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Important Reminders

- **Last Call for Membership**
If you have forgotten to send in your 2006 membership dues, please contact your regional director or James McMillon.
- **Past Issues of Headlines**
Find the 2005 issues of Headlines at the TAE4-HW website.
<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/TA4HW/headlines.htm>
- **Youth Favorite Places**
Read about a community mapping project for everyone.
- **GIS Day in Hamilton County**
Find out what one 4-H technology group is doing.
- **Research and Evaluation**
New NAE4HA Committee provides resources for sharing research via online journal.

Send news for the next issue of Headlines by March 1, 2006.

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Bettering our Best in the Pacific Northwest

by James McMillon, TAE4-HW President-Elect

A delegation of Tennessee TAE4-HW members journeyed West to "better our best" from October 20 through November 3. We were greeted at registration with our very own green and white umbrellas and were reminded that Washington was in its rainy season. Before the week was over, we had several opportunities to use them. I took a moment to reflect on our experiences.

Highlights of the week included:

- ▶ the walk to Pikes Place Market and participation in the Taste of Washington. We tasted samples of fresh catch from the sea, farm raised beef and Bar-B-Que.
- ▶ the 2005 Impact Report shared at the opening business meeting.
- ▶ sessions with featured speaker Mark Williams, founder of MarkusWorks, a research and consulting firm focused on human identity issues. Williams is also the author of the best-seller book, *"The 10 Lenses: Your Guide to Living and Working in a Multicultural World"* (Capital Books, 2001). His book describes his groundbreaking approach to understanding and managing cultural diversity. And in his latest book, *"Your Identity Zones"*, he helps individuals, organizations and communities better manage pressing issues related to human relationships and human identity in today's global environment.

In our break-out session, we identified the temperature zones of various groups as they related to

the hurricane Katrina. Knowing temperature zones of groups we have interaction with, better able us to work with these groups.

▶ the session with featured speaker, Trish Millines Dziko, founder of the Technology Access Foundation (TAF) which provides technical training to people of color.

One other piece of information that I wish to share is the Volunteer Resource organization found at www.volunteerresource.org. Check it out for yourself and stay on top of emerging trends, share your insights and experiences and learn from colleagues in the field.

Also mark your calendars for the 2006 NAE4-HA Conference to be held in Milwaukee, WI. The dates are different this year to answer the voice of the membership. The dates will be October 22-26, 2006 which is a shorter conference week and it has been moved from the Halloween weekend to better fit parent schedules. Call for presentations has gone out. Visit the website <http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> for complete presentation information. Join the "Quest for Spirit & Imagination" in Milwaukee.



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Evaluation for NAE4-HA Meeting

by Nancy Rucker, County Director, Cheatham County

The 2005 NAE4-HA Conference website is now set up with an option to use a Word file for conference evaluations. Those who are unable to send the PDF data can use this option. Go to: <http://nae4ha.wsu.edu/> and click on "Conference Evaluation."

NAE4-HA Happenings

by J. Brian Signaigo, Regional Director, NAE4HA

Greetings ya'll! As Southern Regional Director, I'd be remiss if I didn't encourage you to strive to get the most out of your TAE4-HW & NAE4-HA membership experience. Some members may still be wondering how to get this done. Believe me, there are many, many ways that members can excel and grow through membership.

I'd encourage all members to visit the [TAE4-HW](#) and [NAE4-HA](#) web sites, regularly, for answers to just about any question that you may have regarding member benefits – of which there are many! Of course, you may contact me, or any Board member, with your questions and/or concerns OR maybe with ideas how some things can be improved. You may be wondering how to get in touch with me, or other Board members. Go to www.nae4ha.org, and search "directories" to find contact info.

I was glad to see many Tennessee delegates at the National meeting in Seattle. How many of you actually caught a fish at Pike's Place Market? Is that a different town or what? Congratulations to all our award winners! For those who might not have heard, **Theresa Allan, Trousdale County, is the National Air Force Recruiting Salute Award winner. Way to go!!!!**

The '06 National meeting will be in Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 22 – 26. From what has been reported to the Board, this will prove to be another GREAT professional development opportunity. Links to information about the '06 National conference can be found, yep, on the nae4ha.org web site. Whatever you do, plan ahead to attend, to start saving your \$'s, to check air fare prices, to look at a map (I'm gonna drive), to recruit others to attend.

I've REALLY enjoyed my first year as Southern Regional Director. Thanks to you all for your patience, guidance, ideas and help! Don't hesitate to contact me at jsignai1@utk.edu!

