Today is the Deadline . . .

to apply for the 2015 Staff Professional Development Awards sponsored by the CFAES Staff Advisory Council. The past recipients of these $200 awards paid conference registration fees, paid hotel accommodations and transportation costs, purchased software for staff training and many other examples.

The application form and guidelines are available at go.osu.edu/staffprofdev. Application forms are due via email to CFAES-SAC@osu.edu today.
Reminders (Source: Barb Brahm) . . .

Please take note of these quick reminders:

- If you are invited to speak in another county by a non-Extension group, please extend professional courtesy to the local Extension staff to let them know you will be teaching in their county.
- If you are contacted by media (TV, radio, etc.) for an interview on a critical or controversial topic, please let your AD, RD and Keith Smith know in case we get calls. Then we can better support you.
- Gwen Wolford, Government Relations, would appreciate knowing about contacts that any of us have with state or national legislators as they request information on our professional opinions. They like to validate contacts with our stakeholders.
- RiV Update – we WILL be using RiV this year (and possibly another year) for reporting. So now you can go ahead and get caught up for the last few months.

Global Climate Change Update (Source: Tom Blaine) . . .

A new fact sheet on global climate change is now available online. This is a much more extensive examination of the topic of climate change than my previous fact sheet, published in 1996 and referenced in the new fact sheet.

The new fact sheet addresses many aspects of the topic that often confuse members of the public. Questions like the following are answered: Hasn’t Earth’s climate always changed? Hasn’t it been much warmer on Earth at times in the past? Could humans really be affecting Earth’s climate? What is the outlook for the future? The fact sheet is replete with graphs and a summary of Earth’s climate history over the past 600 million years, including discussions of the ice ages and their causes.

If you have questions about the material in the fact sheet, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I also have two slide shows that I can present to any group you have: One with the same focus as the current fact sheet and the other a specific look at Ohio with an outlook to 2050. I recently gave the Ohio outlook presentation to administrative cabinet. Cabinet members have encouraged me to share this information with all members of Extension and to offer to make presentations on both topics at the local level as requested by educators, specialists and others. My number is 330.466.7877. [http://ohioline.osu.edu/cd-fact/pdf/CDFS_203_15.pdf](http://ohioline.osu.edu/cd-fact/pdf/CDFS_203_15.pdf)

Happy June Birthdays . . .

- June 3  Emily Cordes – Office Assistant, Henry County
- June 5  Leeanna McKamey – Program Assistant, Allen County
- June 6  Curtis Young – Educator/Director, Van Wert County
- June 7  Kathy Blackford – Educator/Director, Ashland County
- June 8  Karen Ford – Office Associate, Williams County
- June 11 Mike Gastier – Educator/Director, Huron County
- June 23 Nancy Bennett – Office Associate, Ottawa County

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for June 1 - 5

| Day    | Location
|--------|----------|
| Monday | Williams County
| Tuesday| Campus
| Wednesday | OARDC
| Thursday | Campus
| Friday | Region Office

Northwest Region Newsletter
Enthusiastic about OSU Extension? Interested in developing your ability to lead Extension into the future? If your vision of your future includes building your career with Extension, then the NELD North Central leadership experience may be just the opportunity you need!

NELD is an annual four-session program designed to help participants:
1. Learn, apply and reflect on new effective leadership, organizational collaboration and change concepts and strategies
2. Develop a better understanding of self and enhance personal effectiveness
3. Strengthen competence in decision-making, build leadership capacity, improve effectiveness of Extension programming and promote life-long learning
4. Broaden their understanding of Extension on a local, state, national and international level
5. Build a more robust national Extension network

Session dates/locations for 2016 include (100% attendance is required):
- January 25-29 (Chicago-area, IL)
- April 15-23 (Costa Rica)
- July 11-15 (Washington, DC)
- September 20-23 (St. Paul-area, MN)

Interested educators, program staff, and specialists can apply by responding in 300 words or less to the statement: “Why I am an ideal candidate for NELD North Central in 2016.” To be considered for the 2016 class, simply send your answer to the question above (email is fine) to davis.1081@osu.edu (with ‘NELD 2016’ in the subject line) by June 10. You can learn more about the program here and direct questions to any regional director or assistant director.

Today is the Deadline...
A new issue of the Communique’ is now available online at http://extension.osu.edu/communique. The topics include:

- Epsilon Sigma Phi Announces Karen Bruns as 2015 Ruby Award Recipient
- Two OSU Extension Teams win 2015 ESP Regional Awards
- Ohio Extension Supporter Receives National Friend of Extension Award from ESP
- VP Conversation on the Future of Extension (June 5 Twitter Chat Opportunity)
- CFAES Government Affairs Office has Relocated
- County Email Account Reminder
- OSU Extension Listserv Reminder
- Your Plan for Health Reminder
- Action Leadership Retreat (September 28-29)
- Upcoming Workshops

Amazon to Start Collecting Ohio Sales Tax Effective 6/1/15 (Source: Cindy Buxton) . . .

Beginning Monday, June 1, Amazon will begin charging State of Ohio sales tax.

Please see Amazon’s website about tax exemption - https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=200768990. A specific account must be created to ensure tax exempt purchases.

About the Amazon Tax Exemption Program (ATEP)

With the Amazon Tax Exemption Program (ATEP), you may be eligible to use your tax exemptions for future purchases from either Amazon.com LLC, or Amazon Digital Services, Inc (ADSI), Inc.

Products must be ordered via an Amazon.com customer account. Sales tax may still be charged on items ordered from other sellers that list products for sale on Amazon.com. In order to establish and maintain your ATEP enrollment, we require that you provide us with a valid tax exemption certificate for the state(s) where you are located, and that you update and maintain a current certificate, in accordance with the state laws and our Terms & Conditions For more information, go to Amazon Tax Exemption Program.