Dear Southwest Educators and Staff:

Happy Spring! It finally arrived! We have had an extremely busy winter. Take time to enjoy the warmer weather and get a little rest.

Welcome to Jeff Stachler, our new Auglaize County ANR Educator! We are excited to have you in the Southwest Region.

Congratulations to all who were selected to give presentations at the State 4-H Conference on March 14. Those I was able to attend were excellent.

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in making it possible for support staff to attend their regional in service. It was a great day! Thanks to Patty Corfman, Carol Bottoms, Christy Millhouse, Linda Newman, Meg DeVoss, Suzanne Steel, Cindy Buxton, Deb Delp, Linda Good, Beth Miller, and Rebecca Supinger for all their work in making it a special day.

I am looking forward to our first Spring Conference for the Southwest Region. It will be held on Wednesday, April 29. Please plan to join us if at all possible! Details are coming soon.

Also, be sure to answer the doodle for our Southwest Region Biometric Screening. It is open to all employees and their spouses.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring time!!

Barb
"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." ~Dr. Seuss

"You have three choices in life; give in, give up, or give it your all." ~Anonymous

"We all die. The goal isn't to last forever, the goal is to create something that will." ~Anonymous

"If you're bored with life, if you don't get up every morning with a burning desire to do things - you don't have enough goals." ~Lou Holtz

"Success isn't something that just happens - success is learned, success is practice and then it is shared." ~Sparky Anderson
Ohio JCEP Winter Professional Development Scholarships

The Ohio JCEP, Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee would like to announce the recipients of their February, 2015 professional development awards:

Cindy Shuster, $500 to attend the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo in Cleveland, Ohio.
Chris Kendle, $200 to attend the Public Issues Leadership Workshop in Washington, DC.
Jennifer Even, $500 to attend the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.
Brittany Mendez, $200 for Doctoral studies at Ohio University.
Amanda Douridas, $600 to attend the Waste 2 Worth Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Scholarship winners will receive information from Lisa next week about how they can be reimbursed for their scholarship.

Congratulations from the Ohio JCEP Scholarship Committee: Rob Leeds, Cheryl Barber Spires, Gwen Soule, Michael Gastier, Katie Feldhues, and Lisa Barlage.

Ohio 4-H Conference

Highlighting the Presenters from Southwest Region:

Kim Catchpole, Kara Colvin, Barbara Phares, Beth Miller, Rebecca Supinger, Kelly Royalty, Janet Wasko Myers, Demetria Woods, Christy Leeds, Nadine Fogt, Betty Wingertert, Tonya Horvath, Steve Brady, Laura Norris, Rhonda Williams, Nate Arnett, Mark Light, Amanda Raines,
Grant Writing Workshop
Farmers Market & Local Foods Promotion Programs
The Regional Rural Development Centers in cooperation with the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has developed workshop materials and resources focused on improving the funding success rate of applicants to USDA AMS grant programs, specifically the Farmers’ Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP).

Ohio, through the NCRCRD and OSU Extension, is participating in this project and offers the following training program to assist individuals and organizations in their efforts to secure AMS resources to further the provision of local foods.
April 6, 2015 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
The Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center
2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210
Register Online
http://go.osu.edu/LocalFoodsGrantWriting

Draft Letter to Landowner re Insurance
Below is the verbiage when using landowner’s property for programs.

Dear [Landowner],

Thank you for permitting participants in the Ohio State University Extension [Name] program to access your property for purposes of conducting a nature walk on [date(s)]. Should you know of any condition on your property that may be hazardous or that you wish the [Name] program to avoid, please let me know prior to [date of program]. In consideration for granting such access, you are hereby named as an additional insured on the Ohio State University’s program of insurance for purposes of this activity. You may access evidence of our insurance information by going to http://u.osu.edu/treasurer/files/2014/09/The-Ohio-State-University_GL-Cert-14.15-B-1kj3iu8.pdf.

We appreciate your support of the Ohio State University Extension program.

Sincerely,

[ Educator ]