



# RuralCONNECTIONSMONTHLY

A newsletter of the Western Rural Development Center

## CALL FOR ARTICLES

The Western Rural Development Center is soliciting articles for the Spring 2018 issue of *Rural Connections*. To be considered, review the Call for Articles on our website and submit a 500-word abstract by Monday, November 6, 2017.

**Get the details.**



## FALL 2017 ISSUE OF RURAL CONNECTIONS IS COMING SOON

The next issue of *Rural Connections* will be delivered to your inbox in late October and Betsy is diligently working on it now.



This next issue will include an introduction by WRDC Director Don Albrecht along with these articles:

### **Small-Scale Agriculture and the New Natural Resource Economy**

*Can Regional Food Networks and Small-Scale Agriculture Contribute to the NNRE?*

Sue Lurie, University of Oregon; and Christy Anderson Brekken, Oregon State University

### **Externships in Community Sustainability Through Cooperative Extension**

*Providing Service and Learning Opportunities for Students through Community-Based Sustainability Projects*

Mark Apel and Gabrielle Sykes-Casavant, University of Arizona

### **Rural Resilience**

*Addressing Community Health Outcomes with N.E.A.R. Sciences*

Laura Rÿser and Joy Lile, Washington State University; and Kody Russell, Kitsap Strong

### **Advancing Rural and Community Health Equity**

Kate MacTavish and Stephanie Grutzmacher, Oregon State University

### **Determined to Become a Homeowner**

*USDA Rural Development Housing Programs Help Those in Need*

Ernie Watson, New Mexico State Office, USDA Rural Development

### **Building Extension Through Collaborative Bioenergy Research**

*New Topics, New Audiences, New Strategies*

Noelle M. Hart, Catherine H. Gowan, and Kevin W. Zobrist, Washington State University

## Western Extension and Sustainability Outreach

*Where Have We Been, and Where Do We Need to Go?*

Roslynn Brain McCann, Utah State University; Mark Apel, University of Arizona; and Paul Lachapelle, Montana State University

Eager for some good reading material now? [Check out previous issues of Rural Connections!](#)

## HELPING SMALL TOWNS SUCCEED

The Heartland Center for Leadership Development is pleased to announce details for its 2017 institute: Helping Small Towns Succeed - Clues, Capitals, and Community Resilience. The institute is scheduled for October 17-19, in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's line-up includes Chuck Schroeder, Founding Director, Rural Futures Institute; Cornelia Flora, Community Capitals Framework; and Chuck Hibberd, Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension. [Learn more.](#)



## RURAL MANUFACTURING AT A GLANCE

Despite declining rural manufacturing employment between 2001 and 2015, the manufacturing sector is relatively more important as a source of employment and earnings to the rural economy than it is to the urban economy, according to Rural Manufacturing at a Glance, 2017 Edition, a new report from USDA's Economic Research Service. [Read more.](#)



## OPPORTUNITIES

### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Social Science Post-Doctoral Fellow

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

North Dakota State University

Search for posting number 451591 using the Job Search field.

[Learn more.](#)

USDA Announces Prize Competition to Develop and Implement the Innovations in Food and Agricultural Science and Technology (I-FAST) Program

[Learn more.](#)

Applications Now Being Accepted for Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I.

[Learn more.](#)

Higher Ground Fair: Celebrating Rural Living in the Rocky Mountains  
September 23-24, 2107

[Details.](#)



Extension Disaster Education Network Annual Meeting

September 26-29, 2017

[Details.](#)

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE from the Military Families Learning Network

Learning Through Change: Adapt. Grow. Thrive.

September 26-29, 2017

[Details.](#)

Investing in America's Workforce: Improving Outcomes for Workers and Employers

October 4-6, 2017

[Details.](#)

WEBINAR: Connecting Health Insurance and Agricultural Viability: Helping Farmers and Ranchers  
Address Health-Related Risks

October 10, 2017

[Details.](#)

Helping Small Towns Succeed: Clues, Capitals, and Community Resilience

October 17-19, 2017

[Details.](#)

Call for Articles - Rural Connections Spring 2018

November 6, 2017 submission deadline

[Details.](#)

Young Farmers Conference

December 6-8, 2017

[Details.](#)

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