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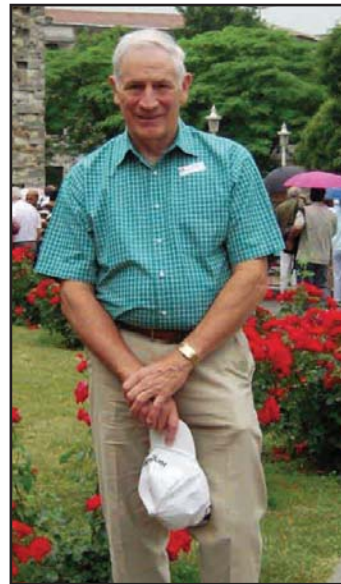
Foster's Stint With Extension Was Noteworthy

Dr. David Foster served as Extension director in the Arkansas State Office from 1991 to 2000.

During his tenure, a number of new programs and events were executed, but among the most "noteworthy" was the new Extension headquarters built in Little Rock, he said.

Foster secured funding with backing from the Arkansas Legislature and Senator Bumpers' office. He was only one among a group of folks who brought the new building to life in 1995. "Without the initial support of Vice President LaFerney, the full support of President Sugg, Vice President Shult, and especially Chuck Culver's efforts, the new Extension headquarters wouldn't have happened."

Foster also focused on salary structures and ensuring that county and state employees were treated fairly. "I wanted to be even-handed," he said. "I didn't favor one part of the organization over the other. That's pivotal."



Dave Foster

He noted that all four major areas of Extension are needed. Although Arkansas is not as rural as it once was, all four program areas impact the lives of rural Arkansans.

While Extension director, Foster joined forces with the Extension directors in Tennessee and Mississippi to underwrite and host the new National 4-H Event that filled the void created by the cancellation of the 4-H National Congress. Foster also served on the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy at the national level. He chaired the strategic planning

committee, whose goal was to create an Extension System vision for the 21st century.

He specifically mentioned Dorothy Hall and Bob Reynolds, who served as support for that committee.

When Foster was first hired at Extension in 1988, he had previously held Extension and research positions in Kentucky and Iowa. He came on board in Arkansas as head of the entomology department. At the time, there was an ongoing job search for an associate director for Extension, a post he was promoted to within a year. He was appointed director in 1991.

Foster left Arkansas in 2000 to take the Extension directorship at Oklahoma State University. He officially retired in 2004. He and his wife, Phyllis, moved into a new home they had been building in Fairfield Bay.

Foster is originally from Kansas and his wife is from Iowa, but they enjoyed their dozen

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Retiree Sue Palsa Gives Back by Volunteering

While she worked at Extension – first as a specialist through a short-term EFNEP grant and then as a family and consumer sciences agent – Sue Palsa understood the value of volunteers.

That's why she still works hard to support local Extension-related events like the county fair and Quilt Club.

Palsa first began at Extension in 1989. She had been a home economics teacher for 11 years in the Dumas, Gould and Gillett school systems. When her husband bought a farm and moved to Carlisle, she became an EFNEP food and nutrition specialist in the state office.

At first she worried that she would miss teaching but discovered she was still teaching in a different setting. The adults and 4-H'ers were very enjoyable to work with, she said.

"It feels so good to see growth in people and you feel like you played an itty bitty part," she said.

After one year under the special grant, Palsa was hired as a family and consumer sciences agent in Prairie County. She remained in that position for 15 years until retiring in July 2005.

She still teaches, conducting home furnishing workshops each year where she shares the



Sue Palsa

art of upholstering, caning and refinishing.

Palsa is also on the committee working on this year's Extension

Homemakers Club 100-year celebrations. Most Arkansas counties are hosting events around the anniversary.

She also knits and quilts – a little.

"I have been quilting for several years and I wanted to learn knitting when I retired. So I have taken it up in my spare time. That tells you I haven't done much," she joked.

Palsa has two children and three granddaughters who keep her hopping, too.

She and her retired husband occasionally take out the motor home and travel around. They have a cabin in Perry County on 300 acres in the Ouachita National Forest. That's a relaxing spot when they have time to take a few days away.

"I enjoy fairly good health and my family," she said.

To reconnect with Sue Palsa, contact her at 870-552-3777, P.O. Box 568, Carlisle, Ark. 72024.

– Shannon Magsam

Retired County Agent Morris O'Quin Dies

Morris N. O'Quin Sr., age 86, passed away May 21 at his home in Forrest City.

O'Quin was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Armed Services. While serving with the 29th Infantry during World War II, he received the European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star and the World War II Victory Medal. He also fought in the Korean War.

He held a B.S. degree in agriculture from Mississippi State University and an M.B.A. in agribusiness from the University of Arkansas.

O'Quin joined Extension in 1952 as a county Extension agent in Cross County. He subsequently served as county agent in Montgomery, Sebastian, Logan, Pope and St. Francis counties. He became staff chair in St. Francis County in 1973 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1982.

After his Extension retirement, O'Quin was a vice president and loan officer for the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas, ran his own agricultural crop consulting business and taught agriculture classes at East Arkansas Community College.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Forrest City, the Fraternity of Free Masons, the board of directors of First National Bank and numerous civic organizations.

O'Quin's son, Morris Jr., and his wife of 53 years, Gloria, preceded him in death in 2009 and 2011. He is survived by his daughter, Karen O'Quin, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 26 at First Baptist Church in Forrest City with burial at Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne.

– Laura Goforth

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– Merritt Royal



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Wanda Snow Pemberton, July 3	James Aikman, July 17
Shirley Hesselschwerdt, July 4	Leon Ferguson, July 20
Jane Mowry, July 5	John Boyd, July 21
Mary Dunn, July 6	J. B. Williams, July 21
Betty Archer, July 8	Helen Glass, July 22
Winfred Hart, July 8	Lionel Barton, July 24
Quinton Hornsby, July 8	Virginia Cottrell, July 24
Carolyn Lewis, July 8	Relda Washburn, July 24
Dayton Thomason, July 8	David Foster, July 25
Raymond Webb, July 8	Ruben Johnson, July 28
Howard Young, July 9	Wanda Shelby, July 28
Jim Bemis Jr., July 10	Tommy Thompson, July 29
Linda Tanner, July 10	Henry Bowden, July 30
Carolyn Burns, July 12	Madlyn Mason, July 30
	Edwin Colburn, July 31

From the Editorial Board

Though it's doubtful you need reminding, here comes the reminding.

It's hot outside and not the time to be spending too much time outdoors without taking precautions.

June's average high temperature in Arkansas, according to the Weather Channel, is 89 degrees. If you check the temperature, you'll discover we are right at the high and threatening to surpass it, yet, July, with an average high of 93 degrees is still heading our way.

To avoid heat related problems, be sure to venture outside only in the cooler times of the day. Stay inside or in the shade during the hottest part of the day, and drink plenty of water.

We hope you enjoy the summer with family and friends and that you take care of yourself during this summer's scorching days.

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years in Arkansas and wanted to return. He said Greers Ferry Lake was a nice draw.

In his retirement, Foster enjoys attending Razorback sporting events, fishing, gardening, golfing and volunteering for the local ambulance service. He is trained as an EMT and is on call one or two days a week. He's among a 40-person volunteer team.

"We keep busy," he said.

To reconnect with Dr. Foster, contact him at 501-884-3102, 114 South Lake Shore Drive, Fairfield Bay, Ark. 72088.

– Shannon Magsam



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