Happy Birthday . . .
- October 6 – Darlene Lukshin, Program Specialist, CD, Washington County

Our Condolences . . .
to Trisha Koehler, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Brown County on the recent death of her mother-in-law.

Best Wishes . . .
to Don Ordaz, Systems Manager for OSU Extension, who retired effective October 1.

State of the College Address . . .
The Dean will be presenting his annual State of the College address from the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center this Friday, October 9 beginning at 9 a.m. Streaming connection details will be sent later this week.

Also, in case you missed it, the Dean has recorded a recap of the Farm Science Review. It can be viewed at https://youtu.be/qLg9zZa4rxA
JOIN OHIO 4-H IN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE!
Be sure to use the hashtags!

**Sunday, October 4**
Selfie Sunday! Post a selfie wearing your favorite 4-H t-shirt.

**Monday, October 5**
Hole Medal Monday! Post a picture of your favorite 4-H advisor.

**Tuesday, October 6**
Transformation Tuesday! Post a pair of pictures, including one from your days as a Cloverbud.

**Wednesday, October 7**
What’s Your Project Wednesday? Post a picture of you with your project.

**Thursday, October 8**
Throwback Thursday! Post a picture of a favorite 4-H memory.

**Friday, October 9**
Fair Friday! Post a picture from the Fair.

**Saturday, October 10**
Service Saturday! Post a picture from a community service project.

Why? To share 4-H fun and memories with friends and family and to encourage others to get involved!

Idea for National 4-H Week Social Media Challenge borrowed from our friends at #OK4H.

Be sure to use the hashtags #4HgrowsHere and #Ohio4H.

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**Annual Conference RFP . . . (Source: Steve Brady and Patty House)**

Join the O-H-I-O Team of Innovation!

Be a part of showcasing our Outstanding Highly Innovative Organization of OSU Extension work! Share your creative programming, management processes, research results and relationship-building outcomes at this year’s Extension Annual Conference, December 8 and 9. The **deadline to submit your “Innovation in Action” poster or session proposal is October 14**. For more details, download the Request for Proposals instructions located on the OSU Extension Annual Conference website (**http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC**). Have questions? Contact Steve Brady at **brady.111@osu.edu** or Patty House at **house.18@osu.edu**, Concurrent Sessions and Posters Committee co-chairs.
2015 Excellence Award Nominations Due . . .

2015 Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination due October 21

Once again it is time to make nominations for the Excellence in 4-H Award. This award honors superior accomplishments by an Extension Educator in developing dynamic, innovative, broad-based 4-H educational programs. The award, funded through the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund, is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professionals who serve as examples in setting standards of excellence in ten major areas of the County 4-H program.

A peer may nominate any Ohio State University Extension Educator who provides leadership to 4-H programs. Nomination forms are due to Lisa Jinks by Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at jinks.2@osu.edu. Note individuals who have completed an application in the past three years will be considered for the award again this year and will just need to update their profile for 2015. Please nominate one or more individuals, whom you think are deserving of this recognition.

Excellence in CD Award Nomination due November 1

It is time to make nominations for the Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award, newly named this year. Ray was one of the first Extension regional CD specialists who helped shape the Extension CD profession we know today. His contributions, from the earliest stages of the program area (early 1960s) to the present day as faculty emeritus, have been far reaching and impactful.

This $1,000 cash award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career. Submission deadline for nominations is November 1. The award will be presented during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.

- Application packet
- Complete information about the award, including past recipients

Please direct any questions to Brian Raison (raison.1@osu.edu). Thank you.

2015 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award due October 31

CES and Extension Administration are committed to a partnership that recognizes a CES member who excels in support staff responsibilities. It is once again time to solicit nominations for the annual $1000 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award!

The award and process for selecting the recipient is patterned after Epsilon Sigma Phi’s Excellence in Extension Award for educators. The award recognizes the importance of knowledge, skills and service. This tremendous opportunity brings recognition to a staff member who excels daily in fulfilling responsibilities when serving customers and staff throughout our organizations.
Nominations may be submitted by a supervisor, faculty/staff, peer/co-worker, customer, or emeriti. Required documentation includes completion of online nomination form, letter of support from direct supervisor and two additional letters of evaluation and support. Any Extension support staff member who is a current active member of Chi Epsilon Sigma and has been a member for five years is eligible for nomination. If you are uncertain if your nominee has been a member of CES for the required five years, please don’t hesitate to contact Ann Meyer, Membership Secretary at meyer.524@osu.edu and she can verify that for you.

The award guidelines, criteria, eligibility, and selection procedures can be found at http://go.osu.edu/BAzJ. Visit http://go.osu.edu/2015CESaward to enter a nomination. Nomination deadline is October 31 by 5:00PM.

Please take the time to consider possible candidates for this award, and take action to nominate a top office professional. Presentation of the award will be on December 8, during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.

**Open Enrollment Live Webinar** . . . (Source: Amy Burns)
The Assistant Director of Benefits has graciously offered to provide a live webinar for the department of Extension regarding open enrollment. The live webinar will be held on **October 12, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** More information will follow with link, etc.

If you are unable to attend on this date, the same presentation will be available on the open enrollment web site by October 16. The only difference is there will be no live Q & A, however, you are able to call or email HR Customer Service with any questions.

**Research 101 Coming in January** . . . (Source: Cindy Torppa)
Save the dates! Research 101: Basic Training in Research Processes will begin in January 2016! This six session course will address topics including Human Subjects and Institutional Review Board (IRB) Policies and Procedures, Research Designs, Turning your Program Evaluation into a Research Project, Survey Construction and Analysis, Quantitative Methods, Qualitative Methods, Writing for Scholarly Journals, and more!

