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## NEWS *from the* CHAIR

**I**t is officially summer. How do I know that? I have seen people that I haven't seen since last summer. It's amazing what warm weather does. Beyond the buds that it pops on trees and blooms that it bursts into a summer scent, it brings people out. You will find co-workers walking through the arboretum together, researchers out in the field planting or employees just sitting outside on the lawn eating their lunches. I can see the renewed sense of these folks now that they are out of their offices, labs and buildings and enjoying the fresh air that this time of year brings.

It also brings to-do lists. Summer is an especially busy time around this campus. Because we are an agricultural research facility, many things need to be planted, harvested, fed, watered or prepped with a deadline of yesterday.  
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## staff spotlight

We are happy to spotlight Hannah Gehman in this issue of the OARDC Newsletter. Hannah has worked as an office associate in the Food Animal Health Research Program for almost 26 years. Her main responsibilities include human resources, OSURF accounts, travel, Animal Care Committee and computer work. She graduated from Smithville High School and Hesston College, then did voluntary service in Downey, Calif., before returning home.

One of Hannah's favorite things about working at OARDC is making friends from all around the world and learning about their cultures. FAHRP has international luncheons, special coffee breaks and family parties to help everyone connect and become better acquainted. She also appreciates Mo Saif's leadership and enjoys being a part of a productive research unit that is friendly, positive and supportive.



Although she finds her work quite challenging at times, Hannah can honestly say that it is quite rewarding as well. She likes the motto, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain."

Hannah lives near Kidron with her husband, Mike, who teaches 7th grade science at John R. Lea Middle School in Apple Creek. They have three children. Laura, 19, is a social work major at Hesston College and is a huge Cavs fan. Justin, 17, will be a senior at Central Christian and plays varsity basketball. Briana, 11, will be a 7th grader and loves her Papillon dog, Annie. Hannah enjoys baking, playing cards, and attending school and church activities. She believes that

"when all is said and done, relationships are all that really matters."

Hannah is truly one of the many unsung heroes who have contributed greatly to the success and betterment of OARDC. Her efficient and competent administrative and communication skills are only outshone by her pleasant, patient and humble spirit. Hannah's dedication and contributions have earned her the Food Animal Health Research Program's Outstanding Staff Member Award.

We are pleased and privileged to have Hannah as part of our OARDC team.

**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!**

## calendar of events

Note: The OARDC Mid-Week Farmers Market will run every Wednesday throughout the growing season from 3 to 6 p.m. near the northwest corner of the Fisher Auditorium parking lot.

7/3	Fourth of July celebrated offices closed
7/10	Blood Drive 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fisher Auditorium
7/31	Universal Waste Collection 1 – 3 p.m. Old Dairy Barn
7/31	Newspaper Recycling 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fisher Parking Lot
8/20	Chair Massage 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fisher Conference Room
8/21	Day with the Staff
8/21	FunFest noon – 3 p.m. lawn between Williams and Gerlaugh
8/28	Universal Waste Collection 1 – 3 p.m. Old Dairy Barn
8/31	Newspaper Recycling 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fisher Parking Lot
9/7	Labor Day offices closed
9/25	Universal Waste Collection 1 – 3 p.m. Old Dairy Barn
9/30	Newspaper Recycling 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fisher Parking Lot



## OARDC Mid-Week Farmers Market

The OARDC Mid-Week Farmer's Market opened May 27. Every Wednesday afternoon throughout the growing season from 3 – 6 p.m., area farmers will set up their market stands to sell a wide variety of freshly grown fruits and vegetables.

Staff, faculty and students on campus and anyone from the surrounding community are invited to stock up on their favorite seasonal produce — from asparagus and blueberries to pumpkins and zucchini. The vendors were selected based on their commitment to provide the freshest and highest quality products grown on their farms using sustainable or organic farming methods. Some vendors will also have locally produced maple syrup, honey, fresh cut flowers, hand-made soaps and lotions, and fresh baked goods.

The Agroecosystems Management Program is organizing the market with the help of volunteers from many campus departments. The market will provide a very convenient way to shop for all of us on campus and will also serve as a way to make better connections with the surrounding farm community and strengthen our local food system. Some research will also be conducted throughout the season to help understand market functions and to identify issues of concern for both farmers and consumers.

The market will be set up next to the Fisher Auditorium parking lot on the paved lane behind the Gourley Greenhouses off of Payne Drive.

For more information, please contact Megan Shoenfelt, 330-202-3537, shoenfelt.9@osu.edu.

