This Week Southeast

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Belated Birthday Wishes . . .

- July 6 – Kate Homonai, Program Coordinator, FCS, Vinton County

Welcome . . .

We welcome Shawn Walker, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Perry County to the Southeast Region. Shawn started on June 27.

Congratulations . . .

to Paige Matney, Office Associate, Lawrence County, and her husband, Brad on the birth of their first child, Jayci Louise. Jayci weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 18-1/2 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

RD Position . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

We are now ready to fill the position of Southeast Region Director for OSU Extension on a permanent basis. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for this important position in our organization.
To assure consideration, please apply by August 21, 2016 by visiting our website at [www.jobsatosu.com](http://www.jobsatosu.com) and searching by Job Opening Number 419752. For a complete position description, minimum qualifications, and application instructions, go to [www.jobsatosu.com](http://www.jobsatosu.com) and click Search Postings. Under Job Opening Number, type 419752 and click Search. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.

**Region Director, Southeast Region**  
Caldwell, OH  
JR# 419752  
1.0 FTE  
Post Date: July 9, 2016  
Deadline Date: August 21, 2016  
To Apply

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**Job Postings...**  
Program Specialist, Healthy Relationships  
OSUE Human Ecology Extension Administration, Columbus, OH  
JR# 418561  
1.0 FTE  
Post Date: July 2, 2016  
Deadline Date: August 7, 2016  
To Apply

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**Director’s Drop-In... (Source: Roger Rennekamp)**  
While many of you have grown accustomed to my monthly posts to Conspectus, it has become apparent that there is also a need for more frequent communication from me about news and happenings within Extension. While Conspectus is designed to prompt thought and dialogue related to innovation, it is not the best mechanism for information-sharing.

With that in mind, look for a short communication from me called the Director’s Drop-In that will be included in each weekly newsletter distributed by your Regional Director. This week, I want to highlight Deb Carney, Tony Staubach and rest of the Hamilton County team as they hosted President Drake, Brutus, and The Buckeye Bus for a visit to their office and their Innovation Station Summer Enrichment Program. Innovation Station provides community outreach to youth ages 5-12 through innovative activities related to agriculture, natural resources, gardening, healthy eating, and water.

The evening before the office visit, Brad Bergefurd was the featured speaker at an OSU Alumni Gathering at Urban Artifact, a new Cincinnati brewpub that uses locally grown hops in the brewing process. At the event, Brad presented President Drake with his very own copy of Field Guide for Integrated Pest Management in Hops!
Co-Workers In Need . . .
On Wednesday morning, one of our SNAP-Ed PAs, Lindsey Blum (Franklin County) experienced a devastating loss as her home was destroyed by a fire. Lindsey is safe but will need a lot of support as she tries to recover from the loss. A Go Fund Me account has been set up for those who would like to help make monetary donations. The link to the account is https://www.gofundme.com/2e7p8dw. Lindsey will be getting married in 8 days, but all of her wedding things are safe. She has been at the site of the fire to see what she might be able to salvage, and she also learned today that she has a broken ankle from the jump from the 2nd story window.

Many (unfortunately, too many) of our Extension colleagues are definitely experiencing need right now due to extended medical leave and other extreme circumstances. If you are in a position to donate, it is greatly appreciated. If you have additional vacation leave that you would consider donating, the guidelines are listed below. Please contact your Region Director for information on individuals who may specifically need donated leave or contact Kate Lobley to coordinate.

Vacation donations:

- Employees paid exclusively from a project may not donate.
- Time must be donated in 8-hour increments.
- Employees must have at least 80 hours of leave available after making the donation.
- Employees interested in making a donation must complete the Vacation Donation Donor Agreement and return to Kate Lobley.
- Employees wanting to coordinate a donation with their anniversary should notify Kate Lobley of their anniversary date and return the Donor Agreement at the beginning of that month.
- Please contact Kate Lobley at lobley.82@osu.edu or 614-292-2399 with any questions.

Leadership Transition Announcement . . . (Source: Lonnie King)
Last week, I met with Provost McPherson and he asked if he could use Ryan Schmiesing for an assignment to focus on some of his priorities and initiatives including an upcoming effort in university strategic planning. The college will, of course, honor the provost’s request and Ryan will be transitioning to OAA over the next few weeks. During that time, Ryan will work with me on transitioning his responsibilities so he will be balancing his time between our office and OAA.

We will immediately begin searching for his replacement and use this opportunity as perhaps a development assignment. It is important to move forward to replace Ryan during this time so that we can ensure we provide the type of support and resources necessary to continue our positive trajectory in the college. As many of you know, Ryan has served in several key capacities for the college since returning in 2011 and played an integral role in many of the transitions that have taken place since that time.

Please join me in wishing Ryan all the best in this new assignment, and we look forward to working with him in his new capacity in OAA and with the provost.
New Impact Areas for OSU Extension – Final . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

Thanks to those of you who submitted comments and suggestions regarding the new Impact Areas for OSU Extension. These comments were very helpful in making the decision to consider the wording of the six draft impact areas as final. As a reminder, the six new impact areas are:

- Health and Wellness
- Job Skills and Careers
- Thriving Across the Life Span
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
- Environmental Quality

There was considerable interest in developing descriptive language for each of the impact areas that would further define the nature and scope of our work in each area. Others suggested adding “action words” to each phrase. Each of these suggestions has significant merit and we will consider both as we begin using impact areas in various communication pieces and reports.

For now, however, you can consider the six impact areas as the new domains of activity around which we will organize our communications to our many stakeholders.

BOC Reminders . . .

Visit the following links to review changes that took effect July 1:
- PCard Procedure Changes – July 1, 2016
- Travel Procedure Changes – July 1, 2016
- Changes to Expense Accounts (Standard Expense Account Numbers)

Due by July 29, 2016: (see email from Cindy Buxton on 7/5/16)
- Bank Reconciliation Form and June Bank Statement
- Annual Physical Inventory and Equipment Review Report

YouTube Videos Posted:
- Sales Tax at OSU
- PCard Video
- Overnight Travel Post-Trip
- Overnight Travel Pre-Trip

Staff Career Development Grant Applications . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
The Staff Career Development Grant provides staff with an opportunity to further their growth and development. Eligible staff can apply for a Staff Career Development Grant of up to $1000 for individuals and $1500 for groups. Grants can be used for professional development, education or training costs related to job and/or career goals. Applications are being accepted until July 31. Read more, Contact
New Pay Dates (2016/2017) . . . (Source: Amy Burns)

Attached is a list of the new pay dates for 2016/2017. Please note the beginning and end dates of each pay period. For those of you paid bi-weekly, please be sure to submit your timesheets on time. For those of you approving leave and timesheets, please do so on time. If you are going to be out of the office, please discuss the approval with your supervisor, as he/she should have access as a back-up approver.

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/

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

- 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

- October 24-27 in Cape May, New Jersey
- Early Bird Registration – until July 31 - $425
- The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May

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.
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
12-14 – New Educator Workshop
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
21 – Buckeye Hills EERA All Program Meeting, Belle Valley
24-27 – 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 July 11, 2016)
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