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Dear Friends,

Winter has finally arrived in full force! I love Ohio in every one of its seasons. For those of us who love the snow, it is a welcome sight. I always believe that if it is going to be crazy cold, there should be snow on the ground. I hope you each take time to enjoy the unique moments that each season brings. I also want you to ensure future great moments for you, your colleagues, and your families by preparing well for weather related emergencies. I've included the severe weather policy below. Feel free to contact me with questions. Please drive safe, stay warm, and enjoy the best that winter has to offer!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome! . . .

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Robin Christensen recently moved to the Akron area with her husband and two sons from 60 acres in northern lower Michigan. Christensen has a strong science background with a B.S. in Natural Resource Management and a M.S. in Applied Ecology. She has worked in a variety of academic, non-profit, and government settings, including with the U.S. Forest Service on carbon sequestration, USDA Agricultural Research Service on invasive species in the Florida Everglades, and as an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern Michigan College. Most recently while working at her local Conservation District for eight years, Christensen helped create and lead the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, a collaborative effort among 30+ organizations that focuses on creating and restoring native habitats. Christensen enjoys any and all things outdoors and is excited to be able to share her passion for our natural resources with the residents of Portage County.
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Tom deHaas
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Thomas deHaas has joined the Lake County OSU Extension office as the new Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator. Tom has over 40 years of experience in a variety of educational and horticultural fields. He holds a B.S. in Horticulture/Agriculture Education from The Ohio State University and a M.A. in Education Specialist from Cleveland State University. His Agricultural and Natural Resources background includes landscape design and management, teaching vocational horticulture, tree farming, and commercial horticulture support. He has extensive experience teaching science to elementary and middle school students and has worked with children K-12. Tom also has experience in ornamental plant care/production and will bring a great deal of knowledge to the position to support local producers, forestry, home horticulture, and commercial horticulture, and conservation of natural resources. Tom enjoys camping, skiing, snowboarding, boating, outdoor activities, reading, and time for family and service to the community. He is excited to be able to share his passion for agriculture and natural resources with the residents of Lake County.

Ohio State University Extension brings the knowledge of the university directly to you by fulfilling the land-grant mission of The Ohio State University by interpreting knowledge and research developed by Extension and other faculty and staff at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Ohio State main campus, and other land-grant universities nationally to work with Ohioans to enhance their lives, businesses, and communities. We have programs in the areas of agriculture, family consumer sciences, 4-H/positive youth development, and community development. Feel free to contact Tom deHaas for your agriculture and natural resource needs at 440-350-2582 or dehaas.2@osu.edu. Thanks to the Lake County Commissioners for their continued support.

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In The News...

Keep Food Bill in Check
Columbus Parent
December, 2016

Featured: Kate Shumaker, FCS Educator and CED, OSU Extension Holmes County

Conspectus – Bringing People and Ideas Together . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)
For those of you who are interested, I have repurposed some of my comments from Extension Annual Conference last week and posted them to Conspectus. As I mentioned at the conference, look for the phrase “bringing people and ideas together” being used more frequently as an official tagline for OSU Extension.

Here is a link to the latest post. https://u.osu.edu/conspectus/2016/12/13/bringing-people-and-ideas-together/

Congratulations! . . .
to all Northeast Region Staff who participated in and were recognized at last week’s Annual Conference. Below are some of the highlights from the conference.

ESP Friend of Extension Awards:
• Hugh Earnhart – Mahoning County
• Shelen Stevens, Wood County
• Ashtabula County Farm Bureau

Ruby Award Winner – Graham Cochran
ESP Retiree Service Winner – Susan Crusey

Extension Support Staff Excellence Award – Teresa Funk (ANR)

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award – Jill Stechschulte (FULT)

Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award – Bruce Clevenger (DEFI)

Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award – Eric Romich (Field Specialist)

ESP Excellence in Extension Award – Pat Brinkman (FAYE)

Thank you to those who participated on the Conference Planning Committee: Lisa Barlage, Brad Bergefurd, Christy Clary, Marianne Guthrie, Pam Montgomery

