that produces solutions to societal, economic and environmental issues. We teach Tennesseans in the places they live, work and play through hundreds of programs. Our efforts are based on local needs, research and a commitment to improve the quality of life.

**4-H Needle Craft and Quilt Workshops**

Sachet scarves were the big hit at our recent Needle Craft Workshop. Six of our young 4-H members attended a two-day workshop where they learned the art of crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching and huck weaving. The girls had a wonderful time fellowshipping and learning new skills. Many of them plan to make scarves for Christmas presents this year.

The sound of humming sewing machines could be heard at the fair building July 15-18 as 15 4-H members participated in our annual Quilt Workshop. The students started the week learning how to operate their machines. We completed wacky pillowcases as a simple beginning project. Responsible Citizenship is at the core of our 4-H program. The students learned to give back to the community by constructing quilt panels to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. We will be presenting 12 quilt panels to the Ronald McDonald House later this fall. 4-H members were then given the opportunity to construct a personal quilt for home. This workshop is always a favorite with many repeat participants. Two of our participants have attended the past 3 workshops and three of our participants were returning from last year. Bailey Scott, a past participant, served as a very capable teen leader.

A big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that work so hard to put these events together each year. Between the two events, we had 15 volunteers who donated over 200 hours of their time!

**4-H Wildlife Judging**

Sequatchie County Senior 4-H Wildlife Judging Team placed second at State contest in June. The contest was held at Natchez Trace State Park. The Senior Team qualified for the state contest by placing second at the Central Region contest in May.

Three junior high teams and one junior individual competed at the Regional Contest. Several Team members were recognized for their individual scores.
Eli Hale and Colton Weas attended 4-H Electric Camp, June 25-28, 2013, on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus. At this exciting camp, they explored the world of energy, electricity, energy conservation, electrical safety and other basic sciences in fun-filled, "hands-on" learning centers. This year’s learning activities include: Wiring an Extension Cord, Energy Conservation, Building a Flashlight, Green Energy Generation, Electric Vehicles, and Electrical Safety. The program is sponsored by: the University of Tennessee Extension; the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and its statewide members; municipal power systems from across the state; TVA, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Office of Energy Programs.

Tennessee 4-H Jr. High Academic Conference took place on the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus June 11-14, 2013. Academic Conference is designed to recognize outstanding 4-H members and leaders. Delegates are provided academic training related to their 4-H project area while exploring careers in the fields of agriculture and family and consumer science. Academic training sessions were conducted by scientist or specialists who are experienced UT faculty members with national reputations in their areas of specialization. Participants especially enjoy meeting 4-H members with similar interests and experiencing campus life first hand. Deston Hobbs and Emily Price, Sequatchie County 4-H members, were selected by a state panel of judges to attend this year’s event. Selection was based upon recorded activities and accomplishments on the local, county and regional levels of the student’s 4-H project area. Deston participated in the Wildlife project area while Emily engaged in the Line and Design project area.

Food Preservation 101 workshops were conducted in June. Participants spent three days learning the art of pressure canning, water bath canning, drying, freezing, jams and pickling. We had six participants in the adult course and three participants in the teen course. One of our female participants wanted to learn how to can so that she could start her own business canning spaghetti sauce. I was able to teach her the basics and connect her with the appropriate UT personnel to begin her journey to a new business venture. Another participant called several weeks later to let me know that I had “created a monster”. She just couldn’t stop canning! One of our teen participants was invited to help a neighbor can her green beans after learning of the students training. Many of these individuals will be entering their canned goods in the Sequatchie County Fair.

Our Family and Consumer Education club members recently enjoyed displaying their many talents at our annual Cultural Arts Exhibit. Our members produce beautiful work in such areas as water color painting, knitting, crochet, huck weaving, embroidery and quilting. These items will be representing Sequatchie County at the Central Region FCE meeting scheduled for September 12. Lula Bess Hickey will also be representing the county in Fashion Revue with her constructed dress. We also want to recognize Pauline Geary as Sequatchie County “Best of the Best”. She will be competing on the Regional Level in September.
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**Line & Design Camp**

Madelynn Weas, Emily Price and Callie Brewer attended Central Region Line & Design Camp in Cookeville. The girls enjoyed learning how to make their own body scrubs, create different hairdos, painting projects for their room, and creating cards. They also made quilt tops and donated items for a service learning project. All girls love to shop! As a grand finale the girls were taken to the mall to complete a scavenger hunt for best deals. The girls learned about careers in the retail industry and how to make wise consumer decisions.

**4-H Photo Camp**

Five Sequatchie County 4-H Members participated in the first 4-H Photo Day Camp held in June. The participants spent three days learning the basics of photography and taking many pictures.

**Master Gardener Tomato Tasting**

The Sequatchie Valley Master Gardeners held the First Annual Sequatchie Valley Tomato Tasting and Evaluation event August 3rd in Dunlap at the Mountain Valley Bank’s Summit Room. A selection of heirloom, hybrid and open pollinated tasty tomatoes grown by local Master Gardeners in Bledsoe and Sequatchie Counties were sampled in a “blind” taste test setting.

The different tomato varieties tasted included Beefsteak, Celebrity, Cherokee Green, Cosmonaut Volkov, Green Zebra, Mountain Magic, Russian Persimmon, Rutgers VFA, Siberian, and Tigerella.

**4-H Junior & Junior High Camp**

Eighteen campers, along with two teen leaders, one adult, and agents attend Junior 4-H Camp in June. Sequatchie County also had five 4-H members attend Junior High Camp at the end of May. Both camps are held at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN. Junior camp is open to 4th – 6th grades, Junior High Camp 6th -8th grades.
$36,185 total value of goods and services provided by Master Gardeners

1,486 Hours valued at $32,902

4,130 hours Volunteered with Extension Programs valued at $79,337.30

17,853 total direct contacts by staff and volunteers

10,199 contacts by Extension Staff

7,654 contacts by volunteers

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