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Birthday Wishes . . .

- December 5 – Rachael Fraley, Extension Educator, 4-H, Lawrence County
- December 7 – Jane Keyser, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Belmont Co.
- December 10 – Jennie Lindimore, Office Associate, Morgan County

Welcome . . .

We welcome Debby Goodrich, Office Associate, Perry County. Debby started in the Southeast Region on November 28.

Bring EEETs to Annual Conference . . . (Source: Debby Lewis)

The deadline to submit your Evaluation of Effective Extension Teaching (EEET) forms for this calendar year is Saturday, December 10 (your EEETs must be postmarked by that date). The Program Development and Evaluation (PDE) Unit will NOT process any EEETs postmarked after that date until 2017. This means any late EEETs (postmarked after December 10, 2016) will NOT be on the three-year EEET summary report that will be sent to county program faculty and staff in January 2017.

There are still options for getting final EEETs to PDE:

- Bring your EEETs to Extension Annual Conference on December 6 or 7. There will be a box at the registration table where you may drop off your sealed envelopes of EEET forms.
- Drop off your EEETs to the PDE office. Please do NOT leave your EEET envelopes lying around in the suite 25 and do NOT slide them under a door in suite 25 – there is no guarantee we will see them / get them. Either hand them to a PDE staff member, or leave them in our mailbox in the Ag
Admin Building mail room (on the ground floor, room 11, across from the Extension administration office).

- Mail your EEETs to:
  
  EEETs
  Suite 25, Agricultural Administration Building
  2120 Fyffe Rd.
  Columbus, Ohio 43210

  *REMEMBER: MUST be postmarked by December 10, 2016!

Please remember to include a cover sheet with each set of EEETs -- one cover sheet for each instructor (if there were multiple instructors). All EEETs should be in SEALED ENVELOPES! Your form collector should sign his or her name on the seal.

Please submit ALL EEETs in a TIMELY manner! All EEETs are entered BY HAND by PDE staff. If you volunteered to collect forms for a colleague, please send them to the PDE office immediately; your peer is depending on you. NOTE: You may have noticed that there has been a delay in getting your summary reports and forms back this summer / fall. Please bear with us as we have not had a student worker in the position since August. We are trying to play catch-up right now. We really appreciate your patience and sincerely apologize for the inconvenience!

Need easy access to the EEET forms on the PDE web site? Visit http://go.osu.edu/EEETs and select “EEET Forms” from the left-hand menu. Please note that the EEET forms need to opened within Adobe Reader or Acrobat. If you attempt to open them in your internet browser, you will see a “Please Wait …” message (which will NEVER disappear). Download the forms you need, save them to your computer, then open Adobe Reader or Acrobat, and open the downloaded form from the Adobe program. If you're experiencing technical issues with the forms, please contact Kim Showalter (showalter.56@osu.edu).

From the EdTechs . . .

Get Prepped: Tech Faire & Social Media for #OSUE2016 - This isn't your typical Tech Faire. This year, the Educational Technology Unit is proud to present an expanded two-day Tech Faire featuring a line of talks, workshops, and demonstrations focused on upcoming tech opportunities for our organization’s impact in Ohio and beyond, including Zoom and Extension’s involvement in the Maker Movement. We’ve collaborated with OSUE specialists and local businesses and organizations to bring you the greatest Tech Faire yet!

You won’t want to miss out on your chance to test OSUE’s upcoming new meeting and webinar platform - Zoom, and see studio and office staging ideas. During the Maker Fest featured sessions, chat with Land Grant Brewing founders, sample local beer and wines, learn from the Columbus Idea Foundry (the world’s largest makerspace), and learn-by-doing with Extension colleagues showcasing innovative ways to engage new audiences.
Consider yourself an Extension innovator? (Or want to be?) Stop by the #EdTechLN MeetUp on Wednesday to network with like-minded colleagues and have the chance to win a podcast package!

Get the complete Tech Faire schedule and guide here, including featured session descriptions

Our Social Media Game is On-Point.
Want door prizes for sharing what you’re learning and who you’re hanging with during annual conference? We’ve got that! Post publicly on Facebook or via Instagram or Twitter with the #OSUE2016 hashtag and you’ll be entered to win one of dozens of prizes, including a complete Zoom studio package with branded backdrop, webcam, and Yeti professional mic!

Want an Annual Conference Snapchat filter? We’ve got that too! 4-H Educator Morgan Domokos has created two amazing event filters for you to Snap with. If you use them, be sure to post elsewhere with the conference hashtag for your chance to win a door prize!

