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Welcome . . .
Debora Custer, Program Assistant, SNAP-ED, Green County
Sarah Sowell, Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed, Fayette County

Congratulations . . .
to Mary Beth Albright, Erie County 4-H Educator, and colleagues who had their poster presentation, A Five Star Partnership with Military Teen Adventure Camps, accepted for the National ESP conference in October.
to Godwin Apaliyah, who received a $300 JCEP Professional Development Award to participate in the Economic Development Institute.

to the following 2014 OSU CARES Seed Grant recipients:
• Planning Foundation for Development of Skilled Workforce for Advanced Manufacturing
  Partner(s): Gregory Moon, Director, Office of Wyandot County Economic Development & Regional Planning, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences/OSU Extension – Community Development
• NORM Science Outreach Program (NSOP): Science-based Information Regarding the Potential Environmental Exposures Associated with Radionuclides in Cuttings and Water Produced by Hydraulic Fracturing
  PI(s): Sarah Cross, Extension Educator, Jefferson/Harrison County, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

to the following 2014 NEAFCS Award Winners:
• Donna Green, Erie County – 2nd Place Central Region Winner - Communications Award: Written Press Releases
• Christine Kendle, Tuscarawas County, and team – 1st Place Central Region Winner – Communications Award: Educational Technology
• Pat Holmes, Montgomery County - Distinguished Service Award
• Kate Shumaker, Holmes County – Distinguished Service Award
• Pat Brinkman, Fayette County – Continued Excellence Award

Northwest Regional Director - Cindy Torppa . . .
We’re very excited to welcome our newest regional director to OSU Extension as of June 2. Dr. Cynthia Torppa will be located at the Wood County Extension Office, 639 S. Dunbridge Road, Suite 4, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Cindy’s e-mail address is torppa.1@osu.edu. While Cindy is still getting situated and awaiting a phone line, you can reach her through the Wood County office at 419-354-9050. You are invited to stop by the Wood County office on June 4 to say hello and welcome Cindy to the region and back to OSU Extension.
Ohio Cooperative Extension Centennial Updates . . .
-Cheryl Buck, executive assistant to the director, OSU Extension

The county celebration page is up-to-date. Please continue to send updates about the local activities your county is planning this summer or fall. E-mail information to buck.19@osu.edu at any time.

The national Centennial news page has also been updated. See photos of the event - including Ohio's own Dr. Bobby Moser bringing in the Ohio flag during the opening ceremony and Dr. Bruce McPheron, dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State, during a panel discussion.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack congratulates Cooperative Extension on its 100th anniversary. See video.

The University of Missouri prepared a video after the convocation. More information is available online.

Iowa State University – 100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years of Extension in Your County

Public Service Announcements (PSAs)
Jimmy Carter, former United States president (2-minute video). The 89-year-old is a former 4-H member, peanut farmer, public servant and statesman. He comments on the importance of Cooperative Extension in his family and his life as well as the important role Extension will play in the future to feed the world. The video, made possible by the University of Georgia, was first aired during the national Centennial convocation in Washington DC.

Reba McIntire (30-second PSA)

What is YOUR Buckeye Footprint? Become Green Buckeye Certified . . .

The OSU Extension administrative office is applying to be a Green Buckeye Certified office, and all OSU Extension offices are encouraged to do the same. You’ll be in good company…the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, OSU Extension – Mahoning County, and OSU Extension – Cuyahoga County 4-H Youth Development are already Green Buckeye Certified offices.

"Why become certified?"
- Support Ohio State’s sustainability goals by increasing awareness and inspiring action.
- Encourage co-workers to reduce energy consumption, increase recycling, and improve efficiency.
- Communicate that your office is certified by the university to be an environmentally supportive office.

"Students, faculty, and staff have a significant influence on sustainable practices at Ohio State through everyday activities in the office, education in the classroom, and attitudes around campus. The Green Buckeye Certification recognizes offices, departments, and faculty who incorporate sustainable practices in our community. In addition, the Green Buckeye Certification creates a roadmap for those actively wanting to reduce waste, conserve energy, and become more environmentally friendly.

"The certification covers areas such as communication and education, energy efficiency and conservation, recycling and waste reduction, water conservation, and purchasing. To become certified, 85 percent of the actions on the application must be accomplished for 85 percent of the colleagues in the office or department. Individuals can also become certified.

"The second phase of the certification initiated in spring 2014 looks to follow up on and build from the successes of initial implementation. A new health and wellness section and increased standards for existing sections set the bar a little bit higher as Ohio State works to become a more sustainability-conscious institution." (per http://go.osu.edu/greenbuckeye)

Review this information and the complete list of current Green Buckeye Certified offices (as of March 2014) at http://go.osu.edu/greenbuckeye.
Zero Waste at Ohio Stadium
Ohio State is also setting a new standard for collegiate stadium recycling. Ohio Stadium is the largest stadium in the country to achieve zero waste, which refers to diverting 90% or more of materials from the landfill by recycling and composting. Visit http://sustainability.osu.edu/ for more information.

2015 Tri-State Diversity Conference RFPs due June 27 . . .
The goal of the Tri-State Diversity Conference is to network and link resources to help integrate diversity into programs, policies and practices for creating community well-being. The next conference will be held at the Marriott, Cincinnati airport on February 19-20, 2015. The theme is reThinking Diversity: Addressing the Cultural Shift in America. Review more information online.

“Live Healthy Live Well” Signature Program Team Recognized by ESP . . .
The Live Healthy Live Well signature program team will be recognized at the ESP (Epsilon Sigma Phi) National Conference in October as the winners of the 2014 North Central Region, Distinguished Team award. Team members for this award included: Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Carol Chandler, Marie Economos, Linnette Goard, Marilyn Rabe, Cindy Shuster, Liz Smith, Cheryl Barber Spires, Beth Stefura, Michelle Treber, and Susan Zies. More information on all the regional and national recognition awards is posted on the ESP web site.