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Friends,

A few weeks ago I mentioned that one of the things I value most about Extension is the passion we as an organization have for lifelong learning and I included a variety of links to some professional development opportunities and trainings available through University HR. Many of us have been thinking a great deal lately about how our organization, as large and sometimes unwieldy as it is, can find a way to continue to build capabilities and increase knowledge across the system in a way that is timely, effective, and accessible. In the next couple of months, you will begin to see the results of some of these conversations and efforts to identify existing resources across the university and college and how we can market these opportunities, bring relevant topics to you in ways that make them affordable and accessible, and how we can integrate more personal coaching and mentoring into the mix.

One of the primary mechanisms for continued growth and development that I think is dramatically underutilized is taking advantage of participating in programs that are offered by other educators and state specialists. Each week I see marketing for dozens of programs across each of the program areas. We often look at these titles and immediately move on to the next email because it may not be something we are currently offering in our county, or we have a busy schedule, or due to cost. I want us to be thinking differently about these offerings. Have you considered being a participant at these programs so you can watch how others present information and to acquire knowledge on a topic you may not be as familiar with? Have you shadowed a more experienced educator for a day or two leading up to a program that you hope to offer in your county sometime? Have you, as a more experienced educator and perhaps informal or formal mentor, invited new educators to attend one of your programs, advisory meetings, or events? We are deep in the middle of camps and fairs…how many of you have attended another county’s fair to see what they are doing? Or asked to attend a day or so of another county’s residential or specialty camps to see what they are doing and how they approach this programming?

This week, I saw the marketing for Grazing School. I immediately thought about how obviously beneficial this offering is for our clientele, but also for our new ANR educators who are not necessarily well versed in this topic. Oftentimes, many of the research updates, state specialist interfaces, and curriculum tools are a part of these offerings. As a regional director, I absolutely have the responsibility for identifying areas of potential improvement in knowledge for employees and assisting in the acquisition of these skills and knowledge. However, I encourage you all to think about the role you have both in your own professional development and the ongoing development of your peers, especially newer employees. Ask yourself, what have I done in the last three months to enhance my knowledge and increase my experience? How have I reached out to peers to include them in opportunities? Together, we can provide a continuously engaging and vibrant learning community, not just for our clientele but also for one another. Please do not hesitate to talk to me about areas you would like to address in your own professional development. Our upcoming fall visits is a perfect time to identify these needs and subsequent resources.
On another note, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our incredible support staff across the region. Without all of you working so incredibly hard and competently to support the efforts of each office and your colleagues, the organization would never be able to accomplish as much as it does. You are truly the glue that holds it all together and the miracle workers that make this organization shine. Thank you for all you do!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Our Condolences to . . .
David Crawford, County Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development Educator, Stark County, on the recent passing of his mother.

Family & Consumer Sciences Assistant Director - Candidate Presentations . . . (Source: Ken Martin)
The FCS AD search committee has selected three candidates for on campus interviews scheduled on Monday, August 3rd:

- Dr. Ethel Jones – to view CV, click here.
- Dr. Karen Kopera-Frye – to view CV, click here.
- Dr. Susan Shockey – to view CV, click here.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the candidate presentations as well as the reception immediately following each of the presentations. The presentations will take place in Campbell Hall and will be 1 hour in duration and will include a presentation by each candidate (30-45 minutes) and a Q&A session following the presentation (15-30 minutes). The presentations will also be available via Carmen Connect at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/fcs-ad/

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A survey link will be provided following the candidate presentations to provide your feedback on each individual candidate. We appreciate your time and look forward to your participation on August 3rd.

Thank You . . .
Staff Appreciation Week is a celebration to thank Ohio State staff members for their contributions to the university. During the week, the university recognizes Ohio State staff by hosting free campus-wide activities, including Crew SC and Columbus Clippers games, Ohio Stadium and Arboretum tours and special discounts. View activities list: http://hr.osu.edu/special/staffweek.

To recognize the valued contributions of the university's faculty and staff, President Michael V. Drake, MD, recently announced that a large number of tickets will be made available for the Buckeye football home opener vs. Hawaii on Saturday, September 12. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

Faculty and staff must opt-in and enter their name by Tuesday, August 4, 2015 to have an opportunity to be randomly selected to receive four complimentary tickets. To be considered for selection, visit: http://hr.osu.edu/appreciationevent. If you are selected, you will be notified by email and the tickets will be mailed to the home address listed in Employee Self Service.
Celebrate Ohio Local Foods Week #OLFW15 . . . (Source: Patrice Powers-Barker)
The Local Foods Signature Program welcomes you to participate in Ohio Local Foods Week from August 9-15, 2015. This is the first time local food will be celebrated at the same time statewide and everyone is invited to participate! This week-long recognition of local food is for everyone – from families to businesses, from rural to urban, from young to old and from small-scale to large-scale.

Please visit the Local Foods Signature Program website at http://localfoods.osu.edu/ for the following resources:

- Ideals for Celebrating Ohio Local Foods Week
- Online Local Food Directories for Consumers (and encourage those who sell local produce to share their information on applicable online directories)
- Ohio Local Foods Week Toolkit including an invitation to local partners, templates for local events and county proclamations, event marks, handouts and youth activities.
- Links and information to the $10 Ohio Local Foods Week Challenge – encourage consumers to commit to spending at least $10 on (any) local foods during the week
- Let us know how you plan to celebrate Ohio Local Foods Week. Encourage your local community to share pictures and stories with us on Facebook or Twitter. #olfw15.

