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Dear Friends,

I hope you’re taking time to enjoy an upcoming long weekend with family and friends and a bit of sunshine. I can almost smell the food on the grill now!

Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

Best wishes,

Jackie

**Position Announcements**

**County Extension Educator**

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Lake County, Painesville, OH**

JR# 417123

1.0 FTE

Repost Date: May 21, 2016

Deadline Date: June 19, 2016

Screen Date: July 6 and 7, 2016

[To Apply]

**County Extension Educator**

**4-H Youth Development**

**Repotted**

**Trumbull County, Cortland, OH**

JR# 416214

1.0 FTE

Repost Date: May 21, 2016

Deadline Date: July 10, 2016

Screen Date: July 27, 2016

[To Apply]

**Congratulations**

Ashley Kulhanek, Medina County ANR Educator and Jenny Strickler, Coshocton County 4-H Educator were both [OUTSTANDING U] award recipients!

Clif Little, Guernsey County ANR Educator, has been selected by his peers to receive the Distinguished Service Award at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Meeting and has also received first place for Ohio in Applied Research poster and abstract publication and asked to represent Ohio nationally.

**No Issue Next Week**

Due to the Memorial Day holiday next week, there will not be an issue of the weekly newsletter. Have an enjoyable weekend.
PCard Deadline . . .
The PCard reallocation deadline is earlier this month due to the Memorial Day holiday (Friday, May 27). To help Sarah, your reallocator, please have all eRequests entered immediately.

Important TERSSA Deadline . . .
The TERSSA membership deadline is fast approaching (May 31, 2016). TERSSA is the national association for support staff (The Extension and Research Support Staff Association), and in conjunction with Chi Epsilon Sigma, is planning the national meeting for Columbus, Ohio on October 18-19, 2016. Registration for this conference will be coming soon. Please note that there is a significant reduction in the cost of the conference registration if you are a TERSSA member by the May 31 deadline. Please consider joining.

OSUE Apparel Order . . . (Source: Cheryl Buck)
Proforma TCL is offering group ordering of OSU Extension employee apparel, garment bags and pens until May 31, 2016. This allows counties who might need fewer items than the typical minimum order to purchase the exact number of items they need. Items available can be found in the Extension showroom at http://www.proformaosu.com/showrooms.htm. This year’s group order is for institutional orders only (products must be paid for by the unit and provide to the employee at no charge). There is not an option whereby an individual can purchase items from personal funds. Be aware that because the unit will be buying the items for the employee, the employee will be taxed on the cost of the apparel item(s) provided to him or her. Refer to Cheryl’s email of 5/16/16 for additional information about ordering.

New Business Operations Update . . .
Be sure to check out the most recent issue of the Business Operations Center Update posted at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu. Some of these changes were mentioned in last week’s newsletter, but there are several items of importance.
- Finance Service Center New Name
- Travel Changes Effective 7/1/16
- Purchasing Card Changes Effective 7/1/16
- Promotional Items Guide Updated
- FAES Exception Form Effective 7/1/16
- Building, Renovating, Buying, Selling or Leasing Space
- New Items on the Web

CFAES Social Media Survey . . . (Source: Michelle Ball, Director, Marketing and Communications)
CFAES reached over eight million people through social media in 2015, and we would like to increase that in 2016 and beyond. To do that, we are developing a strategic social media strategy for the college. You can help us capture the impact of our current social media efforts by completing a brief survey.

The survey will help us learn about all of the social media sites that exist in the college, including departments, programs, Extension and OARDC, and how you use them to support your work. Not only do we want to know what “organizational” sites we have, but also which faculty and staff use their personal social media sites to promote their work.

The survey will take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete, and we need your response by May 27. If you use social media for OSU business, we need to hear from you.

You will find the survey at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cuWXyMQ88OUhYbz
InnovateExtension Recap: An Energizing, Innovative, and Inspiring Day . . .

The inaugural innovateExtension event was held May 12th, 2016 on Ohio State University’s campus. Twenty-two teams and more than 140 participants vied for funding for their ideas, projects, prototypes, and concepts.

The following teams were awarded 3D-printed innovateExtension trophies and will work with OSU Extension Director Roger Rennekamp to secure funding for their innovative ideas and projects:

Honorable Mention: Dayta Dreamers (Debby Lewis, Amy Elhadi, Kim Showalter, Suzanna Windon | Coach: Kevin Gamble) Pitch: Hiring a web developer, housed in the PDE unit, to design a “data portal”. The portal would be able to accept various types of data and generate multiple types of reports based on the data that will be accessible by a broad range of employees.

