

# Extension News

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## EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS NOW SEARCHABLE BY GOOGLE



The Extension publications Web site is now powered by the long-awaited Google search engine. This will enhance search capabilities by indexing all publications. Currently, program leaders are assisting in updating fact sheets, newsletters and publications so all content on the Web site is current and old publication are archived.

This project will continue through the summer.

All are encouraged to try out the new search bar at [extension.usu.edu/publications](http://extension.usu.edu/publications).

## AGENTS NOW HOLD CONFERENCE CALLS FREE

Nedra Christensen, Extension nutrition specialist, and several county agents, with help from consultant James Hess, held a conference call on June 17 using Skype conferencing between computers at no charge.

Skype has no long distance charges, but it does require you to be at your computer using the headset and microphones. However, the previous method, Bridge, would cost \$100 or more.

"Skype is a good method to continue our conversations after our conference call money runs out," said Christensen. "We made progress in our abilities today and would like those not in attendance to get an account and share it with others."

To get an account, go to [Skype.com](http://Skype.com) and download the free computer to computer software. Christensen said when agents sign up for an account, she recommends they experiment with the new program by calling her, Margie Memmott, Carolyn Washburn, Siew Sun Wong, Trudy Hess, Kathleen Riggs, Margaret Hopkin or Clint Albrecht. The next conference call will be Sept. 9 at 9 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**All-Utah Junior Dairy Show**  
July 8-9 - Wasatch County Fairgrounds

**4-H State Contests**  
July 14-16 - Logan,  
[utah4h.org/html/events-registration/statecontests](http://utah4h.org/html/events-registration/statecontests)

**Farm Bureau Mid-Year Convention**  
July 17-18 - Park City  
[utfb.fb.org/Website/CalendarofEvents.html](http://utfb.fb.org/Website/CalendarofEvents.html)

**State of Extension Webcast**  
July 28 - Logan

**Governor's Office of Economic Development Webcast**  
July 28  
[goed.utah.gov/](http://goed.utah.gov/)

**Rural Health Association of Utah**  
August - Cedar City  
[rhau.org/Index.htm](http://rhau.org/Index.htm)

## AGENTS TRAINED ON NEW RAINFALL SIMULATOR AT FIELD DAY

The Annual Utah Conservation Field Day was held June 19 in Brigham City.

The agriculture and 4-H agents who attended the conference were trained how to use a new rainfall simulator. The simulator demonstrates the effects of soil erosion on different soil types and ground covers and is different from the models seen in the past, said Lyle Holmgren, Box Elder County Extension agent.

Natural Resource Conservation District/Utah Association of Conservation Districts and USU Extension in Box Elder County purchased the model. Holmgren said they hope it will be used around the state in the future.

## GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN SALT LAKE CITY



The Western Region CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop and Writing Winning Grants will be held on Oct. 7-8 at the Marriott in Salt Lake City.

The grantsmanship workshop is designed to help grant writers improve their overall success and to highlight the competitive programs in USDA-CSREES NRI. Workshop topics will feature where to look for funds, principles of grant writing, organizing integrated proposals, developing the grant budget, ethics in grant writing and common short-comings in the grant application.

The registration fee is due before Sept. 15. For students and one day registration, the fee is \$250. For both days, it is \$350.

The event is co-sponsored by USU Extension, the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors and USDA-CSREES.

For information on registration, hotels and the program agenda, visit [extension.usu.edu/grantsmanship/](http://extension.usu.edu/grantsmanship/) or call 1-800-563-2663 or 435-797-0423.

## COUNTY DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST UNDERWAY

Extension marketing is pleased to announce an upcoming county digital photo contest this summer. Pictures are to reflect the uniqueness of each of Utah's 29 counties. Ideas include landscape, architecture, historic landmarks, people, recreation, and/or Extension activities.

Selected photos will be published in 2009 Extension publications and on Extension County Web sites. Submissions are open to Extension employees and the public, limited to three per person. Watch for more contest details to be provided in the near future.

## EXTENSION VICE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS PROMOTION AND TENURE

On June 30, Extension marketing hosted the Webcast presentation "P&T for New Agents and Their Chairs" by Noelle Cockett, vice president for Extension and agriculture.

Cockett explained USU Policy 405, the process for tenure and promotion, from the day of hire to the final pre-tenure year. She said that employees must create a role statement when initially hired and then are assigned promotion and tenure committee members that review their performance each year. Cockett described the final packet or portfolio an employee must compile when requesting tenure. The employee's impacts and outcomes, documentation of their research, teaching and/or service assignments were just some of a comprehensive list of documentation that she said must be included.



Extension regional directors are also developing a guideline for pre-tenure faculty for reference. To view the Breeze presentation, single-click on the following link: <https://breeze.usu.edu/p90009918/>.

## ROUECHE AND HOUSE PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL COUNCIL

Joanne Roueche, family and consumer science Extension agent in Davis County, and Ann House, Extension regional agent over the USU Debt Education Program and statewide coordinator for Utah Saves, were invited to Washington D.C., to participate in the Compassion in Action Roundtable on Financial Literacy on June 18.

"The purpose of the President's Council on Financial Literacy is to promote and enhance financial literacy among the American people," said Roueche. "The Roundtable, co-hosted by this council, brought together many federal, state and local partners to discuss financial issues facing the American people."

While there, House presented on the Utah Saves Campaign at the America Saves National Forum. Roueche accompanied her to network with individuals coordinating Military Saves, a national program that they brought to Utah.

Jane Schuchardt, who is a partner with Consumer Federation of America and attended the America Saves National Forum, submitted their names to be considered as attendees of the President's Council on Financial Literacy and a reception that followed with the president.

The roundtable was attended by financial giants, such as Charles Schwab, chairman for the President's Council on Financial Literacy; and Anna Escobedo Cabral, treasurer of the United States.

## EXTENSION WELCOMES ANITA RADDATZ



Anita Raddatz joins Utah State University Extension in Sanpete County as the family and consumer science/4-H agent. She comes to Utah from Washington State University Extension, where she served as the 4-H coordinator in Spokane County for nine years. Most recently, Raddatz served as a Horizons Community Coach for five rural communities in eastern Washington and also the Washington State Horizons blog coordinator for 22 communities.

Raddatz comes to us with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in public administration. She and her husband, William, have three daughters and are making their home in Ephraim.

## EXTENSION IN THE NEWS

### View recent articles written by or about Extension in June 2008

[Web site offers tips on codling moth](#)

[Researcher studies injuries caused by horses](#)

[Outdoor cooking - it's in the bag](#)

[Magna Fitness and Recreation Center, bringing more to the community](#)

[Provo woman looks to help families garden to beat soaring food prices](#)

## TAKE A LOOK AT RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in June 2008

[Housing Backyard Chickens](#)

[Understanding Your Soil Test Report](#)

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 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

[Staff Assistant II - Farmington](#)

[Assistant Site Coordinator, YFP After-School -Rich County](#)

[Davis County Resident Services Assistant at Mercy Housing](#)

### Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

### Southwest Region

[Staff Assistant - Washington County](#)

[Site Coordinator, YFP After-School - Iron County](#)

[Iron County Water Wise Landscape Extension Educator](#)

[4-H After-school Site Coordinator - Richfield](#)

[4-H After-school Site Coordinator - Monroe](#)

[4-H Coordinator I](#)

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

[Staff Assistant II or Staff Assistant III - Millard County](#)

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