

BLUE LETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I was privileged last month to attend the National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting in South Dakota and witness our agents being recognized for their excellent work.

Three agents were honored with Distinguished Service awards. They were: Danny Griffin from Van Buren County; Cindy Ham from Franklin County and Rick Wimberley from Cross County.

Jesse Bocksnick of Perry County, Amy Heck from White County and Kami Marsh from Faulkner County were honored with Achievement awards.

In the national Communications contest – which was chaired by White County's Sherri Sanders – Arkansas agents took home two first place certificates. Jane Maginot had a winner with her program promotional piece – the UpStream Art calendar, featuring images from educational murals painted all over Northwest Arkansas. Blair Griffin was a winner for his forage publication. Arkansas also had three national finalists: Mike Daniels in the learning module category, Jarrod Hardke for bound books and Colin Massey in the newsletter category.

Brad McGinley was the national winner of the Professional Excellence poster competition for Increasing Interest in S.T.E.M. on “Fantastic Fridays.”

I want to congratulate each agent on their achievements. Arkansas will host the national meeting next year in Little Rock on July 24-28. We look forward to the opportunity, and I know that our people and our work will excel.

– Tony Windham

Oh, what a tangled web...inar we weave



Amy Cole, project/program director, Office of Information Technology, conducts a session at the Program Evaluation Virtual Summer School.

Last month, Extension hosted a four-day Program Evaluation Virtual Summer School, an event that drew 251 people from 26 states. Its live sessions were broadcast from instructors in three states, and the school included those from Extension, NIFA and other community-based organizations.

What we learned was a lesson greater than the content: that webinars can be so much more than a series of talking heads. These webinars can be a powerful two-way means to educate audiences in ways that cut across distance and time.

One goal of the virtual summer school was to lead a national discussion, so participant engagement was a key indicator. The school was promoted by at least six professional associations, Extension staff/faculty from across the country and through an eXtension blog.

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Governments Cooperating

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DR. TONY WINDHAM
Associate Vice President for
Agriculture - Extension and
Director, Cooperative Extension Service

Troxel named Fellow in American Society of Animal Science

Tom Troxel, associate head - Animal Science, has been named a Fellow in extension of the American Society of Animal Science.

The honor was bestowed on Troxel during the society's annual conference July 12-16 in Orlando, Florida.

"I never dreamed I'd get that award," Troxel said. "What was special about it was that it came from my peers in Animal Science."

Troxel grew up working horses but spent summers in high school working at a Montana cattle ranch, and his interests swung to cattle in college. He earned a B.S. from West Texas A&M University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. At the University of Illinois, Troxel studied physiology of reproduction with an emphasis in postpartum beef cows.

Troxel began his career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and achieved the rank of associate professor in 1983. In 1992, he accepted the position of Extension beef cattle specialist and Animal Science section leader for the Cooperative Extension Service in Arkansas.

Throughout Troxel's career, he made a number of major impacts that affected programs across the Southeast and the country. Many Beef Quality Assurance educators use studies conducted by Troxel in their BQA presentations.

"I've been very fortunate to work with really good people," Troxel said. "Good county agents, good faculty, good producers. The award reflects on working with good people, with good ideas and good results. They're all part of this as well."

Troxel was also heavily involved with the 300-Day Grazing Program. The program features demonstrations that will reduce the number of hay feeding days and the amount of feed, fertilizer and fuel requirements. The members of 300-Day Grazing team were headliner presenters at the 2012 National Cattlemen's College. Their presentation was received with enthusiasm by cattlemen from across the United States as being novel, relevant and practical.

The Fellow award in the extension category is granted to American Society of Animal Science members who have rendered very distinguished service to the animal industry and/or to the American Society of Animal Science, in addition to having continuous membership in the Society for a minimum of 25 years. The American Society of Animal Science is a professional organization that serves more than 5,000 animal scientists and producers around the world. ■



Tom Troxel (left), associate head - Animal Science, poses with Mike Looper, head of Animal Science for the Div. of Ag in Orlando, Florida.

