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Announcement of Interim Leadership - OSU Extension . . . (Source: Dean McPheron)
As you know, Keith Smith will be retiring as Director of OSU Extension effective June 30, 2015, and we have a search process underway to identify the next leader of our extension organization. The committee is on target with their search with the hopes of bringing finalist to campus in early fall.

I'm pleased to announce that I have asked Greg Davis to serve as the Interim Director, OSU Extension beginning July 1, 2015 until we have filled the Director position, and he has agreed to step into this role.

Greg's successful tenure in OSU Extension, knowledge of current issues, and active engagement in pursuing future opportunities allows him to assume this role and continue supporting and leading the great work done across our state by Extension faculty, staff and volunteers. Greg currently serves as Professor and Assistant Director, Community Development, where he has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field. In 2013 Greg was awarded the National Distinguished Service award from the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals. He has presented papers and spoken at professional conferences on the state, national, and international level and is a respected facilitator. Greg has been an active member of the Vice President's Conversation on the Future of Extension leadership team and will continue his role on the search committee for the next director of OSU Extension.

In the coming weeks I will share additional information regarding leadership support in the OSU Extension Community Development program area while Greg serves in this interim role. He will begin the process of transition with Dr. Smith immediately to ensure we don't lose a step in the vitality of our programs. Please join me in congratulating Greg and supporting him in his new leadership opportunity.

Mark Your Calendars - Dates of Note . . . (Source: Dean McPheron)
The monthly webinar has been on sabbatical for the past couple of months (illness and other scheduled events), but I want to remind you that my regular monthly webinar will take place next week, Friday, May 15, from 1-2. Info on connecting will be distributed next week.

I've also scheduled a unique webinar that I encourage you to place on your calendar. On Friday, June 5, I'll provide a webinar from 2-3:30 pm to the college. Join me as I share updates, information, and decisions related to the status of reviews and implementation plans associated with college operations, Wooster campus integration, and facilities. A great deal of work will have been completed that positions our college for success, and I want to share this with you and answer questions you may have at that time.

Look forward to connecting with you.

Also Hold the Date . .
Annual Conference in 2015 has been scheduled for December 8 and 9. Please hold the date.
National Council on Family Relations is hosting two very relevant webinars for Extension educators in May . . .

- **Best Practices for Reaching and Teaching Stepfamilies** — 11 a.m. CT, Thursday, May 14. Presented by Dr. Brian Higginbotham, director of Utah State University Extension’s statewide healthy relationship initiative. He’ll be recommending topics for stepfamily education curricula, providing strategies for recruiting participants, and discussing the impacts of stepfamily education for different participant groups: [https://www.ncfr.org/events/upcoming-ncfr-webinars/best-practices-reaching-and-teaching-stepfamilies](https://www.ncfr.org/events/upcoming-ncfr-webinars/best-practices-reaching-and-teaching-stepfamilies)

- **Improving Family Programs Using Evidence-based Principles** — 11 a.m. CT, Thursday, May 28. Presented by Dr. Stephen Small, HDFS professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an Extension human development specialist. He’ll talk about principles underlying effective youth and family programs, and also recommend tools to assess and improve existing prevention and promotion programs: [https://www.ncfr.org/events/upcoming-ncfr-webinars/improving-family-programs-using-evidence-based-principles](https://www.ncfr.org/events/upcoming-ncfr-webinars/improving-family-programs-using-evidence-based-principles)

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**Exciting Opportunities . . .** (Source: Amy Burns)
I wanted to pass along some exciting opportunities the University is offering.

**Training Opportunity: Managing Records**
In partnership with University Libraries, Human Resources will host *Paper and Bytes: Policies, Best Practices and Resources for Managing Ohio State Records*. Participants in this workshop will become more knowledgeable about University policies, legal requirements and best practices concerning records retention, management and disposition.

