Morrow County Highlights

Morrow County Staff:

As the CED I can proudly say “When we each talk about our Morrow County Extension Office staff we talk of a team unit that includes everyone!” We have even described ourselves as a “family unit” and members of our family that have left for other positions still come back to visit, have lunch or for special gatherings. How has this happened? My mentor, Steve Ruhl, saw the simple fact of closing the office and eating together built a strong team. So at lunch (12 noon to 1 PM), you will find us crammed around a small table, getting to know each other, letting off steam, taking a break, and building a team. If you do come during lunch, you can knock and we will let you in, offer you a chair at our small table too! As far as clientele needing services during this time, we have a locked drop box available 24/7, leave items for pick up outside our office, and sometimes schedule appointments during lunch. We are flexible and caring in meeting their needs!

Becky

Educators: Becky Barker (4-H/CED), Candace Heer (FCS), Jeff McCutcheon (ANR)

Program Assistant: Michelle Lang (SNAP-Ed)

Support Staff: Barb Hildebrand and Liz Ufferman

Recent Retirement: Lee Ann Leonhard (SNAP-Ed)
4-H Youth Development
The 2015 4-H year will start off with mandatory Advisor Club Kick Off meetings that are set for February.

In 2014 Morrow County 4-H severed 945 club members in 48 clubs. 1,691 additional youth participated in other Extension education programs.

4-H collaborates with many county organizations to educate youth and provide community service opportunities. For over 30 years the Morrow County Litter and Recycling Education Program has collaborated with 4-H to clean up roadways. In 2014, 27 clubs participated to help clean up 334 miles of road ways, collecting 1,291 bags of trash and 65 tires. Clubs separate their aluminum for their treasury. For 2015, we are excited to offer clubs the option of helping clean up the banks of waterways such as streams and lakes as well as our traditional roadways.

Agriculture and Natural Resources
ANR programming is running full tilt. The typical Pesticide Recertification sessions are being offered along with the new Fertilizer trainings. Both programs are conducted with John Barker and Rob Leeds to make it more interesting for the participants. Besides being the overall technology host, we also host a site for the Ohio Beef School (17 locations this year) and the Sheep & Goat Webinars (11 locations this year). After that, meetings to plan research plots (at the old County Home Farm) and field days, and presentations at statewide meetings (OFGC & OEFFA) leave a little time left over to discuss commodity crop Farm Bill program options with walk in clients.

Family and Consumer Sciences
Family & Consumer Sciences in 2015 will continue to work with community agencies and libraries, the District Area Agency on Aging and Senior Center, and collaborating with the school districts and financial institutions. New county coalitions are forming around hunger and wellness in 2015 which will provide many opportunities for FCS programming to meet identified needs and form more partnerships.

For the first few months of 2015, FCS will be focusing on financial programming by promoting Ohio Saves!. Classes at the Senior Center will start up again focusing on healthy living and physical activity, and nutrition and food safety. Promotion for the Mom & Me Intro to Sewing classes, Live Healthy Live Well Spring Email Challenge, and Food Preservation classes is going on now.
New Morrow County Program Assistant!

SNAP – Ed Note from Michelle

Hello! I am the new Program Assistant for SNAP-Ed. I have a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology from Bowling Green State University. My background includes working with schools, hospitals, and communities on health and wellness programming. I grew up in Union County and currently live in Marion County with my husband and three children. I look forward to working in Morrow County and meeting as many of you as I can while serving as the SNAP-Ed Program Assistant.

Important Message Involving Tenure From Ken Martin

To request a review for promotion (Ed III or Ed IV) or request an untenured assistant professor faculty appointment, please submit your letter of request to Ken Martin, Department Chair, 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 3, Ag Admin Building, Columbus, OH 43210 or email the letter to: martin.1540@osu.edu. The letter must be received no later than midnight March 2, 2015.

Educators submitting a letter will receive a confirmation email along with additional instruction regarding submission of the dossier materials for review. Educators seeking a promotion are required to submit a Research in View dossier report for review by the Administrative & Professional Promotion Committee in the spring. Educators requesting an untenured assistant professor faculty appointment are required to submit a Research in View dossier report to be reviewed in the fall by the Promotion & Tenure Committee.

Based on the 2015-2016 Administrative & Professional Guide for Promotion, candidates will have the primary responsibility for preparing a dossier documenting his or her accomplishments using the outline provided by OSU Extension. Candidates must submit a letter of request to the Department Chair in the spring and provide a dossier for review by the A&P Promotion Committee. The candidate is strongly encouraged to have their dossier reviewed by their immediate supervisor prior to the spring submission. The final dossier is due in the fall. Candidates are evaluated by the A&P Promotion Committee with respect to assigned duties, considering the record of performance in meeting the criteria outlined in the promotion guidelines.


Should you have additional questions, you may contact your immediate supervisor, A&P Committee Chair, Eric Barrett, barrett.90@osu.edu or Ken Martin can be reached at 614-292-8793, martin.1540@osu.edu.
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Kirk Bloir as the Associate State 4-H Leader, State 4-H Office. Kirk has also been appointed Assistant Professor, OSU Extension. This appointment will begin February 1, 2015. His contact information is: Bloir.1@osu.edu, 320 Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive Columbus, OH 43210; 614-247-8168 (Office).

Kirk’s position will provide overall leadership for developing and implementing a comprehensive and balanced teaching and applied research agenda for 4-H Youth Program Development within the Department of Extension in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University. More specifically, he will be focused on the specialty area of risk management in outside school time youth organizations as well as the specialty area of positive youth development.

We thank Search Committee Chair, Dr. Robert Horton and his search committee for their efforts, and commend the great pool of candidates who applied and interviewed for this position. Join us in extending congratulations to Kirk.

The Business Office Update for January 2015 has been posted to the web at: http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/newsletters/business-office-update-january-2015

Contents
Credit Card Acceptance Options
Non Capital Equipment Logs will be due 3/31/15
Purchase Order Invoice Payment Terms
Central Receiving for Columbus Campus delivered items
New Travel Forms for 2015
New Travel Agency Vendor
Students Traveling Internationally
Extension Annual Conference Presentation
On Campus Signage
Off Campus Signage
Renovations, Painting and Construction Projects