

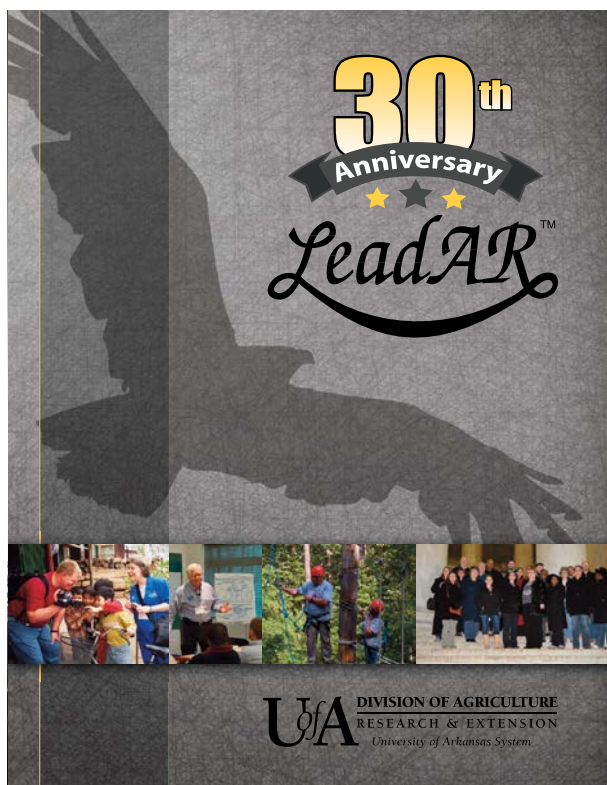
BLUE LETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Honoring LeadAR alumni



Over the last three decades, Arkansans from across the state have sought and accepted a challenge that would transform themselves and their communities: They became LeadAR class members. Each class member committed to the program, attending seminars around the state, as well as study trips to Washington, D.C. and abroad. During it all, they widened their networks and learned as much about the world around them as they did about themselves.

This year, we honor the more than 400 alumni and the people who took LeadAR from concept to the high-value program it is today.

In 1980, J.B. Williams, Extension state leader - community development, and Thomas Vaughns, an Extension area horticulturist for the University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff, believed there was a place for a program that could develop new

rural leaders. Fueled by grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the program's Class 1 began its journey in March 1984.

J.B. Williams retired in 1989 and was replaced by Class 1 alumnus Tom Riley. In 1993, Dr. Joe Waldrum took the reins as program director, initiating Class 6. This year, Waldrum will be retiring and LeadAR will be in the hands of Bobby Hall, a Class 7 graduate.

Over the years, LeadAR class members and their achievements have made a difference. Its graduates are in the House and Senate, on local school boards and city councils and in business leadership roles across the state.

LeadAR's anniversary was the subject of an insert in the March 30 issue of *Arkansas Business*. If you missed it, you can find a PDF online at www.uaex.edu/LeadAR.

We're proud to celebrate the achievements of LeadAR alumni and invite all to join in the celebration.

— Tony Windham



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Your Active Directory account

Your Active Directory (AD) account provides access to more than 20 applications based on assigned permissions. Visit www.uaex.edu/links and click on Summary of Accounts & Passwords under Account Management for a list of these applications. By Arkansas law and HIPAA requirements, your AD account password must be changed every 90 days. We provide a self-service utility that allows you to change your AD password. You can also use this site if you forget or let your password expire. This utility will also notify users via e-mail, 7, 5 and 1 day prior to your AD password expiring.

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Log in to the self-service site and enter your mobile number. By doing this, you will have two different verification methods (e-mail and mobile). It's important that you enter this number on the Enrollment tab. Entering the number on the My Info tab will not make it available for verification.

If you have any questions, contact the Call Center, callcenter@uaex.edu, 501-671-2255 or toll-free 866-779-3375.

Eugene Terhune retires after 30 years' Extension service

Woodruff County Extension agent Eugene Terhune was honored at a retirement reception Feb. 5 at the Woodruff County Farm Bureau office. Terhune retired after more than 30 years with the Cooperative Extension Service. ■



Eugene Terhune with Dr. Martha Ray Sartor, assistant director - County Operations



Eugene Terhune, with wife Mora.



From left to right: Dave Freeze, Greene County Extension agent - agriculture, Eugene Terhune, and Mitch Crow, St. Francis County Extension agent - agriculture.