**Monday, May 18, 2-4 p.m.**  
Gateway Suite 430, 1590 North High Street, Room 425

*What you need to do:*  
- Be sure to include the link for registration and additional information: [https://hr.osu.edu/ole/HRStaffPD.aspx](https://hr.osu.edu/ole/HRStaffPD.aspx)  
- Contact ohrc@hr.osu.edu or (614) 292-2800 with any questions.

**Learning and Development Conversation Lab: Performance Review**
This session offers tips and strategies for managers on conducting effective and meaningful performance reviews with staff. The lab will begin with a mini-presentation followed by an opportunity to practice a performance review conversation. Attendees are encouraged to bring general feedback examples to use during the skill practice portion of the workshop. RSPV here.

**Thursday, May 14, 12-1:15 p.m.**  
Gateway Suite 430, 1590 North High Street, Room 425

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- Check out additional Learning and Development opportunities here.

**Buckeye Wellness Innovators Program Seeking Applicants**
Ohio State’s Buckeye Wellness Innovators program is seeking faculty and staff for its June 2015 class. Applicants should have an interest in promoting health and wellness activities and initiatives to their colleagues. In order to participate, applicants must be current Ohio State employees, serve a two-year term, receive permission from their supervisor and attend the orientation on June 2. Visit [buckeyewellness.osu.edu](http://buckeyewellness.osu.edu) for a description of roles and responsibilities and contact Megan Amaya at amaya.13@osu.edu to register for the orientation on June 2.

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- Contact Megan Amaya at amaya.13@osu.edu to register for the orientation on June 2.
Training Opportunity . . . (Source: Bev Kelbaugh)

Please consider taking advantage of this important training opportunity. If I could, I would make it mandatory.

We are offering Communications Training at the Southeast Region Office in Belle Valley. Last October these trainings were held in Columbus and Wooster – now bringing them to southern Ohio.

As I reviewed county highlights in the fall and reports on your major programs in your annual performance reviews, it is clear that many of our new as well as experienced educators could benefit from training in writing strong impact statements. Much of what I find in both of those reports are not impacts at all, and as the Regional Directors discussed this, we decided that we would help to schedule training to make sure that as you are planning and carrying out programming this year, you are asking evaluation questions to help you obtain the data and information to write stronger impact statements. I have discussed this with several of you as we met for performance reviews. This is your chance to get the training you need to do a better job. Without being able to show impacts for our work, maintaining future funding will be difficult if not impossible.

Here is an opportunity for ALL staff to work on completing a goal in getting Professional Development to increase your skills! Educators- support staff- all program staff- are all encouraged to make some time to keep your skills sharpened, and/or to acquire new skills…so please register today by clicking the registration link below.

Communications Training Registration

The Communications Team of Suzanne Steel, Mitch Moser and Martha Filipic, will be Training on: Impact Writing, Crisis Communications, Working with Reporters, & How to Make Videos with Your Smartphones & Tablets

Friday, May 29th - Southeast Region Extension Office
(16714 Wolf Run Road, Caldwell, OH 43724, (740)732-2381)
$15.00 fee includes Lunch & refreshments & materials. No partial day registrations.

Agenda
9:00 Refreshments & Sharing
9:30 Program begins:
  • Impact Writing
  • Crisis Communications
  • Working with Reporters
12:00 Lunch - if there are questions on Branding, they can be addressed over lunch
1:00 Training continues:
  • How to Make Videos with Your Smartphones & Tablets
3:30 Safe Trip Home!

Your Plan for Health Challenge Highlights . . . (Source: May Buckeye Wellness Innovator Newsletter)

• Log into your YP4H portal between now and May 18 to find out if you won 100 YP4H points or a Fitbit Flex! Everyone wins something!
• New challenges were added in May
  o Log in to start tracking - https://osu.limeade.com/Home

May is National Stroke Awareness Month!
• Multiple stroke screenings are scheduled in May for free on Columbus Campus – for more information visit: http://yp4h.osu.edu/events-and-challenges/events.