These two photos are from our school enrichment program called “Digging Those Dinosaurs” at St. Boniface Elementary here in Oak Harbor, Ohio.
Congratulations! . . .
Elizabeth Brubaker, daughter of Chris Brubaker, Henry County Office Associate, is a second-year Optometry Student at The Ohio State University. She will be receiving the “Professional Student Award for Excellence in Community Service” on May 6 at the University Outreach and Engagement Recognition Awards ceremony. That evening she will also be recognized as the “Albert Schweitzer Fellows” recipient for 2014-2015. She is President of her class of 2017 and also the President of Optometry Ambassadors and Mission Chair for Fellowship of Christian Optometrists, the organization that went to Jamaica. She has two more years before graduating and, hopefully, she will then be relocating back to the Henry County area.

CFAES Staff Advisory Council . . .
The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Staff Advisory Council Professional Development award is funded through support from donations from current and former employees. It is offered to help supplement the costs associated with travel and fees for professional development opportunities for staff of the College. This is a one-time reimbursement for expenses related to professional development activities, not to exceed $200.

Through the CFAES Staff Advisory Council Professional Development Fund we provide opportunities for staff members to engage in professional development when their department budgets might not allow for it. In order to continue our goal of providing professional development awards, the Staff Advisory Council works to ensure the continued growth of the Professional Development Fund. Funding supports education, training, and professional development for any regular or part time staff. Awards are distributed during each academic quarter through an application process.

If you would like to consider making a contribution through the Campus Campaign, contributions may be made to: CFAES Staff Advisory Council Training Fund #312155. THANK YOU! YOU make this a great place to work!

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

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for April 20 - 24

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THANK YOU! YOU make this a great place to work!
Jennifer Morlock, 4-H Program Assistant Wood County was recently interviewed for the National 4-H History Preservation Project Newsletter. The article features her project of the permanent room for 4-H History at the Wood County Historical Society in Bowling Green.

Every county in the US has a 4-H History. It may have started in the early 1900s or it may have been a few years later. The real challenge for us today is to find those beginning stories and/or photos and then to put them in a place where they are not only safe but can be shared with 4-H’ers and others in the communities today and in the future. Wood County, Ohio, 4-H staff saw that need and started to do that 12 years ago. The National History Team heard about their efforts and asked Jenny Morlock, County 4-H Program Assistant about the project. (Editor) I’d like to know where you got the idea of creating a history of your County 4-H Program. (Jenny Morlock) History has always been an interest of mine. I have been very blessed to be a 4-H professional in the county where I grew up, therefore I have connections and sentimental ties to our program. After working as a 4-H professional for 23 years I have been able to plant the “seed” of the importance of preserving 4-H history and it has been so enjoyable to watch 4-H members and alumni alike become interested in this project and connect

Read the entire article at: http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Newsletter/PDF/4HHPP_Newsletter_v06_n03_2015-04.pdf
(The article begins on the bottom of page 2)
Signature Program Online RFP Due May 1 (Source: Ken Martin) . . .

Those involved with programming which meets the expectations of the signature program criteria should complete proposals at the Signature Program online RFP site (http://go.osu.edu/SPrfp) by May 1. The potential signature programs should have also been previously discussed with the appropriate Assistant Director(s) and/or the Associate Director of Programs. A copy of the Signature Program Guidelines are located at http://golosu.edu/SPguidelines. The submitted proposals will be forwarded to Administrative Cabinet and to the Signature Program proposal review committee for review.

Upcoming Meetings (Source: Dean McPheron) . . .

More than a year ago when I asked the Steering Committee to take leadership of the Vice President’s Conversation on the Future, one of my goals was to challenge us to be adventurous and explore the opportunities we can create in a new century of Extension work and scholarship. We started the important work of visioning at the VP Summit in December during Annual Conference. The committee took the feedback collected at the Summit and has developed a variety of opportunities for you to provide additional, more in-depth ideas about preparing for and successfully navigating 2035.

The link below provides more information about the numerous face-to-face meetings, located across the state, designed to engage your imagination and gather your insight and ideas about our future opportunities. The committee has also developed a web-based survey and will be offering other distance/off-site and digital options to provide input. I hope that each of you, regardless of your position or location, finds time to participate in one of the many visioning opportunities provided. I look forward to seeing where our ingenuity, courage and creativity can take us!

http://go.osu.edu/osue2035

Come chat with colleagues and help imagine the future of OSU Extension. Locations in our Region are Jackson and Belle Valley. This three hour workshop will be held in Jackson on May 29 and in Belle Valley on June 10. Visit http://go.osu.edu/osue2035 for information on times, locations and how to register. If you cannot go to the statewide events, a virtual conversation via CarmenConnect will be held on May 20 from 10 a.m. til noon.

To learn more about the VP Conversation, visit go.osu.edu/OSUEFuture
Upcoming Webinars . . .

**eXtension Women in Agriculture Learning Network Webinar – April 21, noon**

Join Extension educators Gigi Neal (Clermont County), Christy Leeds (Union County) and Christie Welch (South Centers) as they present Risk Management and Your Agritourism Business on April 21 at noon. Agritourism and farm-based educational enterprises have become an important part of the U.S. economy. People are interested in how their food is produced and want to make connections with their local farmers. As important as it is to foster relationships with customers, it’s also important to know the risks of opening your operation to the public, and learn how to protect your farm from potential accidents and hazards. You also want to keep customers safe. In this webinar, learn about assessing potential risks on your agritourism business. You’ll also hear from two farmers who will share their knowledge and experience in the agritourism industry.

To join the webinar go to [https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/womeninaq](https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/womeninaq) about 10 minutes prior to the start time. Click on Enter as a Guest and type your name in the space, then click on Enter Room. For best results, it is suggested that you use Firefox or Internet Explorer. Prior to participating in this Adobe Connect event, please go to the following URL to confirm your ability to log on to the Connect Server: [www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/testconnect)

**Networking and Partnership Tips for Extension Professionals – April 23, 2 p.m. ET . . .**

Presented by Kevin Andrews, Extension Program Specialist, Organizational Development, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - This session will cover the importance of the personal connections and relationships we develop as Extension Professionals, and how those of us who are not the most outgoing people in the world can meet and interact with members of our communities. We will discuss key partnership concepts, as well as tips for getting to know others. This webinar is especially important for new Extension educators and those who supervise or work with them. To connect, visit [www.naepsdp.org](http://www.naepsdp.org) and click on webinars.