Extension Advisory Committee Visits
Clyde York 4-H Center
Dr. Richard Clark

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the State Extension Advisory Committee will be meeting in Crossville, TN. As part of their meeting, they will be visiting Clyde York 4-H Center and learning about our 4-H camping program. Lacy Harnage and I will give them a tour and update them on our 2017 camping season.

This is a great opportunity to inform the members of the impact of camp on the lives of young people and the workforce preparation skills learn by our camp counselors. We will share with the members that according to the American Camping Association, camp provides the forum for children to discover and explore their interests, values, and talents. Research shows, from a youth and parent perspective, that camp provides positive impacts for youth. Youth attending 4-H camp indicated their participation helped them acquire life skills and in making new friends, developing new abilities, and becoming more independent and able to take care of themselves. Furthermore, parents/guardians identified significant gains in their children in the areas of responsibility for actions, work responsibility, and increasing initiative as a self-starter.

4-H Camp Counselors also gain from working at 4-H camp. Research has shown counselors develop skills in leadership, teamwork, and initiative. For many of these teens, camp counseling is their first paid work experience. This hands-on experience ties together workforce training with real-life work experience in a safe environment surrounded by caring youth professionals.

Thanks to all of our Agents and camp staff for providing a great summer 4-H camping experience for our youth!
Knox County 4-H Wildlife Judging Team Brings Home 2nd National Win in a Row!
Sharon Davis, Extension Agent Knox County

The Knox County 4-H Wildlife Judging team went to Rock Eagle, Georgia July 31st through August 2 and competed against 14 other states in the national Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) contest. This contest tests the 4-H’ers in their skills at identifying wildlife, creating plans for wildlife habitats, and defending those plans with oral reasons.

The WHEP program begins at the regional level with wildlife identification, concepts and wildlife management practices exams. Then, the state contest is designed to mimic the national contest with the former exams in addition to a written management plan and oral defense of the plan. The state contest is prepared by University of Tennessee Extension specialists, Dr. Craig Harper and Mr. Larry Tankersley. This is important to mention because not only did Knox County 4-H win the contest two years in a row, but Tennessee has won the contest for the past six years in a row because of the training in the wildlife and forestry contests provided by these specialists. The event also includes educational field trips to a deer research facility, wildlife management areas, share fairs, and games.

At the banquet on Tuesday night, the contest results were announced. Josh Griffith placed 1st high individual and Savannah Creech, placed 3rd. In the team scoring, Louisiana was 3rd, Texas was 2nd, and Tennessee was 1st. The kids were so excited to learn they had won! This is the second year in a row a Knox County 4-H Team has won the contest. Members were Elayna Creech, Josh Griffith, and Savannah Creech. All have been competing in wildlife judging for several years. The team was coached by Brandi Griffith, a former wildlife judging contestant who is now a 4-H volunteer leader. All of the experience and studying paid off. But more than winning, the competition, the people, and the event itself is what they remember as the best part!

By: Brandi Griffith/Sharon Davis
“More than Meat” Drawing Contest Winners
Justin Crowe, Extension Specialist
Janna Miller Sullivan, TN Beef Industry Council

Division 1: Sarah Creech – Knox County
Division 2: Claire Barncord – Knox County
Division 3: Ella Flynn – Macon County
Division 4: Haylee Ferguson – Rutherford County

“The Moovie” Contest
1st Place: Haylee Ferguson – Rutherford County
2nd Place: Jonathan and Jeremiah Tindell – Union County
3rd Place: Mary Massey – Macon County
Extension Career Advancement Virtual Summer School

Joseph L. Donaldson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

The Southern Region Program and Staff Development Committee and the National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals (NAEPSDP) cordially invite you to participate in the 2017 Virtual Summer School! The theme for this year’s event is Career Advancement! Please see below for dates, webinar descriptions, and links to join. You may join one or more of the webinars. All webinars begin at 2 pm Central Time. For additional information and recordings of past NAEPSDP webinars, go to:
https://naepsdp.org/Schedule/

Monday, August 7, 2017
Title: What Can Be Published – Turning the non-publishable into publishable
Presenter: Dr. Nick Fuhrman, Associate Professor & Graduate Coordinator, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication, University of Georgia
Description: As Extension professionals, we do so many wonderful things to make life better for our communities on a daily basis. Anecdotally, we know that our work makes a difference, but how can we collect data on our efforts and share what we've learned with others? Even when our efforts are not as “successful” as we hoped they would be, our Extension colleagues can learn from our hiccups. If you’re interested in collecting simple data to share, or sharing data you already have in a peer-reviewed publication, this session is for you! Plus, since “Ranger Nick” likes to use animals in his teaching, a live animal or two might make an appearance on camera!

