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Dora Dinnan Enjoys Staying Connected

Dora Dinnan retired from Extension three years ago, but she often volunteers where she once worked.

She helps with the county fair and with 4-H programs, and she helps cook at events.

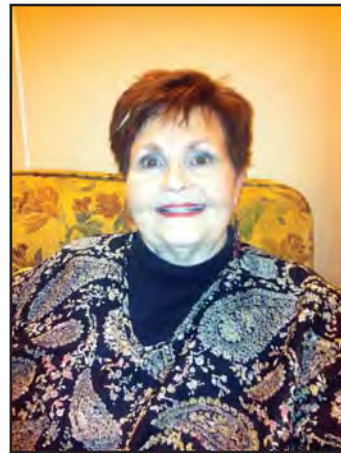
Dinnan frequently exercises in the Strong Women program she started in Morrilton, visits with her mother who's in a nursing home in Paris or spends time with her two grown children.

She enjoys attending Extension retiree events as well. Last spring she went to a get-together on Petit Jean Mountain and made quite a splash. She was with a group of other retirees who were posing for a picture.

With the sun in her eyes, Dinnan stepped back to get repositioned for the photo and stepped into a dirty pond, falling to her knees and slicing her finger to the bone.

"When we get together this year, I'm not going to try and walk on water," she joked.

Dinnan started her Extension career in 1967



Dora Dinnan

in Franklin County. She had been a home economics teacher in Eureka Springs, but she couldn't shake the desire to work for Extension. In 4-H as a student, she had always been in awe of the county agents she met.

"I thought Bernice Cook was the most fascinating woman in the world," she recalled.

Dinnan's first Extension job was as a paid intern under Mary Dunn. She quickly moved to Greenwood as an assistant home economist until,

as she put it, "the tornado blew us away" and the team had to work out of Fort Smith.

From 1969-70, Dinnan worked in Russellville as a home economist. While there, she married and they moved out of state. After her husband transferred back to Arkansas seven years later, Dinnan worked at the Russellville Area Agency on Aging for a year. Then she returned to Extension, this time in Conway County. She was there 10 years when she retired February 2009.

Dinnan enjoys reading and restoring an old, two-story home in Morrilton.

"I do stay busy," she said. You think you won't when you retire, but you do."

To reconnect with Dora Dinnan, contact her at 501-354-3764, 300 South West Street, Morrilton, Ark. 72110.

— Shannon Magsam

Save the Date: March 29, 2012

Annual Retiree Luncheon March 29 at the Galaxy Conference at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute atop Petit Jean Mountain. See details and registration information on pages 3 and 4.

Millard Had Dream Career in 4-H Work

From the time she was a youngster participating in 4-H, Darlene Baker Millard knew she wanted to be an Extension agent.

“4-H was a wonderful thing for me as a child,” she said. “I was very shy and I learned how to speak in front of a group. It was just a great experience.”

Millard was immersed in 4-H in Benton County and took part in sewing, leadership, photography and livestock programs. When she went to college at the University of Arkansas, she worked for Extension for a year.

Millard graduated from UA in 1976 and two years later began her full-time Extension career as a 4-H agent in Pulaski County. Millard served in that post for four years until she was named a program specialist in the state 4-H office. (Millard received her M.S. in 1981 and her Ph.D. from Texas Women’s University in 1986.)

In 2002, Millard was promoted to state 4-H leader. She was assistant director of 4-H Youth

Development before retiring in 2009.

When she worked, her friends joked that she was the only person they knew who loved to get up and go to work every day.



Darlene and Dennis Millard

“I got to live my dream and have my dream career,” she said.

Millard and her husband have a small farm near Hot Springs. They also plant a garden every year now, and Millard taught herself how to can again.

The Millards enjoy traveling and have been to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean and other locations. Lately, they’ve been busy renovating a vintage (1976)

Airstream Silver Bullet. They plan on taking it out for a few trips soon. They have a long-range plan to see all the national parks out west.

Millard has visited all 50 states, 48 of them by the time she was in high school. Her dad used to throw a camper on the back of their truck, and the family would travel the states together. They weren’t going in luxury, but it was a great adventure all the same, Millard noted.

The Millards are also Parrot Heads. They’re part of the Little Rock club and are involved in various charitable events. The club always enjoys a good “party with a purpose,” and Darlene Millard is treasurer. She has tickets to the March 1 Jimmy Buffett show in Little Rock. Needless to say, it was sold out within a matter of minutes.

To reconnect with Darlene Millard, contact her at 501-653-2495, 1602 Debswood Drive, Bryant, Ark. 72022.

– Shannon Magsam

Delaney Alexander, Retired County Agent, Dies

Delaney Alexander, 73, of Lexa died June 13, 2011, in Helena.