Breakout Sessions:
- Making the Case for Extension: The Message and Messengers – Jackie Wilkins (NERO), David Crawford (STAR), Eric Barrett (MAHO), and colleague
- The Sweet Life: Is Sugar Affecting Your Performance> - Cheryl Mickley (CARR) and Holly Bandy (CARR)
- Annual Training for Activities and Programs with Minor Participants, Ohio State Policy 1.50 – Lisa Siciliano-Miller (LAKE) and colleague
- Shakers and Movers: Designing Effective Extension Advisory Committees to Address Key Community Issues – Jackie Wilkins (NERO), David Marrison (ASHT), David Crawford (STAR), and Melinda Hill (WAYN)
- Teaching Online: Webinar Best Practice and Other Methods – Morgan Domokos (MEDI) and colleagues
- Enhancing the Everyday – Support Staff Idea Sharing and Networking Opportunity – Ashley Gerber (HOLM) and colleague
- Investing in Teens at the County Level to Create a Culture of Health – Robin Stone (CUYA) and colleagues

Ignite Sessions:
- Ohio Smarter Lunchroom Interventions – Marie Economos (TRUM) and Beth Stefura (MAHO)
- Developing Proactive Task Force Committees to Address Emerging Ag Issues – David Marrison (ASHT), Les Ober (GEAU), and Lee Beers (TRUM)

Posters:
- Youth in Agriculture Program: Food for Thought , Food for the Future – Elizabeth Roche (CUYA), Robin Stone (CUYA), Kirsten Pianka (CUYA), Imani Scruggs (CUYA)
- **WINNER**Understanding Watershed Impact by Measuring Soil Organic Matter – Clifton Martin (MUSK) and colleagues
- Capturing Impact of Fertilizer Certification Training – John Schoenhals (LORA) and colleagues
- Moving Beyond Fact Sheets and Journal Articles: A Proposed Peer-Review Process for Digital Scholarship – Eric Barrett and colleagues
- 12 Time Management Solutions for 4-H Professionals – Tim Tanner (HARR)
- Food Access and Food Literacy: A collaborative Approach to Increasing Farmers’ Market Utilization and Fresh Produce Consumption Among Limited-Resource New and Expectant Mothers – Amanda Osborne (CUYA) and Lesley Anne Roddy (CUYA)
- Opportunities and Resources for Conducting On-Farm Research with OSU Extension – Clifton Martin (MUSK) and colleagues

Demonstrations and Hands-on Learning Opportunities:
- Maker Fest Feature: #Adult Life Skills Workshops for Millennials – Morgan Domokos (MEDA) and colleagues
- Maker Fest Feature: Gardeners as Makers – Ashley Kulhanek (MEDI) and colleague
Chi Epsilon Sigma Awards –

Congratulations to the members of Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) on the 30th Anniversary of their organization.

Annual Membership Scholarships:
- Joy Bodner (GUER)
- Angie Keshock (COLUM)

Years of Service Awards:
- 25 Years – Lori Moff (MAHO)
- 20 Years – Heather Keller (HARR)

Congratulations to the new officers of CES:
- President – Michelle Moon (CARR)
- Vice President – Angie Keshock (COLU)
- Historian – Sarah Mays (NERO)
- Campus/Central Region Director – Ashley Gerber (HOLM)
- Northeast Region Director – Heather Keller (HARR)

JCEP/ESP Awards:

Scholarships
- Kate Shumaker (HOLM) $250

First Timer Scholarships
- Michelle Fehr (MUSK) $100
- Clifton Martin (MUSK) $100

Team Teaching Awards

Distinguished Team Award
- Adding a Youth Flavor to Extension’s Signature Program – Local Foods – Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues

Multi-Disciplinary – All Extension members (2 or more program areas)
- 1st place - Adding a Youth Flavor to Extension’s Signature Program – Local Foods – Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues
- 3rd place – Promotion and Tenure Boot Camp – Jackie Wilkins (NERO), David Marrison (ASHT), Tim Tanner (HARR) and colleagues
- HM – Forages and Grazing In-Service – Rory Lewandowski (WAYN), Clif Little (GUER), and colleagues

