Birthday Wishes . . .
- October 12 – Carolyn Belczyk, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Adams County
- October 13 – Amy Grove, Program Assistant, 4-H/ANR/CD, Morgan County
- October 14 – Christy Clary, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Brown County

Buckeye Hills EERA Meeting . . .
This is just a reminder that there will be a Buckeye Hills EERA All Program Meeting held at the SE Region Office on Friday, October 21. Please register at http://southeast.osu.edu/eeras-counties/bh-eera-all-program-areas-registration.

Director’s Drop-In . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)
The Inaugural Leadership Summit held last week was a great success! Thanks to the OSU Extension folks who attended the event and made time to talk about leadership principles and practices. The leadership lessons shared by Jim Kouzes were fantastic, and the panel discussion after lunch truly helped round out the day with real-life insights from several local key leaders. It was quite the panel of experts; and it was great to have Dr. Bruce McPherson, our former dean and now university executive vice president and provost, share his thoughts as part of the panel.
I know a number of Jim’s key points really hit home for many of us, and I encourage our Extension faculty and staff who attended to spend some time thinking about how you can incorporate Jim’s message into your daily work and personal life. There were so many good, and immediately applicable suggestions, that I hope you also share what you learned with your co-workers who couldn’t attend the event. And please visit http://u.osu.edu/leadershipsummit for links to more information about Jim’s work in leadership education.

We all have numerous opportunities to be a leader every day, and I hope – whether or not you attend a program such as the summit last week – that all of our employees make time for some type of leadership development in your plan of work this year. It’s important for each of us to see what’s going on “out there,” take stock of where we are in our own leadership skills, and spend some time improving how we do what we do.

Kudos and many thanks to the Inaugural Leadership Summit steering committee (listed online) for planning an excellent day and setting the bar high for the next Leadership Summit. I’m excited to see what’s next!

Southeast Region Endowment . . .
Southeast Region Endowment Award Applications should be submitted to Jeff McCutcheon at the SE Region Office by November 30, 2016 (mccutcheon.30@osu.edu or FAX to 740.732.5992). Applicants must be employees of the counties that comprise the Southeast Region. ALL program and support staff are eligible to apply for this award.

Applications can be submitted towards program support or professional development support (up to $500 per grant). The endowment guidelines and application for these grant funds are located on the SE Region website at http://southeast.osu.edu/region-director (Other: SE Region Endowment Guidelines and Application). The endowment committee is comprised of personnel from the region, and they will serve as the review committee for grants submitted.

Another report from one of last year’s recipients follows:
Proposal – “JCEP Leadership Conference;” Award Received $150; Kathy Bruynis, 4-H Educator and CED, Highland County
The $150.00 scholarship that I received from the Southeast Region Endowment enabled me to offset the cost of registration for the JCEP Leadership Conference held on February 11 – 12, 2016. This conference was an excellent opportunity to help build my leadership capacity by participating in sessions and activities provided at the conference. The conference also allowed me to become better connected with the leadership of NAE4-HA and JCEP associations. This type of networking helps development relationships with peers from across the United States. Thank you for this opportunity.

New Faculty Info System Coming April 2017 . . . (Source: CFAES Weekly News Digest)
As you may be aware, we were informed last year by Thomson Reuters that our Faculty Information System, Research in View (RiV), is being retired. Over the course of the last year, the Office of Distance Education and eLearning (ODEE) along with a committee of 27 faculty and staff members evaluated tools to replace RiV. This committee evaluated all options in the marketplace and chose Vita, a new tool powered by Symplectic Elements, as the best fit for The Ohio State University.
ODEE is now in the process of migrating our Faculty Information System from Research in View to Vita. The new Vita tool will be available starting in April 2017, and the timeline for this project will impact faculty members completing the promotion and tenure process beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year reviews.

**For 2017 and 2018 tenure candidates**
Candidates for tenure in 2017 and 2018, please note:
- Those completing the P&T process during the 2016-2017 academic year: Continue to use the current tool, Research in View.
- Faculty members going through the P&T process during the 2017-2018 academic year: You will be the first to complete this process in Vita. You will be receiving extra support from ODEE closer to April. Contact your promotion and tenure coordinator for guidance if you’d like to start the P&T process sooner.

ODEE will be reaching out directly to faculty members in these two groups to arrange training and support.

**For all faculty members**
All profiles and data in Research in View will be automatically moved over to Vita, so there is no need to re-enter scholarly activities you have already recorded. However, as with every migration of this sort, you should review your content next year to ensure everything transferred correctly. Ample support will be provided by ODEE to make this transition as smooth as possible.

I am excited for this change to Vita, as the new tool will bring an improved interface, more diverse measures of impact and an easier way to make connections between faculty members at The Ohio State University. For more information, please contact your promotion and tenure coordinator.

Sincerely,
Kay N. Wolf, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources

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**eReports and BuckIQ . . . (Source: Ric Hunter)**
BuckeyePass is coming to the eReports and BuckIQ services on Saturday, November 12. In September, BuckeyePass was implemented at Ohio State. All employees now use BuckeyePass to log into the Employee Self Service (ESS) system. Anyone who needs to change or renew benefits will also be using BuckeyePass to log in during Open Enrollment next month. Some departments who use a virtual private network to allow staff to work remotely are also using BuckeyePass to provide extra security when remote users connect. Users only need to sign up once.

Anyone who is already using BuckeyePass for ESS or any other system will automatically be able to use it to log in to eReports and BuckIQ and will not need to register again or make changes.
October PCard Deadline . . . (Source: Brian McClain)
The October PCard deadline is Friday, October 28 for the university. In order to ensure that all PCards transactions are approved and reallocated for October, FAES is using Thursday, October 27 as the PCard deadline. This will allow for the PCard transactions to be completed before Friday and hopefully prevent many of us from staying late on Friday. Your reallocator and many others thank you.

October Mental Health Tip . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and behave, along with how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy lifestyle choices. Ohio State Chief Wellness Officer Bernadette Melnyk reminds us professional help is available if stress, anxiety and depression are interfering with your life. Ohio State has an on-line program called ”Beating the Blues” that you can access by contacting the employee assistance program. Employee Assistance Program Contact: 800.678.6269

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/
- Ag Law – http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog

Award Nominations . . . NEW SECTION!
Chi Epsilon Sigma – Due October 31
- Newsletter, Brochure and Website Contest
- Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award

Schindler Excellence in CD Award – Due November 1

National Meeting Information . . .
- 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.

OCTOBER:
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
12-14 – New Educator Workshop
15 – Chi Epsilon Sigma Membership Due
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
20 – Introduction to Grant Writing (sponsored by Laura Fuller, Noble County)
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, register at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eFeyVbIJ2t82UIt
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers
30 – Deadline for SE Region Endowment Award Applications

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 October 10, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)

M – Columbus/Morrow
T – Columbus
W – Vacation
T – Cabinet Retreat
F – Cabinet Retreat