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Conspectus – Bringing People and Ideas Together . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)
For those of you who are interested, I have repurposed some of my comments from Extension Annual Conference last week and posted them to Conspectus. As I mentioned at the conference, look for the phrase “bringing people and ideas together” being used more frequently as an official tagline for OSU Extension.

Here is a link to the latest post. https://u.osu.edu/conspectus/2016/12/13/bringing-people-and-ideas-together/

Lots of Congratulations . . .
We'd like to take a few minutes to congratulate those that were recognized by their peers at last week's Extension Annual Conference.

Friend of Extension Awards:
- Hugh Earnhart – Mahoning County
- Shelen Stevens – Wood County
- Ashtabula County Farm Bureau

Ruby Award Winner – Graham Cochran

ESP Retiree Service Winner – Susan Crusey

Extension Support Staff Excellence Award – Teresa Funk (ANR)

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award – Jill Stechschulte (FULT)
Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award – Bruce Clevenger (DEFI)

Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award – Eric Romich (Field Specialist)

ESP Excellence in Extension Award – Pat Brinkman (FAYE)

Thank you to those who participated on the Conference Planning Committee: Julie Fox (Co-Chair), Michelle Gaston, Mike Hogan, Laryssa Hook, Rob Leeds

Ignite Sessions:
- Engaging Millennials to Shape Their Own Destiny for the Future of Agriculture in Pickaway County – Mike Estadt (PICK)
- Ohio’s Urban Influence – Julie Fox (CENT/CITY)
- Partnering with the Ohio State College of Social Work – Laquore Meadows (FRAN) and colleague

Posters:
- Capturing Impact of Fertilizer Certification Training – Mary Griffith (MADI) and colleagues
- Growing School Gardening through 4-H Project Green Teacher – Sue Hogan (FRAN)
- Building on the Strength of Land Grants to Create City-Agriculture Collaborations – Myra Moss (STATE)
- Build a Productive Team with Positivity – Shannon Carter (FAIR) and colleague
- Opportunities and Resources for Conducting On-Farm Research with OSU Extension – Mary Griffith (MADI) and colleagues

Congratulations to the members of Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) on the 30th Anniversary of their organization.

Chi Epsilon Sigma Awards -
- Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award: Lee Ann Johnson (REGION)

JCEP/ESP Awards -
Scholarships:
- Laquore Meadows (FRAN) $250; Carol Keck (DELA) $300; Shari Gallup (LICK) $100

Team Teaching Awards:
Multi-Disciplinary – All Extension members (2 or more program areas)
- 3rd place – Promotion and Tenure Boot Camp - Lisa McCutcheon (LICK) and colleagues
- HM – Forages and Grazing In-service – Jeff McCutcheon (MORR/SERO) and colleagues
One Program Area – All Extension members
- 1st place – Live Healthy Live Well Spring Email Challenge – Shannon Carter (FAIR), Jennifer Driesbach (PICK), Marilyn Rabe (FRAN), Michelle Treber (PICK) and colleagues
- HM – Eight Easy Steps to Financial Fitness – Shannon Carter (FAIR) and Candace Heer (MORR)
Extension and non-Extension Collaborators

- HM – Real Money Real World – Michelle Treber (PICK), Joy Sharp (PICK) and colleague

Creative Works Awards:

- Viceo CD’s, DVD’s, or Podcasts – 3A – 1st Shannon Carter (FAIR) and colleagues
- Computer Generated Presentations – 3B – 3rd Michelle Treber (PICK) and colleague
- Educational Exhibit – Professionally Assisted – 4B – 3rd Shannon Carter (FAIR) and colleague
- Promotional Exhibit – Professionally Assisted – 4D – 2nd Beth Boomershine (FRAN) and Sue Hogan (FRAN)
- Newsletter – Internally Produced (Team) – 5A – 2nd Shannon Carter (FAIR), Leslie Cooksey (FAIR), Jerry Iles (FAIR), Kelley Scott (FAIR)
- Promotion Package (Individual) – 6C – 2nd Sue Hogan (FRAN)
- Promotional Package (Team) – 6D – 3rd Michelle Treber (PICK), Jennifer Driesbach (PICK) and colleagues
- Curriculum Package (Individual) – 7A – 1st Sue Hogan (FRAN)
- Curriculum Package (Team) – 7B – 3rd (TIE) Sue Hogan (FRAN), Marilyn Rabe (FRAN), Mike Hogan (FRAN), Beth Boomershine (FRAN), Kim Arrasmith (FRAN)
- Fact Sheet – 8A – 1st Candace Heer (MORR) and colleagues
- Bulletins and Monographs – 8B – 1st Mary Longo (MARI) and colleagues
- Blog – 9C – 2nd Michelle Treber (PICK), Shannon Carter (FAIR), Candace Heer (MORR), Marilyn Rabe (FRAN), Jennifer Driesbach (PICK), Jenny Lobb (FRAN) and colleagues
- Social Networking Medium – 9D – HM – Michelle Treber (PICK), Candace Heer (MORR), Shannon Carter (FAIR), Jennifer Driesbach (PICK) and colleagues

ESP Chapter Awards:

- Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Team) – Sue Hogan (FRAN), Beth Boomershine (FRAN), Mike Hogan (FRAN), Marilyn Rabe (FRAN), Kim Arrasmith (FRAN)
- Meritorious Support Service Recognition – Lee Ann Johnson (SERO)

Service Awards:

Early Career Service (Less than 10 years)

- FCS – Michelle Treber (PICK)

National Association Awards:

- NAE4-HA – Distinguished Service 2017 – Mary Longo (MARI)
- NEAFCS – Continued Excellence 2017 – Shannon Carter (FAIR)
- TERSSA – Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award – Vickie Snyder (SERO)
Using Google Efficiently Per Allen November . . .
Allen November gave a presentation during lunch at Annual Conference discussing how to make web searches more efficient. I recognized this to be an important topic, as we all need tools to save time. I approached him after his presentation to inquire about resources we could use. Below are two web sites he suggested we start with.
The first is a guide constructed by Google which outlines all 15 or so search commands, and the second is a link to a self-paced tutorial of how to correctly use power searching as a tool. I hope this helps anyone who wanted more information about this topic.