One Program Area – All Extension members
- 1st place - Live Healthy Live Well Spring Email Challenge – Joanna Fifner (MEDI), Beth Stefura (MAHO), and colleagues
- 3rd place – Smart Start with Money - Teaching Preschoolers About Money – Melinda Hill (WAYN) and colleagues

Extension & non-Extension Collaborators
- 1st place – Introduction to Entomophagy – Ashley Kulhanek (MEDI), Kate Shumaker (HOLM), and colleagues
- 2nd place – 4-H Grilling and Beyond: Cultivating Healthy Fathers, Kids, and Communities – David Crawford (STAR), Yvette Graham (STAR), and colleagues
- 3rd place – Diagnostic Walk Abouts - Jacqueline Kowalski (SUMM) and colleagues

Creative Works Awards
- Photo Feature – 1A – 1st Eric Barrett (MAHO)
- Program/Event Press Release – 1B – 2nd David Marrison (ASHT)
- Personal Column – 1D – 1st Eric Barrett (MAHO); 3rd David Marrison (ASHT)
- Video CD’s, DVD’s, or Podcasts – 3A – 1st Joanna Fifner (MEDI), Terri Worthington (GEAU), and colleagues
• Computer Generated Presentations – 3B – 1st Sandy Smith (CARR) and Michelle Moon (CARR)
• Educational Exhibit – Internally Produced – 4 A – 3rd Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues
• Newsletter – Internally Produced (Individual) – 5C – 1st Rory Lewandowski (WAYN) and colleagues; 3rd David Marrison (ASHT) and Lee Beers (TRUM); HM Sandy Smith (CARR), Cheryl Mickley (CARR), and Michelle Moon (CARR); HM Doug Foxx (WAYN), Stephen Heppe (WAYN), Nicole Swavel (WAYN), Lisa Sutton (WAYN), Suzanne Ferencak (WAYN)
• Newsletter – Professionally Assisted – 5D – 1st Ashley Kulhanek (MEDI)
• Promotional Flyer – Internally Produced – 6A – 1st Ashley Kulhanek (MEDI) and colleague; HM Cheryl Mickley (CARR)
• Promotional Flyer – Professionally Assisted – 6B – 2nd Kate Shumaker (HOLM), Ashley Kulhanek (MEDI), and colleagues
• Promotional Package (Team) – 6D – 2nd Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues
• Curriculum Package (Team) – 7B – Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues
• Fact Sheet – 8A – 1st Joanna Fifner (MEDI) and colleagues; 3rd Cheryl Mickley (CARR) and colleague
• Bulletins and Monographs – 8B – Janine Yeske (JEFF) and colleagues
• Project Book – 8C – 2nd Amanda Osborne (CUYA) and Lesley Anne Roddy (CUYA)
• Homepage on the World Wide Web – 9A – 1st David Marrison (ASHT)
• Blog – 9C – 2nd Beth Stefura (MAHO), Joanna Fifner (MEDI), Marie Economos (TRUM), and colleagues
• Social Networking Medium – 9D – 3rd Beth Stefura (MAHO), Joanna Fifner (MEDI), and colleagues; HM Heather Neikirk (STAR) and colleagues

2016 ESP Regional and Award Winners:
• Visionary Leadership Award – Jackie Wilkins (NERO)

Service Awards: 
Program Area Winners: 
Mid-Career Service (10-20 years)
• ANR – Eric Barrett (MAHO)
• FCS 0 Kate Shumaker (HOLM)

Early Career Service (Less than 10 years)
• 4-H – Tim Tanner (HARR)

State Winners
Mid-Career Service – Eric Barrett (MAHO)

National Association Awards:
• NACAA – Distinguished Service Award – 2017 - Clif Little (GUER)
• NAE4-HA – Meritorious Service - 2017 - Lisa Bradley (GUER); Achievement in Service - 2017 – Doug Foxx (WAYN)
• NEAFCS – Distinguished Service – 2017 – Marie Economos (TRUM)

December PCard Reconciliation Deadline . . . (Source: Sarah Mays)
Another short month…. the December PCard deadline will be here and gone before we know it. The date for the university is Thursday, December 29th. Please consider Tuesday, December 27th as your deadline date. It would be ideal to have everything entered before day end on the 22nd but I realize this may be pushing it for everyone. Please do your best to get everything in by next Thursday.

