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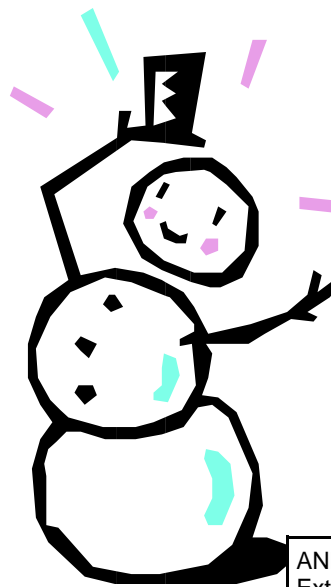
IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

As I prepare to pass ANREP's presidency to Janean Creighton for 2005, I'm reminded of our many activities and contributions to the natural resources extension profession. ANREP has clearly grown into a full partner with its older sibling associations. *Why is that?* I believe it's due in part to the type of professional typically working in natural resources, and their preference for establishing relationships. *Why is that?* I believe it's related to the comfort natural resource specialists have in working across disciplines and their unique abilities to integrate both science and social dimensions of our work.

Relationships matter—and ANREP has shown why over the past year. At the institutional level, we have established 1) productive new ties to the Journal of Extension by appointing **Doug Stienbarger** to fill the first designated ANREP seat on the Board, 2) two national interns—**Nat Frazer, University of Florida** and **Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota**, in collaboration with the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy working on our behalf in Washington, DC and 3) leadership within the annual, Public Issues Leadership Development Conference through **Janean Creighton's** service as chair for the 2005 event.

Within ANREP, you can expect even more powerful relationships over time. Executive Secretary **Bill Hubbard**, an *unsung* ANREP hero, is busy pulling together a new set of relationships among our growing number of state chapters. ANREP committees continue to grow into their own with strong leaders and adequate budgets to do their work. And most importantly, your Executive Committee continues to benefit from a culture of fellowship, a strong work ethic and a focus on the future. *Why is that?* I believe it's due to our good fortune of having strong historical ANREP leaders who created

our patterns of behavior and expectations. I've benefited hugely from past-president **Joe Schaefer**, and **hope to play the same role** for others who follow me. So, in my final column, I want to acknowledge the personal and professional growth I've experienced through involvement with passionate natural resource Extension professionals. While our work naturally corresponds to better stewardship of natural resources, we don't get there without involving a myriad of individuals and institutions--in my mind, it's all about relationships.



Scott Reed, ANREP President

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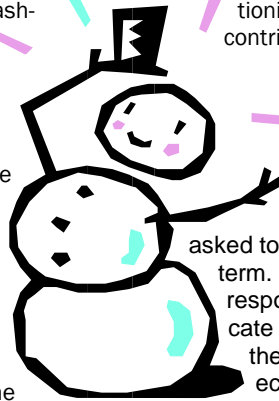
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ANREP's Stienbarger Joins Journal of Extension Board

The Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals Executive Committee of ANREP is pleased to name member Doug Stienbarger to the designated ANREP seat on the Journal of Extension Board of Directors. Doug is director of Washington State University's Clark County Extension office in Brush Prairie, Washington, and represents a broad interdisciplinary background both within and outside of Extension. He is accomplished in local Extension programming and social science research in natural resources in West Africa and the Caribbean. He also serves on the planning committee and is a former intern in the Western Extension Leadership Development program. Doug has been the senior editor of a regional newsletter, Sustaining the Pacific Northwest-Food, Farm & Natural Resource Systems since it's inception in 2003. He is a published author on subjects including the Extension views of county partners and land tenure in West Africa. In his words, "...the challenge will be to encourage more of my colleagues to utilize

JOE. All too often, Extension practitioners do not allow themselves the time to reflect on what they do because they are too busy "doing". Institutionalizing that reflection will be key to transitioning Extension, and from that reflection will come great contributions to JOE".



The planning committee for the annual Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) seeks two replacements for ANREP members Janean Creighton and Jim Dobrowolski to assume roles in 2005. For effective rotation, one ANREP member will be asked to serve a one-year term and the other a two-year term. Janean is the current PILD Committee chair and can respond to questions (creighton@wsu.edu). Please indicate your interest in being considered for this either of these slots to Janean or me by December 3. The Executive Committee will consider the pool and make selections as soon as possible.

PILD Focus on Leadership & Partnerships

Submitted by Janean Creighton, ANREP President Elect

The 2005 PILD-Public Issues Leadership Development conference, April 17-20, 2005, will focus on "**Leadership Development through Partnerships.**" Plan now to attend PILD and learn about strengthening current partnerships around public issues and building new ones. PILD is open to all Extension staff and administrators and is sponsored by JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals.