Text Alerts During Annual Conference . . . (Source: Danae Wolfe)
Sign up to receive text alerts throughout Annual Conference and post on social media with the conference hashtag to win awesome tech door prizes!
Simply Text @osue2016 to 81010
Conference hashtag: #osue2016

Call for Concurrent Session and Poster Presentations . . .
2017 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference - April 27 – 28 (Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati, OH)

The goal of this conference is to broaden risk management education programming for agricultural producers, to encourage new programming efforts, and to strengthen existing programs.

Call for Concurrent Session and Poster Presentations - Proposals due February 2, 2017

The 2017 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference will bring together public and private sector educators, crop insurance agents, lenders, and other agricultural professionals to share ongoing and emerging successful risk management education efforts which target agricultural producers and their families. Conference participants will learn about what is working to help producers effectively manage the financial, production, marketing, legal and human risks associated with their agribusinesses.

Concurrent Session and Poster Proposals

Concurrent Session and Poster presentation proposals are being solicited which highlight successful risk management education programming and its impacts. Abstract submission is encouraged from any public or private entity involved in risk management education for agricultural producers, regardless of whether the project was funded through a regional ERME Center.
Format of proposals: Proposals will be accepted online, beginning December 2, 2016. To submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation or a poster display, please go to the conference page on the ERME website (http://www.extensionrme.org/conferences/2017) and click on the "Call for Presentations" link. There you will be able to register your proposal and provide an abstract (maximum of 250 words) describing your educational effort, and how it was of benefit to the participants.

Length of sessions: 30 minute Concurrent Sessions are available. Please bear in mind that we would like presenters to allow 5-10 minutes at the end the session for questions and interaction.

Poster exhibits: Tables and poster walls will both be available to exhibit posters. Conference participants will have an opportunity to interact with the poster authors during an evening networking reception on April 27.

Topics for Proposals

Concurrent Session and Poster exhibit topics may include programming related to any of the five areas of risk addressed by agricultural RME including: financial, production, marketing, legal and human.

Please note that the 2017 conference will again include a "Women in Ag" Track. Proposals are sought that represent a cross section of programming specifically designed to address the risk management education needs of women producers, and the impacts demonstrated as a result of the educational efforts geared toward this targeted group.

The Conference Planning Committee encourages all concurrent session and poster presenters to **focus on the risk management results** that producers achieved through participation in their educational projects.

Audience Groups

The Planning Committee also invites proposals from projects that targeted audience groups which are identified for special emphasis in Section 12026 of the 2008 Farm Bill and in Subtitle B of the Agricultural Act of 2014. These include:

- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- Legal immigrant farmers and ranchers who are attempting to become established in the U.S.
- Socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, including military veteran farmers and ranchers
- Farmers or ranchers who
  a. Are preparing to retire; and
  b. Are using transitions strategies to help new farmers or ranchers get started
    - New or established farmers or ranchers who are converting production and marketing systems to pursue new markets

Review of Proposals

A peer review committee will consider each proposal that is submitted by the deadline of **February 2, 2017**. Decisions will be made on or around March 2, at which time presenters will be notified.
Guidelines for Concurrent Session and Poster Presenters

Workshop and poster presenters will be expected to register, pay, and participate in the entire Conference (April 27-28, 2017). The Conference will begin early on the morning of April 27 and will conclude at noon on April 28. The Pre-Conference Seminar, for those who choose to attend, will take place on the afternoon of April 26. Concurrent session presenters should be prepared to submit an electronic copy of their presentation prior to the conference. Further instructions will be provided at a later date.

Travel Assistance

A limited amount of travel assistance will be available through the regional ERME Centers. Please note that in order to be eligible, recipients of ERME travel assistance must register for and attend the entire conference (and stay at the host hotel). Expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of evidence of participation in the entire conference, a travel expense report and appropriate receipts. We strongly encourage millennial age agricultural educators to consider attending this professional development conference. Please contact your regional ERME Center for availability and additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Wolinski (lgw@udel.edu, 302-831-2538) or Susan Olson (sbolson@udel.edu, 302-831-6540).

2017 Innovation Grants... (Source: Jamie Seger)

eXtension Foundation, Inc., the U.S. Cooperative Extension System’s national resource for advancing innovation and providing professional development for Extension professionals, is seeking initial abstract proposals for prescreening for 2017 Innovation Projects funding.

Proposal Deadline is Friday, December 19th, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PST.

The Innovation Projects initiative is part of the eXtension Foundation’s mission to support experimental projects that will drive opportunities to adopt innovation in the greater Cooperative Extension System. In the 2017 round, we will award up to 10 grants of up to $10,000 each to recipients for a one-year period. Recipients will also receive support of their project from eXtension’s Innovation Lab.

To be eligible for this funding, you must be an Extension Faculty Member, Specialist, Educator, Agent or Staff Member of an eXtension Foundation Premium Member Institution.