The purpose of “Research 101” is to provide you with the tools needed to turn your ideas into projects, your projects into presentations and publications.

Research 101 will be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the following dates:
- Friday, January 22
- Friday, February 19
- Thursday, March 17
- Friday, April 22
- Friday, May 20
- Friday, June 24

Watch for registration information soon! Questions? Please contact Cindy Torppa @ torppa.1@osu.edu; Debby Lewis @ lewis.205@osu.edu; or Theresa Ferrari @ ferrari.8@osu.edu
Wooster Print Shop Changes . . . (Source: Ryan Schmiesing)
As some of you are aware, Gary Warren left Ohio State to move to be closer to his family, at the end of September. Gary's commitment to the digital print center in Wooster and his customer service approach will certainly be missed, but we wish him all the best as he moves to North Carolina.

With Gary's departure, we have some work to do to determine how the Wooster based print shop will be operated in the future and to the extent the service is offered in the college. We are actively working through different scenarios and options so that decisions can be made in the next couple of weeks. At the same time, we know that individuals rely on the services provided and will be impacted with Gary's departure. For the short-term, we are suggesting the use of UniPrint or a local provider to have jobs completed.

Uniprint, http://uniprint.osu.edu/, 614.292.2219

At different times, we may have the ability to complete simple, file-ready poster printing and basic print jobs. We will not be able to do any banners, business cards and/or jobs that require extensive layout or any jobs that require short turnaround time. Decisions about accepting a potential project/request will be made by April Martin and myself.

As we move through the decision process regarding the Wooster Print Shop, we'll be in touch to share more information. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions at schmiesing.3@osu.edu.

BaseCamp Notification – October 31 Deadline . . . (Source: Greg Davis)
We have been notified that CFAES will discontinue supporting BaseCamp archives in accordance with university policy. BuckeyeBox is the only university-approved file-sharing system that should be used at this point to collaborate on shared projects, per previous communication from the dean’s office.

As such, OSU Extension will discontinue payment of the BaseCamp maintenance fee as of October 30, and files posted on BaseCamp will no longer be available. If you would like to save any files that are posted in any of your BaseCamp projects, please do so by October 30. The link to access your files in BaseCamp is https://osuextension.basecamphq.com/login.

If you have questions about BaseCamp or need instructions about how to reset your BaseCamp password, please contact Melissa Leaders (leaders.6@osu.edu, 614.292.2011).

OutStanding U! . . . (Source: Dean Bruce McPheron)
Our college is filled with outstanding staff who contribute significantly to our tripartite mission of teaching, research and outreach. It takes the collective contributions of so many individuals to have the positive impact we have on our students, community members and partners and our staff play a critical role in realizing that success.

Our Staff Advisory Council has been hard at work developing a new program to recognize the outstanding contributions of our staff members and we are excited to share this opportunity with each of you. In the very near future, additional information will be mailed to CFAES offices, but you can check out the details now by going to go.osu.edu/OutStandingU
Offices will also receive materials from SAC that provide more information about services of the group and opportunities to become involved. When your office receives the promotional materials, please take the opportunity to review the information on how to use each item.

This is a great way to thank and recognize our outstanding staff members and I encourage you to begin thinking about those staff members that may be nominated. Should you have any questions about this new program, please email cfaes-sac@osu.edu

**ListServs . . .**

**New Employees**

If you haven’t already done so, you will want to subscribe to the Extension Miscellaneous listserv. To subscribe, send an email message with subject to extension-misc-requests@lists.osu.edu. In the body of the message include only the word Subscribe. To use the listserv to send a message, the name is extension-misc@lists.osu.edu

**Support Staff**

Last Wednesday you should have received an email invitation to subscribe to a new listserv that is being developed for support staff within OSU Extension. If you did not receive the invitation, please send an email to Marianne Guthrie at guthrie.76@osu.edu and she will send an invitation to you. To use the listserv to send a message, the name is supportstaff@lists.service.ohio-state.edu

**Ohio State Releases Video “Surviving an Active Shooter” . . . (Source: OnCampus Today)**

It’s scary to think about, but an active shooter can strike any place, at any time. For this reason, Ohio State’s Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Office of Student Life, has released a video called “Surviving an Active Shooter” to educate our campus community. The six-minute video follows the national “Run. Hide. Fight.” best practice. Your safety is our number one priority, so please take a moment to watch. View at http://go.osu.edu/active-shooter

**Political Activity by OSU Employees . . . (Source: Amy Burns)**

The local, state, and national political season is underway, and Ohio State fully encourages its employees to vote and be involved in political activities. However, as employees of a public institution there are guidelines the university has established and individual employees are expected to follow. Please click here to read the guidelines provided by the Office of Legal Affairs. If you have any questions, contact Jan Allen Neiger, Associate General Counsel by phone: 614-292-0611; or email: neiger.4@osu.edu

**Support Staff You Still Have Time . . .**

The deadline for joining Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) is quickly approaching. If you have not yet returned your membership renewal applications please do so as soon as possible. Dues must be postmarked by October 15 in order to be eligible to apply for awards, vote on chapter business or be a candidate for an office on the CES Board.
Remember that Membership Scholarships and a Scholarship for attending Annual Meeting are available if funding is a problem for your office. You can request an application by checking the appropriate box on the membership form.

http://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-membership

**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.

**OCTOBER:**
4-7 – ESP National Conference, Coeurd’Alene, ID
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

**FEBRUARY:**
17-19 – Tri-State Diversity Conference

**Schedule (week of October 5, 2015)**
Jeff (not available by phone this week)
M – Welshpool
T – Welshpool
W – Waterford – Cork
T – Cork – Dublin
F - Dublin

Stonehenge