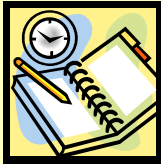


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Important Reminders

- **TAE4-HW State Conference**
Mark your calendar for May 2-4.
- **NAE4HA News**
News from the national meeting and call for 2007 presentations.
- **Bits and Pieces**
Ideas garnered from workshops and classes.
- **Second Issue of New Professional Journal**
- **Send news for the next issue of Headlines by March 1, 2007.**

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Make a Statement at 2007 State Conference

by Lori Belew, State 4-H Staff

Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration Event Highlights

“Make a Statement” is the theme for the 2007 Annual TAE4-HW Conference. The conference will be held May 2-4, 2007 at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The 30th anniversary of the statewide event will be hosted by the TAE4-HW Specialist Region.

In place of the traditional program updates and technical skills development, this year’s conference will focus more on helping you to “make a statement” in the areas of personal and professional improvement. The Planning Committee is currently exploring engaging speakers and break-out sessions to

assist you in developing skills such as:

Professional Development

- Exploring Career Opportunities
- Using Organizational Marketing Tools

Personal Development

- Improving Physical Health
- Managing Personal Finances
- Maintaining Family Balance
- Coping with Stress and Time Management

In addition to professional and personal development, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of this annual event. The conference will also feature some of our signature activities including the recognition banquet, TAE4-HW information and officer elections and entertainment. More details regarding the schedule of events, directions as well as information regarding registration fees and deadlines are forthcoming. We hope that you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

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Rucker NAE4-HA VP

by Nancy Rucker, Cheatham County

Thank you for your support and vote. I am so excited about serving you on the NAE4-HA Board as Vice President of Marketing and Outreach. I will also take this opportunity to remind you to send a note of thanks to the donors from the NAE4-HA Conference for their support of awards, scholarships, plaques, first timer's event, speakers, etc. Without this support, our association would not be as strong.

The 60 for 60 Campaign continues through 2006

Call for 2007 Presentations

by James McMillon, President, TAE4-HW

The Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents are so excited to host the NAE4-HA meeting in Atlanta Oct. 21-26, 2007. It is now time to submit proposals for research presentations, competency building workshops, program seminars, and poster sessions.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- 1) If you would like to be a **reviewer** for proposals, please go to the link <http://georgia4h.org/nae4ha2007/index.htm> and select call for proposals. Follow the steps to be a reviewer. Even if you gave me your information in Wisconsin, this will allow accurate information to be entered and a speedier process for reviewing. Only NAE4-HA members can be reviewers.
- 2) If you would like to **submit a proposal**, go to the same link <http://georgia4h.org/nae4ha2007/index.htm> and follow the steps. You will be able to edit your proposals until the deadline of January 15, 2007 midnight EST. The Call for Proposals with specific details is linked to the page.
- 3) You can register to be a **reviewer and submitter** at the same time and I will be able to filter so you will not judge your own.
- 4) If you are submitting a proposal you can choose up to **3 key words** so that proposals can tracked for more targeted professional development.
- 5) Presenters will be limited to **2 presentations** this year.

The deadline for proposal submissions and reviewers will be **January 15, 2007 midnight EST**.

Second Issue of Journal of Youth Development

by Joseph Donaldson, Extension Specialist

The second issue of the new refereed journal, *Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice*, is now available on-line on the NAE4-HA website:
<http://www.nae4ha.org/directory/jyd/index.html> This issue features the following articles:

- * Integrating Youth Into Community Development by Rosemary V. Barnett and M. A. Brennan
- * Qualitative and Quantitative Assessments of Thriving and Contribution in Early Adolescence: Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development by Amy Eva Alberts, Elise DiDenti Christiansen, Paul Chase, Sophie Naudeau, Erin Phelps, and Richard M. Lerner
- * Relationships Matter: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of Youth and Adults Working Together as Partners by Kenneth R. Jones
- * Supporting Social and Cognitive Growth Among Disadvantaged Middle-Grade Students in TASC After-School Projects by Christina A. Russell and Elizabeth R. Reisner
- * Experiential Learning: A Process for Teaching Youth Entrepreneurship by Karen Biers, Christine Jensen, and Ellen Serfustini
- * An Introduction to the SMARTRISK Heroes Program: Positive Social Marketing for Adolescent Injury Prevention by Philip R. Groff, Michael Shea, and Robert Conn
- * Rethinking Concept Mapping for Youth Participatory Evaluation in the Context of Youth Development Programs by Jennifer Southwick Brown
- * Statistical Testing of a Measure of Youth's Perceived Improvement in Life Skills by Lisa A. Guion and Blanca E. Rivera
- * Findings from Five Out-of-School Time Focus Groups: Professional Development Preferences, Experiences and Recommendations for Future Planning by Jennifer Buher-Kane, Nancy Peter, Stacy Olitsk, and Susan Kinnevy
- * Nebraska 4-H Household Technology and Interest Survey by Bradley S. Barker and Debra K. Meier
- * Youth Development and Extension Family and Consumer Sciences by Jan F. Scholl

Tennessee Poetry Shared in Milwaukee

by Melissa Henry, Past President, TAE4-HW

It's time for a Quest
Said the group from Tennessee
So they filled out their forms
And paid their registration fees

They gathered their agents
Their staff, their family
And 18 made the trip north
Up to Milwaukee

