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Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers



Important Reminders

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- **Preview Tours for State Meeting**
Be sure to complete the separate registration form for tour choices
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Meet T. C. Loughery,
Extension Agent,
Montgomery County
- **Galaxy III, Indianapolis, IN
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- **Send news for the next issue of Headlines by June 1, 2008**

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Come to a "Meeting of the Minds"

by Michelle Atkins and Staci Foy, Co-Chairs

Are you ready for 3 days of fun, learning and relaxation on the beautiful Kentucky Lake? We hope so!

The "Meeting of the Minds" Professional Development Conference is scheduled for April 30 – May 2, 2008 at Paris Landing State Park! You are sure to get a lot of programming ideas from the educational workshops, mingle with friends, have FUN and learn more about our professional association. Registration will be held on April 30th from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. See the next article for details on the tours.

Registration and Rooms

Registration for this meeting is \$50.00 and includes all meals, except breakfast on both days. Breakfast will be "on your own." Room rates are \$65.00 a night for inn rooms, \$155.00 a night for a cabin and \$160.00 a night for a 2 bedroom suite. You can make your reservations at 1-800-250-8614. We have reserved a block of rooms and cabins. Please tell them that you are staying for the 4-H agent (TAE4-HW) meeting.

Post Conference Activity

Come one, come all! A post-conference golf scramble will take place on Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m. This is sure to be a treat and is for those who have never played golf before to those more experienced golfers! Awards will be given! Please e-mail Brain Signaigo if you would like to get in on the fun! A small block of rooms are reserved for those wishing to stay

over on Friday night.

Auction Items and Door Prizes

Remember to bring any and every auction item that you can gather up to bring to this meeting. We will have a silent auction before our banquet on Thursday night. After the

banquet, a live auction will take place. Don't forget your checkbooks! Any items for door prizes would also be appreciated!

Schedule

A complete schedule will be sent closer to the conference. Registration will be held from 3-5:30 in the Inn lobby. Our first activity will be a "Bar-B-Que on the Beach" on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. We will adjourn on Friday after lunch at 1:00 p.m. The post-conference golf scramble will begin at 2:00 p.m.



Registration Form Print.pdf

Sign-Up for a Tour at Paris Landing

by Michele Atkins, Conference Co-Chair

Tours

Two pre-conference guided tours will be offered. A tour of Clifty Farm County Ham House will be at 1:00 p.m. on April 30th. This is a 1 ½ hour tour and you will arrive back at the Inn around 3:30 p.m. See how country ham and other products are made and be ready for a very cool tour that will interest everyone! You can also learn about the Henry County 4-H Country Ham Project.

A second tour will be to the 1850's homeplace at Land between the Lakes. This is a replica of a rural Tennessee Farm that replicates a mid-19th century farm. You can take a leisurely stroll through the grounds and farm buildings and visit with the interpreters. The farm contains 16 log structures, 14 of them original and a working farm. You will see historic interpreters demonstrating traditional agriculture classes, the women will probably be "spring cleaning" and others will be working with the animals or working around the farm.

We will also have directions and information for a self-guided tour to Hazel, Kentucky, also known as the antique shopping place of the South! You will find over 10 HUGE antique shops in this small town with thousands of antiques. Be prepared to shop for hours!

Please check the attachment to respond back for the tours!



Pre-conference tours for Paris Landing.doc

From the President's Desk

by Darrell Hale, TAE4-HW President

- We have scheduled a joint association board meeting with the other three associations and the Deans from UT and TSU for March 18. Please e-mail me with questions that you may have for the Deans. Confidentiality will be maintained. No question is too insignificant to submit. All are very important. Please submit to me by Friday, March 14 so I may compile for our meeting.
- Plan to Attend State TAE4-HW State Meeting. The Western Region Agents have done a great job planning the Professional Development Meeting for TAE4-HW at Paris Landing State Park on April 30-May 2. I am looking forward to attending this event. Many have asked why I should attend a state meeting when I am so busy. That in itself is enough reason to attend. Slow down for a few minutes and reflect on your job. Plan to attend to get new ideas to take back to your local program to use in the future. Take time to fellowship with other agents with the same interest that you have. Enter the awards programs such as communications. Run for an office in your association. Plan to get words of wisdom from our speakers and workshops that will be available to you in Paris Landing. Come and receive some R & R as well. We all need time to relax and evaluate where we are at the present time in our careers. I have never attended a state or national meeting without receiving something that I put to use that made my job easier or my programs better. I encourage every member to register and attend our 31st Annual TAE4-HW State meeting. Thanks to Staci Foy and Michele Atkins and all of your committee members for putting together a great program in the Western Region. See you at Paris Landing.

Spotlight on a New Member

by Kathy Finley, Headlines Editor



T.C. Loughery, Extension Agent in Montgomery County, is 26 years old and lives in Clarksville, TN. He is married to Angela Pollock Loughery, who is in Pharmacy School at UT Memphis. T.C. enjoys anything outdoors and loves to spend free time hiking and camping. He is in partners with his grandfather in a small beef operation on the family farm in Vanleer, TN.

