Franklin County Highlights

As Previously mentioned, we will be doing county highlights on every future newsletter. The first county Highlighted is Franklin County.

Franklin County Walk & Serve-a-Palooza
Franklin County 4-H hosted the second annual Central Ohio Walk and Serve-A-Palooza on October 25, 2014, at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard. Registrants took part in hands-on service projects offered by sixteen non-profit and community organizations that were “adopted” by area 4-H clubs. The event, open to the community, provided a smorgasbord of service activities that families could work on throughout the event.

Outcomes:

- 1,710 community service projects completed
- 722 pounds of food donated to MidOhio Food Bank
- 16 community organizations collaborated
- 225 individuals participated
- $10,000 funded by grants

Some notable efforts…

- Walk & Serve was featured on NBC 4’s *Daytime Columbus* and WCOL’s *Woody and the Wakeup Call*.
- 150 stuffed toys for first responders to give to children during emergency situations
- 296 durable dog and cat toys for rescues
- 65 fleece blankets for children in the foster care system
- 100 t-shirt bags for children saved from human trafficking
- 31 fleece scarves, 89 fleece hats for the homeless
- 100 rice sock heating pads for children with Spina Bifida

Participants at the second annual Central Ohio Walk & Serve-a-palooza contribute to community service projects that benefit sixteen non-profit organizations throughout Central Ohio. These young ladies are looking over the fleece hats that were made at the event and will be given to the homeless.
**Happy December Birthdays!**

- December 4th – Peggy Murphey, Program Assistant – Franklin County
- December 5th – Sabrina Schitzinger, Educator – Knox County
- December 28th – Rob Leeds, County Extension Director – Delaware County

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**Boot Camps Schedule 2015**

The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). **Sign up soon--- space is limited!**

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Hogan Named President of National Association... (Source: onCampus)

Congratulations to Franklin County's Mike Hogan on his achievement!

“Mike Hogan, associate professor with OSU Extension and a sustainable agriculture coordinator, has been named president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The 5,784-member association, based in Illinois, works to strengthen and support the work of extension educators and to promote and support the agriculture industry. OSU Extension is the outreach arm of Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

-- > Read more: cfaes.osu.edu/news"

County Highlights Reminder

As you saw on the first and second page, we are starting a weekly county highlights sections to the newsletter. If you are unaware of when your county is due to send in information, check the schedule below. I will send out reminder emails the week before your information is due.

Franklin: Dec 1
Fairfield: Dec 12
Delaware: Jan 5
Knox: Jan 19
Marion: Feb 2
Madison: Dec 8
Pickaway: Dec 22
Licking: Jan 12
Morrow: Jan 26

Outreach and Engagement Grant Opportunities... (Source: Mark McCann)

OSU CARES/OSU Extension, the Service-Learning Initiative and the Office of Outreach and Engagement are pleased to offer this year's OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants, Service-Learning Grants, and Engagement Impact Grants to support scholarly engagement efforts of university faculty and staff.

This year, we have more than $300,000, to support programs that establish and expand innovative, creative, scholarly engagement to address compelling challenges and critical needs in communities.

Information on the grants is available at http://outreachgrants.osu.edu, and on the attached Grant Comparison.

Proposal Deadline is Monday, February 16, 2015

If you would like some additional information, please feel free to contact Mark McCann (mccann.249@osu.edu) and we ask that you share this information with your colleagues.