OSU Extension Administration is again making available grants to support innovative outreach/engagement work with Ohioans; interdisciplinary work; and initiatives that once seeded through this funding, will expand Ohio State’s engagement and OSU Extension’s work with the community.

Click on the following link for information regarding submitting a proposal: [http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/ii-administrative-and-program-resources/innovativegrants](http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/ii-administrative-and-program-resources/innovativegrants)

Proposals are due May 15. If you have questions regarding the innovative grants, you may contact me at martin.1540@osu.edu or phone 614.292.8793
Congratulations to the winners of our Ohio NACAA poster contest! These winners will be judged for national awards at the NACAA AMPIC in North Dakota this July. Good luck!

**Ohio’s Research Poster Winner:**
Iron Soil Phosphorus Release May Impact Harmful Algae Blooms and Water Quality
Hoorman*; Jim1; Young, Curtis2; Sundermeier, Alan3; McCutcheon, Jeff4; Islam, Rafiq5

**Ohio’s Extension Education Poster Winner:**
Collaborative Efforts to Save Hemlocks in Ohio
Jerry Iles, Dave Apsley, Tom Macy and Stephanie Downs

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**State Food Policy Summit – June 4 (Source: Julie Fox) . . .**

The State Food Policy Summit, sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, will be held on Thursday, June 4 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. The Summit will be preceded by an early afternoon session that is free and open to members of local food policy councils. This session is intended to provide training and resources for local food policy councils and their members as well as create opportunities for networking and coalition-building. This session will include a civic engagement training focused on developing diversity, a presentation on balancing policy and programming, and an extended time focused on coalition-building. We hope to have representation from all local food policy councils so please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and encourage them to save the date.

**Dean’s Webinar . . .**

Dean McPheron’s monthly webinar is scheduled for this Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Please hold the date. More information will be sent this week about connecting to the webinar.

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**Happy April Birthdays . . .**

- April 5 Kim Herman – Program Assistant, Williams County
- April 7 Dar Mensing – Program Assistant, Ottawa County
- April 7 Alan Sundermeier – Educator/Director, Wood County
- April 17 Donna Green – Educator, Erie County
- April 20 Patrice Powers-Barker – Educator, Lucas County
- April 23 Bernadette Stephens – Program Assistant, Seneca County
- April 26 Chris Brubaker – Office Associate, Henry County
- April 26 Jayne Roth – Educator, Wood County
- April 28 Melissa Welker – Educator, Fulton County

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**Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for April 13 - 17**

Monday: Region Office
Tuesday: Region Office
Wednesday: Lucas Co. PM
Thursday: Region Office
Friday: Region Office
Webpage Links (Source: Cheryl Buck) . . .

The changes made to the State 4-H website are terrific. However, one unintended consequence is that a number of links from the county websites to sub-pages within the State 4-H site have been “broken” with the transition. This is normal because many URL links can change during an upgrade of this magnitude. Please check any of the links from your county website to pages on the State 4-H site, and update the link(s) on your website to link to the correct location. If you have trouble locating where any of the links should now be directed, please contact Tracy Grody @ grody.2@osu.edu.

The menu link that was built into the county sites for the Ohio 4-H Family Guide forwards correctly as is, as well as the Ohio 4-H Foundation link that is posted in the Additional Resources section on the 4-H landing page. There is no need for you to adjust either of these links at the county level.

4-H CARTEENS Page FYI –
The banner photo that had been preloaded on the 4-H CARTEENS landing page for each county has been removed, even if that page is unpublished on your particular county site. It was determined that the original image too closely resembled a logo which conflicts with University brand standards.

Some counties had already replaced the previous image with a photo of their own CARTEENS’ participants (example: Madison, Wood). Each county is welcome to add your own photo to that landing page to replace what was deleted.

As always, thanks for maintaining your county website. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl @ buck.19@osu.edu
Enjoy a day of Wellness Activities as CSU celebrates the 125th Anniversary of Land-Grant legislation.

One-Mile Walk/Run
Noon, McPherson Memorial Stadium
Start at the Stadium. Use the track or walk the scenic route around campus. Kettering Health Network and Greene Memorial Hospital will provide health information and screenings.

Line-Dancing
11 am, Norman E. Ward Sr. University Center, Ballroom
Near the corner of U.S. 42 and Brush Row Road

Spin Class
2 pm, Walker Gymnasium
Use main campus entrance and turn right.

Events are free and open to the public. Participate in one event or stay for all. Go to CentralState.edu to register.
**Hold the Date – Open House . . .**

Bev Kelbaugh, Associate Professor, Southeast Region Director, will begin a new adventure when she retires June 30. She has touched so many lives through her years with OSU Extension, and we are making plans to honor her in a manner befitting the great work that she has done.

The Open House will be held at the Southeast Region Extension Office in Belle Valley (Noble County). The event will be held on **Thursday, June 25 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** (see attached flier). The presentation will be at 4:30.

We ask that you send cards, letters, photos to the Southeast Region Office (address below) or email to Lee Ann @ johnson.82@osu.edu or Vickie @ snyder.252@osu.edu.

If you wish to make a monetary donation towards a special gift, because we cannot purchase this item through University funds, we ask that checks be made payable to Carol Chandler (please do not make checks payable to OSU). Carol will see that proper dispersal of funds is made.

We would like to have the donations and mementos prior to June 12. Also, please RSVP to johnson.82@osu.edu by June 12 (for ordering cake and refreshments).

Donations on Bev’s behalf are also being accepted to the Southeast Region Endowment (625335) or the Richard B. and Nancy E. Stahl Family Fund (646871).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lee Ann or Vickie at 740.732.2381. Thank you in advance for your help in giving Bev the wonderful send-off that she so deserves!

(Please share this [flier](#) with others who might be interested. Thank you!)

**Conferences/Journals/Research Resources (Source: Travis West) . . .**

At our recent EERA meeting we talked about presenting and publishing beyond the typically Ohio and National 4-H modes.

Just thought I would send out a few resources to everyone that you might consider viewing if you are interested.

[www.ohio4h.org](http://www.ohio4h.org), Intranet section, under Professional Development there are 2 documents: **Conferences** and **Journals of Interest**

- Obviously this is not a comprehensive list but a good place to start.

Also, [www.go.osu.edu/ohio4hresearch](http://www.go.osu.edu/ohio4hresearch) will give you access to some research tools and templates if you are considering a research project or IRB related programming.