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Our Condolences to . . .
Lisa Bradley, County Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development Educator, Guernsey County, on the recent passing of her mother.

In the News . . .
Cleveland's Stir Fry Project: Aimed at getting teens to cook healthy meals
*Cleveland Plain Dealer*
July 30, 2014
**Featured:** Cuyahoga County Youth Advocacy and Leadership Coalition (YALC)

Connecting schools to produce – Field trip to area farms
*Tribune Chronical*
July 31, 2014
**Featured:** Marie Economos, OSU Extension Trumbull County

Announcement -- Interim Regional Director – West Region . . . (Source: Keith Smith)
I am pleased to announce the following administrative appointment effective August 1, 2014 for OSU Extension. Please welcome Barb Brahm, who currently serves as interim Regional Director for Top of Ohio, as the interim Regional Director for the West Region. This appointment includes the Top of Ohio and Miami Valley EERAs. I am pleased that Barb has accepted this position and look forward to continuing to work with her in this capacity. Further announcement on renewal of a search for a permanent director will be sent early next year.

Down From 35 to 21 Counties: How Can I Be of Assistance? . . .
Now that the Erie Basin is in excellent hands with Cynthia Torppa and Barb Brahm has leadership for Preble, Montgomery, Greene, and Fayette— it is time for me to fully focus on all of you in the Western Reserve and Crossroads EERAs. Now some of you may be bemoaning this newly found time I have available but I personally am very much looking forward to getting to visit your counties and to talk to more of you one-on-one and face-to-face. Please let me know of any EERA meetings, EAC meetings, budget discussions/presentations, or other activities or events you would like for me to attend. I will also be meeting with each of you soon for fall self-review visits (see separate email in next few days for opportunities to sign up). Please let me know what I may have been missing over the last few months (good and bad) and tell me how I can be of assistance. First come, first serve! The lines are now open . . .

Internal Advisory Board - NE Region . . .
Dear friends-- one of my goals that I haven't moved forward on yet is to set up an internal advisory board for the NE Region. I will not be identifying these individuals; rather, I am looking for you to nominate yourself or others to participate in this effort. I will then take the names submitted and send out a survey for you to vote for those that will be on the board. I would like to have a variety of stakeholders involved across support staff, A&P and faculty.
The commitment would be 4 quarterly meetings annually. Beginning in 2015, I will look to rotate members of the committee annually. This year, however, the first meeting would be in October, so I would carry the first board through until the end of 2015 and then begin the rotation in January of 2016. Please let me know if you would be interested and/or willing to participate in this effort or have another person you would like to nominate. My intent is to have the board provide feedback to me on how I can improve my efforts in the region and to offer suggestions for organizational improvement that I can share with cabinet. Please submit names to Vicki Myers (myers.26@osu.edu) for inclusion in the survey no later than August 29th. I will contact you if you have been nominated to be sure you would like to be included before I add you to the survey for your peers to vote. Let’s continue to make this region and this organization the best place to work!

Inaugural Faculty and Staff Appreciation Buckeye Football Game . . .
Ohio State faculty and staff work every day to make our university great.

To recognize your valuable contributions, a large number of faculty and staff have an opportunity to be randomly selected to receive four complimentary tickets to the Ohio State vs. Kent State football game on Saturday, Sept. 13. Kick-off is at noon.

You must click opt-in.
In order to participate, faculty and staff must follow the link below and select the opt-in box on the landing page*. By selecting the box to opt-in, you’ll enter your name into consideration for the tickets. You have until 11:59 p.m. on August 8 to opt-in. Faculty and staff who receive tickets will be notified around August 18. If you are selected, tickets will be mailed to home addresses listed in Employee Self-Service.

*By clicking the link, you can also obtain additional information about the event, including restrictions.

http://hr.osu.edu/appreciationevent

- Faculty and staff must opt-in to have an opportunity to receive football tickets.
  Those who opt-in will be selected through a randomized process and will receive four football tickets. In order to be considered, you must be in good standing and not have any corrective action on file with the Office of Human Resources. There are additional restrictions that apply - please see the FAQs (below) for additional information.
- Faculty and staff who opt-in are not guaranteed football tickets.
  Tickets have no cash value and cannot be sold.
- Carry your Buck ID or Medical Center ID on game day.
  If requested, you must show your Ohio State-issued identification to enter the event.
- Check your home address in Employee Self-Service.
  Tickets will be mailed to home addresses listed in Employee Self-Service. Faculty and staff are encouraged to check the mailing address listed before August 8 to ensure it’s accurate as the Office of Human Resources will not validate prior to mailing.
- Questions? Email appreciationevent@osu.edu

For those without access to computers who wish to opt-in for the Kent State game Tickets, attached is a flyer/form you can fill out and submit to Michele Bondurant, bondurant.11@osu.edu, no later than 10 a.m., Monday, August 11.