Belated Welcome . . .
Last week we failed to welcome Holley Loper, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, who started on November 28 in Marion County. Welcome to the Central Region.

PCard Deadline . . . (Source: Vickie Snyder)
The deadline for the reallocators is December 29. Please keep in mind that many of our staff will be on vacation that week between Christmas and New Year’s Day so please do not wait to enter any of the charges into eRequest. The entries will also need that next step of approval (and your approver may be planning to be off then), even if you, the PCard Manager/User are not. If that is the case, please notify the region office because we may be able to approve from here. As previously noted by our BOC, the entries should be posted within 48 hours of the purchase. Thank you for your help in keeping to these deadlines. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie at snyder.252@osu.edu

EdTech Posts . . . (Source: [http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/](http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/))
Visit the EdTech blog for information shared at Annual Conference:
- Extension and the Maker Movement: Events ideas and Collaborative Partnerships for Every Impact Area
- OSU Extension Annual Conference 2016: Your Posts

Award Nominations . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
Distinguished Staff Award nominations accepted to Jan. 13
Nominate staff members to be recognized for the impact they make at Ohio State. The Distinguished Staff Awards recognize and celebrate staff for their significant achievements, leadership, dedication and service to the university. It is the highest honor for Ohio State staff members and 12 recipients are selected annually. Each recipient receives a $1,500 cash award, an increase of $700 to his or her base salary and a commemorative trophy, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Nomination deadline is Friday (1/13) at 5 p.m. Read more Contact
Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award nominations
The Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award celebrates diversity and rewards individuals and groups for their commitment to diversity. Faculty, staff, students, student organizations and alumni can nominate their colleagues and peers. Five recipients receive a commemorative certificate and $1,200 cash award, along with being honored at a spring luncheon and on the field during an Ohio State football game. Honorees are recognized for making diversity and inclusiveness a part of university best practices. Deadline for nominations is Friday (1/13) at 5 p.m. Read more  Contact

Blog Links . . .
- Central Region – http://u.osu.edu/central/
- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/
- Ag Law – http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog

Important Dates and Deadlines . . .
If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu.

DECEMBER:
13 – RiV Refresher, 1:00 PM
19 – RiV Information – New Employees, 10:00 AM

2017 Dates

JANUARY:
2 – New Years Holiday
16 – Martin Luther King Holiday
17 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F or online)
23 – JCEP Meeting, Ag Admin Aud (committees 10-12, meeting 1-3)

FEBRUARY:
7 – 4-H Professionals Inservice
7 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)
15 – CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio Statehouse Atrium)
16-17 – Tri State Diversity Conference, Cincinnati Airport Marriott, Hebron, KY
27 – RD Meeting
28 – Beef Cattle School, 7 p.m. (John Grimes)

MARCH:
18-19 – Counselor College, Canter’s Cave
20 – JCEP Meeting, Ag Admin Aud (committees 10-12, dialogue 1-2, meeting 2-4)
27 – RD Meeting

APRIL:
2-5 – PILD Conference (Crystal City, VA)
12-14 – Extension Educator Workshop and Cabinet Retreat
24 – RD Meeting
MAY:
17 – Innovate Extension
22 – RD Meeting
22 – JCEP CarmenConnect (10-12)
29 – Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE:
7-9 – ANR Retreat, Geneva on the Lake (tentative)
11-14 – NACDEP/CDS National Conference, Big Sky, Montana
13 – SEAC Committee Meeting (TBD)
19 – JCEP Meeting, Ag Admin Aud (committees 10-12, dialogue 1-2, meeting 2-4)
20-22 – Space Adventure Camp, Marietta College
27 – RD Meeting

JULY:
4 – Independence Day Holiday
9-13 – NACAA National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
19 – CED Meeting (online)
31 – RD Meeting

AUGUST:
24-25 – CFAES Congressional Assistant’s Tour (Wooster)
28 – RD Meeting

SEPTEMBER:
4 – Labor Day Holiday
11 – JCEP CarmenConnect (10-12)
19 – Celebration of Ohio Agriculture Luncheon
19-21 – Farm Science Review
21 – Celebration of CFAES Luncheon
19-21 – TERSSA National Conference, Flat Rock, NC (CHANGE IN DATE)

25 – RD Meeting

OCTOBER:
8 – ESP National Conference, Wilmington, NC
16 – JCEP Meeting, Ag Admin Aud (committees 10-12, dialogue 1-2, meeting 2-4)
16-19 – NEAFCS National Conference, Omaha, NE
17 – SEAC & OARDC Committee Meeting (TBD)
18 – CED Meeting (by Region, F2F, location TBD)
24 – 4-H Professionals Inservice
25 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals Inservice
30 – RD Meeting

NOVEMBER:
10 – Veteran’s Day Holiday
12-17 – NAE4HA National Conference, Indianapolis, IN
23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
27 – RD Meeting

DECEMBER:
? – Annual Conference
12 – Pesticide Inservice for Educators
18 – RD Meeting
25-26 – Christmas Holiday

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