Webinar, *cont. from p. 1*

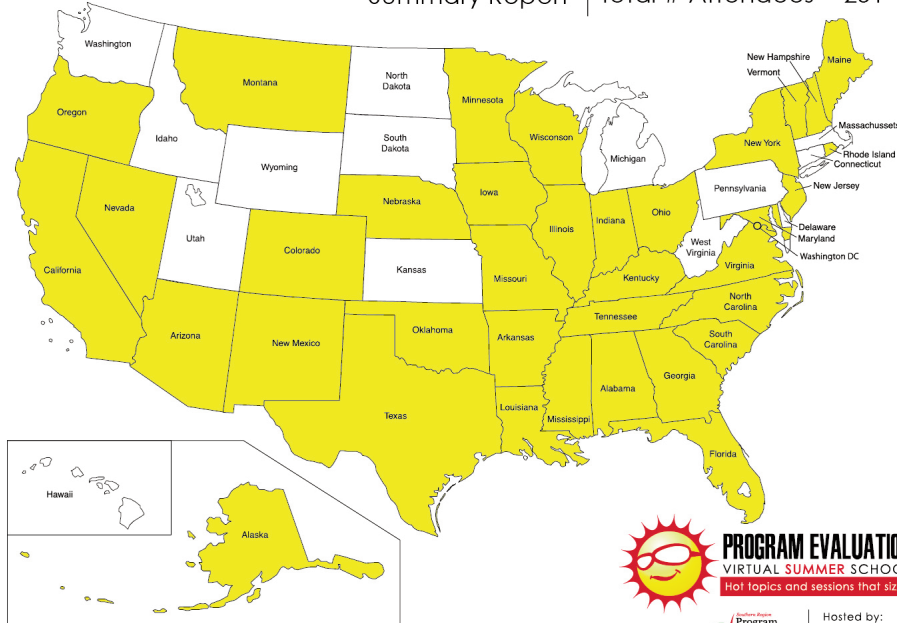
The results are in and participants blew the top off of the Q & A Zoom feature. Participants made 315 posts, which included asking questions, responding to questions and making observations in real time. One session alone had 119 participant posts to the Q & A.

We all know learning requires real-life application, and that rarely occurs through a one-way lecture. To unlock the potential of digital educational products over many platforms, help is available for Extension agents and specialists.

Register for the CES Communications College in-service training while seats are still available through learn.uaex.edu. ■

VIRTUAL SUMMER SCHOOL Summary Report

Total # States = 38
Total # Attendees = 251



What's new in publications? Find out at:

<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/new.aspx>



Marsh wins NACAA Achievement Award

Kami Marsh, M.S., recently received the 2015 Achievement Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents during their Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This award is given to agents with 10 years or less of service in Cooperative Extension Service who have exhibited excellence in the field of Extension Education. This award is only presented to 2 percent of the county extension educators in Arkansas each year.

Marsh, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension agriculture agent since 2006, focuses on urban horticulture. She is unique to Arkansas Extension in that she is city and state funded. This allows her to focus on Tree City USA, farmers' markets, a large Master Gardener program and much more. She conducts workshops for both commercial production and homeowners in various topics, such as irrigation, landscape, pesticides and more. ■



County finance PowerPoints and publications

Community and Economic Development has produced and made available a PowerPoint showing revenue and spending trends and comparisons for each of Arkansas' 75 counties. The PowerPoints use data for years 1999 through 2012 from the Legislative Audit Reports from the Division of Legislative Audit. Five publications describing the revenue and spending trends of county governments in Arkansas are also available from the UA Cooperative Extension Service. The highlights of the information in these five publications are available in fact sheets.

You may access a PDF copy of your county PowerPoint showing the revenue and expenditure trends for your county government for years 1999 through 2012 at <https://www.uaex.edu/business-communities/government-policy/local-government-finance.aspx>. Click on "County Finance PowerPoint" and then click on your county. The publications are also available at this web address.

