Seneca County Fair

4-H and Junior Fair members at the Seneca County Fair show off the Commodity Carnival game. The Commodity Carnival was designed at The Ohio State University to teach youth about the enormous value of agricultural commodities and what it takes to manage business risks when taking commodities to market.
Condolences . . .
Our condolences to Robbi Sigler, Wyandot County Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development Educator, on the recent passing of her mother.

2015 Video Creation Workshops (Source: Jamie Seger/EdgeU Tech Blog) . . .
Back by popular demand! Our video workshops were a hit last year, and they’re back for 2015! Hold the date for whichever workshop location you prefer:

- September 10 – Dayton
- October 15 - South Centers, Piketon
- October 21 – Marion Campus
- November 5 – Mahoning County Extension

Registration information will be sent out before August 10. These workshops reached capacity last year, so make sure you register for a seat before they “sell out!

Field Crop Day (Source: Bowling Green Sentinel Tribune) . . .
HOYTVILLE — Alan Sundermeier talks with Field Crop Day attendees about soil testing Thursday at the OSU Agricultural Research Farm in Custar.

The research farm near Hoytville has numerous fields with different tests being conducted on the various plots.

Happy August Birthdays . . .
- August 1 Bruce Clevenger – Educator/Director, Defiance County
- August 8 Allison Cooper – Educator, Crawford County
- August 8 Craig Everett – Program Assistant, Wood County
- August 13 Felicia Lonas – Program Specialist, Lucas County
- August 14 Dawn Feller – Office Associate, Hancock County
- August 17 Jay Gerken – Program Assistant, Lucas County
- August 18 Gwen Soule – Educator/Director, Sandusky County
- August 19 Lee Richter – Program Assistant, Lucas County
- August 21 Jackie Bailey – Office Associate, Lucas County
- August 25 Tina Dedinger -- Office Associate, Erie County
- August 25 Tami Kromer – Office Assistant, Erie County
- August 27 Elliott Lawrence – Educator, Lucas County

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for August 3 – 7

Monday: FCS Interviews
Tuesday: Region Office
Wednesday: Perrysburg
Thursday: Admin. Cabinet
Friday: Wood County Fair
Applications and services that are not purchased or licensed by Ohio State, including those freely available on the internet, may not meet university standards for privacy, data security, intellectual property protection, and records retention. Many existing third-party providers have not entered into university agreements with Ohio State, and thus their products cannot and should not be used with university data or university-owned computing resources. (https://ocio.osu.edu/policy/standards/cloud)

In early 2013, Ohio State established a formal relationship with Box.net to offer faculty, staff and students an easy way to share files and folders online through a university branded solution called BuckeyeBox, which many in the university population are already currently using. CFAES pays for this service centrally and makes it available to you at no cost. **BuckeyeBox is the only approved Ohio State cloud collaboration tool.** (https://ocio.osu.edu/blog/community/2015/02/17/do-you-know-about-buckeyebox)

In light of this, CFAES is moving forward to ensure that university data is not moving to or through unauthorized third-party providers. In the days ahead, ITS staff will be actively assisting Dropbox users to migrate their process to BuckeyeBox and remove the Dropbox software from our environment throughout the months of July and August.

Additionally, CFAES will also be actively removing the application for TeamViewer from our environment throughout the months of July and August. TeamViewer is an application that can potentially provide unauthorized remote access to computing resources within our environment, and as such, presents a significant risk to machine security as well as licensing problems.

If you need assistance getting signed up and using BuckeyeBox or have questions regarding this process, contact your local IT support personnel or the ITS help desk at (614) 292-9110 for Columbus or (330) 263-3772 for Wooster.
OSU Extension Director Interviews (Source: Dean McPheron) . . .

We have arrived at an important step in the process to identify and select the next Associate Dean and Director for Ohio State University Extension. I'm pleased to share with you that the search committee has identified three dynamic candidates who have agreed to participate in on-campus interviews in the coming weeks. Throughout the process, we have enjoyed tremendous interest by highly qualified candidates, and the three who have emerged for campus interviews truly represent the types of individuals we have been seeking.

We will update our website and share additional information about the candidates the day prior to the public presentations. It is important that we respect the candidates current employment situation and allow them to continue their professional responsibilities with the least amount of interruptions as they prepare for their visits. Following are the dates and times for the public presentations that will also be streamed live:

Candidate A: August 12 – 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate B: August 12 – 2:00pm with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate C: August 19 – 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center

This is a tremendously exciting time for our college and for Ohio State University Extension! I recognize there are many events and activities happening this time of the year, but I do hope that you will spend time participating in the presentations of these outstanding candidates.

My thanks to the search and screen committee for their exceptional work in getting us to this point.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Buckeye Football Game (Source: onCampus Today) . . .

In recognition of your great achievements, faculty and staff have the opportunity to cheer on the Buckeyes with fellow faculty, staff and friends on Saturday (9/12), at the home opener against Hawaii. As a reminder, faculty and staff must opt in and by Tuesday (8/4) at 11:59 p.m. to have an opportunity to be selected at random to receive four complimentary tickets. To be considered, follow the link: hr.osu.edu/appreciationevent. Read more: hr.osu.edu/special/staffweek-faqs
CFAES College Communications has engaged with the Basecraft agency to help us improve and/or develop strategy around digital communications. As part of the process, the agency is seeking input from a large group of stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, media, and industry professionals. This is where OSU Extension professionals like you come in, your input matters! To assist with this effort and provide Basecraft with sufficient input, we are asking two things:

1. Please complete this short questionnaire.
2. Share this opportunity, widely, with your colleagues, peers and stakeholder groups.

Only aggregate data will be seen and individual responses will be compiled by the staff at Basecraft as they utilize the data to formulate recommendations.

**Why would I fill out this questionnaire?**

Digital communication strategy is incredibly important. It better connects us with our clients and encompasses much more than just web design (mobile strategy, user experience, content strategy, trend analysis, to name a few.) Your input helps Basecraft understand who we are, what we do, and what possibilities lie in our future. It’s a critical piece to completing the digital communication strategy puzzle. Once completed, this strategy has the potential to impact many facets of OSU Extension.

Questions? Contact Jamie Seger or Ryan Schmiesing.

(Basecraft recently created TV and radio ads for the 2015 Ohio State Fair. The company is based out of Columbus and New York City.)