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Increasing Scholarship for Better Youth Programs

by Joseph Donaldson, NAE4HA Committee Chair, Research and Evaluation

A call for papers was recently issued for the Fall 2006 issue of the *Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice*. This new journal was created through the efforts of members of the Research and Evaluation Committee of the NAE4-HA. The Research and Evaluation Committee was successful in securing funding support from the National 4-H Leadership Trust. This is an online journal which will greatly enhance the level of scholarship in our profession. The ultimate goal is for the programs we deliver to have a stronger research base which will improve the lives of youth. For more information, please refer to the attached [overview of the journal](#) and [submission guidelines](#). Please note the **deadline for articles is March 15, 2006**.

Hamilton County Celebrates GIS Day

by Lorna McCandless-Moss, Extension Agent, Hamilton County



The Hamilton County 4-H Tech Team kickoff for the National GIS Day Celebration was held November 15-16th in Hamilton County, Tennessee. 4-H Youth Favorite Places' Team members from the Hamilton County 4-H Community Club and Eastdale Recreation Center gathered together to explore geocaching with Dr. John Toman, our very own University of Tennessee IT specialist and 4-H Computer and Technology Club advisor. Dr. Toman led participants, parents and leaders on our

first geocaching adventure at the Tree of Life Park in Chattanooga, TN and throughout the outside surroundings of our Hamilton County 4-H Office. Participants experienced a hands-on introduction to the GPS units while searching for the hidden caches.

We had to use flashlights after the sun went down which made the event even more interesting! "This is great!" replied one participant. Participants worked in groups of 3-4 per unit and took turns handling the units for each hidden cache. The caches hidden by Dr. Toman consisted of "cool 4-H GIS pens and goodies to eat." The caches hidden in the Tree of Life Park were permanent caches posted on the internet for public use that included thin notepads to leave a signature. Once the cache was found each leader and participant had an opportunity to sign his/her own name on the notepad. We began our activities at 5pm and ended around 6:45pm. I must note that if we'd had time, I observed participants and parents who would have stayed an extra hour because they were having so much fun!

We would like to send a special thanks to the members from the Eastdale Recreation Center who organized and hosted an outstanding day of activities including molding clay models of the earth, coloring GIS/GPS activity sheet and studying the parts and use of Global Positioning System units. Over 40 students attended the event at the center after school, who left asking how should they enroll in 4-H so they could become part of the 4-H Tech Team...now that's cool!



Thank you Dr. Toman and Dorothy Simmons for making our 2005 GIS Day kickoff such a success!

Note from the Editor: GIS stands for Geographical Information Systems. Go to www.gisday.com for more information.

Youth Favorite Places – National Community Mapping Project

by John Toman, UT IT Specialist

Take time to visit the www.youthfavoriteplaces.org where 4-H groups from around the country have added their favorite local places by posting the latitude and longitude plus digital photos . The site has been "renovated" lately and looks great. Every county in Tennessee can add a youth favorite place to this site - all the resources needed to participate are on the website. Sample flyers and posters can be downloaded and used to promote this project with your 4-H members. Find a volunteer that is willing to give leadership to this project!

ESRI GIS/GPS Software Grant Opportunity

by John Toman, UT IT Specialist

Tennessee 4-H programs across the state have begun to learn about geographical information systems, community mapping projects, and global positioning systems. In short, we can say GIS/GPS technology. Currently, 4-H CCCS curriculum is being piloted. ESRI is the company that produces software for creating maps. Counties in Tennessee have received grants over the past two years. If you are interested in applying for a 2006 grant, here is the latest information.

ESRI GIS Software grant program update: The guidelines will be available by mid-December at www.esri.com/grants. Grant applications will be accepted from January 1 - March 31, 2006. It will be an electronic (e-mailed) submission of the application and letter of support from your state 4-H program leader.

There are two types or phases of grants this year. Phase 1 is for 4-H programs new to GIS and GPS technology; the application will be similar to the one used in the past, and they will be applying for the ArcView software, GIS books and training materials. Phase 2 is for 4-H programs who have received an ESRI GIS software grant in 2004 or 2005, and have successfully completed a community services project involving GIS, a Community Atlas project (<http://www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html>), and a GIS day activity (www.gisday.com). The Phase 2 application will also be similar to the ESRI application you completed in the past, and you will be applying for upgrades to ArcView and extensions, as well as GIS books and training materials. Trudy Dunham at the University of Minnesota is a contact person at dunha003@umn.edu.

There will be a 'webinar' (online training) to answer questions about the application and process on December 14, 2005. E-mail me to receive the details for signing on to the online training. You may participate in this training live, or the session will be archived and available online for your viewing at a later time. Esther Worker at eworker@esri.com is a contact person for the training.

Happy Holidays