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UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Leadermete

April 10-12, 2008
Price, Utah
<http://utah4h.org/htm/events-registration/leadermete>

4-H Working Ranch Horse Clinic

April 17, 2008
Salina, Utah
utah4horse.org/htm/working-ranch-horse

State 4-H Ambassador Interviews

April 18-19, 2008
Provo, Utah

Nutrition for Your Horse

April 19, 2008
Park City, Utah
extension.usu.edu/equine

Small Acreage Clinic

April 22, 2008
Morgan, Utah
extension.usu.edu/smac

19th Annual 4-H Mock Legislature

April 22, 2008
State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City, Utah
utah4h.org/htm/events-registration/mock-legislature

2nd Annual Watershed Restoration Initiative/ UtahPCD

April 24, 2008
Ephraim, Utah

Horse Health Fair

April 25-26, 2008
Heber City, Utah
extension.usu.edu/equine

Keeping America Prepared Emergency Preparedness Conference

May 1-2, 2008
St. George, Utah
<https://extension.usu.edu/prepareamerica>

Green Infrastructure Workshop

May 5-9, 2008
Salt Lake City, Utah
www.wfrc.org

Northern Utah Marriage Conference

May 9, 2008
Ogden, Utah
www.utahmarriage.org

NEW 4-H HORSE PROGRAM BACK TO BASICS

The 4-H Horse Program has long been one of the major traditional club activities in the Utah 4-H Program. New ideas, events and activities continue to come along to build the program, and this is the case with the new 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program.



The Working Ranch Horse Program (WRH) is designed to reach out to youth who may not be interested in the traditional show ring 4-H horse activities with a less competitive, back-to-the-basics type of educational experience. It is also aimed at keeping older youth, especially boys, in 4-H beyond their early teen years.

The program promotes quiet, safe handling of horses and cattle and also promotes the continuation of the ranching lifestyle and horse use. Participants learn everything from roping and cattle handling skills to fence fixing and improved horsemanship.

Jim Keyes, Scott McKendrick and others on the State 4-H WRH Committee, have been orchestrating training clinics around the state and also regional and state gatherings where youth can exhibit their horsemanship, roping and cattle handling skills and 4-H WRH knowledge via a written test. Traditional Dutch-oven dinners, family fun and good sportsmanship have come together for a great new 4-H Horse Program experience and educational opportunity.

ALBRECHT HONORED FOR EXTENSION EFFORTS



Utah State University President Stan L. Albrecht was honored recently with a Regional Special Recognition Award at the Six County Economic Development District's Recognition Board Meeting March 5 in Bicknell. Each year, the Six County Economic Development District honors individuals and local businesses for extraordinary efforts in economic and community development in Central Utah. Counties included in the district are Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne.

According to Jody Gale, Utah State University Extension area agent for agricultural economic development, Albrecht was recognized particularly for his leadership and guidance in strengthening USU's partnership with Snow College in expanding degree programs offered to residents in rural Central Utah. Albrecht was also praised for the university's \$200 million dollar fund raising campaign and his commitment to bring Utah's land-grant university to all Utah citizens through degree-program expansions at regional campuses and educational programs offered by county Extension offices.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Chesley Christensen made the presentation to Albrecht, who was accompanied by his wife, Joyce.

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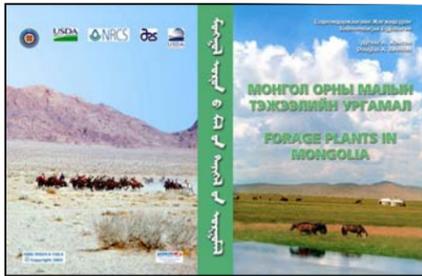
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USU AUTHOR TO ATTEND RANGELAND CONGRESS



Doug Johnson, plant physiologist and adjunct professor in the department of wildland resources and the department of plants, soils and climatology at Utah State

University, has been invited to present his work with forage seed collection at the International Grassland Congress/International Rangeland Congress this summer in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China. More than 2,000 attendees are expected to participate in the congress.

Johnson was on a team of U.S./Mongolian scientists who collected seeds of various forage plants in Mongolia during 1994, 1996 and 1998. These collection trips resulted in 1,374 forage collections being added to the gene banks of the United States and Mongolia.

"During these collection trips, we spawned the idea of writing a book describing the forage plants of Mongolia," said Johnson. "We received funding from the USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service to write the book. I traveled to Mongolia four more times to interact with the Mongolians on the book and to evaluate the various forage collections we made."

Johnson is second author of "Forage Plants in Mongolia," which describes the botanical details of more than 300 forage plant species present within the diverse flora of Mongolia. The text for the book, co-authored by S. Jigjidsuren of the Research Institute of Animal Husbandry, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, is written in both English and Mongolian. Color photographs or line drawings for most of the forage species are included. Local Mongolian plant names are also included in the book to help preserve traditional knowledge of Mongolian plants. "Forage Plants in Mongolia" is geared toward a wide range of readers including amateur and professional botanists, scientists, students, tourists and livestock herders.

