

***Sympathy to . . .***

**Autumn Conde**, Golden Plains Area – Yuma County. Autumn's brother, JD Steckman, passed away on March 14. He was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy at a very young age and died of complications from this disease. Condolences can be sent to Autumn at 29640 County Road 38, Wray, CO 80758.

The family of **Albert "Al" and Sandi Meier**. Sandi died on March 28 from a brain tumor at Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland. Al died on March 30 from intestinal complications at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland. Sandi worked for CSU Cooperative Extension and Weld County Extension. Al had a 30 year career working for 4-H. He worked for Extension in Orange County, New York, the State 4-H Office in Arizona, and finished the last 14 years of his career in Colorado as a State 4-H specialist. A celebration of Al and Sandi's lives was held on April 4 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Windsor. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions for Sandi may be made to the United Way of Weld County in care of Marks Funeral and Cremation Service. Also, In lieu of flowers memorial contributions for Al may be made to the Eric O. Meier scholarship fund in care of Marks Funeral and Cremation Service. Online condolences may be made at [www.marksfuneralservice.com](http://www.marksfuneralservice.com).

***Best wishes to . . .***

**Marilyn (Akwe) Durant-Starnes** retired from Denver County Extension on March 31. Best wishes in your retirement, Akwe!

***Congratulations to . . .***

**Chris Shelley**, Golden Plains Area – Yuma County. Chris and wife Brooklin welcomed a new baby girl, Leila Marie, into their family at 2:44 am on March 22. Leila was in a bit of a hurry to get here at 36 weeks but was a healthy 5 lbs. 15 oz. and 19 inches long and experienced her very first severe snow storm the day she and mom were released from the hospital. Leila's siblings are brother William and sister Madeline.

**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](mailto:lori.bates@colostate.edu), and provide her the information so we can recognize your success.***

**No awards reported this month.**

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

As of April 4, 2016  
Judith Barth, Director of Operations

The Personnel Directory is updated as of April 4, 2016. If you are interested in a hard copy of the Directory click on: [extension.colostate.edu/staff-directory/](http://extension.colostate.edu/staff-directory/) 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

#### Adams County

##### **Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development, #16-16**

The position will be advertised soon with a deadline on April 28.

#### Boulder County

##### **Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development, #07-16**

Interviews are scheduled for 4/18-4/19.

#### Broomfield County

##### **Extension Agent and Director, 4-H Youth Development (60% Time)**

Holli Campbell has announced her resignation effective May 31, 2016. This position is under review.

#### Larimer County

##### **Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, #08-16**

Interviews are scheduled for 4/7-4/8.

#### Weld County

##### **Extension Agent, Horticulture/Agriculture, #11-16**

Interviews are scheduled for 5/2-5/3.

##### **Extension Associate, 4-H Youth Development, .45 FTE, Endowed, #15-16**

This position will be advertised soon with a deadline on April 26.

### PEAKS AND PLAINS REGION – Bill Nobles

#### Peaks and Plains Region

##### **Regional Extension Specialist, Range and Natural Resources, #13-16**

This position is being re-advertised with a deadline of 4/14.

#### Pueblo County

##### **Extension Agent, Family and Consumer, #12-16**

This position is being advertised with a deadline of 4/5.

#### Southeast Area

##### **Area Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Crowley and Otero Counties, #06-16**

Elizabeth Marlina Griesse has accepted the position effective May 1, 2016. Marlina has a B.S. in agricultural business from the University of Wyoming. She currently works as a 4-H Extension assistant for Sioux County, Nebraska.

**Area Extension Agent, Agronomy/Cropping Systems, Prowers County, #04-16**

Kelly Roesch has accepted the position effective May 1, 2016. Kelly has a bachelor's degree in agricultural education and a master's degree in agricultural sciences from CSU. Kelly was raised on an irrigated farm and ranch operation. He has most recently worked as an agriculture assets manager at Southwestern Investment Group and Pure Cycle Corporation.

**WESTERN REGION – C. J. Mucklow**

Garfield County

**Extension Agent, Ag/Natural Resources, #05-16**

Interviews were held March 31 and April 1. Final negotiations are underway.

**Regional Extension Specialist, Ag And Business Management, #14-16**

This position is being advertised with a deadline on April 12.

**STATE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

CSU Campus

**Assistant Director, Budgets and Finance, #09-16**

Interviews will be held on campus on May 9.

**Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Engagement, #10-16 (internal search)**

Interviews will held on campus on April 15.

All items for **CSU Extension Personnel Notes** should be sent to Lori Bates at [lori.bates@colostate.edu](mailto:lori.bates@colostate.edu).

# New Staff

An introduction to a new co-worker



**Name:** Briana Rockler  
**Title:** Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
**Location:** El Paso County  
**Date of Hire:** March 2016

**Personal Information:** I was born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, and I am your typical Boulderite. I enjoy new adventures, being active, spending as much time as possible with my family (two spunky mutts and a husband) and drinking a good cup of coffee.

**Job Experience:** Prior to graduate school, I spent most of my time in the hospital setting coordinating clinical research. I became involved with Extension as a Graduate Research Assistant at Kansas State University and never looked back.

**Education:**

2007 B.A. Biology, University of Colorado at Boulder  
2015 M.P.H Emphasis: Human Nutrition, Kansas State University



**Name:** Jane Crayton  
**Title:** Extension Agent, 4H Youth Development &  
School Enrichment/After-School  
**Location:** Pueblo County  
**Date of Hire:** April 2016

**Personal Information:** I am a Colorado native, outdoor enthusiast and artist.

**Job Experience:** Prior to working in Colorado Extension, I worked on National Science Foundation, National Historical Society and private foundation grants as a Documentary Artist for Rio Verde Archaeology Project, and as an instructor for Science Discovery at the University of Colorado at Boulder. I also curated the Dorkbot303 group from 2006-2012 for Denver and Boulder.

**Education:**

2002 A.A. General Studies (Graphic Design), Arapahoe Community College  
2010 B.A. Studio Art (Media Studies), University of Colorado at Boulder  
2015 M.A. Art Education, University of New Mexico.



**Name:** Kirsten Springer  
**Title:** Extension Program Associate,  
4-H Youth Development, School  
Enrichment/After School .45 FTE  
**Location:** Gilpin County

**Personal Information:** I was born and raised in New Hampshire, spent my high school years in Georgia where I enjoyed our afterschool 4-H Program, especially dogs, and I also showed quarter horses. I moved west to Wyoming to train horses professionally and was a horse leader and showmanship judge. When I moved south to Colorado, I continued as an FFA Horse Judging judge and 4-H horse leader. I also participated in many outdoor recreational pursuits and became interested in environmental education. I enjoy my time at Eldora Ski Area working at the Nordic Center, leading snowshoe adventures and just being outdoors, especially with my life partner and our Australian Shepherd. I also enjoy spending time with my Egyptian Arabian, Elan Sharif.

**Job Experience:** I have spent many years teaching workshops for teachers and other resource professionals in environmental education curricula. I developed and led environmental education programs for Pre-K-HS including special needs applications and various nature camps. I worked as the Director of Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center. In the summer I worked with a tree company as their perennial planting foreman.

**Education:**

1977 Riding Master at Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship, Waverly WV  
1984 B.A. Animal Science at Mesa State University, Grand Junction, CO.  
1989 B.S. Parks & Recreation Administration: Natural Science and Environmental Interpretation, University of Wyoming.  
1993 M.S. Recreation Resources at Colorado State University.  
1995 Environmental Education Cert: Elementary Education, University of Wyoming.

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