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Happy Birthday...

- May 9 – Karen Pierson, Program Assistant, 4-H, Washington County
- May 14 – Renee Storey, Program Assistant, EFNEP, Scioto County
- May 15 – Sally Shaw, Office Assistant, Washington County
- May 15 – Travis West, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development and CED, Vinton County

Congratulations...

To the recipients of the 2016 OSU CARES Seed Grants. Seventeen of your OSU Extension colleagues were recognized last week at the Patterson Lecture and Outreach and Engagement Forum.

http://osucares.osu.edu/grants-program/grants/2016-seed-grants

- Place-Based Leadership Academy Initiative – Laquore Meadows, CED, Franklin County and colleagues
- Reducing Barriers to Entry for the Direct Sales of Local Foods in Ohio: A Review of Current Laws/Rules and Suggesting Changes for Ohio Businesses – Carol Keck, Program Coordinator, Delaware County; Rob Leeds, ANR Educator and CED, Delaware County; Mike Hogan, ANR Educator, Franklin County; Christie Welch, Program Specialist, OSU South Centers; and colleagues
CFAES Leadership Announcement . . . Bruce A. McPheron, Interim Executive VP and Provost)
I write to advise you that Dr. Lonnie J. King, currently serving as special assistant to the provost, has agreed to serve as Acting Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Acting Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). He will assume the roles presently held by Dr. Ronald L. Hendrick, who will leave Ohio State in June to become dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, Dr. King's appointment is effective May 15, 2016.

His extensive leadership experience and countless scientific contributions align well with CFAES's teaching and learning, research and innovation, and outreach and engagement missions. For example, in addition to serving as dean of Ohio State's College of Veterinary Medicine (2009-2015), he also had served as a dean at Michigan State University (1996-2006). And, he had served as director of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) National Center for Zoonotic, Vector-Borne and Enteric Diseases and led initiatives in public health, disease prevention, policy development and research.

Dr. King also worked in global trade agreements and has testified before the U. S. Congress on issues of emerging diseases in his role as the nation's chief veterinarian. And, among his many distinctive honors, he is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Thank You for Supporting Campus Campaign . . . (Source: Cindy Torppa)
We didn't reach our goal of 45% participation this year, but thank you to everyone who made a gift to Campus Campaign! Due to your generosity, we in Extension achieved a 30% participation rate and CFAES reached a 34% participation rate.

Onward and upward to an even higher participation rate in 2017! Thanks again to all who participated!

Grant Writing Essentials . . . (Source: Andy Londo)
A webinar on Grant Writing Essentials will be offered on Wednesday, May 11 from 2-4 p.m. (Eastern) Topics to be covered include:

- Grant Writing Tips for Success – 10 Things You Must Do
- Look Before You Leap
- Don't Take Anything for Granted

The URL for the webinar is http://nifa-connect.nifa.usda.gov/grantwritingfv2016. The Call In number is 888.844.9904 and Access Code is 96 49 398.

Gender Initiative Skill Workshop . . .
Effective Negotiation: Strategies to help avoid, “I wish I would have asked” syndrome. This workshop sponsored by the CFAES Office of Equity and Inclusion will be held on Tuesday, June 7 from 9-11 a.m. in Columbus (333 Kottman) and Wooster (Fisher Classroom 121). There is no cost but registration is needed.
The facilitator, Nicole K. Nieto (PhD, Program Manager, Ohio State ADVANCE) will cover the skill of negotiating in academia and outside academia and building confidence in negotiating. To register visit http://go.osu.edu/genderinitiative-negotiate. If you would like to contribute a blog, or have questions or resource recommendations, please contact Sandy Velleman.

Call for Proposals . . .
FSR Small Farm Center – Due May 23 . . . (Source: Mike Hogan)
Extension educators, specialists, and others are invited to teach one or more workshop sessions at the Small Farm Center at the 2016 Farm Science Review scheduled for September 20-22. Workshops in the Small Farm Center are 55 minutes long and are offered all day, each day of the Review. Presentations are held in two locations in the Small Farm Center, in a building with two 52 inch monitors, and in a large tent. Both locations have PowerPoint capability. These presentations have been very popular with Review attendees, with average attendance of approximately 20-30 individuals. Some presentations attract more than 100 participants.

Topics presented in the Small Farm Center are very varied, but typically are related to alternative ag and natural resources enterprises, alternative production systems, alternative marketing ideas, and other innovative approaches in agriculture. Attached is the schedule of presentations from last year’s Small Farm Center at the Review (building and tent).

If you would be willing to teach one or more workshop sessions at this year’s Review, please send your topic(s) and preferred day of the week to Mike Hogan at hogan.1@osu.edu by May 23, 2016.

Tri-State Diversity Conference - Due June 30 . . . (Source: Brian Raison)
Are you interested in improving your programming? Research shows that the addition of diversity will net improved results. Diversity helps expand one’s perspective. The Tri-State Diversity Conference is an excellent place to gain perspective, make connections, and grow both personally and professionally. Attached is a call for proposals to make a presentation at the 2017 conference. Please consider this excellent opportunity. Feel free to contact Brian if you have any questions at raison.1@osu.edu

Business Office FAQs . . .
There have been three new FAQs added to the Business Office webpage. Please check them out at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/news
- FAQ - Approvals
- FAQ – Office Furniture
- FAQ – Sponsorships
Clarifications Regarding Travel Reimbursements . . . (Source: Lee Ann and Vickie)
At the region office we may have provided you with incorrect information in regard to deducting your commute on a travel reimbursement. We received additional clarification last week from the Business Office. We were previously under the impression that if you have an evening meeting at the office and had already made your normal commute into the office earlier in the day, that you did not need to subtract the commute from your evening trip (home to HQ and return home). However, this is not the case. If your evening meeting is at the office, you still need to deduct your commute each trip. No matter how many times you go to HQ from and back, you do not get reimbursed. If you have an evening meeting that is held at another site beside the office, you do not need to deduct the commute.

Home to HQ and back is never reimbursable, not even on the weekend. Home to a different site and back on the weekend is fully reimbursable with no commute deducted.

If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to get the correct interpretation. We apologize for any confusion we may have created. For an additional travel guide visit (http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Training/CFAES%20TravelGuide.pdf)

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 – NACAA registration...please note the additional registration fee after May 15!

National Meeting Information . . .
- NACAA - http://www.nacaa.com/
  - Registrations after May 15 will include a $100 late fee

  - Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 - $229.00 per night
  - Early Bird Registration – June 1-July 15 - $450.00
  - Regular Registration – July 15 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – August 12 - $475.00
  - Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00
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.

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.
22-23 – Forage and Grazing In-service, EARS, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., including Hay Day at 4 p.m. on 23rd,
lima.19@osu.edu
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 In-service, 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 May 9, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)
M – Belle Valley (performance reviews)
T – Morrow
W – Belle Valley (BH 4-H EERA Meeting)
T – Columbus
F - Virtual