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Happy Birthday . . .
- March 14 – Lisa Barlage, Extension Educator, FCS, Ross County
- March 14 – Lacie Murray, Office Assistant, Scioto County
- March 18 – Ted Wiseman, Extension Educator, ANR, Perry and Licking Counties and CED, Perry County

Welcome . . .
We welcome Christine Gelley, Extension Educator, ANR to the Noble County Office (Buckeye Hills and the Southeast Region). Christine started on March 7 and can be contacted at gelley.2@osu.edu.

Job Posting . . .
County Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
Monroe County, Woodsfield, OH
JR# 416211
1.0 FTE
Post Date: March 12, 2016
Deadline Date: April 10, 2016
Screen Date: April 27 and 28, 2016
To Apply
Get Well Wishes . . .
Please keep Mary Longo, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Marion County, in your thoughts. Mary became ill during the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference on Saturday and is currently in Grant Hospital. To respect Mary’s privacy and maintain consistency in information on her health, Julie Fox, Central Region Director will be the point of contact for communications with her family. Rob Leeds has agreed to serve as Interim CED in Marion County during Mary’s absence. Please send cards to Mary at her home address of 980 Burgundy Drive, Marion 43302.

Our Condolences . . .
to Jeff Fisher, Extension Educator, ANR and CED in Pike County, and his family, on the recent loss of his grandmother.

Support Staff – Hold the Date . . .
Plans are nearly finalized for the upcoming region meeting. The committee has planned a very enjoyable professional development program for the Southeast and Central Region support staff. Registration will be emailed the week of March 28. Please hold the date for this meeting in Fairfield County – Thursday, April 28.

Campus Campaign Supports Extension, Too! . . . (Source: Cindy Torppa)
How many of us think the funds donated to Campus Campaign go straight to Columbus where they support wonderful programs on main campus? If that’s your understanding, I’m delighted to tell you that your contribution to Campus Campaign supports fund(s) that you choose – and those include local funds for your county office, the ESP Leadership fund, or any other fund that YOU designate when you make your contribution!

Please take a few minutes to find a fund you’d like to support. If you are a current faculty or staff member, you can search for funds to support by logging into the Campus Campaign online giving site at https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/ - just click on the big red rectangular button that says, “Give Online or Search for Funds.”

Remember – it’s not about how much you give, but about your willingness to support a fund that you value by making a gift. A gift as low as $1 per pay period, or one-time gift of $5 by credit card, or even a one-time gift of $1 in cash or check is welcome. And every gift helps us reach our goal of 45% participation in CFAES!

Thank you for considering a gift through Campus Campaign! – Cindy
Business Office FAQs...
If you haven’t visited the Business Office website in a while (http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/) they have entered a few new FAQs (bank statement, online banking, store savings card) that you should review.

Ed Tech Info...
In case you missed the First Friday Break this month on Carmen Connect, the recording is now available at http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2016/03/09/first-friday-coffee-break-with-an-ed-tech-carmen-connect/

Also, registration for innovateOSU is now open. You will need to register for the innovateOSU (May 11) and our innovateExtension (May 12) event separately. Registration for the innovateExtension event will be available soon. Event information has been posted to the Ed Tech blog over the past month and will continue to provide weekly updates.

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/

Coming in the Future to OSU...
- Workday - In a major step to enhance operational excellence, OSU will be moving to a cloud-based financial management system. https://ocio.osu.edu/blog/community/2016/03/03/workday-coming-soon (Source: Ric Hunter)
- Canvas (Learning Management System) - Carmen is not going away. The LMS that ‘powers’ Carmen will be changing, but you will still go to carmen.osu.edu to log into your courses. https://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/adoptcanvas (Source: Interim Provost Bruce McPherson & CIO Michael Hofherr)

eXtension – Catalog...
The eXtension Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of Catalog, soon to become the gateway to a comprehensive listing of online courses, webinars, workshops, and eBooks available – both for Extension professionals and public learners – throughout the Cooperative Extension System. The initial launch includes approximately 100 courses but will steadily scale up in the immediate term to offer more than 450 free and fee-based courses, webinars, and other educational offerings. All Extension professionals from eXtension Foundation Member Institutions can list their education offerings in Catalog.
The offerings on Catalog cover a wide array of topics and are delivered through several different platforms or technologies. Most of the courses are delivered through eXtension’s online course system, Campus, at campus.extension.org. Originally launched in 2007, Campus offered some 360 courses varying subject matter, rigor, cost and credit. Course subjects reflect the breadth of the Cooperative Extension System, as Extension educators from about 40 different land-grant universities and involved in various agriculture, family, community and youth programs offer online education through Campus.

Increasingly, these Extension educators are using new ways to deliver education to their respective audiences – particularly webconferencing, or webinars – which allow presenters to enhance their educational offers with additional resources, opportunities for continued conversation, testing, certification or other extended learning activities. Some webinars may require fees for admission, and Catalog facilitates payment of fees and enrollment in those webinars. A full list of webinars can be found at learn.extension.org

For more information and a close look at the Catalog, visit catalog.extension.org. Also watch for coming announcements of webinars and other opportunities to learn more about using Catalog. For any questions you may have, please email cataloghelp@extension.org

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:**
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
28 – Region Support Staff Meeting, Fairfield County
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:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union
14 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, location TBD
16 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

Schedule (week of March 14, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645 – cell)
M – Des Moines
T – Des Moines
W – Des Moines
T – Meigs
F – Belle Valley

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