Dear Friends,

I'm celebrating the last day of summer by attending the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio. If you want to be impressed by how research and outreach come together with consumers and decision-makers to work on today's most pressing agricultural issues, visit fsr.osu.edu. An example of the Land-Grant mission at its best!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Position Announcement . . .
County Extension Educator
Lake County, Painesville, OH
JR# 421629
1.0 FTE
Post Date: September 17, 2016
Deadline Date: October 16, 2016
Screen Date: November 2, 2016
To Apply

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

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!

Northeast Region All Program Conference – Registration . . .
You should have received registration information on last week in regard to the upcoming Northeast Region All Program Conference. This conference will be held on September 28 at the R.G. Drage Career Technical Center in Massillon. The meeting is open to all program staff (educators, program coordinators, program managers, program assistants [except SNAP-Ed and EFNEP]). Please register at http://northeast.osu.edu/eerascounties/northeast-region-all-program-conference no later than TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th. All program professionals are expected to attend unless you have received an excused absence. The registration fee for this conference is $17.50 per person.

OSU Extension New Signature Program Announcement . . . (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, agriculture and natural resources educator, OSU Extension – 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 for young drivers, and Ohio 4-H CARTEENS, a new OSU Extension signature program, is addressing this 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 youth development educator, OSU Extension – 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 Martin (martin.1540@osu.edu)

BuckeyePass is Now Live . . . (Source: CFAES Weekly News Digest)
As a reminder, BuckeyePass went live on Sept. 12, 2016, and is now protecting our employee’s personal data found in Employee Self Service. Among other things, Employee Self Service allows you to update your personal data including the bank routing information for the direct deposit of your pay. You’ll also need BuckeyePass to access and decide on your healthcare coverage during this fall’s open enrollment window (Nov. 1 – 15, 2016). If you have not already enrolled in BuckeyePass, you will not be able to access your information in Employee Self Service until you complete the registration process. Please refer to OSU’s BuckeyePass Knowledge Base for detailed instructions on how to register for BuckeyePass. If you have any questions during the process of registering for BuckeyePass, please contact the CFAES IT Help Desk or 8HELP.

Have You Tried? . . . (Source: Morgan Domokos)
Have you tried to cite a website, book, journal, conference, or other source of information and been stuck on what information is needed and in what order? Morgan Domokos, 4-H Educator in Medina County has been kind enough to share information on a website that she uses that is sure to helpful! Click here for information.
Internal Grants to Support Extension Impact Areas . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

The Connect and Collaborate Grants program was announced in this morning’s onCampus Today. OSU Extension will help fund projects that involve our personnel as key partners in programs that address the new OSU Extension impact areas. This will be a great opportunity for you to submit an application, or to work collaboratively with colleagues on the Columbus or regional campuses to plan, implement or expand a program related to these six impact areas. OSU Extension teams submitting proposals need to include both campus and field based colleagues.

This grants program is replacing the OSU CARES and Innovative Grants OSU Extension awarded in the past. The application process is simpler than for those programs with just a two page concept proposal required. If your concept proposal is selected you will receive additional coaching and mentoring to develop your plan. You may apply for up to $100,000 through this program.

If you would like to discuss your proposal ideas, Ken Martin and Karen Bruns have scheduled the following times for conference calls concerning proposals from Extension teams. You are also encouraged to participate in the University-wide Connect and Collaborate information session on September 14 from 9-10 in the Research Commons on the 3rd floor of the Library.

Extension Conference call number 877-820-7831 - Access Code 890250
September 23rd - 10:00 to 11:00

See http://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants and the attached FAQ for more details. I encourage you to work with your colleagues to submit a proposal for the October 3 submission due date. An additional Connect and Collaborate funding cycle may occur in January.

JCEP Award Nominations - Deadline October 1st! . . .

Now is the time to nominate your peers, community partner(s), and/or yourself for Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professionals Awards! For some of the awards, any employee can nominate someone, so PLEASE READ ON! Mark your calendars to turn in applications by October 1st!!

To assist you the Scholarship, Grant, and Recognition Committee for JCEP hosted a Carmen Connect Q&A session on Wednesday August 24th. A recording of the session and the handout is now posted on the JCEP website. There was a brief presentation and then the floor was opened for your questions for the award entry and nomination process. We visited the JCEP website, talk about the specific awards, any changes, and what is helpful to know when applying or nominating. You do good work, learn how to submit it for recognition that is beneficial to your yearly reviews and promotion process.

