I have just finished meeting with Andrea Harris from National 4-H Council. Andrea is our marketing liaison. She reminded me that there are a tremendous number of marketing materials available free of cost on the National 4-H Council website. This includes a picture gallery, posters, templates, banner designs and PSA videos.

These materials can be found at http://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/. If you have not already registered at this site, you will need to register in order to gain access. The registration is confidential and your information will not be shared.

These materials are professionally developed and would be excellent for county activities, events, or to post in appropriate businesses to generate broader visibility. The video PSA would be great for incorporating into presentations to civic groups or to other potential donors.

Let’s not keep 4-H a secret! Help spread the word of the great program available to Tennessee youth.
2017 4-H Shogun Jamboree Results
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

Below are the results from the 4-H Shotgun Jamboree, May 6, 2017, Nashville Gun Club, Nashville, TN:

Senior Division (9-12 Grade) - Individual
1st - Michael Sisk - Moore County
2nd - Hunter Trull - Perry County
3rd - Kyle Richardson - Giles County

Junior Division (5-8 Grade) - Individual
1st - Cason Perry - Henderson County
2nd - Brandon Sisk - Moore County
3rd - Cole Prince - Monroe County

Senior Division - Team
1st - Maury County Dream Team
2nd - Perry County Sr 1
3rd - Giles County Sr 1

Junior Division - Team
1st - Henderson County Jr Long Shots
2nd - Clay County Jr
3rd - Maury County Hole in the Wall

For a complete list go to:
https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/Shotgun-Jamboree-Results.aspx
Congratulations ALEC Graduates!!

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) had graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The 4-H Youth Development/Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communications Department had the following graduates:

Mitchell Wade Baker, BSAG, Agricultural Communications
Samuel Clayton Brewer, BSAG, Agricultural Education
Ashley Danielle Coutta, BSAG, Agricultural Education
Alison L Dyke, BSAG, Agricultural Leadership
Kasey Lynn Hunley, BSAG, Agricultural Science
Deanna Elizabeth Markelonis, BSAG, Agricultural Leadership
Simon Andrew Newman, BSAG, Agricultural Science
Brigitte G Passman, BSAG Agricultural Extension Education (pictured)
Jay Scott Robinson, BSAG, Agricultural Leadership
Kaitlyn Joy Shields, BSAG, Agricultural Education
Elena Grace Smith, BSAG, Agricultural Communications
Heath Douglas Smith, BSAG, Agricultural Education
Madison V Swafford, BSAG, Agricultural Education
Christopher Cordale Weatherd, BSAG, Agricultural Science
Ashton Elizabeth Street, MS Agricultural Education
Drazen Zlovaric, MS

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Now is the time to place your order for neckwallets for camp. You may email the state 4-H office at Trudi@utk.edu or call 865-974-2128.

They are still $2 each and your county will be billed from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.
4-H MENTORING PROGRAM IN HARDIN COUNTY
Kali Seaton, Extension Agent

The Hardin County OJJDP mentees had spent several months learning about interior design and science during their monthly club meetings. To complete the study, mentors and mentees had the opportunity to take an experiential travel tour to Asheville, North Carolina, Chattanooga and Nashville.

While in Asheville, the group toured the Biltmore Estate. The youth were able to develop a deeper appreciation of American history while learning new information related to architecture, interior design and art from that era. In addition, they had a greater understanding of agricultural principles and techniques from the turn of the century.

The following day, the group traveled to Chattanooga where they toured the Tennessee State Aquarium. Mentees and mentors built an understanding of the aquatic world and the need to preserve it as well as learned the importance of aquatic stewardship. The tour also allowed time to experience hands on activities related to aquatics.
The final stop was Nashville, Tennessee. The time in Nashville was spent participating in several educational opportunities. A visit to the Adventure Science Center allowed youth to learn more about science and space, gain more knowledge on art and participate in the Imagination Lab. Another stop was the Tennessee State Capitol and Tennessee State Museum. There, the group learned more about our state’s government, the state capitol and more about the history and culture of Tennessee. The Nashville experience ended with an educational lecture and tour at the Bicentennial Capital Mall. The ranger’s lecture highlighted the importance of taking care of our environment and preserving Tennessee wildlife. She also educated the group on the history of the park, her role as a park ranger and ended with a walking tour.

