Many educators received an email on December 29 soliciting feedback on your colleagues for the performance review process. Immediately after launching the survey, the college server crashed and the survey was not accessible. We have set up a new version of this feedback survey with an extended deadline. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. You should receive another invitation (with new link and deadline). If you received this request(s), please complete as soon as possible. The deadline for feedback is January 26.

And as a reminder, if you were identified by multiple colleagues to provide feedback, you should have received multiple email invitations. The educator’s name for which you are providing feedback will be listed at the top of each survey. Each individual feedback has a unique URL.

We apologize for the quick turnaround time and any inconvenience that this might have caused. If you have difficulties accessing the survey, please contact Patty Corfman at corfman.4@osu.edu.
Extension educators and faculty,

Do you have an interest in applying for promotion? Want to better understand the role of review committees, the review process, and performance expectations? Then plan to attend the upcoming Extension promotion workshop. You are encouraged to attend the workshop and learn more about developing your plan for promotion. Participants will learn how to make the creation and maintenance of the dossier a part of one’s work, turn the dossier into their personal story, engage a support network for building your dossier and develop a better understanding of the dossier review process and performance expectations. Extension professionals with all levels of experience with the process are invited. Promotion and Tenure and Administrative and Professional Committee members will also be attending.

The workshops will be held 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Agricultural Administration Building Auditorium, 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, OH

• **Tuesday, January 27, 2015 (repeat of November)**

The $25 registration fee includes refreshments and lunch. If you are submitting payment by OSU chart field, approval from your supervisor is required to be submitted along with payment information when completing your registration.

**Visit the following link to register:**

• **Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – **Registration deadline is January 12, 2015**
  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PIEWRKSHOP012715

Mark your calendars and be sure to register. I look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

**Congratulations! . . .**

Congratulations to Eric and Ami Richer on the birth of Mary Evelyn Richer. Eric is the Fulton County Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator. Mary was born Sunday night (1-4-15) at 11:38 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and is 19.5” long. She will be welcomed home by a big sister, Payton and a big brother, Thomas. Well wishes can be mailed to 14475 County Road D, Wauseon, OH 43567 or emailed to richer.5@osu.edu. Mommy and baby are doing fine.

**Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for January 5 - 9**

| Monday  | Region Office
| Tuesday | Campus
| Wednesday | Meet with Jackie NE Region Office
| Thursday | Admin. Cabinet
| Friday | Hold for Legislative Visits
2015 4-H Professionals Update Call for Presenters/Proposals (Source: Rhonda Williams)

Need a break from RIV? Before you head out for the holidays, submit your proposal. This is a great opportunity to obtain a peer review (or two!).

2015 4-H Professionals Update
Call for Presenters

February 5, 2015
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Do you have a program or a topic that you would like to share with your fellow Ohio 4-H professionals?
If so, consider presenting at the 2015 Ohio 4-H Professionals Update!

The Ohio 4-H professionals update is designed to provide professional development to help rejuvenate and excite! Presentations are needed to provide ideas and tips in (a) working on new challenges, (b) developing program/lesson materials OR (c) highlighting successful programming.

The 2015 update will include 40 minute, break-out sessions.

Presentation topics for 2015 should focus on one of the following:

1.) Camp 7.) Community Clubs
2.) Junior Fair 8.) Teens & Older Youth
3.) Volunteers 9.) Cloverbud/Pre-Adolescent
4.) Shooting Sports 10.) Vita Development
5.) Working with Committees 11.) Core Competency Skills Management
6.) Fund Raising

Other proposal topics will be considered, especially those that are new and innovative, and have potential for state-wide applicability. The planning committee stresses the importance “take-away products” available from each session so that participants will have resources for immediate implementation. (Still in search of a peer review letter for your performance review? Here’s an opportunity to present and obtain that elusive peer review!)

All proposals will be peer-reviewed and are due by January 5, 2015 by electronic submission to: williams.418@osu.edu

If you have any questions please contact Kara Colvin, colvin.53@osu.edu or Rhonda Williams, williams.418@osu.edu
Turn Your Everyday Work into Packaged Curriculum (Source: Eric Barrett and Jacqueline Wilkins . . .)

Extension professionals spend an inordinate amount of time developing outlines, creating activities and designing evaluation tools as a regular job function. But, do they really pay attention to the bigger picture possibilities for works they are creating? Often, an educator has designed and personally delivered a variety of components that, if packaged appropriately, would constitute a curriculum. Educators would save time preparing for high demand topics in their counties which are outside the scope of their specializations.

Clients would benefit from a higher level of instruction that comes with replicated programs that have been evaluated effectively, and modified. Creating curriculum is a great way to share specializations, however, there are relatively few examples of packaged curriculum for some of the most common Extension topics. This session was offered at annual conference to help Extension professionals take core skills (program planning, teaching, evaluation) to the next level – packaged curriculum. Please enjoy the presentation and worksheet presented at annual conference available at the following Go Link: http://go.osu.edu/EverydayCurriculum

Staff Career Development Grant Applications (Source: onCampus Today . . .)

The Staff Career Development Grant provides staff with an opportunity to further their growth and development. Eligible staff can apply for a Staff Career Development Grant of up to $1,000 for individuals and $1,500 for groups. Grants can be used for professional development, education or training costs related to job and/or career goals. Applications are being accepted until Saturday (1/31). Read more: hr.osu.edu/special/specgrants

On-Farm Research Reports (Source: Bruce Clevenger) . . .

This is your invitation to submit on-farm research reports from the 2014 crop year. On-Farm Research reports are published annually in a peer-reviewed process to provide an outlet to your county applied research work. These reports are helpful to producers and your extension colleges. The reports need to have a sound research objective with a research design that includes randomization and replication. Statistics can be generated by using the Excel-Based ANOVA spreadsheet found at: http://agcrops.osu.edu/specialists/fertility/other-information

This year, you will find a branded report template in BuckeyeBox at the following link: https://osu.box.com/signup/collablink/d_2845797929/784d20cde139f. This template will provide layout, fonts and example table for data. The template is not an option authors can chose not to use.

Timeline: On-farm research reports are Due January 30, 2015.

If you have any questions, especially first time authors, please don’t hesitate to contact me or any past authors. Reports are posted at: http://agcrops.osu.edu/on-farm-research If you have questions contact Bruce at clevenger.10@osu.edu