Happy Birthday . . .

- April 1 – Julie Evans, Office Associate, Pike County
- April 2 – Ed Brown, Extension Educator, ANR, Athens County and CED, Washington County
- April 2 – Patty Molihan, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Vinton County

New University HR Website . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Ohio State’s Human Resources website has been newly redesigned to improve the user experience – making it easier to access important HR information. The Office of Human Resources listened to feedback from faculty, staff, student employees and the HR community to learn what they needed in a new HR website, which resulted in more engaging content, easy-to-find contact information and intuitive navigation. Visit http://hr.osu.edu. For questions contact hr-communications@osu.edu.

Vacation Donation . . . (Source: Kate Lobley)
We have had questions recently in regard to vacation donation for employees who may in the future exhaust their leave balances due to extended medical leave. If you have a large balance and would like to contribute, contact your Region Director as they may know of an individual in need. Kate Lobley is also our contact for Extension (lobley.82@osu.edu). Kate shared the following guidelines for the donation program.

Employees who donate vacation time must have 80 hours of vacation left after making their donation. People paid from projects may not donate. The donor must complete a Vacation Donation Donor Agreement Form and return it to Kate. Donations must be made in increments of eight hours.

Before employees can begin using donated time, they must exhaust all of their current sick and vacation hours. Kate will coordinate when the employee is eligible to start using the time that has been donated to them. Employees may not actively solicit donations for themselves, so please work with Kate directly to express any need or to make any donations.
Hold the Date – Effective Negotiation...

The next CFAES Gender Initiative offering will be a workshop on Effective Negotiation, facilitated by Dr. Ana Berrios-Allison, Associate Director of OSU Student Life Career Counseling and Support Services. This workshop is open to any employee of CFAES and will be an excellent professional development opportunity. The agenda will include 1) Skill of negotiation in academia and outside academia and 2) Building confidence in negotiating. Registration is expected to open the first week of May and is going to be a free event offered in both Columbus and Wooster. Save the date of Tuesday, June 7, 9-11 a.m.

Buckeyes Band Together for Wellness... (Source: Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk)

We are excited to launch the Buckeyes Band Together for Wellness program. As a first program of its kind, we invite you to join us for this innovative program that includes education and skills building activities focused on the nine dimensions of wellness. One out of two people have a chronic condition, yet 80% of those chronic conditions are preventable with healthy lifestyle behaviors. This program is designed to engage our faculty and staff in preventive behaviors over time to enhance their overall health and wellness.

Buckeyes Band Together for Wellness is brought to you by our Buckeye Wellness Team and Your Plan for Health. Modules focused on three dimensions of wellness will be offered each semester through spring of 2017. Faculty/staff can earn Your Plan for Health points for participating, and additional prizes will be awarded to participants who successfully complete all nine modules at the conclusion of the program.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest participating colleges/units for your to implement wellness initiatives or purchase equipment to enhance the health and wellbeing of faculty and staff. We hope you and your colleagues will join us on this journey towards greater wellbeing and becoming the healthiest University in the world.

To access the modules, please go to http://go.osu.edu/buckeyelearn and search “band together.”

First Friday Coffee Break... (Source: Ed Tech)

Interested in innovateExtension but aren’t sure what to expect? Join the Ed Techs on Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. for our monthly Coffee Break with an Ed Tech. We’ll be answering all questions about innovateExtension and provide additional details about the event. The event registration is officially open. If you haven’t registered, click here to do so. To join the Coffee Break, use this link.
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/

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:
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
26-27 – All FCS Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin

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 28, 2016)
Jeff
M – F - Vacation