Just last week, we hosted the 2015 Farm Science Review at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center near London, Ohio where over 116,000 visitors passed through the gates to view the most current technology, agricultural production strategies and the latest in environmental stewardship practices.

For a recap of the three-day event, including an update on our Field to Faucet initiative and a special announcement about scholarship support for the 2016-17 academic year, please take a few minutes to watch the following video: [https://youtu.be/qLg9zZA4rxA](https://youtu.be/qLg9zZA4rxA)

Also, please mark your calendars for Friday, October 9th beginning at 9:00am for my annual State of the College address from the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Streaming connection details will be sent later next week.
Save the Date! . . .

Gather your data! . . . Jot down your savvy RiV tips!

**Tuesday, December 1**
Open door event – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come as your schedule permits. Stay as long as you wish! It’s an RiV Workday for Family and Consumer Sciences Educators

Hosted by: Shawn Ochs, OSU Extension, Hancock County 7868 County Road 140, Suite B, Findlay

This is a “room to grow” event
A great opportunity for FCS Educators (both new and experienced)
All levels of experience are welcome. (Shared advice is **GOLDEN**!) Get your work done! Collectively!

Bring: RiV data, computer (Wi-Fi available), bagged lunch
**RSVP to Shawn** (ochs.34 or phone 419-422-3851)

**Items to Share. . .**

Many of our offices have had some staff changes in the past few months with retirement, new hires, etc. We like to feature some of our county office staff at the top of our webpage. Please take some time to take an updated staff photo and email to Carol at bottoms.6@osu.edu. We would also like to see photos of your office(s), staff conducting educational programs, etc.

Also, please send information on your news articles, journal publications, and state or national presentations to Carol so we can include them in the newsletter and share it with the region!

**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

**Cindy Torppa’s Schedule**
for September 28 – October 2

| Monday: | Campus |
| Tuesday: | Campus |
| Wednesday: | Hancock County |
| Thursday: | Wood County |
| Friday: | Wyandot County |
Columbus, Ohio – Roger Rennekamp, the associate dean for Outreach and Engagement at Oregon State University, has been named the next director of Ohio State University Extension.

Bruce A. McPheron, Ohio State’s vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, made the announcement at the Farm Science Review, a three-day educational and trade show offered by the college that attracts about 130,000 people annually.

Rennekamp will begin his duties on January 4, 2016, replacing Keith Smith, who retired June 30 after 23 years in the position. Rennekamp will be the 12th leader of OSU Extension, overseeing nearly 700 employees and a $71 million budget. Extension is the outreach arm of the college.

“Roger brings a great deal of experience at all levels of the cooperative Extension System, and is known for building collaborative relationships and partnerships. His strong background in working across disciplines will serve Ohio State and Ohio quite well. Roger’s enthusiasm and energy will help create the Extension organization of the future,” McPheron said.

“I am honored to renew my relationship with one of the nation’s premier land grant universities,” said Rennekamp about his return to Ohio State. “The need for Extension is as great as any time in its hundred-year history. Extension of the next century must remain true to key principles of community engagement and responsiveness while embracing approaches and technologies that will increase its reach and impact.”

Before taking on his current role in Oregon State’s College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Rennekamp led Oregon’s 4-H Youth Development program. He served as an Extension specialist in program and staff development and as a program specialist for 4-H at the University of Kentucky. He earned his B.S. from the University of Kentucky, his M.S. from Morehead State University, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State.

He and his wife Denise have two grown children.

(Reporters who want to schedule an interview with Roger Rennekamp may contact Suzanne Steel at steel.7@osu.edu)
CFAES professionals engaged in Extension work embody the theme of this year’s Extension Annual Conference every day – **Innovation in Action**!

They are innovators – groundbreakers – trendsetters – movers and shakers – doers – in continual motion and highly focused on results.

No matter your role, what you do is essential to our Extension mission. Your work makes a difference in programming, applied research, relationships, operations, and/or outreach; and your particular “focus” can be very informative to fellow colleagues.

Now is the time to share your innovative ideas and stimulate conversation among your colleagues about what it means to be innovative leaders in action on behalf of Extension!

The request for conference presentations and posters is now open, and proposals are due by **October 14**. Three major focus areas have been identified this year. How does your work enhance: relationships? programming? operations? What is it YOU do that can also help your peers address issues and trends in new ways, with even better results? Now is the time to share the passion you have for your work, any unique techniques you use to reach audiences of all ages and backgrounds, and the cool ideas around which you interact and collaborate with your peers in Ohio and across state borders.

