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A First: Two Scholarships Awarded!

Stan Chapman, representing retirees, awarded Extension Retiree Scholarships to Trina Jackson and Brad Runsick during the Retiree



Trina Jackson receives the 2012 Extension Retiree Scholarship from editorial board member Stan Chapman.

value of the scholarship. "Right now I have two main goals. My first goal is to receive my bachelor's degree. My second goal is to become a homeowner. This scholarship is a tremendous help towards my degree and allows me to take better care of my family."

The purpose of the CES Retiree Scholarship is to support employees' efforts to strengthen their capacities to better serve Extension's educational mission. Runsick acknowledged that his graduate studies have helped him respond to his county clientele,



Brad Runsick receives the 2012 Extension Retiree Scholarship from Stan Chapman.

from the homeowner who has questions "concerning diseases on roses" to the hay producer who is seeking best practices on soil fertility to improve the bottom line.

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Luncheon at Galaxy Conference on March 29. Jackson, administrative specialist II, Family and Consumer Sciences at the Little Rock State Office, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in health science at UALR, and Runsick, county Extension agent - agriculture in Fulton County, is pursuing a master of science with the UA, Fayetteville, focusing on plant pathology.

In her application, Jackson explained the

Retirees Attend Luncheon at Galaxy Conference



Twenty-four Extension retirees attended this year's Retiree Luncheon at the Galaxy Conference on March 29 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

*Retiree Directories
are still available.
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order your copy.*

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Wilbert May, Retired Agriculture Agent, Dies

Wilbert A. May, 86, of Lake Village, passed away March 25, 2012, at Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville, Miss.

May received a B.S. degree in agriculture from Arkansas AM&N and an M.S. degree in agriculture from Prairie View A&M. He retired from Extension in 1985 after 32 years of service as a county Extension agent - agriculture in Chicot County.

May is survived by his wife, Narvel May of Lake Village; daughter, Carnevel Bellamy of Grand Prairie, Texas; son, Edwin May of Grand Prairie, Texas; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for May was held April 1 at New Hope Baptist Church in Lake Village with burial in Briggs Cemetery in Monticello.

Condolences may be sent to the May family at 457 Millie Sterrett Street, Post Office Box 409, Lake Village, AR 71653-1815.

– *Laura Goforth*

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(Left to right) Retiree editorial board members Lorraine Hupp, Gene Woodall, Earl Wilson and Fann Woodward with Dr. Anne Sortor, associate director, FCS and 4-H Youth Development; Stan Chapman; Easter Tucker, retired associate professor - nutrition; Trina Jackson, 2012 Extension Retiree Scholarship winner, and her daughter, Adriane Martin.



(Left to right) Retiree editorial board members with Brad Runsick, 2012 Extension Retiree Scholarship winner, and wife, Amber Runsick; Stan Chapman; and Sharon Reynolds, Ozark District director.

The CES Retiree Scholarship has been funded by generous contributions from Extension's retirees and friends, including a significant number of memorial and honorary gifts. To each of 179 individuals who have already donated to this scholarship, we say, "Thank you!" Your support has made a difference in the lives of five Extension employees, their families and the people and communities of Arkansas they serve.

To ensure that we can continue awarding scholarships to at least two of Extension's more than 800 employees each year, a minimum funding level of \$25,000 is required. The "Advance 25K" fundraising initiative was launched last year to increase the endowment to this new level. With eight months remaining in this two-year fundraising campaign, we are \$3,000 away from meeting our goal – a goal that is easily achieved if 19 retirees each month donate \$20.12. Will you please help us reach our goal by being one of the 19 retirees this month to donate?

– *Merritt Royal*

Alphonso Denham, Retired FCS Agent, Dies

Alphonso T. Denham, 82, of Camden, died April 3, 2012, at the Ouachita County Medical Center.

Denham was an FCS agent for over 35 years, beginning in 1958 as assistant home demon-

stration agent in Woodruff County and retiring from the Calhoun County office in 1988 as Extension's first black female county staff chair.

Survivors include one sister, Eddie Mae Thrower of Camden, and

a step-daughter, Shiree Shine of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were April 7 at New St. Mary Baptist Church in Camden with burial at New St. Mary Cemetery.

– *Laura Goforth*

Highlights of the Retiree Luncheon



*Fann Woodward and
Portia Ballard Short*



*Claudia Corbin and
Barbara Singleton*



*Left to right: George Davis,
Tom Leslie, John Payne and
Stan Chapman*



*Left to right: Dora Dinnan,
Randel Price, Tom Leslie*



*Lorraine Hupp and
Gene Woodall*



*Left to right: Randel Price,
Tony Windham and
Portia Ballard Short*



*Jerry Wooley and
Woody Miley*



*Left to right: Betty Davis,
George Davis and Tom Leslie*

Lionel Barton 2012 Inductee to Ag Hall of Fame



Lionel Barton, retired poultry specialist and professor emeritus with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, is among this year's inductees to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Barton, a Magnolia native, joined the University of Arkansas faculty as a poultry man with the Cooperative Extension Service in 1967 and retired in March 1995. He is president of the Poultry Science Alumni organization. In 1987, he was awarded the Pfizer Poultry Science Extension Award for distinguished service to the poultry industry. Barton dedicated his career to strengthening the poultry industry in Arkansas and was instrumental in the development of the university's Poultry Center for Excellence.

He was honored at the 24th annual induction luncheon on March 9 in the Ambassador Ballroom of Little Rock's Embassy Suites Hotel and was recognized for this accomplishment at the Retiree Luncheon at the Galaxy Conference on March 29.

The Agriculture Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau.

– Mary Hightower

✿ May Birthdays ✿

- Rosemary Gardner, May 1
- Paul Cooper, May 2
- Shirley Shelton West, May 5
- Clarice Griffith, May 10
- Earl Wilson, May 10
- B. J. Hankins, May 12
- Carol Massey, May 12
- Naideen Drake, May 15
- Dianna Cox, May 17
- Clyde Stuart, Jr., May 17
- Harold Williams, May 18
- William Russell, Jr., May 19
- Teresa Booth, May 21
- Charlotte Freeman, May 22
- Mary Kennett Manis Rhodes, May 23
- Donald Johnson, May 24
- Faye Suitt, May 26
- James Peachey, May 28
- Larry Smith, May 29
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