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## NOVEMBER 7

In anticipation of our Nov. 7 celebration watch for information concerning centerwide work days in October!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

**A**t this time of the year, CREC faculty and staff are involved with a wide range of activities, including field research, grant writing and last minute summer vacations.

In recent weeks, the FCPRAC, the citrus grower's organization to address research needs, has made recommendations for funding of \$5 million in research grants. The emphasis for this research is very focused on various elements of citrus canker and greening, and their management in Florida citrus. The challenges of understanding these important diseases, their spread in Florida, and strategies to limit their presence on citrus productivity and sustainability have become central to industry priorities, and IFAS is responding with a robust plan. Many components of these plans have been approved for funding at CREC and within other units of IFAS, and faculty and staff are accelerating their efforts to gear up the research.

With five new faculty positions in place at CREC, and another on the way, we are well-prepared to address the research projects. The new Citrus Pathology Building at CREC also expands our capability to conduct research on the plant/pathogen/insect relationships that lead to disease in the field, as well



Dr. Harold Browning  
Center Director

as learning about the genetics, biology and other aspects of these diseases.

Ultimately, we seek to develop, test and deliver solutions for the Florida citrus industry, and our Extension team is engaged with the industry in providing updated information to assist growers in responding to these diseases, while maintaining other aspects of citrus production.

To celebrate 90 years of history at Lake Alfred, CREC is hosting a celebration on Nov. 7. At this time, we also rededicate the Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Citrus Hall and dedicate the newly completed Citrus Pathology Building. We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate our programs and accomplishments at CREC, and encourage you to become engaged with the planning for this event as it unfolds.

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## Top Ten List: Go Green At Work

Most of us spend at least one third of the day at the CREC, so you can help save on energy for UF and the earth by applying these energy saving tips.

- 1. Turn off the lights. Remember to hit the switch on the way out for breaks and lunch. The energy savings from 10 million employees turning off unneeded lights for 30 minutes a day is enough to illuminate 50 million square feet of office space.
- 2. Get off mailing lists. The last thing we need is another office supply catalog. Before tossing, call the company's toll-free number and ask to be removed from the mailing list.
- 3. Put computers to sleep. Whether it shows off vacation photos or a cool 3D animation, a screen saver is not designed for energy efficiency.
- 4. Use the stairs. Get hearts pumping by taking the stairs. It's good for health reasons and it saves electricity.
- 5. Make the printer's toner last. When printing rough drafts or internal documents, change the printer's settings to economy mode and avoid color if possible. Duplex printing also uses half the amount of paper.
- 6. Carpool, walk, or bicycle to work.
- 7. Recycle and reuse paper. Americans toss

out about 35 million tons of paper each year. Buck the trend and start recycling – not only standard white printer paper, but all of the magazines, manila folders, and colored post-it notes that decorate your space. If it tears, it can be recycled.

8. Purchase 100 percent post-consumer waste, chlorine-free paper. Take note when buying paper – the higher the percentage of post-consumer waste, the larger the amount of recycled material is contained in the paper stock.

9. Recycle and reuse office supplies. Washing and reusing the plastic dishes and cutlery received with take-out food is an easy way to cut down on waste at work. Besides aluminum cans and glass bottles, there are many other supplies stashed in and around offices that are recyclable, such as batteries, printer cartridges, CDs, and more.

10. Curb phantom electricity. Many appliances still consume energy even when turned off. Items left plugged into the wall, such as a cell phone charger or laptop adapter, can leak more than 20 watts of power. Avoid this by plugging office equipment into a power strip and turning it off at night and on weekends.

\*\*\*Tell us how your department stays green. E-mail Christen Taylor at chris29@ufl.edu.

## AT THE CREC



Dr. Larry Duncan recycles water bottles.



Robert Spitaleri rides his bike to work every day.



Kathy Witerington recycles old faxes by cutting them for scratch paper.