Also, please keep in mind that many of our staff will be on vacation that week between Christmas and New Year’s Day so please do not wait to enter any of the charges into eRequest. The entries will also need that next step of approval (and your approver may be planning to be off then), even if you, the PCard Manager/User are not. If that is the case, please notify the region office because we may be able to approve from here. As previously noted by our BOC, the entries should be posted within 48 hours of the purchase. Thank you for your help in keeping to these deadlines.
Register to Receive Buckeye Alerts . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
If your cell phone number is already in Employee Self Service (for faculty/staff) or BuckeyeLink (for students), then you are automatically registered for the Buckeye Alert text messaging system. Faculty, staff and students have the ability to register up to two additional cell phone numbers to receive text message notifications. These additional phone numbers can belong to parents, spouses or anyone else they wish to include in the text message notifications. To add/update your cell phone number and for more information, please read about alert notices.

→ Contact

First Call for eXtension 2017 Innovation Project Grants . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)
eXtension Foundation, Inc., the U.S. Cooperative Extension System’s national resource for advancing innovation and providing professional development for Extension professionals, is seeking initial abstract proposals for prescreening for 2017 Innovation Projects funding.

Proposal Deadline is Friday, December 19th, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PST.
The Innovation Projects initiative is part of the eXtension Foundation’s mission to support experimental projects that will drive opportunities to adopt innovation in the greater Cooperative Extension System. In the 2017 round, we will award up to 10 grants of up to $10,000 each to recipients for a one-year period. Recipients will also receive support of their project from eXtension’s Innovation Lab.

To be eligible for this funding, you must be an Extension Faculty Member, Specialist, Educator, Agent or Staff Member of an eXtension Foundation Premium Member Institution.

The submission process for prescreening requires a brief abstract describing the initial project concept, plus applicant contact information. Finalists selected during prescreening will then be invited to submit expanded, complete proposals for 2017 Innovation Projects grants. All proposals will be submitted online for both the prescreening and final application processes.

For full details on 2017 Innovation Projects proposal requirements and to access to the online abstract proposal submission form, please visit https://extension.org/innovation-lab/announcing-call-for-2017-innovation-projects/.

Please direct any questions about the 2017 Innovation Projects initiative or the proposal process to Jamie Seger, seger.23@osu.edu or Jerry Thomas, jthomas@extension.org.

Request for Proposals for the 22nd Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health . . .
The Center for School Mental Health is now accepting proposals for the 22nd Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, to be held in Washington, D.C. from October 19th to 21st. Click here to view the Request for Proposals. The submission deadline is January 30th, 2017. All proposals must be submitted online at http://csmh.umd.edu. The theme of this year’s conference is Promoting Student Mental Health and Positive School Climate. The conference will feature nine specialty tracks.

The Annual Conference offers speakers and participants numerous opportunities to advance knowledge and skills related to school mental health practice, research, training, and policy. The conference will emphasize a shared school-family-community agenda to bring high quality and evidence-based mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention to
students and families as part of a multi-tiered system of supports. The conference is hosted by the Center for School Mental Health (CSMH; funded in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration).

The Center anticipates that more than 1000 people will attend this conference including clinicians, educators, administrators, youth and family members, researchers, primary care providers, advocates, and other youth-serving professionals. If you have any questions, please contact the Center for School Mental Health at csmh@psych.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0980.

