



Community Focus

Marilyn Waldron retires from NEP

Marilyn Waldron, NEP Nutrition Advisor, retired from the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension team this month. She began her career with the Nutrition Education Program in 1993 as a part of a Lincoln Action Program Grant. She provided programs for drug and alcohol rehabilitation adults at CenterPointe, Lincoln Medical Education Foundation Pathways, LMEF WIC, Commodity Foods, as well as five senior center Commodity Foods distribution sites.

Marilyn likes helping people. "I enjoy the things that I

learn from the people I teach. It is a very humbling job. I go home feeling thankful for all that I have."

Marilyn has the ability to work with all ages of people. She provides programs for youth as young as three and for seniors in their 90's. The senior citizens respond very well to Marilyn's compassionate teaching style. Marilyn builds upon their life experiences and lets them know that their ideas are respected and valued.

Before joining the NEP team, Marilyn was a sales representative for a national company. She was also supervisor of interviewers with the Bureau of Sociological Research. She and her husband Charles have been married 46 years and have five grown children and six grandchildren.

As a volunteer, she serves meals to the needy at the Matt Talbot Kitchen. She is president of Board of Missions in her church. She loves University of Nebraska football, water skiing, walking, bicycling, traveling and flower gardening.

Marilyn looks forward to more time for family and friends, church volunteer work and travel.



Marilyn Waldron, NEP Nutrition Advisor shares nutrition tips with senior citizens.

Nelson and Wheelock complete extension board terms

Extension Board members Lynette Nelson and Jean Wheelock (FCE Council Representative) recently completed their terms on the Lancaster County Extension Board. The extension staff are grateful for their supporting role in establishing and accomplishing extension education program goals in Agriculture and Natural Resources; Family and Consumer Sciences; 4-H and

Community Resources and Economic Development.

Recently appointed to three-year terms were Lynda Todd, Assistant Director of Educational Talent Search at UNL; Sheila Kepler, Coordinator of Faculty/Staff Development, Southeast Community College; and Phil Rooney, Public Health Educator, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. (GB)

Husker Feed Grains & Soybean Conference to be held January 19-20, 2000

"AGRICULTURE: Bringing Technology to the Table" is this year's conference theme. The conference program will highlight a nationally known panel addressing biotechnology's impact on farming operations. Educational breakout sessions on e-commerce; risk management, estate/tax planning and environ-

mental liabilities will also be featured.

The Husker Feed Grains & Soybean Conference is a joint effort of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association and Nebraska Soybean Association in cooperation with the Nebraska Corn

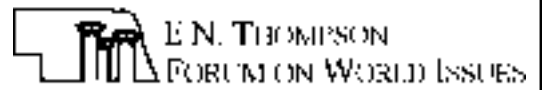
Board, Nebraska Grain sorghum Board and the Nebraska Soybean Board

The conference will be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn. For more information contact Irene Severin, Conference Coordinator, 402-787-3885, irenesev@aol.com (GB)

Upcoming speakers for the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues are:

Archbishop Tutu
Tuesday, January 25, 2000, 3:30 p.m.

Robert McNamara et al.
Tuesday, February 8, 2000, 3:30 p.m.



The E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues offers thought provoking speakers on issues key to our changing world. All lectures are presented free of charge and are held at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Streets, Lincoln. (GB)

UNL Animal Science Department to host "open house"

Prospective students, parents and friends are invited to attend the UNL Animal Science Department "open house" on Saturday, February 5, 2000, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to meet faculty and students as well as view the

department's excellent facilities. The invitation provides a first-hand look at what Animal Science has to offer, discuss career opportunities and become acquainted with clubs, extracurricular activities, housing, registration, scholarships and

other aspects of life at the University of Nebraska.

Interested in attending?

Contact: Deanna Karmazin for program and registration information. (GB)



Animal Science Department majors enjoy excellent career opportunities

Animal Science at UNL offers a broad-based curriculum, preparing students for a wide variety of careers. Students select course work ranging from animal management to areas of in-depth scientific study. The Animal Science Department curriculum is designed so a student's program can be oriented to specific career goals.

Students majoring in Animal

Science can tailor their studies for numerous career in the livestock, poultry and meat industry. An Animal Science undergraduate degree also prepares you for professional study in veterinary medicine.

Career opportunities include:

- Animal Management
- Marketing and Technical Service

- Meat Processing and Safety
- Farm and Ranch Management
- Game Ranch and Zoo Management
- Animal Health
- Banking and Finance
- Consulting
- Quality Assurance
- Extension Education (GB)



Area producers planning to shift production to value-added grains

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Shared solutions

Phillip Morris has awarded the Lancaster County Extension office a "Shared Solutions" grant to help finance an effort to overcome many of the present infrastructure shortcomings and ease the transition to the production and utilization of more IP grains in Nebraska. Tom Dorn, Extension Educator working on the project said, "By organizing producers throughout Southeast Nebraska into a producer

alliance, together we can produce IP grains in larger volume. By coordinating marketing and delivery of the pooled grain, we may be able to bridge the gap between price and volume and encourage the transition to the production of IP grains."

What is needed?

If grain producers can be identified that will commit to the production of IP grains, the SNAP leadership can contact

processors, shippers and other end-users with the knowledge of how many farmers are willing to produce IP grains. The conversation with the end user then becomes, "Tell us what type of grain you want and we'll find someone to grow it for you, provided the price is right." Grain would be produced by the members and stored in on-farm storage. SNAP would sample each bin for quality. Quantity and quality will be recorded in a

computerized database thus creating a "virtual elevator" made up of the individual storage structures on a number of separate farms.

Centralized elevators in the area of grain production will then be contacted and grain handling and shipping will be done under contract. Grain will be called into the shipping point from the "virtual elevator" to meet contract specifications. By pooling production in this way,

sufficient volume can be created to improve handling, blending and shipping efficiencies. The end result will be that we can negotiate for higher prices at the point of sale.

How can farmers get involved?

Watch future NEBLINES and local media for more information or contact Tom at (402) 441-7180. (TD)