Best Wishes . . .

to Jim Hoorman, ANR Educator in Putnam County, whose last day with OSU Extension is Friday, August 19. He will be retiring after 25 years of service with OSU Extension. We wish Jim luck with his new career as a Soil Health and Cover Crop Specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).
Happy August Birthdays ...

- August 1  Bruce Clevenger – Educator/Director, Defiance County
- August 6  Tony Campbell – Program Coordinator, Paulding 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 Dendinger – Office Associate, Erie County
- August 25  Tami Kromer – Office Assistant, Erie County
- August 27  Elliott Lawrence – Educator, Lucas County

Northwest Region Newsletter

Director’s Drop-in . . .
This past Friday, I attended my first Ohio Agricultural Council Hall of Fame breakfast at the Ohio State Fair. This year’s inductees – Jack Fisher, Dick Isler, Keith Smith and Tim White – are a unique class, because it includes Dr. Smith, who retired as OSU Extension director in June 2015. It’s Fun to see one of our own professionals recognized for his achievements in Extension on behalf of the industry at large.

This event was a great tribute to Dr. Smith and the other inductees. Their individual accomplishments are many; but together, their impact on all areas of the ag industry in Ohio is wide-ranging and truly raises the bar for the rest of us to “keep up the good work.”

Each inductee was recognized for his passion about agriculture, his commitment to making things better for the industry as a whole, and his lifelong devotion to keeping Ohio agriculture at the forefront of innovation, change and the challenge to feed the world.

Perhaps Governor Kasich and ODA Director Daniels said it best in the Hall of Fame program... “These individuals have played an indispensable role in preserving Ohio’s strong agricultural legacy, supporting the state’s economy and contributing to the future advancement of the industry.”

This was also a unique chance for me to meet and greet some of our major supporters and stakeholders. It was truly a “who’s who” in Ohio agriculture, and you could feel the positive energy in the room. The new Cardinal Hall on the fairgrounds makes quite the venue, and the new interactive Ohio Ag Hall of Fame display in the south entrance hall of the building is really something to see – dozens of leaders who have left their mark on Ohio’s agricultural industry.

It’s also been great over the past few months to see the passion and commitment of our own Extension professionals throughout the state. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our mission.
“Write Winning Grant Proposals”
A one-day seminar featuring M. S. (Peg) AtKisson, Ph.D.

The Office of Research is once again planning this popular full-day workshop [http://www.grantcentral.com/seminars/write-winning-grant-proposals/](http://www.grantcentral.com/seminars/write-winning-grant-proposals/) in partnership with several colleges (including CFAES) and the Grant Writers’ Seminars & Workshops organization on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. (The target audience for this event is recently hired faculty, postdocs, and senior research staff). Registration details will be forthcoming. Location TBD.

This seminar will comprehensively address both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing competitive grant proposals. It is appropriate for all faculty members and research staff who have had some exposure to writing grant applications, either through training / mentoring or personal experience. Emphasis is given to doing the 'extra' things that can make the difference between success and failure, such as demanding that the idea yield a vertical advance in the applicant's field when acted upon; identification of the most appropriate granting agency for the idea, including whether the idea is relevant to an agency's priorities - or not; use of an agency's review criteria to inform writing of the application; and practical understanding of tips and strategies that are of proven value in presenting an investigator's project to reviewers.

Regardless of the agency, participants are taught to write with a linear progression of logic using the step-by-step process outlined in The Grant Application Writer's Workbook, which leads reviewers through an application without them knowing that they are being led. Coping strategies to overcome the fact that applicants are writing for two different audiences - the assigned reviewers, who read the application in its entirety, and non-assigned reviewers who may have read little, or nothing, of the proposal before the meeting of the review panel - are emphasized.

