Northwest Region Touchpoint
September 19, 2016

New Ed Tech Blog Post: Balancing Social Media Identities Recording Available (Source: Danae Wolfe)...

Missed the September Coffee Break? Be sure to watch the recording! https://youtu.be/aXGg9SYGtEQ

New Login to Access Paycheck and Benefits Information (Source: onCampus Today)...

BuckeyePass, our new multi-factor authentication service, adds an extra layer of security to the Employee Self Service (ESS) system to better protect your paycheck, benefits, leave and other personal information. If you haven’t used ESS for a while, you will need to register for BuckeyePass before you can log into the system. Read more Contact
Welcome! ... We Welcome . . .

Nadia Pokrzywa, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, who started in Richland County on September 6.

Director’s Drop-In . . .

It’s Farm Science Review week! The Review is one of the nation’s premier agricultural trade and education events, and our OSU Extension professionals play many significant roles in making this such a successful show.

I announced last week that Nick Zachrich has accepted the position of manager of the Farm Science Review, effective September 12. Nick has served as the Review site manager since 2010. As Review manager, Nick will oversee the Review and other events that take place at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center near London, Ohio. He joins Matt Sullivan, who is now superintendent of the Molly Caren facility.

Our goal is to continually improve the visitor experience while showcasing cutting-edge innovations and best practices of modern agriculture. The numbers are impressive – 110,000+ visitors, 600+ exhibitors, thousands of product lines on display, 100+ educational presentations – in the 80-acre exhibit area, 67-acre Gwynne Conservation Area, and 600 acres of field demonstrations. But most impressive are the connections made between attendees, the conversations that help everyone improve their basic knowledge or hands-on practices, and the demonstrations that get visitors excited about new techniques and/or products.

Thank you to everyone who puts a lot of time, talent and Extension expertise to work for the Review each year. I’ll be at Farm Science Review each day, and I hope to see many of you there. Here’s hoping for cooperative weather during the week too!

Happy September Birthdays . . .

- September 1  Deb Walters – Office Assistant, Defiance County
- September 5  Kathy Booher – Educator/Director, Ottawa/Seneca Counties
- September 13  Nancy Stehulak – Educator/Director, Henry County
- September 15  Jessica Suman – Program Assistant, Van Wert County
- September 19  Allen Gahler – Educator, Sandusky County
- September 21  Teresa Johnson – Educator, Defiance County
- September 22  Jill Stechschulte – Educator/Director, Fulton County
- September 25  Caitlin Jones – Program Coordinator, Van Wert County
- September 29  Brittany Sieler – Nutrient Mgmt. Plan Writer, Wood County
- September 29  Amy Stone – Educator/Director, Lucas County

Northwest Region Newsletter

OutSTANDING U!
It is time for the annual CES membership drive for the 2016-2017 year! Chi Epsilon Sigma is Extension’s professional organization for support staff. Membership is open to all support staff that have at least a 45 percent appointment with Extension.

Annual CES membership dues are $25. Dues may be paid from county/department budgets with unit director approval. To encourage staff to join that may not be able to because of budget constraints, six membership scholarships will be available. You can request an application by checking the appropriate box on the membership form. Membership information and the application are attached. Please let me know if you have any trouble opening the attachments.

The 2016 CES Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 6, at the Ohio Union in partnership with the OSU Extension Annual Conference. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. A $100 scholarship will be awarded to a CES member to assist with expenses to attend the Annual Meeting and Conference. Criteria will be based on restricted financial funding, and an application will be sent if you check the box on the membership form.

Now is the time to consider membership in CES – the Extension support staff professional organization. Experience the many benefits of CES membership. In order to eligible for fall awards and/or to be a part of the Chi Epsilon Sigma Board, you must send in your forms and payment no later than October 15.

2016-17 Membership Information and Forms
for returning members, new members, and new or continuing emeriti
- CES Membership Application (Active & Emeriti Form)
- 2016 Secret Friend application packet

New OSU Extension Leadership Network Forming
(Source: Brian Raison) . . .

Colleagues with “leadership” interests:

Do you teach leadership programming? Would you like to improve those seminars or classes? We are building a statewide network of innovative people, programs, and resources focused on developing high quality leadership in the individuals, organizations, and communities we serve.

We’ll use this network to share energy, ideas, processes, programs, curricula, and resources. In doing so, we will improve our work... and better serve our clients.

Click here to sign up: OSU Extension Leadership Network 2-Qs
We'll plan to gather (via Zoom) in October.
I am insanely psyched about this. I hope you’ll join us.
Enhancements to Rental Car Agreements for Business Travel
(Source: Brian McClain) . . .

Please see below the changes to university rental car agreements that became effective July 1, 2016. The links below to the Agreement Summary and the FAQ for vehicle rentals are attached. The benefits to renting from these vendors are that they have university rates and the university required insurances for rental cars are included in the price at no additional cost. Please contact your business office rep with questions.

Effective from July 1, 2016, Ohio State’s Business Contract/Business Rental Agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental has been replaced with the new Inter-University Council Purchasing Group Vehicle Rental Agreement. Under the agreement the daily rates are inclusive of all insurances as required by the Travel Policy and offer the university significant savings. In addition, the agreement has been expanded to include rentals with Enterprise Truck Rental (exceptions may apply).

