in distress), the perpetrator (perp) and the rescuer in a cape with an S on it (that's me). This was an interesting idea we need to explore further. One of the major parts of the workshop was the presentation and solution of 'real life' cases. These helped reinforce the idea that there's not a 'silver bullet' to solve any conflict. So, if you have an interest in attending one of these workshops, it's worth the time. These workshops are available for faculty and staff. If anyone wants to attend, please check with Norma or me.

Friday, Flynn Adcock, Jason Jones, Justin Benavidez and I are heading to New Orleans for the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists. About 18,000 professionals from business, government and academia will descend on the Crescent City to discuss everything from micro-organisms affecting food, new equipment and treatments to consumer acceptance (or not) of genetically modified foods. Our task is to present our results on the economic impacts of the beef industry on the US economy, and then present the methodology we plan to use to analyze the economic impacts of substantially reducing or eliminating e.coli in beef. It should be a very interesting session, especially getting the food technologists and other scientists there to understand what we are trying to do. We return home Sunday afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We will soon begin searching for an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist-Community Economics and Business Development. We hope to have this on the street next week. David Anderson is the committee chair, and other members are Rebekka Dudensing, Jason Johnson, Luis Ribera and Ed Rister. The position is located on campus. Please help us recruit a great pool of applicants for this position.

The position on the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems is also open, and if you are traveling to the WAEA meetings or any other appropriate venue, please take a copy of the announcement.

Finally, remember that Saturday is the 'longest day' June 21, 5:51 a.m. marks the summer solstice and the longest day of 2014, so get out and enjoy it! The days shorten in length after Saturday. And, have a great weekend!

France Agribusiness program continues into its third week. We spent last weekend in Normandy and Bretagne. We visited monastery of Mont St. Michel, the walled city of St. Malo, and the WWII monuments in Normandy, including Pointe du Hoc that was stormed in 1944 by colonel J.E.Rudder and his rangers in 1944. We also visited a dairy farm producing the famous Camembert cheese and an orchard that makes the apple cider - another Staple of Normandy.





Upcoming Birthdays

Dean McCorkle 7/3
Shelly Peacock 7/4
Lora Monsees 7/5
Ron Knutson 7/12



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

Extension Agricultural Economist, K-State Research and Extension and Department of Agricultural Economics in conjunction with the Kansas Farm Management Association Southeast has **two** positions open in **Ottawa** and **Chanute**, Kansas. Plan and develop an Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Southeast Kansas. Provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management. Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics, Accounting, Finance or related field and at least three years of acceptable performance in a position in one of the following areas: agricultural economics, agricultural finance, agribusiness, or accounting or Master's degree in Agricultural Economics, Accounting or related field. Screening of applications will begin on July 18, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit a cover letter, resume, three reference letters, and all official transcripts to assure a review. The starting date for the position is on or after September 2, 2014 and is negotiable with the KFMA, SE Board of Directors and KFMA Administrator. Send cover letter, resume, and official transcripts; and, arrange for three letters of reference to be sent. Application material may be sent electronically to Mary Huninghake (muhningh@ksu.edu) or may be mailed to: Kevin L. Herbel, KFMA Program Administrator, K-State Research and Extension, Department of Agricultural Economics, 308 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4026, (785) 532-8706 FAX: (785) 532-6925. Electronic applications are encouraged.

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: http://www.texascitrusgreening.org/news/position-opening-executive-director-for-the-texas-citrus-pest-and-disease-management-corporation-inc/

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