

# TAE4-HW Headlines

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## Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers



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## Where Has the Year Gone?

by *Martin Koon, President, TAE4-HW*

Clubs are finished for the year and camping season is upon us. Our lives get busier each year and years seem to be shorter than ever. I look forward each year to our state meeting as a time to get away from the office, obtain some professional development, and fellowship with friends from across the state. This year was no exception.

Let me start off my thanking our Eastern Region for hosting a great State Meeting in Chattanooga. Meagan Brown and Lynn Middleton did an outstanding job serving as conference chairs. Attendance was up and everyone had great time.

Congratulations to all of our communication and service awards winners! It was great to be able to recognize six very deserving members with George Foster Outstanding Agent Awards. I know these agents will continue to be active and we will see their names for many years to come.

Congratulations to our association members that will come onto the board after the national meeting in October. I look forward to serving with each of you.

Tracy Hagan – Vice President

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Don't forget that the NAE4-HA annual meeting will be held in Rochester, NY on October 25-29, 2009. Registration is now open and the deadline for early bird registration is July 15. You can visit the meeting website at <http://media.cce.cornell.edu/hosts/nae4ha2009/index.html>

Take care and just remember to take time for yourself.

## **Check Out Your Journal of Extension**

*by Joseph Donaldson, NAE4-HA Representative, Journal of Extension Board of Directors*

Please check out the newly-designed [JOE website \(joe.org\)](http://joe.org)! If you have any problems navigating the new site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For the first five months of 2009, 131 submissions were received. This is 21 more submissions than this time last year:

19% rejected by the Editor as unsuitable for *JOE*

48% returned to the author for revision (accompanied by revision recommendations)

33% accepted for review or publication

The June, 2009 issue focuses on program evaluation.

In 2009, about 16 reviewers will end their term. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please check out FAQ #8 on the *JOE* website.

## **Bits and Pieces**

*In December 2008, Headlines featured Honor Club and teen recruitment ideas....check out more great ideas for Honor Club recruitment and programs...*

### **Lock-In and Citizenship Trip**

In Washington County, a lock-in was sponsored for the Honor Club. The event was held at 4-H Camp in Greeneville with the Recreation Hall providing plenty of room for sleeping bags. It was a huge success! Activities scheduled included ropes course, water balloon volley ball, etc. It is a good reminder that the 4-H Centers across the state are a resource for our county programs, in addition to summer camping.

Washington County Honor Club members are rewarded with a citizenship trip every other year. This year the group traveled to Charleston, SC. Previous trips included trips to Philadelphia, PA and Washington, DC. *Connie Sharp, Washington County*

### **Recognize Active Honor Club Teens with a Personal Name Tag**

Hickman County Honor Club members assist with at county events by providing leadership in registration, room chairs, judging, awards etc. Teens also train club officers and conduct 4th grade clubs. After the Honor Club members assist with so many events, they receive a green 4-H name tag similar to our UT name tags with their name and a 4-H clover on it. I keep the nametags and give out at events they attend. They keep the name tags when they graduate. The members love having an official name tag. They feel important! *Donna Bradley, Hickman County*

### **Teen Programs Result in New Honor Club Members**

Two teen programs in Robertson County have encouraged 4-H participation and led to potential Honor Club members. The Interstate Exchange Club and Acting for Life Drama Troupe are programs that have led to teen recruitment in 4-H. Participants have opportunities to attend State 4-H Congress, develop portfolios, lead organized clubs and, of course, join Honor Club. Actually, they want to be an All Star, but learn that Honor Club comes first. Typically, "new" teens are not really new, but returning to 4-H after dropping out in the middle school years. *Kathy Finley, Robertson County*

## **Everyone Has a Favorite 4-H Story**

*by Nancy Rucker, NAE4-HA Public Relations and Information Chair*

The wonderful stories shared by National 4-H Hall of Fame laureates at their induction became the inspiration for this project. The laureate's stories were inspirational, funny, sometimes "tear jerkers", always heartfelt and too valuable to be lost.

We're collecting stories for a book from the entire 4-H family including members, volunteers, agents/educators, state staff, donors, family members and others. The stories included in the book will be selected by the Editorial Team. Stories not chosen will be saved for future use. We're hopeful so many great stories will be submitted that several books can be published.

### **Here's what we're looking for:**

Stories from all 50 states sharing positive personal experiences on the value of 4-H, activities/events, learning experiences, funny situations, etc.

Stories about 4-H folks who have inspired, motivated and made a difference in the lives of others

Stories should include information about the setting/situation and approximate time frame and must include your name, address and contact information

At least three double spaced pages

Send your story as an email attachment to: [dtabler@umd.edu](mailto:dtabler@umd.edu)

Here are a couple of excerpts from the 4-H Stories already collected:

**A Golden Story** A furry new friend helped a young girl get over the sale of her 4-H market pig. "Everyone at sometime will have something special come into their life that changes them forever. It may be an event, person, gift or day, but what ever it was, life from that moment on will be different for you. For me, my time came on my 13th birthday. It was a day I will never forget for I received the dog of my dreams, an eight week old, nine-pound ball of fur, Golden Retriever puppy, who soon became the love of my life and the best project in 4-H, that I could have ever taken." Lexa and her furry friend Gabby grew and learned together, won many awards and had great adventures. Tragically, Gabby died young of complications from surgery. "As a result of my years in 4-H, I not only got out of it some very important life skills, but determination, self esteem, a job career, great friends as well as some of the best experiences in my life and to top it off, I got to share them with a very special pal who will always be a part of me."

4-Her Lexa Lynn Loch, Dutton, Montana

**Bacon and Eggs in a Sack** "Henry and I were newlyweds in 1956 when we were asked to be adult leaders of the 4-H club he grew up in - the Redwood County Four Leaf Clovers. It was a big club, and over the 25 years we led that club, it grew to have over 60 members." Camping was a favorite activity of the club members, especially making their own breakfast. "To this day, every time we see one of our former club members, they invariably bring up the camping trips and bacon and eggs in a sack, so we know that they served their purpose for fun, fellowship and skill building. We didn't know then that we were also making memories!" Volunteer Mary Boots, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

## **Award Winners Announced in Chattanooga**

*by Donna Bradley, Recognition Chair, TAE4-HW*

The Chattanooga Hotel in downtown Chattanooga was the scene of the 2008 TAE4-HW State Conference. The conference committees worked diligently to host a great event for Tennessee 4-H workers. The annual awards banquet included recognition of the following outstanding agents

### **George Foster Award**

Lori Belew  
Meagan Brown  
Sarah Ferrell  
Anna Johnson  
T.C. Loughery  
Amy Willis

### **Achievement in Service Award**

Johnny Barnes  
Carol McDonald  
Karen Marshall Nelms

### **Distinguish Service Award**

Heather Deckard  
Tracy Hagan  
Heath Nokes  
Tom Rison

### **Meritorious Service Award**

Martin Koon, Jr.

### **25 Years of Service**

Linda Bower  
Tim Cross

### **American Spirit Award**

Donna Bradley

### **Air Force Recruiting Salute Award**

Steve Sutton