For updated pricing and full terms and conditions see the Agreement Summary link on the Travel Website. Review FAQ for more information on agreement benefits, insurance, international rentals and other general information. Updated pricing for the leisure discounts may be found on the Human Resources Benefits Website under Discount Programs. This article is also available in NewsLink online.

Ohio 4-H Conference Call for Proposals . . .

Livestock, Nutrition, Leadership . . . What’s Your Expertise? Care to Share?

Ohio 4-H is seeking presenters for the 2017 Ohio 4-H Conference that will be held March 11, 2017. Over 1,500 adult and teen volunteers meet at this event to share ideas and learn new skills to aid them in making their 4-H members more successful. Do you have to be an adult to give a presentation? Absolutely not! Teens are encouraged to present, too. In the past, teens have taught remarkable sessions about leadership, recreation, animals and more! Attached is a document of topic ideas to consider.
New in 2017
Within the Call for Proposals there are four types of presentations from which you can select.
1. Session (45 minutes)
2. Workshop (90 minutes)
3. Poster session – A poster displaying research information compiled by a professional(s).
4. Informational display – A display that provides information about a program, association, event, or other beneficial information for 4-H volunteers.

Over 150 presentations will be selected for the conference to provide a wide array of topics for the participants. If you are interested in presenting, complete the proposal at go.osu.edu/Ohio4HConference before the September 30 deadline. Proposals will be reviewed in October and presenters will be contacted in early November to inform them if their session was selected.

For a list of Potential Tracks for 2017 Ohio 4-H Conference click here. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me using my contact information below. I hope you choose to share your knowledge and expertise!

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
(Source: u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin blog) . . .

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) is just one of the ways that the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences demonstrates its commitment to excellence in research. Training in RCR promotes public trust, research integrity, and the preparation of future researchers. RCR covers a variety of topics including conflicts of interest, animal welfare, human subject protection, data acquisition & management, mentoring & collaboration, responsible authorship and publication, peer review, research misconduct, and the scientist as a responsible member of society.

All personnel (faculty, staff, postdocs, and students) participating on a federally-funded research project, including capacity funds, are required to complete RCR training every three years. For more information on the training, click here.

SNAP-Ed FFY 17 Proposal
(Source: Roger Rennekamp and Pat Bebo) . . .

(Excerpt from email sent 9/19/16 from Roger Rennekamp to CEDs)
The SNAP-Ed FFY17 proposal has been submitted to ODJFS and FNS for approval. Upon approval the FFY 17 project year will begin October 1.
The Ohio SNAP-Ed team is now entering its fourth year using the model that incorporated regional program specialist (RPS)...The model has allowed the program to maintain growth and train excellent staff at the same time. With the FFY17 Ohio SNAP-Ed proposal, we submitted a model that changes the role of the RPS.

We appreciate all the work and support everyone has provided as the SNAP-Ed program has grown and developed over the last four years. We also hope all Extension staff will embrace this plan and help support SNAP-Ed to make it successful. In order to allow for more discussion and questions, Pat Bebo will host a one-hour webinar on Friday, September 23, 2016, at 9 a.m.

New Signature Programs (Source: Ken Martin) .

Effective July 1, 2016, OSU Extension has two new signature programs.

Healthy Soil Healthy Environment is a new Ohio State University Extension signature program that will create a soil health education and outreach network comprised of Ohio State researchers and OSU Extension faculty and educators. The program’s long-term goal is to help improve Ohio’s soil health and environment by educating farmers, youth and the general public. Alan Sundermeier, ANR Educator, Wood County and Vinayak Shedekar, Research Associate, OSU South Centers, will co-lead the program. Visit http://soilhealth.osu.edu for more information.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of young drivers, and Ohio 4-H CARTEENS, a new OSU Extension signature program, is addressing the issue. The program focuses on saving lives, plus reducing the number of first-time and repeat teen traffic offenses. The ‘car’ in 4-H CARTEENS stands for “Caution and Responsibility,” and “Teens” refers to the teenagers who help prepare and present the program. Judy Villard-Overocker, 4-H Educator, Richland County, will lead the program. Visit http://4hcarteens.osu.edu for more information.

Should you have questions regarding the new signature programs, please contact Ken at martin.1540@osu.edu.

Grant Opportunity (Source: Ken Martin) .

Connect and Collaborate Grants are due October 3. http://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants I strongly encourage you and your team to consider applying for dollars to plan, implement or expand programming. We will not be awarding OSU CARES or Innovative Grants this year and instead are expanding the dollars available for Extension related programming through this University-wide program.
If you would like to discuss your proposal ideas, join the conference call on September 23 from 10-11 a.m. Call 877-820-7831, Access Code 890250

Please feel free to contact Ken at martin.1540@osu.edu or Karen Bruns at bruns.1@osu.edu if you have any questions.

Blog Links . . .

- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
  - Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
  - Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
  - OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/
  - Ag Law – http://aglaw.osu.edu/blog

National Meeting Information . . .

**NEAFCS** – http://www.neafcs.org/2016-annual-session
  - Late Registration – after September 1 - $525

**NAE4-HA** – http://www.nae4ha.com/2016-national-conference
  - Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 - $229.00 per night
  - Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00

  - October 24-27 in Cape May, New Jersey
  - The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May