

BLUE LETTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for all your work so far on the migration of our website. Many of you have stepped up and migrated or created content for your web pages. As you know, the website is the face of our organization to our clients, the general public and our stakeholders. This website makeover is a huge endeavor, and all of us have invested time, effort and funds because of its importance.

The deadline for program and county pages is **Friday, May 10**. It is imperative that content contributors work on migration and creation. Once the deadline passes, content contributors will no longer be able to access their pages. A full review and assessment of every page will be performed and next steps determined.

I expect your pages to have content as well as reflect our commitment to excellence in our programs and service to our clients. I look forward to the successful launch of our website later this year.

– Tony Windham

AgrAbility magazine wins Gerontological Society media award

The AgrAbility magazine *Endless Gardening* received the 2013 Southern Gerontological Society's Media Award at the annual SGS Conference held April 4-7 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The editor of the magazine was Jessica Vincent, Garland County; contributors were Rosemary Rodibaugh and LaVona Traywick, FCS, State Office; and the graphic designer was Julie Thompson, Communications. ■



Dr. LaVona Traywick accepts the 2013 Southern Gerontological Society Media Award from Dr. James Peacock, SGS president, on behalf of the Extension team.



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DR. TONY WINDHAM
Associate Vice President for
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Hammerschmidt, Jones to be honored at Breakthrough Solutions Conference

Former U.S. Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt and Jeff Jones of CenturyLink will be honored at the 2013 Breakthrough Solutions Conference on May 8 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center.

They each will receive the Breakthrough Solutions SOAR Award, which is given to communities, regions or individuals who best exemplify the Breakthrough Solutions SOAR process in their community development work.

Hammerschmidt, who served 13 terms in Congress, was instrumental in forming Harrison CORE – the Central Organization for Revitalization and Enhancement – a volunteer organization built around the shared belief that a vibrant, healthy downtown can lead to a vibrant, healthy community and county and become a catalyst for jobs and economic development.

“John Paul was really the founder and originator of our CORE group; it was through his contacts and influence in the community that got the group together and allowed us to gain momentum,” said Layne Ragsdale, CORE facilitator. “Through it all, he was very insistent that the group was inclusive and open to the entire community.”

Jones, based in Russellville, is the manager - Market Development for CenturyLink in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mississippi.

Jones was a founding supporter of Development Information Network of Arkansas, a program to help rural communities market themselves online to the world. He was also involved at the beginning of the Arkansas Broadband Initiative, which led to the formation of Connect Arkansas, a statewide



Breakthrough Solutions honorees: Former U.S. Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt (left) and Jeff Jones (right), manager - Market Development for CenturyLink in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mississippi

organization that engages the telecommunication community in providing broadband services to communities and counties across Arkansas.

Jones has served on the Breakthrough Solutions Advisory Council since its inception and supported Breakthrough Solutions in many ways, including speaking at Breakthrough Solutions conferences.

“What I appreciate most about Jeff is his ability to understand the real potential that broadband has to make a difference in rural communities and regions,” said Mark Peterson, professor of Community and Economic Development for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. “The world has changed dramatically in the last 20 years, and Jeff’s vision and understanding have been invaluable to the Breakthrough Solutions Program and communities.” ■

Salem 4-H club wins volunteer award

The 2013 Arkansas Gerontological Society (AGS) Freshman Volunteer Award went to the Salem Superstars 4-H Club from Saline County. The award is designed to show appreciation to those dedicated volunteers who make a difference in the lives of older Arkansans. The club leader is Becky McPeake.

Ben Weisenfelder accepted the award on behalf of the Salem Superstars 4-H Club at the AGS Spring Conference awards luncheon on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at the 4-H Center.

The 4-H Club gave carnations and homemade Christmas cards to elderly residents at a local retirement home in Benton on separate occasions. They plan on continuing to foster the relationship with the same retirement home this year. ■



Extension faculty, staff honored at Galaxy Conference

More than two dozen extension faculty and staff, along with an architect, were honored by professional organizations related to the Cooperative Extension Service at the agency's Galaxy Conference Awards banquet.

The banquet was held March 28 at the University of Arkansas' Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean.

Here is a list of this year's winners.

Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists

- Service Award – Ed Levy, director - architecture, Cromwell Architects Engineers of Little Rock, honored for work with Extension's Breakthrough Solutions
- Jeanette Roberts Memorial Awards – Stacey McCullough, assistant professor - Community and Economic Development
- Specialist Performance Award – Laura Connerly, assistant professor - Family and Consumer Sciences
- Outstanding Researcher Award – Wayne Miller, professor – extension economist
- Outstanding County Agent Award – Carla Vaught, Polk County extension staff chair
- Jane Osborne Memorial Award – Margaret Hoskyn, administrative support supervisor, Program and Staff Development
- Gary Burke Award – Kim Magee, program associate - Economic and Community Development
- Brett Barham Extension Innovation Award – Nikki Davidson, instructor, Program and Staff Development

Arkansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

- Achievement of Service Award – Jesse Bocksnick, Sebastian County extension agent; Anna Goff, Washington County extension agent
- Distinguished Service Award – Kris Elliott, Saline County extension agent
- Meritorious Service Award – Angie Blacklaw-Freel, Saline County extension agent

- Rookie of the Year – Brittany Carwell, Craighead County extension agent

National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences - Arkansas

- Distinguished Service Award – Millie Collins, Sharp County extension agent
- Continued Excellence Award – Linda Floyd-Chappell, Washington County extension agent
- NEAFCS Past Presidents' New Professional Award – Holly Valentine, St. Francis County extension agent

Epsilon Sigma Phi

Distinguished Team Award – For "Mediterranean Cooking Comes to the South"

- Terrie James, Sevier County extension agent
- Jean Ince, Howard County extension agent
- Jane Newton, Lincoln County extension agent
- Terrie Treadway, Lafayette County extension agent
- Rebecca Reynolds, Little River County extension agent
- Liz McKay, Union County extension agent
- Katie Cullum, White County extension agent
- Jerri Vangilder, Pope County extension agent
- Rosemary Rodibaugh, professor - extension nutrition specialist
- Joyce Whittington, Crawford County extension staff chair
- Keith Cleek, Phillips County extension agent
- Katie Holland, extension program associate for SNAP-Ed

Cooperative Extension Service Retirees scholarships

- Leigh Ann Bullington, Cross County extension agent
- Cally Shore, Randolph County program assistant - youth

The banquet was part of the Galaxy Conference, an annual professional and personal development gathering for extension staff and faculty. ■



Jeanette Roberts Memorial Award winner Stacey McCullough with Dr. James Marshall, AACES Recognition and Awards Committee



Specialist Performance Award winner Laura Connerly with Dr. Marshall



Gary Burke Award winner Kim Magee with Dr. Marshall



Brett Barham Extension Innovation Award winner Nikki Davidson with Dr. Marshall

LeadAR Class 15 graduates

The 21 members of LeadAR Class 15 graduated on Saturday, April 20, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock.

Dr. Tony Windham presented certificates to graduating class members. Tom Riley presented LeadAR Achievement Awards for 11 members of the class who completed community service goals each participant set two years ago.

Extension personnel in the graduating class are Dr. James Marshall and Mrs. Katie Teague.

Class 15 graduates are Rick Beck, Bobbie Ficklin, Tongia Gaston, Anne Greene, Jeffrey Hignight, Rob LaRue, Erin Lorenzen, Mike Luongo, Regan Gruber Moffitt, David Montague, Gaye Dallas Knight, Rob Olvey, Justin Smith, Matt Stone, Tiffany Trump-Humbert, James Earl Turner, Chris Wilson, Laura Wilson and Jarrod Yarnell.

Class 15 had traveled to China for their international study tour, and the room was decorated with symbols of Chinese culture.



LeadAR class 15 members with Tom Riley.

Speakers included class members Rob LaRue, Rob Olvey, Tiffany Trump-Humbert, David Montague, Gaye Knight and Matt Stone.

Randy Frazier, a graduate of LeadAR Class 2, closed the ceremonies with a challenge to stay on the leading edge of change. ■

“Cooking Matters at the Grocery Store” delights shoppers with healthy eats on a \$10 budget

A program that teaches consumers to eat healthier also teaches them how to shop healthier, said Kevin Concannon, undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Concannon was in Little Rock on April 15 observing “Cooking Matters at the Grocery Store” at work.