For more information about these resources and obtaining copies, please contact your CED liaison or Wayne Miller at wmiller@uaex.edu or 501-671-2085. ■

UAPB celebrates 125th anniversary of the Second Morrill Act

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 and the creation of the 19 historically black 1890 land-grant universities. Justin Morrill, author of the Act, believed all people deserved the right to education regardless of race or social class.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences (SAFHS) kicked off its celebration with the 59th Annual Rural Life Conference, which featured workshops on opportunities in agriculture, healthy diets, chronic disease prevention, livestock management and forestry.

In March, SAFHS and the Alumni Association hosted a luncheon to honor UAPB Chancellor Dr. Laurence B. Alexander and in recognition of the 125th anniversary.



A delegation from UAPB participated recently in the 1890s on the Hill Celebration, held in Washington, D.C. in commemoration of the signing of the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

Faculty, staff, alumni and government and industry representatives gathered to greet the chancellor and praise the School for its educational opportunities.

In April, SAFHS hosted the 1890 Day Wellness Walk/Run and Health Fair. The event featured a 1.89-mile walk, health screenings, Zumba classes and sessions on health and wellness, diabetes awareness, CPR training and smoking prevention. The nation's other 1890 universities held similar events.

The 1890s on the Hill Celebration, held in July in Washington, D.C., provided the nation's 1890 land-grant universities an opportunity to celebrate their anniversary milestone. The event included research exhibits, Congressional member speeches and a convocation. ■



More than 160 walkers/runners participated in the 1890 Wellness Walk/Run in April.

Row Crop Research Verification Program Tour held

The Annual Row Crop Research Verification Program tour was held July 9 in Clay County. The tour is an opportunity for researchers and county agents to see recommendations from University of Arkansas research being made on a field-wide basis.

Participants were able to interact with verification producers, Clay County agents and verification coordinators in rice, corn, soybeans and cotton verification fields and see first-hand how their research is affecting Arkansas producers and row crops.

Thank you to the Clay County agents Stewart Runsick and Andy Vangilder and their producers for making this year's tour a success. The Row Crop Verification Tour is held the second Thursday of July every year for researchers and county agents. ■



Soybean Research Verification coordinator Chris Grimes and Clay County agent Andy Vangilder discuss the soybean verification field.



Rice Research Verification Program coordinator Ron Baker highlights the Clay County rice verification field to participants.

4-H members attend Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

The first annual Arkansas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp was held June 29-30 at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville with 50 youth aged 12-16 in attendance.

The aim of the camp was to help participants gain knowledge of veterinary medicine and animal science through hands-on learning. Campers got a glimpse of college life while having classes in different buildings and staying in campus dorms.

Reflecting on her experience, a Johnson County 4-H member said, "I wish camp was longer so I could do even more activities with animals and sleep in the dorm."

Throughout the two days, campers experienced hands-on activities with experts in their fields from across the state. Water and snacks were provided by Arkansas Cattle Women and dinner was provided by Arkansas Farm Credit of Western Arkansas.

Youth were able to get to know fellow campers and test their knowledge in the animal breed identification challenge conducted by extension agents and volunteers. Multiple veterinarians and a certified veterinary technician offered insight to the campers in a question-and-answer session.

With the instruction and guidance of UofA professors of animal science, Extension staff and a veterinary technician, youth were given the opportunity to work cattle, including giving injections, castrating and conducting a bull soundness exam. They toured the swine facility at Arkansas Tech University where they gave injections, handled piglets, weighed and collected data on sows and collected boar semen with Dr. Mack Rainey, ATU agriculture department head and 4-H alumni.

Mark Russell, Extension assistant professor - equine, demonstrated handling horses and allowed youth to try out what they had learned. Shane Gadberry, Extension associate professor - ruminant nutrition, taught a lesson on determining body conditioning of various species and the prevention of external parasites. He then had the 4-H members determine animals' body conditioning score and use the vet gun. Youth learned about poultry diseases and helped in a necropsy of a chicken with Dustan Clark, UofA associate poultry center director, and toured the Tyson Hatchery in Russellville.

