

# **2011 NACDEP Program and Service Awards**

## **North Central Region**

### **Diversity – Individual (National Award) – Tobias Spanier**

The integrated Leadership Program in Southwest Minnesota is helping communities welcome newcomers into civic life. The program has benefitted from solid scholarship, valuable community development practices, and creative and innovative curriculum design.

### **Education Piece – Individual (National Award) – Brian Raison**

Getting Youth Involved in Local Foods is a new curriculum aims to help students learn about what we eat, where it comes from, and how it impacts the environment. It discusses local food systems and how students and their families can be involved in creating positive changes.

### **Education Piece – Team (National Award) – David Civittolo & Greg Davis**

The Ohio BR&E Program involves community members in a formal dialogue to inform development strategies. Participants are engaged in learning activities aimed at developing their capacity to lead others through a formal BR&E process. Their efforts are guided by a reference manual, referred to as the BR&E Program Handbook.

### **Education Technology – Individual – Dean Larkin**

Dean has used the emergent web-based community decision-making and collaboration tools and his great facilitation skills with Lincoln County to help this community effectively plan for future disasters in the first three days when shelters, volunteers, food and knowledge of at-risk populations is critical to survival.

### **Education Technology – Team (National Award) – Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel & Connie Francis**

Red Carpet Service On-line is designed to give frontline employees the tools to promote regional tourism and practice skills to identify and respond to traveler needs. The Nebraska Travel Association has endorsed the program and encourages their membership to incorporate it into their employee training package.

### **Excellence in Community Development Work – Individual – Nancy Bowen-Elzey**

The Van Wert County Microenterprise Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program was developed to help create and retain private sector job opportunities principally for persons of low-and-moderate-income (LMI). The Program is also intended to help diversify the local economy and to encourage the redevelopment of blighted areas.

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**Excellence in Community Development Work – Team** – Nancy Bowen-Elzey, Bill Grunkemeyer, Myra Moss & Eric Romich

Community and Economic Development professionals seek to identify strategies that will revitalize local economies. The new wave of green industry large scale renewable energy developments can provide such an opportunity for rural areas and small communities. This program helps communities understand renewables and determine how they effectively attract renewable energy industries.

**Media Presentation – Individual (National Award) – Jody Horntvedt**

Jumpstart Your Workgroups is a narrated presentation developed for regional workshops attended by leaders involved in community-wide projects. It was designed to be one of several mini-sessions each presented in 10 minutes or less, to provide participants with ideas and tools to recharge them as leaders and re-energize their communities

### **Western Region**

**Excellence in Community Development Work – Individual (National Winner) – Wendy Wedum**

Montana Extension Agent Wendy Wedum developed, implemented and coordinated a new Community Development Program to address poverty in Belt, MT. She successfully implemented many programs including weatherization improvements to the local Senior Center, a grant for a new wellness facility, and coordinating a Youth Leadership Group.

**Educational Piece – Individual – Paul Lachapelle**

The 2010 Montana Public Land Guide was released in the summer of 2010 and is a 44-page resource of all public lands in Montana. The publication provides current political and economic information on public lands in Montana and is used by public officials, citizens, academics, and students.

**Excellence in Community Development Work – Team – Jennifer Anderson, Barb Andreozzi, Damon Bunting, Kevin Chamberlain, Sarah Hamlin, Tom Harrington, Rae Lynn Hays, Paul Lachapelle, Tara Mastel, Mandie Reed, Bruce Smith & Wendy Wedum**

Twelve MSU Extension Educators serve as Community Coaches who have collaborated to implement the Horizons poverty-reduction program. The team has successfully implemented the process involving more than 775 community members and over 85 facilitators. Program evaluations show positive impacts in all communities to address poverty.

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## **Media Presentation – Individual – Paul Lachapelle**

The monthly Montana Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (MACDEP) E-newsletter presents research-based information on a variety of community development-related topics including events, grant opportunities, reports and resources, and news items of interest with over 550 individuals in Montana, across the United States, and internationally subscribed.

## **1892 Region**

### **Excellence in Community Development Work – Team (National Winner) – Gae Broadwater, Jerry Cloyd, Jeff Jones, Edgar L. Lewis, Scott Maas, Henry Snorton & Dean Tandy**

KSU's entrepreneurial outreach initiative was designed to support entrepreneurship for adults and youth in rural western Kentucky communities. KSU provided technical assistance and educational programs for individual and enterprise development. This programming leveraged support for new venues for locally-based economic development and was accomplished through long-term relationship building.

## **Southern Region**

### **Education Technology – Individual (National Award) – Susan Adelman Kelly**

Educational technology must be used to reach a wide Extension audience, such as blogs, social media, internet videos and web pages. For the Sustainable Living (Community Development) program at UF/IFAS Sumter County Extension, Susan Kelly has created two blogs and utilizes an office Facebook page to communicate with clients

### **Educational Package – Team (National Award) – Lorrie Barr, Laura Connerly, Elizabeth Fortune, Laura Goforth, Debbie Henry, Stacey McCullough, Chris Meux, Wayne Miller, John Payne, Tom Riley & Donna Rinke**

The Ballot Issues Education Program provides understandable and unbiased education to Arkansas voters about statewide ballot initiatives. State faculty members research the issues, develop educational resources, and train county agents to deliver the program. County agents determine the most appropriate methods for educating voters locally and implement the program accordingly.

### **Excellence in Community Development Work – Team – Bo Beaulieu, Karen Benson, Mark Brennan, Sally Campbell, Susan Cosgrove, Renee Daugherty, Alice Diebel, Patricia Dyk, Katrina Easley, Sharon Gibson, Amelia Hall Stehouwer, Harvin Hudson, Jan Maples, Pam Monroe, Latonia Morrison-Frank, Callie Nelson, Cynthia Pilcher, Ken Robinson, Mike Stout, Joe Sumners, Patty Swearington, Vicky Tiller, Ron Vick, Rachel Welborn, Kimberly Williams & Sheri Worthy**

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Turning the Tide on Poverty placed local citizens at the helm in addressing pervasive poverty issues. This integrated Extension/Research initiative sought to foster greater civic engagement in eight impoverished communities in the South. The Southern based team discovered an enthusiastic citizenry ready to face the challenges impacting their communities.

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### **State Distinguished Community Development Service Awards**

**Jodi Bruns – North Dakota**  
**Dora Ann Hatch – Louisiana**  
**Bruce Smith - Montana**

### **NACDEP Distinguished Service Award**

**Hank Cothran**

Hank is a founding and life member of NACDEP. He served as Treasurer for five years. As a member of NACDEP he has also served on the Conference Planning Committee (four years), coordinating the Economic Development Track reviews, the Recognition Committee (two years), the Policy and Resolutions Committee (one year) and several ad hoc committees including a committee to establish policies for recognition of state and regional chapters and a committee to compile a NACDEP Policy Manual.