Closer Look at the Trends (Source: Greg Davis) . . .

Register today to be a part of the conversation to discuss how OSUE could or should be positioned to address Ohio’s future needs!

Statewide Employee Conversations Register at: http://go.osu.edu/register-OSUEFuture
Online Conversation May 20, Register at: http://go.osu.edu/register-OSUEFutureVirtual

Full list of options visit http://go.osu.edu/osue2035

To learn more about Ohio’s socio-economic and political differences, visit the VP Conversation Descriptor White Paper found at http://go.osu.edu/socio-economicdifferences
Ohio’s nominee, Clarence J. Cunningham, has been selected as a member of the 2015 National 4-H Hall of Fame. Clarence has had an extensive 4-H career. From his 4-H local club participation at age 10 in Wayne County to his position as Associate Director, Ohio Cooperative Extension Service, he has supported 4-H Youth Development on the county, state, and national levels. He continues his support in expanded roles during retirement serving on the steering committee for the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center and on the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. Clarence sponsors 4-H youth directly with two Collegiate Leadership scholarships and the Ohio 4-H Leadership Achievement award. He will be inducted at the 2015 National Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Friday, October 9, at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

By now, you may have heard that it is preferred for Extension staff to begin utilizing Microsoft Outlook for their work calendars. Many people in the organization have been using Google calendar for years and are finding this transition a bit rough.

Visit the EdgeU Tech blog for a 5-minute video primer on using Outlook Calendars. (https://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/05/11/intro-to-microsoft-outlook-calendar-video/) We’ll also have more information posted to the EdgeU Tech blog soon on making the transition (or beginning from scratch) to Outlook calendars.

If you have already switched to Microsoft Office 2013, you will also find a video for that version of Outlook.

If you prefer a printed step-by-step guide, you may find NDSU’s Tips and Tricks for Outlook PDF Guide more useful or Microsoft’s version.

Contact Jamie @ seger.23@osu.edu with questions or concerns you have about this change. You can also contact Don Ordaz @ ordaz.1@osu.edu with technical questions and issues.
The Local Foods Signature Program is coordinating an Ohio Local Food Week from August 9-15, 2015. This is the first time local food will be celebrated at the same time statewide and everyone is invited to participate! Please save the date on your calendar and look for upcoming details at the Local Foods Signature Program website http://localfoods.osu.edu/

Because this week-long recognition of local food is for everyone – from families to businesses, from rural to urban, from young to old and from small-scale to large-scale, we would like to list a variety of possibilities to spark ideas for staff and partners across the state. The list of ideas will be arranged by the theme areas of the Local Food Signature Program and we realize that many of the ideas will overlap with more than one theme. The themes are:

- Food and Business
- Food and Community
- Food and Family
- Food Production

Some examples of ideas include:
- Host a community garden or farm tour
- Promote Local Food week through social media (resources will be available through the Local Foods website and Extension emails)
- Have City Council and/or County Commissioners sign a Local Food Week Proclamation
- Participate in the $10 local food challenge (information will be available through the Local Foods website)

More details to come on all these ideas as well as additional ones. Please email and share your ideas to keep the list growing! If you are interested in helping on the Ohio Local Foods Week 2015 planning committee, we have a conference call the first Monday of the month at 9:00am and do the rest of the planning through emails and materials in Buckeye Box. Please email Patrice if you are interested.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Patrice) at powers-barker.1@osu.edu or Heather Neikirk at neikirk.2@osu.edu, Co-Leaders, Local Food Signature Program.
Please consider taking advantage of this important training opportunity. If I could, I would make it mandatory.

We are offering Communications Training at the Southeast Region Office in Belle Valley. Last October these trainings were held in Columbus and Wooster – now bringing them to southern Ohio.

As I reviewed county highlights in the fall and reports on your major programs in your annual performance reviews, it is clear that many of our new as well as experienced educators could benefit from training in writing strong impact statements. Much of what I find in both of those reports are not impacts at all, and as the Regional Directors discussed this, we decided that we would help to schedule training to make sure that as you are planning and carrying out programming this year, you are asking evaluation questions to help you obtain the data and information to write stronger impact statements. I have discussed this with several of you as we met for performance reviews. This is your chance to get the training you need to do a better job. Without being able to show impacts for our work, maintaining future funding will be difficult if not impossible.