You have several options: Conduct a 55-minute presentation or submit one of four types of posters. Visit [http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC](http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC) for more information. Then visit [http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2015RFP](http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2015RFP) to submit a proposal. Selection notices will be sent in early November. Contact a member of the Concurrent Sessions and Posters Subcommittee if you have questions.
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I’m excited to learn more about how CFAES faculty and staff involved in Extension work are innovating our outreach and engagement efforts into the next century!

**Ed Tech News . . .**

**First Friday Coffee Breaks**
The Ed Tech unit is excited to announce a new “drop-in” informal learning opportunity for OSU Extension professionals. Beginning this Friday, October 2, Jamie and/or Danae will be hosting a virtual AMA (Ask Me Anything) session via Carmen Connect. These First Friday Coffee Breaks with an Ed Tech will be held the first Friday of each month from 10-11 a.m. Colleagues are encouraged to join the Connect sessions as needed throughout the hour to ask questions, get recommendations, offer suggestions, ask for resources...anything! This will be a regular opportunity to informally connect and get real-time feedback. **Use This Link** to Participate in each First Friday Coffee Break
10 Ways to Repurpose Content
Why recreate when you can repurpose? Repurposing content allows you to take your best content and make it available to multiple audiences in a variety of formats. Read more on the Ed Tech Blog at [http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/09/22/10-ways-to-repurpose-content/](http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2015/09/22/10-ways-to-repurpose-content/)

Last Chance to Register
Register by October 2 for the remaining Video Creation Workshops. One is being held on October 15 at the OSU South Centers. A minimum of 10 participants are required for each location. Click here for more information and to register!

I Turned My Phone Off (Source: Mark Light) . . .

Thursday at 6 p.m. I turned my cell phone off. Prior to doing so, I told my family and three other people they could reach me on my wife’s cell phone. Then I shut my phone off until 7:30 a.m. the next day. That night I did not check email, texts, voicemail, Facebook, the weather, Twitter, my bank account, Amazon, or anything technology related. Instead I got a lot accomplished. Two loads of dishes, four loads of laundry, fixed an attic leak, helped my kids work their lambs, exercised, helped my kids with their homework, watched some tv, and spent time with my wife.

I had been dealing with some negative situations in my county and I had several Parents who were not happy with me and kept calling my cell phone that week, and I kept answering (my personal cell phone). Thursday night I felt at peace and was able to step back from the situation for a night. I was not getting yelled at. I was not distracted by my phone and spent time with my family. It worked so well, I may have to do it again someday. Thursday night I turned off my phone, AND THE WORLD DID NOT END....

By Mark Light (but this could easily be you too. (Note: Mark Light wrote this based on the week he was having with difficult families. He shared it with his Region Director, and we thought we’d share also because these are the real life things we deal with and need to do and feel OK with it. Thanks! Mark)
Open Enrollment Updates to Include Compensation Tiers, Plan Changes . . .

Communications about Open Enrollment will continue on September 29 with a follow-up email to faculty and staff about specific plan changes, including tiered contributions. Starting January 1, 2016, medical plan contributions for full-time regular and term faculty and staff (75-100% FTE) will be based on the individual's pay, which will include base pay as of Oct. 1, 2015, plus additional earnings that were paid from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015. Medical plan contributions for part-time (74% or less FTE) and temporary employees will not be determined by compensation.

Full-time faculty and staff will receive a letter at their home addresses by Oct. 16 identifying their compensation tier. Once an individual’s compensation tier has been established, it will remain the same for the entire 2016 plan year. When Open Enrollment begins Oct. 19, 2015, full-time faculty and staff logging into Employee Self Service to review benefit elections or make changes will see the appropriate medical contributions based on each individual’s compensation tier.

Faculty and staff should review the Open Enrollment website for detailed information. More information about compensation tiers and other important plan changes, including FAQs, can be found at hr.osu.edu/oe/whatschanging

Ohio State Airport to Host Open House . . .

The Ohio State University Airport will host a free Open House on Saturday (10/3) 9 a.m.-2 p.m. featuring free flights for kids, aircraft and trucks on display, flight simulators, an Army parachute drop, door prizes and more. Available for purchase will be a 5K, a $2 pancake breakfast, tethered hot air balloon, helicopter and bi-plane rides, and food truck fare. Proceeds will support Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic.

Contact: Cindy Overly, 614.247.4366. Read more: osuairport.org/36

Faculty/Staff Awards . . .

Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph Steinmetz has announced the call for nominations for the 2015-2016 university wide awards. For details, please refer to the listing on the Academic Affairs website at go.osu.edu/ProvostsCall2015