Northwest Region Touchpoint
June 27, 2016

Ed Lentz speaking about nutrient management at the Wheat Field Day June 21 at NW Ag research station

With the Independence Day Holiday next Monday, there will be no issue of the weekly newsletter.

We hope you take some time to enjoy the long holiday weekend.
Happy July Birthdays …

- July 1  Mona Lisa Hoffman – Program Assistant, Putnam County
- July 2  Rugena Modisett – Program Assistant, Lucas 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 Schaub – Program Coordinator, Hancock County
- July 22  Barbara Lewis – Office Associate, Crawford County
- July 24  Katie LaPlant – Educator, Ottawa/Sandusky Counties
- July 25  Robbi Sigler – Educator/Director, Wyandot County

Experts’ Guide to Exploring your Woods (Source: onCampus Today)…

Kathy Smith, forestry program director in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, is helping to teach a workshop that informs landowners about wildlife on their property. “The Woods in Your Backyard” takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday (7/15) in 025 Ovalwood Hall on Ohio State’s Mansfield campus, 1760 University Drive. Sessions will include getting to know your property, management tools, wildlife basics, wildlife monitoring and invasive species. Read more

National Meeting Information . . .

**NACDEP/ANREP Joint Conference**
https://nacdep.memberclicks.net/2016-anrep-nacdep-conference

**NACAA** – http://www.nacaa.com/

**NEAFCS** – http://www.neafcs.org/2016-annual-session
- Hotel Reservations – Open now until August 1 or until sold out
- Early Bird Registration – by July 15 – $425
- Regular Registration – by September 1 - $475
- Late Registration – after September 1 - $525

**NAE4-HA** – http://www.nae4ha.com/2016-national-conference
- Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 – $229.00 per night
- Early Bird Registration – June 1-July 15 - $450.00
- Regular Registration – July 15 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – August 12 - $475.00
- Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00

**OutSTANDING U!**
The OSU CARES program recently announced its 2016 Seed Grant recipients and several Northeast Ohio members were on teams that were awarded seed grants. The grants, announced during the May 3 Patterson Lecture and Outreach and Engagement Forum, provide up to $25,000 per team to seed new or expanded partnerships. In total, 17 OSU Extension faculty and staff were among teams from five Ohio State colleges and two institutes/VP units; and 10 community partners were involved in the 2016 seed grants.

“The faculty and staff projects recognized by the OSU CARES Seed Grant program illustrate how interdisciplinary teams of OSU Extension and colleagues from across campus can together develop and implement programs that can make a difference. We are excited about the work these teams have planned and the work they will be doing this coming year,” said Karen Bruns, OSU CARES leader and faculty emeritus.

The 2016 OSU CARES seed grants focused on:

- Management of Algal Growth in Ohio’s Medium-Sized Lakes
- Securing the Future Workforce – Certifying Direct Care Workers in Long-Term Care
- Place-Based Leadership Academy Initiative
- Reducing Barriers to Entry for the Direct Sales of Local Foods in Ohio: A Review of Current Laws/Rules and Suggesting Changes for Ohio Businesses

Reducing Barriers to Entry for the Direct Sales of Local Foods in Ohio: A Review of Current Laws/Rules and Suggesting Changes for Ohio Businesses – awarded $24,500

Principal investigator(s): Eric Barrett, assistant professor, OSU Extension Mahoning County, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Emily Adams, OSU Extension Educator, OSU Extension Coshocton County, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Peggy Hall, assistant professor, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Partner(s): Jill Clark, assistant professor, The John Glenn College of Public Affairs; Glennon Sweeney, research associate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity; Carol Keck, program coordinator, OSU Extension Delaware County, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Robert Leeds, educator, OSU Extension Delaware County, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Mike Hogan, associate professor, OSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Christie Welch, Program Specialist, OSU Extension/Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences/OSU Centers at Piketon; Brian Raison, assistant professor, OSU Extension, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Patrice Powers-Barker, Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Sciences, Co-Leader, Local Foods Signature Program, OSU Extension, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Heather Neikirk, Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Co-Leader, Local Foods Signature Program, OSU Extension, College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.
Mental Health Awareness Webinar Recording Now Available (Source: eXtension) . . .

On Thursday, June 22, two educators from OSU Extension Hardin County, Jami Dellifield and Amanda Raines, presented an eXtension webinar on “Mental Health Awareness for Extension Professions”. It was based on a professional development session they led at eXtension’s NeXC2016 conference in March that generated great interest.

Due to popular response both to the conference session and now to the webinar, “Mental Health Awareness for Extension Professionals” has been recorded and is available for viewing at https://learn.extension.org/events/2679

New Impact Areas for OSU Extension (Source: Roger Rennekamp) . . .

As you are probably aware, the Vice President’s Conversations on the Future of Extension provided valuable information that the organization can use to establish a pathway to the future. It is my intention to use information obtained through that process in making decisions related to programming, staffing, and operations.

Data from the conversations suggested that it is time to refresh our program priorities currently expressed as our four impact areas. Accordingly, I initiated a process to develop a new set of impact areas that 1) align with University and College priorities (see below), 2) transcend our four traditional program areas, and 3) capture the spirit of the aforementioned process.

With assistance from the Extension Administrative Cabinet, a draft set of new impact areas was created. The new impact areas were reviewed and refined based on feedback from a focus group of Extension educators and the State Extension Advisory Committee. At this time, it is my pleasure to release this draft set of impact areas for final review and comment. As currently drafted, the new impact areas are as follows:

- Health and Wellness
- Job Skills and Careers
- Thriving Across the Life Span
- Sustaining Food Systems
- Engaged Ohioans, Vibrant Communities
- Environmental Quality
If you have comments or suggestions regarding the impact statements, please send them to Cheryl Buck (buck.19@osu.edu) by Friday, June 30 to ensure consideration in this final stage of evaluation. It is our hope to finalize these in early July.

University and College Priorities:

OSU’s Vision 2020
  • Access, Affordability, and Excellence
  • Community Engagement
  • Diversity and Inclusion

CFAES Signature Areas
  • Food Security, Production, and Human Health
  • Environmental Quality and Sustainability
  • Advanced Bioenergy and Biobased Products