AgriLife Extension names South Plains district administrator

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will gain a new administrator for county programs for the South Plains District effective Nov. 15.

"Mr. Michael Clawson will assume the role of district AgriLife Extension administrator for District 2," said Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension's associate director for county programs at College Station.

"Mr. Clawson brings extensive experience to this position, having served as an AgriLife Extension agent in Ector, Swisher, Sherman and Motley counties, and as an assistant agent in Liberty County," Dromgoole said. "Michael has distinguished himself throughout his career as an individual who truly embraces the mission of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He is highly respected for his ability to work with people, his vision for program excellence and for his leadership skills."

Clawson will office in the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, which serves as the headquarters for the 20-county district.

He earned a master's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University, a bachelor's degree in animal science from West Texas A&M University and an associate's degree in business administration from South Plains College.

Clawson has been with AgriLife Extension since 1990. Throughout his career he has garnered a number of awards and recognitions based on his AgriLife Extension work. Those earned this year include both the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Association and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Associations' distinguished service award and the communication state winner award, also presented by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

"I am honored for the opportunity to serve District 2 as the District AgriLife Extension Administrator," Clawson said. "I grew up on the South Plains and spent the majority of my AgriLife Extension career in the area, so I'm well aware of the deep roots our agency has across the region. I am looking forward to working with county commissioner courts, county AgriLife Extension agents, specialists, and other AgriLife faculty in District 2 to develop and deliver quality educational programs to the area's residents."

Clawson fills the position formerly held by Miles Dabovich, who transferred to Vernon as the AgriLife Extension administrator for the agency's Rolling Plains District on July 15.

The Ray D. Anderson treatment center recently donated $1,117 to the Brownfield Senior Citizens Center, most of which they raised through a recent car wash. Center representative Landon Ginn is shown presenting the donation to BSCC Director Betty Charlebois.

Pearsall-based artist Susan Thumm demonstrates how to paint a blue heron. The Brownfield Porcelain Art Club hosted a seminar Wednesday through Friday with painting lessons.

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