Dear Friends,

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Be sure to turn your clocks back an hour.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome . . .

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Position Announcements . . .

Office Associate, SNAP-Ed
North East Regional Office, Wooster, OH
JR# 422973
1.0 FTE
Post Date: October 29, 2016
Deadline Date: November 13, 2016
To Apply

Office Associate, SNAP-Ed
Central Regional Office, Wooster, OH
Position is located in Wooster, OH
JR# 422974
1.0 FTE
Post Date: October 29, 2016
Deadline Date: November 11, 2016
To Apply

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 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.


Poster Sessions:

- “Extension Professionals: Driving Tides of Change or Anchored Safe in Harbors?”, Kirk Bloir
- “Turning the Tide of ESP Award Nominations: Increasing Numbers and Educating Members”, Travis West.
Time to Enroll: 2017 Open Enrollment Now Available . . .

Open Enrollment begins November 1 and continues through November 15, 2016.

Open Enrollment is the one time each year to assess your benefits and make sure they will continue to meet your needs for the coming year.

Make your elections at Employee Self Service or click the button below. Once you make your elections, don't forget to select "Authorize and Submit" to complete your enrollment. Click "View/Print Confirmation Statement."

Enroll Online

As you review your options for 2017, there are several things to consider:

- **Informed Enrollment.** Use Informed Enrollment Online (now MyBenefitsMentor) in Employee Self Service to compare what your potential costs could be between available medical plan options.
- **Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA).** An HRA is an employer-funded account from which you can be reimbursed tax-free* for eligible health care expenses. Learn more.
- **Premier Vision Plan.** The Premier Vision Plan will allow you to customize your benefit by choosing a frame or lens enhancement at the time of purchase.
- **Express Advantage Network.** Using a preferred retail pharmacy within this new network will allow you to maintain a greater benefit for prescription medication.
- **Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA).** Consider enrolling in a Flexible Spending Account to pay for eligible health care expenses with tax-free dollars. If you already contribute to an FSA, you will need to re-enroll to continue participation.

Visit go.osu.edu/learn-oe to watch an Open Enrollment webinar or register for a forum to learn about these and other health plan changes for 2017.

To log into Employee Self Service, you will need your Ohio State user ID (lastname.#), password and BuckeyePass security code to log in. If you have not yet signed up for BuckeyePass, you will be redirected to the registration page before you can log in. For assistance with logging in, visit my.osu.edu or call (614) 688-HELP (4357) (university), or (614) 293-3861 (medical center).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Human Resources (OHR) Customer Service at HR@osu.edu, (614) 292-1050 or 1-800-678-6010. Representatives are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

October Coffee Break Recording – Technology and Leadership . . .

If you missed the October 7th Coffee Break about Leadership and Technology with special 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/. Explore how technology can and should play a role in Extension leadership.

Chi Epsilon Sigma Silent Auction . . . (Source: Beth Young)

Please consider participating in this year’s Silent Auction at Annual Conference – an opportunity for a good cause. Chi Epsilon Sigma (professional association for support staff) sponsors this auction as a fundraiser to honor their best via awards such as the Extension Support Staff Excellence Award.

Whether you are a county office, region or campus, etc. consider this an opportunity for a team project and donate a themed basket or OSU items for the Silent Auction. If there is something unique about your county, consider that as a theme for your basket. As a small incentive, we will reward the county basket that raises the most money! We would like to have a basket donated from every county! No basket is too big or too small! If you need suggestions on themes for a basket, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any price range is welcome and we are looking for baskets for both men and women.

We will have the “Recycled Treasures” section again this year. If you have a wedding gift that you have never taken out of the box or an old lamp that you have no use for, please consider donating it! Someone may be looking for that item and give it a good home while raising money for CES!
Please email me at young.1414@osu.edu with the theme and/or picture of your donation so we can start advertising the Baskets and “Recycled Treasures” items.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at young.1414@osu.edu or 513-785-6655.

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/

Award Nominations... NEW SECTION!
2016 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 Vicki at myers.26@osu.edu.

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