

Extension News

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RETIRED EXTENSION ADMINISTRATOR TURNS 100 YEARS OLD



Lloyd Hunsaker, a retired USU Extension county agent and administrator, turned 100 last month. Interestingly, the organization where he worked approximately one third of his life turned 100 last year.

He said the secret to living for a century is being blessed with good health and keeping busy.

"I never had a moment when I wasn't busy and having work to do,"

he said. "And I still have work to do!"

Extension was the beneficiary of that work for over a third of a century. Hunsaker graduated from USU in 1935 and was hired as an agricultural agent in Piute County the next year. He then transferred to Cache County as an agricultural agent in 1943 and later worked as Extension dairy specialist. In 1956, he became supervisor of agricultural programs. He later was county agent supervisor and finally associate director for Extension until his retirement in 1970.

Noelle E. Cockett, vice president and dean for USU Extension and agriculture, applauds Hunsaker's contribution to Extension.

"It's people like Lloyd who make Extension what it is," she said.

"We appreciate his many years of service and dedication to an organization that is roughly his same age. His contributions as a county agent and an administrator have been an asset throughout the state."

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12-14

Utah Association of Counties Annual Convention—St. George, <http://www.uacnet.org/>

November 13-14

Utah Association of Conservation Districts Annual Convention - Layton <http://www.uacd.org>

November 19-21

Utah Farm Bureau Annual Convention—Layton

November 17

State of Extension Web cast—Logan

USU PROFESSORS RECEIVE MULTI-STATE CSREES TEAM AWARD

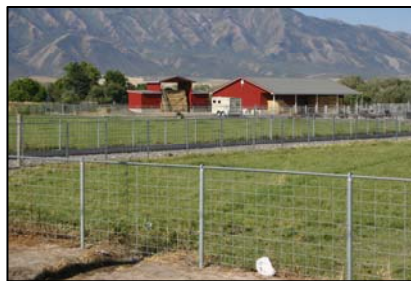
Two USU professors were on a 16-member team representing the western United States. The team received the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service Partnership Award for Multistate Efforts for developing the Living on the Land educational program to improve sustainable practices on small acreages.

Bruce Miller, USU Agricultural Systems Technology and Education Department Head, and Rhonda Miller, USU Extension environmental quality specialist, were on the team led by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. They accepted this national award on October 21 at the CSREES Day of Appreciation in Washington, DC.

Scott S. McKendrick, statewide equine and small acreage programs coordinator, has been using the Living on the Land curriculum in the Utah Small Acreage Education Program since 2004 in workshops for small acreage owners.

"This new material will make the educational efforts of the USU small acreage team and USU Extension agents even more productive as we continue to help land owners prepare to make their dreams come true for their small acreage properties," said McKendrick.

This multi-state effort began in 2001 and was heavily funded by Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grants. Since then, nearly 1,500 copies of the Living on the Land curriculum have been distributed to 42 states and five foreign countries. The curriculum crosses disciplines to help teach small acreage property owners about proper wildlife, land and water resource management.



GET TO KNOW OUR EXTENSION SPECIALIST GRANT CARDON

Grant Cardon is a soil management specialist in the Plants, Soils and Climate Department. He is also the vice president for the USU Extension Specialists Association. He received a bachelor's degree in agronomy and soils from Utah State University and a doctorate in applied soil physics from the University of California, Riverside.

Cardon's work at USU focuses on training and assisting of county Extension agents on soil management issues, particularly soil fertility and salinity management. He also serves as the director of the USU Analytical Laboratories. Currently, his primary research is a project under the Utah Drought Initiative to inventory and map the extent and severity of soil and water salinity in the major river basins of Utah. In addition to his salinity management work, Cardon has several projects around the state looking at the use and management of newer formulations of fertilizers and various non-traditional soil fertility amendments in agricultural production.



GET TO KNOW OUR EXTENSION SPECIALIST ERIN HODGSON



Erin Hodgson is an entomology specialist in the Biology Department and is the secretary for the USU Extension Specialists Association. Her education includes bachelor's degrees in biology and botany, a master's degree in entomology from North Dakota State University and her doctorate degree in entomology from the University of Minnesota.

Hodgson is the co-director of the Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Laboratory. She has responsibilities for entomology education in field crops, turf grass, ornamentals and household problems. She said her target audiences include Extension agents, commercial growers, Master Gardeners, youth groups and various organizations that need continuing education. She also serves as a coordinator in the Utah Cooperative Agriculture Pest Survey Program.

Hodgson's main research interests include reducing pesticide usage, particularly developing Integrated Pest Management tactics for alfalfa hay and seed growers and in turf grass.

Hodgson is from Dickinson, North Dakota. She and her husband currently live in North Logan. She enjoys playing the mandolin, reading, making paper crafts, gardening, hiking, camping and crocheting. She also helps coach the USU Women's rugby club team.

GET TO KNOW OUR EXTENSION SPECIALIST PAT EVANS

Pat Evans has been with USU since 2004. She is an equine specialist in the Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Science Department and is the president for the USU Extension Specialist Association. Her education includes a bachelor's degree in animal science from North Carolina State University, a master's degree in reproduction from North Carolina State University, and a doctorate of education from Clemson University in career and technology education.

Evans has developed many equine programs across the state. Her focus is mainly adult education; she also offers youth events during the summer months. She developed the new four-year Equine Science and Management emphasis which began the fall of 2007. She is also working on the design of the new equine education center. Pat lives in North Logan. Currently, hiking with her two dogs is her favorite outdoor activity.



TAKE A LOOK AT RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in October 2008

[Strawberry Irrigation](#)

[Small Acreage Irrigation Management](#)

[Western Striped Cucumber Beetle, Western Spotted Cucumber Beetle](#)

[Onion Thrips](#)

[Strawberries in the Garden](#)

[Non-Irrigated Pasture Establishment and Maintenance](#)

Visit the USU Extension publication site by clicking [here](#).

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT EXTENSION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Professional positions within Utah State Extension are currently open and we would like your help in spreading the word. Below is a list of open positions. Please forward this list to anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

4-H Youth Programs

[Military 4-H Club Coordinator - Hill AFB](#)

[Coordinator, Utah 4-H Speak Out for Military Kids \(SOMK\)](#)

Northern Region

[Resident Services/Computer Lab Assistant - Davis County](#)

[4-H Community Club Coordinator - Salt Lake County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Academic Counselor - Tooele, UT](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Assistant Site Coordinator - Tooele, UT](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor and Horticulture Agent - Salt Lake County](#)

[Staff Assistant II - Salt Lake County](#)

Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

[Extension Educator - 4-H Mentoring - Utah County](#)

Southwest Region

[Staff Assistant - Washington County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Site Coordinator - Monroe](#)

[4-H Coordinator I](#)

[4-H Extension Intern - Beaver County](#)

[Utah Saves Program Assistant - Garfield County](#)

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