Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Don’t you just love the beautiful spring weather we have been having!?! It’s been great! We also had some great visits last week. Now it is on to Hamilton, Green and Warren Counties this week.

Welcome
A special welcome to Wayne Dellinger, our new Union County ANR Educator, who started this week. You can meet him April 29 at Spring Conference.

Thank You Support Staff!!
A huge and warm thank you to all of our support staff as we celebrate and recognize them April 22 on Administrative and Professionals Day. When something needs to be done “yesterday”, or needs some kind of miracle, somehow you find a way to make it all happen! We owe you our sincere thanks and appreciation every day, not just one day or week a year. You are, and have always been, critical to the success of each of us. You make us look good! Thanks for all you do!!

Dates to Remember
April 22 – CED Meeting by Carmen Connect, 9-11 am

April 23 – Central State Wellness Day, Public Event at Noon

April 29 - SW Region Spring Conference. 9 am – 3:30 pm, Adventure Central (Register by April 22!!)

May 12 – Biometric Screening, Clark County Office, Register now for your appointment.

I’m looking forward to seeing you all soon! Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Barb

Welcome Wayne Dellinger to the Southwest Region

Congrats to Barb for winning the Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts
Three Ways to Build Trust
from *The Little Book with 50 Big Ideas on Leadership* by Glenn Furuya

**The Three “RITY”**
Three words that end in the letters "rity" form the basis for trust

**ChaRITY**
People will trust you when they "feel" your selfless, giving ways.
With charity, they trust your "heart."

**ClaRITY**
People trust leaders who provide a clear vision, relevant instruction and good information.
With clarity, they trust your "head."

**IntegRITY**
People trust leaders who walk their talk, live their beliefs and keep their promises.
With integrity, they trust your "character" and your "word."

*Which “RITY” do you need to work on?*

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**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

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**Barb Brahm’s Schedule**

- **April 20** Hamilton
- **April 21** Campus
- **April 22** Campus
- **April 23** Greene/Central State
- **April 24** Warren/Campus

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Southwest Region Forum
eXtension Women in Agriculture Learning Network Webinar – April 21, noon

Join Extension educators Gigi Neal (Clermont County), Christy Leeds (Union County) and Christie Welch (South Centers) as they present Risk Management and Your Agritourism Business on April 21 at noon. Agritourism and farm-based educational enterprises have become an important part of the U.S. economy. People are interested in how their food is produced and want to make connections with their local farmers. As important as it is to foster relationships with customers, it’s also important to know the risks of opening your operation to the public, and learn how to protect your farm from potential accidents and hazards. You also want to keep customers safe. In this webinar, learn about assessing potential risks on your agritourism business. You’ll also hear from two farmers who will share their knowledge and experience in the agritourism industry. To join the webinar go to https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/womeninag about 10 minutes prior to the start time. Click on Enter as a Guest and type your name in the space, then click on Enter Room. For best results, it is suggested that you use Firefox or Internet Explorer. Prior to participating in this Adobe Connect event, please go to the following URL to confirm your ability to log on to the Connect Server: www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect

Networking and Partnership Tips for Extension Professionals – April 23, 2 p.m. ET

Presented by Kevin Andrews, Extension Program Specialist, Organizational Development, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - This session will cover the importance of the personal connections and relationships we develop as Extension Professionals, and how those of us who are not the most outgoing people in the world can meet and interact with members of our communities. We will discuss key partnership concepts, as well as tips for getting to know others. This webinar is especially important for new Extension educators and those who supervise or work with them. To connect, visit www.naepsdp.org and click on webinars.

Signature Program Online RFP Due May 1 . . . (Source: Ken Martin)

Those involved with programming which meets the expectations of the signature program criteria should complete proposals at the Signature Program online RFP site (http://go.osu.edu/SPrfp) by May 1. The potential signature programs should have also been previously discussed with the appropriate Assistant Director(s) and/or the Associate Director of Programs. A copy of the Signature Program Guidelines are located at http://golosu.edu/SPguidelines. The submitted proposals will be forwarded to Administrative Cabinet and to the Signature Program proposal review committee for review.
SAVE THE DATE
New Employee Welcome Festival
October 22, 2015 @ The 4-H Center

Again this year we need your help to showcase the various departments, units, programs, and associations that are important partners contributing to the success of new employees within OSU Extension.

Units/groups represented at past Welcome Festivals include...

- Program areas ~ 4-H, CD, ANR, FCS
- Professional Associations ~ JCEP & CES
- OSU Leadership Center
- CFAES Finance office
- Program Development & Evaluation
- Diversity Catalyst Team
- CFAES Communications
- eXtension
- OSUE EdTechs
- CFAES Government Relations
- OSU CARES
- CFAES Staff Advisory Council
- Buckeye Wellness Innovators
- Human Resources

Your involvement is crucial to the success of this important networking experience for new OSUE employees.

Mark your calendars to be a part of this fun event!

More details and registration information to come as the events get closer!

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