No-Till Field Day . . .

Jim Hoorman, Putnam County Ag Educator, and Alan Sundermeier, Wood County Ag Educator, discuss the benefits of cover crops for soil quality improvement. Taken at the Ohio No-Till Field day on September 2 at the Dan Batdorf farm near Covington, Ohio. Jim also gave a presentation on “Soil Microbes at Work .”
Happy September Birthdays …

- September 1  Deb Walters – Office Assistant, Defiance County
- September 5  Kathy Booher – Educator/Director, Ottawa County
- September 13  Nancy Stehulak – Educator/Director, Henry County
- September 15  Jessica Suman – Program Assistant, Van Wert County
- September 19  Allen Gahler – Educator, Sandusky County
- September 21  Teresa Johnson – Educator, Defiance County
- September 22  Jill Stechschulte – Educator/Director, Fulton County
- September 25  Caitlin Jones – Program Coordinator, Van Wert County
- September 29  Amy Stone – Educator/Director, Lucas County

Policy of the Month (Source: Jeffrey Dick) . . .

**Personal Property**

Personal property brought into the workplace is done so at the employee's own risk. This would include wallets, purses, artwork, decorations, radios, personal papers, books, periodicals and other materials whether or not they are used in conjunction with an employee's job responsibilities. While the University recognizes its responsibility to provide a working environment that is as safe and secure as possible, it cannot accept responsibility for loss of personal property or vehicles which are personal property.

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to purchase a standard home owner or renter's property insurance policy, which in most cases will provide some coverage for losses of personal property at work.

**Auto Insurance Coverage**

Your personal auto insurance is primary when you are driving your vehicle on OSU business. OSU’s insurance would provide coverage only after your personal limits are exhausted. Employees should check with their insurance agent to be sure that business usage of their vehicle is included in their policy.

Reviewed 2013
Wood County SNAP-Ed program Assistants Heidi Phillips and Sue Miklovic are teaching a 6-week “Cooking Matters” course to SNAP-Ed recipients. Program participants learn nutrition and cooking skills and are enjoying the course. This was week 3 of the 6-week course. As program participants learned about the fat and sodium content in fast food meals, one reported, “That ONE meal is MORE than the amount of sodium that I am supposed to have in ONE DAY! My doctor wants me on a low salt, Mediterranean diet, and I don’t think I am doing this right – cuz I eat this stuff a lot and I have heart disease.”

Another reported, “Whoa that’s a lot of fat and sodium .. No more fast food for my kids!- I think I will make mine at home.”

The Tuesday, September 1, class made Turkey Burgers and one participant stated they had never cooked ground turkey before and that “I’m so excited to make this recipe today!”

One mom told the group, “My son just LOVES that I am taking this class – He said last night, “Now mom, DON’T FORGET to go to cooking class tomorrow.”

So kids and parents are both enjoying the benefits of the education being taught by Wood County FCS professionals, Sue Miklovic and Heidi Phillips.
Ed Tech News . . .

What Can an Ed Tech Do for Me?  
(Source: https://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/09/02/what-can-an-ed-tech-do-for-me/)

• Answering Questions
• Coaching
• Workshops
• Connecting You to Resources
• Research

How Do You Want Your Ed Tech Info?  
Survey (Source: https://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/09/03/how-do-you-want-your-ed-tech-info-survey/)
Visit this link and complete the survey before September 18. Use the one-question survey to let them know how you would prefer to get Ed Tech related updates and information.

The eXtension #EdTechLN, One Year Later – Interactive Infographic  
(Source: http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/09/08/the-extension-edtechln-one-year-later-interactive-infographic/)
The eXtension Educational Technology Learning Network is celebrating one year of learning, sharing, and collaboration this month. If you’re not familiar with the EdTechLN, it was funded and created by eXtension in 2014 to provide informal professional development, collaboration, and partnership opportunities focused on technology use in Extension programming, working differently, as well as fostering innovative ideas and concepts. Read more at the link above.

#EdTechLN Tweetup –
The EdTechLN hosts TweetUps each month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. EST. This week’s theme (Digital Pedagogy) and a great way for Extension program staff to share their innovative program efforts. Ohio has many examples to showcase. To join, go to twubs.com/edtechln. You can sign in with your Twitter account or just view the Live feed if you do not want to sign in.
University Items of Interest . . .

**BuckeyeBox . . .**
BuckeyeBox now has unlimited storage. This means that you can use BuckeyeBox to collaborate on more projects than ever. You don’t need to take any action to receive the additional storage. All existing BuckeyeBox users have already been upgraded. If you have questions about BuckeyeBox or are having any issues with your account, please contact the IT Service Desk at 614.688.HELP or 8help@osu.edu

**BuckeyeLearn . . .**
You may have heard the news about a new tool coming for staff and faculty to use for professional learning and development. BuckeyeLearn is a university-wide online training tool, allowing learning and training opportunities to be easily accessed by the university community of faculty, staff and student employees. BuckeyeLearn enables you to initiate and track training to complete non-academic and required trainings. BuckeyeLearn will not replace Carmen. However, non-academic training currently offered in Carmen may be moved to BuckeyeLearn over time. Learn more about BuckeyeLearn by visiting go.osu.edu/BuckeyeLearn.

**Hit the Road – It’s Not Too Late . . .**
The sixth annual Hit The Road With The Buckeyes walking challenge kicked off Friday (9/11). Don’t miss your chance to participate in this year’s contest and compete to win one of several football themed prize packages. Log in to the Your Plan for Health portal now to create or join a team. Teams can consist of 4-6 benefits-eligible faculty/staff and/or enrolled spouses/same-sex domestic partners. The challenge ends on Friday (11/13), so lace up and Walk Like A Champion. Read more: go.osu.edu/HitTheRoad

**One-Stop Shop for Ohio State-produced software . . .**
Dan Rockwell’s job is to gather all the stray bits of computer software at Ohio State and give them a home – the Buckeye IP Vault. The vault is an online marketplace for Ohio State’s software, apps, algorithms, copyrighted content and non-exclusive patents – an experimental avenue that the university has created to see if it can get a return on its internal and research investments. Read the onCampus article: oncampus.osu.edu
Membership (http://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-membership)
It is time once again for the annual Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) Membership Drive. CES is Extension’s professional organization for support staff. Membership is open to all support staff that have at least a 45 percent appointment with Extension. Annual dues are $25. Extension administration reaffirms that dues may be paid from county department budgets with unit director approval. To encourage staff to join that may not be able to because of budget constraints, six membership scholarships will be available.

Annual Meeting
The CES Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8, at the Ohio Union in partnership with the OSU Extension Annual Conference. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. A $100 scholarship will be awarded to a CES member to assist with expenses to attend the Annual Meeting and Conference.

Newsletter, Brochure and Website Contest
This is your opportunity as a CES member to be recognized for your hard work and creative skills. Deadline for application is October 31. Visit http://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-awards-recognition for the official application.

Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award
Established by founding member of CES, Dorothy Rex, nominations can be emailed to Kathy Gamble at gamble.2@osu.edu and must include the nominee’s name and a brief explanation of how that member has been an inspiration to you and others. Deadline for nominations is October 31.

Extension Support Staff Excellence Award
Be thinking about an individual that you can nominate for the highest award presented to our support staff, the Extension Support Staff Excellence Award (co-sponsored by CES and Extension Administration). Criteria includes sustained excellence in overall job performance, consistent demonstration of a cooperative and positive attitude, exemplary service in leadership positions, exceptional participation in professional development opportunities, and outstanding achievement or creative contributions in problem solving. Nominees must be a CES member. The application for this award will be available soon.