Welcome back to School! To all the 4th Graders- WELCOME TO 4-H! You all are in for a good treat this year in 4-H! We have missed you and your teachers. We hope you all are feeling renewed, refreshed, and rejuvenated and ready for the 2014-15 school year. Hope you had a great summer and are ready to make this year memorable for 4-H! First things first! The FAIR is coming in September! The theme for this year is...

"West Tennessee, My Home"

During the fair, there is a lot that you can be involved in. Below are dates that are important if you are interested in participating.

**Honor Club**
Tuesday, September 2- 4:00 6:00pm
At the Jackson Fairgrounds.
We will be decorating our booth.

**Enter Arts & Crafts Exhibits**
Thursday, September 4 - 1:00-6:00 pm
At the Jackson Fairgrounds
(See next page of the newsletter for the list of entry that you can enter)

**Enter Food Exhibits**
Monday, September 8 - 1:00-6:00 pm
"Get Cooking"
(See next page of the newsletter for the list of entry that you can enter)

Since it is fair time in Jackson and West Tennessee, it also mean that it is 4-H Chicken Shack time! This year is the 52nd year of the Chicken Shack! Do your part to keep this tradition alive and come help out or support our annual fundraiser by simply buying some of the best chicken in Jackson -then top it off with a homemade dessert!!

**Good Luck,**

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For more than 50 years, National 4-H Youth Conference Center has invited 4-H members from across the country to travel to Washington, DC and participate in civic workshops, committees, and field trips before returning home to make positive changes in their own communities. CWF not only strengthens young people’s understanding of the government’s civic process, but it also boosts their leadership skills, communication skills, and overall confidence. Four Madison County youth were able to participate in this program. While there, they were able to voice their opinion on topics that relate to their lively hood such as: ACT requirements, college tuition cost and education as a whole to Senator Lamar Alexander. They also were able to travel Washington, D.C. and see monuments such as: the Washington Monument, War Memorial, Korean Memorial, Lincoln Monument, Pentagon Memorial, and many more.

29 Madison County 4-H’ers Compete at the 91th State 4-H Round-Up and All Star Conference
University of Tennessee at Martin

Level II
Devonte Bradley – Food Science- State Winner
Katlyn Griffis – Companion Animal- State Winner
Devante Chaney – Computers and Technology
Henry Kilpatrick – Photography
Ekene Tharpe – Computers and Technology
Alex McCarver – Poultry
Austin Sun – Computers and Technology
Jalin Curry- Consumer Education/ Economics – State Winner
Malik Sampson- Consumer Education/Economics
Randall Kendrick- Small Engine/Safety Science
Christian Griffis – Forestry, Wildlife, & Fisheries  
Keyann Reaves- Performing Arts and Recreation  
Isabelle O’Neal – Line and Design – State Winner  
Alexis Stokes – Clothing and Textiles  
Kayla Gooch- Horticulture and Gardening  

Level I  
Brandy Elder – Horticulture and Gardening  
Arianna Bingham – Food Science  
Amanda Fuller – Nutrition, Health and Fitness  
Olivia Tate – Nutrition, Health and Fitness  
Emma Kendrick- Line and Design  
Hannah Davis- Performing Arts  
Jerrica Volyes- Line and Design  
Kailee McKee- Photography  
Wyatt Volyes- Small Engine/Safety Science  
Halee Barnes- Companion Animal  
Hanna Barnes- Vet. Science  
Haleigh Smith- Consumer Education- State Winner  
Bobby Healy- Electric /State Winner  
Sade` Strayhorn- Food Science  

** Level I winners receive the Horizon Award and a $500 Scholarship- Level II receive a Silver Bowl, $500, a Trip to National Congress  

4-H'ers Receive the Vol- State Award- The Pinnacle of 4-H  

Recipients are (from the left-back row)Jalin Curry, Randall Kendrick, Malik Sampson, and Christian Griffis (front row) Alexis Stokes, Isabelle O’Neal, Keyann Reaves, and Kayla Gooch.  

Vol-State is the final step in Tennessee's three-level recognition program... Honor Club, All Stars and Vol-State. The Vol- State Award is the highest honor a Tennessee 4-H'er many receive. Members are inducted in an impressive candlelight ceremony on the final night of Tennessee 4-H Roundup.  

Madison County receives Regional Award for Service Learning  

The 4-H Madison County program was recognized for having over 1500 hours of service learning activities completed in the 2013-14 4-H year. We hope to continue this great accomplishment in the near future.  

Back to School Skate Night  

Come join us as we celebrate school starting back! This is the best deal you’ll get when it comes to skating! You buy your ticket and get a free ticket for your next visit!  

Date: August 19, 2014  
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Cost: $4.00  

We hope to see all of our 4-H’ers there!!!  

4-H Chicken Shack  

SEPTEMBER 9 - 13, 2014  

This year the 4-H Chicken Shack is celebrate its 52nd year anniversary! While you are enjoying the rides, the good food, the exhibits - and your friends, don't forget to come by our 4-H Chicken Shack. This is our biggest fund-raiser for the year, which funds all of our programs - so we need you to support us by buying "the best barbecue chicken in the world" or helping out at the shack. And don't forget "SAFETY FIRST". ALWAYS walk around with a group and don't "wander off" alone. You are very important to us - and want you safe. SEE YOU AT THE CHICKEN SHACK!  

Tennessee 4-H State Council Members Named  

The State 4-H council is elected and installed at the State 4-H Round-Up and All Star Conference. These members are elected by their peers and charged with representing and serving as a voice of all youth participating in the 4-H program. Alexis Stokes was named the State 4-H President, Keyann Reaves was installed as the State 4-H Vice President and Christian Griffis was selected as the State Representative for the Western Region of Tennessee. They will have the opportunity to travel across the state and talk to stockholders and other influential people that support the 4-H program in Tennessee. This is the first time Madison County has had 3 of the top positions on the council. We look forward to seeing the great things they will do to represent you!