Alexander earned a B.S. in agriculture education at AM&N College (UAPB) and an M.S. in adult education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He began his Extension career as an assistant county agent in Lonoke County in 1963. He also served as assistant county agent in Nevada

County and as associate Extension agent in Phillips County before retiring in 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Bennie; a son, Lawrence G. Alexander of Omaha, Neb.; daughters, Shelia Jones, Pamela Brown, Stacie Arbor and Karen Davett, all of Memphis, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; one brother, W.S. Alexander, Jr. of Los Angeles,

Calif.; five sisters, Joyce Davis of Chicago, Ill., Qumare Morehead of Pine Bluff, Edith Sims of Carson, Calif., Scollie Keith of LaPalma, Calif., and Vera Senderson of Allen, Tex.

Funeral services were held July 2, 2011, at Spring Lake Missionary Baptist Church in West Helena.

– Laura Goforth

Dear Extension Retiree:

On behalf of the conference planning committee, I would like to extend this invitation to you to attend the 2012 Extension Galaxy Conference. The Galaxy Conference is an opportunity for Extension employees, both active and retired, to come together to learn new things, enjoy the company of colleagues and friends and recharge their creative batteries.

This year's Galaxy Conference will be held March 28-30 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute (WRI) on Petit Jean Mountain. The WRI is a beautiful facility with excellent accommodations and wonderful food and provides a beautiful setting for the conference.

Here are some of the things that will be going on at the Galaxy Conference that may be of interest to you:

- Retirees' Luncheon – On Thursday, March 29, we will recognize Extension retirees at the annual Retirees' Luncheon. The Retirees' Luncheon is provided free of charge to retirees and spouses by our Extension Director, Dr. Tony Windham.
- Good Food – The WRI is known for providing excellent banquet facilities and food. NOTE: Except for the Retirees' Luncheon, to participate in other meals during the Galaxy Conference will require you to register for those meals and pay the per-meal price (see attached registration form) ahead of time.
- Arkansas Adventures – We also will offer a number of educational tours and classes that we are calling "Arkansas Adventures." These include cooking classes, a food and wine pairing class, a Discovery Farm tour, an archeological tour, an exercise class and a trail hike. NOTE: There is a fee for each of these tours and classes. There is also a class size limitation for many of them, so you will need to register and pay for any Arkansas Adventure activity ahead of time.
- Poster Session – There will be a poster presentation session conducted on the evening of Wednesday, March 28. Posters will be presented that represent some of the best work by Extension educators from across the state.
- Guest Speakers – We will hear from speakers about what is going on in Extension and the Division of Agriculture, as well as from experts on how to tell Extension's story and dealing with the future. NOTE: Several of these presentations will be made during meals, so participants will need to register for those meals (see registration form for meal prices).
- Auctions – We will conduct both a silent auction and a live auction of items and services donated for the Galaxy Conference. Proceeds from the auctions go to the four Extension professional associations that plan and conduct the conference.

For a complete look at the Galaxy Conference program, with descriptions of sessions and activities, go to <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy> and click on the Galaxy program picture.

I do hope that you will plan to join us at this year's Galaxy Conference. We think you will enjoy it. To register for the - activities in which you will be participating, please either: 1) go to this Web address, <http://www.regonline.com/2012galaxyconference> and complete the online registration for each individual who will be attending the conference or 2) complete the attached registration form on the back of this letter for each individual who will be attending and return it, with your payment for any selected meal or activity fees, to BeVerly Sims, 2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204. Please register by Friday, March 9.

If you have any questions about the Galaxy Conference, please feel free to contact BeVerly at 501-671-2263 or me at 501-671-2084.

I hope to see you at the Galaxy Conference!

Rich Poling
Chair
2012 Galaxy Planning Committee
rpoling@uaex.edu

2012 GALAXY CONFERENCE EXTENSION RETIREE REGISTRATION



Fill out a registration form for each individual who will be attending a Galaxy Conference session, activity or meal. Indicate which sessions, activities and meals you will be attending. **Registration must be returned by Friday, March 9, 2012.** Include a check or money order for the total cost of the sessions, activities and meals that you have selected.

You can also register for the Galaxy Conference online by going to this website, <http://www.regonline.com/2012galaxyconference>, and completing the registration process. If you have questions about registration, contact BeVerly Sims at 501-671-2263.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Check which describes you: EXTENSION RETIREE SPOUSE

MEALS: Select which of the following meals you will be attending.