T.C. shares that his first year in Extension has definitely been a learning experience. 4-H is appointment, however he finds a fair share of work in the adult agriculture side of extension, too. "Meeting co-workers from across the state has been a true pleasure," he continues, "and there are not many jobs that offer

the opportunities to network with so many fellow employees with such different backgrounds and working environments but share the same job title."

For T.C., working with UT Extension has been a very rewarding experience, especially the youth portion. He shares, "having the opportunity to witness a person develop socially is by far my most inspiring aspect of this career (trust me...I never would have thought I would say that a little over a year ago when I was deciding what I was going to do after graduation)." Orson Welles once quoted that "If you want a happy ending, that depends, of course, on where you stop your story"...T.C. says his first year in UT Extension was definitely a great trip. Sure I had my moments that made me think why?... but the positive moments absolutely trumped any other thoughts I had. So the story of my first year ends with a positive beginning to my second."

Bits and Pieces

Funny 4-H Stories

What About Sexing Rabbits?

Last month, I was in a 6th grade class teaching a lesson on rabbits. One of the girls brought her rabbit to school and wanted me to tell her the sex. I was holding the rabbit in an awkward position and said, "I'll go ahead and sex the rabbit while I have it in this position." One of the boys yelled out, "She said she's gonna have sex with the rabbit." I heard the classroom door open but paid no attention to it. I replied to the boy, "I'm not going to have sex with the rabbit. I'm going to sex the rabbit." About that time, I heard someone cough and turned around to look. The principal was standing at the door with her mouth gaping open. To make a long story short, the 6th grade teacher explained the situation and we all joke about it now. I have to admit that I panicked standing in the classroom, imagining the principal thinking I was teaching the children about rabbit sex! HA!

Lynne M. Middleton, Hamilton County

Piggy Bank Pageant

One of my kids mother said for us to stay at the office because her daughter was bringing her pig to the office- that was the message.... so I thought what pig is she talking about and we all wondered what were we going to do about a pig? Did she just wanted us to see it- she said she was dropping it off--- so we were in a quandary for a little while until her mother brought her piggy bank for the piggy bank pageant... to the office for competition!!! So needless to say we were embarrassed! And very glad it was a bank instead of a real life squealing, pig!!!

Sharon Tubbs, Madison County

4-H Camp

One morning early, two of our teen leaders started hollering and screaming--- when I got in the room the teen leader she was pushing one of the campers out of her bed- (realize the teen leader was still half asleep) the camper had been trying to get in the bed one of the teen leaders . The one screaming (Ambur) was upset because the camper was trying to get in the bed with her friend the other teen leader(Heather). Ambur was screaming and crying I think she was still dazed. The camper was still out of it because she was sleep walking!!!! When we took her back we realized she was in the next cabin across the yard!!! She went back to bed and woke up later and didn't remember anything. The teen leader was till traumatized because it was dark outside and she didn't know who it was....and why they were trying to get in her bed and take her covers!!!! Later her mother (the campers) said that she does this all the time(sleep walk)!!! It would have been nice to know this earlier!

Sharon Tubbs, Madison County

Great Answers for Completing the Enrollment Card

Over the years, several things have happened to me, before me, around me and some through me. Some of the most memorable have been because of the Enrollment Card/Form. The 4-H enrollment card has changed many times and so much over the years, but most of the information asked has not.

After explaining the enrollment process in great detail, to avoid repetitious questions and with special instructions to leave things blank when they are unknown, I still get some outrageous questions. They were cute and funny the first five years, but after 19 years, I have better answers. I get some really strange looks from time to time. And I am now, very selective with whom I share my sarcastic wit with. Here are the top six most asked questions from the background section of the enrollment form (in no certain order).

Q - "I/we don't have a telephone, what do I put?" **A** - "put the number of the nearest corner store"

Q - "I/we just moved, do you know my address?" **A** - "yes, but your parents told me not to tell"

Q - "what is a race?" **A** - I still don't have a good one for this. And I love collecting forms where the blonde, blue eyed children have marked American Indian/Alaskan Native. Its possible!

Q - "I can see a farm from my house, do I mark farm?" **A** - "if you can see a farm, mark non-farm"

Q - "My dad works. Do I put his name too?" **A** - "only if he lives with you before and after working"

Q - "Why can't I (5th grade) mark a judging team?" **A** - "you may mark one, if you can read and following the instruction" (This one really messes with their bean for a minute or two.)

James McMillion, Blount County

Support Your Association - Run for Office

by James McMillion, Past President, TAE4-HW

The primary purpose of the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers (TAE4-HW) is to advance the professional status of Extension personnel involved in 4-H work. One of the ways to accomplish this mission is to serve as an officer and to help lead the association into the future. Be a part of something big and run for office.

There are several opportunities annually for members to become more involved and serve the 4-H Association. Members may serve as Committee Chairmen (appointed by President), as Region Directors (elected by region membership), and as Executive Board (elected by membership at annual state meeting). This year, at the annual meeting we will elect a new Vice President and Secretary (two year term). To run for executive board, a member must have previous board experience, as a chairman or director.

Consider running this year for VP or Secretary, if you have previously served as a chairman or region director. If you have not received a call or email about running for office yet, call or email your current Region Director or James McMillion and declare your candidacy. We are looking for a few good leaders to carry on the legacy.

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