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West Region Newsletter

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Asian Long-horned Beetle

Southwest Ohio Extension Colleagues:

As you've all heard, an Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALB) infestation was found near the Village of Bethel in Clermont County; the confirmation was announced on Friday. I immediately received numerous calls from Green Industry professionals and the calls continued over the weekend. Consequently, Cindy Meyer, Amy Stone and I have put together a training program for Green Industry professionals to make them aware of the diagnostic features associated with ALB and to connect them with the USDA APHIS folks who are involved with eradicating the infestation.

You are all invited to this program. However, remember that the program is for professionals; please do not forward this to or invite landowners. Training for non-professionals will be forthcoming once more is learned by USDA APHIS regarding the extent of the infestation and we all have a better understanding of the exact plans for eradicating the infestation.

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Asian Long-horned Beetle: Training Program

TRAINING NOTICE SENT MONDAY, JUNE 20, 7:55 PM:

A Training Program for Green Industry Professionals

Asian Long-horned Beetles (ALB) were found in trees near the Village of Bethel in Tate Township, Clermont County, Ohio. It is the first ALB infestation found in Ohio. We have put together this training program for Green Industry professionals to provide basic ALB facts including diagnostic tips and information on ALB in Ohio.

Date and Time:

Thursday, June 23, 2011

10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.

Location (DRIVING DIRECTIONS on page 3):

OSU Extension, Clermont County, 4-H Hall

Clermont County Fair Grounds

1000 Locust St,

Owensville, Ohio 45160-0670

Topics:

ALB Basics:

Beetle identification, host range, and behavior.

ALB Diagnostics:

How does the beetle kill trees, what to look for, and what are some common look-a-likes.

ALB Management:

What should we do? What will be done in Clermont County?

Speakers: Dr. David J. Shetlar, OSU Department of Entomology; Amy Stone, OSU Extension, Emerald Ash Borer Coordinator; Joe Boggs, OSU Extension / OSU Entomology; representatives from the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS); tentatively scheduled are representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and representatives from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The program is free of charge; there is no need to register.

See you on Thursday!

Joe Boggs

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Driving Directions to Clermont

I-75 South from Dayton:

1. Merge onto I-275 E via EXIT 16 toward I-71 / COLUMBUS; drive 16.0 miles
2. Take the MILFORD PKWY exit, EXIT 59, toward OH-450 / US-50 / HILLSBORO; drive 0.2 miles
3. Take EXIT 59B on the LEFT toward US-50 / HILLSBORO; drive 0.6 miles
4. Merge onto MILFORD PKWY.; drive 0.7 miles
5. Turn RIGHT onto US-50 [If you are on EASTMAN DR and reach TECHNE CENTER DR you've gone about 0.5 miles too far]; drive 7.8 miles
6. Turn LEFT onto LOCUST ST., travel just past PLUM ST. and through the gate into the Clermont County Fair Grounds, the 4-H Hall is the large white building immediately to your left.

I-71 South from Columbus:

1. Merge onto I-275 E via EXIT 17A toward OH-32; drive 9.9 miles
2. Take the MILFORD PKWY exit, EXIT 59, toward OH-450 / US-50 / HILLSBORO; drive 0.2 miles
3. Take EXIT 59B on the LEFT toward US-50 / HILLSBORO; drive 0.6 miles
4. Merge onto MILFORD PKWY.; drive 0.7 miles
5. Turn RIGHT onto US-50 [If you are on EASTMAN DR and reach TECHNE CENTER DR you've gone about 0.5 miles too far]; drive 7.8 miles
6. Turn LEFT onto LOCUST ST., travel just past PLUM ST. and through the gate into the Clermont County Fair Grounds, the 4-H Hall is the large white building immediately to your left.

I-75 North from Lexington:

1. Merge onto I-275 E via EXIT 185 (Crossing into OHIO); drive 20.7 miles
2. Merge onto OH-32 E / OH-32 via EXIT 63B toward BATAVIA; drive 6.1 miles
3. Take the OH-132 / OH-222 ramp toward OWENSVILLE; drive 0.2 miles
4. Turn RIGHT onto OH-132 / OH-222 / N RIVERSIDE DR.; drive 0.1 miles
5. Take the 1st RIGHT onto OH-132. [If you are on OH-222 and reach FILAGER RD you've gone about 0.7 miles too far]; drive 3.7 miles.
6. Turn LEFT onto W MAIN ST / US-50 / OH-132. [W MAIN ST. is just past MARKET ST.]; drive 0.2 miles.
7. Take the 1st RIGHT onto LOCUST ST., travel just past PLUM ST. and through the gate into the Clermont County Fair Grounds, the 4-H Hall is the large white building immediately to your left.

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Changes in CES

Currently, Extension is dealing with budgets and reorganization – What an understatement! When we experience challenging times in our personal lives, what do we do? We “circle the wagons” and bring our loved ones closer. As President of Chi Epsilon Sigma, I encourage each and every support staff to reach out to help one another. Circle the wagons. Call, SKYPE or email someone in another county and offer encouragement, volunteer to help or just lend a kind ear. Begin a dialogue of best practices, short cuts, any ideas that will make our chaotic lives better.

Consider new and/or continued participation in Chi Epsilon Sigma. I know - our offices are in flux, we are trying to do more with less, and it seems there just isn't room for one more thing! Participation in CES is two-fold: you contribute and you receive. You contribute your talents and expertise. Others share their talents and expertise. The result is support both professional and emotional.

Chi Epsilon Sigma is THE professional association for Support Staff. Our members will help determine professional development, trainings, workshops, and help plan Annual Conference. Do you feel additional trainings are needed? Do you feel a disconnect with other support staff? You can make a difference by joining CES and contributing your thoughts and ideas.