**Weather Policy Reminder . . .**
In accordance with University policy during snowy and icy weather, the following short term closing procedures must be followed:

1. If the county in which a person works is under an emergency Level 3 and the office is closed, then the employee is not required to report to work and would not be required to take vacation.
2. If the county commissioners close the building where the Extension office is located (regardless of snow emergency level), then the employee is not required to report to work and would not be required to take vacation.
3. If an employee lives or travels through a county that is under a Level 3 snow emergency, but his or her office is located in a county not under a Level 3 and the county commissioners have not closed the building, and the employee chooses not to report to work, then that employee is required to take vacation, compensatory time or leave without pay. Details of these arrangements need to be determined by the employee and his or her immediate supervisor.
4. Employees are encouraged to use their own best judgment in deciding whether to risk driving to the office in Level 1 or Level 2 snow emergencies. They cannot be forced to come to work; but if the office is open and he or she chooses not to report to work, then that employee is required to take vacation, compensatory time or leave without pay. Details of these arrangements need to be determined by the employee and his or her immediate supervisor.
5. County directors and unit heads are required to report to their immediate supervisor if the county is under a Level 3 snow emergency and/or if the county commissioners close the building where their office is located.
6. County directors may not close the office unless the above conditions are met for snow and/or severe weather emergencies.

**OSU Policy**
Weather and other Short-Term Closing Policy 6.15 - [http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policy615.pdf](http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policy615.pdf)
Revised March 12, 2010, Revised 2/2013

**Grant Development Support Unit Services . . .**
Did you know?

The primary goal of The CFAES Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) is to partner with faculty and staff to develop and enhance the overall quality of competitive external grant proposals. Preparation is key to writing a successful proposal! Our team will offer guidance to researchers in planning, preparing, and editing proposals.

By collaborating with the Office of Sponsored Programs, we provide budget support and timelines to address solicitation requirements. Other resources available include templates and materials that will be helpful in writing a successful proposal. We aim to increase the competitiveness of your proposal by submitting well-crafted and responsive applications. By utilizing these services, investigators will have more time to concentrate on the development of high-quality research initiatives.

Contact Pam Schlegel.33@osu.edu to see how she can assist with your next proposal. There is no charge for this service.

**Gender Initiative Workshop on Conflict Management . . .**
Please see the [attached registration](http://go.osu.edu/genderinitiative-conflictmanagement) for the next CFAES Gender Initiative offering on January 18 from 1 to 3 PM– a workshop on “Why Can’t We All Just Get Along,” facilitated by Dr. Kathy Lechman, PhD, CFAES Director of Equity and Inclusion at The Ohio State University. This workshop will be an excellent professional (and personal) development opportunity. This will be a free event offered in both Columbus and Wooster.

To registrar, please go to [http://go.osu.edu/genderinitiative-conflictmanagement](http://go.osu.edu/genderinitiative-conflictmanagement) SPACE IS LIMITED
Call for Concurrent Session and Poster Presentations...

2017 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference - April 27 – 28 (Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, OH)

The goal of this conference is to broaden risk management education programming for agricultural producers, to encourage new programming efforts, and to strengthen existing programs.

Call for Concurrent Session and Poster Presentations - Proposals due February 2, 2017

The 2017 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference will bring together public and private sector educators, crop insurance agents, lenders, and other agricultural professionals to share ongoing and emerging successful risk management education efforts which target agricultural producers and their families. Conference participants will learn about what is working to help producers effectively manage the financial, production, marketing, legal and human risks associated with their agribusinesses.

Concurrent Session and Poster Proposals

Concurrent Session and Poster presentation proposals are being solicited which highlight successful risk management education programming and its impacts. Abstract submission is encouraged from any public or private entity involved in risk management education for agricultural producers, regardless of whether the project was funded through a regional ERME Center.

Format of proposals: Proposals will be accepted online, beginning December 2, 2016. To submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation or a poster display, please go to the conference page on the ERME website (http://www.extensionrme.org/conferences/2017) and click on the “Call for Presentations” link. There you will be able to register your proposal and provide an abstract (maximum of 250 words) describing your educational effort, and how it was of benefit to the participants.

Length of sessions: 30 minute Concurrent Sessions are available. Please bear in mind that we would like presenters to allow 5-10 minutes at the end of the session for questions and interaction.

Poster exhibits: Tables and poster walls will both be available to exhibit posters. Conference participants will have an opportunity to interact with the poster authors during an evening networking reception on April 27.