Who are the decision makers for staff to focus on, i.e. county commissioners, state legislators, district/state Congressional offices, etc? The Sunday general session with Extension directors and administrators will answer this and other questions . . .How are they advised to do this work? Training involved? What are they told not to do? What are some best practices our institution has discovered?

One of Monday's General sessions, **The Federal Budget Process?** will try to explain the complicated process that takes place in Washington, D.C. to determine funding for programs such as Extension. Tina Buch will explain what CSREES does to prepare the agencies budget. Noah Engelberg will

then explain what the Office of Management and Budget does with that product and how a budget is sent to Congress. Troy Phillips the appropriations assistant in Congressman Sam Farr's office will then given the perspective of what Congress does with the budget that OMB sends to them and how a final decision is reached on whom and how much money actually goes to programs.

Session Highlights

The Healthy Lifestyle Partnerships session will feature how Extension and other partners are working towards the national Healthy People 2010 goals. Speakers from the CDC, state partners and other health promotion partners will discuss successful partnerships, obstacles and opportunities for Extension in future health promotion education for youth and adults.

Growing Opportunities for Agricultural Technology will include new opportunities working with our federal partners. in agricultural technology and its application such as using hand-held devices (GPS/GIS) for data collection and predicting agricultural market trends.



The **Youth & Civic Engagement** session will feature staff from the American Youth Policy Forum. Extension professionals will critically examine unique models and review current research and lessons learned from civic engagement experiences around the country.

Other sessions will include ***The Role of Extension as a First Responder, Farm to Table: Food Safety Partnerships, Empowering Advisory Committee Leadership, Innovations in Funding: Managing a Changing Portfolio, Leadership IS Us, International Extension Partnerships, County Government as an Engaged Partner and Expanding the 'Footprint' of Extension Visibility and Influence.***

All Extension professionals are invited to attend PILD, learn what makes Washington tick and how to use this "big picture"

to improve your Extension programs. The Marriott Crystal City, Virginia is the new site for the 2005 PILD conference. Arrive early for an evening performance of "The Capitol Steps" or a tour of the National Cathedral.

Registration and conference details will be online www.jcep.org in January or contact Janean Creighton, PILD Chair, creighton@wsu.edu or Janice Stimpson, Registration Chair jstimpson@uidaho.edu for more information.

JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals is made up of five the Extension professional associations: Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Focus on the Southern Region

Dear Southern ANREPs...

Coming up in February is the Southern **JCEP Meeting (Joint Council of Extension Professionals)** being held **Feb. 17-19, 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee**. Visit the website <http://jcep.org> for more information and registration forms. The theme is "Getting from Good to Great", Effective Strategies of Building Support with Decision Makers.

ANREP is responsible for Registration at this meeting. I am looking for a couple of volunteers who are interested in joining me at the registration table. We would be welcoming members of the Associations, making sure registrants have paid, collecting registration fees for walk-ins, etc. Basically, the normal stuff Extension staff usually conduct at their programs. Please let me know if you are willing to help me with Registration- this would actually make sense for the folks who live close to Nashville to help out, but anyone interested...

During the JCEP meeting, a significant amount of time is allocated for individual association meetings. Depending on how many ANREP members we have at the meeting we could use

this time to discuss topics such as state chapters, update on Utah 06' ANREP Meeting, any other topics?? Also, we could also organize a field trip for one afternoon. If we would like to do some professional development we would need to organize this internally since I don't think the Executive Board has funds for this type of activity. Anyone with a training program for upgrading communication skills, facilitation skills, meeting management skills, working with volunteers skills, or staying true to the theme, working effectively with decision makers, (or ???) and willing to put on a training session for the rest of us attending the meeting, please let me know.

I am open to any suggestions and ideas you have for this meeting. And let me know if you are interested in joining me at the Registration table. I hope to see many ANREP members at the JCEP meeting.

I'll keep you posted on meeting preparations.

Happy Holidays

Marella , ANREP Southern Regional Representative



My Hurricane Story

By Ken Gioeli, Florida State Champion
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Hurricane Season is finally over and people living in Florida and the Southern U.S. can breathe a sigh of relief. All our lives were turned upside down because of Ivan, Charlie, Frances and Jeanne. We've been busy putting our lives together, and dealing with a very stressful situation. Let's face it. This has been a heck of a season!

