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Welcome

Welcome back to *NACDEP Newsbites!* We are pleased to bring you the fourth issue of NACDEP Newsbites, our bi-annual newsletter aimed at keeping you informed about NACDEP matters and Community Development Extension activities around your region and around the country.

Message from the President



Greetings NACDEP members! I hope you are all having a productive year. I am excited to be serving as your association President this year. Our organization is growing and offers great opportunity for those of us in the Extension family who are focused on community development issues and education.

I also want to extend congratulations and a hearty welcome to Ed Jones, our President Elect. I look forward to working with Ed in the coming year. Having served with Ed in other capacities, I know he will be a great asset to NACDEP.

I would like to commend our NACDEP leadership, which is hard at work. I appreciate the Board members, the Regional Representatives, and the Committee Chairs. The Recognition Committee (led by Louise Franck Cyr, Kay Lynn Tettleton, and Cindy Bigger) has provided opportunities for your successful community development programs to be acknowledged.

The Member Services Committee, led by Michelle Eley and Cynthia Pilcher, is working on activities and events to be available during the Galaxy Conference. Other issues the Board is working on include drafting a more detailed policy/operations manual for our young organization, exploring potential relationships with other organizations and groups, and identifying strategic directions for NACDEP in the coming years.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to Connie Wagner, NACDEP's Association Manager, for the great job she is doing. Connie brings a professional and responsive touch to her position. Thank you, Connie!

- Mike Woods, NACDEP President

NACDEP Awards Nominations

This is a gentle reminder that NACDEP award nominations are due by March 15, 2008. Outstanding community development work deserves to be recognized! So please consider nominating NACDEP members for the following categories:

- Specialty Awards (Individual/Team): Diversity, Educational Technology, Excellence in Teamwork and Excellence in Community Development Programming
- Communicator Awards (Individual/Team): Media Presentation, Educational Package, and Educational Piece
- Service Awards: Distinguished Service Award (one per state), and Distinguished National Service Award

Award winners will be recognized during the NACDEP Business Meeting held as a part of the Galaxy Conference (September 15-19, 2008) in Indianapolis, Indiana. Award information and nomination forms are available on our NACDEP website. Please submit nominations to Cindy Bigger at cbigger@umn.edu. If you have questions about the awards or the application process, please contact Kay Lynn Tettelton at ktettelton@agcenter.lsu.edu, Louise Franck Cyr at lcyr@umext.maine.edu or Cindy Bigger at cbigger@umn.edu

Award Nominations Form: <http://nacdep.net/Recognition/awards.htm>

NACDEP to meet at Galaxy III



The Galaxy Conference will be held in Indianapolis on September 15-19, 2008. The theme for Galaxy is "Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity, and Unique Qualities". This is a great opportunity for Extension professionals from all program areas to meet and learn together. This year, NACDEP is proud to hold its Annual Conference as a part of Galaxy. We will have our Business Meeting during the Galaxy Conference, and three sessions focused on community development topics have been organized by NACDEP. In addition, a large number of NACDEP members have submitted papers for presentation during the conference. Thanks to Gae Broadwater and other NACDEP members for serving on the Galaxy planning committee and representing NACDEP in this important effort. To learn more about the conference, or to register, go to the following link: www.ces.purdue.edu/galaxy. The following is a preview of the NACDEP-sponsored educational sessions:

- The Tourism Connection: Contributing to Sustainable Community Development in the 21st Century
- Stirring the Melting Pot: Local Responses to Immigration
- Creating, Building, and Sustaining a Thriving Rural Community

Also, we are looking for **volunteers** to represent NACDEP at Galaxy III for the following:

- First-Timers Reception - Meet and greet Extension colleagues who are attending a Galaxy conference for the first time (Monday - September 15, 2008, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.).
- Life Members / Retirees Orientation - Meet and greet Extension colleagues who continue to enjoy these special occasions (Monday - September 15, 2008, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.).
- ESP Live & Silent Auction - A fundraising event for all of the professional associations to contribute to and benefit from. Volunteers are needed to assist with onsite management of this event (Wednesday - September 16, 2008, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. -- does not require that you volunteer the entire 3.5 hrs).
- Galaxy Photographers - Use your digital camera for a half day to capture the sites, events, activities, and people that are the uniqueness of Galaxy III. Download your photos at the Cyber Café to be included in a conference summary slide show (Any half day time slot throughout the conference until Thursday afternoon).

Members wanting to volunteer for any of these events should contact: Louis Bassano - University of Maine, lbassano@umext.maine.edu

www.ces.purdue.edu/galaxy

Renew Your NACDEP Membership!



Don't forget that it is time to renew your NACDEP membership! Dues for 2008 are \$50 and can be paid by check, purchase order, invoice or secure credit card. Please visit the NACDEP website for a membership form or to pay your dues on-line. The NACDEP membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. New members are accepted throughout the year, although those joining after October 1st are given membership through the end of the following calendar year. Also, note that NACDEP is a 501c(3) corporation and dues are fully tax deductible!

