Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

I hope you had a great holiday weekend with family and friends! I am excited as fair season starts in southwest Ohio this weekend. I have vivid memories of participating in the Wayne County and Ohio State Fairs while growing up. I look forward to visiting with you and your staff at several fairs and field days during the next few months.

Thanks for the great programs and events that are being offered all over our Region!

Until next time...Live with Intention!

Barb

Welcome...

Please welcome Margarita Lewis, EFNEP Program Assistant to the Hamilton County Office. Welcome to the Southwest Region.
"Great works are performed, not by strength, but perseverance."
~ Samuel Johnson

"The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose." ~ Anonymous

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."
~ Abraham Lincoln

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
~ Winston Churchill

"There is only one rule for being a good talker -- learn to listen" ~ Anonymous

"Negative people should be viewed as part of your history. Positive people should be viewed as part of your destiny." ~ Anonymous

Congrats to......
Lois Clark, Mary Longo, Barb Hennard, and Rhonda Williams.

Let’s Start Cooking has passed National 4-H Peer Review.

Great Job!
Greg Davis Named Interim Director of OSU Extension

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Greg Davis has been tapped to serve as interim director of Ohio State University Extension. Now Extension’s assistant director overseeing community development, Davis will begin his role July 1, 2015, as Director Keith Smith begins his first day of retirement following 23 years as leader. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Davis serves on the steering committee for Conversations on the Future of Extension, an effort that began in spring 2014 with discussions to identify the most challenging trends and issues Ohioans will face by 2035. It is now in the “So what?” phase, he said, determining how Extension should address those issues.

As interim director, Davis will look at how Extension approaches its work given the anticipated changes.

“It’s exciting to take the organization down the initial steps, to flesh out where we go next for Extension,” he said.

“When the next director is chosen, some things will already be identified.”

As assistant director, Davis leads field-based Extension specialists and educators who are working to improve civic, environmental and economic conditions throughout Ohio. He earned his PhD in extension education from Ohio State, his MPA from Bowling Green State University and his BA from the University of Findlay.

Brian Raison, Extension director in Miami County, will serve as interim assistant director for community development on a part-time basis until Davis returns to the post. A search is currently underway for the director position.

For Extension Units with Checking Accounts:
Bank Reconciliation Form and June Bank Statement – Due 7/31/2015

Please complete the June Bank Reconciliation Form:
http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/Forms/BankReconciliationForm%20July.xlsx

This form and your June Bank Statement should be scanned and emailed to Wendy Michel, CFAESBusiness@osu.edu or faxed to 614-688-0529.
Children in the Workplace: A Reminder . . .

With summer upon us, when children are not able to attend school, it is a good time to remind everyone that children are not to be accompanying you to the workplace. The workplace should never be used in lieu of having regular child care arrangements. The workplace should not be a place where children are brought before or after school, camp, or on holidays when school is not in session or children are home for the summer. Bringing children to the workplace is a significant distraction for office colleagues and for the parent and can present safety and liability risks to the organization. Parents are responsible for having regular childcare and should plan alternative care well in advance for situations that might require backup care, such as a sick child. If you are experiencing circumstances where you need to identify alternative care, or you have questions, please do not hesitate to talk to your regional director or to OSU’s Employee Assistance Program personnel.

Additional Resources: OSU Employee Assistance Program
https://www.osuhealthplan.com/members/ohio-state-employee-assistance-program-eap

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services: Finding Child Care
http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm


Communications Request . . . (Source: Martha Filipic)

CFAES Communications is interested in writing more news releases on how the college, including Extension and OARDC, is addressing food and hunger issues. If you are working on anything related to relieving the burden of food insecurity — in Ohio or elsewhere — and have a story to tell, please contact me by July 9. Afterwards, our team will sift through your ideas and follow up in the coming weeks and months. If you’re not sure a project fits, contact me anyway. We would rather have too many ideas than not enough. If you know of someone in the college doing such work who’s not on the Extension-misc. listserv, please forward this to them.
I look forward to having my email inbox inundated at filipic.3@osu.edu. Or if you prefer, call me at 614.292.9833.