In addition to all the tours, one evening was spent with the mentors and 4-H Agent leading a leadership session with the mentees. Mentees learned what being a leader meant, the type of leader they are based on their personalities and how they can become a leader. Mentees also completed journals detailing what they had learned on their trip and had additional time to spend with their mentors.
May 26-27, 2017  
Hyder-Burks Sale Arena • Cookeville, TN

Sheep Conference will provide hands on learning experiences, as well as opportunities to meet and make new sheep friends from across the state. The location for Sheep Conference is the Hyder-Burks Sale Arena on the Tennessee Tech campus in Cookeville. Parents and volunteer leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend. Sheep Conference is especially beneficial to younger 4-Hers’ getting started with their sheep project.

Sheep Conference will be conducted in two parts. For the older, more experienced project members (grades 8-12), a special Friday (May 26) evening training session is planned for you. The general theme for this training is Concepts of Sheep Reproduction. Youth will learn about ram and ewe reproductive anatomy, fetal development during gestation and technologies in sheep reproductive management.

During Saturday’s Sheep Conference schedule, 4-Hers will have the opportunity to receive training in showmanship, grooming, nutrition and health. Steve Edwards, a nationally known club lamb producer and judge that has conducted showmanship and fitting workshops throughout the southeast. Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative nutrition experts will be on hand to discuss feeding your lambs. Nate Long will be conducting a grooming demonstration for those interested in fitting wool for lambs shown in the wool. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a mock showmanship class; so it is desirable to bring a lamb from home. However, there will be a few lambs on hand for those that cannot bring a sheep. Also, each participant will have the opportunity to make a rope halter for their project.

We will continue to have skillathon training, table top exhibits and Quiz Bowl. New this year will be a team skillathon contest. Table top exhibits (a display board about your sheep project or sheep related topic) will be evaluated by age group (See https://extension.tennessee.edu/Johnson/Documents/4-H%20In-School%20Clubs/Table%20Top%20Exhibits%206th.pdf for more details).
A quiz bowl team consists of three (3) members from the 7-12 grades. To encourage county participation, a team with all three members from the same county will be awarded 10 points to start the quiz bowl. Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative will be providing prizes for winners in these contests!

What???
2017 Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference

Who???
4-H and FFA members, leaders and parents. This is a family conference, designed for the benefit of 4-H members and their families.

Where???
Hyder-Burks Sales Arena is located in Cookeville at 2390 Gainesboro Grade, Cookeville, TN 38501. Take Exit 286 from I-40 onto Willow (Hwy 135 N). Go 3.3 miles and turn left on 12th Street (Hwy 290 W). Go 2.2 miles and look for the large arena on the left.

When???
Friday and Saturday, May 26-27, 2017

Why??
To help 4-H members and parents learn more about the 4-H sheep project and activities.

Cost???
The registration fee is $10 per person and payable upon arrival. (Parents meal is $5)

Pre-Registration???
Please email Claudia Baney (cbaney@utk.edu) by May 23 to aid in meal planning and supplies). Lodging is on your own.
TENNESSEE 4-H SHEEP CONFERENCE
Dwight Loveday, Associate Professor

Tentative Schedule:

Senior 4-H Sheep Conference (8-12 graders as of January 1, 2017)
Friday, May 26, 2017
Hyder-Burks Sale Arena, Cookeville

6:00 PM Registration
6:30 PM Welcome and Program Orientation
6:40 PM Concepts of Sheep Reproduction
9:00 PM Orientation for Saturday
9:30 PM Adjourn

4-H Sheep Conference (For all junior sheep producers and parents)
Saturday, May 27, 2017
Hyder-Burks Sale Arena, Cookeville

8:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM Welcome and Orientation
9:10 AM Skillathon Training (breeds, feeds, meat ID, quality assurance, sheep reproduction, halter making, and structure)
10:45 AM Feeding Your Lambs
12:15 PM Health Tips for Your Lambs
   Pizza Lunch
12:15 PM Sheep Skill Development:
   * Grooming
   * Showmanship
2:30 PM Team Skillathon Contest
3:30 PM Sr. Quiz Bowl
3:45 PM Awards
4:00 PM Annual Meeting of Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers Association and Elections
Sponsors
Tennessee Junior 4-H Sheep Conference is sponsored by Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative, FACCT (Farm Animal Care Coalition of Tennessee), Tennessee Sheep Producers Association and UT Extension.
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Carrie Ann Stephens
Professor, 4-H/ALEC

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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