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Hold the Date(s)... (From Jeff)
This is an exciting time. Dean McPheron has announced the public presentations for the candidates for the Associate Dean and Director of OSU Extension position. (In case you missed it, the information from the email is in the article below.) The two dates are August 12 and 19. I encourage each of you to either attend in person or watch the live video stream.

The day before each presentation, check on the search website. Detailed information about the candidates will be placed there the day before their presentation. I know some questions have been asked about why the candidate information is not currently available. The reason is that we have three highly engaged individuals who hold leadership positions at their respective institutions. For each one, being offered and accepting the position is not certain. There is a real risk for each individual, that they may complete the interview process and still need to continue to do the job they currently hold. Broad public knowledge like name and resume posted on our website for weeks could make that difficult for them.

Having the privilege to serve on the search committee, I was pleased with the high quality candidates we had for the position and excited about the three who emerged from that process. If possible, make the time to participate.

OSU Extension Director Interviews... (Source: Dean McPheron)
We have arrived at an important step in the process to identify and select the next Associate Dean and Director for Ohio State University Extension. I'm pleased to share with you that the search committee has identified three dynamic candidates who have agreed to participate in on-campus interviews in the coming weeks. Throughout the process, we have enjoyed tremendous interest by highly qualified candidates, and the three who have emerged for campus interviews truly represent the types of individuals we have been seeking.
We will update our website and share additional information about the candidates the day prior to the public presentations. It is important that we respect the candidates current employment situation and allow them to continue their professional responsibilities with the least amount of interruptions as they prepare for their visits. Following are the dates and times for the public presentations that will also be streamed live:

Candidate A: August 12 - 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate B: August 12 – 2:00pm with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate C: August 19 – 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center

This is a tremendously exciting time for our college and for Ohio State University Extension! I recognize there are many events and activities happening this time of the year, but I do hope that you will spend time participating in the presentations of these outstanding candidates.

My thanks to the search and screen committee for their exceptional work in getting us to this point.

Happy Birthday . . .
- August 6 – Carla Wickham, Office Associate, Noble County

Congratulations . . .
Congratulations to Tami Combs, Office Associate, Highland County, who will be receiving her M.S. in Agricultural and Extension Education along with a minor in Educational Technology at graduation on August 9. Tami completed the ACEL online program at http://acel.osu.edu/online/home. Tami said she could not have done this without the support of her family (pictured: Mercy [2 years], Shannon [5 years] and husband James).

From Tami, a short description of her project - For my project Dining with Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen 2.0 I worked with the original Dining with Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen Moodle team to make updates and give a facelift to the original course. The Dining with Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen team included: Daniel Remley Ph.D.; Cheryl Spires R.D., L.D., M.F.C.S.; Jamie Seger; Susan Zies M.S.; and Barbara Hennard M.A. For the project I researched and developed an evaluation tool specific to the non-formal, knowledge-based education courses that Extension teaches online such as Dining with Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen. I used this tool to evaluate four Moodle courses, including the Dining with Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen course. From the evaluations, I developed a set of recommendations for improvement to the course. Last, I made updates to the course which included: 1) a complete restructure of the welcome unit including the addition of course goals and updating...
the welcome email, 2) reorganization of each unit to fit the 4 “A” model, 3) improvements to the course aesthetics by deleting and moving course content and making the units collapsible and 4) creating new login instructions with recorded video instructions.

Congratulations also to Renee Storey, Program Assistant, EFNEP in the Scioto County Office for the winning entry in the ‘rename Monday Messenger’ contest. As you can tell from the title, this weekly newsletter is now known as “This Week Southeast.” Thanks to all who submitted suggestion(s). We had over 20 entries! Jeff will be delivering pizza to the Scioto County Office when he makes his county visit to their office on August 19.

Celebrate Ohio Local Foods Week #OLFW15 . . . (Source: Patrice Powers-Barker)
The Local Foods Signature Program welcomes you to participate in Ohio Local Foods Week from August 9-15, 2015. This is the first time local food will be celebrated at the same time statewide and everyone is invited to participate! This week-long recognition of local food is for everyone – from families to businesses, from rural to urban, from young to old and from small-scale to large-scale.

