Dean’s Webinars . . .

The November webinar for Dean Bruce A. McPheron has been cancelled. The December webinar will be held December 4 at 1 p.m. Please look for connection information closer to December 4.

CFAES Weekly News Digest . . .

Please be sure to visit the weekly news that is sent from the Deans Office at http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin. This week’s items include but are not limited to:

- Farm Science Review Leadership Transition
- Steve Slack Retirement Reception
- Upgrading and Replacing computer Equipment and Operating Systems
We Welcome . . .

James Brenizer, Program Assistant, SNAP Ed, who started in Lucas County on November 2.

We Welcome . . .

Annette Witte, Program Assistant, SNAP Ed, who started in Henry County on November 2.

Annual Conference Registration . . .

Annual Conference registration is now open at https://go.osu.edu/EACregistration. The deadline for registration is December 1. No late registrations will be accepted. Conference information can be found at https://go.osu.edu/2015EAC.

- One-day registration - $95
- Two-day registration - $145

Happy November Birthdays . . .

- November 2  Vickie Griffith – Program Assistant, Defiance County
- November 4  Deb Buehrer – Office Associate, Wood County
- November 6  Flo Chirra – Educator/Director, Williams County
- November 8  Bonnie Malone – Educator, Huron County
- November 16  Kelly Gonyer – Office Associate, Wood County
- November 16  Kathy Phillips – Office Associate, Huron County
- November 19  Mary Beth Mylander – Office Associate, Sandusky County
- November 19  Gail Ritzler – Office Assistant, Lucas County
- November 20  Karen McDougall – Program Assistant, Hancock County
- November 22  Mary Beth Albright – Educator, Erie County
- November 24  Jason Hartschuh – Educator/Director, Crawford County

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for November 9 – 13

Monday:  Region Office
Tuesday:  4-H Prof. Update
Wednesday: Holiday
Thursday: Admin. Cabinet
Friday: Maumee Valley
         4-H EERA Mtg.
This year’s four-day NEAFCS Annual Session provided an opportunity for Family and Consumer Science Extension educators from around the country to share educational programs, recognize award recipients and network with their peers. Hosted by the West Virginia affiliate of the national organization, this year's Annual Session concluded Thursday evening with an awards banquet in The Greenbrier resort's Colonial Hall.

Attendance at the Annual Session — a total of 658 registered participants — surprised organizers. Cheryl Barber Spires was chair of the NEAFCS Awards and Recognition, Sponsorship and Support Subcommittee. This year’s conference raised $5,000—an over $1,000 increase from 2014 in the Silent Auction.

Nancy Stehulak served as the Central Region NEAFCS Director and has become National Treasurer of NEAFCS for 2016-17.

Patrice Powers-Barker and Katie LaPlant were part of a team who presented “Using Family Life Education Methodology in Extension for Strong Family and Consumer Science Programming” at the conference.
NEAFCS Conference Awards . . .

**Florence Hall Award 1st Place**
Lisa Barlage
Cynthia Shuster
Carol Chandler
Chery Spires
Shannon Carter
Dan Remley
Kathy Green
Candace Heer
Pat Brinkman
Beth Stefura
Polly Loy
Kristen Corry
Melissa Welker
Michelle Treber

**Program Excellence Through Research Award 3rd Place National Winner**
Lisa Barlage
Michelle Treber
Cynthia Shuster
Carol Chandler
Cheryl Spires
Marilyn Rabe
Beth Stefura
Susan Zies

Congratulations! . . .

Please send your congratulations to our Northwest Region colleagues Sarah Noggle and Michael Schweinsberg in Paulding County; and Curtis Young, Heather Gottke, Caitlin Jones, Deb Knapke, and Jess Suman in Van Wert County for a job well done! Both counties’ levies to support OSU Extension passed last week – and both with clear margins of support! Paulding County’s levy was new, for .25 mill, for 5 years, to begin the 2015 tax year and run through 2019. Van Wert County’s levy was a renewal with a reduction for .35 mill and it passed by a whopping 6,148 votes for compared to 2,165 against!

We hope you all know that OSU Extension is recognized and supported throughout Ohio because of all the great work each of you contributes!
Early Deadline for November Pcard (Source: Vickie Snyder) . . .

The PCard reallocation deadline for November is **November 25**, and this ends the billing cycle earlier too, so please be sure to get all eRequests entered as they happen – **DO NOT** wait until later this month. This only causes a backlog and if any issues, may not allow enough time to research for the paperwork.

The normal billing cycle is the 25\textsuperscript{th} of any given month through the 24\textsuperscript{th} of the following month (e.g. 6/25 to 7/24). The last transactions that post to the bank on the 24\textsuperscript{th} are provided to the University on the 25\textsuperscript{th}, and loaded into the Financials system during the day on the 26\textsuperscript{th} to ensure that transactions are posted to the current General Ledger accounting period. The monthly reallocation is the second-to-last business day of each month. Due to weekends and holidays the deadline may vary each month.

Silent Auction at Annual Conference (Source: Beth Young) . . .

Please consider participating in this year’s Silent Auction at Annual Conference – an opportunity for a good cause. Chi Epsilon Sigma (professional association for support staff) sponsors this auction as a fundraiser to honor their best via awards such as the Extension Support Staff Excellence Award.

Whether you are in a county office, region or campus, etc., consider this an opportunity for a team project and donate a themed basket or OSU items for the Silent Auction. If there is something unique about your county, consider that as a theme for your basket. If you need suggestions on themes for a basket, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any price range is welcome, and we are looking for baskets for both men and women.

We will have a new section at the auction this year – “Recycled Treasures”. If you have a wedding gift that you have never taken out of the box or an old lamp that you have no use for, please consider donating it! Someone may be looking for that item and give it a good home while raising money for CES!

We are working on adding another feature to reward those making a donation. More details to follow!

Please email me at **young.1414@osu.edu** with the theme and/or picture of your donation before November 20 so we can start advertising the Baskets and “Recycled Treasures” items. Emails will be sent to advertise baskets prior to the Annual Conference. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at **young.1414@osu.edu** or 513-785-6655
Webinar for Scholarship and Grant Opportunities (Source: Joe Lucente) . . .

December 1 is the deadline for electronic submission of applications for PILD Scholarships, Professional Development grants, and Angus Professional Development Scholarships. If you are unsure what these opportunities are all about, I encourage you to participate in an upcoming webinar that is being offered by the National Scholarships, Grants and Recognition (SGR) Committee: *How to get over your fear of applying for ESP Scholarships, Grants & Recognition, 3:00 pm EST on Friday the 13th (of November).* Use this link to register: https://cornell.webex.com/cornell/j.php?MTID=m9c7fd3db06841a8b8b076a7d9ce183e3; meeting number 645 165 534 and meeting Password: espSGR2015. Plan now to attend.

Local Leadership Group Meeting (Source: Laura Fuller) . . .

The Local Leadership Group Meeting being hosted by Community Development has been scheduled for November 23 from 9:30 to noon. The location of the meeting will be the Gehres Room at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. You can link directly to the event posting on our website at http://comdev.osu.edu/events/local-leadership-group-meeting