State Food Policy Summit – June 4 . . . (Julie Fox)

The State Food Policy Summit, sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, will be held on Thursday, June 4 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. The Summit will be preceded by an early afternoon session that is free and open to members of local food policy councils. This session is intended to provide training and resources for local food policy councils and their members as well as create opportunities for networking and coalition-building. This session will include a civic engagement training focused on developing diversity, a presentation on balancing policy and programming, and an extended time focused on coalition-building. We hope to have representation from all local food policy councils so please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and encourage them to save the date.

Standards of Behavior Reminder

All faculty and staff at the OSUE county offices must complete the training module developed by OHR through Carmen. It can be found at https://carmen.osu.edu. Click “join self-enrollment courses,” select “Activities and Programs with Minor Participants” and complete the training.

All faculty and staff must read, sign and agree to abide by the “Standards of Behavior” document that is attached and available at http://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/resources/150standardsemplvol.pdf. When complete, the document must be sent to the attention of Kaylee Buzard (buzard.19).
The changes made to the State 4-H website are terrific. However, one unintended consequence is that a number of links from the county websites to sub-pages within the State 4-H site have been “broken” with the transition. This is normal because many URL links can change during an upgrade of this magnitude. Please check any of the links from your county website to pages on the State 4-H site, and update the link(s) on your website to link to the correct location. If you have trouble locating where any of the links should now be directed, please contact Tracy Grody @ grody.2@osu.edu.

The menu link that was built into the county sites for the Ohio 4-H Family Guide forwards correctly as is, as well as the Ohio 4-H Foundation link that is posted in the Additional Resources section on the 4-H landing page. There is no need for you to adjust either of these links at the county level.

4-H CARTEENS Page FYI – The banner photo that had been preloaded on the 4-H CARTEENS landing page for each county has been removed, even if that page is unpublished on your particular county site. It was determined that the original image too closely resembled a logo which conflicts with University brand standards.

Some counties had already replaced the previous image with a photo of their own CARTEENS’ participants (example: Madison, Wood). Each county is welcome to add your own photo to that landing page to replace what was deleted.

As always, thanks for maintaining your county website. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl @ buck.19@osu.edu

Innovative Grant Proposals . . . (Ken Martin)

OSU Extension Administration is again making available grants to support innovative outreach/engagement work with Ohioans; interdisciplinary work; and initiatives that once seeded through this funding, will expand Ohio State’s engagement and OSU Extension’s work with the community.

Click on the following link for information regarding submitting a proposal:
http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/ii-administrative-and-program-resources/innovativegrants

Proposals are due May 15. If you have questions regarding the innovative grants, you may contact me at martin.1540@osu.edu or phone 614.292.8793.
Introduction to Online Course Designs

Presented by CFAES and the Office of Distance Education and eLearning on May 13, 2015 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Learn about University and College resources available to assist you in academic or Extension course creation. View current successful online courses in the College and hear from instructors about the good, the bad, and the ugly in developing online courses.

During the session, you’ll learn:
- Strategies for online learning • Extension and academic teaching
- eBooks versus iBooks
- Quality Matters rubric: how the rubric can shape the course design process
- Activities: possibilities and discussion on approaching online lab classes
- Instructional content: not recreating the wheel
- Grading and/or measuring competencies: using rubrics, managing workload, options for assessment activities

Please register to reserve your space and help us with food plans by May 7 at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W8KJCH3

• Columbus campus: Kottman Hall 447 (food provided (limit 20 participants)
• Wooster campus: Skou Hall 30 (food provided) (limit 35 participants)
• Carmen Connect: carmenconnect.osu.edu/cfaesonline (unlimited participation)

Dean’s Webinar

Dean McPheron’s monthly webinar is scheduled for this Friday, April 17 at 1 p.m. Please hold the date. More information will be sent this week about connecting to the webinar.

This is a great way to stay involved in the Dean’s vision for the future of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences.
Dependent Eligibility Verification

If you were one of the approximately 6,900 Ohio State employees required to verify your dependents’ eligibility for Ohio State health benefits, you will need to submit a reply by the April 16 deadline. Those who do not verify eligibility by the April 16 deadline will lose coverage immediately. The university has contracted with Xerox HR Solutions (Xerox) on the verification process. During the week of March 16, Xerox sent U.S. Mail contact to those 6,900 employees chosen for verification.

The Office of Human Resources has put together a FAQ document for those affected who have questions regarding the process. http://hr.osu.edu/benefits/hb_dependentcertification

If you have additional questions, you can contact the Office of Human Resources Customer Service at service@hr.osu.edu or 614-292-1050/1-800-678-6010. Ohio State is committed to offering high-quality health care coverage while being good stewards of its resources by managing costs of its benefits programs.

Covering ineligible dependents may be unnecessarily increasing plan costs by millions per year based on an average annual per dependent cost of more than $4,600. After numerous questions about this deadline. Here are a few items that might help clarify your questions:
1) If you have gone through the dependent eligibility process before, you will not need to verify again. This process will be primarily for newer employees.
2) There will be a second contact for those who do not respond and an appeal process is available to provide the information.
3) You may contact Xerox directly and inquire if you are on their list. You will need to provide your social security number. Their phone number is 1-877-248-1595.
4) Any other concerns can be answered by the frequently asked questions links below or by contacting OSU HR Customer Service at service@hr.osu.edu or 614-292-1050/1-800-678-6010.

Position Announcement

Marion County ANR
For full position description and information, go here: https://www.jobsatosu.com/postings/61719

The application deadline for this position is Sunday, April 19th, 2015.

CED Meeting Reminder

This seasons CED meeting will be on April 22nd, from 10-Noon, via Carmen Connect.

The link to the meeting is here: Carmenconnect.osu.edu/central