Congratulations to Mr. Scottie Fillers for being selected as the new Clyde Austin 4-H Center Manager in Greeneville. Scottie will assume his new duties as of May 1, 2017. Scottie will fill the position vacated due to the retirement of Andy Seals. From now until May 1, Mr. Greg Fay is serving as the Interim Camp Manager in Greeneville.

We will soon begin a search to fill Scottie’s position as 4-H Center Manager of the Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Crossville. This will be a national search, but internal candidates are encouraged to apply. Our hope is to have someone identified prior to the summer camping season.

Scottie has agreed to assist both camps as they plan and prepare for the 4-H camping season and I anticipate a smooth camping program at both centers this summer.
The 2017 Tennessee State 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Communications Contests were held February 24 and 25 at Brehm Animal Science Building on the campus of the University of Tennessee. The 2017 contest marked the 24th year for the event, in which 184 Tennessee 4-H youth participated.

The Communications Contests (Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, and Team Presentation) allows senior (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to demonstrate their equine knowledge while also developing public speaking skills. The Hippology contest allows 4-H youth to demonstrate skills they have learned in equine science, horse judging, and identification of horse related tack and equipment. The Horse Bowl contest challenges youth to learn scientific information about horse nutrition, reproduction, genetics, behavior, health, and management.

The top four teams from each division of each regional competition, held earlier in the year, were eligible to compete in the State Championships in Horse Bowl and Hippology. The 1st and 2nd placing finishers in all senior level events will be eligible to represent Tennessee at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Ga. August 1-5, 2017. First place senior level winners will also be eligible to compete at the Eastern National 4-H Roundup in Louisville, Ky. in November.

**Contest Results**

**Public Speaking**
1 - Emma Graf, Jefferson County  
2 - Abby Wheeler, Gibson County  
3 - Phoenix Simpson, Tipton County
Contest Results

Individual Presentation
1 - Lily Turaski, Blount County
2 - Allison Murray, Sullivan County
3 - Morgan Short, Sullivan County
4 - Kristyn Kephart, Lawrence County
5 - Lydia McCurdy, Knox County
6 - Zach McCarver, Madison County

Team Presentation
1 - Grace Looney and Heather Matlock, Tipton County

Hippology Junior Teams - 11 total teams competing;
1 - Gibson County: Ava Rose, Josie Mansfield, Abigail Swims, Jessi Fincher
2 - Blount County: Stephen Labout, Elizabeth Spaller, Madie Mikesell
3 - Lawrence County: Sierra Brus, Rose Goodwin, Eliza Hill, Brooklyn Growe
Contest Results

Hippology Junior Individuals - 35 individuals competing
1 - Rebecca Whitten, Sumner County
2 - Josie Mansfield, Gibson County
3 - Madie Mikesell, Blount County
4 - Rose Goodwin, Lawrence County
5 - Laurel Cox, Bedford County
6 - Ava Rose, Gibson County
7 - Elizabeth Spaller, Blount County
8 - Baylee Otey, Lawrence County
9 - Evelyn Jones, Putnam County
10 - Brooklyn Knopp, Maury County

Hippology Junior High Teams - 12 total teams competing
1 - Loudon County: Camille Phillips, Mart Marlino, Bethany Spangler, Lilly Hayes
2 - Jefferson County: Madelyn Graf, Emma Flatt, Emma Turner, Rosey Brand
3 - Blount County: Riley Summerall, Alison Morehouse, Zoe Jewell

Hippology Junior High Individuals - 40 individuals competing
1 - Camille Phillips, Loudon County
2 - Kellin Ferrell, Sumner County
3 - Riley Summerall, Blount County
4 - Kaia Chesbro, Williamson County
5 - Brooke Ann Smith, Rutherford County
6 - Annalee Smith, Lawrence County
7 - Madelyn Graf, Jefferson County
8 - Emma Flatt, Jefferson County
9 - Mary Marlino, Loudon County
10 - Josie Short, Sullivan County
Contest Results

Hippology Senior Teams - 12 Teams
1 - Rutherford County: Charity Chandler, Anna Moore, Cara Moore, Rebecca Grace Stone
2 - Madison County: Zach McCarver, Abby MaCalmon, Taylor Perry, Katherine Theirfelder
3 - Blount County: Madeline Parr, Siena Spanyer, Rachel Ottinger

Hippology Senior Individuals - 40 individuals competing
1 - Taylor Perry, Madison County, winner of the Steve McNeil Achievement Award
2 - Cara Moore, Rutherford County
3 - Rachel Ottinger, Blount County
4 - Emma Graf, Jefferson County
5 - Charity Chandler, Rutherford County
6 - Rebecca Grace Stone, Rutherford County
7 - Anna Moore, Rutherford County
8 - Siena Spanyer, Blount County
9 - Anna Cesnik, Williamson County
10 - Amber Thornton, Sumner County

