Lily Liu . . .
Lily is a visiting research scientist from Northeast China specializing in soy beans and crop production. She is visiting Ohio to learn about soil testing and sustainable crop production methods. She will be visiting with Alan Sundermeier for two weeks and staying for two months working at the OSU South Centers with Dr. Islam.

Next Week . . .
With next Monday being the Labor Day holiday, there will be no issue of This Week Southeast until September 14. Enjoy your holiday weekend!
Welcome! . . .

We Welcome . . .

Shannon Castillo, Office Associate, Ottawa County, who started in the Northwest Region on August 24.

We Welcome . . .

Brooke Distel, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Wyandot County, who started in the Northwest Region on August 24.

Buckeye Voices: Positive Economic Impact in Appalachia (Source: onCampus Today) . . .

The OSU South Centers Endeavor Center is changing the economic outlook of a community that suffers from higher-than-average unemployment rates. Ryan Mapes, center manager, writes: “Over the course of a decade, the Endeavor Center has helped local businesses create more than 2,500 jobs and retain 10,000 more, adding to the local community almost $200 million of direct economic activity, which is significant in this part of the state.”

Read more: buckeyevoices.osu.edu

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for August 24 – 28

Monday: Vacation
Tuesday: Vacation
Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Vacation
Friday: Vacation
The Northwest Ohio Hops Workshop was held August 25 at the Ag. Incubator Foundation in Wood County. Brad Bergefurd was the speaker at this workshop. Farmers, brewers, and interested people attended to develop the hops industry in this area.

Hirzel Farms in the CIFT (Center for Innovative Food Technology) along with OSU have planted a research site at the Workshop location.

Modified Relay Intercropping Field Day...

Jason Hartschuh hosted a Modified Relay Intercropping (MRI) Field Day looking at planting soy beans into wheat before the wheat harvest. Jason explained planting dates, seed selection, and weed control methods. This was located at the Unger Farm research site near Bucyrus.
The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Development conference is an outstanding professional development opportunity that brings together individuals from around the nation and all levels and subject matter areas of Extension. The 2016 event will be held on February 10-11 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. The theme is *Leadership Across Generations*.

Proposals for oral presentations, round-table discussions and Ignite sessions designed to enhance the leadership skills and abilities of Extension professionals are welcome. Call for Presentations for this conference is available on the JCEP Website at [http://jcep.org/leadership-conference](http://jcep.org/leadership-conference).

Deadline for proposals is November 2.

Effective September 1, in interim status, the Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment, and Relationship Violence policy will serve as a unified campus policy. It will replace the current Sexual Harassment policy. This policy will apply to the entire Ohio State community, including faculty, staff, students, student employees, graduate associates, appointees, volunteers, vendors and visitors.

In addition to broadening the scope to all sexual misconduct, the policy provides appropriate guidance for handling allegations. It also provides additional definitions, details and expanding reporting requirements for faculty, staff and student employees, as well as contact information.


Questions? Contact Employee and Labor Relations at 614.292.2800 or [ohrc@hr.osu.edu](mailto:ohrc@hr.osu.edu).
Requesting Background Checks (Source: Kirk Bloir) . . .

Please be aware that OSU Extension may only request to have background checks conducted for individuals who intend to become part of our volunteer corps, or already are serving as our volunteers.

In other words, we cannot request background checks be conducted for any other organization or for individuals who do not intend to be, or already are, OSUE volunteers. If another organization requires their volunteers to have a background check, that organization should instruct the individual to have a background check conducted for that organization’s specific purposes and results should be routed to that organization appropriately.

The authorization to conduct background checks for volunteers and the laws specifying the circumstances in which background checks can legally be conducted comes from the Ohio Revised Code. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kirk Bloir (bloir.1@osu.edu) Associate State 4-H Leader, or a member of the Office of Human Resources Background Check team (hr-backgroundchecks@osu.edu).

Thank you for your understanding!

College Sponsorship Guidelines Adopted (Source: Ryan Schmiesing) . . .

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences has developed guidelines for departments, units and programs to utilize when considering a sponsorship for an external event or activity. These guidelines follow the development of a comprehensive approach adopted at the university level last year. Should you receive a request to sponsor an event or activity, please review the CFAES Sponsorship Guidelines found on the college http://cfaes.osu.edu/faculty-staff-resources/college-and-university-policies.

We understand that the guidelines do not address every possible scenario and there are often questions about what qualifies as a sponsorship or how attendees should be identified when those opportunities exist. We will be happy to work with you to answer any questions and help process the request as efficiently as possible. Please feel free to contact me at anytime should you have questions at Schmiesing.3@osu.edu