Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Happy Veterans’ Day! We want to thank all of our Southwest Region employees who are veterans, for their time and sacrifice in serving our country. Be sure to thank the veterans you know this week. And enjoy the day off in their honor!

Welcome
Welcome to our newest employees:
- Laura Halladay – Clark County SNAP Ed Program Assistant
- Tina Mc Gillvary – Clark County SNAP Ed Program Assistant
- Natalie Miller - Greene county SNAP Ed Program Assistant

RIV
Thanks to Brian Raison for helping to facilitate our RIV workshop last week with 6 Educators attending. Our next RIV workshop is December 2 from 9 am till 2:30 pm at the Champaign County Extension Office with Mark Light facilitating. Just register with Carol Bottoms at bottoms.6@osu.edu.

Annual Conference
Be sure to register for Annual Conference. It will be an exciting event as we begin a new era in OSU Extension with our new Director, Roger Renneccamp.

Live your life with passion and purpose!!

Sincerely,
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

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

Each team, in under 20 minutes, writes a song, or rap, or poem or creates a dance, skit, etc. that illustrates the story of their team’s work, contributions, and accomplishments. Videotape each team’s performance and play the video at an organizational event. The video could also be played on closed loop circuit in your waiting or public areas.

Welcome to the Southwest Region…

- Laura Halladay, Program Assistant SNAP Ed Clark County
- Tina McGillvary, Program Assistant SNAP Ed Clark County
- Natalie Miller, Program Assistant SNAP Ed Greene County

Thoughts to Ponder

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." ~ Steve Jobs

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."
~ Albert Einstein

"Success is knowing your purpose in life, growing to reach your maximum potential, and sowing seeds that benefit others." ~ John C. Maxwell

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- November 9 Campus
- November 10 State 4-H In Service
- November 11 Holiday
- November 12 Admin. Cabinet
- November 13 Vacation
Janet Wasko Myers is a 4-H Educator in Clark County who will soon be celebrating her 27th year with OSU Extension. She was a 4-H Agent in Richland County from 1981-1983, a 4-H Program Leader specializing in School Enrichment in Clark, Greene and Madison Counties from 1992-1999, a Family and Consumer Sciences Educator in Madison County from 1999-2005, a 4-H Educator in Madison County from 2005-2015 and a 4-H Educator in Clark County since May 1, 2015. Janet has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture-Animal Science, a Master of Science in Agriculture-Animal Production and a Master of Arts in Education-Early and Middle Childhood, all from The Ohio State University. She also has a 5 Year Professional License from the State of Ohio Department of Education, Elementary (1-8).

Teaching and learning continue to be Janet’s OSU Extension passion and the focus of what “energizes” her. Her specializations and interests range in the areas of 4-H Advisor/4-H Key Leader Management, STEM, School Enrichment, Time and Life Management, Bullying, Mindfulness, Stress Reduction, Live Healthy Live Well Programs and 4-H Health Initiatives.

From her Appalachian Ohio roots, born along the Ohio River town of Martins Ferry, she was raised in Adena by good family, friends, and communities. In her youth, she was a member of the Adena Carnation 4-H Club and has fond memories of Mrs. Stella Fillipovich, 4-H Advisor, cooking and sewing projects and Ken Simeral, Jefferson County 4-H Agent (Beth Boomershine’s Dad). See, we do remember the 4-H and Extension people who had a strong impact and positive influence upon our youth.

Her Dad and Mom instilled in her a strong respect for education, achievement and community service. Her parents were born in 1913 and 1915, respectively, and graduated from high school and post-high school educational programs which was very unusual for their “day and time”. Dad was a Hanna Coal Company Supervisor and Mom was a Hair Stylist. Dad would always say “I want your life to be easier than ours was so you will get a college education” and Mom would add “Education is what you remember after you have forgotten what you were taught”. Obviously, they are the reason she became an Educator with OSU Extension. A special thanks to her Dad and Mom for guiding her to a career which is exciting, ever-changing, challenging, rewarding, and yes, educational!

Janet married her high school sweetheart, Scott, in 1983. They currently live on their 70 acre farm, Myers’ Mini Acres, in South Vienna. Cattle, horses, a donkey, a house cat and multiple spoiled barn cats occupy their time and energies on the farm, along with making hay. Janet and Scott enjoy OSU Football, OSU Basketball and the finer things in life like finding time to go back to the farm pond to catch 4 inch “Big Bass”. They are involved in rodeo as Scott is a past calf roper and a current team roper and Janet was a barrel racer who is now getting into team roping. Ohio High School Wrestling is a winter sport they enjoy as Scott is a 28 year state wrestling official and Janet goes to the matches to protect him from those individuals who do not like the calls he makes.

Just so you know, some of Janet’s favorite sayings follow: “I’m so busy I don’t know if I found a rope or lost my horse.”; “I’m So Far Behind I Think I’m First.”; “Life is Great!”; and “Education is what you remember after you have forgotten what you were taught”. Thanks for taking the time to get to know Janet and if you see her at the 2015 Annual Conference, make sure and say “Hi” as she would like to take the time to get to know you and everyone in the Southwest Region!
Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 2015-16 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants will provide more than $1 million to fund teaching and research activities across a broad range of academic interests. Information and application materials are available at the [Connect and Collaborate Grants Program webpage](#). In addition, an information session will be held Thursday, November 12th, 11:00 a.m., Room 110A, Hale Hall, 154 West 12th Avenue, Columbus campus.

The Connect and Collaborate Grants will provide funding for Ohio State students, faculty and staff to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research that addresses compelling 21st century challenges. Teams are encouraged to seek opportunities that create sustainable, lasting change through proposed projects which may align with the Discovery Themes. Funding opportunities include:

- **Humanities and the Arts Discovery Themes Block Grants** ($320,000)
- **Impact Grants** ($330,000)
- **International Affairs Academic Enrichment Grants** ($150,000)
- **OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants** ($80,000)
- **Service-Learning Grants** ($40,000)
- **Undergraduate and Faculty Community-Based Research Grants** ($90,000)

Please share these opportunities with your leadership teams, faculty, staff and students across all teaching and research activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Myers, PhD
Associate Vice Provost
Office of Outreach and Engagement
Professor of Horticulture and Crop Science