Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

What fun I have had visiting your fairs! I was to Warren and Fayette Counties last week. This week I will travel to Butler, Clermont and Auglaize Counties. Everything looks good and you have many fun and educational programs being offered. Thanks for all you do!

It has been fun to hear of some of the Staff Appreciation activities held last week. Thanks for your action on such notice.

Leave Requests: The OSU system requires that I approve the leave requests for Educators, but County Directors need the information about when Educators plan to take leave. Please inform your county Extension Director about leave times you schedule so they can plan accordingly for coverage in the office. Thanks for your help in this way!

Have a fantastic week! Enjoy this great weather!

Live with intention!
Barb

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- July 27  Campus
- July 28  Butler/Preble/Montgomery
- July 29  Clermont
- July 30  Campus
- July 31  Delaware/Champaign
Happy July Birthdays…

- July 9 Rhonda Williams-Extension Educator/CEED, Darke County
- July 10 Kim Martini– Office Associate, Hamilton County
- July 11 Jamy Friend- Program Assistant SNAP-Ed, Darke County
- July 12 Sarah Riley-Program Assistant, Montgomery County
- July 13 Patty Cribley-Program Assistant, Hardin County
- July 14 Nancy Tilton– Office Associate, Preble County
- July 18 Peggy Cebelak – Program Assistant, Hamilton County
- July 20 Vicki Phillips-Program Assistant, Hardin County
- July 22 Jeff Stachler-Extension Educator, Auglaize County
- July 28 Theresa Ford- Office Associate, Montgomery County

"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 every employees’ hiring date anniversary.

Welcome Back, Karen . . .

Former FCS Assistant Director Karen Bruns accepted a 25-percent appointment to lead the OSU CARES program.

Karen's appointment began July 1 and her office is located in 003 Agricultural Administration Building.
Mary Griffith is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator in Greene County. Mary has been in the county for just over a year. She has worked for OSU Extension in the past for the IPM program and for the Farm to School program. Before that, Mary held a position as an editor for the Kirwan Institute at OSU. While working at OSU, Mary has racked up a hodgepodge of degrees in areas including public administration, plant health, agricultural economics, and English.

Mary is still deciding on a specialization, but gets excited to teach about integrated pest management, beneficial insects, marketing, and agricultural policy. One of her favorite job perks is visiting with farm dogs during site visits.

Mary grew up in Northeast Ohio. Her mother is Filipino and much of her family lives in the Philippines, where Mary and her sister spent many summers while growing up. Mary is getting married this year, and transferring from Greene County to Madison County on August 1.
Vacation Leave and Anniversary Dates (Source: Amy Burns) . . .
If you have vacation time you want to use before your anniversary date or retirement, it’s important to have your leave request submitted and approved before the university’s payroll/eLeave deadline. For monthly paid employees, please be sure to have your leave request submitted by approximately the 10th of the month of your anniversary date or retirement. You have until the end of that month to use the vacation time you’ve requested. For employees who are paid bi-weekly, please have your vacation request submitted within the two-week pay period in which your anniversary date falls. You have until the end of that pay period to use the vacation time you’ve requested. Vacation leave accrued in excess of the maximum carryover will be lost at the end of the month or pay period in which an employee’s anniversary date occurs each year. To view the university’s paid leave policy, please click here. Contact your HR Generalist if you have any questions about your anniversary date and vacation leave.

Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar on September 15 – Register ASAP (Source: Lori Kaser) . . .
NOTICE: As anticipated, slots for this training are filling up FAST! More than 100 participants are already registered, and registration will max out close to 200. Registration is now available for the following seminar at http://go.osu.edu/GrantWritingSeminar091515. The seminar is open to faculty, postdocs, and senior research staff only. Registration closes at midnight on August 21. Space is limited. See more info at this link – Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar. Presenter: David C. Morrison Co-Founder Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC. Tuesday, September 15, 2015 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (lunch will be provided) Location: Auditorium, Agricultural Administration Building 2120 Fyffe Road Columbus, Ohio Co-sponsored by the Colleges of Education and Human Ecology; Engineering; Arts & Sciences; Medicine; Public Health; Dentistry; Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences; and the OSU Office of Research. This all-day presentation is the cornerstone of Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC's seminar programs. It comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing competitive grant proposals. Emphasis is given to doing the “extra” things that can make the difference between success and failure. Regardless of the agency, participants are taught to write with a linear progression of logic, which leads reviewers through an application without them knowing that they are being led. Coping strategies to overcome the fact that applicants are writing for two different audiences – the assigned reviewers, who read the application in its entirety, and non-assigned reviewers who may have read little, or nothing, of the proposal before the meeting of the review panel –are emphasized. All participants receive an extensive handout, as well as a field-relevant copy of The Grant Application Writer’s Workbook. FAES participants: You are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Please note that there is a workbook fee that FAES will cover, however you are required to attend and sign in the day of the training. If you register and do not attend, your home department will be charged for the cost of the workbook ($100). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.