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## Upcoming Events

### March 2015

- 2nd-Texas Independence Day
- 3rd-Retiree Coffee
- 6th-Employee Appreciation Day
- 16th-20th-Spring Break



## *Rosson's Roundup*

The first day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Murray '73 and Kathi Edwards AGEC 425 Entrepreneurial Dreams Mentoring Forum was held Friday, February 20, at the Kyle House in Bryan. Joining the students in discussing their business plan projects were Jacob Adair '12, Mary Beckman '90, John Bush '90, Steve Cooper '78, Wayne Dover '72, Lindsi Dutton '10, Lynn Elliot '73, Jim McAdams '72, James McGrann '73, Mark Miller '87, Melanie Phillips, Gerald Popp '81, and Casey Zimmerman '05. At the end of the day, Miss Reveille VIII made a surprise appearance at the forum accompanied by Agricultural Economics student and Ross Volunteer Preston Sturdivant '15, Porter S. Garner III '79, Marty Holmes '87, Brenda Lessor, and others with The Association of Former Students to recognize Agricultural Economics graduate Steve Cooper '78 with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Family and other friends of Steve joined the AGEC 425 class in celebrating Steve's recognition. The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University, awarded since 1962 to fewer than 250 of Texas A&M's 425,000 former students. Presented jointly by the university and The Association of Former Students, this award recognizes Aggies who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and made meaningful contributions to Texas A&M University and their local communities. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Murray '73 and Kathi Edwards AGEC 425 Entrepreneurial Dreams Mentoring Forum continues next Friday, February 27, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the Kyle House. <https://www.aggienetwork.com/distinguishedalumni/>

Congratulations to Joe Outlaw, James Richardson, Henry Bryant and the rest of those with Agricultural and Food Policy Center for organizing the Texas Ag Forum in Austin last Thursday and Friday. A standing room only crowd attended. What's special about this particular event was that it marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ag Forum and was highlighted by presentations from Mike Conaway, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and an impromptu discussion of the state of politics in D.C. by Charlie Stenholm, former ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee and founder of the Texas Ag Forum. Also present were Drs. Bill Dugas, Acting Vice Chancellor and Dean, Doug Steele, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Craig Nessler, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. The main topic of the Ag Forum was the implementation of the 2014 farm bill. There was representation from all of the major Texas commodity groups. Congratulations again to AFPC for a great event and thanks to all who helped make it a huge success!

Next week I'm heading to Amarillo for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Master Marketer Program. Thanks to Steve Amosson, Mark Waller, Mark Welch and Emmy Williams for pulling this great program together. I know it will be well attended and a very special event.

Have a great weekend!!

# HEALTH & Wellness FAIR

**Wed., March 4**

Memorial Student Center  
MSC 2300 Bethancourt Ballroom  
**10:00am — 2:00pm**

**Employees, stop by for:**

- Over 55 vendor booths!
- Health screenings!
- Wellness presentations!
- Health demonstrations!
- Prizes & Give-aways!
  - ▶ Free pedometers to the first 250 employees attending!
  - ▶ **GRAND PRIZES**, including a Fitbit wrist band activity tracker!

Parking available in the [University Center Garage](#) (fees apply) or take the campus [shuttle bus](#) to the MSC.

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*Save the Dates*  
**March 23-27, 2015**

**CELEBRATING STAFF!**  
**Staff Appreciation Week**



Watch for updates to be posted at [staff.tamu.edu](http://staff.tamu.edu) as events are finalized.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Value Added Agriculture Conference

Austin, Texas on May 18-20, 2015.

Online Registration Now Open! Deadline for registration is 5:00 pm April 27, 2015.

For more information about the conference and conference registration, please visit website : <http://www.agmrc.org/national-value-added-agriculture-conference/>

### Upcoming Birthdays

Toni Merchant	3/3
Ariun Ishdorj	3/4
Jennifer Braziel	3/9
Candice Foster	3/12



**Thank You!!**

*Connie Smotek  
& Caitlin Orsak*



*for hosting Friday coffee*

### Position Announcements

**Assistant Professor and Extension Economist - Community Economics and Business Development**, 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve statewide leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in Community Economics and Business Development. A PhD degree in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, Regional Planning, or closely related field required. Application Process: Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/> Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # (07809). Please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and letters of reference to Dr. Rosson at the address below. Parr Rosson, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: 979-845-2116; fax 979-862-1563, E-mail: [PRosson@tamu.edu](mailto:PRosson@tamu.edu)

**Assistant Professor and Extension Economist** – Management, District 12, Weslaco, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) through the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a permanent, full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve district leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in management, marketing, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchandisers, processors, irrigation districts, lenders, and users. A Ph.D. degree, either completed, or all but dissertation, in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with coursework in one or more of the following areas; farm management, management, marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: March 15, 2015. Application Process: Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/> Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # 08177. Please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and have letters of reference sent to Dr. Rosson at the address below. Parr Rosson, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: 979-845-2116; fax 979-862-1563 E-mail: [PRosson@tamu.edu](mailto:PRosson@tamu.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 [valnoyes@tamu.edu](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)