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It's the time of year when Nebraska farmers are busy harvesting their crops.

Halloween Hail & Farewell Potluck Set

The Department of Agronomy & Horticulture invites employees to “fill their fangs” at the Halloween Hail & Farewell Potluck on Monday, Oct. 31, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 150 Keim Hall.

The Hail and Farewell will be at noon followed by costume judging. The top three costumes will be recognized with prizes.



Since this is a potluck, employees are asked to bring the following foods according to their last name: A-I entrees; J-R side dishes; and S-Z desserts. The activities committee will provide tea, lemonade, chips, and candy.

Research Travel Funds Available

IANR Research Travel applications for 3rd quarter 2011-2012 (for travel from Jan. 1-March 31, 2012) are due by Nov. 15, 2011. Guidelines and forms can be found on the following webpage: <http://ard.unl.edu/awards>. Applications should be sent electronically to the department head and then forwarded to the ARD office.

Mark the Date!

- Oct. 27:** Diabetes Prevention Nutrition Series, 12:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 24-Nov. 8:** Student priority registration for spring 2012.
 - Oct. 26 & 27:** Fright at the Museum, Morrill Hall, 5-9 p.m.
 - Oct. 28:** Dept. Seminar – Confronting Pediatric Obesity: Current Evidence and Future Directions, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).
 - Oct. 31:** Ruth Staples students Trick or Treat through 2nd floor Keim and Plant Sciences Halls, 9-11 a.m.
 - Oct. 31:** Halloween Hail & Farewell Potluck, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 150 Keim Hall.
 - Nov. 2 & 3:** UNL Fall Research Fair 2011, Nebraska Union.
 - Nov. 4:** Dept. Seminar – Cost Effective Teaching in the Life Sciences, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).
 - Nov. 8:** Tasty Tuesday Nutr. Series, 5:15 p.m.
 - Nov. 10:** Heuermann Lecture series with Dr. P. Stephen Baenziger, East Campus Union, refreshments at 3:30 with lecture at 4 p.m.
 - Nov. 11:** Dept. Seminar – Food Allergy Thresholds & Risk Assessment, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).
 - Nov. 17:** Great Am. Smokeout.
 - Nov. 18:** Feeding Your Family Nutr. Series, 5:15 p.m.
 - Nov. 18:** Dept. Seminar – Empathy Priming & Emotional Feedback in Environmental Choice: Are They Effective?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).
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Series offers Food for Thought

The second speaker in the Heuermann Lecture series will be Dr. P. Stephen Baenziger on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Great Plains Room, East Campus Union. He is the first UNL scientist to hold the Nebraska Wheat Growers Presidential Chair, an endowed professorship. Dr. Baenziger will speak on "Setting the Stage: Why Agriculture." A 3:30 p.m. reception precedes the lecture.

The next speaker in the series will be former Governor of Nebraska and U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey. Sen. Kerrey will present on December 12th, 4 p.m. in the Hardin Hall auditorium to discuss "Conflict and Resolution on the Missouri River." A 3:30 pm reception will precede the lecture.

These sessions focus on providing security in the areas of food, natural resources, and renewable energy, and securing the sustainability of rural communities. They are open to the public and made possible through a gift from B. Keith and Norma Heuermann of Phillips, Neb.

Information For & About Graduate Students

AHGSA Cookout is successful

By Brian Kreinke

The 2011 AHGSA fall cookout was a big success. More than 50 individuals attended throughout the event. A huge thank you goes out to those who helped make this possible, our sponsors: Rotella's Bakery, Russ's Market, and SuperSaver and of course, our bakers. The desserts were delicious and well received. The winners of the baking competition were: Roch

Gaussoin for the cake category, Colleen Steele for the cookies category, and Marlene Busse for the brownies category. Thank you again for your participation in this year's fall cookout.



Dworak Wins First Place in Poster Competition

Congratulations to Scott Dworak who received a first place award in the graduate student poster competition in the C-05 Division at the ASA•CSSA•SSSA annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, Oct. 16-19, 2011. Scott's presentation was entitled "Improved Turfgrass Digital Image Analysis through Normalization to Single Light Conditions" and was co-authored by Roch Gaussoin and Tim Arkebauer. Congratulations Scott!

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Nov. 24-27: Thanksgiving

Break (no classes Nov. 23).

Dec. 2: Dept. Seminar – Effects of Biofuel Crop and N Management on Soil Greenhouse Gas Fluxes from a Marginal Site (Mead, NE), 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.)

Dec. 2: World AIDS Day.

Dec. 2: Tri State Fruit and Vegetable Growers Symposium, noon-5:15 p.m., Stoney Creek Inn, Sioux City, IA.

Dec. 7 & 8: Horticulture Club Poinsettia Sale, Nebraska Union and East Campus Union, 8-4:30 p.m. (snow date Dec. 9).

Dec. 9: Dept. Seminar – Arbuscular corrhizal Fungi in Maize Cropping Systems: Beneficial or Not?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3).

Dec. 12: Heuermann Lecture series with former Sen. Bob Kerrey, Hardin Hall auditorium, refreshments at 3:30 with lecture at 4 p.m.