"When the International Grassland Congress/International Rangeland Congress meetings have concluded in Inner Mongolia, a post-congress tour will visit Mongolia," said Johnson. "Because Inner Mongolia shares much of the same plant species as Mongolia, the book should be a helpful resource to those attending the congress or participating in the post-congress tour."

"Forage Plants in Mongolia" can be purchased through USU Extension at extension.publications@usu.edu or by phone at 435-797-2251. Cost is \$15 plus shipping.

USU SPECIALIST SELECTED FOR "HALL OF FAME" AWARD

Larry Sagers, Utah State University Extension horticultural specialist, was recently selected as the 2008 NACAA Western region "Hall of Fame" award recipient for his outstanding work as an agricultural agent.



His nomination is accompanied by three other agents, one from each of the four regions in the nation. These agents will compete at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) convention July 13-17 in Greensboro, N.C., for the highest award bestowed to the organization's members.

Sagers was nominated by James Barnhill, awards and recognition chair for the Utah Extension Agents Association. Sagers then completed an application and was notified by the regional vice chair from Arizona that he won the Western region. To be eligible for the award, the nominees must show leadership, association involvement and humanitarian activities beyond their Extension responsibilities. They must also have received the Distinguished Service Award, which Sagers did in 1994.

"Larry is an influential and innovative leader," said Greg Fowler, past president of the USU Advanced Master Gardeners at Thanksgiving Point. "He has an amazingly wide area of expertise. His vast knowledge of all things horticultural is an inspiration to his students. He keeps abreast of the most current gardening techniques and encourages us to do the same."

Sagers began his career with Extension in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in agronomy and horticulture from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in plant science from USU. Today he is the state Master Gardener coordinator at Thanksgiving Point and has trained 2,300-plus Master Gardeners and taught more than 5,000 horticulture classes to community members there and across the state. Sagers has been involved in many humanitarian efforts, including helping found a program to teach horticulture to volunteers in third-world countries.

In addition to these responsibilities, Sagers writes a weekly horticultural column for the Deseret News. He has hosted a garden show for 25 years on KSL Radio every Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. The show is America's longest-running garden show and highest-ranked weekend radio show in the Intermountain West. Sagers also continues to improve the Master Gardener Program and the classes that USU offers at Thanksgiving Point. He is also working on revising the Master Gardener manual and a Web site that will be launched soon.

RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in March 2008

- Desarrollando Fortalezas en la Familia Ensamblada
- Developing Strengths in Stepfamilies
- Feeding Camelina Sativa and Enhancing Omega-3 Fatty Acid Levels in Market-age Turkey Hens
- Lemon Balm in the Garden
- Watercress in the Garden
- Horehound in the Garden
- Orchard Irrigation: Apple
- Orchard Irrigation: Peach
- Orchard Irrigation: Cherry
- Caneberry Irrigation

EXTENSION IN THE NEWS

View recent articles written by or about Extension in March 2008

- Sour Over Milk Proposal
- Holistic Approach to Land Management Benefits Society and the Environment
- Bird Sighting
- USU Organic Farm Opening
- A Beautiful Lawn...From Mongolia

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 positions needing to be filled. Please forward this list to anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

4-H Youth Programs

- State 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Program Coordinator - Cache County

Northern Region

- 4-H Hill Air Force Base Summer Intern
- FCS/4-H Program Assistant
- Assistant Site Coordinator, YFP After-School - Rich County
- Davis County Resident Services Assistant at Mercy Housing

Southeastern Region

- Middle School After school Mentoring Coordinator

Southwestern Region

- Staff Assistant - Washington County
- 4-H Coordinator I
- Utah Saves Program Assistant - Garfield County

EXTENSION WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



Extension welcomes Ryan Beckstead as a technical support specialist.

Beckstead is originally from Idaho Falls, but currently lives in

Weston, with his wife, Angela Woodward. He has studied information technology at Idaho State University, the University of Idaho and Bridgerland Applied Technology Center. Before coming to Extension, he worked for West Side School District. On the job with Extension since November 2007, Beckstead offers computer technical support, but said he specializes in printers and also "dumb jokes!" He said he enjoys helping people and looks forward to helping Extension with computer needs.



Extension welcomes Dustin McKnight as a technical support specialist.

McKnight was born and raised in Cache Valley. He joined

Extension on November 5, 2007, after more than four years with Convergys in the customer service industry. He said he also "knows a thing or two about computers."

McKnight's responsibilities are to assist employees with any computer problems when they call the service desk.

He said, "I have really enjoyed working with Extension and getting to know all the good people that make up the 'Extension family.'"



Extension welcomes Sarah Drollette as the new Extension Educator/Economist.

Drollette will work with agricultural

producers around the state on risk management issues. She grew up in Vernal, Utah, and attended USU to receive a bachelor's of science degree in economics and a bachelor's of art in International studies. She then received master's degree in applied economics last December, specializing in community planning and economic development.

"I am excited for this opportunity to be a part of USU and to get to know and work with Extension agents across the state," she said.

If you have story ideas for the Extension newsletter, please e-mail them to Mike Whitesides
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