A local cattle rancher who provided the bull for the soundness exam said, "It's a great thing, what you're doing for these kids to show them what is out there in careers in veterinarian medicine and animal science."

The 2015 event focused on education and handling of farm animals with emphasis on college and career readiness. ■



2015 Vet Science Camp participants were Robin Carlton, Aspen Williams, Clayton Stark, Chaz Glassmaker, Layla Greaver, Abby Braswell, Eva Berryhill, Sophia McElroy, Carson McFtridge, Karlie Lindsay, Sean Fryar, Emma Gibson, Katelyn Danzy, Hannah Barry, Maggie Malone, Nicole Lewis, Hunter George, Max Aylor, Sylvie Armstrong, Abby Kurz, Troy Ray, Brennen Koller, Letah Eversole, April Thurmon, Lacey Rowland, Hailey Thomas, Dayna Walker, Savannah Sanders, Jenna Meimerstorf, Claire Anna Harmon, Austin Stagner, Hannah McAdams, Lily Webb, Lindsey Thacker, McKenzie Hood, Mikailah Carr, Libby Bailey, Kristen Brown, A.J. Russell, Garrett Charlton, Andrew Shaw, Madison Laurie, Zachary Mason, Hunter Seller, McKenna Wade, Grace Coffman, Maria Eatmon, Britton Walker, Mallory Perkins, and Kaylee Guthrie.

Looper elected president of American Society of Animal Science

Michael Looper, head of the Animal Science Department for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, will serve as president of the American Society of Animal Science through 2016.

Looper took the gavel in July during the annual meeting of the society in Orlando, Florida.

"It was quite an honor for the department and me to be elected," Looper said. "It is my understanding I am the first from Arkansas to serve as president of the national society."

As president, Looper will travel to Denmark and Poland in August to represent ASAS at the European Federation of Animal Science meetings.

The Arkansas native is part of his family's fifth generation running a beef/dairy cattle operation in Sebastian County.

Looper was appointed department head in 2011. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Animal Science from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. in reproductive physiology from Oklahoma State. He has been honored for his research work and teaching by the USDA Agricultural Research Service and the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith.

The American Society of Animal Science is a professional organization that serves more than 5,000 animal scientists and producers around the world. ■



Dr. Debra Aaron transferred the gavel to incoming ASAS President, Dr. Michael Looper of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, during the ASAS annual Business Meeting in July. Looper and the 2015-2016 ASAS Board of Directors began official duties July 12 at the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. (Image courtesy ASAS.)

Arkansas 4-H Shooting Sports team wins big at National

The first trip by an Arkansas state team to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships resulted in six top 10 placements – including three first-place finishes – and some head-scratching from surprised competitors.

In years past, Arkansas sent teams from Lonoke and Sebastian counties but had not previously fielded a statewide team for this event.

"It is a rare thing for a state to come into this level of competition, with seven teams in their first year of attendance, and bring home this kind of hardware," said Rex Roberg, Arkansas 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator.



Rifle - Overall
First Place Team



Rifle - Overall
Top Three Individuals



The air rifle team of Avery Hannah, Asa Cox, James Kidd and Mikaela Phillips won first place. Phillips won first overall individual and Cox took seventh place overall. The air rifle team was coached by Joanie Hannah of the Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Arkansas also won the muzzleloader competition with the team of Tristan Eike, Regan Puryear, Felecia Secrist and Matthew Harris. Puryear earned second place and Harris sixth place overall. They were coached by Doug Secrist and David Joyner, both of Benton County.

