Dear Friends,

There is a great deal of good news in the region this week! First of all, we just hired 3 more educators (see pictures of 2 below and look for another next week). We also have 3 positions on their way to being filled (see 2 of the postings below). In addition, 5 educators just received word that they have been successful in their application for promotion (more information below). If you can, please take a moment to welcome our new colleagues, congratulate our newly promoted, and reach out to potential new hires to fill the open positions.

Enjoy your week!

Jackie

Welcome

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New Responsibility . . .

- Jacqueline Kowalski, Summit Ag & Natural Resources Educator, effective December 1
- Kiersten Heckel, Tuscarawas 4-H Youth Development Educator, effective April 1

Position Announcements . . .

County Extension Educator / County Extension Director
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Lorain County, Elyria, OH
1.0 FTE
JR# 415708

This position is a two year, term appointment with the possibility to extend for an additional one year pending funding.
Post Date: February 20, 2016
Deadline Date: March 20, 2016
Screen Date: April 6, 2016
To Apply
Extension Educator Community Development
Medina County, Medina, Ohio
Reposted
1.0 FTE
JR# 414437
This position is a one year, term appointment with the option to extend for an additional two years pending funding
Post Date: February 26, 2016
Deadline Date: April 3, 2016
Screen Date: April 20, 2016
To Apply

In the News . . .
Produce growers making changes to comply with newly implemented Food Safety Modernization Act
Ohio Country Journal
February 24, 2016
Featured: Emily Adams, Coshocton County

A&P Educator Promotion – GREAT NEWS! . . .
Congratulations to the following A&P Educators receiving promotion in rank effective September 1, 2016:

Educator III:
Emily Adams (Coshocton County)
Marie Economos (Trumbull County)
Ashley Kulhanek (Medina County)
Kate Shumaker (Holmes County)

Educator IV:
Melinda Hill (Wayne County)

First Friday Coffee Break with an Ed Tech March 4th . . . (Source: Danae Wolfe)
Tired of conference calls like this (warning: funny video)?

Join Ed Techs on Friday, March 4th at 10am for our monthly Coffee Break with an Ed Tech. We'll be discussing tips and tricks for using Carmen Connect. We'll also have time to answer all your ed tech questions.

To join the Coffee Break, use this link.

To learn more about First Friday Coffee Breaks, visit the Ed Tech blog and don’t forget to subscribe!

Director of Marketing and Communications . . .
On March 1, Michelle Ball will begin as the new Director of Marketing and Communications for CFAES. Michelle brings diverse experiences related to strategic planning, marketing, communications, professional development and organizational change to the position. In her role with CFAES, Michelle will provide overall leadership to our marketing and communications initiatives and lead a team of 26 individuals on the Columbus and Wooster campuses.

Campus Campaign Kickoff . . .
Campus Campaign 2016 starts March 1, and will run through Saturday, April 30. Help us exceed last year’s results of 38% and reach 45% participation this year!

Please visit our Campus Campaign 2016 Webpage for an easy way to give!

Help us connect the dots and reach 45%!
Flexible Spending Account Blackout Period March 14-22 . . .
Ohio State’s Flexible Spending Account (FSA) vendor, TASC, will transition to a new system platform during March 2016. The transition will include a short blackout period affecting claims processing for faculty and staff with Health Care and Dependent Care FSA accounts. During the blackout period of March 14-22, faculty and staff cannot submit claims for reimbursement, use their Health Care Flex Cards or use their FSA accounts online. Should participants incur eligible expenses during the blackout period, faculty and staff should pay for the expenses and submit a claim after March 22 to be reimbursed after the transition period.

As of March 23, all current FSA participant information will be transferred to TASC’s new system. OHR will send a direct email and postcard to all Health Care FSA and Dependent Care FSA participants in early March regarding the transition.

Signature Program Submissions - Logic Model Worksheet due April 1 . . . (Source: Ken Martin)
Extension A&P Educators and Faculty

If you are considering submitting a signature program proposal, the first step is to discuss this with your Assistant Director or Associate Director, Programs. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion in March and submit a Logic Model Worksheet by April 1. Download and complete the “Signature Program Logic Model Worksheet” outlining/identifying program goals and objectives, inputs, outputs, and outcomes http://go.osu.edu/SPlmw to use as the basis for your discussions. You will be directed to upload this completed logic model worksheet pdf with your online proposal.

Following the discussions with the Assistant Director(s) and/or the Associate Director, Programs, the completed proposal should be submitted online at the Signature Program online RFP site http://go.osu.edu/SPRfp by May 1.

The submitted proposals will be forwarded to Administrative Cabinet and to the Signature Program proposal review committee for review. A copy of the Signature Program Guidelines are located online at: http://go.osu.edu/SPguidelines

Intro to Entomophagy . . . (Source: Jim Jasinski)
What is all the buzz about? Registration now open! http://go.osu.edu/eatbugs2016