Junior Horse Bowl - 10 teams competing
1 - Sumner County: Rebecca Whitten, Ella Graves, Elizabeth Shoecraft
2 - Blount County: Stephen Labout, Madie Mikesell, Elizabeth Spaller
3 - Bedford County: Molly Ralston, Laurel Cox, Gracie Herrod
Contest Results

Junior High Horse Bowl - 11 teams competing
1. Sumner County: Kellin Ferrell, Jordan Birdwell, Sofia Morand
2. Jefferson County: Madelyn Graf, Emma Flatt, Emma Turner, Rosey Brand
3. Blount County: Riley Summerall, Allison Morehouse, Zoe Jewell

Senior Horse Bowl - 11 teams competing
1. Blount County: Rachel Ottinger, Siena Spanyer, Madeline Parr, Lily Turaski
2. Madison County: Abby McCalmon, Taylor Perry, Zach McCarver, Katherine Thierfelder
3. Jefferson County: Emma Graf, JoBeth Scarlett, Caylee Baggett, Rachel Fields

This event would not be possible without the support of the many Extension agents, UT staff, volunteer leaders, and parents from throughout the state who coach 4-H members and assisted with running of both Regional and State level contests. Students from the University of Tennessee Equestrian Team, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Block and Bridge were among the dedicated volunteers that helped run the contests this year.

Thank you to everyone who made this year’s event possible and congratulations to all of our competitors and winners!
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

HEALTHROCKS! IN MORGAN COUNTY
Amanda Bates Cloutier, Extension Agent

Sometimes plans do not go as originally thought out, but we in Morgan County are so excited about the benefits of the HealthRocks! program that we are working on a new plan to establish the HealthRocks! curriculum into our Summer Day Camps. We will be hosting two 3-day camps where the kids will have the opportunity to participate in hands on learning activities such as “Take a deep breath” where they personally get to experience how smoking affects lung capacity by breathing through a coffee stirrer with their nose pinched. They will also get to see what dip can do to your teeth by the visual “dip mouth.” However, most importantly we will break the myth that “everyone is doing it,” and empower/educate the youth to make responsible decisions. We will end with a demonstration session where they will have the opportunity to share what they learned with the other students, as well as, with the parents/family.

Dip mouth visual aid.
Website Updates

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the curriculum office! As you may have seen, the project page on the state 4-H website has a new look! The titles and descriptions have been replaced with images to make the website a little more kid-friendly. The picture will link to a page explaining the project, just as the project title has in the past. Click on the picture below to take a look!

The individual project pages will also be getting a makeover in the near future. As lesson plans, project outcomes, and project curriculum are written and published, they will appear on the project page with links to download resources. The project page will also have a video explaining the newly written outcomes for that project area. This transition to the new design is expected to be completed by mid-May.

Soon, you will also find an entirely new section on the website related to In-School 4-H Clubs. This page will house lesson plans that will be organized by grade level and subject matter, other resources to use with clubs you meet during school time and information on state content standards that the activities and competitions meet.
**In-Service Opportunities**

**Educational Design**

Beginning in late April, there will be an in-service focused on educational design. This session is designed to equip you with the skills to plan for educational events and give you ideas about activities to stimulate learning with your kiddos. The dates and times for each of the in-services are listed below.

- **Western Region (WTREC, Room B) May 2, 2017**
  - Credit Hours: 6

- **Central Region (Rutherford County - Community Building) May 1, 2017**
  - Credit Hours: 6

- **Eastern Region (Eastern Region Office) April 25, 2017**
  - Credit Hours: 6

**Lesson Plan Template**

Since there are several published lessons in the new lesson plan templates, a short 1.5 hour training on how to use the new lesson plan template will be offered. This session will also address how to read the Tennessee State Content Standards. It will be important for consistency of implementation and usage so consider making this inservice a priority.

Look for registration information on this session in next week’s newsletter.
Lesson Plans Available

Below is a link to each of the lesson plans that are currently available on the Marketing and Communications Website.

Fun with Friction
Students will complete a hands-on experiment in order to learn about friction and the forces that affect friction. This will be done by creating a ramp and rolling an object on two different types of surfaces. Students will work in small groups to complete the experiment, while recording their findings on a supplemental handout.

Let’s Learn about Chickens!
https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W391.pdf
This hands-on, practical activity will require learners to use critical thinking skills to investigate the source of food and understand the poultry industry. *The presentation to accompany this lesson is available on the poultry project page.

What did you say?
This lesson uses student participation as a means of showing how the skills can make a speech come across very positively — or very negatively. Students get to have fun while helping demonstrate the skills to the group, which makes them more likely to remember. This lesson is a good follow up to the “Talk to Me” lesson, which covers what makes up a speech and how the speech should be structured. *If you have previously downloaded or received this by email, please re-download using this link. The first link included an error.