Please visit the Local Foods Signature Program website at http://localfoods.osu.edu/ for the following resources:

- Ideals for Celebrating Ohio Local Foods Week
- Online Local Food Directories for Consumers (and encourage those who sell local produce to share their information on applicable online directories)
- Ohio Local Foods Week Toolkit including an invitation to local partners, templates for local events and county proclamations, event marks, handouts and youth activities.
- Links and information to the $10 Ohio Local Food Week Challenge – encourage consumers to commit to spending at least $10 on (any) local foods during the week
- Let us know how you plan to celebrate Ohio Local Foods Week. Encourage your local community to share pictures and stories with us on Facebook or Twitter. #olfw15.

You will notice that we still need to add information to the Local Foods Website on the page Find an Event Near You. If you have information about an event during that week that you would like to share, please email the title, date, time, location, contact name and information and a 1-2 sentence description about the event so we can add it to the site.

You can email your event information as well as any questions to me (Patrice) at powers-barker.1@osu.edu or Heather Neikirk at neikirk.2@osu.edu.

Digital Communications Strategy . . . (Source: EdgeU Tech Blog)
CFAES College Communications has engaged with the Basecraft agency to help us improve and/or develop strategy around digital communications. As part of the process, the agency is seeking input from a large group of stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, media, and industry professionals. This is where OSU Extension professionals like you come in, your input matters! To assist with this effort and provide Basecraft with sufficient input, we are asking two things:
1. Please complete this short questionnaire.
2. Share this opportunity, widely, with your colleagues, peers and stakeholder groups.

Only aggregate data will be seen and individual responses will be compiled by the staff at Basecraft as they utilize the data to formulate recommendations.

Why would I fill out this questionnaire?

Digital communication strategy is incredibly important. It better connects us with our clients and encompasses much more than just web design (mobile strategy, user experience, content strategy, trend analysis, to name a few.) Your input helps Basecraft understand who we are, what we do, and what possibilities lie in our future. It’s a critical piece to completing the digital communication strategy puzzle. Once completed, this strategy has the potential to impact many facets of OSU Extension.

Questions? Contact Jamie Seger or Ryan Schmiesing.

(Basecraft recently created TV and radio ads for the 2015 Ohio State Fair. The company is based out of Columbus and New York City.)

Reminders . . .

PHA
The deadline to complete your Personal Health Assessment (and be eligible for $360 annual premium credit) is September 30! Visit Your Plan for Health at yp4h.osu.edu.
Faculty and staff appreciation Buckeye football game, (Source: onCampus Today)

In recognition of your great achievements, faculty and staff have the opportunity to cheer on the Buckeyes with fellow faculty, staff and friends on Saturday (9/12), at the home opener against Hawaii. As a reminder, faculty and staff must opt in and by Tuesday (8/4) at 11:59 p.m. to have an opportunity to be selected at random to receive four complimentary tickets. To be considered, follow the link: hr.osu.edu/appreciationevent. Read more: hr.osu.edu/special/staffweek-faqs.

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.

AUGUST:
Thru August 9 – Ohio State Fair
27 – Beef and Forage Field Night, Ohio Valley EERA

SEPTEMBER:
18 – Ohio Valley EERA 4H Meeting
22-24 – Farm Science Review
28-29 – Action Leadership Retreat

OCTOBER:
4-7 – ESP National Conference, Coeurd’Alene, ID
6-7 – Farm Management Inservice, Bruynis.1@osu.edu
7 – BH all program area meeting (tentative)
13-14 – FCS All Programs Conference
21 – CED F2F Meeting
22 – OSUE Employee Welcome Festival
23 – Research in View Training
25-29 – NAE4HA Conference, Portland, OR

NOVEMBER:
2-5 – NAEFCS Conference, Greenbrier (WV)
9 – Animal Science Program, Columbus
10 – State 4-H Professionals Update
13 – OV EERA Meeting

DECEMBER:
8-9 – Annual Conference
16 – BH 4H Meeting
18 – BH ANR Meeting @ EARS

As always, there are a multitude of training and professional development opportunities for Extension personnel. Please check with program areas for specific opportunities and visit http://extensionhr.osu.edu/profdev/profdev.html.

The OSU Leadership Center also offers other opportunities at http://leadershipcenter.osu.edu/. Many links to Events are also listed on our webpage at http://southeast.osu.edu/events

If any of the above links do not work or if you have questions about the dates or deadlines, please contact Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu.

Schedule (week of August 3, 2015)

Jeff (419.560.8645 cell)

M – Columbus (FCS AD Interviews)
T – Athens Vinton
W – State Fair Morrow
T – Columbus (Cabinet)
F – Belle Valley