

October 31, 2016

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 Ray and **Amber (Foster) Simon**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – 4-H – CEP, on the birth of their son, Ray Anthony Simon, III, on September 27, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 and ½ inches long.

Appointments

- **Meredith Henry Cryer** has been hired as the new Grimes County Extension Agent – FCS effective October 24, 2016. Meredith earned Master of Science Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Sam Houston State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Business Studies from Tarleton State University. While attending Tarleton State University, Cryer was active in the Delta Zeta Sorority, Texan Reps, Student Programming Association, Student Government Association, Human Sciences Student Organization, Block and Bridle, and Resident Hall Association. For the past year and a half, Meredith served as an Accounts Manager and Administrative Assistant with Sam Houston State University and Seidel Schroeder and Company. Previously, Meredith served as the Walker County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer, Chambers County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences and Scurry County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences. Please join me in welcoming Meredith to Grimes County and District 9.
- **Amanda Shortt** has been hired as the new Waller County Extension Agent – FCS effective November 1, 2016. Amanda earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Sam Houston State University. Previously, Amanda served as the Leon County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences in Centerville. While serving as a County Extension Agent, she was a member of the Texas Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences and Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Previously, Amanda served as a Texas Works Advisor for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in Conroe; Floor Supervisor at Shoe Carnival in Conroe; and Dispatcher for the Sam Houston State University Police Department. Amanda grew up in the Houston area and attended Kline Oak High School and was active in FFA, Student Council, Swim Team, Cross Country Team and Track Team. Please join me in welcoming Amanda to Waller County and District 9.

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- **Hanna Eiland** has been hired as the new Brazoria County Extension Agent – 4-H effective January 1, 2017. Hanna earned a Master of Science Degree in Agriculture from Sam Houston State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science also from Sam Houston State University. While at Sam Houston State University, she was active with the Beef Cattle Show Team, Block and Bridle, Collegiate FFA, Ag Council, Delta Tau Alpha, and Alpha Lambda Delta. Currently, Hanna is serving as an Agriculture Science Teacher at Summer Creek High School in the Humble ISD. Previous work experience includes, serving as a Research Assistant with the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Sam Houston State University; substitute teacher with Huntsville ISD; intern with LIFT Student Ministries in Richardson; student teacher at Klein High School in Klein; and vet assistant at North Suburbia Animal Hospital in Humble. Hanna grew up in Humble and was very active in the 4-H Program for 3 years and FFA for 4 years. She served in leadership roles with these youth organizations and competed with steer, heifer, goat, swine, lamb, Livestock Judging, Quiz Bowl, and Parliamentary Procedure projects. She earned the FFA Lone Star and American Farmer Degrees. Please join me in welcoming Hanna to Brazoria County and District 9.

Transfer

- **Robert Stephen Brueggerhoff** is transferring from his current position with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service an Extension Program Specialist within the Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism to the Brazoria County Extension Agent – Horticulture position effective December 1, 2016. Stephen earned a Master of Forest Resources Degree in Urban Horticulture/Botanic Garden Administration from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture from Sam Houston State University. Prior work experience includes, serving as an Outreach Program Coordinator for the Environmental Science Institute at the University of Texas at Austin; Public Programs Manager at the Lady Bird Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin; Administrative Assistant with the City of Seattle; Teaching Assistant at the University of Washington; Intern at the Bellevue Botanic Garden; and Horticulturist/Greenhouse Manager at the University of Texas at Austin. Stephen grew up in the Houston area and is currently a member of the Texas Extension Specialist Association, Academy of Leisure Sciences, National Association of Interpretation, and Native Plant Society of Texas. Please join me in congratulating Stephen on his transfer to Brazoria County and District 9.

Open Positions in District 9

The following positions are currently open in Southeast Extension District 9. If you know of individuals who may be interested in working for the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University, please let them know of these vacancies.

- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP (interviews conducted)
- Harris EA-Ag/NR-CEP (interview conducted)
- Harris EA-4-H-CEP
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP (position posted)

Program Planning Activities

The following Program Planning activities are happening now. Please make sure that you are working toward entering Program Plan tasks in TexasData and making the appropriate revisions.

- **Program Plan Review and Follow-up** by Regional Program Leaders, CEP Program Leaders, District Extension Administrators, and County Extension Directors – **October 10-31, 2016 and November 1-13** via e-mail, telephone, or MS Lync (Skype for Business).
- **Program Plans for 2017 Revision Workshop – November 16, 2016** – Wharton County Extension Office, Wharton – designed for agents needed additional assistance in making revisions to Program Plans.
- **Due date for all final 2017 Program Plans in TexasData System – December 1, 2016**

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