Each year awards are given for outstanding service to the 4-H program. There are two major awards, the G.L. Carter, Jr. Award for agents with 11-20 years of service and the Alice Ann Moore Award for agents with more than 20 years of service. Each award includes $1500 and recognition at the UTIA Awards Program in July in Knoxville.

This year the selection committee received excellent nominations for both awards. These nominations were representative of the high quality of sustained programming done by our Tennessee 4-H agents.

This year’s winners are:

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all of our 4-H agents for the outstanding work you do on a daily basis. You are changing the lives of Tennessee youth.
Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference

Claudia Baney, Extension Specialist

Approximately 75 youth, parents and volunteers participated in State 4-H Sheep Conference, May 26-27, at Tennessee Tech University. Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, FACCT and Tennessee Sheep Producers Association partnered with UT Extension to sponsor the event.

Activities began Friday night with a session for 8th-12th grade sheep exhibitors to learn about sheep reproduction. Jessy Shanks, lecture with the University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science, talked to the youth about the principles of sheep reproduction. Participants had the opportunity to dissect reproductive tracts.

Saturday’s program started off with skillathon training lead by teen leaders. Caroline Davis, UT Animal Science student, taught each participant how to make a rope halter. Following the skillathon training, were sessions on feeding, health tips, showmanship, and fitting. Steve Edwards, led the showmanship and slick shear fitting trainings. Nate Long, former Tennessee 4-Her, assisted youth in grooming sheep to be shown in fleece. Matt Crisp, nutritionist for Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, gave tips on sheep nutrition, feeding, and health.

Following the educational sessions, a mock skillathon contest was held. Teams were comprised of each teen leader’s group from the morning training. Randall Kimes helped to put the contest together and several parents and volunteers manned each station.

The winning mock skillathon team was:

Caroline Patterson, Clay County
Amy Blackston, Lawrence County
Wyatt Goodrich, Anderson County
Tyson Warner, White County
Senior 4-H and FFA members participated in a sheep quiz bowl. The winning team consisted of:

Emily Ellison, Cocke County
Emily Nave, Rutherford County
Taylor Young, Bedford County

The top educational exhibits were from:

John Buyrl Neeley Rutherford County
KeyLe Rhea, Warren County
Karley Warner, White County

Quiz bowl, skillathon educational exhibit winners all received prizes from TN Farmer’s Cooperative.

VOL STATE NOMINATIONS DUE
Dr. Richard Clark

All counties have the opportunity to nominate outstanding 4-H members to receive Tennessee’s highest level of recognition, the Vol State Award.

Vol State recipients must be:

⇒ an active 4-H members,
⇒ have been enrolled in the 11th or 12th school grade on 1/1/17.
⇒ an active All Star,
⇒ and be in attendance at Roundup.

Each county may nominate two members plus one member for each 100, or major fraction thereof, senior members in the county. Members do not have to be a state finalist. However, if they are not finalists, the $200 registration must be paid for them. Please do not tell your members they have been nominated for Vol State. The recognition ceremony at Roundup is much more effective if the member does not know they will be tapped.

Vol State nominees should be indicated during the online Roundup registration process through SUPER.
CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS
Shelby Brawner, Extension Assistant/Grant Manager

Sevier County Health Rocks!
Glen Turner, Extension Agent III, Sevier County

Sevier County is in the final planning stage for our Health Rocks! programming for this summer. Sevier County 4-H is partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Smoky Mountains this summer. Health Rocks! will be delivered to five different Boys and Girls Club Branches including Kodak, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville and Seymour. The target audience is 300 Sevier County youth at the clubs involved in summer programming. Most are also 4-H members at Sevier County Schools.

This partnership is a “win-win situation” for both 4-H and the Boys and Girls Clubs. Positive outcomes include: Teen peer leaders are trained to deliver the Health Rocks! curriculum at each club branch; Boys and Girls Club members are encouraged to become more involved in 4-H programming; Health Rocks! curriculum fits into the overall initiative of Boys and Girls Club programming promoting positive lifestyle choices for young people and as a result these 300 young people will make better decisions.

Sevier County 4-H is thankful for the resources the Health Rocks grant provides!
2017 4-H PHOTO SEARCH CONTEST
Entries due 6/9/17
Carmen G. Burgos, Extension Specialist

Junior high and senior 4-H members will have the opportunity to portray their 4-H involvement through their cameras in the 2017 4-H Photo Search activity.

A 4-H’er may enter by submitting both a print and a CD containing the photo in a digital format along with a completed entry form for each photo submitted.

Please make sure that the 4-H member’s name and county are written on the CD. All photos will become property of the state 4-H office and will not be returned to the 4-H member unless otherwise requested.

The information you will need to submit photos has been updated and is posted online:

Tennessee 4-H Photo Search Procedure and General Rules:
https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/phtosrch.aspx

Tennessee 4-H Photo Search Entry Form
https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx

Judging Score Sheet
https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/forms_materials.aspx

Each county is eligible to submit up to ten entries for state judging. All entries should relate in some way to 4-H. Entries should be mailed to the state 4-H office by June 9, 2017. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to cburgos@utk.edu
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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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