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CRD Summer Picnic

The Big Ivy Community Club has graciously agreed for the 2009 Community Clubs’ Summer Picnic to be held Monday, July 20, 6:30 pm, at the Big Ivy Community Center in Barnardsville. As has been the case in the past, the chicken and paper ware will be provided by the County Council for this event. Individual clubs are encouraged to bring their favorite vegetables, other meats, salads, desserts, breads and drinks to share. Entertainment will be provided.

It would help tremendously if the president of each club would call Deanna Jordan at the Buncombe County Center of NC Cooperative Extension, 255-5522, by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15, to indicate how many people from your club will be attending.

Directions to the Big Ivy Community Center are as follows:

Take I-26W/US-19-N/US-23 N and travel 12.4 miles. Take Exit 15 for NC 197 toward Jupiter; go .3 miles. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for BARNARDSVILLE and merge onto Barnardsville Hwy/NC-197. Travel 6.0 miles and turn right at Dillingham Road/NC-2173. Follow Dillingham Road for 1.0 mile to 540 Dillingham Road. The Community Center will be on your left.

Community Development Exchange

The Buncombe County Community Development Council has expressed interest in having an Exchange with the Henderson County Community Development Council this fall. An Exchange Committee, consisting of Iris Sluder, Kees Auer and Lorraine Wheeler, was formed on April 20 to plan the Exchange.

We have heard from Henderson County’s group that they are interested in coming to Buncombe County this year. The committee is now in the process of developing an itinerary for the Henderson County group. This visit will probably occur in September. Watch for future communications for more details.

Dates for CRD Activities

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New County Extension Director

I wanted to introduce myself to everyone in the Community Development Club program. Some of you may know me from when I served in Buncombe County as livestock and crops agent from 1997 to July 2005. I also served as an associate Extension agent for 4-H youth development in Macon County from 1992 to 1996. I hold a master’s degree in human resource development from Western Carolina University and a bachelor’s degree in agriculture from Berea College.

In July of 2005 I moved to Rutherford County as County Extension Director there. Then I was appointed as Buncombe County Extension Director starting May 11. My appointment was approved and announced by Buncombe County Manager, Wanda Greene, and Dr. Jon Ort, Director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. I succeed Kenneth Reeves, who retired from Cooperative Extension in November 2008.

I will be taking over Kenneth Reeves’s responsibilities in working with the Community Development Program. Coordinating the Community Development Program was part of my work in Rutherford County, so I am familiar with Community Development; and I’m eager to learn about the projects everyone has going in Buncombe County. I am pleased to be back in my home county, and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

“Steve served in Buncombe County and is very familiar with the needs of the citizens, the Extension staff and County government. His experience and leadership gained in Rutherford County has been very positive for that Extension Center and its service to the County,” said Harvey Fouts, District Extension Director for the West District, which includes Buncombe County. “I am now very pleased that Steve wants to continue his career in Buncombe County and look forward to his leadership in providing continued excellence in managing our Cooperative Extension Center.”

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