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Dear Friends,

The summer is heating up and I'm looking forward to visiting some of our fairs in the upcoming weeks. What are your favorite traditions from your fair? Shoot me an email with those “don't miss” items and I'll try to hit as many as I can.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome . . .

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Position Announcements . . .

**Regional Director, South East Region**  
Caldwell, OH  
JR# 419752  
1.0 FTE  
Post Date: July 9, 2016  
Deadline Date: August 21, 2016  
To Apply

**Program Coordinator, SNAP-Ed**  
Lorain County, Elyria, OH  
JR# 419724  
1.0 FTE  
Post Date: July 9, 2016  
Deadline Date: July 24, 2016  
To Apply
Leadership Transition Announcement . . . (Source: Lonnie King)

Last week, I met with Provost McPheron and he asked if he could use Ryan Schmiesing for an assignment to focus on some of his priorities and initiatives including an upcoming effort in university strategic planning. The college will, of course, honor the provost’s request and Ryan will be transitioning to OAA over the next few weeks. During this time, Ryan will work with me on transitioning his responsibilities so he will be balancing his time between our office and OAA.

We will immediately begin searching for his replacement and use this opportunity as perhaps a development assignment. It is important to move forward to replace Ryan during this time so that we can ensure we provide the type of support and resources necessary to continue our positive trajectory in the college. As many of you know, Ryan has served in several key capacities for the college since returning in 2011 and played an integral role in many of the transitions that have taken place since that time.

Please join me in wishing Ryan all the best in this new assignment and we look forward to working with him in his new capacity in OAA and with the provost.

Director’s Drop In . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

While many of you have grown accustomed to my monthly posts to Conспектus, it has become apparent that there is also a need for more frequent communication from me about news and happenings within Extension. While Conспектus is designed to prompt thought and dialogue related to innovation, it is not the best mechanism for information-sharing. With that in mind, look for a short communication from me called the Director’s Drop In that will be included in each weekly newsletter distributed by your Regional Director.

This week, I want to highlight Deb Carney, Tony Staubach and rest of the Hamilton County team as they hosted President Drake, Brutus, and The Buckeye Bus for a visit to their office and their Innovation Station Summer Enrichment Program. Innovation Station provides community outreach to youth ages 5-12 through innovative activities related to agriculture, natural resources, gardening, healthy eating, and water.

The evening before the office visit, Brad Bergefurd was the featured speaker at an OSU Alumni Gathering at Urban Artifact, a new Cincinnati brewpub that uses locally grown hops in the brewing process. At the event, Brad presented President Drake with his very own copy of Field Guide for Integrated Pest Management in Hops!

Roger Rennekamp
Director, OSU Extension


Are you an employee who has been employed in OSU Extension for 18 months – 3+ years? Are you looking for a professional development opportunity which is built around simulated on-the-job experiences? If you do, the Action Leadership is for you.

What is the Action Leadership Retreat? This two day retreat offers you the opportunity to:

- Assess and reflect on your skills in key areas important to success as an Extension professional.
- Interact with other Extension professionals with similar tenure.
- Develop goals and initial plans for personal and professional development.
- Discuss and explore resources available to support your development.

Dates of the Retreat are: November 8-9, 2016
Registration Fee is $90

To learn more about this professional development opportunity for educators, please click on https://osu.box.com/v/ALRN0V892016

Space is limited to seven participants for the retreat. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis!

Questions? Contact Beth Flynn flynn.61@osu.edu or 614-292-1251
New Impact Areas for OSU Extension – Final . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)
Thanks to those of you who submitted comments and suggestions regarding the new Impact Areas for OSU Extension. These comments were very helpful in making the decision to consider the wording of the six draft impact areas as final. As a reminder, the six new impact areas are:

Health and Wellness
Job Skills and Careers
Thriving across the Life Span
Sustainable Food Systems
Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
Environmental Quality

There was considerable interest in developing descriptive language for each of the impact areas that would further define the nature and scope of our work in each area. Others suggested adding "action words" to each phrase. Each of these suggestions has significant merit and we will consider doing both as we begin using the impact areas in various communication pieces and reports.

For now, however, you can consider the six impact areas as the new domains of activity around which we will organize our communications to our many stakeholders.

Staff Career Development Grant applications Accepted Until July 31 . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
The Staff Career Development Grant provides staff with an opportunity to further their growth and development. Eligible staff can apply for a Staff Career Development Grant of up to $1,000 for individuals and $1,500 for groups. Grants can be used for professional development, education or training costs related to job and/or career goals. Applications are being accepted until Sunday (7/31). → Read more → Contact

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

- October 24-27, 2016 in beautiful Cape May, New Jersey
- The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May.
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.

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 – EERA 4-H Program Leaders & 4-H Specialists Meeting, Columbus
20-22 – Farm Science Review
28 – Region All Program Staff Meeting, F2F, R.G. Drage Career Technical Center, Massillon

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