Regional, EERA and County Directors can play a big part by encouraging and allotting time for their support staff to participate in CES. Please show your support and help your staff feel comfortable in contributing to their professional organization.

Linda S. Good

CES President, Office Associate

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Miami Valley EERA Updates

*A reminder that all equipment that was purchased through the West Region technology grant in 2010 should be added to your county inventory, if an employee has possession in your office.

*Pay special attention to the emails about computer security. The security issues impact all computers with Extension information, whether it's a state or personal computer. For more information, contact Robert B. Luikart, Chief Information Officer, OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Christine F. Olinsky, CFCS, AF

Retirements and Celebrations

*Chris Olinsky has announced her plans to accept the Voluntary Separation Incentive and retire from OSU Extension on Aug. 31. Her last day in the office will be Friday, Aug. 26.

*A retirement celebration in honor of Nancy Recker will be held on Sunday, July 31 in Celina (Chris Olinsky's cottage). This open house will be a chance to wish Nancy all the best. Watch for more details soon!

Reminders

Reminder – sent out from Keith Smith :

As part of the revised Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions and Background Check Policy, please note that effective July 1, 2011, all current faculty, staff, graduate associates and student employees, appointees, volunteers, and staff provided by third party vendors will be required to self-disclose criminal convictions that occur on or after July 1, 2011 within three business days of the conviction.

Criminal convictions will not necessarily bar continued employment. Once a conviction is disclosed, a determination regarding suitability for continued employment will be made based on the information received and collected regarding the conviction.

If you have specific questions or would like more information, please contact: Katie Hall, hall.738@osu.edu, 614-247-8079. Current employees must self-disclose criminal convictions to their respective HR representative: OSU Extension to Garee Earnest – earnest.1@osu.edu or (614) 292-2968.

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Reminders

Message from Comm Tech for All Employees

- Every employee in Extension is required to take the **Institutional Data Policy 2**. (Make sure you are signed up for version “2”).
- This training is available electronically in OSU Carmen.
- You are required to take it, even if you have taken it before.
- See more information below and contact Rob Luikart if you have questions.
- At the end you will see a progress report with a bunch of check marks to show you are done. (see picture to the side).

The requirement for this training applies to:

Regular and temporary employees, including all faculty and staff

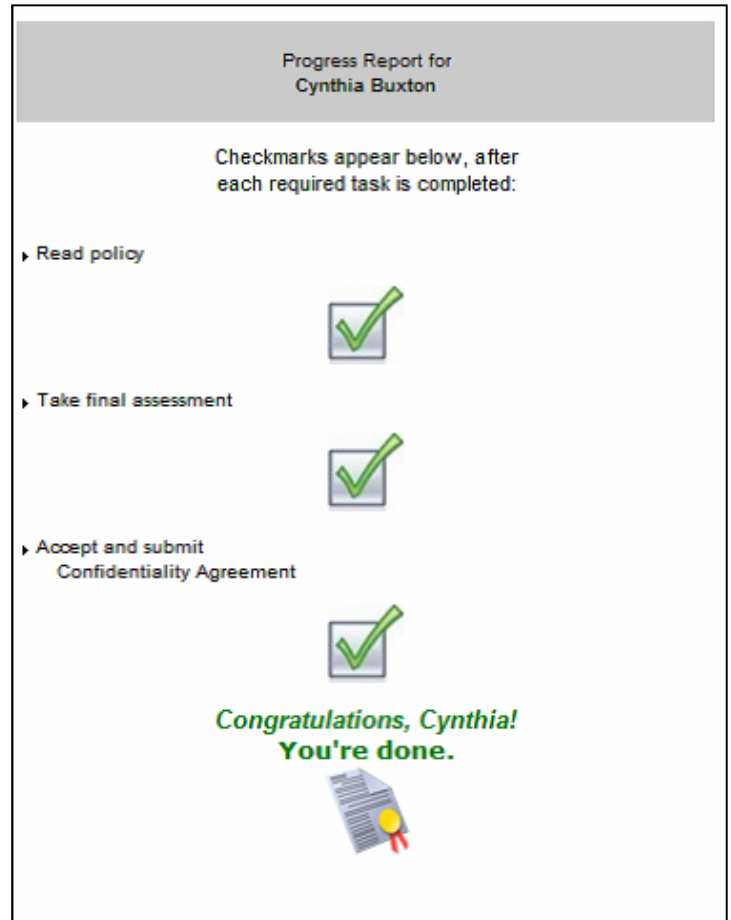
Student employees who may come in contact with restricted data; supervisors’ discretion may be used for other student employees.

Supervisors

All supervisors are responsible for ensuring that their staff complete the training. Supervisors are also responsible for ensuring that contractors, consultants, or other personnel who will have access to the university network complete the training. In addition, supervisors should incorporate the training requirement into performance plans for fiscal year 2012. The performance objective should be stated as “Successfully complete the Institutional Data Policy training and apply the knowledge gained to all aspects of your job” with a due date of July 2012.

Getting Started

Login to Carmen www.Carmen.osu.edu and join the **Institutional Data Policy 2** course to enroll. Once enrolled, you must select the student tab to see the course. A job aid detailing the enrollment steps is available at <http://buckeyesecure.osu.edu/Policy/InstitutionalDataTraining> A Frequently Asked Questions document will be developed and made available via the college web site. For questions, please contact Rob Luikart at luikart.7@osu.edu



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Thank-You

West Region colleagues, thanks for participating in the recent Pulse Survey; your responses are extremely valuable to our organization. At the June OSU Extension Administrative Cabinet meeting, your Pulse Survey responses were discussed. To receive a summary of the Pulse Survey responses, please contact Debbie Lewis or Ken Martin.
