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Birthday Wishes . . .

- October 28 – Amy Habig, Program Specialist, EFNEP

Director’s Drop-In . . .

I had the pleasure of attending the Ohio 4-H Foundation’s annual Celebration of Youth event at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on Saturday night. Together with sponsors, those in attendance raised more than $150,000 at the event. Participants enjoyed sampling the vast array of Ohio food and wine prepared by local chefs and bidding on items at both silent and live auction. A highlight of the evening was the inspirational message delivered by Dustin Homan, a graduate student and 4-H alumnus from Shelby County. Dustin presented a compelling vision for the future of 4-H in Ohio, across the nation, and around the world. Special thanks goes to presenting sponsor Nationwide and platinum clover sponsors Bob Evans Farms, Heartland Bank, and Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

Many Congratulations . . .

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Polly Loy, FCS Educator, Belmont County, as she will be retiring October 31 after 25 years of service. Join the Belmont County staff when they recognize Polly on November 3 (3-6 p.m.) at the OSU Extension Office in St. Clairsville.

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Congratulations to Misty Harmon, FCS Educator, Perry County, who is now our Southeast Region representative on the CFAES Staff Advisory Council.

Congratulations to Vickie Snyder, Office Associate, Southeast and Central Region, who received the Above and Beyond Award Recognition at the 2016 National TERSSA Conference in Columbus last Tuesday. Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate, Ross County, was also a recipient of a TERSSA Scholarship.

- Linda Good, Office Associate, Miami County [and 2016 TERSSA President] and Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate, Ross County – recipients of the two TERSSA scholarships
- Vickie Snyder, Office Associate, Southeast and Central Region – recipient of the 2016 TERSSA Above and Beyond Award
- Debby King, (North Carolina State University), 2016 TERSSA Executive Board Award
- Dana Braswell, (North Carolina State University), 2016 TERSSA Excellence Award

Our Condolences...

to Sherry Bowers, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Ross County, and her family on the passing of her mother.

Get Well Wishes...

We extend Get Well Wishes to Jessica Rockey, Extension Educator, 4-H, who had emergency gall bladder surgery last week. Get well soon!
More TERSSA Pics -

2016 TERSSA Conference participants from the Southeast Region (Lee Ann Johnson, Marianne Guthrie, Jeff McCutcheon, Paige Matney, Faye Wilson, Brad Sherman, Vickie Snyder, Tammy Newsome, Jenny Lindimore

Jeff was the recipient of some nice ‘shades’ from our conference key note speaker, Cea Cohen Elliott
County Highlights . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

Message sent to CEDs on 10/18/16

It is time to collect information for our 2016 OSU Extension County Highlights – to be published in early January 2017. As always, we count on you to pull together meaningful impact statements that highlight just a few of the many differences you are making at the local level.

This year, I’m requesting that you compile your impact statements by the new impact areas that I announced in July – Health and Wellness; Job Skills and Careers; Thriving Across the Life Span; Sustainable Food Systems; Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities; and Environmental Quality. A copy of the impact area list with descriptors is posted in a Resources file within a new Box folder that has been set up for the County Highlights 2016. CEDs, Cabinet members and unit leaders, you will receive a Box invitation soon.

As you pull together this information, please write at least one impact statement for four (or more) of the six new impact areas. As I’ve talked with our faculty and staff over the past few months, it’s been clear that many of your programs already address one or more of the impact areas, so this should be a fairly straightforward way to summarize impacts for this year.

To help with this thought process, we have also posted in the Box Resources file a matrix with both the program areas and impact areas outlined for you. Because we are changing how the impacts are reported (by the new impact areas), we have not posted a copy of the 2015 highlights in Box, but you are welcome to refer to your county’s previous highlights at this link: http://communications.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/resources/marketing-and-brand-strategy/county-highlights.

Also, we are moving to an online format for the county highlights, and this year’s highlights will be available on a new website in early January 2017. More information will be available as final updates are made to the new website during the next couple of months.

With this note, the 2016 county highlights reporting period has begun, and you have until Thursday, November 10 to write and submit impact statements for your county. At that time, we will ask the regional directors to review the statements for each of their counties.

I have also asked that we make sure we include several unit impact statements with the county in which they are located. This is a change from previous years, and this information does not impact the 1,500-word limit for the rest of that county’s highlights. If you work with one of the units listed below, please connect with the local CED to make sure your impact statements are included with the other county information.

- Alber Enterprise Center – Marion
- Youth Outdoors – Cuyahoga
- Adventure Central – Montgomery
- 4-H AgriScience in the City – Cuyahoga, Hamilton

Complete instructions for the 2016 county highlights writing process are posted in the Box County Highlights 2016 folder. Please contact Cheryl Buck at buck.19@osu.edu if you have any questions about the process.
Open Enrollment (November 1-15) . . . (Source: Amy Burns)

What’s New for 2017?
One of the primary enhancements for 2017 is the introduction of Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) to connect your personal wellness and participation in Your Plan for Health (YP4H) activities with the amount you pay for health care.

A Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) is an employer-funded, tax-advantaged* account that can be used to help employees cover out-of-pocket health expenses. Beginning January 1, 2017, faculty and staff enrolled in an Ohio State medical plan will be eligible to earn HRA credits instead of Amazon gift cards. Learn more about Ohio State’s Health Reimbursement Accounts.

For additional information or to view the recorded webinar, please visit, https://hr.osu.edu/oe/.

Webinars Available
This 90 minute webinar will provide you with information about changes to your health and welfare benefits for the upcoming 2017 plan year. From November 1 through November 15, 2016, you will have the opportunity to make new benefits elections and make changes to your existing elections for an effective date of January 1, 2017.

During these sessions, Benefits Consultants will describe 2017 plan changes and will address issues you need to consider when making your elections.

I strongly encourage you to view one of the webinar sessions below.
- October 24, 2016 (Wednesday), 3-4:30 p.m. Join at: http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oeoct24/
- October 25, 2016 (Tuesday), Noon-1:30 p.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oeoct25/
- October 27, 2016 (Thursday), 8-9:30 a.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oeoct28/
- November 1, 2016 (Tuesday), Noon-1:30 p.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oenov1/
- November 3, 2016 (Thursday), 5-6:30 p.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oenov3/
- November 4, 2016 (Friday), Noon-1:30 p.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oenov4/
- November 8, 2016 (Tuesday), 1-2:30 p.m. Join at http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/oenov8/

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 – “TERSSA 2016;” Award Received $200; Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate, Ross County

The award that I received from the Southeast Region Endowment Grant helped to provide a $50.00 registration scholarship to active TERSSA members for the TERSSA (The Extension and Research Support Staff Association) conference.

This was a national conference for Support Staff, held October 18-19, 2016, and had 105 registrants from six states. Of those registered 57 were TERSSA members and were able to get the reduced registration rate. Over the two-day period, we were able to provide attendees with four professional development opportunities. A bus tour was also included to two separate Columbus locations. The conference had a nationally known keynote speaker, Cea Cohen Elliott, and our own Ohio State University Extension dignitaries.

These annual conferences are designed to provide professional development that contributes to the Extension Mission and grow attendees’ personal and professional strengths, demonstrate example(s) of innovation/research and/or programming conducted by the host state, and networking opportunities for Extension states. At this time there are seven participating states. TERSSA is dedicated to improving the lives and careers of members by providing One Voice to improve the development of Extension and Research across regions through professional recognition, networking with states, administration advocacy and professional and personal improvement.
Program Leader Changes...
As the year winds down and each EERA Program is discussing new program leaders, please send an email to the Region Director (and please cc to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu) if you will be continuing as the 2017 Program Leader for your EERA or if there will be a change in the contact information. Thank you!

CFAES News... (Source: u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin)
Please visit http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin to read more on the following:
- Equity and Inclusion Events and Activities
- CFAES Office of Marketing and Communication Relocates to Riverwatch Tower
- 2017 Open Enrollment
And more.

Finance Newsletter Posted... (Source: Business Operations Center)
Be sure to read the latest issue of the BOC newsletter found at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/
Topics include:
- Workday Update
- Finance Process Change – Transferring and Depositing Funds, Federal Benefits
- Vendor Maintenance Changes
- Staples – Save up your purchases
- Airport Parking
- Daily Parking Passes
- Calendar Year Purchase Order Renewals Due 11/4/16
- Bank Statements will be required soon
- 4-H Volunteer Background Checks
- Extension Administration Professional Presentation Support
- Upcoming Deadlines
- New on the Website

Ed Tech News... (Source: u.osu.edu/extensionedtech)
Ed Tech Tools for Impact – With a growing number of tools and technologies available, how do you know which is best for you? The Ed Tech Unit has developed a list of tried-and-true educational technology tools that we feel are great options to include in your digital content strategy. We’ve organized the tools based on specific goals you may have for your county or program. Read more

Webinar: Macro Photography on a Budget – Tuesday, October 25, 2 p.m.
From helping clients identify plants and insects to encouraging environmental appreciation, close-up and macro photography is a great marketing and educational tool. Join Ohio State University Extension Ed Tech Specialist, Danae Wolfe, to learn how to take great close-up and macro photos on a budget. Webinar will cover tools and techniques for getting a closer look at your garden and landscape including reverse lens macro photography, extension tubes, and cell phone camera adapters. Register
Enhance the Health and Wellness of Faculty and Staff . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Ohio State has a vision to create the healthiest campus in the world. You can help achieve that goal by volunteering for the One University Health & Wellness Faculty/Staff Sub-Council. Faculty and staff participants will offer input on wellness programming and strategies that support awareness, education and prevention to enhance the nine dimensions of wellness. Please email Chief Wellness Officer Bernadette Melnyk with any questions or to volunteer to serve on the sub-council. Read more

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

Schindler Excellence in CD Award – Due November 1

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award – Due November 7
- 2016 Excellence in 4-H Nomination Form
- Excellence in 4-H Award Background
- Excellence in 4-H List of Award Winners

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:
- 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_eFeyVbIUI2t82UIt
- 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 24, 2016)**

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