I live in Vero Beach, FL – ground zero for both Hurricane Frances and Jeanne. I did my best to prepare for the inevitability of a hurricane strike when I was shopping for a new home. After two years of searching, I decided that pre-existing homes just didn't meet my needs, so I decided to build a home using the latest hurricane technology and standards. Luckily, the University of Florida / St Lucie County Extension office where I work has a demonstration Hurricane House, so I've been learning about hurricane construction issues for the past few years.

I spent the first hurricane, Hurricane Frances, with my neighbor, Brenda. Brenda also has a new home. We spent a week preparing our homes by putting up aluminum shutters and buying hurricane supplies such as batteries, ice, and non-perishable foods and drinks. The day before the storm, we were finished with our preparations, so we spent the day in the pool drinking wine.

Then the hurricane hit.

We huddled in the closet for 36 hours as Hurricane Frances bore down on us. Our new homes are one-foot thick solid concrete reinforced with steel rebar and our roofs are secured using special hurricane straps. Even with these features, the house shook for the entire time.

After the storm, we cautiously emerged from the house and went outside. What we saw was beyond belief. All the new homes in my neighbor-

hood survived the storm; however, the older, wood framed homes in the surrounding neighborhoods were destroyed. The solid steel streetlight in front of my house was bent at a 45-degree angle. Mature oak trees were snapped in half. The streets were flooded. It was hell on Earth.

Afterwards, we didn't have any electricity for two weeks, so we had to eat all the frozen foods as soon as they thawed. The neighbors in my community came together and had barbecues each night. We ate steaks, ribs and burgers for the first four days, then we started getting creative with tuna fish and MRE's. None of us went hungry because we pitched in.

A week after Frances, the major roads were reopened and I returned to work. I've never been so happy to return to my job. My normal Natural Resources Extension work was put on hold and I spent my time helping on the food, water and ice distribution line the county set up. I also helped at the special needs shelter in my community.

Then we got news that Hurricane Jeanne was on its way. I didn't stay for Hurricane Jeanne. I evacuated to my grandmother's house in Buffalo, NY and had a wonderful time hiking in Letchworth State Forest and wine tasting in Niagara Falls.

Six months ago, I never would've guessed that my life would've been impacted by catastrophic events like these hurricanes. Sure, my family, friends and property weathered the storms, but life hasn't completely returned to normal. I've been sharing my experiences and advice ever since the hurricanes. I've even had the opportunity to travel to Grenada to work with their Agriculture Ministry to discuss hurricane issues. You might recall that Grenada was devastated by Hurricane Ivan before it hit the Gulf Coast.

If you would like more information about hurricanes or hurricane preparedness, please visit our county's website <http://stlucie.ifas.ufl.edu/>



2004-2005 Request for Proposals (RFP):

Learning Module Development for The National Learning Center for Private Forest and Range Landowners

Agency:

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) and the University of Tennessee Extension, Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries

Action:

The Advisory Board for The National Learning Center for Private Forest and Range Landowners, Forestandrange.org, is requesting proposals for the development of forest, range, wildlife, and aquatic resource learning modules that address regional, multi-state, or national topics and/or issues. More detailed topic information can be found on the website below.

Awards will be based on relevance, merit, and quality as well as the equitable distribution of funds across the applicable natural resources, 1862 and 1890 institutions, and geographic considerations.

This grant program will focus on developing scientific and/or issue based interactive, online learning modules dealing with natural resource management. The total amount available in this program for 2004-05 is approximately \$60,000. A maximum of \$15,000 per module will be awarded.

Submission Information:

In-depth information and proposal submission instructions are available at: <http://www.forestandrange.org/Proposal/index.htm>

Deadline:

The Coordinator of the Center must receive all proposals via email by **Jan 31, 2005 (12:00 midnight EST)** and original hard-copies must be postmarked by this date. See the website for more information. Proposals received after this date will not be considered.

For Further Information:

Applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to contact: Samuel W. Jackson, Coordinator. Telephone: (865) 974-2946; Fax: (865) 974-4714; e-mail address: samjackson@utk.edu.

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Upcoming Events

JCEP Sponsored Programs

Details available online at www.jcep.org

2005 Regional JCEP Association Presidents Workshops

- * Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2005 - Boise, ID
- * Feb. 3 - 5, 2005 - Milwaukee, WI
- * Feb. 9 -11, 2005 - Baltimore, MD Area
- * Feb. 17 - 19, 2005 - Nashville, TN

Leadership Development Conference-

April 17-20, 2005 Crystal City, VA

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