

# University of Florida / Nassau County Cooperative Extension Department Monthly Activity Report — December 2013

I. Faculty activities are reported to the University of Florida under 14 county major program initiatives. The goal and focus numbers identify the program with the University of Florida Statewide goals and focus areas. (Primary faculty contact, but many programs are collaborative)

#### Jordi:

## County Extension Program Leadership & Administration Goal 7-Focus 5 (Jordi & Favors)

- Overall Extension Program Monthly report to County Manager
- Demonstration Garden work
- Monthly Department Head meeting Winifred Favors

## Consumer Horticulture Goal 4-Focus 2 – total 50; 50 participants; volunteer: zero participants

- Plant clinics 46 participants which includes plant disease diagnosis, insect and plant identification. The cost for analysis of plant diseases from UF/IFAS would potentially cost clients \$75 per sample for a total savings of \$3,450. Seven of those needing diagnosis were one on one office consultations.
- Master Gardener volunteers provide telephone coverage by answering questions to the general public on Friday from 10am to 2pm. The paraprofessional volunteer time is valued at \$18.66\* an hour. The volunteer office hours provided Master Gardeners was 12 hours which totaled \$73.60. Additional time was donated to one of the two demonstration gardens for plant selection, plot preparation, planting, watering, fertilizing and general care for a total of 33 hours which totals to \$277.20
- Four pH soil tests conducted at the local offices from this agent, Office Specialist, and Master Gardener volunteers which saved county residents \$12. Each test also includes phone/e-mail consultation with analysis and best management practices for optimal plant growth and production which may also include appropriate plant selection for the Northeast area. A reasonable cost for a personal consultation in the private sector would be \$25 per person. Total savings to Nassau County residents \$112.

## Commercial Horticulture Goal 4-Focus 1 – total 44 participants

- Two commercial site visits which would cost the business \$150 per consult for a savings of \$300
- Seven phone/e-mail consultations which equal \$75 per consult, total savings \$525

## Environmental Science Youth Education Goal 3-Focus 1 – total zero youth

# **Other County Events:**

- Keep Nassau Beautiful (KNB) Board meeting
- Worked on Horticulture annual report to UF/IFAS

#### McAlpine:

## **Building Stronger Families Goal 5-Focus 1 Total: 7 participants**

Conducted FCS Advisory Meeting (5wf, 1hf, 1bf)

# Family Financial Management & Housing Issues Goal 5-Focus 2 total: 44 participants

- Medicare Assistance Rx Plans 9 (1bf, 1bm 6wf, 1wm): Total RX Savings \$10,500 to Nassau County residents
- Nassau County Detention Center Employability Skills "Building a Budget/Credit Reports" (15f; 13w, 1h, 1b)
- Nassau County Detention Center Employability Skills "Money Habits) (19f; 17w, 1h, 1b)

### Food, Nutrition, & Health Goal 5-Focus 3 total: Agent – 48 participants; FNP Austin 1,141 participants

- Attended Master Food and Nutrition Volunteer Holiday Luncheon (27, 2bf; 1 hf; 2wm; 22wf)
- Planned training for N.C. Master Food and Nutrition Volunteers

- Walk With Me/Following Dietary Guidles: 3 classes (15)
- Food Safety Consult (6wf)
- Attended FNP monthly meeting
- Attended FNP Annual Status Report meeting
- Completed FNP required Sexual Harassment Training
- Completed FNP required Deaf and Hard of Hearing Training
- Completed on-site teaching evaluation of FNP P.A.
- Supervised FNP Program Assistant/ completed and submitted monthly reports
   Family Nutrition Program Total 1,141
  - Yulee Primary School 20 classes; 366
  - Callahan Elementary 20 classes; 291
  - Other Community Events 4; 484

#### Other County Events total:

- Submitted monthly FCS Report to CED
- · Attended monthly Staff meeting

#### **University Events**

Completed annual Report of Accomplishments and Plan of Work (ROA/POW)

