

September Highlights

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Agriculture



Judging crops and livestock, hosting a tobacco field day and harvesting the crop, numerous Industrial Hemp farm visits, and discovering a new disease on Sassafras trees were some of the “highlights” we experienced in September. We took 6 Master Gardeners to judge crops at the Dickson County fair (annual event) and four 4-H Club members to judge Livestock at the TN State Fair. We also held a field day at our UT/UK Dark Tobacco research plot with 26 local producers and harvested the plot two days later. Other educational efforts that rounded out the month included assisting local Industrial Hemp farmers with production issues and working with the TN Department of Agriculture to identify and locate “Laurel Wilt Disease” (killing many sassafras trees in our area).



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Family & Consumer Sciences



September was filled with trainings and certifications to bring exciting new and updated curriculums to Cheatham County. Aneta Eichler, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, also participated in several community wide events. On September 11, our office was represented at the Sr. Center at Ashland City Service Day. Participants honored our First Responders, visited various booths to learn of local services and enjoyed a delicious lunch. On September 26, our office was represented at the Cheatham County Health Department Baby Shower. Aneta was able to visit with several expectant moms on the value of mindfulness and stress management. She also conducted a Child Care training to twenty-four Childcare providers in Cheatham County on the theme of Mindfulness.

Eight members of the Cheatham County Family & Community Education Clubs attended the Central Region FCE Conference in Murfreesboro. Members participated in Creative Writing, Fashion Revue and Cultural Arts events. They decorated their table with the theme "FCE on Vacation" and enjoyed a guest speaker on the topic of travel. Congratulations to Mrs. Joyce Shephler and Mrs. Jerri Moore who will be representing our county at the State Conference in November.

4-H Youth Development

During the month of September, Cheatham County 4-H began piloting a new program called Tennessee 4-H Next Chapter. The Next Chapter program is being offered to all eighth grade students at Sycamore Middle School. This program is designed to help 4-H youth in grades 8-12 plan for their futures and give them the tools needed to realize their dreams. Throughout the year, students will engage in both hands-on and computer based activities designed to encourage career awareness, education planning, goal-setting, and responsible money management. This program is designed to give participants the important skills necessary for college and career readiness.



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