“As Americans, we need to eat healthier,” he said. “We’re very focused in this program here...on nutrition education and we have people here from the university doing that, educating consumers on what to look for in healthy foods and to buy effectively too.”

Concannon joined a group of veterans who were being given a tour at a Walmart Neighborhood Market. Each was armed with a \$10 store gift card, clipboard and a worksheet titled “The \$10 Challenge.” The worksheet is aimed at helping shoppers choose items from essential food groups, examining the labels for nutrition information and checking which items had the most value for their dollar.

In Arkansas, Cooking Matters is offered through the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Monday’s

shopping tour was joined by members of the Veterans Administration. ■



Kevin Concannon (center), undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, participates in “Cooking Matters” in a Walmart Neighborhood Market in Little Rock.

Arkansas county agriculture agents association holds state meeting

The 2013 State Meeting of the Arkansas County Agriculture Agents Association (ACAAA) was held in Lonoke March 20-22. A variety of activities were on the agenda. Agents were treated to shooting at the Remington test range; kids were treated to activities at the UAPB farm and educational tours included visits to the Smith Dairy, the Marion Betty Pumping Station, Pool's Fisheries, the UAPB Farm and Hicks Farm.

The awards banquet was held at the Carlisle Convention Center. 2013 Communication Awards as picked by the awards committee included:

- Computer Generated Graphics Presentation, Brad Runsick
- Personal Column, Brad Runsick
- Feature Story, Craig Allen
- Individual Newsletter, Jesse Bocksnick
- Team Newsletter, Craig Allen and Mike Hamilton
- Fact Sheet, Jesse Bocksnick
- Publication, Chris Grimes
- Website, Jesse Bocksnick
- Learning Module, Katie Teague
- Published Photo and Caption, Jerri Lephiew
- Program Promotional Piece, Brad Runsick
- Bound Book, Robert Goodson

Ed Brown and Jerri Lephiew were the 2013 Achievement Award recipients. Distinguished Service Award recipients included Robert Goodson and Keith Perkins.

The winners in Search for Excellence in Livestock were David and Brittany Carwell. Search for Excellence in



2013 ACAA Award Recipients: From left to right: Craig Allen, David Carwell, Ed Brown, Brittany Carwell, Sara Beth Waller, Jerri Lephiew, Chuck Capps, Wes Kirkpatrick, Robert Goodson, Gus Wilson, Chris Grimes, Mike Hamilton, Brad Runsick and Jesse Bocksnick. (U of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture photo by Keri Welch)

Crop Production went to Wes Kirkpatrick, Gus Wilson, Chuck Capps, Kevin Norton, Steven Stone and A.J. Hood. The winner in Search for Excellence in 4-H and in Farm Safety was Sara Beth Waller.

The winner of the newly established ACAA Young Professionals Award was Brad Runsick.

Six state Communications Award winners have been selected as Southern Regional finalists including:

- Personal Column, Brad Runsick
- Individual Newsletter, Jesse Bocksnick
- Website, Jesse Bocksnick
- Learning Module, Katie Teague
- Program Promotional Piece, Brad Runsick
- Bound Book, Robert Goodson ■

Greene County 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl team wins state competition

On April 1, the Greene County 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl Team competed against 27 other 4-H and FFA teams to win the top honor and qualify to compete at the National Beef Quiz Bowl Competition Feb. 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The State Beef Quiz Bowl Competition is sponsored by the Arkansas Beef Council, University Animal Science Department and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. The Arkansas Cattlemen's Association provided educational materials. The Arkansas Beef Council will sponsor the team to attend the national competition.

Team members, shown in the photo at right, were (left to right) Holly Head, Mallory Clay, Macie Copeland and Boyce Cate. The team was coached by Debbie Copeland (back of photo) and Allen Davis, Greene County Extension agent - staff chair (not shown). Presenting the award is Travis Justus representing the Arkansas Beef Council. ■



Bourland, Saraswat recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta

The Arkansas chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, presented its annual achievement awards April 16 to faculty and students in the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences.



Fred Bourland

Faculty award recipients included Fred Bourland, professor of crop, soil and environmental sciences, who received the Research Award of Merit, and Dharmendra Saraswat, associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering, who received the Extension Award of Merit.

