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Birthday Wishes . . .
- July 27 – Sherry Williams, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Pike County

Director’s Drop-In . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

Last week, I had the opportunity to participate in the annual Roads Scholar bus tour of Ohio coordinated by the Office of Outreach and Engagement designed to help new faculty and administrators learn about OSU’s impact on the state of Ohio.

Our tour began early Thursday morning with a visit to WOSU studios located at COSI in downtown Columbus. Our first stop was at the Transportation Research Center at East Liberty. We were able to take the bus on the 7.5-mile oval test track used for performance testing by the automotive industry. (We did not "crash test" the bus, but we were introduced to the latest model of crash test dummies.) We then headed north to Unverferth manufacturing, The Anderson’s, Toledo Zoo, Toledo Art Museum, and Cooper Tire. It was impressive to see how many OSU alums were employed at each of these facilities.

Along the way, I had a chance to tell the story of the creation of the land grant university system and provide passengers with an overview of OSU Extension. Meanwhile, another bus full of OSU students, student-athletes, and Brutus took another route to Toledo, eventually meeting up with our bus at the Zoo for an advancement event with alumni and other supporters. The students paid a visit to Rufenacht Family Farms in Fulton County where they learned about contemporary agriculture. Thanks to Eric Richer and the Fulton County team for arranging for that visit. Later that day, the students visited Sylvania Family Services, the Choice Food Pantry, and learned about the Master Gardener Volunteer program in Lucas County. Thanks to Patrice Powers-Barker, Amy Stone and the rest of the Lucas County team for their role in setting up those visits.
Job Postings . . .

Office Associate
Central Region Extension Office, Columbus, OH
JR# 420058
1.0 FTE
Post Date: July 23, 2016
Deadline Date: August 7, 2016
To Apply

Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed
Highland County, Hillsboro, OH
JR# 420059
.5 FTE
Post Date: July 23, 2016
Deadline Date: August 7, 2016
To Apply

Program Assistant, EFNEP (Adult/Youth)
Franklin County, Columbus, OH
JR# 419901
.75 FTE
Post Date: July 16, 2016
Deadline Date: July 31, 2016
To Apply

Program Assistant, EFNEP (Adult/Youth)
Franklin County, Columbus, OH
JR# 419900
.75 FTE
Post Date: July 16, 2016
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Business Operations Center . . .

FAQ – Inflatables

Visit http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/news/faq-%E2%80%93-inflatables to read all of the details.

Inflatables come with some basic risks. We depend on vendors to have appropriate insurance and employee controls in place to make rental of the equipment safe.

1. PO is required: Inflatable rentals must be done on a purchase order and cannot be done on a PCard or via an Extension Checking Account.

Share Cutting Edge Projects and Programs . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)

Please consider submitting the innovative and important work you are doing for consideration in the upcoming, nationwide Technology Outlook for Cooperative Extension Horizon Report. I am included among the 56 expert panel who have contributed to the report so far, and now we need your help. We know there are many innovative projects being implemented by OSU Extension professionals; let’s show them off!

Deadline for submissions is August 1. Share your projects here. More information in the eXtension announcement below. Please contact Jamie at seger.23@osu.edu if you have any questions prior to submitting.
Call for Submissions

As you know, the eXtension Foundation is partnering with the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) Innovation Task Force and The New Media Consortium (NMC) to prepare the *NMC Technology Outlook for Cooperative Extension 2016-2021*. A panel of 56 experts has been working on the report and last week selected the topics that will be featured in the report, scheduled for release in September.

We are sending you this advance notice of a call for project submissions from which the panel will select example initiatives to include in the report to represent current and emerging work on these topics. This [story on the NMC website](http://www.nmc.org) provides the topics and instructions for submitting any relevant work you propose to be featured in the final report.

Deadline for submissions is **August 1, 2016**. The submission form takes only minutes to complete per project, and you can submit as many projects as you like.

**Blog Links...**

- CFAES Weekly News Digest – [http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin](http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin)
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – [http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/](http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/)
- Community Development – [http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/](http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/)

**National Meeting Information...**


- Hotel Reservations – Open now until August 1 or until sold out
- Regular Registration – by September 1 - $475
- Late Registration – after September 1 - $525


- Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 - $229.00 per night
- Regular Registration – July 15 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – August 12 - $475.00
- Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00


- October 24-27 in Cape May, New Jersey
- Early Bird Registration – until July 31 - $425
- The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May
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.

**JULY:**
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

**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
12-14 – New Educator Workshop
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Aud.
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
21 – Buckeye Hills EERA All Program Meeting, Belle Valley

24-27 – 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 In-service, 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

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**Schedule (week of July 25, 2016)**
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)

M – RD Retreat
T – RD Retreat
W – RD Retreat
T – Columbus
F - Morrow

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