January 15, 2015

**Memorandum To:** All County Extension Agents and Extension Agents – Southeast Extension District 9

**From:** Dale A. Fritz, Ph.D., District Extension Administrator

**Subject:** Program/Personnel Updates – Southeast Extension District 9

**Congratulations**
- Congratulations is extended to Tyler and Nikki Fitzgerald, Chambers County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources, on the birth of their daughter, Jenna Rose, on October 31, 2014. She was 8 lbs. 15 oz. and 19 ½ inches long. She was welcomed home by her big sister.

**Congratulations to Our District 9 Recipients of the AgriLife Extension Superior Service Award**
- **Terrie Looney**, Jefferson/Chambers CEA-CMR – County Extension Agent Category
- **Harris County Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program** – Unit Category – Tonya McKenzie, Harris EA-EFNEP, and the entire team.
- Texas GROW! EAT! GO! County Implementation Team – Team Category
  - **Sonja Davis**, Harris CEA-FCS
  - **Meredith Henry**, Walker CEA-FCS
  - **Reggie Lepley**, Walker CEA-Ag/NR
  - **Tonya McKenzie**, Harris EA-EFNEP
  - **Ashley Moore**, Harris EA-FCS-CEP
  - **Sheryl Nolen**, Harris CEA-4-H
  - **Kristy Titzman**, Walker CEA-4-H
  - **Elizabeth Trejo**, Harris CEA-FCS
  - **Gall Warren**, Walker County TGEG Project Specialist
- Texas School Integrated Pest Management Program – Team Category
  - **Paul Nester**, Extension Program Specialist, Entomology, Harris County
- **Alicia Bradley**, Nutrition Education Associate, EFNEP, Harris County – Office Support Staff Category
- **Susan Caraway**, Secretary, 4-H Program, Harris County – Office Support Staff Category

**Congratulations**
- Congratulations is extended to the **Honorable Alan B. Sadler**, Montgomery County Judge – Retired, on receiving the 2015 Extension in the City Award. Thanks for his great support of the Montgomery County Extension Office and our programs over the past 24 years.
Retirement
- **R. Greg Thomas**, District Information Technology Specialist, has announced his retirement from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service effective January 31, 2015 after 32 years of service. Please join me in wishing Greg the very best in his retirement.

Transfers
- **Elizabeth (Beth) McMahon** has accepted a transfer to the Brazoria County Extension Agent – Horticulture position effective February 16, 2015. Beth currently serves as an Extension Assistant at the Viticulture and Fruit Lab in Fredericksburg. She holds a Master of Science degree in Horticulture from Oklahoma State University and Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Management and Ecology and Horticulture from Texas A&M University. Beth grew up on a ranch near Harper and was active in 4-H and FFA and earned FFA’s American Farmer Degree. She will complete the First Step Program in Galveston County from January 20 – February 15 and Dr. William Johnson will be her mentor. Please welcome Beth to Southeast Extension District 9.

- **John Gordy**, Brazoria County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources, has accepted a transfer to the Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources position. He will begin in Fort Bend County on February 2, 2015. Please congratulate John on this transfer.

Open Positions in District 9
The following positions are currently open in Southeast Extension District 9. If you have an interest in transferring to one of the open positions please let me know and apply at the GreatJobs website. Also, if you know of any other agent in the state who may be interested in transferring to the best District in the State, please let them know of these vacancies. In addition, if you know of any individual who may have an interest in working for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M, please let them know of these vacancies.

- Brazoria CEA-Ag/NR
- Fort Bend EA-4-H-CEP
- Fort Bend EA-Ag/NR-CEP
- Fort Bend EA-FCS-CEP
- Harris CEA-Ag/NR
- Orange CEA-Ag/NR
- Walker CEA-FCS
- Waller CEA-Ag/NR
- Waller EA-4-H-CEP

If you have questions or comments, please let me know.