Link to Join: http://bit.ly/2eI5wbG

Tuesday, August 8, 2017
Title: Digital Storytelling for Scholarly Engagement
Presenter: Dr. James K. Woodell (Jim), Vice President for Economic Development and Community Engagement, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities & Christine Geith, CEO, eXtension
Description: Extension personnel have teaching, research, and service portfolios that often look different from traditional academics’ dossiers, which most frequently emphasize basic research and publications. This session will explore how Extension portfolios emphasizing outreach, practical research, and scholarly engagement are published and presented in digital formats—online
journals, blogs, webinars, e-learning, social media, and website development. Presenters will talk about undertaking knowledge advancement via these platforms as well as the challenges of working with tenure and promotion committees to help them understand the value.


**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

**Title: Getting Published – How and Where to Get Published**

Presenters: Dr. Julie Sexton, Extension Professor, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University Extension Service; Dr. Donna Peterson, Extension Professor, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University Extension Service & Journal of Human Sciences and Extension Editor; Dr. Stephen Brown, Matanuska/Copper River District Agriculture Agent and Professor, University of Alaska Fairbanks & President of the Journal of Extension and a past Editor for the Journal of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Description: This session will look at various journals for which your Extension work and research are a good fit for publication. This session will also discuss how to begin the publication process with two of the top Extension specific journals - the Journal of Human Sciences and Extension (JHSE) and the Journal of Extension (JOE). You will have the opportunity to learn tips and suggestions from journal editors and ask questions.


**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

**Title: The Who, What, When, and How to Prepare for Advancement**

Presenters: Dr. Rich Poling, Retired Director - Program and Staff Development, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service; Dr. Alan Ladd, Regional Extension Education Director, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach; Dr. Melissa Cater, Associate Professor & Program Evaluation Specialist, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education & Evaluation, LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture; Dr. Michael E. Newman, Professor and Director, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University

Description: When planning or preparing for the promotion and/or tenure process, there are many questions ranging from the value of developing a mentoring relationship with veteran Extension professionals, to when and how to prepare your promotion and/or tenure document or presentation. This panel of experts consists of non-tenured faculty, tenured faculty, department heads, and a district/regional director, many who have served on a promotion and/or tenure committee. Panel members will provide information and answer questions on the “in’s and out’s” of promotion and/or tenure.
News from:
The Tennessee 4-H Foundation
Ryan Hensley, Executive Director

4-H Foundation Endowments Payouts Posted

The Tennessee 4-H Foundation has posted the 2nd quarter payouts to the associated expense accounts as of July 24. You can check the balance of your accounts at any time by visiting [www.tn4hfoundation.org](http://www.tn4hfoundation.org), and selecting “Resources” link in the in the top navigation. Then select “Account Balances” and login with your UT Net ID and password. Not only can you learn the balance of your accounts on this site but you can also see how much income was generated by your endowment for the last quarter. Remember there is an [Endowment Reinvestment Form](http://www.tn4hfoundation.org), that is to be used if you want endowment earnings to be reinvested. All 4-H Foundation forms can be found by visiting [www.tn4hfoundation.org](http://www.tn4hfoundation.org). Select the “Resources” tab and click “Forms” from the drop down menu.

If you have any questions or would like more information about your 4-H Foundation accounts please email [4hfoundation@utk.edu](mailto:4hfoundation@utk.edu).

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fund Distribution

Congratulations to all for another successful paper clover program. This spring nearly $40,000 was raised for the Tennessee 4-H program. County funds have been transferred into your 4-H Foundation county expense accounts. You can now see the results of the latest Tractor Supply paper clover promotion by navigating to the 4-H Foundation’s account balances website. Navigate to [www.tn4hfoundation.org](http://www.tn4hfoundation.org) then select the “Resources” tab and click “Account Balances” from the drop down menu. Login using your UT Net ID and password. Funds can be requested by completing the 4-H Foundation payment request form, which can be found by selecting the “Resources” tab, and then “Forms”.

Please contact the 4-H Foundation team at [4hfoundation@utk.edu](mailto:4hfoundation@utk.edu) with questions.
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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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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.