

FRSU MISSION

"The FRSU works to "provide a central focus for station operations and management with the goal to improve overall efficiency by providing a systematic means for budget management, facility upgrades, consolidation of labor pools, maintenance and repair of equipment and buildings and other infrastructural needs."

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Mac Lindley Research & Demonstration Farm-Valliant

The Mac Lindley Research and Demonstration Farm located on the banks of the Red River in McCurtain County is one of the most recent additions to the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station facilities. The farm consists of approximately 2,500 acres with 1,500 acres in pasture and crop land. 1,000 acres are mixed upland hardwoods and mixed pine hardwood timber. The staff consists of Curtis Cowell, Farm Superintendent and Dooley Parsons, Assistant Superintendent. Both Curtis and Dooley have degrees from OSU and are from McCurtain County.



Mac Lindley circa 1960's

The Mac Lindley farm is unique in that it is funded from the interest on the endowment established by Mr. Lindley and from the farm sales revenue. Recent projects have included building corrals, a residence and upgrading the office. For the first few years the office was Mac's home. The staff of Kiamichi Forestry Research Station work closely together on farm activities and develop natural resources projects. The farm also maintains a herd of Black Angus which is used to provide replacement heifers to all OAES research herds. For more information, contact, Curtis Cowell, (580) 286-0964 or email at Curtis.cowell@okstate.edu

Randy Beeby

As you may know Randy Beeby was injured in an accident recently. Randy is currently recuperating after surgery and rehab at home. To send greetings and cards— mail cards to P.O. Box 13, Marshall, OK 73056.

Staff Notes-CERL

Val Gladden now officially heads the CERL....as Coordinator of Controlled Environmental Research Laboratories.

Val previously served as the HVAC mechanic for five years.

Val is currently working on retrofitting Greenhouse 305, a former USDA greenhouse and the only one of its kind on campus. It is unique because it is air conditioned. It will provide the researcher with a more controlled temperate environment and during milder seasons will maintain those temperatures with less energy usage. All aspects of the greenhouse operation are controlled automatically.



Val lives in Stillwater with his wife, Shelley and their son, Wes. His hobbies include playing golf as well as performing around Stillwater in the Val Gladden Band. Val also enjoys watching his son play soccer and football for the Stillwater Junior High football team.

Val's office is located in Ridge Road Greenhouse II and can be reached at 744-7072.

Perkins

Lynda Carrier has joined the staff at Cimarron Valley/Perkins as Assistant Station Superintendent. Linda worked within the OSU system previously with the Horticulture department. Linda resides in Stillwater with her husband.

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P Cards/FMLA/Travel

5 Important things to remember when using your P-Card!

1. Make sure to submit an email to Dr. Raper for approval BEFORE you purchase a item over the \$2500.00 limit.
2. Sign your P-Card receipts..... If you are signing on someone else's behalf please add that on the receipt. Ex: John Doe signing for Jane Doe.
3. Please make sure to hand in all receipts in your procession every Friday! This makes it easier to sign off in works for us in the office.
4. Please use a correct description in "Works" so that the transaction is coded correctly.
5. Please make sure you sign off in a timely manner!!

Out of State Travel Reminder from Aaron: Travel requests will need to be filled out before you leave on a trip-even if it is a day trip -for all out of state travel.

Pcard retraining is on line. During the month the cardholders initial pcard training is two years old, cardholders will receive email notification from our office which will include instructions for accessing and completing the training.

The retraining consists of a power point presentation followed by a brief 5 question quiz. Our office will be notified when the retraining is completed. The cardholder must answer 4 out of 5 questions correctly to pass. If the retraining is not completed by the time stated in the email, the card will be suspended until retraining is completed. **THIS SESSION IS FOR RETRAINING ONLY NOT INITIAL PCARD TRAINING.**

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FRSU Projects & Facilities

Storm Shelters: Bids for the storm shelters have been reviewed and accepted for the below ground shelters. B & B Construction from Shawnee has installed shelters in Valliant, Lane, SPREC and Agronomy in Stillwater. The above ground shelters are currently out for bid and will close on December 18th.

Tipton Progress: The new 5,000 square foot facility at Tipton has a new name: Tipton Valley Research Station. The bid was awarded in October and should be completed by spring 2013. Long Range Planning will oversee the construction.

Construction of brick entry signs are underway. Lane will be the first to construct the brick planter.

Celebrating 20 Years of Oklahoma Mesonet

Recently the Oklahoma Mesonet honored the 20 years of partnership with OSU's South Central Research Station. Al Sutherland, Assistant Extension Specialist with OSU, presented a token of appreciation for the 20 years of working together to the employees of the South Central Research Station. The station maintains the grounds around the Mesonet site as well as controlling vegetation in the fenced station.

OSU and OU joined forces in 1987 to create the Oklahoma Mesonet which consists of 120 automated stations covering Oklahoma. There is at least one Mesonet station in each of Oklahoma's 77 counties. At each site, the environment is measured by a set of instruments located on or near a 10 meter tall tower. The measurement are packaged into "observations" every 5 minutes, then the observations are transmitted to a central facility every 5 minutes, 24 hours, per day year-round.

Source : *Mesonet Connection*, August 2012



Above Photo: The Stillwater OAES is recognized for 20 years of partnership with the Mesonet. From left to right, Randy Boldt, Johnny Hurt, Doc Byfield, Michael Pettijohn, And Al Sutherland.

For more information on Oklahoma Mesonet, visit their website at mesonet.org

REMINDERS

Save the Date: Christmas Party December 14th at Botanic Garden Education Bldg.

End of P-Card Billing Cycle Dates

Last Day to Sign Off

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Thursday, December 20, 2012

Sunday, November 26, 2012
Wednesday, January 2, 2012

We're on the web:

<http://www.oaes.okstate.edu/field-and-research-service-unit>

