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Happy Birthday . . .

- November 6 – Kathryn Hartline, Program Assistant, FCS, Washington County
- November 7 – Dawna Jo Kiesling, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Highland County
- November 8 – Peggy Bolen, Office Associate, Washington County
- November 8 – Brittany Mendez, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Athens County

Congratulations . . .

to our 4-H colleagues who last week participated in the NAE4-HA Conference held in Portland, OR. As usual, Ohio was well represented. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

- Out of 15 Presentations from Ohio, 4 were from our colleagues in the Southeast Region! (27% of our Ohio presentations)
- Out of 19 Posters from Ohio, 11 were from our colleagues in the Southeast Region! (58% of our Ohio posters)

Presentations –

- Empowering 4-H Teens to Become Caring, Contributing Citizens – Jessica Rockey (Perry), Kathy Bruynis (Highland) and colleagues
- Encounter Camping (Camping and Environmental Education Task Force Submission) – Katie Feldhues (Ross) and colleague
- It’s Not Nice: Child Abuse Training for Your Camp Counselors – Erin Dailey (Jackson), Katie Feldhues (Ross)
• Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better – Version 2.0 – Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Kathy Bruynis (Highland), Travis West (Vinton), Jo Williams (Scioto), Erin Dailey (Jackson), Michelle Stumbo (Meigs), Josi Brodt (Scioto), Christy Clary (Brown), Tracy Winters (Gallia)

Posters –
• A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Developing a 4-H Press Corp – Christy Clary (Brown)
• Accommodating Generational Differences in Volunteer Management Practices: Case Study of Habitat MidOhio – Katie Feldhues (Ross)
• Assuring Quality Care for Animals – Nancy Snook (Noble) and colleagues
• Counselor College: Engaging Counselors at all Levels of Experience – Tracy Winters (Gallia), Travis West (Vinton), Michelle Stumbo (Meigs), Rachael Fraley (Lawrence), Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Jo Williams (Scioto), Erin Dailey (Jackson), Kathy Bruynis (Highland) and colleague
• Making the Best 4-H Club Better – Version 2.0 – Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Kathy Bruynis (Highland), Travis West (Vinton), Jo Williams (Scioto), Erin Dailey (Jackson), Michelle Stumbo (Meigs), Josi Brodt (Scioto), Christy Clary (Brown), Tracy Winters (Gallia)
• Making the Future Green and Bright for 4-Hers Through a College Awareness Program – Tracy Winters (Gallia) and colleagues
• Maximizing Your Volunteers: Understanding Four Generations – Katie Feldhues (Ross)
• Promoting Camp with Teen Ambassadors – Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Jo Williams (Scioto)
• Transformation Tuesday – Michelle Stumbo (Meigs)
• Ag Adventures Powered by Innovative Partnerships – Josi Brodt (Scioto)
• Bazinga! Exploring STEM at Camp – Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Kathy Bruynis (Highland), Travis West (Vinton), Jo Williams (Scioto), Erin Dailey (Jackson), Michelle Stumbo (Meigs), Josi Brodt (Scioto), Christy Clary (Brown), Tracy Winters (Gallia)
• Expanding Horizons at 4-H Teen Camp – Erin Dailey (Jackson)

Congratulations to our award recipients . . .

Ohio Award Recipients -
• Michelle Stumbo (Meigs County) - News Story, Communicator Award
• Jo Williams (Scioto) and colleagues – Education Piece, Team, Communicator Award
• Tracy Winters (Gallia) – Excellence in Natural Resources/Environmental Education, Specialty Award
• Travis West (Vinton) – Excellence in Teen Programming, Specialty Award

Regional Award Recipients -
• Carolyn Belczyk (Adams), Sally Bluck (Ross), Josi Brodt (Scioto), Kathy Bruynis (Highland), Christy Clary (Brown), Erin Dailey (Jackson), Michelle Stumbo (Meigs), Travis West (Vinton), Jo Williams (Scioto), Tracy Winters (Gallia) - Educational Package Team, Communicator Award
• Christy Clary (Brown County), Exhibit, Communicator Award

Year of Service Awards -
• Jane Keyser (Belmont) – 25 years of service
• Bruce Zimmer (Monroe) – 25 years of service
Distinguished Service Award -

- Pam Montgomery (Morgan)

National Awards Reception (including our new Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp)

Ohio Strong – 67 in attendance
Last but not least, congratulations to Ohio who was chosen to host the 2018 NAE4-HA Conference! The dates for the conference will be October 7-11, 2018 at the Hyatt in downtown Columbus. Conference co-chairs will be Lisa McCutcheon and Sally McClaskey.

