Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Educators and Staff:

What a lovely spring week we are predicted to have! I hope you are enjoying it. I’m hearing that many of you have schedules that are slowing down a bit. My performance reviews will take me to Clark, Champaign, Hardin, Mercer, Clermont and Auglaize Counties this week. We also have interviews for the Hamilton County CED position and a meeting with Central State.

Keep these dates in mind:

- **April 22**
  County Directors Carmen Connect – 9 am till 11:30 am (Agenda coming soon.)

- **April 29**
  Southwest Region Spring Conference - 9 am -3:30 pm, Adventure Central, Dayton (Registration coming today.) You really won’t want to miss this special day of learning, reflection and fun!! (For all program staff and Educators.)

- **May 12**
  Biometric Screening (for employees and spouses) – Clark County Extension Office, sign up for an appointment

Have a great week!

Barb
Happy April Birthdays…

- April 1 Harold Watters- Field Specialist, State
- April 4 Nadine Fogt-Extension Educator, Fayette County
- April 12 Maryann Andrews-Office Associate, Auglaize County
- April 16 Patty Corfman-Office Associate, Region Office
- April 21 Erica Bowers-Office Assistant, Mercer County
- April 24 Sarah Misiakiewicz-Program Assistant, Auglaize County
- April 26 Annie Davis-Educator/CED, Logan County
- April 30 Kathy McConkey-Office Assistant, Clark County

“We cannot teach people anything; we can only help them discover it within themselves.”  Galileo Galilei

“It's great to be happy, but it's even better to bring happiness to others.”  ~Anonymous

“Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.”  ~Thomas Jefferson

“Don't hate what you don’t understand.”  ~Anonymous

Congratulations…

Congrats to Annie Davis (Logan County 4-H) engaged to be married on September 26.

Congrats to Pam Bennett for NACAA Communication Regional Finalists- Class #14 Bound Book

Congrats to Steve Brady, Kim Catchpole, Brian Raison for NAE4HA Education Piece Award with their team.

Congrats to Mark Light for NAE4HA Educational Technology Award with his team.

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- April 13 Clark/Champaign
- April 14 Hardin/Hamilton
- April 15 Hamilton/Mercer
- April 16 Clermont/Auglaize
- April 17 Campus

Southwest Region Forum
Central State University
Community Wellness Day
April 23, 2015

Enjoy a day of Wellness Activities as CSU celebrates the 125th Anniversary of Land-Grant legislation.

One-Mile Walk/Run
Noon, McPherson Memorial Stadium
Start at the Stadium. Use the track or walk the scenic route around campus. Kettering Health Network and Greene Memorial Hospital will provide health information and screenings.

Line-Dancing
11 am, Norman E. Ward Sr. University Center, Ballroom
Near the corner of U.S. 42 and Brush Row Road

Spin Class
2 pm, Walker Gymnasium
Use main campus entrance and turn right.

Events are free and open to the public. Participate in one event or stay for all. Go to CentralState.edu to register.
Campus Campaign Reminder

Don’t forget you just have a couple more weeks to submit your campus campaign pledge or donation to be in for the drawing for some fun incentive gifts. The fudge described below sounds very tempting. And that great block O wall hanging handmade by Bev Kelbaugh is not to bad either. Seriously, a gift of any size adds to our department resources and helps us accomplish not only the campaign goal but more importantly goals for your own programming or something else that you value. We started out ahead of our contribution level for last year and of course were challenged to increase the number of donors to 45% of our Extension Employees. We can do this, but only with your help. That old philosophy, “if it is to be it is up to me” holds true on so many fronts. This is one. Go to the link below ______________ to contribute on-line or pull out the donor packet you got in the mail, fill it out and drop it in the mail today.
For the many of you who have already contributed, Thank You! For the remainder of my friends and colleagues, let’s get this done and again thank you for everything you do in the name of OSU Extension.

Fudge Description:

One pound of chocolate fudge, made by Claudia Layne using the richest, freshest Pennsylvania dairy products and pure cane sugar

One pound of chocolate cheesecake fudge, made by Claudia Layne using the richest, freshest Pennsylvania dairy products and pure cane sugar

Sincerely  Bev Kelbaugh, OSU Extension Campus Campaign Ambassador.

OSUE Innovative Grant Proposals Due May 15th...

OSU Extension Administration is again making available grants to support innovative outreach/engagement work with Ohioans; interdisciplinary work; and initiatives that once seeded through this funding, will expand Ohio State’s engagement and OSU Extension’s work with the community.

Click on the following link for information regarding submitting a proposal: http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/ii-administrative-and-program-resources/innovative-grants

Proposals are due May 15th.

If you have questions regarding the innovative grants, you may contact me at martin.1540@osu.edu or phone 614-292-8793.

Thank you,
Ken