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Happy Birthday...

- December 7 – Jane Keyser, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Belmont County
- December 10 – Jenny Lindimore, Office Associate, Morgan County

Ron Hendrick Leading Our College...

On December 2, Ron Hendrick began his role as acting dean and vice president for agricultural administration for CFAES. He is filling in for Bruce McPherson while McPherson serves as interim provost for the university.

"Over the next seven months we’ll be bringing to fruition efforts that have been in the works for the past two years." Hendrick said. "It’s an exciting time for the college." His focus will be in three areas:

Finish building the leadership team: A new director for OSU Extension, Roger Rennekamp, starts in January. A search for the associate dean for research and graduate education will start after Steve Slack, director for the OARDC retires at the end of December. A search for a new Director of Marketing and Communications is underway. “There are also a number of senior staff with new college-wide roles who will be integrated into their new roles,” Hendrick said.

Continue to build faculty ranks: The college is adding faculty who will contribute to the university’s focus areas, called Discovery Themes, which include Food Production and Security, Energy and the Environment, and Health and Wellness. “Departments are also filling the ranks of non-Discovery Themes faculty,” Hendrick said.
Continue rebuilding facilities and implement the re-envisioning plan for Ohio State ATI in Wooster, along with unifying operations across the college: This includes a multi-species facility at Waterman Farm in Columbus and new equine, swine and beef facilities, Hendrick said.

Hendrick is now senior associate dean for the college, overseeing college operations, including faculty affairs and facilities and capital planning. Prior to this appointment he served as director of the college’s School of Environmental and Natural Resources and began his academic career as a faculty member in the D.B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

### Annual Conference Reminders . . .

- **Volunteer at Annual Conference** - There is still time to volunteer to assist with the Annual Conference Registration and Information Desk. If interested, please contact Marianne Guthrie today at Guthrie.76@osu.edu
- **EEET Summaries** – Bring your EEETs to Annual Conference. There will be a box at the registration table where you can drop off your sealed envelopes of EEET forms. The deadline to submit EEETs for this calendar year is **December 11**. Please remember to include a cover sheet with each set of EEETs (one cover sheet for each instructor, if there are multiple instructors). All EEETs should be in SEALED ENVELOPES and your form collector should sign his or her name on the seal.
- **Silent Auction** - Don’t forget to take your basket donation or “Recycled Treasure” to the Silent Auction at Annual Conference and also be prepared to submit a bid. The Silent Auction will take place in the Great Hall Meeting Room. It will be open both days (from 10:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday and 7:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday). New this year will be a $100 award to the basket that raises the most money!
- **Food Drive** – Donations are being collected at the registration table both days of the conference. Cash donations are also being accepted. The Mid-Ohio Food Bank can translate every $1 donation into 10 meals.
- **Name Tags** – Bring your name tag!
- **Fingerprinting** – OSU HR will be fingerprinting during lunch on both days next to the registration, to remain compliant with policy 1.50. If you need to participate, bring a valid drivers license or state issued ID.
- **Biometric Screenings and Flu Shots** – Both are being offered each day in the Great Hall Meeting Room. Visit the conference webpage for more information ([http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC](http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC)).
- **Tech Faire** – Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Ohio Stater’s, Inc. Traditions Room, across from the ballroom. Stop by to see some exciting items and have your questions answered.
- **Poster Viewing and Resource Faire** – Open both days in the Great Hall Meeting Room, stop by to learn more about various resources, projects and research in Extension, CFAES and OSU.
RiV and Associated Documents Due January 15 . . .
The following items are due to the Region Office by January 15. Email items to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu so that she can print for your file.
- Electronic copy of RiV Performance Review (Word or PDF format)
- Copy of Teaching Table from the Dossier Version of the RiV
- Copy of EEET Teaching Summary Table from Debby Lewis/PD&E
- Copy of Peer Letters of Teaching (you only need to submit these letters if we do not already have a copy you sent earlier in the year)

On another note, if you haven’t already done so, please consider granting Proxy rights to Jeff at mccutcheon.30@osu.edu in your RiV. This will allow him to view your files.

PCard Reallocation Deadline . . .
The PCard reallocation deadline will fall on December 30 when many will be taking vacation between Christmas and New Years. Please be mindful of this and submit your documentation right away in eRequests as the purchases are made.

Professional Presentation Support Form . . .
The deadline is approaching to submit your application for the $300 Professional Presentation Support for calendar year 2015. The link to the form can be found at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/travel/professional-presentation-support-form-extension. Deadline to submit is January 15.

Call for Proposals . . .
for the NEW eXtension i-Three event Professional Development Track. The NEW eXtension is a knowledge-to-action service that is an integral part of the U.S. Cooperative Extension System. Our job is to help Extension professionals increase your visible and measurable impact locally and system wide. We are your partners for professional development and strengthening your ability to create and disseminate programs and knowledge. One way is through fostering innovation and supporting you in creating new tools and new methods to advance your local impact.