The link is: http://extension.osu.edu/about/ohio-joint-council-extension-professionals/ohio-jcep-committees/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grant-1

Award Categories:
- Team Teaching – single-program area or multi-disciplinary teams, and categories specifically for teams with non-Extension Collaborators! At least 50% of the team must be JCEP/ESP members.

- Creative Works – Do you have a great newsletter, website, TV program curriculum package, fact sheet, media production or other educational or marketing item you or your team created? This is the category to get those works recognized. All Extension Professionals (including non-faculty and non-ESP members) are eligible to enter their work in this competition.

- Friend of Extension – think volunteers, business leaders, organizations, elected officials and more…up to 3 recipients will be recognized, with one being selected to represent Ohio through the National ESP award nomination process.

- Excellence in Extension - annual award recognizing a superior Extension educator; based on excellence in teaching, research and service. This is Ohio Extension’s highest honor! Any Extension employee who is a current member of Epsilon Sigma Phi is eligible. The award can be received one time only. The award includes a cash award of $1,000 plus the addition of $1,000 to the base salary.
• **ESP Special Chapter Awards** – Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. A complete list of previous ESP Award Winners is available on the site with the applications. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a Regional/National Award Application in January. Award nominations require a 60 word or less abstract about the nominee. Categories are listed below. See application for details on each award.
  - **National DSA Ruby Award** – Must be an OJCEP member
  - **Administrative Leadership Award** (must have 10 or more years of service)
  - **Diversity Multicultural Recognition (Individual)** – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - **Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Team)** – At least 50% of team members must be current OJCEP members
  - **International Service Recognition** – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - **Visionary Leadership Recognition** – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  - **Continued Excellence Recognition** - Must be an OJCEP member. Eligible for nomination five years after receiving chapter DSA. Minimum of 20 years in Extension
  - **Meritorious Support Staff Service Recognition** for support staff who have demonstrated excellence in supporting Extension programs.
  - **Retiree Service Recognition** given to a current OJCEP/ESP member who is an OSU Extension Retiree.

ALL applications are available at the site below. Applications are due (to the individual listed on each application) no later than midnight, October 1st! (*Creative Works must be mailed hard-copy and post-marked no later than Oct. 1.)*

**FOLLOW THIS LINK:** [http://go.osu.edu/ojcepawards](http://go.osu.edu/ojcepawards)

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**University-Wide Faculty and Staff Awards . . . [Source: OnCampus Today]**

Vice Provost Kay Wolf has announced the call for nominations for the 2016-17 university-wide awards, recognizing the best among faculty and staff.

→ Read more: **2016-17 Call for Nominations**

Award categories and their deadlines include:
- **Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching** (October 1)
- **Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award** (Opens December 1 thru January 13)
- **Distinguished Scholar Award** (October 17)
- **Distinguished Service Award** (November 18)
- **Distinguished Staff Award** (Opens December 1 thru January 13)
- **Distinguished University Professor** (February 1)
- **President and Provost’s Award for Distinguished Faculty Service** (November 1)
- **Provost’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer** (October 1)
- **National and International Awards** (throughout the year)

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**Gender Initiative Skill Workshop: Effective Interviewing Skills . . . [Source: CFAES Weekly News Digest]**

CFAES Office of Equity and Inclusion is hosting a free Gender Initiative Skill Workshop on Effective Interviewing Skills.

**Date:** October 3, 2016

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus campus, Kottman 241; Wooster campus, Fisher Classroom 121

Click here to register for this workshop. Additional information can be found at the Gender Initiative [web site](http://genderinitiative.osu.edu).

**Effective Interviewing Flyer**
Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Membership Drive . . .
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 calendars 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

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 that you can select from.
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 30th 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!

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.

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/

National Meeting Information . . .

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

Hotel Reservations -
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1508250964&key=DEDCA86

• The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May.
• Conference Brochure:
• October 24-27, 2016 in beautiful Cape May, New Jersey

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 Vicki at myers.26@osu.edu.

SEPTEMBER:
20-22 – Farm Science Review
28 – Northeast Region All Program Conference, R.G. Drage Career Technical Center, Massillon

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
4-5 – Community Development Retreat

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-service, 4-H Center, Columbus

DECEMBER:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union