Grade A Banquet...

Ann Golden attended the Seneca County Grade A Awards Banquet to present the Golden Award to deserving 4-Hers. Of course, the Golden Award is named for Ann to honor her years of service in Seneca County.

State of the College Address...

The Dean will be presenting his annual State of the College address from the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center this Friday, October 9 beginning at 9 a.m. Streaming connection details will be sent later this week.
2015 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award (Source: Ann Meyer).

CES and Extension Administration are committed to a partnership that recognizes a CES member who excels in support staff responsibilities. It is once again time to solicit nominations for the annual $1000 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award!

The award and process for selecting the recipient is patterned after Epsilon Sigma Phi’s Excellence in Extension Award for educators. The award recognizes the importance of knowledge, skills and service. This tremendous opportunity brings recognition to a staff member who excels daily in fulfilling responsibilities when serving customers and staff throughout our organizations.

Nominations may be submitted by a supervisor, faculty/staff, peer/co-worker, customer, or emeriti. Required documentation includes completion of online nomination form, letter of support from direct supervisor and two additional letters of evaluation and support. Any Extension support staff member who is a current active member of Chi Epsilon Sigma and has been a member for five years is eligible for nomination. If you are uncertain if your nominee has been a member of CES for the required five years, please don’t hesitate to contact me and I can verify that for you.

The award guidelines, criteria, eligibility, and selection procedures can be found at http://go.osu.edu/BAzJ

Visit http://go.osu.edu/2015CESaward to enter a nomination. Nomination deadline is October 31 by 5:00PM.

Please take the time to consider possible candidates for this award, and take action to nominate a top office professional.

Presentation of the award will be on December 8, during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.

Happy October Birthdays …

- October 8 Ruby Randolph – Program Assistant, Sandusky County
- October 10 Cindy Dininger – Office Associate, Ashland County
- October 12 Chris Comden – Office Assistant, Defiance County
- October 15 Deb Knapke – Office Associate, Van Wert County
- October 25 Cheryl Barber Spires – Program Specialist, Northwest Region

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for October 5 – 9

Monday: NE Region Office
Tuesday: Region Office
Wednesday: Huron/Sandusky Counties
Thursday: Admin. Cabinet
Friday: OARDC SEAC on Campus
Please Join Us for…
Research 101: Basic Training in Research Processes

Beginning in January 2016, join us for “Research 101: Basic Training in Research Processes!”

The purpose of “Research 101” is to provide you with the tools needed to turn your ideas into projects and your projects into presentations and publications.

Topics to be covered include:
• Human Subjects and Institutional Review Board (IRB) Policies and Procedures
• Research Designs
• Turning your program evaluation into a research project
• Survey Construction and Analysis
• Quantitative Methods
• Qualitative Methods
• Writing for Scholarly Journals
And more!

Hold the dates! Registration will be announced soon!

Research 101 will be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on the following dates:
  Friday, January 22
  Friday, February 19
  Thursday, March 17
  Friday, April 22
  Friday, May 20
  Friday, June 24

Questions? Please contact…
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Theresa Ferrari, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development (ferrari.8@osu.edu)
Annual Conference RFP (Source: Steve Brady and Patty House) . . .

Join the O-H-I-O Team of Innovation!
Be a part of showcasing our Outstanding Highly Innovative Organization of OSU Extension work! Share your creative programming, management processes, research results and relationship-building outcomes at this year’s Extension Annual Conference, December 8 and 9. The deadline to submit your “Innovation in Action” poster or session proposal is October 14. For more details, download the Request for Proposals instructions located on the OSU Extension Annual Conference web site (http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC). Have questions? Contact Steve Brady at brady.111@osu.edu or Patty House at house.18@osu.edu, Concurrent Sessions and Posters Committee co-chairs.

Political Activity by OSU Employees (Source: Amy Burns) . . .

The local, state, and national political season is underway, and Ohio State fully encourages its employees to vote and be involved in political activities. However, as employees of a public institution there are guidelines the university has established and individual employees are expected to follow. Please click here to read the guidelines provided by the Office of Legal Affairs. If you have any questions, contact Jan Allen Neiger, Associate General Counsel by phone: 614-292-0611; or email neiger.4@osu.edu

Ohio State Releases “Surviving an Active Shooter” (Source: onCampus Today) . . .

It’s scary to think about, but an active shooter can strike any place, at any time. For this reason, Ohio State’s Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Office of Student Life, has released a video called “Surviving an Active Shooter” to educate our campus community. The six-minute video follows the national “Run. Hide. Fight.” best practice. Your safety is our number one priority, so please take a moment to watch. View at http://go.osu.edu/active-shooter

Open Enrollment Live Webinar (Source: Amy Burns) . . .

The Assistant Director of Benefits has graciously offered to provide a live webinar for the department of Extension regarding open enrollment. The live webinar will be held on October 12, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. More information will follow with link, etc.

If you are unable to attend on this date, the same presentation will be available on the open enrollment web site by October 16. The only difference is there will be no live Q & A, however, you are able to call or email HR Customer Service with any questions.
Outstanding U! (Source: Dean Bruce McPheron) . . .

Our college is filled with outstanding staff who contribute significantly to our tripartite mission of teaching, research and outreach. It takes the collective contributions of so many individuals to have the positive impact we have on our students, community members and partners and our staff play a critical role in realizing that success.

Our Staff Advisory Council has been hard at work developing a new program to recognize the outstanding contributions of our staff members and we are excited to share this opportunity with each of you. In the very near future, additional information will be mailed to CFAES offices, but you can check out the details now by going to go.osu.edu/OutStandingU

Wooster Print Shop Changes (Source: Ryan Schmiesing) . . .

As some of you are aware, Gary Warren left Ohio State to move to be closer to his family, at the end of September. Gary's commitment to the digital print center in Wooster and his customer service approach will certainly be missed, but we wish him all the best as he moves to North Carolina.

With Gary's departure, we have some work to do to determine how the Wooster based print shop will be operated in the future and to the extent the service is offered in the college. We are actively working through different scenarios and options so that decisions can be made in the next couple of weeks. At the same time, we know that individuals rely on the services provided and will be impacted with Gary's departure. For the short-term, we are suggesting the use of UniPrint or a local provider to have jobs completed.

Uniprint, http://uniprint.osu.edu/, 614.292.2219

At different times, we may have the ability to complete simple, file-ready poster printing and basic print jobs. We will not be able to do any banners, business cards and/or jobs that require extensive layout or any jobs that require short turnaround time. Decisions about accepting a potential project/request will be made by April Martin and myself.

As we move through the decision process regarding the Wooster Print Shop, we'll be in touch to share more information. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions at schmiesing.3@osu.edu.