All participants will receive an extensive handout, as well as a copy of The Grant Application Writer's Workbook [http://www.grantcentral.com/workbooks/](http://www.grantcentral.com/workbooks/), in one of these versions - USDA, NSF, NIH, or Any Other Agency. The workbook is your guide to a competitive application and offers a practical, step-by-step approach to grant writing. Each version begins with refinement of the idea and then systematically progresses through tips and strategies for each section of the proposal, concluding with pre-submission review and writing of the accompanying cover letter.

M.S. (Peg) AtKisson holds a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Tufts University School of Medicine Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences and has been an associate member of Grant Writer's Seminars & Workshops, LLC since August 2008. Peg founded the Office of Proposal Development at Tufts University, working with individual faculty members and research teams. The office averaged $10-$12 million a year in successful grant applications to many different federal agencies and private foundations.
Approximately 30 were in attendance from Ohio at this year’s NACAA Conference in Arkansas. The traditional states night out dinner was held at the eclectic Dizzy Gypsy Bistro, where the ANR educators were joined by Roger Rennekamp.

OSU SNAP-Ed Receives $55K Grant from Walmart State Giving Program (Source: fcs.osu.edu and onCampus Today) . . .

OSU Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences’ SNAP-Ed program has received a $55,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation’s State Giving Program to provide meals and groceries for two, six-week Cooking Matters courses in 20 Ohio counties. Specifically, it will provide 440 SNAP eligible adults and parents with hands-on healthful cooking and nutrition education.
Program Coordinator, Nichole Brandenburg said these funds would be used for purchasing:

- Food for class preparation stations
- Participant take home weekly groceries
- $10 gift cards for grocery store shopping challenge
- Cooking tools and insulated travel bags

The project is a partnership with the national nonprofit Share Our Strength to implement its Cooking Matters curriculum into Ohio SNAP-Ed programming. These courses will empower families with the knowledge and skills to shop for, and cook healthy meals on a limited budget thereby decreasing food insecurity, obesity, and diet-related disease.

Write Winning Grant Proposals Workshop (Source: Andy Londo) . . .

Registration is now open for this workshop. Space is limited so register early.
Target audience: Faculty, postdocs, and senior research staff
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Blackwell Inn Ballroom, 2110 Tuttle Park Place at Woody Hayes Drive
Registration and more information is now available.
https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9FxjNh8ae8m9XwN

This presentation is the cornerstone of Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC's seminar programs. It comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing competitive grant proposals. Emphasis is given to doing the "extra" things that can make the difference between success and failure.

Support Staff – Have You Registered? . . .

The registration is now open for the National TERSSA (Support Staff) Conference. The cost of registration for this two-day program is $195 ($145 for TERSSA members). Lodging is limited at Westin Great Southern Hotel, so please book your room now.

• Registration
• Agenda
• Lodging

Celebrate Local Foods Week (Source: CFAES Connect) . . .

Join Ohioans from across the state in a celebration of local foods August 7-13, 2016. OSU Extension educators are working with communities to showcase their local food producers through special events and educational programs.


If you take pictures from your events this week, please share them and we’ll highlight in next week’s newsletter.
New COO of eXtension Foundation . . .

Beverly Coberly has been appointed part-time Chief Operating Officer of eXtension Foundation beginning September 12. Beverly has held a steady progression of administrative leadership roles in University of Missouri Extension, culminating most recently in the position of Associate Vice-Provost and Associate Director. eXtension Foundation CEO, Christine Geith, stated that, “Beverly’s deep experience in every dimension of Cooperative Extension – and particularly managing and coordinating diverse groups of employees, constituents and collaborators – will help eXtension strengthen our delivery of services and programs as we continue to create new opportunities for Cooperative Extension professionals.”

Resetting Your Forgotten Password via Text Message (Source: onCampus Today) . . .

It’s easy to forget your password. Now there’s a new, easier way to reset your password by using the SMS text message service on your phone. If you already receive Buckeye Alert text messages, then you’re already set up to use this new service. Read more
Contact: 614-688-HELP

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