This Monday, May 29th, our country will celebrate Memorial Day. While many look to the Memorial Day weekend as a time for picnics and the beginning of summer, the true reason for the national holiday is much more significant. Begun in the 1860’s as Decoration Day, it was a day to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. Since that time the name was changed to Memorial Day and the federal holiday was established to honor soldiers from all conflicts who paid the ultimate price for their country.

It is fitting that two of the 4 “H’s” in the 4-H Pledge remind us to pledge our heart to greater loyalty and our hands to larger service. Our country has and is currently been defended by men and women who took service and loyalty to country seriously and many of which paid the price with their lives. I hope that you will stop for a time of reflection this weekend to appreciate the freedoms we have as citizens of the United States and to say thank you to our current servicemen and women. But most of all, remember our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate price for all of us. Freedom is never free.
4-H AMBASSADOR TOUR
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist

This week, State 4-H Council members have travelled across Middle TN as part of their 4-H Ambassador Tour. This tour engages state 4-H council members with program partners in allowing our 4-H members tell their story while learning more about our partners and supporters.

Attendees included:
Ethan Harville, President, Fentress County
Jacob Butler, Vice-President, Henderson County
Luci Allen, Chief, Macon County
Hannah Reeves, Greene County
Ashley Haylett, Senior Representative, Williamson County

The group was accompanied by Glenda Booker, Justin Crowe and Ryan Hensley.

Our tour included visits to:
- Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
- Tennessee Farmer’s Co-op
- Tennessee Department of Agriculture
- Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
- Advance Financial
- News Channel 5
- TN Army National Guard
- Secretary of State’s office
- UnitedHealthcare
- Tennessee State University

Additional pictures from the trip are posted here: https://tiny.utk.edu/AT17
4-H CAMP STAFF READY TO GO!!!

Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

WOW! What great 4-H camp staffs! The 4-H camping season is almost upon us, and the staffs at Austin, Ridley and York are definitely up to the task. After this past weekend’s training session, they are pumped up and ready for the summer. This year’s staffs are energetic, enthusiastic and committed to the four priorities of safety, health, education and fun. Be ready for some intense, positive youth development this summer! Campers will “Follow the Trail” this summer!

As a reminder from this past spring’s planning meetings, this year’s junior camp curriculum requires planning and preparation from all involved (teens, volunteers, etc). Please be ready ahead of time. In addition, if you need to contact the camps regarding the curriculum or schedule, please do so early, preferably at least seven days before your camp group arrives.

The camp contact list is:

- Austin: Greg Fay (g@utk.edu)
- Ridley: Lisa Vasser (lvassar@utk.edu)
- York: Lacy Harnage (lmcminn2@utk.edu)
Juanita Fasola Foundation Grants Announced
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director, TN 4-H Foundation

The following counties were recently awarded over $36,000 in grant funding from the Fasola Foundation:

- Anderson
- Bradley
- Claiborne
- Madison
- Marion
- Marshall
- Moore
- Pickett
- Washington
- White

The next opportunity to apply for mini grants from the Fasola Foundation will be announced in Ideas when it becomes available.

The Juanita H. Fasola Foundation offers funding for educational programs that target youth and young adults in basic life skills and home economics. The Fasola Foundation funds projects focusing on consumer education and nutrition; cookery; clothing; sewing; textiles; parental education and childcare; hygiene; health care management; household economics and management; household equipment; house cleaning; and housing. The Foundation is also interested in funding projects, which offer educational training and opportunities for the learning disabled, including but not limited to dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, speech auditory disorders, and/or educational rehabilitation.

Ms. Fasola, a former Extension worker, was a strong supporter of the Tennessee 4-H program.
**Beef Contests:** [https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/beefcontests.aspx](https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/beefcontests.aspx)

**More Than Meat Drawing Contest**
We all know that cattle provides us with delicious beef to eat, but the parts of the animal that are not used for food are used to make a wide range of other products, these products are called by-products. Because of these by-products, we are able to use 99% of every animal. Draw a picture that demonstrates how cattle help the environment and/or the by-products that come from cattle.

The winner of each division will be awarded $100.00. Winners will be placed on the Tennessee Beef Industry Council’s social media outlets and published in agriculture publications throughout the state. Once entries are submitted they become property of the Tennessee Beef Industry Council.

Contestants must be in grades: K-8 and entries must be postmarked by 7/10/17.

**The Moovie Video Competition**
Contestants will create videos to promote beef and educate the consumer audience. Video must address the following topic::

Create a farm to fork scenario of how beef makes it to the grocery store

*Note: Topic may NOT address current beef industry legislative issues.*

Contestants must be in grades 5-12. Entries will be posted on YouTube and the deadline to enter is 7/10/17.

**Contest Prizes:**
- 1st Place: $250.00
- 2nd Place: $150.00
- 3rd Place: $100.00

All winners will be posted on Tennessee Beef Industry Council social media outlets.

Additional information on both contests here:
[https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/beefcontests.aspx](https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/beefcontests.aspx)
CURRICULUM CORNER
Jennifer Richards, Assistant Professor

Experiential Learning Model In-Service Recording

As a part of the New Agent Training In-Service, Jennifer Richards presented on the Experiential Learning Model. If you were registered and could not make it online for the live version, or you want a refresher on this style of instruction, visit this link: https://youtu.be/tfddLhl0crU

To receive in-service credit, follow the instructions contained in the presentation.

SAVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 5
4-H Day with the Tennessee Titans
Titans Vs. Ravens
More details to come!

DON’T WAIT: ORDER NECKWALLETS!

Now is the time to place your order for neckwallets so you get them in time for camp. You may email the state 4-H office HERE or call 865-974-2128.

They are still only $2 each and your county will be billed from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.
ALEC Graduate Program

Masters of Science in Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communications (ALEC)

Online degree available!!

For more information, please visit
https://ALEC.utk.edu
Or Call 865-974-7371

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>May 8-26</td>
<td>State Portfolio Judging (online)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 26-27</td>
<td>State 4-H Sheep Conference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 1</td>
<td>Hale Master Family Applications Due</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Volunteer Leader Recognition Applications Due</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 2</td>
<td>June Dairy Month Kickoff Luncheon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>