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SRDC Items of Interest

SRDC releases latest RIDGE Food Assistance and Nutrition Information Series brief

Meeting basic food needs was a struggle last year for more than one in five American households with children, including 22 percent of households outside metropolitan areas and 23 percent of households in the South. Parents in these food-insecure situations strive to shelter their children from hardship. But do they? A new brief, based on the research of Maryah Stella Fram, Edward Frongillo and Sonya Jones, University of South Carolina, explores how children and teens experience the fallout from thin budgets and bare cupboards. Read more at http://srdc.msstate.edu/ridge/files/fan_series/childrens_views.pdf.

e-Commerce mini grant applications: Next quarterly due date approaching

Land-Grant University (LGU) Extension educators or teams (involving both Extension and non-Extension partners) are invited to submit workshop proposals outlining how their workshop will introduce one of the e-commerce educational curricula that the National e-Commerce Extension Initiative has released. These resources are intended to expand the adoption of e-commerce strategies by communities, small/micro businesses and entrepreneurs across the country.

Quarterly Proposal Submission Date - Notification of Award:

- Wednesday, July 27, 2011 - Friday, Aug. 12, 2011

Download the Complete Request for Proposals

http://srdc.msstate.edu/ecommerce/grants/files/2010_ecommerce_mini_final_rfp.pdf

eXtension Entrepreneurship Webinar Series: Upcoming sessions focus on "Building Strong Communities: Tools, Strategies, and Techniques for Economic Development"

The eXtension Entrepreneurs and Their Communities webinars wrap up its fourth season with a three-part economic development series. All webinars will air at 2 p.m. (ET); 1 p.m. (CT); noon (MT); 11 a.m. (PT). For more information, contact Mary Peabody, Mary.Peabody@uvm.edu or Bo Beaulieu, ljb@srdc.msstate.edu.

- Thursday, June 9: Sam Cordes, Purdue University, will provide an introduction to key data-rich sites including StatsAmerica.

Other Items of Interest

SAAESD releases Green Industry impact bulletin

The Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors is pleased to announce the release of a New Southern Region Cooperative Series bulletin exploring the economic impact of the U.S. environmental horticulture industry: "Economic Contributions of the Green Industry in the United States, 2007." Access the report at <http://www.fred.ifas.ufl.edu/economic-impact-analysis/pdf/US-green-industry-in-2007.pdf>

New tool helps determine community readiness for biomass energy

Yellow Wood Associates, a rural community economic development consulting firm, partnered with the Biomass Energy Resource Center (BERC) to develop the "Community Roadmap to Renewable Woody Biomass Energy: A step-by-step decision-making tool for NH communities." Originally developed for New Hampshire communities, the workbook is a valuable resource for any community interested in investigating the potential for using renewable biomass energy. The Roadmap is a user-friendly, civic decision-making tool that provides a clear process for evaluating the potential use of biomass energy to help a community meet one or more of its energy goals. Learn more at <http://www.nhrcd.net/index.php?id=communityroadmap>.

Funding Opportunities

SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities

<http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/grantconnections>

The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of land-grant colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development and other related disciplines.

Conferences and Trainings

2011 Kentucky Tennessee Institute for Sustainable Development

Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK)

May 23-25, 2011

Pine Mountain State Park

<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/CEDIK/Ken-Tenn>

Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) Tenth Annual Conference

SERA-37 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with this event.

June 8-10, 2011

Kansas City, Missouri
<http://www.latinosintheheartland.com>

13th Annual National Value-Added Agriculture Conference

June 26-28, 2011
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
http://www.agmrc.org/national_value_added_agriculture_conference.cfm

2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting

*Agricultural & Applied Economics Association & Northeast Agricultural & Resource Economics Association
Joint Conference*
July 24-26, 2011
Pittsburgh, PA
http://www.aaea.org/2011am/?utm_source=banners&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=AM11

Rural Sociological Society/Community Development Society Meeting

Reshaping Rural America in an Urban Society: Innovative Approaches for Community Change.
July 28-31, 2011
Boise, Idaho
http://ruralsociology.org/StaticContent/AnnualMeeting/AM_2011_Brochure.true.pdf

2011 Joint Meeting Program Leadership Network, AEA and ASRED

Cooperative Extension GPS: Guiding and Producing Solutions
August 22-26, 2011
Fort Worth, Texas
<http://srpln.msstate.edu/>

Rural Wealth Creation & Livelihoods: Call for Participation

Rural Wealth Creation and Livelihoods: A National Conference and Conversation
October 3-5, 2011
Washington, DC
Call for participation is open now with a May 15 deadline.
<http://www.aspenccsg.org/rdp/resources/ERS11/WealthCreationConferenceCall.pdf>

What Works! 2011

The Future of Entrepreneurship and Community Development in the Northeast
September 18-20, 2011
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Call for participation is open now with a May 15 deadline.
<http://nercrd.psu.edu/Entrepreneurship/WhatWorksIIWksp.html>

Job Opportunities

Associate Extension Administrator, Kentucky State University

View announcement:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=678&detail=yes

Associate Research Director/Principal Investigator, Community Research Service Unit, Kentucky State University

View announcement:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=676&detail=yes

Principal Investigator – Sustainable Farms & Families, Kentucky State University

View announcement:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=621&detail=yes

Regional Community and Economic Development Agent, West Virginia State University

View announcement:

<http://aceop.wvstateu.edu/employment>

State Specialist Economic Development and Community Vitality, Kentucky State University

View announcement:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=677&detail=yes

Instructor of Instructional Design, University of Arkansas

View announcement:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=677&detail=yes

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