

April 4, 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 Jeremy and **Christina Ritter**, Orange County Extension Agent – 4-H, on the birth of their daughter, Eeva Lorraine, at 12:30 a.m. on March 29, 2016. Eeva weighed 7 lbs. 9.5 oz. Please congratulate Christina on the birth of her daughter.

Appointments

- James Motton, II, has been hired as the new Liberty County Extension Agent Community Economic Development with the Cooperative Extension Program effective March 1, 2016. James earned a Master of Community Development Degree from Prairie View A&M University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Economics also from Prairie View A&M University. He previously served as a Community Development Associate/Specialist Intern with APD Solutions Community and Economic Development Firm in Athens, GA; Activity Fundraising Graduate Assistant at the Texas Institute for Preserving History and Culture at Prairie View A&M University; and Graduate Assistant with the Procurements and Contracts Department at Prairie View A&M University. Please join me in welcoming James to District 9 and the Cooperative Extension Program.
- Allen Homann, has been hired as the new Jefferson County Extension Agent Agriculture and Natural Resources effective April 1, 2016. Allen will complete his Master of Agriculture Degree from Sam Houston State University in May and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science also from Sam Houston State University. He previously worked as a General Laborer for Triple H Farms in Franklin, Warehouse Laborer with America's Country Store in Wellborn, and Undercover Minor with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. Allen grew up near Franklin and was very active Robertson County 4-H, Franklin FFA, and High School Sports. Allen is currently completing his First Step Program in Brazos County and will be in Jefferson County on May 1. Please join me in welcoming James to District 9 and the Cooperative Extension Program.

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.

- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP
- Harris CEA-4-H (offer extended)
- Harris EA-Ag/NR-CEP (position posted)
- Jefferson CEA-FCS (interviews conducted)
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP (position posted)

Agent Training

The following Professional Development opportunities are scheduled for the near future...

- Extension Program Excellence Academy for New County Extension Agents, April 11-14, 2016, Horseshoe Bay
- Regional CEA Career Ladder Orientation and Promotion Package Workshop, April 26, 2016, Rosenberg
- Cooperative Extension Program In-Service Training, April 27-29, 2016, Houston
- Extension Horticulture Retreat for CEAs-Hort., April 27-29, 2016, Fredericksburg
- District Agriculture Training, District 4-H Training, District TCAAA Meeting and District TAE4-HA Meeting, May 10-12, 2016, College Station
- District Family and Consumer Sciences Training and District TEAFCS Meeting, May 12, 2016, Giddings
- Southeast Region Spring Faculty Conference, May 25, 2016, Brenham
- District 4-H Program Planning Conference, May 26, 2016, Brenham

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