This Week Southeast
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Happy Birthday . . .
- April 24 – Marilyn Fisk, Office Associate, Hocking County

Congratulations . . .
To our ANR educators who received NACAA Communication Awards in Ohio. First place applications have been forwarded to the regional competition.

Computer Generated Graphics Presentation –
- 1st – Mark Landefeld, Monroe
- 2nd – Jeff Fisher, Pike

Personal Column –
- HM – Brad Bergefurd, Scioto

Feature Story –
- 2nd – Jeff Fisher, Pike

Newsletter, Individual
- 1st – Jeff Fisher, Pike
- 2nd – Ed Brown, Athens

Newsletter, Team
- 1st – Brad Bergefurd, Scioto

Fact Sheet
- 2nd – Mark Landefeld, Monroe

Website
- 1st – Tim McDermott, Hocking
- 2nd – Jeff Fisher, Pike

Program Promotional Piece
- 3rd – Brad Bergefurd, Scioto
Congratulations also to our 4-H educators who received NAE4-HA Awards. Those selected as Ohio winners will move on to regional competition.

Communicator Award, Educational Package Team
- Travis West, Vinton and colleagues

Communicator Award, Exhibit
- Christy Clary, Brown

Communicator Award, Video Program
- Bruce Zimmer, Washington

Denise Miller National Innovator Award
- Tracy Winters and Tiffany Riehm, Gallia

Diversity and Inclusion
- Michelle Stumbo, Meigs and Kathy Bruynis, Highland

Excellence in Camping Award
- Tracy Winters, Gallia

Job Postings...

Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed
Perry County, Somerset, OH
JR# 417139
1.0 FTE
Post Date: April 16, 2016
Deadline Date: May 1, 2016
To Apply

Summer Student Assistants Needed... (Source: Ohio 4-H News and Notes)
The State 4-H Office has several openings for summer 2016 Student Assistants. All positions have flexible work schedules and require a commitment of 35 hours/week. Start dates are dependent on completion of fingerprint background checks so please share this information as soon as possible.

State Office Assistant – May through August at the 4-H Center:
Prepare mailings, copy file and other office needs. Assist with preparation and coordination of activities at special 4-H events. Assist with evaluations, data entry and run reports. Assist with updating websites, data entry and online research. Interested students currently enrolled in college should send a resume to Lisa Jinks at jinks.2@osu.edu

4-H Educational Assistants to work at the Ohio State Fair – July 15 through August 7
Provide assistance in cleaning and painting of the 4-H area in the Youth Discovery Center prior to the fair’s opening. Provide assistance to 4-H Assistant Superintendents in helping with set-up and conducting their respective 4-H educational activities/events/award ceremonies. Assist with daily event/activity registration. Provide information to fair visitors. Interested students currently in college should send a resume to Allen Auck at auck.1@osu.edu.
Buckeye Summit – Follow Up . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

Last Thursday, members of Buckeye National convened at the Ohio Union to address the issue of food insecurity. Proceedings of this inaugural summit can be found at https://buckeyesummit.osu.edu/assets/uploads/event-photos-2016/BuckeyeSummitDayOfReport_reduced.pdf

At the Summit, OSU Extension was featured prominently as one of OSU’s key players in the area of food insecurity. While many who attended the Summit were from Columbus or the surrounding area, there is a chance that you may have a few individuals contact your office with an offer to volunteer with local efforts to combat hunger. However, I would not expect that any single office will have a surge of volunteer activity that they can’t easily accommodate.

If you do have individuals who contact your office with a desire to volunteer, ask about their specific interests and talents. Perhaps there is a role from them in one of the programs we operate. However, please feel free to refer them to other community organizations or agencies that may have volunteer opportunities that better align with their passion or interests.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I’ll be particularly interested in hearing of any success stories which result from the Summit.

And additionally – from Mike Hogan (Food Policy Summit Planning Committee)

The Ohio Food Policy Summit will be held on May 3, 2016 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM at the 4-H Center. Registration and complete agenda can be found at http://glenn.osu.edu/food-summit/. Prior to the State Food Policy Summit, a Local Food Council Summit will be held for local food council members from 9 Am to 1:30 PM at the 4-H Center. This event will complement and build upon some of the discussion at the Buckeye Summit on Food Security.

USDA Grants for Food Safety Training, Outreach and Technical Support . . . (Source: Andy Londo)

WASHINGTON, April 18, 2016 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of $4.7 million in grants for food safety education, training, and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers, food hubs, farmers' markets, and others. The grants, offered through the Food Safety Outreach Program and administered by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), are designed to help these stakeholders comply with new food safety guidelines established by the Food and Drug Administration under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).
"As growing demand for local food creates new economic opportunities for small farms, beginning farmers, and others, we are committed to ensuring that all types of farmers and businesses have the tools they need to be successful," said Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By supporting projects that offer tailored training, education, and technical assistance for producers and processors of local food, these grants will benefit producers, the entire food supply chain, and consumers."

