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Happy Birthday . . .
- March 5 – Michelle Stumbo, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Meigs County

Welcome . . .
to Tammy Newsome who joined the Highland County Office as Office Assistant on February 22.

Congratulations . . .
to Krista Hayslip, 4-H Youth Development Educator in Pike County (and her husband, Bobby), on the birth of her son, Landry Pierce Hayslip. He joins older sister, Sawyer (3 years old).

Congratulations also to Bruce Zimmer, 4-H Youth Development Educator in Monroe County, who tomorrow, March 1, will be joining the Washington County Office as their 4-H Youth Development Educator. We are glad that Bruce remains in the Buckeye Hills EERA. We will soon be posting the position in Monroe County.
Thank You . . .
to Mark Landefeld, ANR Educator in Monroe County, who will assume the CED responsibilities upon Bruce’s departure.

Our Condolences . . .
to Pam Montgomery, 4-H Youth Development Educator and CED, Morgan County, on the recent passing of her father-in-law.

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.

NeXC2016 Conference Deadlines . . .
If you plan to attend the 2016 National eXtension Conference, please note that there are pending deadlines. The Hotel room block reservations are due today, February 29. The Registration deadline is March 10.

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. Every gift counts, no matter the size or destination.

Connecting the dots
CAMPUS CAMPAIGN 2016

Counselor College . . . (Source: Tracy Winters)
If anyone missed the MXC training and still needs to send counselors somewhere for training, it’s not too late to register for the Counselor College being held at Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp on March 19 and 20.

- Cover Letter
- Registration and accompanying documents

For more information contact:
- Tracy Winters (Gallia County) at winters.5@osu.edu
- Rachael Fraley (Lawrence County) at Fraley.171@osu.edu
Good Agricultural Practices for Tobacco Producers . . . (Source: David Dugan)

If there are tobacco growers in your county, companies are requiring training in 2016. Please share this information with the appropriate individuals. If you have additional questions, please contact David Dugan at dugan.46@osu.edu or Jeff Moore at moore.3036@osu.edu.

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Diversity, Understanding, and Building Relationships Webinar . . . (Source: David Crawford)

The ESP Public Issues Committee invites you to participate in an upcoming webinar series Diversity, Understanding, and Building Relationships. The first session will be held on March 2 at 2:00 p.m. – “Know Yourself, Understand Others, Improve Your Relationships” and will be presented by Debra J. Bolton, Ph.D. Extension Specialist, FCS, Kansas State University. Connect to the Zoom webinar with your PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android at https://ksu.zoom.us/j/122989777 or telephone at 1 (646) 568-7788; Meeting ID 122 989 777.

Biometric Screenings . . .

Just a reminder that Biometric Screenings will be offered at the Southeast Region Office on Wednesday, April 6. To register, visit http://yp4h.osu.edu, at the bottom of the page click on Biometric Health Screening. Once you log in, search for appointments at the Region Office location on April 6. The biometric numbers are different than completing the Personal Health Assessment (PHA) questionnaire (they are two separate activities). After your biometric health screening, you will also need to complete your PHA each year to continue receiving the PHA Medical Premium Credit on your insurance. No fasting is required for the health screening.

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.

Ed Tech Info . . .

Coffee Break
Join the Ed Techs this Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. for their monthly Coffee Break with an Ed Tech. They’ll be discussing tips and tricks for using Carmen Connect. They’ll also have time to answer all your ed tech questions. Join the conversation at https://carmenconnect.osu.edu/edtechcoffeebreak/

Request an Ed Tech Workshop
Interested in learning more about an Ed Tech topic but not sure where to start? Consider requesting one of their workshops for your team or office. The Ed Tech Unit offers workshops in the following content areas:

- Video creation
- eNewsletter creation
- Live Streaming
- Blogging Best Practices
- Social Media Basics
- Social Media Strategy
- Online Course Design for Formal Learning Environments

To learn more or to request a workshop, visit the Request a Workshop page on the Ed Tech Blog (http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/). Please note that depending on your workshop request, minimum participant requirements may apply. Contact Jamie Seger (seger.23@osu.edu) or Danae Wolfe (wolfe.540@osu.edu) for more information. NOTE: Danae Wolfe, Ed Tech, will be making two presentations on eNewsletter Creation and Social Media Content Strategy at the Region Support Staff In-Service on April 28.

Support Staff – Hold the Date . . .
Support staff in the Southeast and Central Regions should be holding the date of Thursday, April 28 for the region support staff in-service. Plans are currently underway for this year’s meeting that will be held at the OSU Extension Office in Fairfield County. If you have any questions or input that you would like to provide, please contact one of the planning committee members (johnson.82@osu.edu, snyder.252@osu.edu, matney.30@osu.edu, wilson.3170@osu.edu).

ZIKA Virus . . . (Source: Southwest Region Forum)
Joe Boggs, Extension Educator, ANR, Hamilton County, has requested that if any county receives questions about mosquitoes and the ZIKA virus, please contact him at boggs.47@osu.edu.
Blog Links...
- CFAES Weekly News Digest - http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/

Introduction to Entomophagy

Entomophagy is the practice of eating insects! Learn how this idea will impact our future and how we can adapt to the growing concept. Learn about cultural and nutritional aspects of entomophagy, meet Ohio based companies, and sample insect infused foods.

Date: Friday, April 8, 2016
Time: 9:00am—3:30pm
Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210
Cost: $15.00 each
includes samples, lunch and refreshments
Registration:
go.osu.edu/eatbugs2016
For more information: Jim Jasinski (jasinski.4@osu.edu)

Workshop supported by OSU Innovation Grant, ANR Program Office, & IPM Program

OUTSTANDING U!
Important Dates and Deadlines . . .

If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu.

MARCH:
2 – BH EERA 4H Conference Call
6-12 – Ohio 4-H Week
12 – Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus Convention Center
18 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS
19-20 – Counselor College, Canter’s Cave
21 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
30 – Comm Dev Spring Meeting

APRIL:
6 – Biometric Health Screenings, SE Region Office
10-13 – PILD, Crystal City, VA
13 – State CED Meeting, F2F, Columbus
19-20 – Healthy People In-service Days
26 – Legislative Luncheon
29 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers

MAY:
11 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, SERO
16 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
27 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

JUNE:
15-17 – ANR Summer Retreat, Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center, College Corner, OH
20 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
26-29 – NACDEP & ANREP Conference, Burlington, VT

JULY:
20 – Region CED Meeting, Carmen Connect
24-28 – NACAA, Little Rock, AR
27-August 7 – Ohio State Fair

SEPTEMBER:
12-15 – NEAFCS, Big Sky, Montana
19 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
19 – EERA 4-H Program Leaders & 4-H Specialists Meeting, Columbus
20-22 – Farm Science Review
23 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS
28 – Region CED Meeting, F2F, location TBD

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
3 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, SERO
4-5 – Comm Dev Retreat
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals Inservice, 4-H Center, Columbus
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers

DECEMBER:
14 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, location TBD
16 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

Schedule (week of February 29, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645 – cell)
M – Columbus
T – Morrow
W – Belle Valley
T – 
F - Wooster