3rd Place Team: Live Healthy Live Well (Pat Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Lisa Barlage, Joanna Rini, Beth Stefura | Coach: Alice Henneman) Pitch: Expansion of the Live Healthy Live Well social media programming into a text-based message campaign, also including brief YouTube videos and hashtag creation and use.

2nd Place Team: Team GMO (Emily Adams, Lee Beers, Mary Griffith, Peggy Hall, Dianne Shoemaker | Coach: Hunter McBrayer) Pitch: A three-part plan to help Extension professionals excel with critical issues. Critical issues are not limited to controversial issues. They also include issues and situations that arise quickly and Extension personnel must address in a very timely manner. 1) Educator Training, 2) Identify Critical Issues at Annual Conference, and 3) Development and Implementation of a Protocol for Critical Issues.
1st Place Team: Critical Conversations (Jackie Kirby-Wilkins, Jeff McCutcheon, Cindy Torppa, Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Laura Fuller, David Crawford, Debbie Brown | Coach: Daphne Richards) Pitch: Extension professionals are faced daily with having critical conversations with a variety of stakeholders (e.g., funders, elected officials, consumer, community partners, and families/friends). These conversations include relationship building, networking, collaborating, facilitating, mediating, and innovating. Critical Conversations provides a variety of resources (including Tool Kits and Skill Building) and strategies for developing competencies, comfort, and skills for addressing critical conversations.

Didn’t catch the Periscope’d live stream footage from the event? Watch all of them on the OSU Extension Ed Tech YouTube channel.

TERSSA Conference- coming October 2016... To Extension & Research Support Staff – yes, YOU

Looking to find a way...
- to increase your awareness of other state’s Extension programs
- to make connections & friends in other states
- to get out of your comfort zone
- to grow professionally??

Six Reasons to attend the TERSSA 2016 Annual Conference:
- Taking needed time for professional development
- Enhance performance in all areas
- Receiving input from colleagues
- Sharing our knowledge
- Streamline processes
- Advancement of Extension

@ The Westin Great Southern Hotel, Columbus, OH- see a small blurb on the hotel's history below...

Are you a TERSSA Member yet? If not, sign up today for only $10!!

The Westin Great Southern Hotel, Columbus, OH
Columbus was abuzz on the hot summer night in 1897. The city's leaders had fulfilled their promise in building the "showcase of the Midwest" and tonight, the 23rd of August. The Great Southern Hotel and Opera House was opened to the public. It had been a tragic decade for hotels in this capital city, with fires claiming the Seneca, the Deshler, and the Vendome Hotels. It was with great pride that the populace toured the majestic building, as it had been built on the dreams of 400 men investing $100 each towards its construction. Come see the grandeur!

Hold these dates... more info to come...
Blog Links...
- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/

National Meeting Information...
NACAA – http://www.nacaa.com/
- Registrations after May 15 will include a $100 late fee

- Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 - $229.00 per night
- Early Bird Registration – June 1-July 15 - $450.00
- Regular Registration – July 15 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – August 12 - $475.00
- Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00

NEAFCS – http://www.neafcs.org/2016-annual-session
- Hotel Reservations – Open now until August 1 or until sold out
- Early Bird Registration – by July 15 - $425
- Regular Registration – by September 1 - $475
- Late Registration – after September 1 - $525

Important Dates and Deadlines...
If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Vicki at myers.26@osu.edu.

MAY:
25 – Newer Educator Meeting, Trumbull County
31 – Region Support Staff Renew Retreat (optional evening and overnight), Stark County

JUNE:
1 – Region Support Staff Renew Retreat – Stark County
15-17 – ANR Summer Retreat, Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center, College Corner, OH
20 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
26-29 – NACDEP & ANREP Conference, Burlington, VT

JULY:
20 – Region CED Meeting, Carmen Connect
24-28 – NACAA, Little Rock, AR
27-August 7 – Ohio State Fair

SEPTEMBER:
12-15 – NEAFCS, Big Sky, Montana
19 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
19 – EEERA 4-H Program Leaders & 4-H Specialists Meeting, Columbus
20-22 – Farm Science Review
28 – Region CED Meeting, F2F, location TBD

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
4-5 – Comm Dev Retreat
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ
26-27 – All FCS Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-service, 4-H Center, Columbus

DECEMBER:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union