Green Life
This lesson will focus on three broad topics: six basic plant parts, the requirements needed for plant growth, and photosynthesis.
Talk to Me
https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W397.pdf
This lesson begins with an assessment of what the students know about speech structure and what makes a good speech by using Think-Pair-Share as a pre-assessment tool. Based on the skill level assessed by the Think-Pair-Share, the lesson can be tailored to focus strictly on the areas that the students are lacking. The lesson concludes with a brainstorming session where students are able to write a strong opening statement for their 4-H speech.
*The presentation to accompany this lesson is available on the Communications/Public Speaking Project page.

Think Like A Scientist
https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W400.pdf
This activity is designed to teach ideas about the nature of science. It contains no specific science content knowledge. In this activity, students gather information and work toward a closer approximation of a sentence. There is built-in ambiguity and several reasonable answers are possible.

Physical and Chemical Changes
In this lesson, students will learn about physical and chemical changes. Physical changes will be demonstrated with playdough and/or M&M’s Candy. The chemical change will be demonstrated by making “Elephant’s Toothpaste.”

To Move or Not to Move
This lesson uses a hands-on approach to learning. Students will explore the concepts of potential and kinetic energy through completing a lab related to these concepts. Students will then analyze data collected during the lab by graphing and then draw conclusions based on what they have found.

As always, James and I are always available to help you if you need it. I can be reached by email at Jennifer.richards@utk.edu and James at jswart@tennessee.edu
SUMMER 4-H CAMPS REMINDER
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Much of the following information was sent previously via email to the Regional Offices and previous e-newsletters (Tennessee 4-H Ideas).

Junior 4-H Camp – In 2017, 4-Hers will “Follow the Trail.” This is the theme for Tennessee 4-H Junior Camp. Resources to help counties prepare for camp will be posted at https://tiny.utk.edu/agentcampresources. Camping groups should select and train teen and adult leaders, as well as work with the 4-H centers in formulating camp agendas and selecting educational activities. The base camp fee is $281.

4-H Jr. High Adventure Camp - Development of camp agendas and themes and selection of educational activities have been occurring through the regions in cooperation with the 4-H centers. In addition, regional camping groups should select and train teen and adult leaders. Regional planning committees should check with 4-H centers for the base camp fee. Counties should make Jr. High Adventure Camp a priority this year as a way to “keep the flame alive,” and grow your county 4-H program. 4-H Jr. High Adventure Camps, in recent years, have been extremely creative and fun, thanks to our Regional Planning Committees! Don’t let your Jr. High 4-H members miss out on this wonderful experience.

4-H Target Smart Shooting Sports Camp (W.P. Ridley 4-H Center, July 4-7) - This is a statewide shooting sports camp for grades 5-9. Participants select one in-depth focus on hunting, archery, muzzleloader, rifle, or shotgun. Participants should have received some prior training before registering for this camp. Disciplines are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee is $275 ($290 with a credit card). Counties are expected to make sure that their campers are adequately supervised by bringing an agent or adult leader with them or make arrangements with another county. Check with your regional office on conference assistant (CA) applications (due in the state 4-H office by May 15). CA applications can be downloaded and/or printed by clicking on the “Application for Leadership Roles at Camps/Conferences” link at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx. Counties should register their participants through SUPER. Deadline to register in SUPER is May 15.
4-H Electric Camp (University of Tennessee-Knoxville, June 27-30) - Electric Camp is a fun-filled, rewarding adventure in electricity held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The camp features learning centers staffed by electric utility professionals. Each learning center will use hands-on activities that allow the 4-H members to learn by doing. Electric camp is for youth enrolled in 4-H who are in grades 6-7 as of January 1 of the current calendar year. 7th graders may return to participate this year. Members do not have to be enrolled in the electric project to attend the camp, but they should have an interest in this area. The cost is $275 ($290 with a credit card). Check with your regional office on conference assistant (CA) applications (due in the state 4-H office by May 1). For more information, visit the Electric Camp Web site at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/elecamp.aspx. Counties should register their participants through SUPER. Deadline to register in SUPER is May 1.

Junior 4-H Camp Theme and Logo

In 2017, 4-Hers will “Follow the Trail.” This is the theme for Tennessee 4-H Junior Camp.

The goal of this curriculum is for youth to engage in a journey to discover the rich heritage of Tennessee. Activities are designed to be hands-on and fun so that campers are actively engaged. 4-H professionals can find the 2017 logo by clicking on the “4-H Junior Camp 2017” link at https://tiny.utk.edu/agentcampresources.
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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking;
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service; and
My HEALTH to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world.

Upcoming Events

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