Roberg also thanked the two National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors, Graycen Perkins and Kyle Russell, for their work at the event. ■



Muzzleloading - Overall
First Place Team



Muzzleloading - Overall
Top Three Individuals



DIVISION AWARDS LUNCHEON
January 8, 2016 • Arkansas 4-H Center, Ferndale



Save the Date

Submitting publications

If you are planning to write a fact sheet or have an Extension publication in the works, you may wish to check out the new Communications fact sheet FSCOMM01, Publication Procedure Summary (<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/FSCOMM01.pdf>). It outlines the publication procedure steps and provides helpful tips on filling out the submission form, MISC-323X (<http://uaex.edu/extension-policies/templates/misc-323x.dotx>).

If you would like to order a copy of the fact sheet, enter the publications online order system with your employee login. ■

BENEFITS CORNER

Looking for a way to save \$1,400?

Sign up for our Biometric Screening Event to be held Thursday, August 27, 201 , in LRSO, Classroom # , and complete an online Health Risk Assessment by logging onto www.onlifehealth.com.

The incentive for participating in wellness is a reduction in the 2016 maximum Out of Pocket (OOP) expense with the **UMR health plan**. Employees who participate in wellness will have a medical OOP maximum \$1,400 less than the OOP for those who don't participate in wellness. For employees who cover their dependents on the health plan, OOP costs may be reduced by as much as \$2,800.

What is a medical out-of-pocket maximum?

The out-of-pocket is the most you pay during the calendar year before the health plan starts to pay 100% for covered health expenses. The OOP includes the deductible, coinsurance and copayments you pay for covered health plan services.

To schedule a screening on www.onlifehealth.com, select My Events from the left navigation. Click the Health Screening Button under the Screens Available Section, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click Create a New Appointment.

If you are a **new user**, click on Get Started, enter the key code **UAS** and click Submit. ■

Meet the *new* employees!



Ida Brewer
Grant and Contract Analyst
Sponsored Programs
Little Rock State Office

- **What's your background?**
I have a B.S. degree in accounting.
- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

I have 14 years of grant contract experience.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I am married with three children and two grandchildren.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year at Extension?**

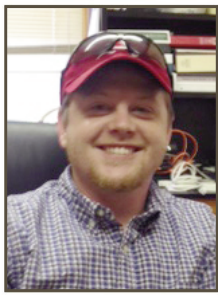
I would like to be a great asset in the Office of Sponsored Programs.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

The opportunity to work in grants and contracts again.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

Spending time with family and friends. ■



Tyler Caston
County Extension Agent -
Agriculture
Stone County

• **What's your background?**

I come from a farming background. My first experiences with agriculture were working in chicken houses and feeding chickens. I realized at an early age that I needed to get a good education. I have also worked with beef cattle on a stocker operation. I spent summers working in fruit and berry production in my family's blueberry, blackberry and peach orchards as well as mowing, raking, baling and hauling hay. I graduated from Arkansas Tech University with a degree in agribusiness.

• **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

I have experience in several different aspects of agriculture. I have worked with chickens, cattle, hay, fruit and berry production. I spent some time with the Pope County Conservation District, and I gained a lot of experience working with farmers and landowners.

• **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I am dependable and a hard worker. I look forward to working with everyone at Extension.

• **What would you like to accomplish your first year at Extension?**

In my first year, I would really like to promote the value of taking soil samples and hay testing, which can help farmers better understand what they need or don't need to improve the quality of what they are trying to accomplish. I also want to instruct home gardeners about early prevention of diseases and problems in their gardens. This could be proper pruning techniques or a routine spray program that can prevent a lot of problems by doing the right things before a problem arises.

• **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

One reason I chose to work at Extension is that it puts me in a position to help people. They need

information that has been researched and proven to work, and Extension provides that information. It's a challenging job, but I look forward to doing it.

• **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

One of my main hobbies is making my own bows and arrows out of wood. I like to hunt and fish and just spend time with my family. ■



Kristal Draper
County Extension Agent - Family
and Consumer Sciences/4-H
Hot Spring County

• **What's your background?**

I am originally from Stamps, Arkansas, in Lafayette County.

During middle school I was a 4-H member and active in my church. I graduated with honors from Stamps High School in 1990. During high school, I was very active as a member and held officer positions in several student organizations: FFA, FHA, FBLA, Science Club, National Honor Society and was photographer for the annual/yearbook.

