Ohio State University Extension

Southwest Region Forum
August 3, 2015

Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Can you believe it is August already? County Fair season is in full swing and I have enjoyed visiting the fairs in Clinton, Hamilton, Fayette, Butler, Warren, Clermont and Auglaize Counties!

It is exciting to note that we will start interviews for our new Director of Extension next week! Please take time to attend the presentations of the 3 candidates or listen in to give your input on making this important decision. It will affect every one of us. The FCS Assistant Director interviews went well on August 3. Hardin County FCS interviews are planned for August 19. The Greene County ANR position is expected to be posted in September. Lots of changes are coming our way.

Several Educators have indicated that they are interested in more information on earning a Ph.D. Jeff McCutcheon and I will be planning a program on this topic sometime this fall as a statewide offering. Several folks have also indicated an interest on having a workshop on video development by Jamie Seger and the Ed Tech team. That program will be offered in Dayton on September 10. Watch for registration information in the next couple weeks. Don’t miss these and other opportunities to sharpen your skills.

This week we have the opportunity to learn more about Annie Davis, 4-H Youth Development Educator in Logan County, who will be getting married in early September. Check out her profile.

Enjoy this wonderful weather, and be sure to take a visit or two to your favorite county fairs!

Until next time...live your life with passion and purpose.

Sincerely,
Barb
Happy August Birthdays…

- August 1 Pat Brinkman—Extension Educator/CED, Fayette County
- August 3 Cindy Meyer—Extension Educator/CED, Butler County
- August 4 Greg Meyer—Extension Educator, Warren County
- August 5 Jo Lankenkamp—Office Associate, Darke County
- August 11 Diane Barga—Program Coordinator, Darke County
- August 19 Betty Wingerter—Extension Educator/CED, Montgomery County
- August 21 Virginia Foulke—Program Assistant, Clark County
- August 24 Paula Blunt—Program Assistant, Montgomery County
- August 28 Emma Higgins—Program Assistant, Hamilton County

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The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one." ~ Elbert Hubbard

"We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are." ~ Anonymous

"You've only got three choices in life: give up, give in, or give it all you've got." ~ Anonymous

"Let your dreams be bigger than your fears, your actions louder than your words." ~ Anonymous

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

Celebrate a “Just Because” committee to plan celebrations for no particular reason.

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- August 3 Campus
- August 4 Hardin/Campus
- August 5 Campus or Delaware
- August 6 Administrative Cabinet
- August 7 Campus or Delaware
Employee Spotlight...

Andrea (Annie) Davis is a 4-H Educator at OSU Extension in Logan County. She started with Extension in February of 2006 and every fair, every camp, and every day has been an adventure. Her BS is in geology and her MS is in science teaching with a concentration in earth science. Both degrees are from Wright State University.

Her passion is science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and she enjoys finding places to teach programs in the schools, after school programs, and in camps like Camp Tech. In addition to STEM, her focus is helping youth see their value and strengths through programs like Junior Fair Board and Car Teens.

In recent years, she has formed new partnerships through customizing existing programs and researching needs in the community. Examples are revamping Real Money, Real World for youth and adults who use the Board of DD services and surveying teachers on the STEM program needs in the Bellefontaine City Schools and afterschool programs.

Annie will be changing her last name to Mead when she gets married to fiancé Tim this September in Wyoming. She is already a mom to five cats and is excited to be a step mother to Andrew, a 13 year old. She thinks her 4-H experience may help with this new role. She and Tim enjoy all things outdoors, flying, and their newest project and apiary.

She received the NAE4-HA Achievement in Service award and state and national awards for curriculum written with the Top of Ohio EERA Quality Assurance Team.
Our Connection Page

Reminders . . . PHA The deadline to complete your Personal Health Assessment (and be eligible for $360 annual premium credit) is September 30! Visit Your Plan for Health at yp4h.osu.edu

OSU Extension Director Interviews . . . (Source: Dean McPheron)

We have arrived at an important step in the process to identify and select the next Associate Dean and Director for Ohio State University Extension. I’m pleased to share with you that the search committee has identified three dynamic candidates who have agreed to participate in on-campus interviews in the coming weeks. Throughout the process, we have enjoyed tremendous interest by highly qualified candidates, and the three who have emerged for campus interviews truly represent the types of individuals we have been seeking.

We will update our website and share additional information about the candidates the day prior to the public presentations. It is important that we respect the candidates current employment situation and allow them to continue their professional responsibilities with the least amount of interruptions as they prepare for their visits. Following are the dates and times for the public presentations that will also be streamed live:

Candidate A: August 12 - 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate B: August 12 – 2:00pm with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center
Candidate C: August 19 – 9:00am with reception immediately following in the 4-H Center

This is a tremendously exciting time for our college and for Ohio State University Extension! I recognize there are many events and activities happening this time of the year, but I do hope that you will spend time participating in the presentations of these outstanding candidates.

My thanks to the search and screen committee for their exceptional work in getting us to this point.