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staff spotlight

Meet Brenda Franks. Brenda works for The Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center as an Office Administrative Associate or Fiscal Officer for the Department of Entomology. She came to OARDC in 2004 from Diebold in Canton, Ohio where she was a Senior International Treasury Analyst. Prior to that, Brenda worked for the Rubbermaid Inc. putting in over 25 years in the Treasury Department. She has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science (Legal) from Akron University, a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Management and a Master in Business Administration from Malone

Each issue of the Newsletter aims to feature one OARDC staff member who has an interesting job, a unique perspective on life and work or goes above and beyond the call of duty. If you know someone who should be featured, please let us know!

College. Brenda is also a Certified Treasury Professional since 1998 which requires that she obtain 36 credits of continuing education every 3 years.

Brenda has lived in the Wayne County area most of her life and is married to Jim Franks who also works for OARDC in the Facilities Services Department. They have one son, Michael, of whom they are both extremely proud. They enjoy camping and traveling and are involved

in many social activities within their community and church. **continued on page 2**



NEWS from the CHAIR

Spring is right around the corner. How do I know this? Not by the usual methods of seeing crocuses peaking through a blanket of snow or the first robin hopping around my back yard but by the opening of DQ (Dairy Queen) in Madisonburg and by the gathering of faculty, staff, post docs and students at the OARDC Winter "PICNIC". I hope that most of you were able to break away for an hour and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship experienced by all. Please take a moment and look through the photo shots included in this edition of the OARDC Newsletter.

OARDC Staff Council has been busy this winter addressing some of the concerns that you have brought to our attention in the past year. One such item is the transfer of sick leave to vacation leave. Having talked with our OARDC **continued on page 2**

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Professionalism, honesty, sincerity, friendliness and dependability are just a few of the terms that come to mind when I think about Brenda Franks. She is always wearing a smile, always polite, does her job with pride and dignity and is always helping a fellow co-worker when possible. Brenda is a cut-above the average worker and is a tremendous asset to the Department of Entomology here in Wooster and to OARDC. She is

dedicated to ensuring that her job is done with excellence.

Brenda's personal mission statement reads, "I aspire to earn the respect of others by being open, honest, and empathetic and by following the golden rule. I will have a positive attitude and try to accomplish those things over which I have control. My aim is to motivate and encourage individuals to

reach their potential. I am committed to growth in my personal and work relationships." Brenda is living her motto. We in the department of Entomology are fortunate to have her as part of our team and have the pleasure of working with her every day.

It is individuals like Brenda that help make our university stronger and better each day! Thank you Brenda for doing an excellent job and going above and beyond what is required in your job description. —Lisa Miller

Lisa Miller is a new member to OARDC Staff Council and works in the Entomology department.

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calendar of events

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| 3/8 | Secret Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m. |
| 3/12 | Lunch n Learn: Men's Health |
| 3/14 | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| 3/15–3/16 | <i>Cinderella</i> shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. |
| 3/18 | Staff Council Forum 9 a.m.–11 a.m. |
| 3/18 | Campus Campaign Kick-off |
| 4/5 | Wooster Wellness Run 7 a.m.–12 p.m. |
| 4/9 | Wooster Health & Safety Fair 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. |
| 4/17 | OARDC Annual Conference |
| 4/22 | Wooster Campus Scarlet, Gray and Green Fair 1 p.m.–7 p.m. |
| 4/27 | Spring Walk |

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administration, the Human Resources department and USAC (University Staff Advisory Council) representatives, we found that this issue has been brought to the light on numerous occasions in the past throughout the university and that advisory groups who are in a position to make recommendations have tabled it for the time being. This may be partly due to the fact that this issue is much bigger than OARDC and the university and will involve the input from more than OSU to implement a change.

OARDC Staff Council is also addressing the suggested need for more exercise opportunities on campus. We have been talking with the ATI Staff Advisory Council, Rhonda Billman from ATI and Dr. Benfield to assess the needs and facilities for both campuses. We may be coming to you soon with a survey asking for your input concerning what sort of facilities, hours and activities you would like to have included in your exercise options.

Our next big event is the Staff Forum planned for March 18th held prior to the Campus Campaign Kickoff. This year's Staff Forum will also include ATI staff and Dr. Steve Nemeth sharing the "State of the Union" address for ATI. We welcome and look forward this opportunity to learn about the health and future of our campuses. Watch your e-mails for more details later.

