Ohio Does Well in NACAA Communications Contest

Congratulations to Ohio for having 5 National Finalists for the NACAA Communications contest. One National Winner and 3 National Finalist were selected for each category. For Ohio, 5 out of our 6 North Central Finalist went on to become National Finalists (3 North Central Region Finalists were forwarded to the National Competition).

Congratulations on a job well done! I have attached a summary sheet which shows the State, Region, and National Placings for Ohio members who entered. Ohio did well once again!

**Personal Column** - Edwin M. Lentz (National Finalist)

**Video Presentation** - Pam Bennett, Ohio (National Finalist)

**Web Site** - Chris L. Bruynis & David Marrison for Ohio Ag Manager (National Finalist)

**Published Photo & Caption** - Emily G. Adams (National Finalist)

**Bound Book** - Gary Y. Gao, Jim Chatfield Erik Draper & Mike Ellis (National Finalist)

David Marrison, NACAA NC Region Communications Committee
Extension marks centennial and looks to the future

As OSU Extension celebrates the 100th anniversary of the nation’s Cooperative Extension Service today (5/8), its leaders hope the occasion provides the opportunity to broaden people’s understanding and awareness of what today’s Extension organization has to offer. With an office in every county, OSU Extension is the official outreach arm of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, with additional faculty and staff in the College of Education and Human Ecology and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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

Shown here: Keith Smith, director of OSU Extension and associate vice president for agricultural administration at Ohio State.


Have You Tried? Centennial Printing. . .
(Source: Heather Neikirk)

Ohio Farm Bureau has re-opened their print shop. They are very reasonable and accommodating. We work with our local office to coordinate requests. We recently used them to print (2) 8 foot banners—the Extension 100 years ones…haven't seen an invoice, but am estimating cost around $85 or so/banner. The banner logo can be found on the Extension 100 years site. Also used them to print the round centennial logo in a sticker—got 1,000 of them for $53.00! They can usually get things to you pretty quick as well. I usually just send a pdf version of what I want printed and if they have questions, they contact me. Pretty simple if you don't have a local print shop or colored office printer, etc.

Happy May Birthdays…

• May 8 Jo Brown – Office Associate, Clark County
• May 12 Tracy Bedford – Program Assistant, Hamilton County
• May 13 Patty House – Educator, Clark County
• May 15 Karima Samadi – Program Assistant, Montgomery County
• May 25 Tonya Horvath – Hamilton County
• May 31 Demetria Woods – Educator, Miami County

Barb Brahm's Schedule

• May 12 – Delaware County
• May 13 – Boot Camp (9-3); 3-m – Porch Cookie Meeting (Union County)
• May 14 – Administrative Cabinet
• May 15 – Union County (12-Office Conference; 2pm Money Mgt Consultation; 6:30-7:30 – Welcome to 4-H)
• May 16 – Union County (9:30am – Money Mgt. consultation; 11-3 – County/City Health Fair; 6:30 pm – Bluffton College Intern Recognition

Southwest Region Forum
A Reminder on CY2015 and 2016 County Cost Share . . .
As you begin planning for your CY2015 budget, please note that the 1st educator cost share increases by $500. There is no change planned for 2nd and above educators. New benefits composite rates have been added to the Business Office website http://osuebusiness.osu.edu/benefits_rates.php.

Plan Ahead – Conference Registrations Open…

If you are participating in one of the upcoming professional association meetings, be sure to plan ahead before registering. If you use the PCard for any portion of your trip (registration, airfare or such) you will need to get a T# in advance. If a T# is not required, please be sure to obtain the email pre-approval from your ORG authorizer. You will need to keep this pre-approval and attach it to the reimbursement form upon your return.

Conference Registrations – ($300 regular member)
Early-bird Registration deadline May 15 (postmarked after May 15, $100 late fee added)

Hotel Reservations open May 1
Conference Registration opens June 1 ($425)
Early-bird Registration deadline July 15

NAE4-HA – October 26-30 (Minneapolis, Minnesota) – www.nae4ha.com/2014-annual-conference
Hotel Reservations open May 1
Conference Registration opens June 1 ($450)
Early-bird Registration deadline July 15