To become a member, or renew your membership on-line, click on the following link:
<https://www.nacdep.net/Membership/JoinRenew.aspx>

Regional News

Western Region Highlights: *Don Albrecht to head the Western Rural Development Center* - Utah State University Extension has named Don Albrecht as Director of the Western Rural Development Center. He will be replacing John C. Allen who left the position after more than three years to pursue a full-time faculty position with USU. Albrecht, who is already filling the position part-time, will assume the position full-time starting on July 1, 2008. In his previous position, he was associate department head in the department of recreation, park and tourism sciences, and program leader of the Rural Sociology and Community Studies Program at Texas A&M University. Noelle Cockett, vice president for Extension and agriculture at USU, said Albrecht's background in rural sociology and his awareness of issues facing rural communities in the western United States will allow the Western Rural Development Center to continue providing timely and relevant programs. Welcome aboard, Don! We look forward to collaborating with you!

For more information about Extension's community development activities or other NACDEP-related news in the Western Region, contact your Regional NACDEP Representative, Lorie Higgins (higgins@uidaho.edu).

Southern Region Highlights: *Newest eXtension Site Focuses on Entrepreneurs and their Communities* - Thanks to the efforts of Bo Beaulieu of the Southern Rural Development Center and Extension partners around the country, eXtension launched the "Entrepreneurs and Their Communities" website at <http://www.extension.org/entrepreneurship>. This website serves as an additional resource that communities, local business owners, and assistance providers can depend upon for unbiased information on a variety of business-related topics. Like all other websites launched as part of eXtension, the "Entrepreneurs and Their Communities" site is populated with various frequently asked questions (FAQs) responding to the most common set of questions that users are likely to ask. It also offers users the opportunity to submit questions not addressed in the FAQ system, inquiries that will be answered by land-grant university personnel with expertise in these specific topical areas. Those interested in recommending improvements or additions to the site are urged to submit their recommendations to Bo Beaulieu at ljb@srdc.msstate.edu. Over the next few months, the eXtension entrepreneurship team will be adding a number of products to the website, including:

- A synopsis of state and local policies enacted to spur and support entrepreneurship
- Learning lessons offering a variety of self-paced educational programs
- Various case studies on innovative ways communities nationwide have designed and launched local entrepreneurship-friendly programs

For more information about Extension community development activities in the South, please contact Cynthia Pilcher (CPilcher@agcenter.lsu.edu), Southern NACDEP Regional Representative.

Northeast Region Highlights: *Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium* - The Northeast Center will be sponsoring a Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium from June 4-6, 2008 in State College, PA. As part of this effort, a core group of individuals will review existing programs and work on a potential grant proposal. To attend the symposium, please contact the Northeast Center via e-mail at nercrd@psu.edu

New Research on Small Farm Clusters! - "Small Farm Clusters and Pathways to Rural Community Sustainability" by Kathryn J. Brasier, Stephan Goetz, Lindsay A. Smith, Molly Ames, Joanna Green, Tim Kelsey, Anu Rangarajan, and Walt Whitmer was published by the Journal of the Community Development Society, 38, 3 (Fall 2007): 8-22

Northeast Promotes Local Foods - A working group has formed to address the subject of Local Foods in the Northeast. The group plans to develop a web portal to provide resources and information to communities and regions re local foods and research-based best practices to strengthen the sector. For further information about this working group, e-mail Pam Hileman (nercrd@psu.edu). To learn more about these and other Extension community development activities in the Northeast, please contact Charlie French (charlie.french@unh.edu), Northeast NACDEP Regional Representative.

North Central Region Highlights: *Meeting in Western Pennsylvania to address collaborative learning across a spectrum of topics* - In the spirit of collaboration that pervades the North Central Region, Ohio State University Extension Community Development along with its colleagues from West Virginia and Pennsylvania will be holding a meeting in western Pennsylvania on April 1-3. The purpose of the meeting is to focus on collaborative learning and potential joint team efforts around work force, tourism, and entrepreneurship development, community-based Ag development, leadership, strategic planning, and local government. Finally, the joint effort will focus on how to best work on programming across the three state lines. To learn more about this and other Extension's community development activities in the North Central Region, please contact David Civittolo (civittolo.1@osu.edu), the North Central Region's Representative to NACDEP.

Highlights from the 1890 Institutions: *Prairie View Cooperative Extension Hosts First Finance and Housing Fair* On January 31, 2008, the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A & M University held its first annual Finance and Housing Fair. Approximately forty individuals from the Waller County community attended the event, which had a variety of workshops emphasizing home ownership, mortgage lending, home buyer programs, the housing industry, building wealth, saving, investing, and financial planning. Workshop presenters included ACCION Texas, South East Texas Housing and Finance, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Primerica Financial Services, AXA Financial, and Wells Fargo Bank. The Community and Economic Development unit will post sound clips and presentation materials of the presenters on the Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program website in the coming weeks. For more information please visit <http://pvcep.pvamu.edu/> or contact Jimmy Henry, Economic Development Field Counselor at 936-261-5115 for information on upcoming Economic Development events or to participate in a featured workshop.

