Barb’s Notes and Quotes

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

I trust that today finds you refreshed and ready to go for another week of great Extension programming! My travels in southwest Ohio have been so enjoyable with the beautiful color. This week I head to Fayette, Miami, Hamilton and Warren Counties.

RIV Workshops
Some have asked about who can/should attend these workshops. They are open to who needs a little help in working with RIV. New Educators and program staff should find this very helpful. Here are the dates once again:

- Wednesday, November 4, 9 am till 2:30 pm (stay as long as you wish), Warren County Extension Office. Facilitators: Brian Raison and Barb Brahm.
- Wednesday, December 2, 9 am till 2:30 pm (stay as long as you wish), Champaign County Extension Office. Facilitators: Mark Light and Barb Brahm.

Bring your laptop and program information to enter. You may come to both workshops as needed.

Ph.D. Program
Don’t forget - if you are interested in getting a doctoral degree, you will want to attend the session on Tuesday, December 1, at the Union County Extension Office from 9:30 am till Noon. Watch for the statewide registration information.

County Highlights
Everyone is asked to work with your CED to complete and submit your county highlights by Nov. 6. Thanks to all the counties who have already sent them in!

Enjoy the season – and as always, contact me if you need my assistance.

Live with Intention!

Sincerely,
Barb
Happy October
Birthdays…

- October 1 Susie Broidy - Program Assistant, Clark County
- October 9 Mark Badertscher - Extension Educator, Hardin County
- October 10 Barb Hennard - Extension Educator, Auglaize County
- October 20 Melinda Morrison - Educator/Director, Champaign County
- October 21 Brian Raison - Educator/Director, Miami County
- October 24 Beth Miller - Educator/Director, Auglaize County
- October 25 Cheryl Barber Spires - Program Specialist, Region
- October 25 Linda Good - Office Associate, Miami County
- October 28 Debbi Custer - Program Assistant, Greene County

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

Appoint a committee to plan and carry out “creative celebrations on a shoestring” that recognize and acknowledge team spirit. Budget $10 or less for each celebration.

Open Enrollment Ends on Friday . . .

This is a reminder that Open Enrollment ends this Friday, October 30. Visit http://hr.osu.edu/oe during Open Enrollment and click on the “Enroll Now” button to review existing or make new elections. In case you missed the recent Carmen Connect on the overview of benefit changes, it can be viewed at https://carmenconnect.osu.edu/p4dqmfq29b9/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal

Barb Brahm’s Schedule

- October 26 Campus
- October 27 Greene/Fayette
- October 28 Miami/Hamilton
- October 29 Warren/Delaware
- October 30 Vacation
Sam Custer is the Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator in Darke County. This is a half time position. Sam also has a 25% appointment to lead the Nutrient Stewardship for Cleaner Water Signature Program.

Sam earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1981 and his Master’s Degree in Agriculture from OSU in 1984. Both degrees are in Agricultural Education. He also earned administrative licensure by taking Educational Leadership classes at OSU, University of Dayton and Wright State University.

Sam taught Agricultural Education at Versailles High School in Darke County from 1981 – 1994. He also served in many leadership roles in the teaching profession during that time including President of the Ohio Vocational Agricultural Education Teachers Association and Regional Vice President of the National Vocational Agricultural Education Teachers Association.

In 1994, he was hired by the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) in Clayton, Ohio. MVCTC serves 27 local districts from 5 counties offering 50 career tech programs. While at MVCTC Sam served as the supervisor of the Agriculture Programs, Principal and the last four years as Director of Personnel/Asst. Superintendent. Sam retired in the spring of 2012.

After six months of retirement Sam decided that he would apply for the half time position in Darke County to return to his agriculture roots and has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the resurgence of Extension in Agriculture with the 2014 Farm Bill work and nutrient management focus.

Also in the summer of 2012, the Ohio Career Technical Association established the Byrl Shoemaker Leadership Institute for career technical educators. Sam has served as the facilitator/leader of this year long institute. He has graduated three cohort groups.

Sam has been married to his wife, Toni, for 35 years. They have twin daughters, Elizabeth and Christina. Both girls are married and have a son and daughter. Toni, Beth, Chris and both sons-in-law are all OSU graduates. Sam especially enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, bicycling, and reading for pleasure in his spare time.
Excellence in CD Award Nomination due November 1

It is time to make nominations for the Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award, newly named this year. Ray was one of the first Extension regional CD specialists who helped shape the Extension CD profession we know today. His contributions, from the earliest stages of the program area (early 1960s) to the present day as faculty emeritus, have been far reaching and impactful. This $1,000 cash award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career. Submission deadline for nominations is November 1. The award will be presented during the OSU Extension Annual Conference. Application packet and complete information about the award, including past recipients can be found at http://comdev.osu.edu/about-cd/community-development-awards Please direct any questions to Brian Raison (raison.1@osu.edu).

BaseCamp will no longer be available after October 30

BuckeyeBox is now the only university-approved file-sharing system that should be used. Any files you might have saved in BaseCamp should be saved before October 30. If you have questions about how to access BaseCamp or reset your BaseCamp password, contact Melissa Leaders (leaders.6@osu.edu) or call 614.292.2011.

Fall Back . . .
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Be sure to turn your clocks back an hour.

New Mileage Log . . .
With the new travel policies announced on October 1 (see http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/) there is a new mileage log form that must be used starting with travel on October 1. September mileage can still be submitted on the old version of the form. If mileage for October is put on the old form, it will be denied in the eRequest and you will be asked to resubmit. This new form can be found at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/forms#TV. Please note that you are required to deduct your normal commute from your trips. A simplified way to look at it is below:

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If you have specific questions about how to calculate your mileage, please do not hesitate to contact your Business Office rep or Patty at the Region Office.