Happy Birthday . . .

- October 12 – Carolyn Belczyk, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Adams County
- October 13 – Amy Grove, Program Assistant, Morgan County
- October 14 – Christy Clary, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Brown County
- October 18 – Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate, Ross County
- October 18 – Jeff Moore, Extension Educator, ANR, Gallia County

Congratulations . . .

Karen Bruns, leader of OSU CARES and recently retired Assistant Director of OSU Extension, received the Distinguished Service Ruby Award at the ESP National Meeting last week in Couer d’ Alene, Idaho. The Ruby Award is the most prestigious award offered by ESP.

Other ESP National Conference recognition goes to:

- Travis West, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Vinton County, who had a poster “Scholarships, Grants and Recognition”
- Travis West who served on the ESP National Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Committee.
- Lisa Barlage, Extension Educator, FCS, Ross County who served as a Voting Delegate.
- Susan Crowell, Farm and Dairy, who received the National Friend of Extension Award.

Last week, Clarence Cunningham, was recognized at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland when he was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Many of you had interactions with Clarence over his distinguished career in Extension and through his many volunteer roles with 4-H since his retirement. Personal congratulations can be sent to Dr. Clarence Cunningham, 3480 Scioto Run Road, Hilliard, OH 43026
Belated Congratulations . . .
to Tami Combs, Office Associate, Highland County, on the recent birth of Micah Isaac on September 28.

State of the College Address . . .
The state of the college is strong! Here all the news in the Dean’s State of the College address at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMgyLk_7_E

Annual Conference RFP Deadline Extended . . .
The deadline to submit your “Innovation in Action” poster or session proposal for this year’s Annual Conference
has been extended to Monday, October 19. More details will be coming soon. You can 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 . . .
Excellence in Extension Nomination Deadline Extended to October 15 . . .
This annual award recognizes a superior Extension educator; based on excellence in teaching, research and
service. This is Ohio Extension’s highest honor! Any Extension employee who is a current member of Epsilon
Sigma Phi is eligible. The award can be received one time only. The award includes a cash award of $1,000
plus the addition of $1,000 to the base salary. A list of previous winners is at
https://osu.box.com/s/zh95xh8k1txcd7vijyulmnfa4m06b47s . Contact Laryssa Hook (hook.262osu.edu) for
more information.

2015 Steve D. Ruhl County Agriculture Agent Award Nomination Deadline October 20 . . .
This award, established in 2007 was named in memorial for Steve Ruhl, former Morrow County Extension
Educator, ANR and Extension Director. For 25 years, Steve’s work epitomized the best traditions of the
“County Agricultural Agent” as depicted in the Norman Rockwell print (1948). Each year, award recipients are
nominated by their peers, applications are submitted and then chosen by a selection committee consisting of
the OSU Extension AD for ANR, the current JCEP ANR President and Vice President, an ANR/EERA leader
from each region, and at least one past award recipient.

Recipients must be a current county ANR educator, have a minimum of 10 years county Extension experience,
and be a current paid member of OAEP and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Extension
programs developed by the recipient could represent animal sciences, agronomy, horticulture, farm
management, entomology, leadership or any other related area where the educator has demonstrated proven success.

Nominations are due by 1:00 PM on October 20. Submit a completed nomination form to Teresa Funk at funk.67@osu.edu or FAX to 614.292.4077.

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.

2015 Excellence in 4-H Nomination Form
Excellence in 4-H List of Award Winners
Excellence in 4-H Award Background

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.
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.

Attn: Support Staff - CES Membership Deadline . . . (Source: Linda Good)

Just a reminder of the CES membership deadline of **October 15**. If you have not done so, please consider once again joining YOUR Professional Extension Association – CES. If you know of fellow support staff in your office or surrounding counties that are not CES members, please encourage them to join. It’s a great way to receive professional development, make network connections, and have a voice for support staff with the Administration.

Also, consider joining TERSSA – The Extension Research and Support Staff Association – YOUR National Professional Extension Association. 2016 will be an exciting year for TERSSA. The TERSSA National Conference will be held in Columbus. If you have been unable to experience a national conference, now is your opportunity! TERSSA annual dues are a very affordable $10.00. Please visit the following link to learn more about TERSSA and the upcoming 2016 TERSSA Conference. Thanks to Vickie Snyder for creating the presentation found at [http://presenter.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/snyder.252/TERSSA_2016 _20150904_114808_24.html](http://presenter.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/snyder.252/TERSSA_2016 _20150904_114808_24.html)

The CES (and TERSSA) membership information can be found at [http://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-membership](http://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-membership)

Rehired Retirees . . . (Source: Amy Burns)

Employees of Ohio State who are retired through OPERS and eligible to participate in OPERS health care should pay special attention to OPERS communications regarding 2016 health care open enrollment. OPERS is making changes to how its retirees will receive health care benefits in 2016. For some OPERS retirees, the cost of their OPERS medical coverage may increase if they remain employed by an OPERS employer in 2016.

The OPERS health benefit changes are effective January 1, 2016, and retirees have to make their OPERS benefit selections by October 31, 2015. OPERS offers in-person and online seminars for retirees. See [https://www.opers.org](https://www.opers.org) for details.
Business Office Items . . .
If you haven’t visited the Business Office website in a while at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu, there are some new items for your review.
- PayPal issues with updated “chip” PCards
- Travel Policy Changes 10/1/15
Also, in regard to today’s Newslink message from Ric Hunter, there is some mention of the OSU Amazon Business Account. Please stay tuned for more information from our Business Office as details are worked through on how we implement this for our College.

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:
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
30 – County Highlights Due to Region Director

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 12, 2015)
Jeff (419.560.8645 cell)
M – Morrow
T – Columbus
W – Morrow
T – Belmont
F – Belle Valley

Recognize an outstanding CFAES staff member at go.osu.edu/OutStandingU