Bourland, director of the Northeast Research and Extension

Center in Keiser, is a leader in the cotton plant breeding field. He has contributed to the development and release of 70 cotton germplasm lines, five cotton cultivars and 36 germplasm registrations. In 2010 he was named International Cotton Researcher of the Year by the International Cotton Advisory Committee.



Dharmendra Saraswat

Saraswat is the faculty expert in geospatial technologies in the state office of the Cooperative Extension Service in Little Rock. He is currently developing phone-based apps using cloud computing and smartphones for use by agricultural professionals. In 2011, Saraswat received the Early Career Award and the Innovation Award from the Cooperative Extension Service. ■

BENEFITS CORNER

Having trouble understanding health coverage and medical terms?

Co-payment – A fixed amount (for example \$25 or \$40) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service.

Deductible – The amount you owe for health care services your plan covers before your plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is \$750, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$750 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. The deductible may not apply to all services.

Allowed Amount – Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense," or "negotiated rate." If your provider charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference.

Co-insurance – Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the allowed amount for the service. You pay co-insurance plus any deductibles you owe. For example, if the plan's allowed amount for a service is \$100 and you've met your deductible, your co-insurance payment of 20% would be \$20. The plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.

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Meet the *new* employees!



Linda Bates

County Extension Agent - 4-H
Garland County Extension Office

- **What's your background?**

I was born in Wynne, Arkansas. I graduated from high school here in Garland County where I

continue living. I graduated from the University of Central Arkansas.

- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

I have been a classroom teacher for numerous years. I have also been the manager of the horseback program at a local summer youth camp where I trained and supervised college-age counselors to teach horseback riding activities to campers. The skills that I have acquired in these areas will certainly help me to be an asset to the Extension Service.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I am married. My husband, Allen, also works as an Extension agent. I have one son and a daughter-in-law. I love working with young people.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year with Extension?**

I want to grow our 4-H program membership. With all that 4-H has to offer, I want every young person in our county to be aware of and be a part of this great program.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

In April of 2012, I had the opportunity to attend the 4-H Awards Banquet that honored the previous year's achievements. At that banquet I was so moved by the faces of the kids that received that award that it sparked an interest in me to investigate more about 4-H. The more I read about 4-H, the more I found out about Extension. I decided that I wanted to be a part. What I value about Extension as a whole is the idea of helping and serving people.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

I have several interests. I ride horses, and I love playing softball every summer. I also like to garden, and I have many flower beds that I enjoy. ■



Bob Harper

County Extension Agent - Agriculture
Logan County

- **What's your background?**

I grew up on a beef cattle farm and attended the University of Arkansas. After graduation, I worked in the poultry business for five years.

- **What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?**

I have a lot of experience working with producers to solve problems and relate with farmers and producers well.

- **What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?**

I would like them to know that I'm excited to be a part of the group and look forward to getting to know everyone.

- **What would you like to accomplish your first year with Extension?**

I would like to continue the strong programs we have in place and assess the needs of the county for new beneficial programming.

- **What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?**

I have a passion for agriculture. I enjoy the business part of it and the way of life. I want to help make it sustain. I value the access that farmers have to good, reliable science and techniques.

- **What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?**

I enjoy golf, working on the farm and hunting. ■

**Kerri Jones**

Administrative Support Supervisor
Van Buren County

• What's your background?

My family moved to Van Buren County when I was 6 years old. I met my husband soon after that, and we married 6½ years ago. For the past

6 years I've worked for the North Central Baptist Association as their secretary.

• What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?

The computer skills I learned in school and as a secretary help me on a daily basis at the Extension office.

• What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?

I'm artistic, creative and I enjoy learning new things.

• What would you like to accomplish your first year with Extension?

I just want to do my job quickly and efficiently to take some of the load off the Extension agents. To do my job well so they can focus on what they do best!

• What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?

I didn't realize how much Extension was involved in our community! I think the work is amazing and important and I'm enjoying learning about the many programs available. I'm very excited to be here in the Van Buren County Extension office and working with the others.

• What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?

I'm very involved in our church's children's program and especially love leading Vacation Bible School! I'm a creative person: I can't live without listening to or playing music, love to paint and do all sorts of arts and crafts. I love spending time with our families. ■

**Sarah Whitaker**

County Extension Agent -
4-H/Agriculture
Logan County

• What's your background?