Topics for Proposals

Concurrent Session and Poster exhibit topics may include programming related to any of the five areas of risk addressed by agricultural RME including: financial, production, marketing, legal and human.

Please note that the 2017 conference will again include a “Women in Ag” Track. Proposals are sought that represent a cross section of programming specifically designed to address the risk management education needs of women producers, and the impacts demonstrated as a result of the educational efforts geared toward this targeted group.

The Conference Planning Committee encourages all concurrent session and poster presenters to focus on the risk management results that producers achieved through participation in their educational projects.

Audience Groups

The Planning Committee also invites proposals from projects that targeted audience groups which are identified for special emphasis in Section 12026 of the 2008 Farm Bill and in Subtitle B of the Agricultural Act of 2014. These include:

- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- Legal immigrant farmers and ranchers who are attempting to become established in the U.S.
- Socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, including military veteran farmers and ranchers
- Farmers or ranchers who
  - Are preparing to retire; and
  - Are using transitions strategies to help new farmers or ranchers get started
- New or established farmers or ranchers who are converting production and marketing systems to pursue new markets
Review of Proposals

A peer review committee will consider each proposal that is submitted by the deadline of February 2, 2017. Decisions will be made on or around March 2, at which time presenters will be notified.

Guidelines for Concurrent Session and Poster Presenters

Workshop and poster presenters will be expected to register, pay, and participate in the entire Conference (April 27-28, 2017). The Conference will begin early on the morning of April 27 and will conclude at noon on April 28. The Pre-Conference Seminar, for those who choose to attend, will take place on the afternoon of April 26. Concurrent session presenters should be prepared to submit an electronic copy of their presentation prior to the conference. Further instructions will be provided at a later date.

Travel Assistance

A limited amount of travel assistance will be available through the regional ERME Centers. Please note that in order to be eligible, recipients of ERME travel assistance must register for and attend the entire conference (and stay at the host hotel). Expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of evidence of participation in the entire conference, a travel expense report and appropriate receipts. We strongly encourage millennial age agricultural educators to consider attending this professional development conference. Please contact your regional ERME Center for availability and additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Wolinski (lgw@udel.edu, 302-831-2538) or Susan Olson (sbolson@udel.edu, 302-831-6540).

It’s Time to Gear UP to Give Back . . .

Join Buckeye Nation in paying forward!

The 2017 Month of Service is right around the corner. What can you do to make a difference in your community? Organize a project and invite fellow Buckeyes and friends to help you give back.

Because Buckeyes give back. It's who we are. It's what we do. We help our neighbors, our community, our friends, our family, and we have a blast doing it. So what better time than during the annual Month of Service in April to make a difference in the world around you?

Do a little brainstorming, start building your volunteer team and visit the website often for the latest news and guides.

Questions? Please contact The Office of Volunteer Relations at volunteer@osu.edu or 800-762-5646.
EdTech Posts . . . (Source: http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/)
Visit the EdTech blog for information shared at Annual Conference:
• Extension and the Maker Movement: Events ideas and Collaborative Partnerships for Every Impact Area
• OSU Extension Annual Conference 2016: Your Posts

Award Nominations . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Distinguished Staff Award nominations accepted to Jan. 13
Nominate staff members to be recognized for the impact they make at Ohio State. The Distinguished Staff Awards recognize and celebrate staff for their significant achievements, leadership, dedication and service to the university. It is the highest honor for Ohio State staff members and 12 recipients are selected annually. Each recipient receives a $1,500 cash award, an increase of $700 to his or her base salary and a commemorative trophy, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Nomination deadline is Friday (1/13) at 5 p.m. Read more Contact

Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award nominations
The Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award celebrates diversity and rewards individuals and groups for their commitment to diversity. Faculty, staff, students, student organizations and alumni can nominate their colleagues and peers. Five recipients receive a commemorative certificate and $1,200 cash award, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Honorees are recognized for making diversity and inclusiveness a part of university best practices. Deadline for nominations is Friday (1/13) at 5 p.m. 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/

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.

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