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
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
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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