TN 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATION TEAM WINS NATIONAL CONTEST

Dr. Richard Clark

The TN 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team won the National Skillathon Contest Wednesday, November 15 in Louisville Kentucky at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The team dominated the contest and won the overall competition by more than 100 points.

There are three parts to the contest. All three have individual and team components.

- First part is identification. It’s comprised of identifying breeds of livestock, cuts of meat and livestock equipment. Tennessee won this part and had first, second, fourth and fifth high individuals.
- Second part was evaluation. It’s made up of Hay and wool judging as well as team activities in marketing and selection. Tennessee was second overall team in evaluation.
- Third part was quality assurance. It is made up of an individual quality assurance activity, a quiz and a live animal hands on team activity. Tennessee won this part and had fourth, fifth and sixth high individuals.

In the overall awards Tennessee had first, second, third and ninth high individuals with all being named All Americans.

Team members and overall award rank were:
- Garrett Franklin, Clay County (1st)
- Kendall Martin, Lincoln County (2nd)
- Juliann Fears, Lincoln County (3rd)
- Abby Tipton, Loudon County (9th)
- Makenzie Moorehead, Lincoln County
- Abi Bartholomew, Henderson County
- County Agents Alan Bruhin, Sevier County and John Goddard, Loudon County were team coaches.

There were a number of individuals and agricultural businesses that helped the team with sponsorship and they received some assistance in training by some of the University of Tennessee Extension specialist in the Animal Science and Food Science Departments.
History was made this month when Leo Simmons, E.F. “Red” Ivens, L.M. McIlwain, and the Meredith Family were inducted into the Anderson County 4-H & Agriculture Hall of Fame on November 5.

This purpose of this newly established Hall of Fame recognition is to honor and preserve the legacy of the men and women who have provided outstanding leadership and service to Anderson County in the areas of agriculture and 4-H youth development, while growing the county’s 4-H Endowment to financially support the 4-H program now and for generations to come.

The honorees contributed tremendously to Anderson County as educators, farmers and business leaders. They were contemporaries who, through their respective organizations, guided Anderson County farmers, students and 4-H'ers following World War II.

E.F. “Red” Ivens was the county agriculture agent from 1941-1971. L.M. McIlwain, “Mr. Mac,” was the vocational agriculture teacher from 1944-1973. Leo Simmons served as the Anderson County Farm Bureau agent and manager from 1959-1992. The Meredith Family (Lynn, Joe, Joel, JB and Grace) served as farmers and business leaders. Additionally, Lynn Meredith also served as the manager of the Anderson Farmers Co-op.

On hand to celebrate the contributions of these hon-
orees were Lt. Governor Randy McNally, Representative John Ragan, along with many county and city elected officials. The 4-H Endowment Committee is co-chaired by 4-H alumnus William “Bear” Stephenson and retired agriculture extension agent Joe Hall. Anderson County Farm Bureau generously sponsored the luncheon celebration. Additional support came from local businesses, elected officials and individuals who sponsored tables to help raise funds for the Stephenson Family 4-H Endowment, which provides educational programs and awards for the Anderson County 4-H Program.

During the benefit luncheon, 4-H’ers showcased their many talents. 4-H Has Talent winners shared their performing arts talents. Matthew Fisher, an accomplished pianist, performed a wide variety of county and old-time gospel tunes during the meal. Lily Vandagriff, president of the county’s 4-H Honor Club provided a wonderfully patriotic performance of “God Bless the USA.” County 4-H Ambassadors Nicholas Monday and Treythan Beaty led the pledges. Jordan Bowling, who is currently serving as Eastern Region All Star Chief, presented her state-winning 4-H Congress essay. 4-H photography winners Alexandra Stroud and Meredith Grant served as photographers throughout the event. And, as is the case for many events, the entire UT Extension team in Anderson County worked hard to support the event and ensure its success.

“We’ve already reached nearly 70% of our goal. We feel confident we will meet our $50,000 goal by the end of this year under the leadership of our 4-H Endowment Co-Chairs Bear Stephenson and Joe Hall,” said Donna Carter, 4-H Extension Agent.
By now, your county office should have received a printed copy of the Tennessee’s Innovative Programming Priorities (TIPPs) for 4-H publication. This publication defines a set of life skill outcomes to help guide in-school club programming for 4th through 12th grade 4-H members. More information about the structure and organization of the outcomes can be found in the publication or online at https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/lifeskills.aspx. The webpage also includes lesson plans designed specifically to teach these outcomes and are aligned to state content standards.

James and I will are offering regional in-services to dive into the structure and organization of these outcomes as well as guide you through some of the curriculum designed around the outcomes. Information about these in-services can be found below.

Locations, Dates, Credit Hour and Links:
• Western Region (Madison County Extension Office) February 5, 2018; Hours = 6
  Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=12167

• Central Region (Rutherford County Office, Rooms A/B) February 6, 2018; Hours = 6
  Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=12166

• Eastern Region (Eastern Region Office) February 7, 2018; Hours = 6
  Registration Link: http://super.tennessee.edu/Event/Home.aspx?ID=12158

We hope you will plan to attend! If you have any questions about the outcomes or in-service, please do not hesitate to reach out to James or I.

TIPPS
Jennifer Richards, Assistant Professor
ATTENTION ALL TITAN’S FANS! ATTENTION ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO LOVE THE TITANS!

Friday, November 17, 2017 Tennessee 4-H will be auctioning a signed, Titan’s jersey and a signed, framed print. The jersey is signed by Drew Bennett, former Titan’s wide receiver, and the print is signed by Jevon Kearse, former Titan's defensive end.

**This will be two separate auctions. One for the jersey and one for the print.**

The auction will take place on our Tennessee 4-H Facebook page. A photo will be posted of each item, and bidders will post their bids in the comments.

- The auction will begin on Friday, November 17 at 9:00:00 a.m. EST and end Monday, November 20 at 11:59:59 p.m. EST. (Bids placed at 12:00:00 a.m. or later will not count.)
- **BIDS WILL START AT $1.00.**
- Bids will be increased by at least $1.00 increments (NO $0.25, $0.50, etc. increments will count).

The money raised from these auctions will go into the Collegiate 4-H Scholarship fund, which provides a scholarship to an individual who has a strong 4-H background, plans to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville, and preference is given to those wanting to pursue a degree in Agriculture.

BE SURE TO TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!!
2018 Tennessee 4-H GIS Contest
Daniel Sarver, Extension Specialist

The 2018 Tennessee 4-H GIS Contest rules and entry forms are available for download. The contest gives 4-H members an opportunity to demonstrate their geospatial knowledge and map making skills. Eligible youth may also apply for the opportunity to represent Tennessee on the National 4-H GIS/GIS Leadership Team (GGLead) and attend its annual workshop at the Esri Education GIS Users Conference in San Diego, CA. That trip is made possible through generous sponsorship by the Tennessee Geographic Information Council, Inc. (TNGIC) and other donors.

The contest entry deadline is February 1, 2018. I wish we could make it later, but we need time to determine winners and submit GGLead applications by their deadline of February 16.

Remember, this is a virtual contest with all entries submitted electronically, eliminating the frustrations, time, and expenses of meeting judges in person or live via Zoom.

Download contest rules and forms at https://tiny.utk.edu/GIScontest.

See examples of previous contest entries at http://facebook.com/tn4hgis.


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2017-18 4-H DAYS

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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.