Spring is almost here. How do I know this? I had my first DQ ice cream cone last night!

MIKE



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SCARLET, GRAY AND GREEN FAIR!

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 • 1–7 p.m.

OARDC Campus • Selby Hall Parking Lot



It's Easy Being Green

OARDC and ATI will be co-hosting Wooster community's first-ever Scarlet, Gray and Green Fair this year from 1–7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in Selby Hall parking lot. Admission is free and open to the public.

The purpose of the event is to celebrate, educate and demonstrate that it's "easy being green."

Some of the planned activities will include demonstrations on planting a rain garden, building a rain barrel, recycling yard waste, organic fertilizer and pest control, "enviroscaping," the benefits of trees, how to turn trash into handicrafts, estimating one's carbon footprint, a green-campus design competition (grades 9–12), an environmental stewardship essay competition (grades 11–12), an ecological yandscape competition (open to all), and a "Kilowatt Ours" energy challenge. There will also be eco-oriented exhibits, artisans, speakers, entertainers and food vendors.

For more information or to volunteer visit <http://www.wcsen.org/wcsggf>.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The average person in the U.S. produces about 6.5 pounds of trash every day.
- At the rate Americans are generating garbage, 500 new landfills will be needed every year.
- In 1991, the Great Wall of China became the second largest man-made structure in the world. The largest is the Fresh Kills Landfill serving New York City. It is now the highest point on the east coast.
- One-third of the paper mills in the U.S. use recycled waste paper exclusively.
- Every three months, Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild the nation's commercial air fleet.
- If you throw away two aluminum cans, you waste more energy than is used daily by each of a billion citizens in poorer countries.
- The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a television for three hours.
- Making new paper from recycled paper requires 30-50% less energy than making paper from trees and it reduces contributions to air pollution by 95%.
- Every ton of recycled office paper saves approximately 380 gallons of oil.

source: <http://www.montgomeryco.com/news/25-5.html>

the house that rice built

In 1821, Fredrick Rice, a Revolutionary War soldier, bought the land now occupied by OARDC. One year later, he divided the property into east and west farms — the former for son Barnhardt, the latter for son Simon. Simon then built the brick house shown in the photo to the right. You'll see it at a bend in the road — shaded by oaks, graced by flowers — as you drive toward Secrest Arboretum.

The bricks used to build the Simon Rice House were made by hand and fired at the site. Barnhardt Rice started his house the same year, but no records show who finished first.

Over the years the house has been used for campus guests, small meetings and receptions, and even as the home of past OARDC Director Tom Payne. Most recently it has become headquarters for the Ohio State University Police at Wooster, where it houses four full-time and five part-time officers.

The former police station, originally known as The Pathologium, is currently being renovated and will soon be home to the OARDC Employee's Credit Union.



A serious outbreak of fun!

In an effort to help stave off those dreaded winter blues, OARDC Staff Council recently sponsored the first-annual Winter Picnic, held on Friday, February 22. The daring souls who braved the chilly temperatures and trekked to the Fisher South Exhibit Area were treated to ice cream and loads of fun. Of course, what's a winter picnic without games? Willing participants slathered on shaving cream and allowed teammates to toss cereal puffs at their faces, and later scrambled to catch spoon-tossed marshmallows in paper bags—and even allowed everything to be caught on film!



campus classifieds, happy ads, and announcements

To submit a classified ad, happy ad or announcement visit <http://oardc.osu.edu/staffcouncil/Newsletter.htm>, or send your submission by e-mail to Kim Brown, brown.3384@osu.edu.

Welcoming a new addition!

Laura Chapin (HCS) and her husband Andy welcomed a baby boy, Jackson, to their family on November 1, 2007!



Jackson Chapin

Make Plans to Save a Life

Just one blood donation can save up to three lives. The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Friday, March 14 at Fisher Auditorium - South Exhibit area.



Please Recycle Because future generations deserve a chance at the high quality of life we now enjoy. For more information visit www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/staffcouncil/recycling/.

Condominium for Sale at Bayberry Cove—Wooster

Immaculate 3 Bedroom, 3 bath Condo on semi-wooded premium lot with mature trees. Oversized garage and full lower level provide plenty of room for living, storage and work space. "Like new" condition. \$159,900. Contact Betty Aylsworth at (330) 262-3313.