#### Thien:

#### Youth Development Total: 92 participants

- Y.U.M.(Youth Understanding My Plate) Afterschool club met twice (16F, 24M)
- Youth Leadership Day Session 3(26F, 7M)
- 4-H Funshop (Project books and Standards of Excellence)(7F, 1 M)
- County Council meeting(5F, 6M)

#### Volunteer Involvement: 13 participants

- County Council meeting (5F, 5M)
- Y.U.M.(Youth Understanding My Plate) Afterschool club (1WF, 2BF)
- Youth Leadership committee involvement

## Developing organization and volunteer systems to support youth development Total: 7 participants

• 4-H over view for newly forming club (5F, 2M)

#### Volunteer involvement:

## Other Events: 5 Total

- State Plan of Work/Report of Accomplishment/Appraisals and data workload completed
- Youth Coalition meeting-In Search of Me Café presentation
- Rayonier grant submitted

## Johnson:

# 4-H Subject Matter & Preparing youth to be responsible citizens and productive members of the workforce Initiative 7 Focus 1: Total: 53 participants; volunteer total: 2

- Project Book Fun shop, 8 participants, 1WM, 7WF
- Hands and Heart Dream Team 4-H, 32 participants, 11WM,10WF, ,5BM, 3BF, 2 AM, 1AF, volunteer 1WF
- Marine Science Club meeting, 5 participants, 2WM, 3WF

## Volunteer Involvement:

• County Council, 8participants, 5WM, 3WF, volunteer 1 WF, 2WM

# Organizational & Volunteer Systems to Support Youth Development Leadership Initiative 7 Focus 2; Total: participants; 10 agent total: Participants 18, volunteer total: 13

- Youth Coalition meeting, 5 participants, 1WM,3WF, 1BF
- District 6 4-H Planning Meeting, 8 participants ,7WF, 1WM
- Club Orientation meeting, 5 participants, 5WF

#### Volunteers

\*Calculation of economic value of trained volunteers' contribution to extension programs: According to 2009 Florida data from the Independent Sector 18 hr http://independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer\_time.html) the estimated dollar value of a volunteer hour is \$18.66. In Extension, trained volunteers are contributing to Extension programs by dedicating their time, skills, talent, and expertise under supervision or guidance by faculty. Volunteers contributed total of 25 hours valued at \$466.50.

#### Other Events:

- Attended Staff Meeting
- Participated in 4-H Identifying Abuse Web-n-air
- Attended Collation meeting
- Attended ROA POW Training Alachua County
- Assisted with registering participants for Southern States Feed Contest
- Attended District 6 4-H planning meeting
- Assisted with Bread Making workshop
- Completed and Interviewed prospective volunteer

#### **Burnett:**

# Initiative 1. Increasing the sustainability, profitability, and competitiveness of agricultural and horticultural enterprises: (4WM)

- Served at the advisory committee meeting for the North Florida Livestock Agents Group on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Starke, FL
- This agent provided one agriculture consultation over the phone. The consultation provided
  recommendations to solve agriculture related issues and to assist the homeowner and producer with goals
  related to crop production, pasture management, livestock, timber, and recreational pond management.
  The consultation had an equitable savings value of \$75 to the county
- This agent also served four office visit and site visit consultations that have an equitable value of \$150 each or a savings value of \$600 to the county.

# Initiative 3. Enhancing and conserving Florida's natural resources and environmental quality: Total – (5WF, 4WM)

- Four natural resources related consultations were served over the phone and by e-mail to
  identify/diagnose environmental problems, plants, and wildlife, and to provide management
  recommendations. The cost of such consultations would potentially cost residents \$75 per consultation for
  a total savings of \$300.
- Yards to Parks invasive plant education program at Fort Clinch State Park on December 13<sup>th</sup> had 6
   participants who learned how to identify and remove invasive exotic plants from their yards (5WF, 1WM)

