Northeast Weekly Summary (NEWS)
September 15, 2014

In This Issue:
- Position Announcements
- September Social Media Workshops Rescheduled for October!
- Present at the 2014 OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium
- Ohio JCEP Special Chapter Award Submissions Requested by October 3
- OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Annual Award – Nominations Due by November 1
- Policy of the Month
- Open Enrollment Oct. 27-Nov. 7
- 100 Years Celebration in Trumbull County
- Webinar - 7 Tools for Using Webinars to Teach
- Voting Ballot for Northeast Region Internal Advisory Board

Position Announcements ...
PLEASE SHARE BROADLY

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development - 100.0 FTE%
Columbiana County / Lisbon, Ohio
Job Req: 401698
Deadline: October 5, 2014
To Apply

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development - 100.0 FTE%
Medina County / Medina, Ohio
Job Req: 401699
Deadline: October 5, 2014
To Apply

September Social Media Workshops Rescheduled for October! ...
(Source: Jamie Seger)
Due to many scheduling conflicts with events such as Farm Science review and the NEAFCS conference, we have rescheduled the social media workshops set for September for the following dates:

Just the Basics Workshop: October 22
Content & Strategy Workshop: October 24

Both workshops will be held on campus in Columbus.

Please save these dates if you are interested in attending either or both workshops. Registration information will come out the first week in October.

Present at the 2014 OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium ...
You are invited to actively engage in the OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9-11 at the Ohio Union. As our organization looks to “The Next 100 Years,” all colleagues are encouraged to consider the research, skill sets, methods, trends, etc. that will drive our organization forward in service to all Ohioans. As the initial RFP announcement on August 26 said, “Dean McPherson wants Extension to take the gloves off and tackle the emerging Ohio trends of the next 20 years and what that means for Extension work.”

Anyone in OSU Extension is invited to contribute presentations and posters that will move us toward a stronger future. Proposals are due by 5 pm on September 26. Proposals may be submitted to present in one of the following formats: 45-minute presentation or poster. New this year: a special poster opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students. Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC to view the request for proposal outline and directions.
Ohio JCEP Special Chapter Award Submissions Requested by October 3 . . .

It is time to nominate your peers and community partners for the Ohio Joint Council of Extension special chapter awards. With the formation of our JCEP organization, we worked to streamline the award nominations for ESP and some of the former state organization awards under the JCEP special chapter awards, so take time to look at the website and list of former recipients; then nominate yourself or your colleagues for one of these prestigious awards.

Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. Award nominations require a 60-word or less abstract about the nominee. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a regional/national award application in January.

Categories for nominations and the description or criteria for the award can be found on the JCEP site at http://extensionstaff.osu.edu/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grants-and-recognition-committee/ojcep-awards. This link also includes a complete list of previous recipients.

- **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.
- **Friend of Extension** – three awards will be selected per year, with one of those being selected to move on to the ESP national nomination for Ohio. Recipients can be nominated from categories to include elected officials, Extension volunteer/lay leaders, professional or business leaders, businesses or organizations.
- **Statewide Service Awards** – You will also be receiving a ballot in the next few weeks to select members in five categories/program area for achievement awards which include: 4-H, ANR, CD, FCS, and state level.
- **Early-Career Award** – less than 10 years
- **Mid-Career Award** – 10-20 years of service
- **Distinguished Service Award** – more than 20 years of service.

Each 20 employees in the category allows for one winner to be selected.

Program area winners will submit a 120-word bio to the Special Chapter Subcommittee for competing for the state-level winner. Previous category winners (not selected as the state winner) will be included in the pool of candidates for consideration as Ohio’s state-level winner in these categories and may be asked to submit an application as Ohio’s national ESP applicant.

Nominations are due to Bev Kelbaugh (kelbaugh.1@osu.edu) by October 3; fax to 740-732-5992.

OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Annual Award – Nominations Due by November 1 . . .

It is time to submit nominations for the OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award. This $1,000 cash award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career.

Submission deadline for nominations is November 1. Last year’s winner was David Civittolo. The award will be presented at this year’s OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium. The application packet, which includes complete information regarding the call for nominations and the nomination form, can be found here. Please direct any questions to Greg Davis (davis.1081@osu.edu).
Policy of the Month . . . (Source: Jeff Dick)

Guidelines Regarding Political Activity by Employees of the University

University staff and faculty members are encouraged to fully and freely exercise their constitutional right to vote, as well as express their personal opinions regarding political candidates, issues, local, state and national programs, initiatives and referendums. However, as employees of a public institution there are restrictions on exercising these rights in a manner that suggests University endorsement of a cause or candidate. General guidelines on these restrictions are provided below. For the purposes of these guidelines, political activity means activities related to elections, campaigns for or against candidates, issues, amendments and levies. It should be noted that these guidelines relate solely to individual employee conduct and do not address the scope of University actions.

Read the full text of the guidelines at the website for the Office of Legal Affairs.

Contact
Jan Alan Neiger
Associate General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs
neiger.4@osu.edu
(614) 292-0611

Open Enrollment Oct. 27-Nov. 7 . . .

This year, Open Enrollment runs Monday (10/27)-Friday (11/7). This is your opportunity to enroll or change benefits elections for 2015. Watch your email, home mailbox and be sure to check mybenefitsplan.osu.edu for updated plan information in the coming weeks. To learn more click here.

100 Years Celebration in Trumbull County . . .
Webinar - 7 Tools for Using Webinars to Teach . . .

*Save-the-Date!*

**Webinar**

*7 Tools for Using Webinars to Teach*

November 4, 2014
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about technology, see u.osu.edu/extensionedtech.

Are you struggling with developing interactive webinars? Are you interested in finding answers to questions like: What is the optimal length of time for a webinar? What platform presentation options work well? What visuals work best? Would you also like to learn about interactive features like: polling, quizzes, whiteboard, and more?

Then save-the-date and join the EdTech Team on November 4, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a no-cost-to-you webinar to learn best practices for creating an interactive webinar experience! Please send your RSVP to Kimberly Roush at roush.143@osu.edu to receive the CarmenConnect address for the webinar.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Voting Ballot for Northeast Region Internal Advisory Board . . .

Dear Colleagues,

As indicated previously, one of my goals that I haven't moved forward on yet is to set up an internal advisory board for the NE Region. I decided not to identify individuals myself. We have received a variety of nominations for participation on the NE Region Internal Advisory Board. Please click on the link below to vote for those individuals whom you think would represent your region well for the next year.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/87WTY9T

The commitment would be 4 quarterly meetings annually. My intent is to have the board provide feedback to me on how I can improve my efforts in the region and to offer suggestions for organizational improvement that I can share with cabinet.

**Please vote no later than September 19th at 5pm.**

Let's continue to make this region and this organization the best place to work!