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We Give Thanks...

In this time of gratitude, we give thanks for each of you. You are what makes OSU Extension special, not only to our clientele and stakeholders but to us, your colleagues and friends. We count you among our blessings. We wish you a relaxing time over this long holiday weekend, making lots of memories with family and friends.

Happy Birthday...
- November 21 – Debbie Watson, Office Associate, Meigs County (Belated Wishes)
- November 22 – Paul Mueller, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Meigs County (Belated Wishes)
- November 23 – Tim McDermott, Extension Educator, ANR, Hocking County
We Welcome . . .
Rebecca Patrick, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, who started in the Ross County Extension Office on November 16. Welcome to the Southeast Region!

Interim Provost Announced . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Bruce A. McPheron has been named the interim executive vice president and provost at Ohio State, effective December 2. For the last three years, he has served as the vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). McPheron is a member of the Discovery Themes executive team, and served as the 2013-14 chair of the Policy Board of Directors for Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. Ron Hendrick, senior associate dean and professor will serve as interim dean at CFAES. (Also, it has been announced that Dr. Terry Niblack, Chair, Department of Plant Pathology, has accepted the Interim Sr. Associate Dean position for CFAES, pending approval of the Board of Trustees. Plant Pathology will be led by Larry Madden, Interim Chair and Guo-Liang, Interim Associate Chair.)

Still Time to Submit . . .
Southeast Region Endowment Grant
Next Monday (November 30) is the last day to submit your application for the Southeast Region Endowment Grant. Applications are to be submitted to Jeff McCutcheon at mccutcheon.30@osu.edu. Applicants must be employees of the counties that comprise the Southeast Region. ALL program and support staff are eligible to apply. 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 serve as the review committee for grants submitted.

Marilyn R. Spiegel Excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Award
Wednesday, November 25 is the deadline to submit your nomination for this award which recognizes an FCS Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions, and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career.

Healthy People, Healthy Finances and Healthy Relationships Professional Development Awards
Wednesday, November 25 is the deadline to submit your application for this $500 professional development and/or program development support for OSU Extension professionals and/or to recognize FCS professional's work in these areas.

Extension Annual Conference
Tuesday, December 1 is the last day to register for Extension Annual Conference which will be held on December 8 and 9. No late registrations will be accepted. Conference information can be found at https://go.osu.edu/2015EAC. To register visit https://go.osu.edu/EACregistration. (One day registration is $95; Two day registration is $145)
County Highlights . . . (Source: Heather Gates)
You should have already received your approved 2015 County Highlights from your regional director. You have until close of business Wednesday, November 25, to upload your final 2015 County Highlights to the “Incoming to Marketing and Communications” BuckeyeBox folder.

Ph.D. Seminar . . .
It’s not too late to register for the upcoming seminar, “Planning Your Ph.D.” This program will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at the Union County Extension Office from 9:30 a.m. – noon. This program is free. To register contact Carol Bottoms at bottoms.6@osu.edu.

Spring Term Dependent Tuition Assistance . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Ohio State offers eligible employees and their dependents the opportunity to advance their education at Ohio State. For dependent tuition assistance, applications must be submitted each term. Spring 2016 term enrollment is open and faculty and staff can apply online using Employee Self Service or paper applications. Contact: Human Resources Customer Service Center at 614-292-1050 or service@hr.osu.edu. Read more: go.osu.edu/tuitionbenefit.

Early Deadline for November PCard . . . (Source: Vickie Snyder)
The PCard reallocation deadline for November is November 25, so please be sure to get all eRequests entered as they happen – DO NOT wait. This only causes a backlog and if any issues, may not allow enough time to research for the paperwork.

Staples Advantage Comes to eStores . . . (Source: Ric Hunter)
On Monday, November 30, Staples Advantage will join eStores with a supplier website featuring thousands of office products at a significant discount. The new catalog includes links for each user to view order history and build shopping lists of frequently ordered products.
Survivor's Guide to Winter Challenge...
Join the Live Healthy Live Well program for the “Survivor's Guide to Winter Challenge.” Twice weekly educational messages will be sent to you between November 23-January 3 to provide you tips on improving your overall health and well-being. Many of our FCS Educators are on this team. Contact one of them or if you need additional information, contact Michelle Treber (treber.1@osu.edu) or Lisa Barlage (barlage.7@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.

DECEMBER:
1 – Planning Your Ph.D. Session, to be held at the Union County Extension Office
1 – Deadline to register for Annual Conference!
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 23, 2015)
Jeff (vacation)