**RiV Writing Sessions . . .**
The Region Office would like to schedule an RiV Writing Help Session. These sessions will not have a formal structured agenda but will be used to help each other with writing. If you are seeking promotion or getting started in the RiV system, or just need some help, please contact Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu before November 10. She will then work with those who have expressed an interest in finding a date and location. If you are also very comfortable in the RiV system and would like to share your expertise, please let Lee Ann know this as well.

**Planning for Your Ph.D.? . . .**
If you are planning to pursue your Ph.D., you might be interested in a session that will be offered on December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Union County Extension Office. This program is free and open to all Extension personnel. Topics to be covered include:

- Benefits of a Doctoral Degree
- Nuts and Bolts (How To)
- Managing Work and Family Demands While Going to School

Resource people will be Dr. Ken Martin, Dr. Scott Sheer, Dr. Jeff McCutcheon and Dr. Brian Raison. To register, send an email to Carol Bottoms at bottoms.6@osu.edu. This program is being sponsored by the OSU Extension Region Directors.

**2016 Calendar Planning . . .**
We know that this is the time of year when most everyone is in the process of planning meetings for 2016. We have started to develop the new Important Dates and Deadlines at the end of this newsletter. If you have additional information that you would like added to this section and the Region website Events Section, please contact Lee Ann (johnson.82@osu.edu) or Vickie (snyder.252@osu.edu).

**County Highlights Are Due Friday . . .**
This is a reminder that your county highlights are due to Jeff at mccutcheon.30@osu.edu by Friday, Nov. 6. Please email these to Jeff, he will review, make notations (if needed) and email a confirmation back to you. You will then be responsible for making any necessary changes and putting the final file in the BuckeyeBox “Incoming to Marketing and Communications” folder.

**Important Dates:**
- Nov. 3 - Nutrition Education Calculations from Pat Bebo are available in Box
- Nov. 6 – County Highlights to be emailed to Region Director
- Nov. 20 – Deadline for Region Director to return feedback to CED
- Nov. 25 – CEDs place final file in “Incoming to Marketing and Communications Folder

**Warning:**
**Deadlines are closer than they appear**
Grants Available . . . (Source: Karen Bruns)

OSU CARES GRANTS AND CONNECT AND COLLABORATE GRANTS AVAILABLE!!

OSU CARES grants, up to $25,000 each, are available to help you partner across Ohio State to enhance your community programs. Proposals are due February 3. Go to http://osucares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm for the RFP. You can learn more about the OSU CARES and other grants by attending one of the Connect and Collaborate Grants information sessions on November 12th (11 to noon) or December 8 (9 to 10) in Hale Hall. If you would like to brainstorm ideas for grants, come see the OSU CARES poster at Extension Annual Conference, or contact Karen Bruns at bruns.1@osu.edu.

The OSU CARES grants are part of more than $675,000 of funding available through the University’s Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants from OSU CARES, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Office of Research, International Affairs and Service-Learning, provide funding opportunities to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research aligned with the Discovery Themes and, in a broader context, the Discovery Themes Focus Areas. The grants seek to leverage university teams aligned with public/private sector and international partners to address compelling 21st-century challenges with the goal of enhanced impact through transformational change.

To learn more about all of the grants and to apply see https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html.

Gateway to Learning, a New Professional Development Resource . . .

Gateway to Learning is a new robust website that supports faculty and staff professional growth. Created by the Office of Human Resources, the website offers resources for career planning and growth, managing and leading others, handling change, mentoring and many other topics. It also includes descriptions of training in BuckeyeLearn and provides links to learning opportunities across campus.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to engage in the many forms of professional development - through experience, working with others and training. Leverage the resources that are available and work with managers, mentors and peers to continually identify professional and career development opportunities. Development can include on-the-job experiences, tasks and problem-solving, feedback, coaching, working with mentors, reading, classes and webinars.

Visit the link to Gateway to Learning: http://gatewaytolearning.osu.edu to learn more about professional development and explore development opportunities. Descriptions of trainings offered in BuckeyeLearn are also included on the website.

Business Office Update . . .

Be sure to read the latest issue of the Business Office Update found at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/News/Business%20Office%20Update%20October%202015.pdf You will find very important information on Travel Policy Changes.

Also – today is the deadline for calendar year purchase order renewals!
Other items include:

- Yes, we do still exist!
- Amazon.com purchases with the University PCard
- Purchasing at OSU – including explanation of Stores vs. eStores and Promotional items purchasing tips

Registration of Activities and Programs with Minor Participants . . . (Source: Elayne Siegfried)

In accordance with the Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy 1.50 (see policy 1.50 in the General category) that was adopted in January of 2013; the CFAES Human Resources Office would like to remind everyone that all new, current, or currently unregistered programs with minor participants need to be registered on an annual basis. The 2016 annual registration period is now open.

