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SMALL ACREAGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Agriculture production ground continues to be divided into 1 to 5-plus acre parcels throughout Utah, and Utah State University Extension Small Acreage Educational Program provides resources and hands-on training for these new land owners.

"With all of the farming acreages around more metropolitan areas within Utah being carved up into small 'Ranchette' properties, there is a real need to help these non-agrarian land owners understand their responsibilities and how to make their 'dream property' come true," said Scott McKendrick, State-wide Small Acreage Programs Coordinator.

McKendrick manages the Small Acreage Team, which consists of 18 USU Extension field staff and specialists. The team hosts 2 to 4 regional workshops in Utah each year. The 2009 Small Acreage Workshops are headed to Emery/Carbon, Davis/Weber, and Iron counties. Topics discussed will include soil type, testing, and fertility; irrigation; water quality and quantity; controlling insects and weeds; pasture management; wildlife enhancement and more.

For more information about the program and the most recent information about the 2009 workshops, visit <https://extension.usu.edu/smac/>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8-9
Intermountain Beef Workshop—Logan

January 19-21
Utah State Horticultural Association Convention—Provo
<http://www.utahhort.org/>

January 20-21
Beehive Master Beef Manager Workshop—Beaver

January 20-March 3; Tuesdays
Small Acreage Workshops—Heber

January 26-28
Utah Green Industry Conference & Trade

ARTICLE ENCOURAGES YOUTH PARTICIPATION

The Journal of Youth Development pub-



The Journal of Youth Development published an article in the fall of 2008, written by two Extension faculty and a research assistant, about how Latino youths can be better served in the community and Extension programs.

The article is titled "Latino Youth Participation in Community Programs" and was written by Linda Skogrand, Extension family life specialist (pictured), Kathleen Riggs, Iron County family and consumer sciences Extension agent, and Stacey Huffaker, research assistant.

"Latino children were more likely to participate in activities which they enjoyed, activities that made them productive and kept them out of trouble, activities that helped them gain skills that would benefit their future, and activities that involved the entire family," Skogrand said. "These findings can provide guidance for other Extension faculty as they provide programming to Latino youth."

Supported by the National 4-H Leadership Trust, the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents created the online journal in 2006 to bridge applied research and practice of the development of school-aged youth. For more information about the journal or to read the article, register at the Web site, <http://www.nae4ha.org/directory/jyd/index.html>.

Show—Sandy
<http://www.utahgreen.org/>

January 29-30
2009 Utah Hay and Forage Symposium—St. George

January 29-30
Ag Outlook Conference
<http://www.uba.org/cde.cfm?event=239352>

January
Utah Berry Growers Assoc. Convention

January-March
Wasatch/Summitt Beehive Master Beef Managers Program

2009 SHEEP AND GOAT EDUCATION DAY SCHEDULED

The 2009 Sheep & Goat Education Day will be held at the Deseret Peak Livestock Facility in Tooele on Feb. 28, 2009.

The annual event is sponsored by Utah Wool Growers Association, the Mountain States Meat Goat Association, and Utah State University Cooperative Extension. Participants will learn from notable experts in sheep, goat and wool areas. For more information, contact C. Kim Chapman, Extension Sheep Specialist, at kim.chapman@usu.edu or visit the Web site at <http://extension.usu.edu/sheepandgoat2009/>.



SMART STEPS PROGRAM ENHANCES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS



Brian Higginbotham, USU Extension Specialist, directs the *Smart Steps: Embrace the Journey* program in Utah. The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues recently published an article regarding Utah's stepfamily education project in the Winter 2008 volume.

The program, which was started in 2006, is an innovative teaching tool to enhance relationship skills in remarriages and stepfamilies. As part of the program, families participate in activities to learn skills that will enhance their relationships. These activities help families put those skills into

practice (pictured are Luis Lara, Osmar Lara, Teresa Vivanco, Maria Rosario Flores and Daniela Rodriguez communicating how to move).

"Stepfamilies are now receiving relationship education tailored to their specific needs," said Higginbotham. "In addition to increasing commitment and decreasing relationship instability in these families, our work in Utah is establishing best practices for the field of stepfamily education."

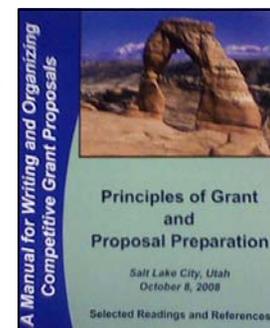
To read the article, visit <http://ncsu.edu/fcci/publications/2008/v13-n3-2008-winter/higginbotham-adler.php>.

PURCHASE GRANT WRITING MANUAL FROM USU EXTENSION

USU Extension is selling manuals for \$35 that teach how to write winning grants and proposals.

The authors of "The Manual for Writing and Organizing Competitive Grant Proposals," Thomas A. Fretz and H. Michael Harrington, have presented grant writing workshops to more than 1,500 scientists and Extension professionals over the last three years, including the Western Region Grantsmanship Workshop held in October 2008 in Salt Lake City.

For more information or to purchase a manual, contact USU Extension Executive Director of Marketing Scott Boyer at scottb@ext.usu.edu.



TAKE A LOOK AT RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in December 2008

[Embryology: Life in Twenty-one Days](#)

[Vegetable Exhibits at Fairs and Shows](#)

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.

Northern Region

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

Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

Southwest Region

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

[Assistant Site Coordinator, YFP Community Program - Iron County](#)

[Mentoring Program Assistant Site Coordinator - Sevier County](#)

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