## **4H-Youth Educational Programming total:**

None

#### Other Events:

Submitted 2013/2014 Report of Action/ Plan of Work to the University of Florida

II. Number of Publications, original or adapted educational materials prepared:

## Jordi: Total - 96,553 (excluding PSA's)

- "Garden Talk" Series published in News-Leader, North Hampton News, Nassau County Record Total: 15,553
- "Spotlight on Nassau Gardens": Bertie/Marshall Tanner Westside Journal, Nassau County Record Total: 17.000
- LM Florida-Friendly Landscaping® class photo News-Leader, Westside Journal Total: 23,000
- Club Chrysalis rain barrel photos News-Leader Total: 11,000
- Linda Simmons/New Master Gardener (2013) photo News-Leader, Nassau County Record Total: 15,000

- Joseph Smith/Bea Walker "Harvest Gold" editor recognition Nassau County Record Total: 4,000
- "Harvest Gold" series published in the Nassau County Record (3X) Total: 12,000

## Total PSA's published: 118,000

## McAlpine: Total - 30,035 (excluding PSA's)

- Monthly Web Newsletter
- Clay County Magazine "Extension Agents' Program Captures First Place" (30,000)
- Developing a Budget, Credit Reports, Goal Setting (4pages, 16)
- Money Habits (2 pages, 19)

## Thien: Total Number reached: 24,000

- Youth Leadership Nassau, Westside Journal 12,000
- Tropicana speech county winners, Westside Journal 12,000

### PSA:

Teen Nights announcement-Twice in Westside Journal and once in Nassau County Record

## Johnson: Total: 20,400

- Club Teaches Pet Ownership, Nassau County Record, (4,000), Total 4,000
- Wiggles and Wags 4-H project Club Nassau, West Side Journal, (12,000) Total 12,000
- Tropicana Speech Contest held, Nassau County Record, (4,000), Total 4,000
- Friday Flyer 2 issues Total 400

#### Burnett: Total: 12,600

- The Grapevine Newsletter December 2013: Edition 4
- "Yards to Parks" Invasive Plant Program Builds Partnerships in the Community, Fernandina Beach News Leader, December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **PSAs**

Program flyer circulated in the Fernandina Beach News Leader and flyers distributed in public areas around
 Fort Clinch State Park and Fernandina Beach

#### III. Key Productivity Indicators Totals for Month:

Number of educational contacts by phone, mail, newsletter, groups, or personal consultation:

Educator	Number of	Number of	Mail and	Phone	Walk in	Site	Media	Website
	groups	participants	e-mail	calls	visits	visits	contacts	hits/Facebook
Jordi	6	76	4/29	37	7	5	96,553	5,767
Thien	6	99	13/85	3	1		24,000	136 friends
McAlpine	54	1,239	10/3	21	0	0	30,035	
Johnson	7	71	53	28	0	5	20,400	
Burnett	1	6	3	2	2	2	12,600	
Total:	74	1,491	27/173	91	10	12	183,588	5,767

## IV. Projected (2-month) out-of-county travel, all at no cost to county except use of county vehicles:

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January

None

February

None

## McAlpine

January

10, 13, 16 Duval County Extension: Meeting and Programs

February

None

## Thien:

January

14-16 Youth Development Institute, Ocala, FL

February

4 Counselor Training, Bradford County Extension

24 Camp Cherry Lake Advisory and training, Madison, FL

# Johnson:

January

6 Folkston Skating Rink, Folkston Ga

14-15 YID, Ocala, Fl

21 Area B Horse Show Planning meeting, Clay County Extension, Green Cove Springs, FL

25 Livestock Judging Clinic, Duval County Extension, Jacksonville FL

27 District 4-H Council Meeting, Clay County Extension, Green Cove Springs, FL

February

4 Camp Counselor Training, Bradford County Extension, Starke, FL

24 Camp Cherry Lake Advisory Meeting, Camp Cherry Lake, Madison, Fl

**Burnett:** 

January

14 Vegetable IPM Workshop, Baker County

21st, Annual Small Farms Academy Planning Meeting, Live Oak

February

None