The submission process for prescreening requires a brief abstract describing the initial project concept, plus applicant contact information. Finalists selected during prescreening will then be invited to submit expanded, complete proposals for 2017 Innovation Projects grants. All proposals will be submitted online for both the prescreening and final application processes.

For full details on 2017 Innovation Projects proposal requirements and to access the online abstract proposal submission form, please visit https://extension.org/innovation-lab/announcing-call-for-2017-innovation-projects/.
Please direct any questions about the 2017 Innovation Projects initiative or the proposal process to Jamie Seger, seger.23@osu.edu or Jerry Thomas, jthomas@extension.org

Faculty Emeriti Requests . . .
As a reminder . . . Faculty emeriti requests received by the department chair will be forwarded to the college, university and Ohio State Board of Trustees for final approval.

Refer to the Office of Academic Affairs http://oaa.osu.edu/assets/files/documents/facultyappointments.pdf for additional information. The Board of Trustees meets approximately 6 times a year. For a schedule of meetings, refer to the following web site: http://trustees.osu.edu/about/meetings-and-minutes.

To ensure the Board of Trustee reviews the request prior to the faculty retirement date, it is necessary to submit at least 90 days prior to the selected retirement date the following:

1. Faculty shall submit a letter addressed to the department chair stating their retirement effective date. If an eligible faculty member is requesting emeriti status, the request shall be included in the retirement letter. Copies should be sent to the supervisor and the Extension HR unit.
2. If requesting emeritus status, in a separate document include a brief statement of major accomplishments and successes as a faculty member (two to three brief paragraphs, no more than half a page).

See the attached workflow document as an overview of the process.

Note: The Office of Academic Affairs form 207 must be received by the Board Of Trustees prior to the faculty retirement date or the emeriti effective date may not immediately follow the faculty retirement date.

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
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:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union
12 – RiV Information – New Employees, PM (connection info TBD)
13 – RiV Refresher, PM (connection info TBD)
14 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, location TBD
16 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

2017 Dates

JANUARY:
2 – New Years Holiday
16 – Martin Luther King Holiday
17 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F or online)
24 – SEAC & OARDC Annual meeting (TBD) (snow date Jan. 31)
27 – Promotion Workshop, hosted by A&P Committee, 4H Center
30 – RD Meeting

FEBRUARY:
7 – 4-H Professionals Inservice
7 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)
15 – CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio Statehouse Atrium)
16-17 – Tri State Diversity Conference, Cincinnati Airport Marriott, Hebron, KY
17 – OV & BH FCS Meeting, Chillicothe
27 – RD Meeting
28 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)

MARCH:
1 – Southeast Region SNAP-Ed Meeting @ 4-H Center (snow date March 8)
18-19 – Counselor College, Canter’s Cave
27 – RD Meeting
31 – Buckeye Hills All Staff Spring Bash, SERO

APRIL:
2-5 – PILD Conference (Crystal City, VA)
7 – Ohio Valley All Staff Spring Bash, Piketon
12-14 – Extension Educator Workshop and Cabinet Retreat
24 – RD Meeting

MAY:
22 – RD Meeting
29 – Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE:
7-9 – ANR Retreat, Geneva on the Lake (tentative)
11-14 – NACDEP/CDS National Conference, Big Sky, Montana
13 – SEAC Committee Meeting (TBD)
20-22 – Space Adventure Camp, Marietta College
27 – RD Meeting

JULY:
4 – Independence Day Holiday
9-13 – NACAA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
19 – CED Meeting (online)
31 – RD Meeting

AUGUST:
24-25 – CFAES Congressional Assistant’s Tour (Wooster)
28 – RD Meeting

SEPTEMBER:
4 – Labor Day Holiday
19 – Celebration of Ohio Agriculture Luncheon
19-21 – Farm Science Review
21 – Celebration of CFAES Luncheon
21-22 – TERSSA National Conference, Ashville, NC
25 – RD Meeting

OCTOBER:
8 – ESP National Conference, Wilmington, NC
16-19 – NEAFCS National Conference, Omaha, NE
17 – SEAC & OARDC Committee Meeting (TBD)
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F, location TBD)
24 – 4-H Professionals Inservice
25 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals Inservice
30 – RD Meeting

NOVEMBER:
10 – Veteran’s Day Holiday
12-17 – NAE4HA National Conference, Indianapolis, IN
23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
27 – RD Meeting

DECEMBER:
? – Annual Conference
12 – Pesticide Inservice for Educators
18 – RD Meeting
25-26 – Christmas Holiday

Schedule (week of December 5, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)

M – Hocking (Fall Visit)
T – Annual Conference
W – Annual Conference
T – Columbus (Admin. Cabinet)
F –