Personnel Notes
October 2015

Colorado State University Extension

Sympathy to . . .
Cindy Nosko (Weld County). Cindy's father passed away on September 28. Cards and condolences may be sent to Cindy and her family at 708 44th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634.

The family of ***Donna Newton.*** Donna died suddenly at her home in Greeley on September 3. Donna worked in the State Extension Administration office for approximately 10 years. A celebration of Donna's life was held on September 25 at the Island Grove Bunkhouse in Greeley.

The family of ***Bill Jackson.*** Bill Jackson, former Ag editor for the Greeley Tribune, and lifelong friend of Extension and 4-H, passed away on September 27. We will send funeral service information when it becomes available.

Congratulations to . . .
Anthony and ***Angie Asmus*** on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Jane, born on September 16. Rowan weighed 6.11 lbs. Angie is working in Academic Computing and Networking Services on campus.

AWARD DOLLARS RECEIVED

Notification of awards received is taken monthly from a CSU Sponsored Programs report. If you are the recipient(s) of an award(s) that did not go through Sponsored Programs, please email Lori Bates at lori.bates@colostate.edu, and provide her the information so we can recognize your success.

Investigators	Sponsor	Title	Award Date	Amount
Jan Carroll (Primary PI); David MacPhee; Janet Miller-Heyl	USDA-NIFA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture	CYFAR-Family Leadership Training Institute	9/18/2015	$135,000
Joel Schneekloth (Primary PI); Allan Andales	USDA-RMA-Risk Management Agency	Update of Consumptive Use Tables for Crops	9/2/2015	$3,300
Susan Carter (Primary PI)	DOI-BLM-Bureau of Land Management	The Ute Learning Garden	9/18/2015	$16,000
Susan Carter (Primary PI)	DOI-BLM-Bureau of Land Management	The Ute Learning Garden	9/3/2015	$10,500
				$164,800

PERSONNEL UPDATE

As of 10/5/2015
Judith Barth, Director of Operations

The Personnel Directory will be updated as of October 5, 2015. If you are interested in a hard copy of the Directory click on: http://www.ext.colostate.edu/cedirectory/ Then click on "Printable Personnel Directory."

Be sure to check out our new colleagues on the last page of this newsletter.

FRONT RANGE REGION – JoAnn Powell

Broomfield County
Extension Horticulture Associate, half-time
The position is under review.

Douglas County
County Director, #18-15
The search committee is reviewing the applications. Interviews are scheduled for November 5 & 6.

El Paso County
Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences
This new position is under review.

Gilpin County
Extension Program Associate, half-time
This new position is under review.

Jefferson County
Extension Colorado Master Gardener & Plant Clinic Coordinator, #17-15, half-time
Marie Hackbarth has accepted this position effective October 1. She was previously employed as a systems engineer for AT&T/Lucent. She earned her B.S. in biology from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana and her M.S. in systems engineering at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. Marie is a Colorado Master Gardener.

PEAKS AND PLAINS REGION – Bill Nobles

Peaks and Plains Region
Regional Extension Specialist (Range and Natural Resources), #20-15
The position is being advertised with a deadline on October 20.

Pueblo County
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Ann Casey resigned effective August 26. This position is under review.

Golden Plains Area
Area Extension Agent (Sedgwick County), Agronomy
Brian Talamantes has accepted this position which he left in 2014 to pursue his master's degree in agriculture at Colorado State University. He will start effective October 15. Welcome back Brian.

Southeast Area

Area Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Crowley and Otero Counties, #16-15
This search has failed to result in a hire. It is under review.

Area Extension Agent, Agronomy/Cropping Systems, Prowers County
This position will be vacated when Wilma Trujillo leaves October 31 for her new position in Logan County.

WESTERN REGION – C. J. Mucklow

Garfield County

Extension Agent (Ag/Natural Resources), #22-15
The position is being advertised with a deadline on October 8.

San Miguel/Montrose

Area Extension Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development, .4 FTE
Cally Anderson is resigning effective October 28. This position is under review.

Regional Extension Specialist (Range), #21-15
Based in Mesa County, this new position is being advertised with a deadline for October 20.

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

CSU Campus

Extension Coordinator, Network Systems Administrator, Technology Unit
Jan Behunek accepted this position effective October 1. Jan came out of retirement to fill this position as a non-student hourly, while a search was performed for a replacement for Angie Asmus. Jan has worked previously for CSU as a departmental IT professional. Jan earned a B.S. in meteorology at Pennsylvania State University and his M.S. in atmospheric science at Colorado State University.

Director Budgets and Finance, #TBD
Director Jessica Fuentes has accepted the position of Executive Director of Budgets and Finance with the College of Agricultural Sciences effective October 12. This position is under review.

All items for **CSU Extension Personnel Notes** should be sent to Lori Bates at Lori.Bates@colostate.edu.

New Staff

An introduction to a new co-worker

Name: Angela Engel

Title: Alumni Coordinator
Family Leadership Training Institute

Location: Denver, CO

Date of Hire: September 2015

Personal Information: Mother of two daughters, Grace (18) and Sophie (16). Angela has spent 25 years in education and leadership development. Her clients include government, non-profit, and business organizations focused on empowerment and engagement.

Job Experience: Before being selected as the Family Leadership Training Institute, FLTI, Alumni Coordinator, Angela developed the Colorado State Capitol model and continues to train facilitators as a Master Trainer.

