

# Extension Highlights

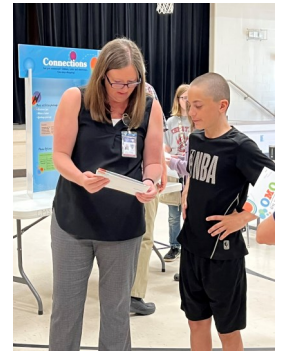
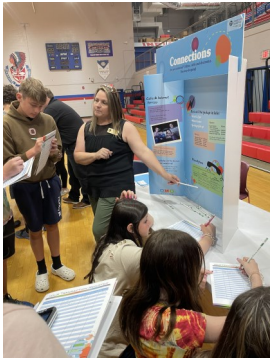
## May/June 2022

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### 4-H Youth Development



During the month of May, the On My Own program was conducted at both Harpeth Middle School and Cheatham Middle School. On My Own is a financial education program coordinated by the University of Tennessee Extension program and delivered by local Extension Agents. It is an interactive financial simulation designed for youth ages 13-18. Prior to the simulation, students' interests and personalities are assessed and they are given careers based on the result. They are also given families they will need to support. Lessons are also taught so they understand net vs gross income, deductions, withholdings, and basic banking. Then during the simulation, students become the primary provider for their household which may include a spouse and/or children. Students work through a month of expenses including housing, utilities, transportation, insurance, food, child care, clothing, entertainment and other expenses resulting from unexpected "curve balls." On My Own opens their eyes to the struggles parents have and helps them to set goals for their future.



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## Agriculture

The month of May was kicked off with the 72nd Annual Clarksville Area Junior Better Beef Steer Show and Sale. Over 60 area youth participated in the program. Cheatham County's Taylor Binkley, received 2nd place in her class and 1st place in the Farm Bred and Fed category.

Also, throughout May and June we have collaborated with GAP Connections to provide training to numerous tobacco growers. The training provides updates on labor, environmental, and production topics. The training is also required by tobacco companies for producers to receive a growers contract.

Various demonstration and research plots have been set up for this growing season. With the collaboration of Dalrymple Farms in Thomas, OK, we were able to secure discount seed and establish 6 on-farm forage crabgrass demonstration plots.

As is this case in most growing seasons, we have been busy assisting famers and homeowners with plant pest diagnostics, control recommendations, as well as preventative measures.



## Family & Consumer Sciences

May and June kicked off our summer fun of Food Preservation activities. Family and Consumer Science Agents across Middle Tennessee joined forces to create Extension Explores monthly newsletter. We currently have 280 individuals receiving our newsletter. Individuals can sign up at [tiny.utk.edu/EE2022](http://tiny.utk.edu/EE2022).

Cheatham County has also enjoyed hands-on fun with a series of canning college classes taking place in Ashland City and in Kingston Springs. Over 30 individuals have participated in at least one of our classes. We offered topics such as water bath canning, pressure canning, jams, pickles and preserving for the holidays.

Many individuals have also taken advantage of our free pressure gauge testing. If you need your pressure canner gauge tested, call Aneta at 615-792-4420 to schedule your appointment.

