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Birthday Wishes . . .
- August 22 – Mary Longo, Extension Educator, 4H, Marion County
- August 22 – Penne Smith, Extension Educator, 4H
- August 23 – Kevin Fletcher, Extension Educator, ANR, Meigs County
- August 23 – Sami Schott, Program Coordinator, 4H and FCS, Noble County
- August 23 – Treva Williams, Extension Educator, FCS, Scioto County and CED, Scioto and Lawrence Counties

Card Shower . . .
Mary Longo’s birthday is today, August 22 and she is now in Dodd Hall working on some heavy duty rehab. Please shower her with some uplifting birthday wishes. Her address at Dodd Hall is:
  Dodd Hall
  Mary Longo, Room 4141
  480 Medical Center Drive
  Columbus, OH 43210
**Director’s Drop-In . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)**

As an organization that promotes lifelong learning, it logically follows that we not only provide learning experiences for others, but participate in the continuing education we need to be the best we can be on the job. In addition to the ongoing array of in-service education we offer on an annual basis, a special opportunity for support staff is coming to Ohio this fall.

Ohio is pleased to host the national conference of the Extension and Research Support Staff Association (TERSSA) in Columbus this October. This is a unique opportunity for the individuals with critical task of the keeping our organization running smoothly to meet with peers from across the country and explore new ways to maximize personal and organizational effectiveness.

This year’s theme is One Voice – For Strength, Unity and Shared Vision. When individuals have opportunities to share their knowledge with others in a spirit of mutual exchange and learning, we all benefit.

If you haven’t already registered, I encourage you to view the agenda [online](#). Come learn from other support staff professionals from across the state and nation. The TERSSA conference offers a great opportunity to strengthen existing relationships, make new friends, and gain skills you can use in your professional and personal life.

**Search Committee for VP and Dean of CFAES . . . (Source: Bruce A. McPherson, Exec. VP and Provost)**

I am pleased to announce the members of the search committee for the next Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Dr. Karla Zadnik, Dean of the College of Optometry and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, has agreed to serve as the committee’s chair for this pivotal search. In addition, the other committee members are:

- Sheryl Barringer, Professor and Chair, Department of Food Science and Technology
- Luis Canas, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology
- Vanessa Egbo, Student Representative, Department of Food Science and Technology
- Ryan Hade, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Technical Institute
- Gonul Kaletunc, Professor, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Elizabeth Parker, Associate Professor of Professional Practice, Department of Animal Sciences
- Pierce Paul, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology
- Amanda Forquer, Program Coordinator, Ohio State University Extension
- Roger Rennekamp, Professor and Director, Ohio State University Extension
- Mazeika Sullivan, Associate Professor, School of Environmental and Natural Resources
- David Williams, Dean, College of Engineering

Ex Officio:
- M. Kimberly Lambert, Program Director, Talent Strategy, Office of Human Resources

I look forward to meeting with the committee soon to give them their charge and launch the search. Dean Zadnik and the search committee will solicit nominations for the new vice president and dean in the near future.
**CFAES Backdrops**

Director Rennekamp purchased a CFAES backdrop for each of the EERAs. This backdrop and stand can be borrowed for your use. If you are in the Buckeye Hills EERA, contact the Region Office at 740.732.2381 to borrow. If you are in the Ohio Valley EERA, contact Rich Emnett at Emnett.1@osu.edu if you would like to borrow it.

**eXtension Webinar - August 23** *(source: Sandra Conn)*

Advocacy on the Job: A Case Study for Extension Professionals Amid Budget Cuts

It’s a challenge that Extension professionals experience more often than they wish: a state’s budget process threatens to dramatically reduce or eliminate a state’s Extension and other agriculture programs.

In 2015, Pennsylvania State University Extension faced elimination of its entire state appropriation. In response, the college and its stakeholders engaged in a comprehensive advocacy and communication strategy that was so compelling that in March, 2016, the entire budget was restored, plus an increase of 9.5%.

Please join eXtension on **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., ET, for a new webinar, “Hope Is Not a Strategy: A Case Study on Penn State Extension’s Engagement to Restore State Funding.” This webinar will highlight three parts of this successful advocacy effort:

- Building long-term relationships with stakeholders and making them effective advocates who lead the efforts to restore funding
- Spreading the message about Extension through traditional and social media
- Following messaging guidelines for Extension employees when they post on social media or give interviews in funding-challenged times

The case study will be presented by Mary Wirth, Director of College Relations and Communications for the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences. The office is a component of the dean’s office that manages the college’s relationships and strategic communications with external audiences – with a focus on alumni, industry and legislators as well as future students – and covers all three mission areas of the college including education, research and extension.

To add this event to your calendar please visit: [https://learn.extension.org/events/2728](https://learn.extension.org/events/2728).