<u>Wednesday, March 28</u>	<u>COST</u>
Opening Lunch	\$17.00
Picnic Dinner	\$30.00
<u>Thursday, March 29</u>	
Breakfast	\$15.00
Retirees' Luncheon	NO COST
Awards Banquet	\$30.00
<u>Friday, March 30</u>	
Breakfast	\$15.00

MEALS TOTAL: \$ _____

ARKANSAS ADVENTURES ACTIVITIES: Select the Arkansas Adventures Activity you want to attend. Cost for each activity is shown. Seats are limited, so register early.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Museum of Automobiles (Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 PM)	\$10.00
Cooking School (Wednesday, 3:30-4:45 PM)	\$25.00
Cooking School (Thursday, 8:45-10:00 AM)	\$25.00
Discovery Farm Tour (Thursday, 1:00-4:00 PM)	\$5.00
Archeology Excursion (Thursday, 1:15-2:45 PM)	\$2.00
Cooking School (Thursday, 2:15-3:30 PM)	\$25.00
PiYo (Thursday, 4:15-5:15 PM)	\$25.00
Bear Cave Trail Hike (Thursday, 4:15-5:15 PM)	\$5.00
Food and Wine Pairing (Thursday, 4:45-5:45 PM)	\$25.00
Container Garden Class (Friday, 9:00-10:00 AM)	\$30.00

ARKANSAS ADVENTURES TOTAL: \$ _____

TOTAL COST= MEALS TOTAL + ARKANSAS ADVENTURES TOTAL = \$ _____

Please send this completed registration form and check or money order for the Total Cost **by March 9, 2012** to BeVerly Sims, 2301 S. University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204. Make check or money order payable to: **2012 Galaxy Conference.**

From the Editorial Board

This month's *Extension Cord* has been increased by four pages, all of which bring you information about the retiree luncheon and Galaxy.

Dr. Windham will pay for you and your spouse for the retiree luncheon, which will be held Thursday, March 29, at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

If you choose to attend Galaxy, the conference will be free to you, except you will have to pay for meals other than the retiree luncheon and there is a cost for some of the workshops, such as the culinary classes and some of the special sightseeing trips.

If you choose to eat meals at the conference in addition to the retiree luncheon, there is a cost per meal. You will need to fill out the registration form

included in this issue of *Extension Cord*. While filling out the registration form, you will need to mark the workshops you wish to attend and meals you intend to eat as part of Galaxy.

The Orchard (a building with 10 rooms, a living room, a full kitchen, a dining room and a screened-in porch) has been set aside for retirees to spend up to two nights and to visit. We will have pastries and fruit with coffee and juice for breakfast in the Orchard's kitchen, at no cost to retirees. The kitchen has an ice maker, a full-size refrigerator, a stove and oven and a coffee maker. We will have sandwich meats, bread, spreads and tomatoes, pickles and lettuce on hand if you choose to make your own lunch each day.

We will also have snacks and drinks available throughout the day and night in the kitchen at the Orchard.

If you wish to spend one or two nights at the Orchard, the inserts in this month's *Extension Cord* provide you information on how you might reserve a room. The 10 rooms in the Orchard are on a first-come basis. If the Orchard fills up, there are additional housing options at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.

Please consider joining us for the retiree luncheon and for the entire Galaxy. Retirees who have attended have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Editorial Board Members

Fann Woodward

Mike Wright

Lorraine Hupp

Stan Chapman

Lott Rolfe, III

Earl Wilson

Gene Woodall

Bob Reynolds, Editor

Recent Retirees

We welcome the people listed below who have retired from Extension since June 30, 2009.

Gerald Alexander, May 31, 2011

John Boyd, Nov. 2, 2009

Sheila Brandt, Sept. 30, 2011

Roberta Bufford, Jan. 7, 2011

Carolyn Burns, July 7, 2010

Anita Clark, Oct. 29, 2010

Sue Coates, June 30, 2010

Raymond Duncan, Jan. 3, 2011

Jim Frala, May 2, 2010

Richard Kluender, Dec. 31, 2010

Mike Klumpp, Jan. 3, 2011

Catherine Koch, Feb. 1, 2012

Lynda Lee, June 30, 2011

Carolyn Meeks, Oct. 31, 2009

Jane Mowry, July 29, 2011

Wanda O'Neal, July 31, 2011

Linda Outlaw, Jan. 6, 2012

Charles Parsons, Jan. 31, 2011

Don Plunkett, May 2, 2011

Beth Roberts, July 31, 2009

Milo J. Shult, Jan. 3, 2011

Toy Helen Gunn Siler, Jan. 5, 2011

Romona Thieme, June 30, 2011

Rick Thompson, Mar. 31, 2011

Easter Tucker, Jan. 3, 2012

Danny Walker, Jan. 31, 2012

Preorder the 2012 Retiree Directory Today



Mr. Donald Adams

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 Russellville, AR 72811-1613
 (479) 967-5552
 flutterbutter@arkansas.net
 Birth date: 05/30
 LAST TITLE: Extension Agronomist - Feed Grains
 LOCATION: Little Rock State Office
 CES RETIREMENT: 12/29/1989

Ms. Katie Lee Adkins

DECEASED: 8/5/1993
 LAST TITLE: Administrative Assistant
 LOCATION: Little Rock State Office
 CES RETIREMENT: 3/31/1969

What's new with this year's directory?