Dec. 12-15: 2011 North Central Weed Science Society Annual Meeting, at the Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee, WI.

Dec. 13-14: Stress Free Zone.

Dec. 16-17: UNL Graduation.

Dec. 19: Agronomy & Horticulture Holiday Luncheon, EC Union.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2012: Holiday Closedown.

Jan. 4: Crop Production Clinics in Beatrice.

Jan. 5: Crop Production Clinics in York.

Jan. 5-7: Great Plains Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference, Missouri Western State Univ., St. Joseph, MO.

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Travel Funds are Available for Graduate Students

Any Agronomy & Horticulture graduate student, whose advisor or co-advisor has an ARD research appointment, is invited to apply for the Larrick-Whitmore Graduate Student travel grant for 2012. This award is for up to \$500 to students who are personally presenting the results of their research and/or scholarly activity at a professional or scientific meeting. The deadline to apply for a grant for travel between Jan. 1-June 30, 2012, is Nov. 15, 2011. The deadline to apply for a grant to travel between July 1-Dec. 31, 2012, is May 15, 2012. For more information, see the website at: <http://ard.unl.edu/awards>.

Name misspelled in the last newsletter



Gracie Mae Barber

Gracie Mae Barber was born July 27 at 11:57 p.m. to Christopher & Kayla Barber. In the last edition of the department newsletter, her middle name was misspelled. Our apologies. Gracie weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Congratulations again to Chris and Kayla!

News From the HAPPI Business Center Sign and Date Invoices Prior to Turning Them in

Please remember when receiving invoices or packing slips to sign, date and turn them into the business center. If there is no cost object listed, please also write that on the invoice. Your signature tells us that you have received the goods and that the invoice is ok and appropriate to pay from the cost object. With increased scrutiny we want to make sure that we have all documentation in the file with an authorized signature.

2012 Vacation/Sick Leave may be Requested in ESS

Employees using Firefly's Employee Self Service (ESS) "Create Leave Request" process will now be able to request vacation or sick leave for the calendar year 2012. For the rest of 2011, employees will be limited to requesting up to 40 hours of vacation and up to 40 hours of sick for 2012. However, the information in ESS will not reflect correct balances until all the "carry forward" balances are moved to the new year in January 2012. The incorrect balances will not impact requests. For more information, see the e-mail from Oct. 18.

Upcoming: Benefits Open Enrollment

The benefits open enrollment period at the University of Nebraska will be coming in November with exact dates forthcoming. Now is a good time to start thinking about changes to your plan and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) allocations for next year. Please watch for information about this upcoming enrollment period.

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Jan. 6: Crop Production Clinics in Kearney.

Jan. 6: Deadline to nominate a CASNR colleague for UNL's Distinguished Teaching Awards.

Jan. 9: Spring semester starts.

Jan. 10: Crop Production Clinics in Hastings.

Jan. 11: Crop Production Clinics in North Platte.

Jan. 12: Crop Production Clinics in Gering.

Jan. 16, 2012: MLK Day.

Jan. 17: Crop Production Clinics in Ainsworth.

Jan. 18: Crop Production Clinics in Norfolk.

Jan. 19: Crop Production Clinics in Fremont.

Jan. 23-25, 2012: Nebraska Green Expo, Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, IA.

Jan. 29-Feb. 3, 2012: Society of Range Management 65th Annual Meeting, Spokane, WA.

March 18-25: Spring Break.

May 4-5: Graduation.

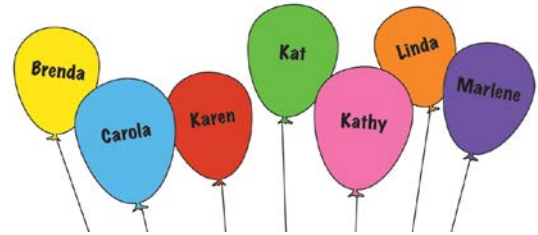
A Word from Your Office Professionals

Turn in Travel Expenses Within 60 Days

Please remember that travel expenses from recent conferences and meetings must be submitted within 60 days of the travel date. This a Nebraska state law so there won't be any exceptions. Please turn in expenses to the Office Pros in 279 PLSH.

Turn in Mileage Transportation Logs by the Fifth of Each Month

Don't forget to turn in your October mileage logs to Tiffany Anderson, 279 PLSH, tanderson17@unl.edu, by Nov. 4, 2011, (since the 5th is a Saturday). If logs are not submitted to the UNL Transportation Department by the 10th of each month, there is a \$10 fine.



– Brenda, Carola, Karen, Kat, Kathy, Marlene & Tiffany

2011 Walking Tours of the Maxwell Arboretum



The walking tours at the Maxwell Arboretum are continuing into the fall. They are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 12:00–1:00 p.m. The free tours are led by Emily Levine, Special Projects Research Horticulturist with Agronomy and Horticulture, and former Grounds Supervisor for the arboretum. Please meet at the Karl Loerch Gazebo one block east of the UNL Dairy Store, near 38th and Holdrege streets. In the event of rain, that week's tour will be canceled.

Funding Announcements

FYI: Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.