Dear Friends,

I just love this time of year, where we take some time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and all the things, big and small, that we have to be grateful for. You and this organization, our mission, and the impact on everyday lives are one of the many blessings I don't take for granted. Thank you for being part of my world and a vital part of this team. You bring me joy and a real appreciation for lives well lived. I hope you all get a chance to really take a well-deserved break, enjoy time with family and friends, and have time to smell the roses (or better yet...the pies). If any of you find yourselves alone this Thanksgiving and want a place to land on Thursday, feel free to contact me. I have 35 family members joining me with more food than is humanly possible to consume. We'd love to have you. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Family Addition . . .
Congratulations to Jenny Strickler, Coshocton County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and her husband, Jared, on the birth of their daughter, Aspen Grace, born Wednesday, November 16th, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19.5" long. Congratulations to Jenny and family!

Beware of Fake BuckeyeMail Login Pages! . . . Source: onCampus Today
This week we’ve seen a surge of phishing attacks against the university. Most recently we spotted a malicious website posing as a login page for BuckeyeMail and wanted to bring it to your attention. Please avoid clicking on links in emails when possible and always verify you are on the correct, official site before entering your user name and password. We hope you never get hooked by a phishing scam, but we are here to help you if you do. Don't hesitate to contact us.

→ Read more
→ Contact
2016 OSU Extension Annual Conference – Register TODAY . . .

Registration is now open for the 2016 OSU Extension Annual Conference! go.osu.edu/EACregistration

- One-day registration: $95
- Two-day registration: only $145

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Noon (12 PM) - No late registrations will be accepted.

For updated conference information, visit: go.osu.edu/2016EAC

Jared Morrison (morrison.332@osu.edu) and Julie Fox (fox.264@osu.edu), Co-Chairs, 2016 Extension Annual Conference Planning Committee.

APPLY SOON: Diversity & Inclusion Issue Corps Opportunity

Advance Diversity & Inclusion in Your Community and Region

Diversity and Inclusion have been major concerns in our nation for many decades now. In recent years, they have become increasingly pressing issues as our nation’s population has become ever more diverse.

eXtension’s new Diversity & Inclusion Issue Corps offers Extension professionals an opportunity to design innovative projects in collaboration with peers from across the nation and receive guidance and support from expert “key informants.”

The Issue Corps experience brings together a number of project teams from around the country who are focused on developing new ways of addressing a pressing issue—in this case, Diversity & Inclusion—in each team’s specific community of service.

Do you or your team have a new concept for developing a Diversity & Inclusion project or program for your community? Submit a proposal for your concept and join the Diversity & Inclusion Issue Corps.

Deadline for proposals is December 5, 2016.

Diversity & Inclusion Corps activities begin in January 2017, leading up to an intense group session “Designathon” event in February in Cincinnati, OH. Learn more about the 2017 Diversity & Inclusion Issue Corps and how to apply.
Chi Epsilon Sigma Silent Auction . . .
Just a reminder, please consider participating in this year’s Silent Auction at Annual Conference – an opportunity for a good cause. Chi Epsilon Sigma (professional association for support staff) sponsors this auction as a fundraiser to honor their best via awards such as the Extension Support Staff Excellence Award.

Whether you are a county office, region or campus, etc. consider this an opportunity for a team project and donate a themed basket or OSU items for the Silent Auction. If there is something unique about your county, consider that as a theme for your basket. As a small incentive, we will reward the county basket that raises the most money! We would like to have a basket donated from every county! No basket is too big or too small! If you need suggestions on themes for a basket, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any price range is welcome and we are looking for baskets for both men and women.

We will have the “Recycled Treasures” section again this year. If you have a wedding gift that you have never taken out of the box or an old lamp that you have no use for, please consider donating it! Someone may be looking for that item and give it a good home while raising money for CES!

Please email me at young.1414@osu.edu with the theme and/or picture of your donation so we can start advertising the Baskets and “Recycled Treasures” items.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at young.1414@osu.edu or 513-785-6655.

New CFAES Finance Items . . .
If you haven’t visited the CFAES webpage in a while, there are some new items posted. Please visit http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/news.
- FAQ – Non Cash Gifts, Gifts In Kind
- Use RegOnline for Invoice Payments or to Sell Merchandise
- New Promotional Items Checklist
- FAQ: Extension – Getting Cash for Making Change

Policy of the Month . . . (Source: Jeff Dick)
I continue to get questions and concerns regarding 4-H Clubs and Affiliates holding Raffles or Other Games of Chance. This month, I have chosen to highlight this policy. Please review the full policy found at http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/v-legal-matters-and-risk-management/fund-raising-raffles-bingo-games. If there are clubs or affiliates disregarding this policy, please require them to adhere to this policy and contact Jeff at dick.7@osu.edu if needed. (Jeff’s message is focused on 4-H, but applies to us all.)

Spring-Term Dependent Tuition Assistance . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Ohio State offers eligible employees and dependents the opportunity to advance their education at the University. For dependent tuition assistance, applications must be submitted each term. The enrollment window for spring semester 2017 opened Monday, November 14, and faculty and staff can apply online or with paper applications. The student must have a social security number on file with the University Bursar to receive dependent tuition assistance.

Read more
Contact or 614-292-1050

Student Loan Program . . .
Employees who have a federal secured student loan may receive some student loan forgiveness through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. OSU is a qualifying organization. For more information visit: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service.

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/
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.

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

2017 Dates

JANUARY:
2 – New Year’s Holiday
16 – Martin Luther King Holiday
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F or online)
24 – SEAC & OARDC Annual meeting (TBD) (snow date Jan. 31)
27 – Promotion Workshop, hosted by A&P Committee, 4H Center

FEBRUARY:
7 – 4-H Professionals In-service
15 – CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio Statehouse Atrium)
16-17 – Tri State Diversity Conference, Cincinnati Airport Marriott, Hebron, KY

MARCH:
29 – Northeast Region SNAP-Ed Meeting @OARDC (snow date March 31)

APRIL:
2-5 – PILD Conference (Crystal City, VA)
12-14 – Extension Educator Workshop and Cabinet Retreat

MAY:
29 – Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE:
7-9 – ANR Retreat, Geneva on the Lake (tentative)
11-14 – NACDEP/CDS National Conference, Big Sky, Montana
13 – SEAC Committee Meeting (TBD)

JULY:
4 – Independence Day Holiday
9-13 – NACAA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
19 – CED Meeting (online)

AUGUST:
24-25 – CFAES Congressional Assistant’s Tour (Wooster)

SEPTEMBER:
4 – Labor Day Holiday
19 – Celebration of Ohio Agriculture Luncheon
19-21 – Farm Science Review
21 – Celebration of CFAES Luncheon
21-22 – TERSSA National Conference, Ashville, NC

OCTOBER:
8 – ESP National Conference, Wilmington, NC
16-19 – NEAFCS National Conference, Omaha, NE
17 – SEAC & OARDC Committee Meeting (TBD)
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F, location TBD)
24 – 4-H Professionals In-service
25 – Animal Sciences In-service

NOVEMBER:
10 – Veteran’s Day Holiday
12-17 – NAE4HA National Conference, Indianapolis, IN
23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER:
? – Annual Conference
12 – Pesticide In-service for Educators
25-26 – Christmas Holiday

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