Did they get there by a plane
Did they get there in the rain
Did they get there in a car
Let's just say the trip was far
One even made the trip by bus
And he made friends with an old guy named Gus

They brought the newbie
From the state 4-H staff
Daniel Sarver, our happy camper
He's good for a laugh

They also brought a state specialist
Joseph Donaldson, he's great
A national committee chair
And he taught us all how to evaluate

And then there's me
The head Vol in charge
I'm Melissa Henry, President
And fan of the Big Orange
We can't forget to mention
The enlightened one
Southern regional director Brian Signaigo
Of course, he's lots of fun

The awards winners came too
ASA, DSA, MSA were part of the quest
Even some communication winners
Our state's very best

Why did we make this quest
Will you tell us please
Was it for Spirit and Imagination
Or just to get some Wisconsin cheese

Some made the quest for knowledge
Some to see friends and for fun
Some just to get out of the office
For the work there's never done

That's the end of my story
Ah, but don't frown
We'll see you all real soon
In a truly southern town

For there's one thing we all agree
4-H is a Peach of a Profession
And we'll see you in Atlanta
In 2007.

The following Tennessee extension professionals attended the national meeting:

Glenda Booker, Donna Bradley, Brian Signaigo, Michael Barry, Justin Crowe, Sierra Ham, Jamie Harris, Melissa Henry, Nancy Rucker, Jim Stewart, Pat Whitaker, Sharon David, James McMillion, Amy Williams, Rosalind Woodard, Joseph Donaldson, Daniel Sarver

Bits and Pieces

Fun Idea with M & M's

One of the best things I received was the Lesson Topic : The Power of Choice and Health--What's the Connection? I have already used it for a monthly club meeting.....and the kids loved it!!!! It is about M & M's and the Color Activity/Energizer (20 minutes).

Contact [Sharon Tubbs](#) to receive these materials by fax. Sharon Tubbs, Madison County

Note from the Editor: I may have found a variation of this activity at

http://www.nyib.org/downloads/Icebreaker_V.pdf?PHPSESSID=b55ad1b2c7c3bdc565cd9107d47c11c3

More Good Ideas

I just wanted to share some software with everyone that I was recently introduced to through one of my graduate classes, Educ. Tech. in Ag and Ext. It is called Hot Potato and it is very easy to use. You can make crossword puzzles, fill-in-the-blank quizzes, multiple choice quizzes, short answer, jumbled sentence or matching exercises.

The software download can be found at the site below.

Hot Potatoes Software: Create a variety of quizzes and games for learning.

(<http://hotpot.uvic.ca/index.htm>)

Gary Rodgers, Hardeman County

Physical Activity and Nutrition Program

At the exhibit hall at NAE4-HA, I found a new product called "Fitness Skillastics." Check it out online to see a mega game that requires a physical activity to advance on the board. The games could be used with small or large groups, since your group leader is the only one with a token. The website is www.skillastics.com. There are a number of variations available, including bi-lingual, younger children, sports, etc. Although the price is a little high, it is worth the investment, particularly if you have some grant money you can apply. Contact [Justin Crowe](#) if you have any questions.

Justin Crowe, Davidson County

2007 TAE4-HW Meeting in Pigeon Forge

by Melissa Henry, Past President, TAE4-HW

NAE4-HA Update from Milwaukee

Several agents and staff attended the NAE4-HA National Meeting in Milwaukee. Those who attended were: Glenda Booker, Donna Bradley, Brian Signaigo, Michael Barry, Justin Crowe, Sierra Ham, Jamie Harris, Melissa Henry, Nancy Rucker, Jim Stewart, Pat Whitaker, Sharon Davis, James McMillion, Amy Williams, Rosalind Woodard, Joseph Donaldson and Daniel Sarver

Brian Signaigo completed his term serving on NAE4-HA Board as Southern Region Director. Tennessee will now be represented by the following people who were elected during the meeting. Donna Bradley will be serving as Southern Region Director, Nancy Rucker will be serving as Vice President of Marketing and Outreach, Joseph Donaldson is the Chair of the Reach and Evaluation Committee and Amy Williams will serve as the Southern Region Contact for Member Services Committee with Sierra Ham as the Southern Region Contact-elect for Member Services Committee

Justin Crowe and Glenda Booker presented a Poster Session "4-H Career Preparation: It WORKS in Tennessee" and Sharon Davis and volunteer leader, Kristine Beard presented a session on 4-H and Technology with GPS/GIS, called "Where in the World is 4-H?"

Tennessee had one national communication winner, Michael Barry and Jamie Harris for their Promotional Package. Three southern regional winners, Michael Barry for Educational Package, Sierra Ham for Radio Program and Becky Bonner for Excellence in Teen Programming.

Tennessee's service award winners were also recognized. Justin Crowe received the ASA, Joseph Donaldson, Melissa Henry and Jim Steward received the DSA and Pat Whitaker received the MSA.

Other highlights of the conference included: a great states night out feasting on fine German cuisine at Mader's restaurant, networking with other professionals, introduction of the 4-H Brand Network, Dr. Richard Learner - "Promoting Positive Youth Development Among Americas Adolescents: Findings From the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development", National Make A Difference Day - Pillow Patrol, a special screening of Charlotte's Web and great workshop sessions following 4-H PRKC.

The 2007 National Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, October 21-15. We encourage all TAE4-HW members to attend.

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