Taylor Hensley takes Soybean Science Challenge award

The 2015 Soybean Science Challenge student research winner was announced at the 61st Annual Southwest Entergy Arkansas State Science and Engineering Fair April 4 at UCA in Conway.

Karen Ballard presented the \$1,000 award on behalf of the Arkansas Soybean

Promotion Board to Taylor Hensley, a senior at Alpena High School. Taylor also received the Northwest Arkansas Regional Science and Engineering Fair Regional award.

Taylor is the daughter of Shane and Denyse Hensley of Alpena. Denyse is the Boone County 4-H program assistant, and Taylor is active in the 4-H program.

Taylor's project title was "Light What?? Phase III." Her research provides insight into the impact of annual sunlight variability as a factor for commodity crop selection and yield potential.

A goal of the Soybean Science Challenge is the co-creation of knowledge by youth. Five regional awards were presented across the state in addition to the state competition.

Other regional science fair winners were Cameron Thomas, Central High School; Evan Buckner, Pine Bluff High School; Alexandra Gibson, Nettleton Junior High School; and Emilee Watson and Spenser Madden, Emerson High School.

Thanks to all the judges who helped make the 2015 Soybean Science Challenge a success this year. ■



Taylor Hensley

What's new in publications?
Find out at:

<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/new.aspx>

Lalit Verma named ISAE Fellow

Dr. Lalit R. Verma, professor and head of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, was named a 2014 Fellow of the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ISAE). ISAE Fellow is the highest honor a member can receive. A total of 10 Fellows were named for 2014, making up a group of 0.03 percent of the entire membership. Dr. Verma was chosen "in recognition of his valuable contributions to the Profession of Agricultural Engineering." Dr. Verma is the immediate past-president of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and a 1999 Fellow of ASABE. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Biological Engineering (IBE) and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). In 2014, he was inducted into the University of Nebraska's Biological Systems Engineering Hall of Fame. ■



Lonoke and Prairie County 4-H'ers participate in Global Citizenship Workshop

On March 25-26, 18 4-H youth and six adult volunteers from Lonoke and Prairie counties participated in a Teen Leader Global Citizenship Workshop, where they learned about sustainable solutions toward ending poverty around the world. Through hands-on activities, such as the The Paper Bag Game, World Water Supply Experiment and The Poverty Challenge Simulation, youth learned about how our everyday actions affect both the global environment and people around the world.



Prairie County and Lonoke County 4-H Teen Leaders toured Heifer Ranch over spring break to wrap up their Citizenship Workshop.

The workshop concluded with a guided tour through Heifer Ranch in Perryville that showed how Heifer has been improving millions of lives around the world for 70 years. Participants were able to experience the sustainable agricultural practices that Heifer supports as they explored the gardens, livestock areas and Global Village sites.

As a result of the program, two service projects were planned. Prairie County Teen Leaders organized a county-wide food drive, and Lonoke County Teen Leaders plan to raise money for Heifer International to purchase a cow and a goat for families in need. ■

BENEFITS CORNER

Give UMR's Nurse Line a ring!

Coping with health concerns can be time consuming and complex. It can be hard to know where to find trusted information among so many choices or what to do in a nonemergency situation. Instead of playing guessing games with health issues, give the University of Arkansas Health Plan's Nurse Line a ring. Calling UMR's Nurse Line gets you in touch with highly trained registered nurses who can answer medical questions and provide advice — without an appointment. UMR's Nurse Line is completely confidential and provides you with 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week service.

UMR's Nurse Line: 866-494-4502.

When prompted, say "Nurse Line." OR for the Health Information Library, when prompted for PIN, say "197."

The University of Arkansas Health Plan offers a Diabetic Management Program and a Healthy Heart Program. Take advantage of these free opportunities to speak with a health coach as the first step on your road to better health. Call UMR Disease Management at 866-575-2540 for more information on the U of A Diabetic Management Program or to enroll in the U of A Healthy Heart Program.

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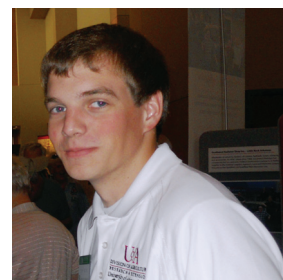
Please keep your home address updated in Banner Self Service.

