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Birthday Wishes . . .
- October 31 – Cheryl Goodrich, Extension Educator, 4-H, Monroe Co.
- November 1 – Brad Bergefurd, Extension Educator, ANR, Scioto Co. and South Centers
- November 1 – Debbie Carpenter, Program Assistant, EFNEP, Lawrence Co.
- November 6 – Kathryn Hartline, Program Coordinator, 4-H, Washington Co.

Ohio Valley EERA Meeting . . .
This is a reminder that there will be an Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting held at the Endeavor Center, Piketon on Friday, November 18. Please register at http://southeast.osu.edu/eeras-counties/ov-eera-all-program-areas-registration

Job Posting . . .
Office Associate, SNAP-Ed
Southeast Regional Office, Caldwell, OH
JR #422864
1.0 FTE
Post Date: 10/22/16
Deadline Date: 11/6/16
To Apply

OSU Extension, Southeast Region
16714 Wolf Run Road
Caldwell, OH 43724
Phone: (740) 732-2381 / Fax: (740) 732-5992
southeast.osu.edu
Welcome . . .
We welcome James Hardy, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed to Highland County. James started in the Southeast Region on October 17, 2016.

Congratulations . . .
We congratulate two staff members from the Southeast Region who were recognized by the CFAES Staff Advisory Council at their annual banquet on November 3.

Key Values Award - Amber Peck, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Washington County
Nominated by Marcus McCartney, colleague
A service award for dedication, cooperation and positive attitudes in the workplace.
Nominations for staff members within first three (3) years of employment.

Innovation Award - Thomas Harker, Research Associate, OSU South Centers
Nominated by Brad Bergefurd, colleague
For developing and/or participating in project initiatives and/or process operations improvements that enhances CFAES, Extension, ATI or OARDC and its mission.

Congratulations to you both for this nice honor and recognition by your colleagues.

ESP National Meeting Report . . . (Source: Lisa Barlage, President and Travis West, President-Elect)
President-Elect, Travis West represented Ohio at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference on April 10–13, 2016 in Crystal City, Virginia.

At the National ESP Conference in Cape May, New Jersey, the Alpha Eta Chapter was recognized with a Chapter of Merit Award, receiving the Platinum Chapter Award, the highest award a chapter can receive. Ohio is currently the largest ESP chapter in the country with 306 members in 2016! The Alpha Eta Chapter was recognized with a Gold Award in Achievement in Chapter Membership. Professionals from Ohio who served on National ESP committees included: Mary Beth Albright, David Crawford, and Travis West. Graham Cochran served most of 2016 as the President Elect for ESP and Chair of the National Resource Development and Management Committee. Voting delegates for the 2016 meeting included: Travis West, Kirk Bloir, and Lisa Barlage.

OSU Extension Won Six 2016 ESP Regional Awards

Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), the professional development organization for Extension professionals, recognized Vacant to Vibrant, Ohio Urban Agriculture project team as the winner of the Diversity/Multicultural Award for the North Central Region. The team members are: Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, Tony Nye, and Brad Bergefurd
The **Water First for Thirst Team** has received the Distinguished Team Award for the North Central Region. Team members include Carol Smathers, Shawna Hite, and Theresa Ferrari.

**Receiving Region Individual Awards are:**

- Patricia Brinkman, Mid-Career Award.
- Mark Light, Early-Career Award.
- James Hoorman, International Service Award.
- Jacqueline Kirby Wilkins, Visionary Leadership Award

**National Concurrent Sessions for 2016:**

- “Turn Your Team to Successful Social Media Programming,” Patricia Brinkman, **Lisa Barlage**, and Michelle Treber.
- “College Access for Rural Youth: Using Your University Connections,” **Travis West**.
- “Cooperative Extension and Health Literacy: A National Focus,” **Lisa Barlage**, with Sarah Bercaw (of Delaware) and Belinda Letto (of Tennessee).
- “Five Things We Learned by Piloting Educational Technology Specialist,” Jerold Thomas and Jamie Seger.

