

September 27, 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

The following agents were recognized at the **Awards Ceremony during the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Conference** on August 11, 2016 in Denison. Congratulations to you on your accomplishments!

- **Starla Garlick**, Jefferson CEA-4-H – Meritorious Service Award
- **Michelle Mihalek**, Montgomery CEA-4-H – 4-H Exhibit Communicator Award
- **Caroline Cruz, Michelle Mihalek, Rachel Cooper, and April Fagan**, Montgomery County Extension Agents and Support Staff – Excellence in 4-H Club Support Award

### Appointment

- **Eric Zimmerman**, has been hired as the new Grimes County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources effective September 6, 2016. Eric earned a Master of Science Degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management and a Bachelor of Science Degree also in Rangeland Ecology and Management from Texas A&M University. For the past four years, Eric served as Manager of Acquisitions and Special Projects for Circle X Land and Cattle Company near Bryan. Prior work experience includes serving as a County Extension Agent - Agriculture and Natural Resources and 4-H in Brazos, Llano, and Tom Green Counties for 16 years. While growing up near Menard, Eric was active in 4-H for 13 years and completed numerous projects including lambs, steers, heifers, food and nutrition, leadership and citizenship. He competed in local and major livestock shows, Livestock Judging, Wool Judging, and 4-H Recordbooks. He also served in leadership roles with his 4-H Club, County 4-H Council and as Chairman for the District 4-H Council. Due to his participation in 4-H, he earned the Gold Star Award and a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. Please join me in welcoming Eric to Grimes County and back to 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 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service or the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University, please let them know of these vacancies.

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- Brazoria CEA-4-H – Interviews scheduled for October 3
- Brazoria CEA-Hort. – Interviews scheduled for October 3
- Grimes CEA-FCS – Interviews conducted
- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP – Position posted
- Harris EA-Ag/NR-CEP - Interview conducted
- Harris EA-4-H-CEP
- Waller CEA-FCS – Position posted externally
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP

### Program Planning Activities

The following Program Planning activities are scheduled for the near future. Please make sure that these dates are on your calendar.

- **Help Sessions with Regional Program Leaders** to assist agents in preparing Program Plans for 2017. Any agent is welcome to participate. These sessions are optional but will be beneficial for newer agents and those agents needing assistance. Two sessions will be conducted as follows...
  - a) **October 5, 2016** – Victoria County 4-H Activity Center in Victoria
  - b) **October 6, 2016** – Fort Bend County Extension Center in Rosenberg
- **Due date for all 2017 Program Plans in TexasData System – October 7, 2016**
- **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** – Victoria County Extension Office or 4-H Center, Victoria – 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.