## OARDC Construction Update

- Secret Road continues to be the largest project impacting the campus. This project is expected to be completed around October. This is a city of Wooster project, not an Ohio State project.
- The new Feed Mill continues to move along. Completion is scheduled for July.
- We have architects on board for the Williams Hall window replacement project. Once they finish their plans for the window installation, it will go out for construction bids.
- We have an engineer designing the installation of a new chiller at our central chiller plant. That chiller could be installed by summer 2010.
- We are also in the process of getting an engineer to assist us with replacing the air handler in Gerlaugh Hall and the heating system in Fisher Auditorium.
- Plans are nearing completion for the new parking lot behind the Credit Union/ Meeting House. Facilities Services personnel have been rerouting utilities so the area is ready for construction of the parking lot and gardens.
- The life safety project to upgrade fire alarms, emergency lighting and elevators in some of our buildings has been bid out. Pending release of funds from the controlling board, construction should begin with a few months.



## The Old Gray Workhorse

The OARDC Feed Mill, the gray metal structure that towers over the pines on Secrest Road, is this issue's featured building.

Prior to 1965, all OARDC departments mixed their own feed for their animals. At that time, corn was stored in the building at the corner of Gossard and Williams roads, a facility now known as the "Rat Barn," while all other herd diet rations were purchased from the local Wooster Equity. In the fall of 1965, OARDC started to mix and store its own feed in the OARDC Feed Mill. A grain dryer and a roller mill were added in 1968, giving us the capacity to store, dry, mix and grind more than 4,000 tons of animal feed per year.

As we move forward to fall 2009, a new building — the Feedstock Processing Research Facility — is being built on Selby Road to replace the current, now-aging mill. A new double mill and computerized weighing system will give us the ability to grind corn into different particle sizes and automatically weigh out the batches — features absent in the old mill. The old mill required personnel to manually haul all batches to a scale to weigh them. The new Wisconsin Electrical Manufacturing system, WEM, will do that by computer automation.

Even though a new mill stands on the east side of campus, the old mill isn't going away. It will be used to dry and store feed and to house one of the trucks used to transport feed. So the next time you head toward Secrest Arboretum from campus, look left and salute the old gray workhorse that proudly flies Old Glory.

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So, I hope that at least someone has the time to read this newsletter even if you have to take it out to the lawn for your lunch break.

This summer, Staff Council will once again be hosting the Summer FunFest, on Aug. 21, so mark your calendars. It has been such a successful and well-attended event that there won't be many changes this year. We again plan on grilling hot dogs and providing lunch, as well as playing bingo and the long-awaited tug-of-war. So start recruiting your team now!



In conjunction with FunFest, we again are hosting the Day with the Staff, which is a little like Bring Your Director or Dean to Work Day. It has been a fun and enlightening experience for those who have participated in the past. It is going to be a little different and better this year though.

We will accept applications to have your department showcased to the administrator for a few hours that morning. The individual chosen will host Dr. Moser or Dr. Slack. Staff Council will provide refreshments for the chosen staff member and the administrator to have an informal "meet and greet" with all the staff in his or her department. This is your chance to show them what significant and pioneering projects staff members in your department are involved in. Sometimes, staff think they are not heard and/or acknowledged for their great contributions to this institution. This is a great opportunity to communicate and be recognized in a relaxed and comfortable setting. When the applications come out, I hope that you will consider representing part of our campus.

So, I hope that everyone can make it to the FunFest in August, and for those of you that I haven't seen since last year—I look forward to seeing you outside this season.

*Kelly*



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### 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, July 10, at Fisher Auditorium – North Exhibit area.



Last year Candace Pollock (CommTech) picked up archery. Here she's showing off a shot that was taken at 40 yards out.



Dave Drake (Facilities Services) enjoys "rockin' out" with the Josh Snyder Band. Check the band's Web site for show dates and locations.



Tom Cole (Shisler Conference Center) recently went up on a refueling mission with the Air Force. He took off from Rickenbacker Airport in Columbus to refuel a C5, which is bigger than a 747. Pretty impressive operation. It's a program sponsored by the National Committee for the Support of the Guard and Reserve.



Jane Douglas's (Human Resources) springtime hobby is hunting and eating morels. Here are the largest mushrooms from this season, found near her West Virginia home.



Sgt Spanky, youngest of Jody Lanham's (Information Technology) three cats, obviously in hiding to avoid reprimand as he has most likely again been somewhere doing something he shouldn't.



Private First Class Brianna Lanham holds proud nieces Coral Moon and Rosalin. The youngest of Jody Lanham's (Information Technology) three daughters, Brianna graduated from Parris Island U.S. Marine Corps boot camp May 22 and in the next few weeks will travel to Florida for training in aviation mechanics.



Mary Jo Williams (Outlying Agricultural Research Stations) and her daughter Katelynn at the Lost Creek Ranch, Moose, Wyo. (near Jackson), where Katelynn is working again this summer.



Rich Nester (University Police) shown assisting the wrecker crews as they remove a damaged Daytona prototype race car at the Rolex Grand Am Series event in June 2006. In summer 2009, he'll be back at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and will also be working the NASCAR and IRL events at the Kentucky Speedway.



Luke Power (Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering) wakeboarding, with Kevin Power (Entomology/ULEP) driving the boat.



Here is Ron Kline (Facilities Services) on a Colorado camping and hunting trip as he packs meat to town.