**JCEP Recognition 101 – August 24** *(Source: Cassie Anderson)*

To assist you, the Scholarship, Grant, and Recognition Committee for JCEP is hosting a Carmen Connect Q&A session on **Wednesday, August 24** at 10 a.m. There will be a brief presentation and then the floor is open for your questions for the award entry and nomination process. We will visit the JCEP website, talk about the specific awards, any changes, and what is helpful to know when applying or nominating. You do good work, learn how to submit it for recognition that is beneficial to your yearly reviews and promotion process.
Award nominations and entries are due October 1. Get a jump on the application process during this Q&A session. If you have questions, please contact Cassie at Anderson.3157@osu.edu. Now is the time to nominate your peers, community partner(s), and/or yourself for the Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professional Awards! For some of the awards, any employee can nominate someone, so please plan to participate in the Webinar to have your questions answered.

Join the meeting at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/jcepsgr/

**Dependent Tuition Applications – August 26 . . . (Source: onCampus Today)**
Dependent tuition applications must be submitted each term. The autumn 2016 term enrollment window closes **August 26**. Faculty and staff can apply online using Employee Self Service or paper applications. Students must have their social security number on file with the university bursar to receive the Dependent Tuition Assistance. Read more. Contact or call 614.292.4086.

**“The Escape of Jane” – August 27 . . . (Source: Kathy Lechman)**
Please consider attending the **August 27** performance of “The Escape of Jane” performed by Ms. Patricia Thomas as Jane. I was able to see a sneak preview when I was participating in the Crossing the River: History of African Americans in Southeast Ohio tour on August 8 and 9. The venue is the new Southeast Ohio History Center (formerly the Athens County Historical Society and Museum). For additional information and tickets, please contact the Southeast Ohio History Center directly at 740.592.2280.
Annie’s Project – Call for Instructors . . . (Source: Emily Adams, Beth Scheckelhoff and Gigi Neal)

**Annie’s Project** is a program whose mission is to *empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and organization and management of important information.* Women receive training in the five areas of agricultural risk management: financial, marketing, production, legal, and human resources.

**How can you be involved in Annie’s Project?**

1. You can host an Annie’s Project in your county (more details to come later)
2. You can teach on one or more of the risk management topics at an Annie’s Project program

We are working to update our list of instructors for the topics that are covered during Annie’s Project classes.

**Can you please complete this poll with any and all topics that you would be willing to teach for Annie’s Project?** [http://doodle.com/poll/md293nsmg8gavqnu](http://doodle.com/poll/md293nsmg8gavqnu) The poll will expire on Friday, August 26.

**More information about Annie’s Project:**

- Since 2008, Annie’s Project has been offered 28 times in 22 counties throughout Ohio. Over 375 Ohio women have participated in Annie’s Project taught by OSU Extension educators throughout the state.
- There have been some structural changes to Annie’s Project over the past couple of years. This program began through an Extension Risk Management Education Grant in 2003 at the University of Illinois. The program was named Annie’s Project, because Annie was the mother of Ruth Hambleton, the Extension agent who created the program. For many years, Annie’s Project was coordinated through Iowa State University Extension. Now Annie’s Project is a 501(c)3 with a Board of Directors.
- Gigi Neal and Chris Kendle serve as Annie’s Project state coordinators.

$5 Million Gift Gives OSU Extension New Facility at Waterman Site . . . (Source: news.osu.edu)

Donation creates facilities fund for outreach, research on urban farm. A $5 million gift will extend the outreach arm of The Ohio State University, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. The gift creates the Franklin County Extension Building Fund, which will be used for construction and maintenance of the new Franklin County Extension office and learning spaces on Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory. Waterman consists of 261 acres of farmland located northwest of West Lane Avenue and Kenny Road.

Waterman is designed for a major renovation into a research, learning and outreach hub. Brining Franklin County Extension to Waterman will put cutting-edge research at the Extension office’s front door. The new office will engage the community in demonstration gardens, large urban farm enterprises, nutrition kitchens and day camps. Pening approval from the Board of Trustees, construction will begin in 2017.

[Read more](#)
Business Operations Center . . .
The Convenience Order List for FY17 has been posted to the Resources and Training Tab. Download it today for reference when entering an eRequest. Convenience orders allow for payment by check directly to the vendor with no pre-assigned PO number.

Blog Links . . .
- CFAES Weekly News Digest – [http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin](http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin)
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – [http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/](http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/)
- Community Development – [http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/](http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/)
- Ag Law – [http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog](http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog)

National Meeting Information . . .
- Regular Registration – by September 1 - $475
- Late Registration – after September 1 - $525

- Hotel Reservations – $229.00 per night
- Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00

Hotel Reservations -
[https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1508250964&key=DEDCA86](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1508250964&key=DEDCA86)

- October 24-27 in Cape May, New Jersey
- The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May
- Conference Brochure –
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.

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

OCTOBER:
1 – JCEP Applications Due
2-8 – National 4-H Week
3 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, SERO
3-4 – HOLD for SE Region Director Search
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 August 22, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)
M – Pike
T – Vacation
W – Vinton
T – Belle Valley
F - Morrow