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.

Thank You Support Staff!

A huge and warm thank you to all of our support staff as we celebrate and recognize them April 22 on Administrative and Professionals Day. When something needs to be done “yesterday”, or needs some kind of miracle, somehow you find a way to make it all happen! We owe you our sincere thanks and appreciation every day, not just one day or week a year. You are, and have always been, critical to the success of each of us. You make us look good! Thanks for all you do!!
Webpage Links . . . (Cheryl Buck)

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photo that had been preloaded on the 4-H CARTEENS landing page for each county has been removed, even if that page is unpublished on your particular county site.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)

Signature Program Online RFP Due May 1

Those involved with programming which meets the expectations of the signature program criteria should complete proposals at the Signature Program online RFP site (http://go.osu.edu/SPrfp) by May 1. The potential signature programs should have also been previously discussed with the appropriate Assistant Director(s) and/or the Associate Director of Programs.

A copy of the Signature Program Guidelines are located at http://golosu.edu/SPguidelines. The submitted proposals will be forwarded to Administrative Cabinet and to the Signature Program proposal review committee for review.
OSU Health Plan Educational Programs

The OSU Health Plan offers educational programs to benefits-eligible faculty and staff as a service of Your Plan For Health. Classes (on-site and webinars) are offered on various days and times throughout the week. A small sampling of upcoming classes include: Coping with Workplace Change, Infant Safe Sleep, Benefits of Hope, and What Do I Do When Someone I Love Has a Mental Illness. New classes are added regularly and posted online with class descriptions.

--> To learn more, visit osuhealthplan.com/classes-and-events/health-and-wellness-classes

Upcoming Webinar April 23, 2 p.m.

Networking and Partnership Tips for Extension Professionals

Presented by Kevin Andrews, Extension Program Specialist, Organizational Development, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service -This session will cover the importance of the personal connections and relationships we develop as Extension Professionals, and how those of us who are not the most outgoing people in the world can meet and interact with members of our communities. We will discuss key partnership concepts, as well as tips for getting to know others. This webinar is especially important for new Extension educators and those who supervise or work with them. To connect, visit www.naepsdp.org and click on webinars

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