Heart of Ohio Newsletter
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OSU Extension Annual Report Story Banners Available to Borrow

Extension has several pull-up banners created for the legislative luncheon earlier this year that are available for counties to borrow and use at your county fair, legislative activities or other programs. The titles of the banners are:

- Certified Crop Advisers
- Water Quality
- Urban Renewal
- 4-H Youth Development
- Safety on the Farm • Energy for the Future
- Healthy Bees
- A Safe Food Supply

The attached PDF shows what each banner looks like. Contact Cheryl Buck (buck.19@osu.edu) if you would like to borrow one or more of these banners – available on a first come, first-served basis – for a local event.

Hold the Date!

Be sure to hold September 30th on your calendars for your Program meetings. This is a program meeting day for all of the Heart of Ohio.

Welcome New Central Region Educators!

We are pleased to announce that we have hired educators in both Marion, and Madison County.

Tim Barnes, ANR, Marion County.

Kirsten Holt, 4-H and CED, Madison County.

Join us in welcoming them to the Central Region!
Ohio State Branded Clothing Order Reminder and Updates

For complete compliance with the university brand standards, remember to follow the promotional item guidelines posted on the CFAES Finance Office website at this link – http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Training/Promotional\%20Items.Guide.pdf – including the approval process for trademarked items (anything using the university logo, symbols, etc.). Design tips and approval process information are also available on the CFAES brand webpages at http://cfaes.osu.edu/brand.

Group Order Option
At this time, we are aware that Proforma TCL is offering group ordering of OSU Extension employee apparel until June 10, 2015. This allows counties who might need fewer items than the typical minimum order amount to order the exact number of items they need, and the vendor will “group” the order from multiple units to meet manufacturer requirements, minimize set-up fees and keep prices low. The Extension showroom is available at http://www.proformaosu.com/showrooms.htm.

Just-in-Time Production Option
American Solutions for Business uses a just-in-time production approach to handle orders for as small as one apparel item. The process is integrated into their eStore to reduce delivery times and eliminate manual processing of orders. For more information about using this service or order options, contact Chip Brady at cbrady@americanbus.com.

Design Approval FYI
If you order any of the pre-approved items from these vendors – or any of the other Ohio State-approved vendors, you can bypass the design approval process that is outlined in the Extension promotional items guidelines. However, ANY variation of the examples posted on the vendor websites must go through the complete approval process with the college brand advisory team, as well as Ohio State Trademark and Licensing.

Note: Ohio State-approved vendors such as Proforma and American Solutions for Business are approved to sell to units of the university, but not to individuals.
Amazon Sales Tax in Ohio

Beginning Monday, June 1, Amazon will begin charging State of Ohio sales tax.

Please see Amazon’s website about tax exemption - https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=200768990. A specific account must be created to ensure tax exempt purchases.

About the Amazon Tax Exemption Program (ATEP)

With the Amazon Tax Exemption Program (ATEP), you may be eligible to use your tax exemptions for future purchases from either Amazon.com LLC, or Amazon Digital Services, Inc (ADSI), Inc.

Products must be ordered via an Amazon.com customer account. Sales tax may still be charged on items ordered from other sellers that list products for sale on Amazon.com. In order to establish and maintain your ATEP enrollment, we require that you provide us with a valid tax exemption certificate for the state(s) where you are located, and that you update and maintain a current certificate, in accordance with the state laws and our Terms & Conditions.

For more information, go to Amazon Tax Exemption Program.

Office Changes

The CFAES Office of Government Affairs (formerly Government Relations) is now located in Room 254 Agricultural Administration Building. The phone and fax numbers remain the same: Gwen Wolford, 614-563-1307 (wolford.1@osu.edu); Shannon Thomas, 614-292-6165 (thomas.1211@osu.edu); and fax 614-292-6738. Check out our web site at http://cfaes.osu.edu/gov-relations.

Julie Fox and James Stiving are the people who are moving into Gwen and Shannon’s old offices. Julie will be in 25N, and James will be in 25P. Other than address, the rest of their contact information will remain the same.
Applications Being Accepted for NELD North Central 2015

Enthusiastic about OSU Extension? Interested in developing your ability to lead Extension into the future? If your vision of your future includes building your career with Extension, then the NELD North Central leadership experience may be just the opportunity you need!

NELD is an annual four-session program designed to help participants:
1. Learn, apply and reflect on new effective leadership, organizational collaboration and change concepts and strategies
2. Develop a better understanding of self and enhance personal effectiveness
3. Strengthen competence in decision-making, build leadership capacity, improve effectiveness of Extension programming and promote life-long learning
4. Broaden their understanding of Extension on a local, state, national and international level
5. Build a more robust national Extension network

Session dates/locations for 2016 include (100% attendance is required):
January 25-29 (Chicago-area, IL)
April 15-23 (Costa Rica)
July 11-15 (Washington, DC)
September 20-23 (St. Paul-area, MN)

Interested educators, program staff, and specialists can apply by responding in 300 words or less to the question: “Why I am an ideal candidate for NELD North Central in 2016”. To be considered for the 2016 class, simply send your answer to the question above (email is fine) to davis.1081@osu.edu (with ‘NELD 2016’ in the subject line) by June 10. You can learn more about the program here and direct questions to any regional director or assistant director. For an overview of NELD 2016 click here.

Your Plan for Health Reminder

We’ve waited a long time, and it finally feels like summer is here! But the summer months will go fast, so if you haven’t already, remember to set aside a few minutes to complete your Personal Health and WellBeing Assessment (PHA). To complete your PHA, you have to "know your numbers" by participating in a biometric screening or getting your biometric health values from your primary care provider (use request form). The deadline to complete your PHA is Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 11:45 p.m. Click here for more details about the PHA, biometric screening and the Your Plan for Health program.