**National Ignite Session:** “Incentivizing, Rewarding and Celebrating Accomplishments,” Cynthia Bond.

**Poster Sessions:**

- “Extension Professionals: Driving Tides of Change or Anchored Safe in Harbors?,” KirkBloir
- “Turning the Tide of ESP Award Nominations: Increasing Numbers and Educating Members,” **Travis West**.

**Fall Back . . .**

A reminder that this Saturday, November 6 is when we set the clocks back one hour.

**Open Enrollment . . .**

**BuckeyePass Login Required for Benefits Open Enrollment . . .** *(Source: onCampus Today)*

The Employee Self Service system, which you use to access Benefits Open Enrollment, is now protected by BuckeyePass, a new multi-factor authentication service. With BuckeyePass, your paycheck, benefits, leave and other personal information will have extra protection beyond your password. If you haven’t already registered for BuckeyePass, be sure to register before Open Enrollment begins Tuesday (11/1). The service is easy to use, and registration is fast and simple. If you have already registered for BuckeyePass, you do not need to register again. Read more Contact
Additionally -
Open Enrollment for 2017 benefits ends **November 15, 2016.**
Open Enrollment is the one time each year for employees to access their benefits and needs for the coming year. Benefits-eligible employees can use Informed Enrollment Online (now MyBenefitsMentor) in Employee Self Service to compare potential costs between available medical plan options. Watch a recorded webinar or register for a live webinar at [http://go.osu.edu/learn-oe](http://go.osu.edu/learn-oe)

4-H Foundation Grants Due . . .
Reminder that the deadline for Ohio 4-H Foundation Grants is November 6 at 11:59 p.m. All forms and information can be found at [http://www.ohio4h.org/foundation/foundation-grant-programs](http://www.ohio4h.org/foundation/foundation-grant-programs). Contact Beth Frey (frey.215@osu.edu) if you have any questions.

Southeast Region Endowment Applications Due . . .
Southeast Region Endowment Award Applications should be submitted to Jeff McCutcheon at the SE Region Office by **November 30, 2016** (mccutcheon.30@osu.edu or FAX to 740.732.5992). Applicants must be employees of the counties that comprise the Southeast Region. ALL program and support staff are eligible to apply for this award.

Applications can be submitted towards program support or professional development support (up to $500 per grant). The endowment guidelines and application for these grant funds are located on the SE Region website at [http://southeast.osu.edu/region-director](http://southeast.osu.edu/region-director) (Other: SE Region Endowment Guidelines and Application).

The endowment committee is comprised of personnel from the region, and they will serve as the review committee for grants submitted.

Another report from one of last year’s recipients follows:
**Proposal – “Noble County Growing Together;” Award Received $250; Lori Harris, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Noble County**
The Noble County Growing Together Program was initiated in 2014 by The Ohio State University Extension, Noble County as a partnership with The Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) to fill a need in the community. The Noble County Board of Developmental Disabilities community was lacking the access to fresh vegetables which increased concerns about healthy food choices. The goal of the program was to provide clients served by the Board of DD with a raised garden bed, materials for growing a garden and literature to successfully raise and maintain a vegetable garden at their home. Through this process, the individuals learned, exercised, experienced responsibility and a sense of ownership and were rewarded with access to healthy, fresh vegetables they may not have had access to otherwise.

In 2015, we gained three more community partners; The Department of Job and Family Services, Family and Children First Council and The Noble Learning Center. Through our collaboration we were able to provide raised beds to children and their families as well as provide them with SNAP Ed classes to accompany the
raised bed garden. Participants received educational materials about healthy food choices and recipe ideas that they could use with their own fresh vegetables.

Continuing the program again in 2016, we were able to provide even more participants the opportunity to be involved with Noble County Growing Together. Multiple raised bed gardens were constructed at The Ohio State University Extension, Noble County office. These beds allowed those without a space or the means to care for a garden bed full time, the opportunity to still participate in the program and benefit from fresh whole vegetables.