I met my husband while attending Southern Arkansas University. We have been married for 24 years this August. In 1995, we graduated from SAU with Bachelor of Science degrees in agricultural business. I worked on the farm and showed cattle for SAU. My husband and I raised and showed Maine-Anjou cattle for almost 17 years. We moved to Malvern after graduating from SAU to help out on the family farm. We worked and lived in Malvern for seven years.

In the fall of 2001, I enrolled at Henderson State University to obtain my teacher's license in family and consumer sciences. We moved to Sheridan when I began teaching at the Freshman Academy and High School. I taught several different family and consumer sciences courses over the years. I also taught a year of agriculture to ninth graders.

During my time as a teacher, I was very active in my professional organizations. I served in several officer positions, one being president of AATFACS. I also served as bylaws committee chair on the ArACTE board. I received the Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher of the Year award from both the

Arkansas Association of Career and Technical Educators and the Arkansas Association of Teachers for Family and Consumer Sciences.

For the past 11 years, my student organization, Family, Career, Community Leaders of America, helped raise money and worked many hours doing community service projects on the local, state and national levels. Raising money for Arkansas Children's Hospital was one of our favorite community service projects.

- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

My knowledge of both agriculture and family and consumer sciences makes me unique. I love to help people and have spent my life learning to serve others. I am excited to be a part of Extension. I feel all of my experiences and skills learned during my life to this point have prepared me for working in Extension.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

My husband and I are very active in our church and community. We have two sons, 12 and 8, who are very active in 4-H, sports and other school activities. We love spending time as a family.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year at Extension?**

I would like to learn and understand as much as I can about the organization, my duties, the people and families of the community I serve. I would also like to work with other county agents to establish programs to better serve the people of our counties.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

My love of helping people and my desire to give back to my community is what brought me to Extension.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

Outside of work, my family and I enjoy spending time together. We love listening to music, going out to eat, going to the movies and attending church. I enjoy spending time with friends, relaxing with a good book and working on craft projects with my kids. ■



Lauren Frost
4-H Program Assistant
Polk County

- **What's your background?**

I grew up in Polk County and graduated from Mena High School. I earned my associate's degree from Rich Mountain Community

College and my bachelor's in family and consumer science from Henderson State University. I married my husband Shane in 2006 and relocated to Fayetteville for him to begin his career with Farm Bureau. I began working for Fayetteville Public Schools in 2007 and have been a registrar in that district for the last eight years. My husband, son and I recently moved back to Mena when my husband transferred with Farm Bureau to the Polk County office. We found a lovely home in Mena and have enjoyed spending time with family and getting settled.

- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

My years in public schools have given me a unique skill set. I have learned how to communicate with kids and parents and gained valuable experience in problem solving. I enjoy working with kids and feel that my years in public schools have prepared me to be an asset to 4-H. I have always had a passion for family and consumer science and for learning in general. Being in education has made me desire to be a lifelong learner, and Extension is a field that allows me to continue learning as well as sharing the knowledge I have learned every day.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I have been married to my husband Shane for nine years and have a son, Barrett, age 4.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year at Extension?**

To recruit more 4-H members in Polk County and get parents and kids excited about all the awesome things 4-H has to offer.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

I came to Extension because I have always found it to be interesting. I was first exposed to Extension when

I was a senior at Henderson State University, and it really sounded like a great way to use my degree. I am so excited to now have the opportunity to utilize the skills that I have learned from my education and life experiences and feel so passionate about sharing with 4-H youth. I feel that Extension is such a unique way to serve my community and make a difference in the lives of community members both young and old.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

Anything outdoors, Razorback football and baseball, shopping and crafting. ■



Heidi Ward
Associate Professor and
Veterinarian
Little Rock State Office

- **What's your background?**

My husband and I moved to Arkansas from Montana one year ago, but we are from Texas and Oklahoma, respectively. I was working as a relief veterinarian prior to my employment with the Extension Service. I have doctorate degrees in veterinary medicine (from Oklahoma State) and molecular biology (from the University of Oklahoma), which help me bridge science and medicine. I also have a bachelor's degree in psychology that helps me to communicate with people and think critically.

- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

I have spent the past year forging relationships with the Arkansas Veterinary Board, Arkansas Veterinary

Medical Association and Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Lab. I have a special interest in immunology and infectious disease, and I am an advocate for disease prevention through vaccination. I am a prolific writer and enjoy editing scientific papers.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I would like my colleagues to know that my door is always open and that I am very easygoing.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year at Extension?**

During my first year with Extension, I would like to make solid connections with the Extension agents, create a partnership between the 4-H Veterinary Science Program and the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association and to make myself known and accessible to producers as well as large animal veterinarians in Arkansas.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

I learned about Extension through my husband. Although he is employed by the USDA, his office is in the Animal Science Department in Little Rock. As a result, I came to know several of the Animal Science staff. I was impressed with the diversity of knowledgeable and personable people working for Extension.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

Outside of work, I enjoy singing at church, baking for my friends and family and touring the state by motorcycle with my husband. ■

Grants and contracts

for the month ended July 31, 2015

Project Title	Award Amount	Principal Investigator	Granting Agency
Economic Analysis of Wheat Production Practices	\$ 5,700	Archie Flanders	Wheat Promotion Board
Market Development Soybean Protocol	6,550	Bob Scott	Monsanto Company
Evaluation of MON 63479 Preemergence and Postemergence in Soybeans - South	6,550	Bob Scott	Monsanto Company
University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Lead Arkansas (LeadAR)	5,000	Bobby Hall	Western Arkansas Planning & Development District, Inc.
Panicle Rice Mite Survey	20,000	Gus Lorenz	State Plant Board
Compare Field Efficacy of Current and Future Bt Technologies Against Lepidopteran Pests - MidSouth	10,480	Gus Lorenz	Monsanto Company
Dow AgroSciences Regulated Cotton Insect Control 2015 - Gus Lorenz	15,000	Gus Lorenz	Dow AgroSciences LLC
Bullseye Bandits 4-H Club - Ashley County Shooting Sports	3,065	Kevin Norton	Ashley County Conservation District
SNAP-ED Prog/16/Rodibaugh	1,786,096	Rosemary Rodibaugh	Arkansas Department of Human Services
Drew County 4-H United Way	2,500	Steve Kelley	Drew County United Way
Crop Protection Market Development in Cotton	6,550	Tom Barber	Monsanto Company
Development and Management of Frogeye Leaf Spot and Fungicide Resistance in Soybean in the Mid-South	14,973	Travis Faske	University of Tennessee
Economic Contribution of the Baptist Health System	20,479	Wayne Miller	Baptist Health
Total New Awards for July 2015	\$1,902,943		

Personnel changes

Please welcome the following:

Ida Brewer

Grant and Contract Analyst, Office of Sponsored Programs, effective July 1, 2015.

Tyler Caston

County Extension Agent - Agriculture, Stone County, effective June 22, 2015.

Matt Cook

Maintenance Specialist, Vines 4-H Center, effective July 1, 2015.

Kristal Draper

County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H Youth Development, Hot Spring County, effective July 9, 2015.

Lauren Frost

Program Assistant - 4-H, Polk County, effective July 1, 2015.

Jan Sampson

Administrative Support Supervisor, Office of Finance and Administration, effective June 16, 2015.

Heidi Ward

Assistant Professor - Veterinarian, Animal Science, effective July 1, 2015.

Extension says goodbye to:

Candace Carrié

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair, Ouachita County, effective July 15, 2015.

JoAnna Cupp

County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Poinsett County, effective July 2, 2015.

Regina Hodge

Administrative Specialist, Faulkner County, effective July 24, 2015.

Mike McCarter

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair, Pike County, effective July 1, 2015.