

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 HEADQUARTERS

January 19, 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 extended to **Jerod** and **Tyler Meurer**, Brazos County Extension Agent – 4-H, on the birth of their daughter, Brighton Avery, at 6:13 p.m. on December 22, 2015. Brighton weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19.75 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Kaiden. Please congratulate Jerod on the birth of his daughter.
- Congratulations to **Courtney Latour**, Brazoria County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences, on the completion of her Master of Science degree in Human Sciences from Stephen F. Austin State University.
- Congratulations to **Chadd Caperton**, Madison County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources, on the completion of his Master of Science degree in General Agriculture from Stephen F. Austin State University.
- Congratulations to **Kristy Titzman**, Walker County Extension Agent – 4-H; **Leticia Hardy**, Fort Bend County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences; and **Paul Winski**, Harris County Extension Agent – Horticulture, on being selected into the San Antonio Livestock Exposition – Leadership Extension Program XII Cohort. The first training session for this cohort will be in May, 2016.
- Congratulations to the following agents and specialists on receiving the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Superior Service Award. These awards were presented on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 during the AgriLife Extension Conference in Bryan-College Station.
 - Big Time in D9 Team Award
 - **Dr. Kevin Chilek**, Assistant Professor and Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
 - **Caroline Cruz**, Montgomery County Extension Agent – Urban Youth Development
 - **Dr. Dale Fritz**, District Extension Administrator
 - **Starla Garlick**, Jefferson County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development
 - **Courtney Latour**, Brazoria County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Sciences
 - **Reggie Lepley**, Walker County Extension Agent – Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - **Michelle Mihalek**, Montgomery County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development
 - **Earlene Taylor**, Lead Office Assistant (4-H), District 9 Office

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- **Kristy Titzman**, Walker County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development
 - Texas Strawberry Project Team
 - **Skip Richter**, Harris County Extension Agent – Horticulture was a member of this team.
- Congratulations to **State Representative Dr. John Zerwas** on receiving the 2016 Extension in the City Award. This award was presented on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 during the AgriLife Extension Conference in College Station. Thanks to Vince Mannino, Fort Bend County Extension Director, for nominating Dr. Zerwas for this award.

Appointment

- **Amanda Brooks** has been hired as the new Liberty County Extension Agent – 4-H and Youth Development effective January 1, 2016. Amanda earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Business from Sam Houston State University. She previously worked as a Middle School Science and Agriculture Teacher for Tarkington ISD, Loan Officer for the Financial Aid Office at Sam Houston State University, Student Assistant in the Payroll Office at Sam Houston State University, Office Manager at Quatrec Computers in Huntsville, and Customer Service Representative at Circuit City in The Woodlands. Amanda grew up in Cleveland and was very active in the Liberty County 4-H Program and Cleveland FFA. Please join me in welcoming Amanda to District 9 and AgriLife Extension.
- **LeeAnn Eoff** has been hired as a Spring Semester Intern in the Brazos County Extension Office effective January 19, 2016. LeeAnn is currently working on her Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Leadership and Development from Texas A&M University. Previous work experience includes Sales Associate at Texas Rose Boutique, Sales Associate at Bar B Boutique, and Cashier at Cavender's Boot City. LeeAnn grew up in Orange Grove and was very active in the Jim Wells County 4-H Program and Orange Grove FFA. Please join me in welcoming LeeAnn to District 9 and AgriLife Extension.

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.

- Galveston CEA-4-H – Candidate will be presented to Commissioners Court on February 2, 2016
- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP
- Harris CEA-4-H
- Harris EA-Ag/NR-CEP
- Jefferson CEA-Ag/NR
- Jefferson CEA-Hort. - Candidate will be presented to Commissioners Court on January 25, 2016
- Jefferson CEA-FCS
- Liberty EA-CED-CEP
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP

Performance Appraisal Schedule

The schedule for the remaining 2015 Performance Appraisal Conferences will be as follows. Please remember to submit your Annual Achievement Report to me at least one week prior to your Performance Appraisal Conference.

- Brazos County - February 9-10, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.
- Burleson County - January 27, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.
- Chambers County - March 3, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Fort Bend County - Scheduled with CED
- Galveston County - January 21-22, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Grimes County - February 1, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.
- Hardin County - March TBD, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Harris County - Scheduled with CED
- Jefferson County - February 23-24, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Lee County - January 19, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.
- Liberty County - January 26, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Montgomery County - February 2-3, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.
- Orange County - February 17, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- San Jacinto County - February 29, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
- Waller County - March 8, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

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