Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Busy times keep rolling along as the transition begins for fall programming. As you plan, be sure to include time to enjoy the upcoming color, smells, sounds and tastes of the beautiful autumn season!

Thanks to our SW Region planning committee for their time and input as we did some planning last week. Participating were EERA program leaders Tony Nye, Deb Brown, Steve Brady, Barb Hennard, and Pat Holmes, along with Lead CEDs Cindy Meyer and Melinda Morrison, and support staff leaders Linda Good and Deb Delp. Check out the summary of plans later in the newsletter.

I look forward to starting fall visits this Friday! Carol will be sending confirmation dates and the self-review form soon.

NEWS FLASH!! Congratulations to Carmen Irving, new Union County FCS Educator, who takes leadership September 1 of the Successful Co-Parenting Signature program. Congratulations to Annie Davis who will be getting married this week! Get to know Jeff Stachler, one of our new ANR Educators, this week from his profile. A new FCS Educator for Hardin County has verbally accepted the position and should be on Board around October 1.

Have a wonderful week! Live with intention!

Sincerely,
Barb
"Five rules to live a happy life: love yourself, do good, always forgive, harm no one and be positive." ~ Anonymous

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

**Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate**

When a project concludes, ask team members to share a story about something that was extraordinary for them or the team.

**Southwest Region Plans**

Spring Conference for all Educators and Program Staff will be held Friday, April 29 in Champaign County. Biometric screenings will be held at the annual support staff training and during spring for everyone else. Support staff training will be held in spring. An autumn one day conference for all employees will be held in late September, 2016. RIV training will be held this fall and next spring. Information on getting a Ph. D. will be held this fall. The HR office is offering multi-county visits for all Educators and staff. CEDs can contact Amy Burns to schedule for a group of counties in your area.

**Barb Brahm’s Schedule**

- August 31 Delaware/Campus
- September 1 Campus
- September 2 Vacation
- September 3 Delaware or Columbus
- September 4 Columbus/Adventure Central
Jeff Stachler is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator for Auglaize County. Jeff started his position in March of 2015. He has B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University in Agronomy and Weed Science, respectively. Jeff obtained a M.S. degree from Michigan State University specializing in Weed Science.

Jeff began his Extension career as the Weed Science Program Specialist with The Ohio State University in September 1995. While working in this position he completed his Ph.D. in 2008. Jeff left The Ohio State University in May of 2008 for North Dakota and Minnesota. He held a joint appointment for North Dakota State University and University of Minnesota as the Extension Agronomist for Sugarbeet and Weed Science. Jeff left NDSU in 2013 to take a position as the Northern Plains Region Account Manager for Willowood USA. He lost his position and returned to Ohio in September 2014.

Jeff’s specialization will be in Weed Science and Agronomy. He really enjoys speaking about weed identification, herbicide site of action, and weed resistance.

Jeff grew up on a diversified crop and livestock farm near Rossburg, Ohio. He has a son, Nathan, who is working for a landscaping company in North Dakota and a daughter, Lahni, who will be a 7th grader at Miami Trace.
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