Rural East Texans Benefit from Interstate Community Development Training - Eleven members of a small East Texas town known as Jefferson receive community development training, through a collaborative effort with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University and University of Wisconsin-Extension, Center for Community and Economic Development. The program brings ten months of training to rural residents on the second Friday of each month and it has helped to join concerned local citizens with community development educators and professionals to discuss how they can best position their community to succeed in the 21st century economy. There is time for more communities to join this program. The sessions are adaptable to new members and they can select sessions they need if they are unable to be involved in the total program. The sessions are also designed to address contemporary community development issues. The example of topics covered include: "Attraction Strategies- Recruiting the Right Things" and "Supporting Existing Businesses - The Case for Downtown Business Development." Other sessions may be inquired about by contacting: Andrea Rush, at andrea.rush@uwex.edu or UW-Extension. The program is also supported by the county AGR Life Extension Office, JEDCO, (the local economic development group) and local citizens.

To learn more about these and other community development activities in the 1890 Region, please contact Michelle Eley (mleley@ncat.edu), the 1890 Region's Representative to NACDEP.

Other Items

Marketing Value-added Products: Where do I sell all this stuff? (Webinar Workshop): Are you considering adding a value-added product to your agricultural business? Want to learn what makes one value-added product a cash generator and another product a money pit? Join eXtension's Entrepreneurs and Their Communities team for an online workshop on Wednesday, March 26 from 1:30-2:30 (EST). Our topic will be Marketing Value-added Products: Where do I sell all this stuff? Our presenter for this session will be Ginger S. Myers, Regional Extension Marketing Specialist with Maryland Cooperative Extension.

No pre-registration is required for these sessions and there is no fee to participate. About 10 minutes prior to the start time simply go the Adobe Connect Pro meeting room at <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/ecop/> You will be presented with a login screen that has an "Enter as Guest" option. Enter your first name, last name and state, then click "Enter Room" to join the conference. To hear the audio of the workshop and participate in the Q&A portion of the workshop we will be using a built-in teleconferencing capability of Adobe's Connect Pro conferencing software. Once you log into the meeting you will be presented with the option to enter your call-back number, your phone will automatically be called. After entering your number you will be automatically called and joined into the audio portion of the Web conference on your phone.

Welcoming Entrepreneurs to Your Community (Webinar Workshop): On Wednesday, April 23 at 1:30pm (EST) the eXtension Entrepreneurs & Their Communities webinar topic will be Welcoming Entrepreneurs to Your Community. Communities of all sizes are starting to recognize the value of home-grown businesses as a vital part of economic development. So how can Extension, local officials, and community and economic development professionals help create a climate where entrepreneurs feel welcome and supported? Co-facilitators Greg Wise, UW Extension and Charlie French, UNH Cooperative Extension will share tips and tools that communities can implement to encourage entrepreneurship as an economic development strategy. To participate in this meeting, go to the following link and follow the instructions from the above-mentioned workshop: <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/ecop/>

Life Member/Retirees Track at the 2008 Galaxy III Conference. The Epsilon Sigma Phi Professional Development Committee invites all members of JCEP organizations to submit proposals for Life Member/Retiree Track Concurrent Sessions to be presented at the 2008 Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis, IN from September 14 - 18, 2008. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2008. The theme for this year's conference is "Celebrating the Extension System:

Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities". Issues being addressed at this year's conference include:

- Marketing Extension
- Advocacy - For Extension and the Extension Professional
- Professional Development and Capacity Building
- Fund Development
- Balancing work, family and personal time

For more information about submitting proposals for the Life Member/Retiree Tract sessions, please contact Susan Hansen with the University of Nebraska Extension at shansen@unlnotes.unl.edu

JCEP Regional Workshops: JCEP Regional Leadership Meetings were held this month. The Southern and Northeast Regions held a joint meeting from February 5-7, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The Western and North Central Regions held their meeting from February 20-22, 2008 in San Diego, California. The following are next year's meetings:

- Southern and Northeast Region: Orlando, FL - Feb 10 -12, 2009
- North Central and Western Region: San Diego, CA - Feb 18-20, 2009

For more information about JCEP workshops, please go to the following web link: <http://jcep.org/workshops.htm>

The 2008 Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference: The 2008 PILD Conference is scheduled for April 28-30, 2008 in Arlington, VA. This is the premier legislative conference for Extension professionals and volunteers. Please note the [letter of invitation](#) from Carol Schlitt, current President of JCEP. There is also a [flyer](#) for the PILD Conference that is posted to our website. This is a great opportunity for NACDEP members to learn more about our federal legislative process and to interact with federal decision makers. Please consider attending if your schedule permits.

More information about the PILD Conference can be found at: <http://www.jcep.org/pild.htm>

Purchase your NACDEP Logo Merchandise Now! You can purchase shirts, bags, and other items with NACDEP's logo on it by going to the following link: <http://www.at-industries.com/index.cfm?event=pageview&contentid=152>

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Sincerely,

Leadership Committee
National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals