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Colburn Busy With Cattle and Drought

Ed Colburn couldn't chat on a recent Thursday. He was having hay delivered and needed to get it unloaded ASAP.

Hay is scarce around his farm in Cameron, Texas, because this is the fourth consecutive summer of drought, which has caused Colburn to cull his herd by about 75 percent.

The herd is an exclusive bunch. Colburn, who retired from Extension in 2004, raises purebred Beefmasters. Although he had cattle while in Arkansas, Colburn always wanted to improve his purebred herd. Now that he has a small group to work with, he's been producing seed stock and is involved in



Ed Colburn

cutting-edge cattle technology.

Colburn moved to Texas about eight years ago, right after retirement. He and his wife of 48 years, Della, are originally from Texas, and they have lots of family there. Colburn now uses the H2 brand on his cattle – a brand that has been used in his family for more than 150 years.

Colburn worked at Extension in Texas for

many years before taking a post in Arkansas as the director of the Southeast Research and Extension Center.

"It was a very rewarding job," he said. "I enjoyed promoting new technology, concepts and practices as well as teaching producers and county Extension agents."

Colburn also dabbles in genealogy. About three years ago he started looking into his ancestry and has worked up family trees for himself and his wife. He has met some newfound relatives online.

To reconnect with Ed Colburn, contact him at 1679 County Road 248, Cameron, Texas 76520-5111, (254) 541-7105.

– Shannon Magsam

Ruby Rayder, Retired Nutrition Aide, Dies

Ruby Sales Rayder, age 83, of Lake Village, died Sept. 2 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Rayder was a nutrition aide for the Chicot County Extension Service from 1970 until her retirement in 2004.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Lee Rayder of Lake Village and Michael Rayder of Memphis, Tenn.; four daughters, Ardith Hubbard of Searcy, Jo Ann Okerson of Memphis, Tenn., Kathi Mazzanti of Jackson, Mo., and Nancy Smith of Glen Allan,

Miss.; a brother, Allen Sales of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Mattie Hamlin of DeBary, Fla.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 8 at Chicot Baptist Church in Lake Village.

– Laura Goforth



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Retired Extension Printer Now Sets Own Deadlines

Jim Frala knows about deadlines.

From the age of 16, he worked in printing, first as a high school student, then for various newspapers after he graduated. Frala owned his own company, The Print Shop, in Clarksville for more than a dozen years before starting work as the print supervisor at UALR.

He made a lateral move to the Extension state office in 2002.

He recalled a funny story from his newspaper days when the printing involved “hot type.” His buddy was working on setting out a line of type for a column that was to appear in the paper. He planned to go back to the story, but typed “More of this \$#@” in the meantime.

He didn’t go back and add the rest of the story, though, and it ended up in the newspaper.

That one garnered a few letters to the editor.

Frala enjoys setting his own deadlines these days.

He retired in 2010 due to disability. Although he has ever-present medical problems, Frala is able to enjoy his retirement, which



Jim Frala

is punctuated with some travel and volunteer work.

Frala has a woodworking shop behind his house in Mabelvale. He makes custom cedar crosses

and has donated some to the Extension Galaxy conference for auction items.

He will soon be working with Healing Waters Outreach Center at Shannon Hills to teach woodworking to teens. Healing Waters seeks to help needy and at-risk youth. The kids will stop off at his shop for weekly classes.

Frala is also on the Shannon Hills City Council.

His wife of 15 years, Kathy, still works at Baptist Health, but the two sneak off for trips on occasion. They recently cruised to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cozumel.

Frala has two children who live in Clarksville. He has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

To reconnect with Jim Frala, contact him at (501) 455-2989, 14423 Joan Drive, Mabelvale, Ark. 72103-3011. – *Shannon Magsam*

Nanette Webb, Former 4-H Program Assistant, Dies

Nanette Webb, age 59, of Benton, died Sept. 19. Born in Little Rock, Webb worked as a 4-H program assistant in Saline County from 1998 until January 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Webb; daughter, Angela Holiman; mother, Maurine Bledsoe; brother, Phillip “Curly” Bledsoe; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sept. 24 at Ashby Funeral Home, Benton.

– *Laura Goforth*

Lloyd Rutledge, Former 4-H Agent and National 4-H Leader, Dies

Dr. Lloyd L. Rutledge, 94, died May 2.

Rutledge first served Extension as a 4-H agent in IZARD County in 1946 and subsequently worked as a state 4-H agent in Little Rock from 1947 to 1955. He went on to become community development program director with the USDA Extension Service, 4-H Division, and in 1965 helped to implement the Civil Rights Act in 4-H across the nation. He was selected to the National 4-H Hall of Fame in 2012 by the National Association of 4-H Agents.

Rutledge is survived by his wife, Lorene Ferguson Rutledge, five children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were May 12 at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

– *Laura Goforth*

Lola Lehman, Retired Home Economics Agent, Dies

Lola D. Herd Lehman, 102, of Woodward, Okla., died May 25 in Woodward. Funeral services were held May 29.

Lehman received a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma A&M and a master's from the University of Arkansas.

She worked for Extension as a home demonstration agent from 1935 to 1966, serving in Sharp, Baxter and Clay counties. She retired in 1972 as Extension home economist in Clay County.

She is survived by nieces, Jane McDonald of Mustang, Okla., and Merline Templin of Arizona, and nephew, Bill Adams of Woodward. — *Laura Goforth*

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| Massie Silva, Nov. 3 | Doris Begeman, Nov. 13 | John Philpot, Nov. 23 |
| Frances Story, Nov. 4 | Milo Shult, Nov. 13 | Pearl Ray, Nov. 23 |
| Sue Palsa, Nov. 9 | Patsy Keller, Nov. 15 | Kathryn Fowler, Nov. 25 |
| Wallace Cummings, Nov. 10 | Eugenia Hockett, Nov. 18 | Vatra Stone Hibbs, Nov. 27 |
| Jerry McIntyre, Nov. 11 | Betty Allen, Nov. 19 | David Ibsen, Nov. 27 |
| Gerald Alexander, Nov. 12 | Luther Roberts, Nov. 20 | Louise McPherson, Nov. 28 |
| Ruby Talbert, Nov. 12 | Viessa West, Nov. 21 | Jim Frala, Nov. 30 |

From the Editorial Board

In the September issue of *Extension Cord*, we provided you information on two items placed on November's ballot by the legislature.

One is a proposal to increase Arkansas' sales tax by a half of a cent to pay off bonds to fund highway construction projects. The second item is to alter the Arkansas Constitution to allow counties and municipalities additional financial powers.

The third item, which was not discussed last month, is the proposed Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act. This act, if passed by voters, would make the medical use of marijuana legal under Arkansas state law, while recognizing it remains illegal under federal law.

The act would authorize the establishment of a system for cultivation, acquisition and distribution of marijuana for qualifying medical patients through nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries.

The act would protect qualifying patients, their designated caregiver, medical marijuana providers and physicians from arrest, prosecution or penalty under Arkansas law, though it offers no protection from prosecution under federal law under which marijuana is illegal.

Under the proposed state law, cities and counties could limit the number of dispensaries that operate within their boundaries and enact zoning regulations guiding where dispensaries may locate.

If you want more complete information for any of the proposed amendments and acts, call your county Extension office or go online to <http://ppc.uaex.edu> to access the facts sheets and video that explain the proposals.

And please don't forget to vote. The day of the 2012 election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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