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Important Reminders

- **Past Issues of Headlines**
Find the 2005 issues of Headlines at the TAE4-HW website.
<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/TAE4HW/headlines.htm>
- **TAE4-HW Scholarship**
Deadline for professional development scholarship is April 1.
- **Model UN Event in Hamilton County**
Find out what one 4-H club group is doing with a volunteer leader.
- **Youth-Adult Partnership National Technology Team**
Take time to read about the national GIS-GPS 4-H tech team.
- **Send news for the next issue of Headlines by June 1, 2006.**

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From the President's Desk

by Melissa Henry, TAE4-HW President

Greetings from your President! I have a quote that I keep on my desk, "If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." Although I do not know who the author is, the quote is very applicable to our association. Seems like something is always changing. This year is no exception with the upcoming Joint Association Conference to be held April 19-21 at Paris Landing State Park. Although this is a change from our usual state meeting, I encourage you to register for this exciting event. Representatives from each association have worked hard to provide for you a worthwhile professional development conference. Details can be found at the website I look forward to seeing you there!

Other updates:

★ James McMillion and I recently attended the JCEP Meeting in Nashville. It is encouraging that our state association is accomplishing more and in better financial shape than most other southern states. Keep up the good work!

★ Legislative Ham Breakfast was held on March 1st. It was well received by our State Senators and Representatives. Special thanks to Joseph Donaldson, James McMillion and Emily Osterhaus for representing TAE4-HW at this event.

★ Don't forget that the Professional Development Scholarship applications are due April 1st to Martin Koon, Montgomery County. I encourage all eligible members to apply.

★ It's not too early to start thinking about the 2006 NAE4-HA national meeting. The site is up and running, check out <http://4h.uwex.edu/nae4ha/> for updates and information.

★ Congratulations to Darrell Hale, who was recently appointed to the Institute of Agriculture Advisory Council representing TAE4-HW.

★ Congratulations to Donna Bradley, who was recently appointed as our DSA/Awards Chair.

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April 1 Deadline for TAE4-HW Scholarship

by Martin Koon, TAE4-HW Professional Improvement Committee Chair

Just a reminder to take advantage of the opportunity for professional development. Apply for the TAE4-HW scholarship by April 1. The rules and guidelines are in the attached file. If you are working on a masters degree program and have not previously received the scholarship, you should definitely apply.



TAE4-HW Scholarship.pdf

Bits and Pieces

A Little Story that Happened to Me Recently

Anytime that a 4-H agent is spotted in stores and places in the county they work, you can over hear children telling their parents that is the "4-H Teacher" or the "4-H lady or man." Well, I heard a new one the other day. I was in a store in Centerville a few days after the Exploring Teens and I had conducted 4th grade clubs when I saw a girl point to me and tell her dad, "That is the lady that owns the clover. You remember the one that I brought home the other day." I assume she was referring to the ribbon she received for doing a Character Counts speech. It is always amazing to hear the remarks the young 4-H members tell their parents the first time they see us in public!!! *Donna Bradley, Hickman County*

Greetings from the Public Relations and Information Committee

I hope that everyone is looking forward to a GREAT Joint Association Conference next month. The PR & I committee is in charge of the First Timer's Breakfast for all organizations this year. We plan to eat, greet, share stories and experiences and give away a few door prizes, too. If you are a First Timer, be sure to look me up at the conference. I will be glad to try and answer any questions you may have. See you at Paris Landing!
Gary Rodgers, TAE4-HW PR & I Committee Chair

Central Region Update

Things are hopping in the Central Region as we welcomed 8 new members to our organization for 2006. New members Johnny Barnes (Wilson County), Carrie Campbell (Wilson County), Janae Cook (Maury County), Sarah Ferrell (Grundy County), Carol McDonald (Smith County), Reagan Mercer (Bedford County), Ben Sanders (Center for Profitable Agriculture) and Susan Toth (Davidson County) bring our total membership to 42. Way to go Central Region!

The Central Region topped the chart with over 60 entries turned in for the NAE4-HA Communication and Speciality Awards. Way to go, Central Region! Good luck at state competition.

I hope each of you are making plans to attend the 2006 Joint Association Conference in Paris Landing. There are some great workshops and activities planned for us..... *Justin Crowe, Central Region Director, TAE4-HW*

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TAE4-HW Membership Drive

by James McMillon, TAE4-HW President-Elect

Thank you to all that answered our call to join and help save our award numbers. As most of you know, the number of DSA and ASA awards allowed per state is based on membership numbers. Our goal was to enroll at least 151 members by December 15, 2005 to keep the number of awards available. We did that thanks to our Region Directors. We presently have 112 renewals, 16 new and 39 life members for a grand total of 167.

The big push is over, but members may still join the association at any time. Contact your Regional Director or one of the association officers for assistance. In the West contact Heather Deckard, in the Central Region it is Justin Crowe, in the East contact Tiffany Rogers and specialists contact Mark Gateley.

Once you become a member or renew your membership and I have entered you in the national database, you may go on line and up-date your profile at any time, should something change. Go to: <http://www.nae4ha.org/>. Near the top of the page, click on Directories, then Membership Directory, then Search Directories, and then how you want to search. After choosing a search mode, you will be asked for your username and password. If it is your first time to visit, go through the steps as indicated to verify your account. They will assign you a username and password. Email me if you have trouble and need assistance.

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4-H Group Enters YMCA Model UN Event

by Janetta Reed, Hamilton County 4-H Volunteer

When the gavel fell and the committee room doors swung shut, the Hamilton County 4-H Homeschool Model UN Team stepped into the intense world of international relations as diplomats from Ireland. (Ireland is, of course, the land of green clovers!) Taking part for the first time in the 2006 YMCA Middle School Model United Nations (MSMUN), the 4-H homeschoolers were among several hundred students from ten different schools participating in this annual event. MSMUN is an educational conference for middle school students (grades 6-8) that models the procedures and practices used by the United Nations to debate international affairs. Using the formal language and strict parliamentary procedure of the United Nations, student delegates must research and present their country's positions, debate, and develop resolutions that provide recommendations for future action just as a country's real-life UN ambassador would. For citizens prepared to handle global problems, you could not have found more competent candidates than this group of young people representing the 4-H community.

Members of this year's 4-H Homeschool Team were Salvador Muro, Cameron Ziegler, Michael Reed, Stefahn Shedrick, Melissa Woodham, Chris Truss, Nathan Bird, Erik Gehrke, Chris Ballew, Matt Long, Claire Ballew, and Franklin Wright. Out of six committees, these young diplomats took home awards from three areas. Best in the Legal Committee went to Michael Reed and Stefahn Shedrick. Best in Social Humanitarian Committee went to Claire Ballew and Franklin Wright, and second place went to Matt Long and Chris Ballew in the Disarmament and International Security Committee. Also, Franklin Wright and Claire Ballew were selected as officers for next year's conference. The 4-Hers received the highest proportion of awards of any group in attendance. It was an astonishing performance by a first time group entered into the event.

*Volunteer leader, Janetta Reed, worked with these students for almost two months weekly. They were also the only 4-H group represented! Her email address is janettakay@comcast.net.
Lorna McCandless-Moss, Hamilton County*

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GIS-GPS Leadership Team, A Youth-Adult Partnership Opportunity

by John Toman, UT IT Specialist

Attached is a copy of the National 4-H GIS GPS Leadership Team Application. This is a youth/adult delegation from a state 4-H program who work with the team provide leadership nationally on development and implementation of GIS & GPS programs. Applications are due



by Friday April 14th. GISGPSLeadTeamApp06.pdf

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