In fiscal year 2015, NIFA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) funded an infrastructure of National and Regional Centers to extend food safety education, training, and technical assistance to specific audiences affected by new guidelines established under the FSMA. In fiscal year 2016, the Food Safety Outreach Program at NIFA will build upon this established national infrastructure by focusing on the delivery of customized training for owners and operators of small farms, food processors, small fruit and vegetable wholesalers, food hubs, farmers' markets, terminal markets, and farms that lack access to food safety training and other educational opportunities.

This year, NIFA will fund three types of projects to help producers comply with FSMA. Pilot projects will support the development and implementation of new and potentially high-risk, high-impact food safety education and outreach programs in local communities that address the needs of small, specialized audiences from among the various target groups. Community outreach projects will focus on the growth and expansion of already-existing food safety education and outreach programs that are currently offered in local communities. Multistate Education and training projects will support the development and implementation of multi-county, state-wide, or multi-state food safety education and outreach programs where there are common food safety concerns, but the states are not necessarily located within the same regions.

A webinar for potential applicants is scheduled for April 19, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST. Applications are due June 2. See the request for applications on the NIFA website for more information.

The Food Safety Outreach Program is just one example of the many USDA programs and services that support strong local and regional food systems. Across USDA, the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative coordinates the Department's policy, resources, and outreach efforts related to local and regional food systems. Over the past seven years, USDA has supported providing consumers a stronger connection to their food with more than $1 billion in investments to over 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects since between 2009. Industry data estimates that U.S. local food sales totaled at least $12 billion in 2014, up from $5 billion in 2008. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

Since 2009, NIFA has invested in and advanced innovative and transformative initiatives to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts, sign up for email updates, or follow us on Twitter @usda_NIFA #NIFAimpacts
Helping Our Colleagues . . .
Last week we sent out information about supporting two of our colleagues, Mary Longo, 4-H Educator and CED in Marion County and Dawna Jo Kiesling, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed in Highland County. Mary’s benefit was held this past Saturday and her son, Jimmy indicated they wish to thank everyone who made the day a success.

A benefit is being held for Dawna Jo and her family on May 6. A couple of people have emailed us and asked about making financial donations because they are unable to attend the benefit. From what we could find out, neither Mary nor Dawna Jo have a Go Fund Me type on-line donation account set up. If you would like to send a contribution or just a thinking of you card to either employee, please send in c/o their respective county office. Those offices are forwarding the mail to them. Gift cards/gas cards are always a nice thought.

We have also received word that Mary would like to have some visitors if you are in Columbus. She is currently in the Select Specialty Hospital, 1087 Dennison Avenue, Columbus (Victorian Village), gaining strength and awaiting transfer to Dodd Hospital at OSU.

Time is Running Out for Campus Campaign . . . (Source: Cindy Torppa)
We’re heading into the home stretch for Campus Campaign! Gifts received by April 27 will count toward the percentage for our college, so there are only about 10 days remaining to make a gift to the fund that you would like to support. Recent summaries show that we are currently at 28% participation as a college, so we need just 298 more participants to reach our goal of 45% participation!

Remember, it is your participation, not the amount you give that matters. A one-time contribution of $1 counts toward the overall percentage of participation from Extension. You can give $1 in cash or check, $5 by credit card, or why not make an ongoing contribution that is automatically deducted each pay period? Just click https://www.osu.edu/giving/assets/downloads/CC/blank_pledge_card.pdf to find a gift form.

And don’t forget – you get to select the fund you’d like your contribution 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.”
Cincinnati Reds – 4-H Night at the Ballpark . . . (Source: Ohio 4-H News and Notes)
The Reds are offering 4-H a Night at the Ballpark on May 21. From the tickets purchased through this order form, there will be a random drawing for one lucky person to deliver the game ball to the mound!

Reds/4-H Flyer
Reds/4-H Order form for Tickets

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/

Important Dates and Deadlines . . .
If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Lee Ann at johnson.82@osu.edu.

APRIL:
19-20 – Healthy People In-service Days
26 – Legislative Luncheon
28 – Region Support Staff Meeting, Fairfield County
29 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers

MAY:
11 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, SERO
16 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
27 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

JUNE:
15-17 – ANR Summer Retreat, Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center, College Corner, OH
20 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
22-23 – Forage and Grazing In-service, EARS, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., including Hay Day at 4 p.m. on 23rd, lima.19@osu.edu
26-29 – NACDEP & ANREP Conference, Burlington, VT

JULY:
20 – Region CED Meeting, Carmen Connect
24-28 – NACAA, Little Rock, AR
27-August 7 – Ohio State Fair

SEPTEMBER:
12-15 – NEAFCS, Big Sky, Montana
19 – JCEP Meeting, Carmen Connect
19 – EERA 4-H Program Leaders & 4-H Specialists Meeting, Columbus
20-22 – Farm Science Review
23 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS
28 – Region CED Meeting, F2F, location TBD

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
3 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, SERO
4-5 – Comm Dev Retreat
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ
26-27 – All FCS Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals Inservice, 4-H Center, Columbus
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers
DECEMBER:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union
14 – BH EERA 4-H Meeting, location TBD
16 – BH EERA ANR Meeting, EARS

Schedule (week of April 18, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)
M – Vinton (Perf Rev)
T – Athens (Perf Rev)  Perry (Interviews)
W – Virtual
T – Piketon (Perf Rev)
F – Columbus  Wooster

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