

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## Week of August 24, 2014

### **Funding Opportunity for 4-H Horse Programs in Five Ohio Counties**

Thanks to the generosity of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, an event was held in August 2014 that netted \$5,000 for Ohio 4-H. These monies will be awarded to five counties in mini-grants of \$1,000 upon completion & submission of the application form ([archer.3@osu.edu](mailto:archer.3@osu.edu)) by November 4, 2014, and the subsequent selection. The purpose of this mini-grant program is to provide the opportunity for county 4-H Horse Programs to initiate new/ innovative horse related educational programming that will benefit their county's 4-H Horse project members and/ or volunteers, as well as the potential to share the programming idea with other counties throughout Ohio. All projects should be completed by June 30, 2015.

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

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### **Special Note of Recognition**

Colleague Bill Harris, County Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, officially retires at the end of August.

Bill was hired by OSU Extension as the 4-H Agent in Trumbull County in 1979. Several years later in 1982 as Summit County Agent he developed a stress management school program called *Beat the Rat Race*. As an excellent photographer he taught his craft in the county, at state 4-H in services, and Teen and Volunteer Conferences. He has served on the volunteer specialist team/committee and has always been at the "head of the line" in his philosophy on what 4-H professionals should do and what was appropriate for volunteers to handle.

In July 1988 he began serving in Stark County as the 4-H Agent and Co-Chair in Stark and Summit Counties. In 1995 Bill became District Specialist, 4-H in the Northeast District where he was a leader in developing early middle manager materials for 4-H and Extension. For many years he managed communication days at the Ohio State Fair, always pushing the event towards contemporary technology.

In November 2009 Bill move to Medina County as 4-H Extension Educator and in 2013 became interim CED. While serving in urban counties, Bill believed that it was most appropriate for 4-H to be in the classroom. We wish Bill good fortune and good health in his retirement.

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## **OSUE2U: Extension Centennial Video Contest Results – National Winners**

Ohio's Centennial video contest winners also recently received second place at the National 4-H Film Festival in the category of "Voices of 4-H History." As part of the Ohio video contest – which asked folks to show/tell what Extension means to them, Extension supported a trip for the state winners to the National 4-H Film Festival this summer.

*Eric Glaze* and *Ben Sanders* of the Pathfinders 4-H Club in *Warren County* submitted their film "A Centennial of Extension with Dr. D. Howard Doster" as part of the national festival which was held in early August in St. Louis. Eric and Ben received a certificate and GoPro camera for their efforts.

Now in its fourth year, the national festival involved 60 4-H members from nine states, and 32 films were selected for screening. Youth participated in sessions with a casting director, sound and lighting production and stuntman. They also took a field trip to Coolfire Studios, a production facility that handles animation, commercials and original music. [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of Eric's summary about attending the festival.

You can check out Eric and Ben's 5-minute video at [www.go.osu.edu/HowardDoster-osuExtension](http://www.go.osu.edu/HowardDoster-osuExtension). This information has also been posted on the Ohio Centennial webpages at <http://extensionstaff.osu.edu/cooperative-extension-centennial/ohio-centennial-activities>.

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## **Military Extension Internships for the Spring Semester 2015**

The Military Extension Internship Program is accepting applications for Spring 2015 internships until September 30, 2014. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Internships are on active military installations across the U.S. and around the world with child and youth programs. Interns will have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in military child and youth programs. Please visit [www.ydae.purdue.edu/military](http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military) for more information about the internships, including job descriptions; instructions on how to apply; intern profiles; and frequently asked questions and answers. [CLICK HERE](#) for brochure.

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## **4-H Companion Animal Photo and Video Contest**

The Companion Animal Community of Practice through eXtension.org is pleased to announce that it is holding photo and video contest for youth interested in companion animals. At the link below, you can find general information about the contests as well as links to the specific rules/guidelines and a printable flyer you can use to promote the contests within your area. Please forward this information along to those in your area who might be interested. We would like to get large national participation in the contests. <http://www.extension.org/pages/71127/4-h-companion-animal-photo-and-video-contest#.U-vGKWNof3E>

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Steve Beck at Oklahoma State University ([steve.beck@okstate.edu](mailto:steve.beck@okstate.edu)).