John Williams chosen for 4-H Council position

John Williams, son of Frank and Jackie Williams and Greene County Tech graduate, was recently chosen as a program assistant to the National 4-H Council, working with the Citizenship Washington Focus program. He will serve as a chaperone and tour guide to 4-H participants visiting Washington, D.C., from May through the end of July. He will also teach various workshops throughout the duration of the program.

Williams is a sophomore Philosophy and Communicative Studies major at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. He is minoring in Spanish and plans to attend seminary to become involved in missions after graduation.

Williams said that “the things I learned in 4-H still influence me today.” He currently serves on Volunteer A-State and at the local Hispanic Center. ■



John Williams

Grants and contracts for the month ended March 31, 2015

| Project Title | Award Amount | Principal Investigator | Granting Agency |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cotton Incorporated-Cotton Specialists Partnership: Large-Plot, Replicated Variety Evaluations AR | \$ 6,000 | Bill Robertson | Cotton Incorporated |
| Cotton Research Irrigation Verification/Sustainability Program AR | 50,000 | Bill Robertson | Cotton Incorporated |
| Evaluation of Cotton Yield, Quality and Plant Growth Response | 8,000 | Bill Robertson | Cotton Incorporated |
| Evaluation of Cotton Yield, Quality and Plant Growth Response to Soil-Applied Potassium | 5,669 | Bill Robertson | Cotton Incorporated |
| Arkansas Cotton Research Verification/Sustainability Program | 50,000 | Bill Robertson | Cotton Incorporated |
| Insect Management in Mid-South Pest Management: ARII | 10,000 | Glenn Studebaker | Cotton Incorporated |
| Insect Management in Mid-South Pest Management: ARI | 12,000 | Gus Lorenz | Cotton Incorporated |
| Effects of the Introduction of Feed Grains Into Mid-South Soybean Production Systems | 20,800 | Jeremy Ross | Mississippi State University |
| Development of Online Instructional Program for Nutrient Management Training Required by ANRC | 172,006 | Michael Daniels | Arkansas Natural Resources Commission |
| Arkansas Discovery Farm for Water Quality Improvement in Cotton Production | 20,000 | Michael Daniels | Cotton Incorporated |
| Insect Management in Mid-South Pest Management: AR III | 10,000 | Nick Seiter | Cotton Incorporated |
| 2015 4-H Junior Olympics Shooting Sports Competition | 4,000 | Rex Roberg | NRA Foundation |
| 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training | 2,000 | Rex Roberg | NRA Foundation |
| 4-H National Invitational | 9,900 | Rex Roberg | NRA Foundation |
| Development of Branded Educational Programs to Manage and Mitigate Herbicide-Resistant Weeds | 30,000 | Tom Barber | Purdue University |
| Evaluation of Tillage Radish as a Cover Crop in Arkansas Cotton | 16,391 | Tom Barber | Agriculture Experiment Station |
| Development of Disease Management Strategies for Peanut Production | 14,004 | Travis Faske | National Peanut Board |
| TOTAL NEW AWARDS FOR MARCH 2015 | \$440,770 | | |

Personnel changes

Please welcome the following:

Sheri Coleman

Administrative Specialist, Clay County - Corning, effective February 23, 2015.

Dominique Euell

Program Assistant - EFNEP, Craighead County, effective February 23, 2015.

Victor Hernandez

Maintenance Assistant, Facility Maintenance, effective March 2, 2015.

Bob Hilton

Banner Program Analyst, Office of Information Technology, effective March 2, 2015.

Angela Hogan

Accounts Payable Coordinator, Financial Services, effective February 19, 2015.

Kristen Kiefer

Administrative Support Supervisor, Community and Economic Development, effective February 23, 2015.

Jerrie Nelson

EFNEP Program Assistant, Craighead County, effective March 2, 2015.

Josh Newton

Governmental Affairs and Legal Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, effective February 23, 2015.

Tamieka Tyler

Travel Coordinator, Financial Services, effective February 16, 2015.

Mallory Weisenbach

Program Assistant - EFNEP, Craighead County, effective March 2, 2015.

Extension says goodbye to:

Louis Hamilton

Program Associate - Soybean, Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences, effective March 6, 2015.

Preston Hipp

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair, Stone County, effective March 6, 2015.

Holly Jay

County Extension Agent - 4-H Youth Development/Family and Consumer Sciences, Hot Spring County, effective March 20, 2015.

Gilbert Jones

Institutional Services Supervisor, Office of Director of Physical Plant, effective March 30, 2015.