Position Announcement

Program Coordinator
Nutrient Management Plans Writer, ANR
Bowling Green, OH

This is a term position which will end on July 31, 2018. This position is located in Bowling Green, Ohio.

JR# 416753
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Post Date: April 2, 2016
Deadline Date: April 17, 2016
To Apply
Happy April Birthdays …

Ohio State offers eligible employees and their dependents the opportunity to advance their education at Ohio State. For dependent tuition assistance, applications must be submitted each term. The summer 2016 term enrollment window opened March 14 and closes June 17. The enrollment window for autumn 2016 opens June 27 and closes August 26. Faculty and staff can apply using Employee Self Service or paper applications. Read more

Ohio 4-H Teams Up with Bob Evans (Source: onCampus Today) …

The Ohio 4-H Foundation has been working with Bob Evans on a community fundraiser scheduled for Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17. The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio FFA Foundation and Ohio 4-H will receive 15 percent of sales receipts from Bob Evans Restaurants in Ohio during the fundraiser on May 16-17. Every Bob Evans customer who brings in this printed flyer for dine-in, carryout or catering orders can participate. Simply present the flyer at checkout and Bob Evans will donate 15 percent of sales to the three charities (electronic versions not accepted). Print a copy here.

Ohio State Named One of the Nation’s Best Employers …

Forbes has named Ohio State one of America’s Best Employers in 2016. The university ranked 53rd in Forbes’ list of 500 employers – securing the top spot in the Big Ten, second in Ohio employers and among the top 15 of all higher education institutions. The employers (composed of corporations, universities and others) were selected by an independent survey among 30,000 employees. Read more

Blog Links …

- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/
ATLANTA, March 28, 2016 – At the Operation UNITE Summit in Atlanta, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a series of upcoming rural town halls as well as funding rural communities can use to conduct health and safety outreach around prescription painkiller and heroin abuse. Opioids, including prescription painkillers and heroin, accounted for 28,648 deaths in 2014, and rural communities are affected at higher rates than urban communities. This is in part due to a lack of outreach and treatment resources available in rural communities, and this year USDA is expanding its Rural Health and Safety Education (RHSE) competitive grants program to give rural communities the opportunity to use funds for programs that will address the opioid epidemic.

In January, President Obama tapped Secretary Vilsack to lead an interagency task force focused on this specific challenge. Recent efforts have helped identify effective tools to reduce drug use and overdose, including evidence-based prevention programs, prescription drug monitoring, medication-assisted treatment and the overdose reversal drug naloxone.

"The opioid epidemic is a fast-growing problem all across America, and we know that rural communities are facing an even higher burden than those in urban areas," said Vilsack. "We've identified ways to use existing resources to help rural towns and organizations address this challenge head on and potentially save lives, and I look forward to meeting with community leaders to better understand how we can further support their efforts to create healthier, safer futures for families and individuals who may be struggling."

Over the next several months, Vilsack will travel to New Hampshire, Missouri, Nevada, Mississippi and Appalachia to participate in town halls that will bring together local and state government partners, the health community, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the issue and discuss possible solutions. Vilsack will encourage public and private organizations to commit to plans of action for their communities.
Additionally, USDA is making available $1.4 million through its Rural Health and Safety Education (RHSE) competitive grants program. Administered through USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA), the program's goal is to enhance the quality of life in rural areas through improved health and safety education efforts, including expanding the focus to address the critical challenges of substance abuse in rural communities across the nation. For the first time, USDA is encouraging applicants to develop projects that specifically work to educate the public about opioid abuse and overdose. USDA will also consider projects that target other health outcomes.

Since 2009, NIFA has awarded $10.6 million to the RHSE program for projects that support the health and safety needs of rural America. Fiscal year 2016 applications to the RHSE program should focus on supporting projects proposing to scale-up existing, outcome-based extension programs in the area of individual and family health education to rural communities, state-wide or regionally across state lines. Programs that apply for RHSE funding in fiscal year 2016 can focus on extension work in the realm of substance abuse, as well as nutrition and physical activity, healthy and safe homes, aging in place, as well as other behavioral health and human social topics.

Applications are due June 1, 2016. More information is available in the online Request for Applications.

Past projects funded through the RHSE program include an Oklahoma State University project that aims to improve health literacy among family and consumer sciences educators, rural hospital discharge planners, and family caregivers. A project from the University of Wisconsin seeks to increase cancer treatment education and access to services for rural residents, while also forming coalitions to address rural health disparities.

