The time has come for our annual organizational tech use and skills survey! Your responses to this brief survey provide the Ed Tech unit, as well as the entire organization, with valuable information. Last year, your responses helped us tailor workshop, coaching, and other professional development opportunities to your needs. The survey is mobile friendly, so you can easily complete it from your tablet or smartphone!

Click here to complete the 2016 Tech Use & Skills Survey. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have!
Aging In-service Registration Reminder . . .

When: February 15, 2016
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Where: 4-H Center
Cost: $15 – lunch will be provided

Topics include:
Aging Smart (training)
Master of Memory (training)
Matter of Balance (presentation)
Topics in Gerontology (presentation)
Round table discussion
Registration Link – Registration ends 2/7/16

Ohio JCEP Winter Scholarships (Source: Rob Leeds) . . .

The winter Scholarship Deadline has been extended to Monday, February 15, 2016! Take advantage of this opportunity and apply now for funds to attend a spring or summer training.

Professional Development Scholarships - Current members of Ohio JCEP may apply for up to $750 to support participation in educational events/conferences/or online trainings, pursuit of an advanced degree, or special study assignments. Up to $2000 is available for this February deadline for Ohio JCEP members. Preference is given to applicants who haven’t received funding in the previous 2 years. The application is available at www.go.osu.edu/OhioJCEPprofdev. It must be approved by a supervisor (usually a Regional Director or appropriate Assistant Director).

Completed forms should be sent to me by email (leeds.2@osu.edu) no later than Monday, February 15, 2016 5:00PM. Supervisors’ approval can be emailed to me. A subcommittee of the Ohio JCEP Scholarship, Grants and Recognition Committee will make selections based on award criteria and members will be notified in a couple weeks. First preference will be given to those applicants who have met the September 1 deadline.

Email any questions and our Committee will do our best to assist you.
The new publication, The Home Account Book, is available now. This is publication 723 and arrived in county offices this past week. This is an update of an old publication with the same number that needed some improvement.

Ohio’s Food Code . . .

There have been significant changes in Ohio’s Food Code, and all county offices should expect some questions about Food Safety classes, especially ServSafe. Information can be found from the FCS website of OSU Extension at http://fcs.osu.edu/food-safety/servsafe to route folks to the people in our organization who can help them in their quest to obtain certification. You may find that your county sanitarian is interested in who, from the surrounding area, can help in providing both proctor, exam and classes. At this time, contacts are Susan Zies of Wood County, Nancy Stehulak of Henry County and Patrice Powers-Barker of Lucas County, who are listed on this site.

Congratulations to Ron Hendrick (Source: Interim Provost Bruce McPherson) . . .

Michigan State University has announced the appointment of Ron Hendrick as dean of their College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, effective July 1. It goes without saying that we will miss Ron’s leadership in the college, but we certainly wish him well as he returns to his alma mater.

Our college clearly will face leadership transition as Ron moves on to Michigan State this summer and the search for a provost and executive vice president continues. The college remains on a strong, positive trajectory that is resulting in continued support from our friends and donors and substantial interest from potential faculty and staff seeking to join our family. This success is a direct result of your continued positive outlook and the strong leadership at all levels across the college.

Again, please join me in congratulating Ron and know that we’ll have serious conversations very soon to ensure continuation of outstanding leadership for CFAES.
If you are considering a promotion request in 2016, the first step is to discuss this with your Regional Director and/or Assistant Director. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion in January and provide your supervisor with a copy of your dossier so they can provide informed feedback regarding the potential for your success in this process. If you decide to move forward, note the deadline below for submitting a letter to the department chair.

To request (1) a department review for promotion to Educator III or IV, (2) a non-mandatory faculty promotion review, or (3) an untenured assistant professor faculty appointment without a national search, submit a letter of intent no later than **midnight Monday, March 7, 2016**, to Ken Martin, martin.1540@osu.edu, and Lisa Dune, dune.2@osu.edu. Address the letter to: Ken Martin, Department Chair, 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 3, Ag Admin Building, Columbus, OH 43210. Also send a copy of the letter to your supervisor.

After the department has received the letter of intent, the candidate will receive a confirmation email. Reference the A&P Promotion Guide or the Faculty Promotion Guide for further details regarding the review and items due. The 2016-2017 guidelines can be found at [http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/vi-promotion-and-tenure](http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/vi-promotion-and-tenure).

Questions may be directed to your supervisor, the Administrative & Professional Promotion Committee Chair, Nate Arnett, arnett.67@osu.edu, the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair, David Civittolo, civittolo.1@osu.edu, or me martin.1540@osu.edu.

As previously announced, a new tax form, Form 1095-C, will be provided to faculty and staff as part of Ohio State’s reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Faculty and staff who consented to receive the form electronically will be able to download the form by February 15. For those who did not provide consent, a hard copy form will be mailed to the home address by the end of February. For more information visit [http://hr.osu.edu/benefits/hcr_form1095c_faq](http://hr.osu.edu/benefits/hcr_form1095c_faq).
We are putting hard copies of the 2015 OSU Extension Annual Report (quad-fold and one-page stories) in county mail – two per county.

Please use the stories in this year’s annual report to help market the impact of Extension as a whole, and to support your local programs whenever possible.

PDF files of the new quad-fold and the one-pagers will be posted soon on the CFAES Marketing and Communications web site at http://communications.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/resources/marketing-and-brand-strategy/annual-reports-and-legislative-stories. Copies of the 2014-2009 Extension annual reports are also posted at this link, as well as the OARDC annual reports.

Please use the online PDF files to print and distribute copies of the annual report stories for your county needs. Administration has a limited number of pre-printed copies on hand for special requests. Please contact me if you need a few copies for a special use.

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New for 2016 – Request a Workshop!
We are excited to announce a new feature on the Ed Tech Blog – you can now directly and conveniently request workshops from a list of our most requested topics! We hope this process will inform colleagues of a sampling of topics they can request assistance with, as well as decrease the need to cancel workshops with low registration totals.

Read more about it or request a workshop at http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/request-a-workshop/

Faculty grants for full-time Ohio State faculty of up to $4,000 are available for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Grants of up $1,200 for graduate student and PhD candidates working on dissertations and students in terminal MA or MFA/MBA programs are available for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Apply by Tuesday (2/16). Application materials and details are available at wgss.osu.edu.
February is Heart Health Month. In support of the national Million Hearts Initiative, Ohio State is offering many events and activities to help you and your loved ones live heart healthy lives. Biometric screenings, on-site and web-based educational opportunities, and Your Plan for Health challenges will all be available to faculty, staff and their spouses/partners currently enrolled in the OSU Health Plan. Register: yp4h.osu.edu and linktohealth.osu.edu

University Staff Advisory Committee Seeking Applicants
(Source: onCampus Today) . . .

The University Staff Advisory Committee (USAC) seeks motivated staff to serve during the 2016-2019 term. Apply Monday (2/1)-Monday (2/29); application materials are available at usac.osu.edu/. Send completed applications to Thomas Hatch, USAC chair-elect, at hatch.32@osu.edu. Contact: usac@osu.edu/

Hold the Date (Source: Bruce Clevenger) . . .

What: 2016 NW Region Spring Conference
When: April 28, 2016
Where: Camp Perry, Ottawa County
Who: All OSUE Staff

Confirmed Guest and Feature: Dr. Roger Rennekamp, Associate Dean and Director, OSU Extension