

UT/Williamson County Extension — April Newsletter

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Agriculture Activities

Spring Beef Field Day

The Extension office, in partnership with the Williamson Farmer's Co-Op, recently held a spring field day to unveil a two year pasture demonstration.

Attendees learned about the appropriate conservation and planting practices to be demonstrated over the next two years. A variety of field days will be held to show proper and improper practices and how to avoid common pitfalls when trying to maximize fields and pastures.

Modern Farmer Magazine



A team of 4-H STEM youth and their volunteer leader, Jeff Duncan, demonstrated their drone work for a news article highlighting the Williamson County 4-H.

The Modern Farmer article highlights the innovative urban agriculture work the group is doing through the STEM project. Youth interested in science, forensics, engineering, robotics, and much more can participate in the 4-H STEM project.



Estate Planning Seminar

Monday, April 17th - 6:00 p.m.

Ag Expo Park Meeting Room—4215 Long Lane

Focus on landowners and transition process

RSVP to srhudy@utk.edu or call 615-790-5721



4-H News

Welcome Doug!



The 4-H office recently hired Doug Bery as a new 4-H Agent. Doug has been a 4-H adult volunteer leader for years, with programs such as Ag Fun Fair and the Williamson County Fair.

Doug originates from South Texas, born and raised on a third generation dairy farm and a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Tracie moved to Franklin in 2000 and are proud to call Tennessee home.

Doug and Tracie have three children (Blake, Hannah and Abigail) and a daughter-in-law (Savannah). All three of their children have been active in the Williamson County 4-H program.

Doug has recently been serving as the farm manager for Sunrise Farms and program director for The Farm at Four Springs.

4-H Shooting Sports Program

Williamson County 4-H'ers recently participated in the state archery, air rifle, pistol and BB competition. These boys and girls have been practicing their skills for months. We are the first county in the state to have a pistol program.

Jacob Clevenger and Ian Terrell were both high individuals in archery and Neal Wheatley was high individual in the prone position in air rifle.

The teams were coached by volunteer leaders.



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4-H Horse Project



The 4-H Horse Project hosted a RAGNAR race exchange point as a fundraiser with great success! The race took place from Chattanooga to Nashville with special exchange points with refreshments for runners. The Horse Project was able to sell and profit from donated homemade sausage biscuits and fan favorite- Hatcher Dairy Chocolate Milk! The 4-Hers and families worked hard from 3am-3pm and the hard work sure paid off!

Annual 4-H Chick Chain Project Begins

About 1,300 Golden Sex Link chicks went home with happy 4-H'ers as the 2017 Chick Chain Project kicked off!

The kids will be responsible for raising and caring for these birds, then returning to the Williamson County Fair with 5 of their best to auction off. They are also responsible for keeping a record book for the duration of the project to learn the importance of finances and record keeping.

We are excited for this year's auction and hope that you will come to the fair and check it out on Saturday, August 12th at 1pm!



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4-H and WC-TV Partnership



Over spring break, Williamson County 4-H partnered with WC-TV to record 4-H members giving speeches and demonstrations.

The videos will be used in our 4-H in-school clubs as a way to show youth how to give a speech or demonstration, they will also be added to our website. We really appreciate Creed, Heather, and Lance with WC-TV for working with us on this project! They did an awesome job and the kids have some very impressive presentations. Check out the videos from WC-TV here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSjNSSBHazftzLtO2ZNha29sJqTp6VCx>



4-H Members Meet Bill Lee

Mr. Bill Lee, CEO of the Lee Company sponsored the Central Region Friendship Breakfast during the Annual Tennessee 4-H Congress. Bill Lee is a 4-H alumni and was a State Winner in the Electric Project. The Williamson County 4-H delegates had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lee while at Congress. We appreciate his support of the 4-H Program.



4-H Summer Camp!

It's not summer without 4-H Camp! Each day at 4-H Camp brings opportunities for new adventures. Youth play sports, learn about nature, explore creativity, build confidence, and make friendships to last a lifetime!

Junior and Jr. High Camp are 4-H's traditional summer camps. 4-H Jr. Camp, for 4th-6th grade is June 5-9th at the Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia, TN.

4-H Jr. High Camp, for 6th-8th grade is May 29th-June 2nd at the York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN. We also have many other camps for youth in 4th-12th grade over the summer, for more info check out our website: <https://extension.tennessee.edu/Williamson/Pages/Camps.aspx>

Family and Consumer Science Info

Cancer: Thriving and Surviving

Cancer can strike fear, confusion and helplessness in those diagnosed with the disease and their caregivers. Cancer patients/survivors deal not only with their disease, but also the impact it has on their emotions and their lives as well and the lives of others.

A self-management approach to cancer education provides cancer patients/survivors the knowledge, tools and confidence to take day-by-day control of their health and treatment decisions.

Agent Patsy Watkins has teamed up with the TN Department of Health to offer this program for cancer patients, their families, and caregivers.

Beginning April 18th, there will be six sessions offered on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Williamson County Public Library.

The main focus of the program will be learning to improve quality of life. Topics will include making an action plan, getting a good night sleep, healthy eating, positive thinking, working with your healthcare professional, and guided imagery.

Classes are free, but registration is required. Contact Patsy at pwatkin2@utk.edu or call the office at 615-790-5721 to register.