Education:

1993 B. A. Communications at the University of Denver
2004 Master of Arts Curriculum Colorado University Denver

Name: Brittany Bowman

Title: Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
Agriculture & Natural Resources

Location: Kiowa County

Date of Hire: August 2015

Personal Information: I was born and raised in San Antonio, TX. I decided it was time for a new adventure and landed in Colorado! I grew up around livestock and was an active member of the FFA where I showed swine and cattle. I was also a 4-H volunteer, and loved every second of it. I love animals, traveling, crafting, and anything outdoors!

Job Experience: Prior to working for Colorado Extension, I was involved in the veterinary medical field for over seven years, working on large and small animals. Most recently I worked as a veterinary technician in an animal hospital.

Education:

2014 B.S. Agriculture Leadership & Development, Emphasis: Animal Science at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Name: Melinda Macpherson

Title: Program Manager of CSU Extension 4-H STEM AmeriCorps Program

Location: State Administrative Office

Date of Hire: July 2015

Personal Information: I've lived most of my life in Colorado and have been in Fort Collins for about 13 years. I love being outside – watching wildlife and birds, camping, fly fishing, and growing vegetables. I'm a dyed in the wool knitter. I'm always excited about new adventures with my Australian Shepard Bliss and I'm a huge ice hockey fan.

Job Experience: Prior to joining CSU Extension, I was the AmeriCorps Program Manager at the United Way of Larimer County. I have a background working in the hospitality industry, including a stint working at the hotels in Yellowstone National Park, and the human services field.

Education:

1996 B.A. Psychology at Reed College, Portland OR
2004 M.Ed. in Education & Human Resources, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

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Name: Mari Hackbarth

Title: Colorado Master Gardener & Plant Clinic Coordinator

Location: Jefferson County

Date of Hire: October 2015

Personal Information: I grew up in Tucson, Arizona and moved to Colorado in 1994. I enjoy gardening, biking/hiking, knitting, music and spending time with my husband, two daughters and black lab.

Job Experience: Prior to working in Colorado Extension, I volunteered as a Master Gardener and Plant Diagnostician following employment as a Systems Engineer for AT&T/Lucent and early work as a medical technologist.

Education:

1976 B.S. Biology, Minor Chemistry; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN
1988 M.S. Systems Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ

Name: Travis Taylor

Title: Extension Agent & Director

Location: Lincoln County

Date of Hire: October 2015

Personal Information: I was raised on a family ranch in Karval, Colorado on the southern end of Lincoln County. My wife, daughter, and I raise cattle and Boer goats near Limon. I enjoy livestock evaluation, dancing, and coaching basketball.

Job Experience: Prior to Working for Colorado Extension I was an Ag Education/FFA Instructor at Karval Schools. Previously I worked for Wyoming Extension and the UW Animal Science Department as an Extension 4-H Youth Livestock Specialist and Collegiate Judging Coach.

Education:

1990 AA Degree in Ag Business from Northeastern Jr. College
1992 BS in Agriculture Business from Colorado State University
1999 MS in Animal Science Production from University of Wyoming

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Name: Holley Petrick

Title: Extension Program Coordinator

Location: Jefferson County

Date of Hire: February 2015

Personal Information: Originally from South Bend, Indiana, I moved to Colorado 10 years ago and absolutely love it. I am passionate about climbing the 14-ers and enjoy hiking, biking, running and my husband and I enjoy traveling. I enjoy gardening, canning, cooking, reading and being outdoors. I also volunteer as the Editor of the Jefferson Park United Neighbors Newsletter.

Job Experience: I have worked as a journalist at Channel 9 in Cincinnati, did fund raising for United Way, held a position at Xavier University raising money for scholarships, I held a teaching position at Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, CO, and most recently I worked at Colfax Elementary with Denver Public Schools on a grant for underprivileged elementary children.

Education:

2000 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from Franklin College, Franklin, IN
2005 Master of Arts Degree in Theology from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Name: Nicole Covington

Title: 4-H Program Associate

Location: Montrose County

Date of Hire: November 2014

Personal Information: I was raised in Montrose, Colorado on a cattle ranch and sod farm. My upbringing helped me to be part of the 4-H community, as well as having an interest in agriculture. After high school I had the opportunity to attend Colorado State University and study Environmental Horticulture. I graduated in 2011 with my degree and decided to move back to the western slope and take a position in the Montrose County Extension office where I now am a 4-H Program Associate!

Job Experience: Prior to working as a 4-H Program Associate in the Tri-River Area I worked for Montrose County as the Administrative Assistant for the 4-H Program.

Education:

2011 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Horticulture, Concentration in Landscape Design and Contracting, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Name: Blake Osborn

Title: Extension Regional Water Specialist

Location: Arkansas and Rio Grande River Basins

Date of Hire: May 2015

Personal Information: As a native of Fremont County, you won't find me too far from the mountains or a fishing stream. Over the years I have worked for non-profit, government, and academic programs addressing water issues throughout the country. I enjoy packing through the backcountry with my wife and two dogs and exploring the many creeks and rivers of Colorado.

Job Experience: Before joining CSU Extension/Colorado Water Institute I worked as a researcher for the Wyoming Center for Environmental Hydrology and Geophysics.

Education:

2009 B.S. Natural Resource Management at Colorado State University Fort Collins.
2015 M.Sc. Watershed Management/ Water Resources at University of Wyoming.