Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

June is “busting out all over”! (At least with rain and water!) I hope you all have made it through these last days ok.

Welcome “back: to Deb Carney, our new full time CED in Hamilton County! Deb worked in Community Development in Hamilton County a number of years ago.

It’s another very busy time of year – especially for $-H. Let’s all help each other out to get everything done.

As vacation time rolls around, have a wonderful time and make lots of memories. Get some good R&R, too!

As I mentioned before, I plan to visit the 6 county fairs I did not visit last summer (Clinton, Clermont, Warren, Hamilton, Fayette, and Butler). But I also would like to visit camps, field days and other events in your counties. Please send me a list of county events (include time and place) that would show your skills in planning, collaboration, and teaching. I will try to get to as many as possible.

One last note, the region office is now located in the Ag. Admin. Building. The new addresses are:

2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Barb Brahms: 24 Ag. Admin. Building

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

Barb
Amazon . . . (Source: Cindy Buxton)
Amazon started collecting Ohio Sales Tax effective June 1, 2015. Please see Amazon’s website about tax exemption – https://www.aazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=200768990. A specific account must be created to ensure tax exempt purchases.
From the Amazon website – “About the Amazon Tax Exemption Program (ATEP)” – With the ATEP, you may be eligible to use your tax exemption for future purchases from either Amazon.com LLC or Amazon Digital Services Inc. (ADSI). Products must be ordered via an Amazon.com customer account. Sales tax may still be charged on items ordered from other sellers that list products for sale on Amazon.com. In order to establish and maintain your ATEP enrollment, we require that you provide us with a valid tax exemption certificate for the state(s) where you are located, and then you update and maintain a current certificate in accordance with the state laws and our Terms and Conditions. For more information go to the Amazon Tax Exemption Program using your Amazon log in information or creating a new account. (Note: OSU’s tax exempt form can be found at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/forms#TX)

Happy June Birthdays...
• June 1  Lori Now- Program Assistant, Auglaize County
• June 4   Melissa Walters-Office Assistant, Miami County
• June 20  Tanya North-Program Assistant , Clark County
• June 30  Barbara Phares-Extension Educator, Mercer County

Barb Brahm’s Schedule
• June 8    Campus
• June 9    Delaware
• June 10   Delaware/Campus
• June 11   Admin. Cabinet
• June 12   Campus

Correct Email . . . (Source: Amy Burns)
Please be sure that when documentation and information regarding the minors policy is being submitted to Kaylee Buzard that you double check to ensure you are sending to the correct email. There is another person who has a very similar email so please be sure to use Buzard with only one “Z” @ buzard.19@osu.edu.

"With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance all things are attainable."
~ Thomas Foxwell Buxton

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you."
~ Jane Goodall

"Everyone makes mistakes, nobody is perfect. Live it, learn from it, move on.
~ Anonymous

"Believe you can and you’re halfway there." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

"No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all." ~ Anonymous
New Office Supplies Contract . . . (Source: Brian McClain)

Please note the new contract for office supplies forthcoming. Very good news to forward the mission of The Ohio State University. Please note bullet point #2 that will become a benefit for all employees and students.

From: Andridge, Nathan
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 10:05 PM
Subject: New Office Supplies Contract

I’m writing to share some exciting news that we think will benefit every level of the university: Ohio State has signed a contract with Staples that will save the university a total of $5 million over the next seven years.

Because $1 million of the savings will be provided to Ohio State up front, we’ll be able to provide an immediate benefit in the form of more financial aid for Ohio students. That money will be part of President Drake’s commitment to a $15 million expansion of need-based aid for fiscal 2016. The contract will also benefit students, faculty and staff more broadly. Some highlights:

- Colleges and support units will pay less for items that they use every day, because we were able to negotiate lower prices. The reason? More than 95% of university purchases are now happening through our existing office-supplies contract. In 2010, only half used our official vendor.

- Students, faculty and staff will be able to buy products from any Staples store at our institutional rate when the contract becomes effective.

- Staples will provide $25,000 a year in student internships and scholarships.

- The partnership will boost our sustainability efforts: Staples offers an expanded list of sustainable products, and its shipping practices will reduce waste.

The contract will be effective on or before Sept. 1. We will be in touch well before the change from Office Max to Staples with more detailed information to ensure that there is a smooth transition. Please let us know if you have any immediate questions by contacting Sherry Huegel (Huegel.1@osu.edu; 614-688-4415).
Apparel for Employees . . . (Source: Cheryl Buck)

Struggling with how to buy apparel for employees using the new guidelines for branding, vendors and taxes? The CFAES Business Office has summarized the information in a new guide that explains more about buying Apparel for Employees. Use this to walk through all of the new policies and procedures as you make decisions about what apparel you want to order before you place an order.

Reminder – Group Order Option

At this time, we are aware that Proforma TCL is offering group ordering of OSU Extension employee apparel until June 10, 2015. This allows counties who might need fewer items than the typical minimum order amount to order the exact number of items they need, and the vendor will “group” the order from multiple units to meet manufacturer requirements, minimize set-up fees and keep prices low. The Extension showroom is available at http://www.proformaosu.com/showrooms.htm.

Just-in-Time Production Option

American Solutions for Business uses a just-in-time production approach to handle orders for as small as one apparel item. The process is integrated into their eStore to reduce delivery times and eliminate manual processing of orders. For more information about using this service or order options, contact Chip Brady at cbrady@americanbus.com.

Design Approval FYI

If you order any of the pre-approved items from these vendors – or any of the other Ohio State-approved vendors, you can bypass the design approval process that is outlined in the Extension promotional items guidelines. However, ANY variation of the examples posted on the vendor websites must go through the complete approval process with the college brand advisory team, as well as Ohio State Trademark and Licensing.

Note: Ohio State-approved vendors such as Proforma and American Solutions for Business are approved to sell to units of the university, but not to individuals.

Again – please review the Apparel for Employees guide for brand, purchasing and tax compliance guidelines.