Since 2009, NIFA has invested in and advanced innovative and transformative initiatives to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. NIFA's integrated research, education, and extension programs, supporting the best and brightest scientists and extension personnel, have resulted in user-inspired, groundbreaking discoveries that are combating childhood obesity, improving and sustaining rural economic growth, addressing water availability issues, increasing food production, finding new sources of energy, mitigating climate variability, and ensuring food safety. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts, sign up for email updates, or follow us on Twitter @usda_NIFA, #NIFAimpacts.
OSU has recently joined The Ohio Academy of Science as an Institutional Member (https://oas.membershipclicks.net/institutional-membership). Because of this, you can join the Academy at no cost! Please learn how to become a member, as well as membership benefits:

**How to join The Ohio Academy of Science:**
1) Go to Professional Application (Paid by Institution)
2) Complete the form and click submit
3) At Checkout use the coupon code **OHIOSTATE** *

*Please note:
- Your coupon code (**OHIOSTATE**) will cover the cost of a Professional Membership ($75), but a print subscription to The Ohio Journal of Science will still cost $15.
- You must use your OSU name.# email address so the Academy can verify you are a part of OSU’s membership.

**Benefits to Members:**
1) Access to members’ site: [http://oas.memberclicks.net](http://oas.memberclicks.net) where you can:
   a. Network with other Academy members
   b. Register for Academy Events
   c. Mentor/Assist younger students on their science research projects
2) No page charges for manuscripts submitted to *The Ohio Journal of Science*
3) Ability to attend and present an abstract at the OAS Annual Meeting (April 15-16, Ohio University)

Still have questions regarding membership? Email members@ohiosci.org.

**About the Academy**
Since 1891, The Ohio Academy of Science has been promoting science and science education in Ohio as a membership based, volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization. The Academy conducts an annual meeting which brings together scientists and students from all disciplines across the state, science days for pre-college students, and publishes an international, multidisciplinary, scientific journal.

**Impact Statement Reporting Course**

The work of Extension professionals benefits communities, the economy, the environment and more. By effectively reporting your individual impact, you share your methods and accomplishments with peers and public and advance your organization’s reputation and sustainability.
Description of the Course:
This online Impact Statement Reporting course presents the best practices of educators nationwide who have been training professionals on impact report writing for decades.

You will learn:
• What impact statements are
• How to write them
• Where to market them
• How they can help your organization

eXtension’s online format ensures consistency across trainings, allows widespread accessibility and is easy to use for people with busy schedules. The course provides a wealth of examples, resources, readings and assessments to help you become an impact statement expert.

Course Access:
eXtension makes this course available as a Free Benefit for employees of eXtension member institutions. Accessing the course requires a user account on Campus, eXtension’s online course system, as well as the entry of an “enrollment key”—a course admission password. You will obtain the enrollment key by first enrolling in an “enrollment info” course. Click here for streamlined enrollment as a member through our new Catalog system.

When you access this course as an employee of an eXtension member institution, the enrollment key will be displayed on the screen for you. A link on that page will then direct you to the actual course. When creating your account, please understand that your eXtension ID and password do not work at this site, so you will need to create a new login ID following the procedures shown.

If you have any problems getting your account created or accessing the course, you are welcome to contact the eXtension Campus help desk directly at campushelp@extension.org. If you would like to see a preview of this course, check out this free sampler.

Balance Your Wellness Wheel Email Invite . . .
Please join the Live Healthy Live Well Email Wellness Challenge! Register by clicking on the link below.

New this challenge – stress relieving coloring pages for you to enjoy.
Who? Any adult wanting to live a healthy life with support from Ohio State University Extension.

What? “Spring Renewal: Balance Your Wellness Wheel” email challenge, which provides you with two emails a week on a variety of health topics.

Where? In the convenience of your own home, office, or pocket.

When? April 11 through May 22, 2016

How? Locate your county (or a county in your EERA) and click on the registration link

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**Why?** We work better together. Supporting one another in living a healthy lifestyle is a smart and fun thing to do.

Participants will learn about these dimensions of wellness and wellness behaviors:

**Vegetables and Fruits** - Find ways to eat vegetables and fruits on half your plate.

**Fitness Focus** - Ideas to move more to reduce stress.

**Local Foods** - Visit a Farmers’ Market or the local foods section of your store.

**Gardening with Herbs** - Plant an herb, vegetable or fruit in a container or plot garden.

**Seasoning with Herbs** - Use herbs instead of salt to season foods.

**Take it Outside** - Spend time enjoying nature this Spring.

**Stress Relief** - Manage stress with a new strategy.

**Positive Attitude** – Enjoy a positive attitude by practicing gratitude.

Questions?

**Contact:** Michelle Treber, treber.1@osu.edu or Lisa Barlage, barlage.7@osu.edu for additional information.

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