During the months of March to October, Noble County Growing Together met a total of 10 times. Each lesson provided the opportunity to learn about the health benefits of eating fresh whole foods by showing one how to grow and prepare their own vegetables. SNAP Ed lessons were taught by myself, Lori Harris, about the importance of MyPlate, being active, meal planning and food budgeting. Hands-on lessons were taught on the proper care and handling of vegetables by ANR, Christine Gelley. Participants were introduced to new foods, taught how to prepare healthy foods, taught the physical benefits that gardening offers and to use MyPlate to make food choices for a healthier active lifestyle.

The fresh vegetables grown this year allowed for healthy dishes to be made and tasted all summer long and also provided vegetables for a garden lunch. On Wednesday, September 14, participants were invited to The Ohio State University Extension Office for a celebration garden lunch. Participants were able to harvest, clean and cook their own lunch right from the garden. Lunch made that day included zucchini boats, eggplant pizza, cool cucumber dip and fresh salsa. The gardens were very successful and enjoyed by everyone, young and old. Plans are already being made for the gardens in 2017.
Community Connections Workshops . . . (Source: Laura Fuller)

2017 Community Connections Funding Opportunity
The HealthPath Foundation of Ohio is hosting two Pre-Application Workshops to discuss our Community Connections funding opportunity for 2017.

Recognizing that changes in health and healthy behaviors can only come about if they are rooted in a local community's strengths, HealthPath's 2017 Community Connections initiative will focus on supporting communities as they identify the changes they want to see and work to reach their goals. We want to empower community residents to build on their strengths and address the needs of their neighborhoods, towns, schools, parishes, and communities.

HealthPath's Community Connections initiative will fund community-driven projects designed and developed with direct resident input.

Who is Eligible to Apply?
Health and social service care providers, neighborhood clubs or groups, social and civic organizations, youth groups, school groups, 4-H clubs, scout troops, senior centers, faith-based organizations, colleges or universities, school districts, and other organizations are eligible to apply. The organizations must be located in and/or primarily serving the highlighted 18-county service area below.

Counties include: Allen, Auglaize, Belmont, Darke, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Jefferson, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Noble, Preble, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, and Washington.

HealthPath counties not included in this list will be eligible to apply for Community Connections funding in 2018.

Register Now for a Community Connections Workshop
HealthPath will be holding two Community Connections workshops. During the workshops, attendees will learn more about the Community Connections funding opportunity, including what we're looking for to fund, who is eligible and how the application process works. UHCAN Ohio will also provide training on how to develop a community-driven project.

The two workshops will be held on the following dates:

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Please RSVP by Friday, November 25. [Click here to register]
Ed Tech Coffee Break . . .

Friday, November 4 @ 10 AM
Webinar – Making Room for Maker Spaces w/ guest host Mark Light
Learn how Hardin County is making their Extension Office a destination again by creating a hands-on learning space and setting aside space for Makers. Explore how this office is transforming Extension offices to be prepared for the future of learning.

Click here to join Coffee Break
To join by phone, dial: +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll) or +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll)
Meeting ID: 635 890 237
This webinar will use the Zoom platform. Participants will automatically be joined into the webinar with webcam video (if applicable) and audio.

Questions? Contact Jamie Seger or Danae Wolfe

If you missed the October 7th Coffee Break about Leadership and Technology with guest host Brian Raison, you can watch the recording at http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2016/10/31/october-coffee-break-recording-technology-and-leadership/

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

Award Nominations . . . REMINDER!

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award – Due November 7
- 2016 Excellence in 4-H Nomination Form
- Excellence in 4-H Award Background
- Excellence in 4-H List of Award Winners
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.

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-service, 4-H Center, Columbus, register at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eFeyVbIJ2tB2Ult
18 – Ohio Valley EERA All Program Meeting, South Centers
30 – Deadline for SE Region Endowment Award Applications

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 October 31, 2016)
Jeff (419.560.8645/Cell)
M – Columbus (RD/AD Meeting)
T –
W - Morrow
T – Pike (Fall Visit and 4-H Interviews)
F – Brown (Fall Visit)