I was raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and was very involved with 4-H in Jefferson County. I went to Auburn

University for college and earned a BS in Equine Science and a MED in Agriculture Education.

• What knowledge, skills and experience are you bringing to Extension?

My main area of expertise is in horses. I have been taking lessons since I was 7 years old and love working with them. I also enjoy teaching other people about horses.

• What are one or two things you would like your colleagues to know about you?

I'm very excited to be working with 4-H here in Logan County and look forward to helping the program grow.

• What would you like to accomplish your first year with Extension?

I'd like to help my 4-H'ers participate in more district and state events and increase enrollment.

• What brought you to Extension? What was it about Extension that you value?

I've always looked up to the extension agents in my home county and appreciate their hard work to help their communities.

• What are your interests or hobbies outside of work?

I ride and compete with my Appaloosa horses at the state and national level. I also enjoy shooting guns, reading, and swing dancing in my spare time. ■

Grants and contracts

for Month Ending March/April 2013

Project Title	Award Amount	Principal Investigator	Granting Agency
Soybean Weed Control	\$ 75,371.00	Bob Scott	Soybean Promotion Board
Flag the Technology	104,000.00	Bob Scott	Soybean Promotion Board
Fire Ant Control in Soybean	\$6,510.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Corn Verification	52,500.00	Jason Kelley	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Soybean Enterprise Budgets and Production Economic Analysis	18,000.00	Archie Flanders	Soybean Promotion Board
Corn and Grain Sorghum Production Economics for Optimal Farm Management	9,600.00	Archie Flanders	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Soybean Real-Time Weed and Disease Alerts	51,000.00	Bob Reynolds	Soybean Promotion Board
Edamame Production Recommendations	2,500.00	Bob Scott	Soybean Promotion Board
Flag the Technology GPS/GIS Support	50,000.00	Dharmendra Saraswat	Soybean Promotion Board
Improving Yield and Yield Stability for Irrigated Soybeans	7,872.00	Dharmendra Saraswat	Soybean Promotion Board
Technological Aids for Information Dissemination to Soybean Producers	10,000.00	Dharmendra Saraswat	Soybean Promotion Board
Field Scale Evaluation of Precision Agriculture Sensors for Corn Production	37,000.00	Dharmendra Saraswat	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Smartphone Apps for Information Dissemination to Corn Producers	31,200.00	Dharmendra Saraswat	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Developing a New Threshold for Corn Earworm, <i>Helicoverpa zea</i>	18,000.00	Glenn Studebaker	Soybean Promotion Board
Monitoring for Resistance in Southwestern Corn Borers	22,600.00	Glenn Studebaker	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Investigating Emerging Production Recommendations for Sustainable Soybean Production	25,232.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Developing a New Threshold for Corn Earworm, <i>Helicoverpa zea</i>	19,000.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Educating Growers and Consultants on Insect Monitoring and Control	5,000.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Bee Project: Assessing the Impact of Neonicotinoid Seed Treatments on Pollinators	50,000.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Edamame Production Recommendations	17,000.00	Gus Lorenz	Soybean Promotion Board
Insect Management in Mid-South Cotton: AR I, (Dr. Gus M. Lorenz, III)	12,000.00	Gus Lorenz	Cotton Incorporated
Evaluation of the Effects of Insecticide-Herbicide Interactions on Yield and Maturity of Arkansas Cotton	13,500.00	Gus Lorenz	Cotton Incorporated
Developing Planting Date Guidelines for Arkansas Corn	22,000.00	Jason Kelley	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Soybean Verification	152,000.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board
Technology Transfer – Ashlock	52,000.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board
Investigating Emerging Production Recommendations for Sustainable Soybean Production	80,768.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board
Edamame Production Recommendations	23,000.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board
Funding of Small Plot Edamame Harvest Equipment	30,000.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board
Funding of Small Plot Spray Equipment	25,000.00	Jeremy Ross	Soybean Promotion Board