•Different format

Your *Extension Cord* editorial board requested more history be included in this year's directory. Beginning this year, the Retiree Directory also includes the retiree's last title and location. Also, this year's directory includes a new header to separate listings by alphabetic order.

- **29 New Entries** – only 12 of which are new retirees! Several retirees provided names excluded from last year's directory.
- **Free Updates** – As changes are made to the directory, you will receive addenda periodically until we publish the next directory to ensure that you have the most recent information – at no additional cost to you.

2012 Extension Retiree Directory Order Form

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

	Quantity	Cost	Total(s)
2012 Extension Retiree Directory (Pick-up)**		\$7.60 each (includes tax)	
2012 Extension Retiree Directory (Mail)		\$9.66 each (includes shipping, tax)	
TOTAL			

** Please specify your preference.
 I intend to pick up my copy at the Retiree Lunch on March 29.
 I intend to pick up my copy from the Communications Office.

Payment Options:

My check made payable to UA CES for \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge my credit card: American Express Discover MasterCard VISA
 Card Number _____
 Expiration: _____ Security Code: _____
 Signature: _____

Elmalee Parks, Retired Extension Secretary, Dies

Elmalee Parks, 90, of Batesville passed away in Batesville on Dec. 24, 2011. Parks retired from Extension in 1988 after working as a secretary in Independence County for 42 years.

Survivors include three nieces, Anna Lee Welborn of Heber Springs, Tracy Bullard and Karen Hubbard of Denison, Tex.; three nephews, Steve Parks of St. Joseph, Mo., David Parks of Chicago, Ill., and James Cavitt of Harrisburg, Pa.

The funeral, officiated by Ben Kelley and Larry Sandage, was held Dec. 27, 2011, in Batesville at Roller-Crouch Chapel with burial in Oaklawn Cemetery.

— Laura Goforth

Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gifts were received to support the professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers honorary and memorial gifts recorded Jan. 1-31, 2012.

■ Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship

In honor of Margaret Alexander

Reathel Hicks ♦

In memory of Larkin Brown

Elizabeth Childs ♦

In memory of Mildred Childs

Elizabeth Childs ♦

In memory of William Feaster

Margaret Alexander ♦

In memory of Mary Holt

Gilbert

Reathel Hicks ♦

In memory of Mescal Johnson

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Elizabeth Childs ♦

In honor of Gail Kizer

Elizabeth Childs ♦

In memory of Bob Perry

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Margaret Alexander ♦

In memory of Vanita Rhoden

Frank and Patricia

Plafcan ♦

In honor of Merritt Royal

Elizabeth Childs ♦

In memory of Lynn Russell

Larry Pryor ♦

In honor of Carol Sanders

Elizabeth Childs ♦

In memory of Romeo Short

Margaret Alexander ♦

In honor of Milo and Ann Shult

Merritt Royal ♦

In honor of Easter Tucker

Martha Ray Sartor ♦

In honor of Gene Woodall

Wallace Cummings ♦

In honor of Fann Woodward

Merritt Royal ♦

■ Mildred and Liz Childs CES Professional Development Award

In memory of Mildred Childs

Elizabeth Childs

To make a gift in memory or honor of someone important to you, please use the donation box on the last page of the *Extension Cord*.

♦ Reflects gifts associated with the *Advance 25K: Continuing a Legacy* fundraising initiative.

— Merritt Royal

March Birthdays

Peter Faison, March 1
Cordy Ramer, March 1
Lynn Whitlock, March 1
Carolyn Hester, March 2
Earlene Larry, March 2
Janet Hill, March 3
Carl Farler, March 4
Glenda Rushing, March 5
Danny McCarter, March 8
Ann Brown, March 9
Ethelyn McKinney, March 9
Alene Bates, March 10
Bobbie Floyd, March 10
Dorothy Rodgers, March 12
John Baker, March 13
Alphonso Denham, March 13
Danny Allen, March 14
Kent Rorie, March 14
Sue Seevers, March 14
Dorene Wills, March 16
Doris Markle, March 17
Nina Boston, March 19
Larry Pitman, March 19
Charlie Parsons, March 23
John Robinson, March 24
Reathel Hicks, March 25
Helen Morris, March 26
Thomas Moody, March 27
Wilbert May, March 28
Patsy Hall, March 29
Eddie Hubbell, March 29
Karen Fite, March 31



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<i>Extension Cord</i>	\$12.00	_____

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Yes, I want to support the *Advance 25K: Continuing a Legacy* fundraising initiative in support of the Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship.

Enclosed is my gift of \$20.12 Other \$_____

My gift is in honor / in memory of _____
_____.

Name/Address for notification of honorary and memorial gifts:

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