OSU Extension in the City - August 21 . . . (Source: Julie Fox)
Ready to extend your professional network and gain new insight into the who, what, where, why, and how of OSU Extension in the City? Discover how team participation can help you be more locally relevant, responsive statewide and recognized nationally. The travel and time will be worth your investment.

Please join the OSU Extension in the City gathering on August 21 at the Ohio 4-H Center - 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH 43210.

RSVP to fox.264@osu.edu by Aug 15 to receive pre-event resources and a parking pass.
Agenda:
9:30 Registration and Networking
10:00 Welcome and Introductions (name, city, networking note)
10:30 History ‘Flash’ Back and Current Approach of Ohio & National Extension in the City
10:45 What Makes Extension Unique in the City? (guest speaker/dialogue)
11:30 What is the ‘Essential’ Contribution Extension Brings to the City?
11:45 Team Tools for Internal and External Collaboration
12:00 Lunch
12:30 Working Group Sessions
   (Group Focus & Priority Plan of Action, Nat’l Conf. Proposal, Internal/External Communications)
   - Food & Ag in the City
   - 4-H Youth Development in the City
   - Health & Wellness in the City
   - Economy & Employment in the City
   - Other Emerging Issues (Energy & Environment, Sustainable Cities)
2:00 Group Reports - 5 Min @
2:30 Next Steps
   - Action Plan Connections - Most important actions for our highest contribution
   - Calendar of internal and external communications & events
   - Leadership in the City Professional Development
3:00 Event Evaluation & Adjourn

You will also meet the new OSU Extension in the City Program Assistant who will help us finalize the attached DRAFT print communication, update our emerging website, http://cityextension.osu.edu, launch our blog . . . and move forward on our action plans.

**Departmental Parking Passes for those off campus . . .** (Source: Cindy Buxton)
Many of you have asked about the status of the limited A/regional A passes that you have tried to purchase through CampusParc. These are purchased using department funds to be shared by individuals in offices that are located off campus when they travel to Columbus. We have discovered from the parking office that there is a University policy that prohibits the purchase of these permits for department use. Departmental passes are available at full price (approx. $800). This full price is the amount paid by employees who work on campus, but it is paid using personal funds. We have asked for an exception to the university policy that is prohibiting these purchases and hope to hear something soon. **However, in the meantime we would encourage you to purchase day passes or use pay at the machine functions.** Your passes from last year are not currently valid.

If you have purchased a pass using personal funds you are not affected by this issue.

We know this is an inconvenience but were not aware of the policy that parking is now enforcing. Please be patient while we work to resolve the issue.

Questions? Michel.5@osu.edu

**Ohio 4-H Conference Call for Proposals . . .**
**Livestock, Nutrition, Leadership . . . What’s Your Expertise? Care to Share?**

Do you have an area of expertise? What about in the areas of hogs, robotics, natural resources, leadership or maybe even scrapbooking? Oh, and you can’t forget about duct tape creations (yes, you read that correctly).

OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development is seeking people proficient in these areas and many more to present at the 2015 Ohio 4-H Conference that will be held **March 14, 2015**. Nearly 2,000 adult and teen volunteers meet at this event to share ideas and learn new skills to aid them in making their 4-H members more successful.
Do you have to be an adult to give a presentation? Absolutely not! Teens are encouraged to present, too. In the past, teens have taught remarkable sessions about leadership, recreation, animals and more!

Over 100 sessions will be selected for the conference to provide a wide array of topics for the participants. If you are interested in presenting a session, complete this short application at www.ohio4h.org/callforproposals before the September 30th deadline. Proposals will be reviewed in October and presenters will be contacted in early November to inform them if their session was selected.

If you have questions, please contact Kirk Bloir (bloir.1@osu.edu) or Amanda Forquer (forquer.13@osu.edu). We hope you choose to share your knowledge and expertise!