Happy Birthday . . .
- June 6 – Cindy Kratzer, Office Associate, Brown County
- June 9 – Krista Hayslip, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Pike County

Welcome . . .
to Kevin Fletcher, new ANR Educator (.5 FTE) in Meigs County. Kevin started May 18.
Welcome also to Misty Harmon, new FCS Educator in Perry County. Misty started on May 31.
We welcome you both to the Southeast Region! (pictures to come next week 😊)

Job Posting . . .
Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed
Washington County, Marietta, OH
JR# 418755
.75 FTE
Post Date: June 4, 2016
Deadline Date: June 19, 2016
To Apply
Congratulations ... to Dr. Bruce A. McPheron. Following a national search, OSU President, Michael Drake named Dr. McPheron OSU’s Executive Vice President and Provost. McPheron previously served as interim provost and, for three years, vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. As Ohio State’s chief academic officer, he will oversee and help to advance the educational mission of one of the nation’s largest and most comprehensive universities.

First Strikeforce Local Public Meetings ... (Source: Jeff McCutcheon)
If you are interested in the USDA’s StrikeForce Program, then you may want to attend one of the first two local conversations about the program. The conversations will be held on Wednesday, June 8, from 10 – 12:30 pm, at the OSU South Centers, and on Thursday, June 9, from 1 – 3:30 pm, at Hocking College Oakley Hall. Details about each are below.

- Ohio Strikeforce Info
- Pike Invitation
- Athens Invitation
- Hocking College Campus Map
- Hocking College Parking Permit

For either event, please RSVP by Monday, June 6, as space is limited to Christina Reed at Christina.Reed@oh.usda.gov or call 614-255-2527.

StrikeForce is a USDA program where staff have the opportunity to amplify the work with state, local, and community officials to increase awareness of available USDA programs and to help build program participation through intensive community outreach and technical assistance. Eight of the eleven Ohio StrikeForce counties are in the Southeast Region; Adams, Pike, Scioto, Jackson, Vinton, Athens, Meigs, and Morgan.

Reminder – CFAES Social Media Survey ...
If you haven’t already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the CFAES Social Media Survey. The survey will help us learn about all of the social media sites that exist in the college, including departments, programs, Extension and OARDC, and how you use them to support your work. Not only do we want to know what ‘organizational’ sites we have, but also which faculty and staff use their personal social media sites to promote their work. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cuWXyMQ88OUhYbz Please respond by June 10.

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innovateExtension . . .
The inaugural innovateExtension event was held May 12th, 2016 on Ohio State University’s campus. Twenty-two teams and more than 140 participants vied for funding for their ideas, projects, prototypes, and concepts. After working together throughout the day, teams gave brief pitches to all in attendance who then voted for the projects they believed should be funded. Each team presented a worthy proposal and everyone hopes the unfunded teams continue to work on their projects! When the votes were counted, Honorable Mention went to the Dayta Dreamers (Debby Lewis, Amy Elhadi, Kim Showalter, Suzanna Windon with Coach: Kevin Gamble). The project involved hiring a web developer, who would be housed in the PDE unit, to design a “data portal” that would be able to accept various types of data and generate multiple types of reports based on the data that will be accessible by a broad range of employees.

The Third Place Team represented Live Healthy Live Well (Pat Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Lisa Barlage, Joanna Rini, Beth Stefura with Coach: Alice Henneman). Their project included expansion of Live Healthy Live Well social media programming into a text-based message campaign, also including brief YouTube videos and hashtag creation and use.

Second Place went to Team GMO (Emily Adams, Lee Beers, Mary Griffith, Peggy Hall, Dianne Shoemaker with Coach: Hunter McBrayer). This team planned a three-part project to help Extension professionals excel when addressing critical issues that arise quickly requiring Extension personnel to address in a very timely manner. Examples included 1) Educator Training, 2) Identify Critical Issues at Annual Conference, and 3) Development and Implementation of a Protocol for Critical Issues.
First Place went to the Critical Conversations Team (Jackie Kirby-Wilkins, Jeff McCutcheon, Cindy Torppa, Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Laura Fuller, David Crawford, Debbie Brown with Coach: Daphne Richards). This team’s project addressed the skills needed to have the critical conversations we all face while working with a variety of stakeholders (e.g., funders, elected officials, consumer, community partners, and families/friends). Skills to be addressed include relationship building, networking, collaborating, facilitating, mediating, and innovating by developing a variety of resources (including Tool Kits and Skill Building) and strategies for developing competencies, comfort, and skills for addressing critical conversations.

**Action Leadership Retreat**

Are you an educator who has been employed in OSU Extension for 18 months – 3+ years? Are you looking for a professional development opportunity which is built around simulated on-the-job experiences you encounter as an educator? If you do, the Action Leadership is for you.

**What is the Action Leadership Retreat?**

This **two day retreat** offers educators the opportunity to:

• Assess and reflect on your skills in key areas important to your success as an Extension Educator.
• Interact with other Extension educators with similar tenure.
• Develop goals and initial plans for personal and professional development.
• Discuss and explore resources available to support your development as an educator.

To learn more about this professional development opportunity for educators, please click on [https://osu.box.com/v/ALRNOV892016](https://osu.box.com/v/ALRNOV892016)

**Dates of the Retreat are: November 8-9, 2016**

Registration Fee is $90
To register, please email Jody Termeer [termeer.1@osu.edu](mailto:termeer.1@osu.edu) with the following information: Name, County/Unit, Job Title and email address

**Space is limited to seven participants for the retreat. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis!**

Questions? please contact Beth Flynn [flynn.61@osu.edu](mailto:flynn.61@osu.edu) or 614-292-1251.
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Blog Links . . .
- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/

National Meeting Information . . .
NACAA - http://www.nacaa.com/

- 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

NEAFCS – http://www.neafcs.org/2016-annual-session
- Hotel Reservations – Open now until August 1 or until sold out
- Early Bird Registration – by July 15 - $425
- Regular Registration – by September 1 - $475
- Late Registration – after September 1 - $525

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.

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 June 6, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)
M – Morrow
T – Columbus
W – Virtual
T – Columbus
F – Belle Valley