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Achieving Maximum Yield Potential in Soybean	\$ 38,573.00	Lanny Ashlock	Soybean Promotion Board
Improving Yield and Yield Stability for Irrigated Soybeans	32,920.00	Leo Espinoza	Soybean Promotion Board
Comparison of Uniform and Variable Rate K Fertilization Technology	23,000.00	Leo Espinoza	Soybean Promotion Board
Soil Fertility Requirements for Corn	34,400.00	Leo Espinoza	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Eureka Springs High School Renovation Project	3,692.00	Mark Peterson	Eureka Springs School District
Arkansas Discovery Farm Program: Addressing Sustainable Water Issues Associated With Crop Production	7,000.00	Michael Daniels	Soybean Promotion Board
Addressing Sustainability of Mid-South Soybean Production With Regard to Water Use Efficiency	36,000.00	Michael Daniels	Soybean Promotion Board
Cleburne County 4-H Shooting Sports	770.00	Michelle Mobley	Arkansas Community Foundation
Arkansas 4-H Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC)	23,125.00	Rex Roberg	National Rifle Association Foundation
4-H Shooting Sports-Range Events	20,000.00	Rex Roberg	National Rifle Association Foundation
Arkansas 4-H Junior Olympic Pistol Program	3,748.00	Rex Roberg	National Rifle Association Foundation
Assessing Farmer Needs and Building an Arkansas Non-GMO Brand	34,904.00	Ron Rainey	Soybean Promotion Board
Development of Sustainable Construction Materials Using Bio-Fuel Industry Residuals	1,242.50	Samy Sadaka	Arkansas Space Grant Consortium
Evaluation of White Grain Sorghum Hybrids in Arkansas	3,600.00	Scott Monfort	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
A Team Approach to Weed Management in Soybean	40,965.00	Tom Barber	Soybean Promotion Board
Development of Effective Weed Control Programs in Grain Sorghum With Crop Safety	12,168.00	Tom Barber	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
Evaluation of Experimental Cotton Variety Response to Irrigation	4500	Tom Barber	Cotton Foundation
Soybean Diseases	60,063.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Integrated Management of Nematodes	19,620.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Evaluation of Control Options and Treatment Thresholds for Redbanded Stink Bug of Soybean in Arkansas	19,480.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Understanding Neocosmospora, Thielaviopsis, and Fusarium virguliforme in Early Season Production Systems	20,804.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Foliar Management in Full and Double Crop Soybean Production Systems in Arkansas	9,967.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Development of an Effective Program to Manage Strobilurin-Resistant Frogeye Leaf Spot in Arkansas	44,990.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Using Spatial Distribution and Colonization of <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> AG1-IA for the Precision Management of Aerial Blight of Soybean	8,498.00	Travis Faske	Soybean Promotion Board
Assessment of the Importance of Root-Knot Nematodes and Northern Corn Leaf Blight in Corn in Arkansas	17,975.00	Travis Faske	Corn and Grain Promotion Board
TOTAL NEW AWARDS	\$1,544,657.50		

Personnel changes

Please welcome the following:

Linda H. Bates

County Extension Agent - 4-H, Garland County, effective April 15, 2013.

Henry M. Chaney

Program Associate, Entomology, effective April 1, 2013.

Lindsay L. Clements

In-Service Training Manager, Office of Program and Staff Development, effective April 8, 2013.

Robert S. Harper

County Extension Agent - Agriculture, Logan County - Paris, effective April 8, 2013.

Kerri L. Jones

Administrative Support Supervisor, Van Buren County, effective April 1, 2013.

Sarah E. Whitaker

County Extension Agent - 4-H, Logan County - Booneville, effective April 8, 2013.

Extension says goodbye to:

Vicki A. Greenway

Cook, Vines 4-H Center, effective March 5, 2013.

Noelle K. Hayes

Administrative Support Supervisor, Animal Science, effective March 29, 2013.

David H. Jerome

APAC Program Director, Community and Economic Development, effective April 5, 2013.

Shawn W. Lancaster

Program Technician, Northeast Research and Extension Center, effective March 6, 2013.

Kim J. Palmer

Administrative Specialist, 4-H and Youth Development, effective April 24, 2013.

Brenda K. Shrout

County Extension Agent - Staff Chair, Ouachita District, effective April 1, 2013.

Sarah J. Sowell

4-H Program Assistant, Chicot County, effective March 29, 2013.