A summary of the Registration Guidelines under the Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy 1.50 are as follows:

Units operating activities and programs with minors must register each activity or program with the Office of Human Resources at www.hrtech.osu.edu/minors.

1. Registration for ongoing and pre-established activities and programs with minors must be completed annually prior to the beginning of the university academic year.
2. Registration for other activities and programs with minors should be completed 60 days in advance when possible, but must be completed before an activity or program with minors begins.

As was mutually determined last year, the Extension Assistant Directors will register all programs that fall within their program areas; 4-H, A&R, CD and FCS. Extension Assistant Directors will follow the same procedure for registration utilized last year by registering the program (i.e, Carteens or 4-H camps), and then indicate which counties are participating in that program. County Extension Educators who have questions regarding the programs in their counties should contact their Assistant Directors directly.

Please register your ongoing or pre-established program by the deadline of Friday November 20, 2015. All other programs must be registered 60 days before the event takes place.

If you have any questions about the registration process please contact Kaylee Buzard at: buzard.19@osu.edu or (330)263-3932.

Reminder – Ed Tech First Friday Coffee Break . . .

This is a reminder that the Ed Tech unit has a new "drop-in" informal learning opportunity. The First Friday of each month (from 10-11 a.m.), Jamie and/or Danae will be hosting a virtual AMA (Ask Me Anything) session via Carmen Connect. Colleagues are encouraged to join the Connect sessions as needed throughout the hour to ask questions, get recommendations, offer suggestions, ask for resources…anything! This will be a regular opportunity to informally connect and get real-time feedback. Use This Link to Participate in each First Friday Coffee Break
4-H Healthy Living Advocates . . . (Source: Theresa Ferrari)

Health – It’s the 4th H!

Do you know youth who:
- Are interested in learning about and communicating the value of healthy eating and benefits of an active lifestyle?
- Want to develop their leadership skills?
- Want to teach others?
- Have passion for making a difference?
- Want to meet other youth who share a similar focus?

Ohio 4-H is offering youth in grades 9-12 the opportunity to represent 4-H and promote healthy living in their communities by becoming a 4-H Healthy Living Advocate. 4-H Healthy Living Advocates will encourage healthy eating and physical activity through education and promotion efforts. Youth will gain experience in teaching youth audiences, improve their leadership and communication skills, and develop advocacy skills that will enable them to make a meaningful difference in their communities. They will also have the opportunity to be selected to attend the National Healthy Living Summit in Washington, DC, in February 2016 (with all associated travel costs covered).

Interested youth must commit to attending two training meetings (December 5 and January 9), participate in periodic conference calls, and serve as positive healthy living role models. Qualified applicants should be trustworthy and show an interest in learning about and communicating the benefits of healthy eating and engaging in physical activities.

Interested youth must submit the online application by November 15, 2015. The application can be accessed here: [http://go.osu.edu/hladvocate2015app](http://go.osu.edu/hladvocate2015app). Please contact me if you have questions at ferrari.8@osu.edu.

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.

**NOVEMBER:**
- 2-5 – NAEFCS Conference, Greenbrier (WV)
- 9 – Animal Science Program, Columbus
- 10 – State 4-H Professionals Update
- 13 – OV EERA Meeting

**DECEMBER:**
- 1 – Planning Your Ph.D. Session, to be held at the Union County Extension Office
- 8-9 – Annual Conference
- 16 – BH 4H Meeting
- 18 – BH ANR Meeting @ EARS

**JANUARY:**
- 11 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.

**FEBRUARY:**
- 10-11 – JCEP Leadership Conference, Las Vegas
- 17-19 – Tri-State Diversity Conference

**MARCH:**
- 16 – Legislative Lunch
APRIL:
10-13 – PILD, Crystal City, VA
13 – State CED Meeting, F2F, Columbus

MAY:
16 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect

JUNE:
20 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
26-29 – NACDEP & ANREP Conference, Burlington, VT

JULY:
20 – Region CED Meeting, Carmen Connect
24-28 – NACAA, Little Rock, AR

SEPTEMBER:
12-15 – NAEFCS, Big Sky, Montana
19 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
28 – Region CED Meeting, F2F, location TBD

OCTOBER:
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ

Schedule (week of November 2, 2015)
Jeff (419.560.8645 cell)
M – Delaware
T – Hocking
W –Morrow
T – Belle Valley
F- Gallia

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