Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

Autumn greetings! What fun to drive through southwest Ohio these days. I continue to make fall visits and enjoy hearing about all your great programs.

We had an excellent delegation attending the national TERSSA meeting. Congratulations to Linda Good and many of our office associates for their excellent planning and hours of service in making this a wonderful professional development event for over 100 participants. Thanks for the support of our CEDs and Educators for doing extra duty to allow them to attend. Check out the pictures at the end of this newsletter.

We are excited to have many folks registered for our Nov. 3 in service on mental health. Be sure to register by Friday, October 28 if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to Steve and Kelly Royalty on the birth of their son, Kyler Michael, on October 14. We want to send our Best Wishes to Jenny Even (Hamilton FCS) as she leaves OSU Extension on October 31 for new endeavors. We appreciate her dedicated work over the years and wish her much success in the future.

Educators who have not had Barb do a teaching observation yet this year are encouraged to send her dates when she can come to see you teach.

Enjoy what is left of autumn. Live with intention and purpose!

Best Regards,

Barb
I had the pleasure of attending the Ohio 4-H Foundation’s annual Celebration of Youth event at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on Saturday night. Together with sponsors, those in attendance raised more than $150,000 at the event. Participants enjoyed sampling the vast array of Ohio food and wine prepared by local chefs and bidding on items at both silent and live auction. A highlight of the evening was the inspirational message delivered by Dustin Homan, a graduate student and 4-H alumnus from Shelby County. Dustin presented a compelling vision for the future of 4-H in Ohio, across the nation, and around the world. Special thanks goes to presenting sponsor Nationwide and platinum clover sponsors Bob Evans Farms, Heartland Bank, and Ohio Farm Bureau Federation.

“The Tone of Voice”
It’s not so much what we say as the manner in which we say it. It’s not so much in the language we use as the tone in which we convey it.

Words may be mild and fair but the tone pierces like a dart.
Words may be soft as summer air But the tone can break a heart.

Remember – everything counts! Pay attention to what you say. You might change a life!
Hello, 
I am Angela Collie, Program Coordinator at Adventure Central in Dayton, Ohio, where for six years I have had the privilege to assist the A.C. team in providing 4-H, nature, science, technology and healthy lifestyles based afterschool and summer day camp programming to youth in an urban setting. My work at Adventure Central allows me to do what I love, while loving what I do; engaging with and advocating for youth and families.

My career with OSU Extension began shortly after a year of service with the Sisters of Notre Dame AmeriCorps in the role of group leader in the Adventure Central afterschool program. At the end of my service I couldn’t imagine leaving such a wonderful program and staff. As a little bit of luck and whole lot of faith would have it, I was able to transition into the role of Program Assistant and later Program Coordinator.

I take great pride in being a native of the Dayton community and supporting it in any way that proves to be positive and productive for its citizens. Be it sitting on a local school’s advisory board, or volunteering at a local non-profit, my heart belongs to the Dayton community, especially its children.

I am the proud mother of Alexis Brooke, a fifth grader who loves to dance and Lucy our Dachshund/Yorkie mixed puppy. There is never a dull moment in our home with these two wonderful ladies.

In my free time, I enjoy being outside, baking and hosting a house full of surrogate daughters whom Lexie calls her “sister-friends”.

I live in Springboro, Ohio in Warren County. I have two grown sons who live near Colorado Springs, CO. My youngest son, Jarrod, has been in the Army since he graduated in 2003. He served two tours overseas, Kuwait and Iraq. My oldest son, Joshua, became a teen parent in 1999. He is the father of my only grandchild, Kendra, who lives in Western New York State. My husband is a Mechanical Engineer and his career is what brought me back to live in Ohio, in 2007. In my personal life, my time is devoted to Jesus Christ, my husband, church, family and friends, and my three fat cats. I enjoy the outdoors and traveling, especially to Western New York and hopefully to Colorado.

I grew up in Uhrichsville, Ohio in Tuscarawas County. Since graduation in 1977, I have lived in seven Ohio counties. In 1985, I moved with my husband and children to Western New York State, where I resided for the next 25 years. In 1990, I became a single parent which inspired me to obtain an AS degree with an emphasis in mental health. However, life experiences have taught me more than a degree could ever have allowed me. Once I graduated, I became employed for an umbrella agency which housed WIC and Family Planning. I worked for WIC for 6 years as a Breastfeeding Coordinator where I developed my love for educating the underprivileged population. As a Breastfeeding Coordinator, I taught mothers the importance and nutritional value of breastfeeding their new babies and I trained others to be breastfeeding peer counselors. My next adventure was in Family Planning, as a Community Educator. I worked for 10 years in this position and the impact of this job was a tremendous learning experience for me. I worked with a diverse population: teens, jail inmates, HIV/AIDS infected families, domestic violence victims, young women/ men who needed healthier lifestyle choices and parents who needed to reunify with their children. I obtained public speaking skills, coordinated services with other agencies, and collaborated closely with Cornell Cooperative Extension. This close collaboration with Extension provided me with the opportunity to obtain a Family Development Credential. Also, this is where I learned to appreciate all the education and family work that Extension does in the community.
The Extension Family of Clermont County would like to announce the birthday of October 14th for Kyler Michael weighing in at 7 pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long. The proud parents are Steven and Kelly Royalty, 4-H Educator.

Blessings from the Clermont Extension honorary "family"
Grandma's Margaret and Mona
Aunt's -Gigi, Pam, and Danielle
Uncle Trevor

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Carol Wagner, Hardin County, sporting her awesome glasses.

Linda Good, Office Associate, Miami County [and 2016 TERSSA President] and Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate, Ross County – recipients of the two TERSSA scholarships
Vickie Snyder, Office Associate, Southeast and Central Region – recipient of the 2016 TERSSA Above and Beyond Award
Debby King, (North Carolina State University), 2016 TERSSA Executive Board Award
Dana Braswell, (North Carolina State University), 2016 TERSSA Excellence Award
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2016 TERSSA Conference Participants

Butler County Beth Young and Cathy Minor making baskets.

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Chris Brubaker (Henry), Linda Newman (Clark), Carol Bottoms (Southwest/Northwest Region), Emily Cordes (Henry), Carol Wagner (Hardin), and Melissa Walters (Miami).

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