

# August Highlights

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## 4-H Youth Development



The 4-H Chick Chain Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that develops life skills, as well as teaches valuable information about caring for birds. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision making, work ethic, nurturing and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Poultry Project. In April, 4-H Chick Chain participants took home 12 or 25 day old chicks. The 4-H member had the choice of Barred Rock or Rhode Island Red pullets. They raised and cared for their birds until fair time. Each 4-H member brought back 3 or 6 of their now grown pullets to show and the birds are auctioned off as a fundraiser for Cheatham County 4-H. The families also were required to volunteer at the fair for three hours. Auctioneer, Stephen Carr, volunteered to auction off our birds and an average price of \$22 per bird was raised for 4-H.

Youth Leadership Cheatham County class of 2019-2020 kicked off the year with the opening retreat at Adventureworks in Kingston Springs. This year we have 16 participants, that represent schools from across the county. During their time at Adventureworks, these students get to know each other while working through team building exercises. This is just the first of 6 tours that the students will participate in throughout the year. The goal of the Youth Leadership Program is for students to learn about our government and community to help students foster the skills and strengths needed to become responsible citizens and leaders.



## Family & Consumer Sciences

August was wrapped around the Cheatham County Fair from getting buildings cleaned, recruiting volunteers, scheduling judges and enjoying the event itself. Family and Community Education Club members stepped up to help take in entries, set up displays and provide security for the displays during the fair hours. They also hosted their Seventh Annual Chili Cook-off during the fair. Congratulations to Mrs. Jerri Moore for winning the cook-off. Chili was then sold and money given to the Christmas Anonymous fund.

Aneta Eichler, FCS Agent, also spent time in August training for future program possibilities in the county. She attended a two-day in-service focused on Resiliency. She has also met with several State Specialists as she begins developing her plans for 2020.



## Agriculture

The month of August is always full of Cheatham County Fair activities as we prepare the facilities and recruit numerous volunteers for educational exhibits. A highlight for one of our 4-H Club members was having the opportunity to exhibit a heifer that she had raised on a bottle (donated by one of our gracious beef producers), in our beef cattle show. Mr. Ronnie taught her how to groom the calf for the show. We also had a chance to teach a group of Senior High students the art and science of curing country hams. In the spare moments, HEMP was the word of the month as many of our 152 licensed commercial hemp producers were experiencing insect and disease issues with this new crop on their farms.