## ROGERS RECEIVES FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY AWARD

During its annual meeting in July, the Florida Entomological Society recognized the accomplishments of Dr. Michael Rogers by presenting him with the 2007 Annual Achievement Award for Extension.

This award recognizes distinction in providing leadership to delivering results of entomological and related research to clients through presentations, publications and other media.

Dr. Rogers has been instrumental in offering grower education on citrus greening and canker, with particular emphasis on the role of insects in disease spread.

His leadership also extends to the insect and pest management recommendations relating to IPM that are organized in the Citrus Pest Management Guide. This IFAS publication contains updated recommendations and management elements, and is widely used by growers. Congrats, Dr. Rogers.



Dr. Michael Rogers

## EXCHANGING TRASH FOR TREASURE

Do you subscribe to several magazines? Buy a couple every time you go to the grocery store? Do you toss them once you are finished? Stop! Toss those magazines on the "RECYCLE MAGAZINES" table just set up in the Library. The new area is designed as a place for CREC employees to "trade" magazines. These magazines can be personal subscriptions such as Florida Sportsman, Better Homes and Gardens, or People. They can also be professional magazines like American Fruit Grower and Chronica Horticulturae. Then pick up a recycled one to enjoy and repeat the cycle!

Go green at work!



## NEW FACES!



**Wendy Meyer**  
**Senior Biological Scientist**  
**Hometown:** Webster, New York  
**Education:** B.S. in Environmental Studies and M.S. in Entomology, Cornell University  
**Research:** Chemical ecology and IPM of citrus insect pests  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Lukasz Stelinski  
**Hobbies:** Horseback riding, reading, traveling  
**Office Location:** Building 7135, Room 11



**Jacob Chaires**  
**Horticultural Assistant**  
**Hometown:** Lake Mary, Florida  
**Education:** He is currently a junior at Lake Mary High School.  
**Supervisor:** Margie Wendell - Senior Laboratory Tech  
**Hobbies:** Botany and computers  
**Office Location:** Building 7124, Room 203

**Preeti Sood**  
**Graduate Student**  
**Hometown:** Kota, Rajasthan, India  
**Education:** B.S. in Agriculture and obtaining an M.S. degree  
**Research:** Laser Etching Technology  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Ed Etxeberria  
**Hobbies:** Reading, yoga, sketching  
**Office Location:** Building 22, Room 61



welcomes story ideas.  
Please contact Christen Taylor, editor, at ext. 1248 or e-mail at chris29@ufl.edu.

# From Our Human Resources Department

## LEGISLATIVE BONUSES FOR FACULTY, TEAMS, AND USPS

Effective Nov. 1, each eligible faculty, TEAMS, and USPS employee (except those with performance appraisal ratings of "below performance standards" or whose appointment has not been renewed) who was hired on or before July 1, 2007, and has been continuously employed by the University through Nov. 1, 2007, will receive a non-recurring one-time lump sum bonus payment of \$1,000. The actual payment will be included in the Nov. 9 paycheck. These payments are subject to applicable taxes. Bargaining unit members may only receive the bonus subject to union negotiations. Each eligible part-time employee will receive a bonus payment prorated based on the full-time equivalency of their position.



Dale Price, HR

## T. A. WHEATON GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

The CREC Graduate Studies Committee offers a limited number of travel awards to qualified graduate students. These awards are financed with a fund established by Professor Emeritus T. Adair Wheaton upon his retirement. The fund is intended to encourage the CREC graduate students to attend professional meetings and present their research findings to a wider audience.

Kirandeep Mann, Dr. Arnold Schumann's soil science grad student, and Karthik-Joseph John-Karuppian, Dr. Jackie Burns horticultural science grad student, both recently received this \$500 award.

For an application contact Dr. Masoud Salyani at ext. 1225 or e-mail at [msi@ufl.edu](mailto:msi@ufl.edu).

## FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE TRAVELING P-CARD HOLDERS

Prior to traveling internationally, please call Bank of America at 1-888-449-2273 to notify them of your whereabouts to avoid any disruption/stoppages of your University P-card during the time you are away. Always make sure all travel P-card receipts are reported on your expense report and on a P-card travel receipt form.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT AND THE BENEFITS FAIR SLATED FOR FALL

This year's annual Open Enrollment and Benefits Fair is just around the corner. Open enrollment is scheduled to begin on Oct. 1 and end on Oct. 26.

A Benefits Fair for university employees, which provides more information about available programs and options, will be held on Oct. 1 and 2 in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom in Gainesville. Additional benefits fairs may be scheduled at other locations throughout the state. A complete listing of those dates will be published when available.

Benefits information for all benefits eligible employees will be mailed to employees prior to the start of Open Enrollment. To ensure everyone receives this important benefits information, employees are reminded to make sure their correct address is on file in the People Soft system. To check your current address in the system, follow the instructions below:

Sign on to MyUFL using your gatorlink user name and password. Using the left hand menu, follow these links: My Account<Update My Directory Profile. This will take you to the Gatordex: Self Service Screen. From this screen click on the "Addresses and Phone Numbers" link (Orange text) and follow the directions to change your address. Please keep in mind that even though you are able to change your address on-line, when you do so, you must submit a new W-4 Form to the Human Resources Office in Gainesville. If you notify the CREC HR Office that you have changed your address, we will prepare a new form for your signature.

Additional information is available on the People First Web site at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm>. In order to use this Web site you will need your six digit People First ID number and password. If you do not know your ID number and password contact People First at (866) 663-4735. Emphasis is being placed this year on making changes, additions and deletions online. Questions? Please contact University Benefits and Retirement at 392-2HRS (SC 622-2477) or [benefits@ufl.edu](mailto:benefits@ufl.edu). Dale Price or Anne Burrage are also available to help and can be reached at [sdprice@ufl.edu](mailto:sdprice@ufl.edu), [amburrage@ufl.edu](mailto:amburrage@ufl.edu) or ext. 1322.

# Bits and Pieces

## ANNOUNCING ANNA KATE

Dr. Michael Rogers, his wife, Hannah, and big brother Wesley, welcomed Anna Kate, on July 12 at 2:09 a.m. weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces and 20 inches long. Welcome Anna Kate!



## HAPPY DAYS



Bob and Eileen Hoobin (CREC and DOC employees) had a busy July.

On July 13 and 14 their grandson, Torin, won two gold medals at the Tae Kwon Do

National Championships in San Jose, California. This is the nine year old's second year of taking the national title.

Also in July, the Hoobins welcomed their seventh grandchild, Ethan Robert.



## MOTORCYCLE MILES

Lorraine Jones and her husband Jerry took a 3,800 mile motorcycle trip in June to Mount Washington, New Hampshire and rode the Cog Railroad to the top.



They stayed in Saratoga Springs and went to a Touring Motorcycle Rally called the Americade in Lake George, New York.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 10 - CCA Educational Seminar

Oct. 18 - Processors Day

Nov. 2 - UF Homecoming

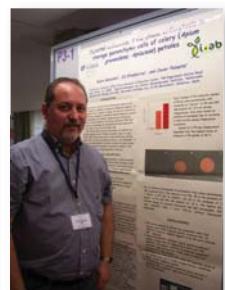
Nov. 7 - CREC Celebration

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Megh Singh's daughter, Manisha, was recently selected as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs by the Bush administration. Congrats to Manisha and Dr. and Mrs. Singh!



## TRAVELING FAR AND WIDE



Pedro Gonzalez recently attended the XIV International Workshop on Plant Membrane Biology in Valencia, Spain to present results of the research made between our Center and our colleagues in Spain.

"The conference was very important for our research," Gonzalez said, who attends the conference every three years.

During his visit, the 32nd America's Cup, a famous sailboat race, was taking place. "It was very nice to see the competition of the boats from all around the world," he said.

After the conference, Gonzalez toured more of Spain and then made his way west to Italy. "The trip to Spain was very nice because I got to see the Bulls Run in San Fermin," Gonzalez said.