Here is an opportunity for ALL staff to work on completing a goal in getting Professional Development to increase your skills! Educators- support staff- all program staff- are all encouraged to make some time to keep your skills sharpened, and/or to acquire new skills…so please register today by clicking the registration link below.

http://southeast.osu.edu/eeras-counties/communications-training-professional-development

The Communications Team of Suzanne Steel, Mitch Moser and Martha Filipic, will be Training on: Impact Writing, Crisis Communications, Working with Reporters, & How to Make Videos with Your Smartphones & Tablets

**Friday, May 29 - Southeast Region Extension Office**
(16714 Wolf Run Road, Caldwell, OH 43724, (740)732-2381)
$15.00 fee includes Lunch & refreshments & materials. No partial day registrations.

**Agenda**
9:00 Refreshments & Sharing
9:30 Program begins:
  ● Impact Writing
  ● Crisis Communications
  ● Working with Reporters
12:00 Lunch - if there are questions on Branding, they can be addressed over lunch
1:00 Training continues:
  ● How to Make Videos with Your Smartphones & Tablets
3:30 Safe Trip Home!
As you know, Keith Smith will be retiring as Director of OSU Extension effective June 30, 2015, and we have a search process underway to identify the next leader of our Extension organization. The committee is on target with their search with the hopes of bringing finalist to campus in early fall.

I'm pleased to announce that I have asked Greg Davis to serve as the Interim Director, OSU Extension beginning July 1, 2015 until we have filled the Director position, and he has agreed to step into this role.

Greg's successful tenure in OSU Extension, knowledge of current issues, and active engagement in pursuing future opportunities allows him to assume this role and continue supporting and leading the great work conducted across our state by Extension faculty, staff and volunteers. Greg currently serves as Professor and Assistant Director, Community Development, where he has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field. In 2013 Greg was awarded the National Distinguished Service award from the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals. He has presented papers and spoken at professional conferences on the state, national, and international level and is a respected facilitator. Greg has been an active member of the Vice President's Conversation on the Future of Extension leadership team and will continue his role on the search committee for the next director of OSU Extension.

In the coming weeks I will share additional information regarding leadership support in the OSU Extension Community Development program area while Greg serves in this interim role. He will begin the process of transition with Dr. Smith immediately to ensure we don't lose a step in the vitality of our programs. Please join me in congratulating Greg and supporting him in his new leadership opportunity.

The monthly webinar has been on sabbatical for the past couple of months (illness and other scheduled events), but I want to remind you that my regular monthly webinar will take place next week, Friday, May 15, from 1-2. Info on connecting will be distributed later this week.

I've also scheduled a unique webinar that I encourage you to place on your calendar. On Friday, June 5, I'll provide a webinar from 2-3:30 pm to the college. Join me as I share updates, information, and decisions related to the status of reviews and implementation plans associated with college operations, Wooster campus integration, and facilities. A great deal of work will have been completed that positions our college for success, and I want to share this with you and answer questions you may have at that time.

Also, Annual Conference in 2015 has been scheduled for December 8 and 9. Please hold the date.
The Best and Worst Places to Grow Up: How Your Area Compares
(Source: New York Times -- Facebook) . . .

Children who grow up in some places go on to earn much more than they would if they
grew up elsewhere. http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/05/03/upshot/the-best-
and-worst-places-to-grow-up-how-your-area-compares.html?smid=fb-share&_r=0
On the interactive map, zoom out until you see the state of Ohio, then select your
county to find more information about your county.

Research in View Help Documents . . .

The Office of Distance Education and eLearning have the following Research in View
(RiV) Help Documents on their website:

Research in View – Help Materials
Research in View Tools Help
Ohio State University Promotion & Tenure Materials
Ohio State University Extension – Help Materials

To view, go to http://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/research-view/research-view-help-
documents

Buckeye Wellness Innovator Tip . . .

Try planning walks with your fellow office mates! Maybe once a week, maybe once a
month! Set a day and time and invite those in your office to join!

Did you know that walking just 10 minutes a day can:

● Support a healthy heart by lowering blood
  pressure, raise good cholesterol (HDL), lower bad cholesterol (LDL) and increase
  blood flow
● Help you lose weight or maintain a healthy weight
● Reduce the risk of diabetes and maintain healthy
  blood sugar levels
● Boost energy, relieve stress and improve your mood
● Increase bone density
● Boost immunity
● Keep joints limber and keep you fit!

Consider taking just 10 minutes during your lunch time or break and walk to improve
your health.