Welcome Elliott Lawrence, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Lucas County Office. Elliott started his new position on July 13 – and the Lucas County Fair started on July 14. How’s that for an auspicious start?! Elliott met members of the 4-H community at the opening celebration – where spectacular cookies were served (as seen in the photo)! Pictured above from left to right are Cindy Torppa, Jackie Bailey, Amy Stone, Elliott Lawrence, Patrice Powers-Barker, Suzanne Saggese, Gail Ritzler, and Lee Richer from the Lucas County Extension Office.

Please be sure say hello to Elliott when you see him in the future!
As Extension professionals, one of our key values is lifelong and continuous learning. The university is a partner in providing opportunities for trainings in a variety of areas that would be useful to us in our individual professional journeys and in our varying roles. Please take some time to review the offerings available through Carmen. **Carmen** is the university’s course management and training system. To access the training, you will need your name.# username and password. Instructions for enrolling in each training are provided on the site. You can identify training through this source that can be completed at your convenience and around your busy schedule and then included in your portfolio meet some of your individual professional development goals. You can also talk to your regional director if you see a topic that is typically offered on main campus that you would like to bring to the region.

**Self-Directed Learning Opportunities for Staff** - [https://hr.osu.edu/ole/SelfDirectedLearning](https://hr.osu.edu/ole/SelfDirectedLearning)

**Staff Training and Development** - [https://hr.osu.edu/ole/StaffTraining](https://hr.osu.edu/ole/StaffTraining)

**Professional Development Opportunities in HR** - [https://hr.osu.edu/ole/HRStaffPD](https://hr.osu.edu/ole/HRStaffPD)

**Face-to-Face Professional Development Opportunities across the University** - [https://hr.osu.edu/ole/UnivFacePD](https://hr.osu.edu/ole/UnivFacePD)

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**Real-time Training Opportunities (Source: Jackie Kirby Wilkins) . . .**

**Happy July Birthdays …**

- **July 1** Mona Lisa Hoffman – Program Assistant, Putnam County
- **July 2** Amy Palm – Office Assistant, Huron County
- **July 5** Jason Hedrick – Educator/Director, Putnam County
- **July 7** Sue Miklovic – Program Assistant, Wood County
- **July 9** Jenny Schuab – Program Coordinator, Hancock County
- **July 22** Barbara Crawford – Office Associate, Crawford County
- **July 24** Katie LaPlant – Educator, Ottawa/Sandusky Counties
- **July 25** Robbi Sigler – Educator/Director, Wyandot County

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**Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for July 20 – 24**

**Monday:** Campus
**Tuesday:** Region Office
**Wednesday:** CED Quarterly Meeting
**Thursday:** Seneca County
**Friday:** Seneca County

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Northwest Region Newsletter
National Meetings . . .

Many wonderful opportunities are coming soon for educators to attend their associations’ national meetings in South Dakota, Oregon and West Virginia. During the performance review process, we are reminded that Service is an expectation of all educators and includes contributions to the University, profession and society. Educators are encouraged to have active participation in their professional associations, attend the meetings when possible and to take on leadership roles as well.

As many of you start to make plans to attend an upcoming national meeting, we thought it would be helpful to provide some travel reminders.


Business Office Reminder . . .

Bank Reconciliation Form and June Bank Statement – *Due 7/31/2015*

Please complete the June Bank Reconciliation Form: http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Forms/BankReconciliationForm%20July.xlsx

This form and your June Bank Statement should be scanned and emailed to Wendy Michel, CFAESBusiness@osu.edu or faxed to 614.688.0529.
Now's the time to think about nominating an individual for the 2015 CFAES Staff Advisory Council Awards. The awards include:

- Shirley Brooks-Jones Award (Recognition of Staff Excellence)
- Key Values Award (Recognition of Staff with Less than 3 years experience)
- Innovation Award (Recognition of Staff for improvements to the workplace)
- Special Recognition Award (Recognition of Staff who offer special assistance)

Each of the individuals selected are honored with a luncheon, plaque and monetary cash award. To nominate an outstanding staff member, visit [http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards](http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards). Deadline for nomination is **August 31**. Contact Kelly Elisar at elisar.1@osu.edu if you have questions.

Click [here](http://go.osu.edu/SAC-recognition-awards) for the 2015 Nomination Fillable Form.
Register for the 2015 Ohio Prairie Conference
Saturday 1 August, Aullwood Audubon Center
Dayton, Ohio
For full details, go to www.OhioPrairie.org

2015 Ohio Prairie Conference
A Half-century of Ohio Prairies
From the past...
...into the future.

Aullwood Audubon Center created the first Ohio prairie planting in the late 1960s. It became a model for all future Ohio prairie creations and restorations. The powerful history of this prairie, and many thereafter, will be told and illustrated. Ohio prairie plants will be for sale.

Several new Ohio prairie projects will be revealed, including a massive planting at Dayton International Airport, and the restoration of 3000 acres of the Firelands Prairie at NASA Plum Brook Station.

Visit with and learn from Ohio prairie experts. Everyone welcome.