Probably the best part of the trip was getting to see the town in which his grandfather was born. "I had a great time in my grandfather's town and really enjoyed the Spanish cuisine."



## NEW ADDITION

Katherine Snyder's new granddaughter, Valerie Rose Jurczak, was born on July 31, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces and 20.5 inches long. Welcome!

# From the PR Department

Change is good and the Public Relations Department staff members have had their share lately. So, what exactly is going on?

The Public Relations Department's Mission is multi-faceted. On a daily basis twelve PR staff members offer their assistance with word processing, organizing upcoming meetings and events, processing all shipping and receiving, answering the switchboard, and more.

However, another part of the PR Department's mission is to educate the community, locally and statewide, about the work done here in the way of research, education and extension for the citrus industry.

Recently, some of the PR staff's work locations have moved ... again. But by relocating desks and people, those who need to work together can better and more easily accomplish their mission.

Yes, it is confusing to many, so here's an update.

In an effort to present the best possible first impression to our visitors the main reception area has moved to BHG. Please direct your visitors there.

## Program Staff - Building 7124, Room 24

Christen Taylor (PR Specialist) has taken over as the editor of Citrus Leaves and assists with many other PR assignments.

Michelle Weger (Graphic Specialist) is working on a variety of design projects but is focusing much of her attention on the elements needed for the Nov. 7 celebration. Michelle recently reduced her work hours to mornings only in order to finish her bachelor's degree in the spring.

Paul Weikel (Webmaster) continuously updates and improves the CREC website and will begin updating the Intranet soon.

## Word Processing - Building 7124, Room 22

Barbara Thompson (Word Processor) has assumed the lead in creating a center-wide database of external contacts and continues her Word Processing duties.

Kathy Snyder (Word Processor) is working to update the Employee Handbook, maintains a media library, and is about to begin recruiting for the CREC Speaker's Bureau.

## Extension Secretary - Building 7124, Room 21

Jane Wilson (Extension Secretary) continues her normal duties and has also absorbed some Word Processing tasks like assisting Dr. Ed Etxeberria with processing manuscripts through the Research Publications Committee.

## Support Staff - Ben Hill Griffin Jr. Citrus Hall

Jen Dawson (Librarian) has moved to the north end

of the Library Office and continues to organize and update the world's largest citrus library.

Sandy Hatch's (AV Specialist) new office is in the BHG Library Office and he continues to provide Audio and Visual support, build a photo library and is also responsible for DVD and CD printing and duplication.

Linda Murphy (Receptionist/Switchboard Operator) continues to assist CREC visitors faculty, and staff by answering the phones and providing visitors with appropriate information. Linda works hard to take care of clients during events, if necessary, and assists the Librarian.

Kathy Witherington (Event Coordinator) moved her work area to BHG in the Library near Linda Murphy. Kathy is responsible for making all meeting room reservations, following up with the clients and taking care of them the day of the event. She will continue her duties with the dorms and will be the point of contact for events that will utilize the BHG Kitchen.

Perry Love - Building 7124, Room 33 continues in his role with Shipping and Receiving, mail handling, WPS Training and will be in charge of the mail room and copier.

Over the next couple of months, much of our time will be spent preparing for Nov. 7. So much needs to be done to ensure a successful day. There are several different areas where volunteers are needed. If you'd like to help out, just let one of the PR staff members know!



Anita Whitaker, PR

**CREC in COLOR**

A poster titled "CREC in COLOR" with a stylized font. Below the title is a photograph of a person operating a red and green agricultural tractor. At the bottom of the poster, the word "INGENUITY" is written in large, bold, blue letters, followed by smaller text: "INGENUITY, PLUS COURAGE, PLUS WORK, EQUALS MIRACLES" and "PHOTO BY DR. EDUARDO HUGO LEE".

Check out the newest CREC IN COLOR posters placed around the Center: Ingenuity! The posters highlight the personal creativity of CREC.