You will notice that we still need to add information to the Local Foods Website on the page Find an Event Near You. If you have information about an event during that week that you would like to share, please email the title, date, time, location, contact name and information and a 1-2 sentence description about the event so we can add it to the site.

You can email your event information as well as any questions to me (Patrice) at powers-barker.1@osu.edu or Heather Neikirk at neikirk.2@osu.edu

New Staff Reminder . . .

If you have a new person starting in your office, please provide ample notification to your IT Systems Manager (Beth or Tim). In order for them to schedule a time on their calendar, please send an email to them with the proposed start date and also let them know immediately if a new computer needs to be ordered (this is for all new employees that start in your office). Thank you.

Important Information re: BuckeyeBox, DropBox and TeamViewer . . . (Source: Matt DeVore)
Applications and services that are not purchased or licensed by Ohio State, including those freely available on the internet, may not meet university standards for privacy, data security, intellectual property protection, and records retention. Many existing third-party providers have not entered into university agreements with Ohio State, and thus their products cannot and should not be used with university data or university-owned computing resources. (https://ocio.osu.edu/policy/standards/cloud)

In early 2013, Ohio State established a formal relationship with Box.net to offer faculty, staff and students an easy way to share files and folders online through a university branded solution called BuckeyeBox, which many in the university population are already currently using. CFAES pays for this service centrally and makes it available to you at no cost. BuckeyeBox is the only approved Ohio State cloud collaboration tool. (https://ocio.osu.edu/blog/community/2015/02/17/do-you-know-about-buckeyebox).

In light of this, CFAES is moving forward to ensure that university data is not moving to or through unauthorized third-party providers. In the days ahead, ITS staff will be actively assisting Dropbox users to migrate their process to BuckeyeBox and remove the Dropbox software from our environment throughout the months of July and August.

Additionally, CFAES will also be actively removing the application for TeamViewer from our environment throughout the months of July and August. TeamViewer is an application that can potentially provide unauthorized remote access to computing resources within our environment, and as such, presents a significant risk to machine security as well as licensing problems.
If you need assistance getting signed up and using BuckeyeBox or have questions regarding this process, contact your local IT support personnel or the ITS help desk at (614) 292-9110 for Columbus or (330) 263-3772 for Wooster.

If you are new to using Buckeye Box in Extension, please check out our factsheet on how to get started at: http://northeast.osu.edu/sites/extne/files/imce/files/NEWS/Buckeye%20Box%20Usage%20for%20OSUE%20-%20with%20sync%20-%282%29.pdf

Food for thought: A Closer Look at the Trends . . . (Source: Graham Cochran)

A Closer look at the Trends: VP Conversation on the Future
WANT MORE about Ohio Food Production, Safety, and Security? Check out the VP Conversation Descriptor Research Paper found at [http://go.osu.edu/ohiofoodtrends](http://go.osu.edu/ohiofoodtrends) All 17 descriptor research papers are available at [https://go.osu.edu/forecastingohio2035](https://go.osu.edu/forecastingohio2035)

**We Want to Hear From YOU!**
Survey Link: [https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035](https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035) Available until July 31, 2015
This is an opportunity for you and any of your interested stakeholders to get involved in this conversation. Share your thoughts for the first time or perhaps add those great ideas you’ve had since participating in one of the earlier conversations.
All responses are kept confidential.

**Welcome Back Karen** …
Former FCS Assistant Director Karen Bruns accepted a 25 percent appointment to lead the OSU CARES program. Karen's appointment began July 1 and her office is located in 003 Agricultural Administration Building.

**County Highlights** … (Source: Heather Gates)
Here is the process for the 2015 County Highlights.

Marketing and Communications has already set up a “2015 County Highlights” folder on BuckeyeBox (BB). There are two subfolders in this folder, one labeled "Outgoing From Marketing and Communications" and one labeled "Incoming to Marketing and Communications." Marketing and Communications will provide a Word template to each county via the "Outgoing From Marketing and Communications" subfolder on July 24, 2015. County directors will be alerted via a BB message when the templates are in the folder. Also in the folder will be the 2015 County Highlights production schedule, as well as a detailed set of instructions for compiling highlights, and for using the templates.

The template will consist of last year's information, already formatted and edited so the county staff can see firsthand how to use the template, and can also plug new numbers into previously existing highlights as needed. Photos will no longer be used due to the conversion from InDesign to Word; however, each county's map will remain.

County staff will gather content from the appropriate program area educators, place the content into the template, edit it, finalize it and calculate nutrition education funding based on Pat Bebo's nutrition education calculations, which will be added as a single document to BB no later than October 15, 2015. County staff will then email their highlights to their regional directors for review. **Highlights should be emailed to the regional directors no later than October 30, 2015.**

Regional directors will then have until November 16, 2015 to approve highlights.

In turn, county staff will have until November 18, 2015 to place final, approved highlights into the "Incoming to Marketing and Communications" folder on BB for a style edit only by Marketing and Communications. There will be no further approval process between county staff and Marketing and Communications at this point, as the county staff will already have approved their content. Marketing and Communications will then take ownership of the processes for print production and PDF posting to the Web.

**2015 Video Creation Workshops: Save the Dates!** … (Source: Jamie Seger/EdgeU Tech Blog)
Back by popular demand! Our video workshops were a hit last year, and they're back for 2015! Hold the date for whichever workshop location you prefer:
- September 10 – Dayton
- October 15- South Centers, Piketon
- October 21 – Marion Campus
- November 5 – Mahoning County Extension

Registration information will be sent out before August 10. These workshops reached capacity last year, so make sure you register for a seat before they "sell out!"