Northeast Weekly Summary (NEWS)
May 27, 2014

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Our Condolences To . . .
Brenda Young, County Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development Educator, Crawford County, on the recent passing of her mother.

In the News . . .
Urban agriculture booming in Ohio
Center for Crop Diversification Newsletter – Cooperative Extension Service – University of Kentucky
May, 2014
Featured: Jacqueline Kowalski, ANR Educator, Cuyahoga County Extension

New Northwest Regional Director Meet & Greet – June 4 (3:00 – 5:00 PM) . . .
Southwest Regional Director Candidate Seminars...

Dear Colleagues,

The candidates for the Southwest Regional Director position will be presenting their seminars tomorrow, (Wednesday, May 28 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM). For those of you in the SW region who received an invitation to attend in person, but could not attend AND those of you from other regions that might be interested in listening to the candidates, we have included a link and instructions below.

For those wanting to participate, please do the following:

1. Once the computer is online, go to: https://carmenconnect.osu.edu/rdsearch (be sure to use Firefox or IE, Chrome has issues with Carmen Connect).
   
   If you have never connected to Carmen Connect with the computer, it will need to install a plug-in (you will need local administrator rights to install it).
   
   You should get a prompt to install the plug in, if not try: https://ocio.osu.edu/elearning/services/tools/carmenconnect/plan-session/connection-test/

2. If participating by dial in only, call 1-877-820-7831 with the participant code – 890250#

The schedule for the candidates is as follows:
   
   Candidate #1 at 8:30 AM
   Candidate #2 at 9:30 AM
   Candidate #3 at 10:30 AM
   Candidate #4 at 11:30 AM

Feel free to contact Jackie Kirby Wilkins wilkins.201@osu.edu (Search Committee Chair) with any feedback you care to share no later than Thursday, May 29 at 9:00 AM.

Business Office Update - May... (Source: Cindy Buxton)
The Business Office Update is attached for May. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Contents:

- Recap on Taxable Items for Employees
- Year End Items Needed
  - Purchase Order Renewals
  - Purchase Order Invoices, Payments and Other Reimbursements
  - Extension Checking Accounts
  - Extension Volunteer Insurance Invoices (CIMA)
  - Extension Fund maintenance letters
- Vendor Issues - continued from the April issue.
- Budget Information for FY2015 and CY2015
- Upcoming Deadlines
- New on the Website: http://osuebusiness.osu.edu

Have You Completed Your PHA Yet?...  
All benefit-eligible faculty and staff will receive a communication informing them that beginning June 3, members visiting a primary care provider from OSU Physicians, Central Ohio Primary Care, or a provider who utilizes LabCorp will have specified bio-metric health values automatically populated to their PHA. A communication was sent to home addresses of all benefit-eligible faculty and staff. For more information, see the attached flyer.

Rental Car Requirements Job Aid...  
A Rental Car Requirements Job Aid has been added to the Travel FAQ tab on the Business Office webpage (5/15/14) at: http://osuebusiness.osu.edu/documents/RentalCarrequirementsforOSUBusiness.pdf
When renting a car on an OSU business trip, certain requirements need to be met whether reserving with a PCard or personal credit card per OSU Travel Policy. This policy applies to ALL Faculty and staff as well as non-employees. If you are arranging travel for a non-employee, communicate the requirements to the traveler.

**June Social Media Workshops - Register NOW! . . .**
We’ve added two more workshop offerings for June! These will be our last chance to attend a social media workshop until September!

**Just the Basics:**
Are you ready to create your very own Facebook and Twitter accounts and start using social media? Or maybe you already have accounts and haven’t really learned how to use them yet? Come learn the basics of how to use Facebook and Twitter. You will leave this hands-on workshop set up and ready to go. These two venues are currently the most used social media platforms and a great way for you to gain visibility and to get your work in front of others. You will also receive a brief overview of other social media opportunities. Please register early if you are interested in this workshop – registration will be capped at 30 participants!

**Click Here to Register!* (link closes May 28th)

**Content & Strategy:**
Are your social media needs a little more advanced? Do you already understand how to social media works but have specific questions? Or need ideas on how to use it strategically? Join the “unconference” discussion by bringing your topics and questions to help set the day’s agenda. Topics may include marketing and audience building, social media managers like Hootsuite & Tweetdeck; social media strategy, content hub creation, Google Plus, Pinterest, Instagram, LinkedIn, and more…you decide! Please register early if you are interested in this workshop – registration will be capped at 30 participants!

**Click Here to Register!* (link closes June 4th)

**Important Information: Research in View . . .**
Mike Hoffher, Vice President and Chief Information Officer of the Office of Distance Education and eLearning (ODEE), sent out the email below pertaining to Research in View (RiV). Since his email, we have had further communications with members of the ODEE team. Our contacts in the ODEE office have confirmed with us that we will continue to use RiV as our reporting system until a replacement system has been identified. As noted by Mike Hoffher, we are at the very beginning of this transition period, which may take a year or longer. As RiV stakeholders and users of the reporting system, we felt it was important to share this information with you immediately.

Please remember that Debby Lewis (lewis.205@osu.edu) and Kim Showalter (showalter.56@osu.edu) will continue to provide training and support as you continue to use RiV.

Message from Mike Hoffher:
University Leaders and RiV Stakeholders,

Thompson-Reuters recently informed me that they would be immediately discontinuing their development and support of the Research in View (RiV) platform. These announcements will require the Office of Distance Education
and eLearning in conjunction with University stakeholders, faculty, and staff to work toward a new solution over the course of the upcoming fiscal year.

Much like you, I am not thrilled with the prospect of transitioning to a new tool just a few years after the move to RiV but this decision was not within our control. The good news is we have been engaging and listening to faculty and that many faculty members have expressed a desire for features and capabilities that were not available through RiV. Moving forward, we will look to select a replacement tool that addresses many of the points of feedback that we have received.

We will form a committee chaired by myself and Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources Susan Williams that will begin developing the criteria for a prospective new scholarly activity tool. We will engage faculty and staff in all aspects of this process, understanding how very critical data migration will be to the faculty of this university in the selection process.

I recognize that there was a great deal of time spent during the RiV transition on data entry and that our faculty should be focused on teaching and research, not data transfer. Therefore, we are committed to finding a great resource for tenure and promotion that addresses faculty needs and minimizes the need for data entry.

As we learn more we will share it and provide opportunity for you to contribute your feedback to the selection process. If you have immediate questions, please contact Travis Ritter, director of learning environments and infrastructure.