The eXtension’s i-Three Event will be held in San Antonio, Texas on March 22-25, 2016. The i-Three Event (formerly NeXC) will bring together Cooperative Extension System educators, communicators, communities of eXtension’s i-Three Corps members for an exciting co-learning and co-creating adventure. The i-Three Event will focus on the NEW eXtension’s three pillars – Issues, Innovation, Impact – to equip attendees with the ability to tackle emerging issues with innovative approaches that deliver measurable impact.
The i-Three Event will offer two tracks:

- **Track 1: Professional Development** – this robust set of workshops will be hands-on, collaborative, and engaging. Participants will walk away with new knowledge, skills, and action steps for moving forward. Workshops will focus on Issues, Innovation and Impact.

- **Tract 2: i-Three Issues Corps** – The first cohort of the eXtension Issue Corps will be working on their innovations addressing the issues of climate and food systems. In the Issue Corps track, Corps members also will join Professional Development track participants at plenary and other selected sessions to share their innovation projects. People who are submitting applications to the i-Three Issue Corps may submit proposals for the Professional Development track, but if they are accepted for the Issue Corps their proposal will not be accepted.

Proposals for workshops and presentations for the i-Three Event Professional Development Track are now being accepted for the following formats:

- **Workshop**: Two-hour workshop or one-hour demonstration/workshop on a topic of innovation, emerging issues, or achieving and demonstrating impact (storytelling, measuring, etc) in an area in which you work.

- **Ignite**: 5 minute/20 slide Ignite presentations on an area of innovation, emerging issues, or achieving and demonstrating impact.

- **Knowledge Café**: 10 minutes in which each presenter will introduce a topic on an emerging issue and tactics for identifying and addressing emerging issues. The presenter will then lead a discussion on the topic and guide participants in identifying action items.

Please complete the [proposal form](#) by **December 20, 2015** to become a presenter in any of the formats in the i-Three Event Professional Development Track. You may want to consult the brainstormed list of ideas for potential topics. Proposals will be reviewed and submitters will be notified in January.

Metrics for determining accepted proposal submissions:

*Successful proposals will:*
- Advance the overall theme of the conference: Issues, Innovation, Impact
- Offer hands-on learning opportunities
- Communicate clear, concise objectives including what participants will experience during the session
- Include a plan for actionable steps for participants post-event
- Focus on new knowledge and skills which participants can put to use
- Include links to applicable research
- Challenge participants to think differently or adopt new practices

Become part of a new learning, sharing, and networking experience!
Propose a session to become a presenter at the new-style, NEW eXtension i-Three Event, March 22-25, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas.
Email Signature Block . . .
For new employees and others who are not yet using the University’s signature block in their email, you can find this at http://brand.osu.edu/email-signature/

Distinguished Staff Award Nominations . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
The Distinguished Staff Award honors 12 outstanding staff members for their significant leadership, accomplishments and service to the university. Award recipients are selected based on how they have enhanced the quality of work life for colleagues or customers, provided outstanding service to university stakeholders, developed creative solutions to increase department or university operations, or demonstrated one or more of the university’s values. Read more at http://hr.osu.edu/special/dsa.aspx

$1M in Funding for Faculty, Student and Staff Engagement . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
More than $1M from multiple sources is available through the Connect and Collaborate Grants Program, which provides funding opportunities for faculty, students, and staff to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research aligned with the Discovery Themes and, in a broader context, the Discovery Themes Focus Areas. Proposals are Wednesday (2/3). Attend an information session on Tuesday (12/8) 9-10 a.m. in 110B Hale Hall or remotely via Carmen Connect. Read more: oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html

CFAES Weekly News Digest . . .
Please be sure to visit the weekly news that is sent from the Dean’s Office at http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin. This week’s items include but are not limited to:
- Faculty and Staff Discounts Available
- CFAES Launches Gender Initiative
- Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award Nominations

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:
8-9 – Annual Conference
11 – BH ANR Meeting @ EARS
15 – RiV Help Session, Chillicothe Library, contact Lisa Barlage or Treva Williams for information.
16 – BH 4H Meeting

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

FEBRUARY:
2 – 4-H Professionals Update, Columbus
4 – OV EERA FCS Meeting, Highland County Public Library
10-11 – JCEP Leadership Conference, Las Vegas
17-19 – Tri-State Diversity Conference

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MARCH:
6-12 – Ohio 4-H Week
12 – Ohio 4-H Conference, Columbus Convention Center
16 – Legislative Lunch
21 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.

APRIL:
6 – Biometric Health Screenings, SE Region Office
10-13 – PILD, Crystal City, VA
13 – State CED Meeting, F2F, Columbus
29 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers

MAY:
16 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect

JUNE:
15-17 – ANR Summer Retreat, Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center, College Corner, OH
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
27-August 7 – Ohio State Fair

SEPTEMBER:
12-15 – NAEFCS, Big Sky, Montana
19 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
19 – EERA 4-H Program Leaders & 4-H Specialists Meeting, Columbus
20-22 – Farm Science Review
28 – Region CED Meeting, F2F, location TBD

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals Inservice, 4-H Center, Columbus
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers

Schedule (week of December 7, 2015)

Jeff (419.560.8645 - cell)
M – Wooster
T – Annual Conference
W – Annual Conference
T – Columbus
F - Jackson