Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Happy Thanksgiving!!
Many of you are on vacation this week. Do enjoy all your time with family and friends. And GO BUCKS!!

I do appreciate so much all the time and efforts of each of you in making our Extension organization and programs ones of Excellence!!

Quick Reminders
Nov. 25 Deadline for CEDs to have final county highlights in the Box.
Dec. 1 PhD Workshop
Dec 2 RIV Workshop
Dec. 8 & 9 Annual Conference

Support Staff – Please contact Patty Corfman if you would like to help plan the spring Support Staff Conference for the Region. The committee will be meeting soon.

Thinking of how special each of you are... and wishing you blessings today, tomorrow... always!!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Barbara
Happy November Birthdays…

- November 5 Courtney Michael-Program Assistant, Fayette County
- November 7 Linda Newman-Office Assistant, Clark County
- November 8 Godwin Apaliyah-Extension Educator, Fayette County
- November 9 Connie Veach – Office Assistant, Miami County
- November 11 Melanie Hart – Extension Educator, Greene County
- November 13 Rebecca Supinger – Educator/Director, Greene County
- November 15 Pat Holmes – Extension Educator, Montgomery County
- November 23 Pam Dixon – Program Assistant, Hamilton County

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- November 23 Campus
- November 24 Vacation
- November 25 Vacation
- November 26 Holiday
- November 27 Holiday

Thoughts to Ponder

Little Things by Helen Lowrie Marshall

Please give to me
A thankful heart for little things –
Of sunshine on my kitchen floor,
For news the postman brings;
For memories in the making,
Things the children do and say,
That I will smile about, perhaps,
Some future, lonelier day.

Grant me appreciation
Of the small joys that are mine –
The children’s birthday parties,
My honeysuckle vine;
The clean, fresh smell
Of clothes just washed;
The ivy on my wall,
The children’s thrilled delight
To wake and find the first snowfall.
For robins in the springtime,
And autumn’s crispy weather-
For leaves that crunch,
Friends in for lunch
And laughter shared together.

Give me enthusiasm
To greet each brand new day
With an honest joy in living
As I go my simple way;
I do not ask contentment
That would ambition stay-
But let me love the little things
I find along the way.

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

Go some place after work together. It could be a place that serves wine or just a place where everyone feels free to whine.
Denny Riethman  
Extension Educator  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Mercer County

Denny is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator in Mercer County. He has currently been with OSU Extension for 1 ½ years.

Denny grew up on a diversified farm that raised dairy cattle, swine and crops near Minster, Ohio. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture Education from The Ohio State University in 1979 and his Master’s Degree in Agriculture Education in 1983, also from OSU.

Denny taught Agricultural Education at Coldwater High School from 1979 to 2014. He was also advisor for the Coldwater Young Farmer adult education organization for 35 years. As advisor he helped the group organize an annual agricultural equipment consignment auction as a community service project. Through his leadership the project has developed into a premier agriculture equipment auction in the area and has generated numerous scholarship and award dollars supporting the FFA and 4-H chapters in Mercer County.

Denny currently resides in Coldwater with his wife Rita. They have 3 children who are all graduates of The Ohio State University. In his free time, Denny enjoys playing golf and riding bike (but not at the same time). He also enjoys caring for the numerous perennial flowers and plants he has growing around his home.
Interim Provost Announced . . . (Source: onCampus Today)

Bruce A. McPheron has been named the interim executive vice president and provost at Ohio State, effective December 2. For the last three years, he has served as the vice president for agricultural administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). McPheron is a member of the Discovery Themes executive team, and served as the 2013-14 chair of the Policy Board of Directors of Agriculture for Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. Ron Hendrick, senior associate dean and professor will serve as interim dean at CFAES. (Also, it has been announced that Dr. Terry Niblack, Chair, Department of Plant Pathology, has accepted the Interim Sr. Associate Dean position for CFAES, pending approval of the Board of Trustees. Plant Pathology will be led by Larry Madden, Interim Chair and Guo-Liang, Interim Associate Chair.)

Extension Annual Conference

Tuesday, December 1 is the last day to register for Extension Annual Conference which will be held on December 8 and 9. No late registrations will be accepted. Conference information can be found at https://go.osu.edu/2015EAC. To register visit https://go.osu.edu/EACregistration. (One day registration is $95; Two day registration is $145)

Staples Advantage Comes to eStores . . . (Source: Ric Hunter)

On Monday, November 30, Staples Advantage will join eStores with a supplier website featuring thousands of office products at a significant discount. The new catalog includes links for each user to view order history and build shopping lists of frequently ordered products.

Ph.D. Seminar . . .

It’s not too late to register for the upcoming seminar, “Planning Your Ph.D.” This program will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at the Union County Extension Office from 9:30 a.m. – noon. This program is free. To register contact Carol Bottoms at bottoms.6@osu.edu.