A nice article in CFAES News discusses the Tech Wizards Program. Putnam and Allen are the two NW Ohio Counties that are part of this team and initiative. View the article [here](#)
County Highlights Available
(Source: Cheryl Buck) . . .

The 2015 edition of the County Highlights is now available at http://communications.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/resources/marketing-and-brand-strategy/county-highlights, featuring individual reports for each county as well as Adventure Central and the Alber Enterprise Center.

These reports summarize the impact of our Extension professionals, and our numerous partnerships with community leaders, by highlighting success stories in each of our impact areas:
- Strengthening Families and Communities
- Preparing Youth for Success
- Enhancing Agriculture and Environment
- Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities

Our federal, state and local elected officials want to know what we are doing throughout the state for their constituents. The County Highlights are one of the most effective publications we use to share local impact information.

You can print and distribute the County Highlights as necessary to help tell our story and highlight work that directly addresses critical issues and improves the lives of Ohio citizens. (Please update any links from your County website to the most up-to-date version of the County Highlights.)

Happy March Birthdays …

- March 17 Jenny Morlock – Program Assistant, Wood County
- March 22 Kris Simpson – Program Assistant, Huron County
- March 23 Beth Brown – Office Assistant, Richland County

Get Well Wishes . . .

Please keep Mary Longo, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Marion County, in your thoughts. Mary became ill during the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference on Saturday and is currently in Grant Hospital. To respect Mary’s privacy and maintain consistency in information on her health, Julie Fox, Central Region Director, will be the point of contact for communications with her family. Rob Leeds has agreed to serve as Interim CED in Marion County during Mary’s absence. Please send cards to Mary at her home address of 980 Burgundy Drive, Marion 43302.
Hold the Date (Source: Bruce Clevenger) . . .

**What:** 2016 NW Region Spring Conference

**When:** April 28, 2016

**Where:** Camp Perry, Ottawa County

**Who:** All OSUE Staff

**Confirmed Guest and Feature:** Dr. Roger Rennekamp, Associate Dean and Director, OSU Extension

NCAA AM/PIC Deadlines . . .

The deadline for Professional Improvement Session proposals are due March 15. Instructions for applying can be found on page 4 in the December issue of The County Agent Magazine (http://www.nacaa.com/countyagent/2015-04.pdf).

**March 15** is also the deadline for NACAA Communications Awards. Find more information about how to apply for these awards at http://www.nacaa.com/awards/QuickStartGuide-HowtoApplyforaNACAAAward.php

Search for Excellence Award nominations are also due March 15. Guidelines for this award can be found at http://www.nacaa.com/awards/sfe.php. Last year Gary Gao was a national finalist. Awards vary depending on the category and sponsorship. All entries must be completed online and must include 1) abstract; 2) entry organized according to the following criteria (educational objectives, program activities, teaching methods, results, impact statement and evaluation); 3) no more than three supporting documents; 4) entry cannot exceed 1200 words (excluding the abstract and three supporting documents).

Business Office FAQs . . .

If you haven’t visited the Business Office website in a while (http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/) they have entered a few new FAQs (bank statement, online banking, store savings card) that you should review.
Ready, Set, Register! (Source: Jamie Seger and Danae Wolfe) . . .

Registration for innovateOSU on is now OPEN! This event will sell out, so register early! You can do so here, or see the conference email below for more information.

As a reminder, you will need to register for innovateOSU (May 11) and our innovateExtension (May 12) event separately. Registration for our innovateExtension event will be available soon. This is shaping up to be a fantastic event as we have collaborated with innovateOSU, HackOSU, OHI/O, the OSU Leadership Center, and other campus entities to make the day fun, engaging, productive, and of course - innovative!

Event information has been posted to the Ed Tech blog over the past month and we will continue to provide weekly updates prior to registration. Please let us know if you have any questions about innovateExtension!

Ed Tech Information . . .

In case you missed the First Friday Break this month on Carmen Connect, the recording is now available at http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2016/03/09/first-Friday-coffee-break-with-an-ed-tech-carmen-connect/

Coming in the Future to OSU . . .

• Workday - In a major step to enhance operational excellence, OSU will be moving to a cloud-based financial management system. https://ocio.osu.edu/blog/community/2016/03/03/workday-coming-soon (Source: Ric Hunter)
• Canvas (Learning Management System) - Carmen is not going away. The LMS that ‘powers’ Carmen will be changing, but you will still go to carmen.osu.edu to log into your courses. https://resourcecenter.odee.osu.edu/adoptcanvas (Source: Interim Provost Bruce McPherson & CIO Michael Hofherr)

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/
Campus Campaign Supports Extension, Too!
(Source: Cynthia Torppa) . . .

How many of us think the funds donated to Campus Campaign go straight to Columbus where they support wonderful programs on main campus? If that’s your understanding, I’m delighted to tell you that your contribution to Campus Campaign supports fund(s) that you choose – and those include local funds for your county office, the ESP Leadership fund, or any other fund that YOU designate when you make your contribution!

Please take a few minutes to find a fund you’d like to support. If you are a current faculty or staff member, you can search for funds to support by logging into the Campus Campaign online giving site at https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/ - just click on the big red rectangular button that says, “Give Online or Search for Funds.”

Remember – it’s not about how much you give, but about your willingness to support a fund that you value by making a gift. A gift as low as $1 per pay period, or a one-time gift of $5 by credit card, or even a one-time gift of $1 in cash or check is welcome. And every gift helps us reach our goal of 45% participation in CFAES!

Thank you for considering a gift through Campus Campaign! – Cindy
The eXtension Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of Catalog, soon to become the gateway to a comprehensive listing of online courses, webinars, workshops, and eBooks available – both for Extension professionals and public learners – throughout the Cooperative Extension System. The initial launch includes approximately 100 courses but will steadily scale up in the immediate term to offer more than 450 free and fee-based courses, webinars, and other educational offerings. All Extension professionals from eXtension Foundation Member Institutions can list their education offerings in Catalog.

The offerings on Catalog cover a wide array of topics and are delivered through several different platforms or technologies. Most of the courses are delivered through eXtension’s online course system, Campus, at campus.extension.org. Originally launched in 2007, Campus offered some 360 courses varying subject matter, rigor, cost and credit. Course subjects reflect the breadth of the Cooperative Extension System, as Extension educators from about 40 different land-grant universities and involved in various agriculture, family, community and youth programs offer online education through Campus.

Increasingly, these Extension educators are using new ways to deliver education to their respective audiences – particularly webconferencing, or webinars – which allow presenters to enhance their educational offers with additional resources, opportunities for continued conversation, testing, certification or other extended learning activities. Some webinars may require fees for admission, and Catalog facilitates payment of fees and enrollment in those webinars. A full list of webinars can be found at learn.extension.org.

For more information and a close look at the Catalog, visit catalog.extension.org. Also, watch for coming announcements of webinars and other opportunities to learn more about using Catalog. For any questions you may have, please email cataloghelp@extension.org.