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UI EXTENSION LAUNCHES COLUMN

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As Idaho's land grant institution, the University of Idaho has state-wide impact. In 42 of Idaho's 44 counties, Extension Educators provide research information meant to stimulate and guide community change. Through workshops, classes, face-to-face interactions, and written publications, UI Extension links Idahoans to a wealth of information and expertise.

As Extension Educators, we seek diverse ways to reach our audience. We are excited at the opportunity the Bonner County Daily Bee is providing so that Mike Bauer, our horticulturist, paraprofessionals in a variety of areas, and I can provide information on topics that impact Bonner County.

Bonner County educators specialize in horticulture, small farms, family and community development and poverty. Through connections with Educators in Idaho and the nation, we can provide information on any topic including nutrition, forestry, sustainable agriculture, customer service, small farm management and development, weed and pest management, home food preservation, organic farming and biological pest controls.

Extensions' roots rest in the Morrill Act. On July 2, 1862 President Lincoln signed that Act creating land grant universities and colleges. In 1914, the Smith Lever Act added cooperative extension. The "cooperative" part of the title highlights the collaborative input from county, state, and federal government to fund county extension offices.

In 1915, the Idaho legislature approved Cooperative Extension at UI. In 1924, the Vandal football team won the Northwest Conference title. UI beat WSU that year. Perhaps it was an omen that the next victory for the Vandal football team against WSU would be in 1954. The faculty and staff at the UI Bonner County Extension office and at the Research Station may not be able to provide a winning football team – or even a team that could play for more than one quarter. What we can do is fulfill our mission that began in 1914: Extension Educators act as

agents of change by providing research based information to our clients: the taxpayers of Bonner County.

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