

# UT Extension Quarterly Report

UT Extension Sequatchie County

December 2014

## We provide education...

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

### FARM DAY 2014



Pre-school through first grade students from Griffith Elementary School learned about agriculture during the annual Farm Day held at Johnson Family Farms. Volunteers from the Sequatchie Co. Farm Bureau, Master Gardeners, Sequatchie Co. Soil Conservation District, and Extension Staff conducted the sessions. Students learned about the dairy industry, poultry, food production and health during Farm Day.

The program is a cooperative effort between Sequatchie Co. Farm Bureau and UT Extension.

### 4-H FORESTRY TEAM AT STATE

The Sequatchie County 4-H Forestry Judging Team placed third at the State Contest held October 18, 2014.

4-H members compete in several areas including tree identification, insect and disease identification, tree measurement, wood identification, compass and pacing, and developing a team management plan.



### ADVANCED MASTER BEEF CLASSES



Ten producers from four counties participated in the Advanced Master Beef Training held in August and September. Producers learned about Cost share Programs offered by USDA-NRCS and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture; Herd Health, Genetics and bull selection; The Final Product (what the consumer wants and management to target those needs; Beef Cattle Management and Marketing; as well as current issues such as wild hog problems, predators etc.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### *Volunteers*

1,456 Volunteer hours

8,274 contacts by volunteers

### *Staff contacts*

9,709 contacts by staff

### *4-H by the Numbers*

697 current enrollment

### *Top Five 4-H Projects*

1. Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries
2. Photography
3. Companion Animals
4. Leadership/Personal Development
5. Line & Design

## CONTACT US

Sheldon D. Barker  
Extension Agent & Co. Director  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
[sdbarker@tennessee.edu](mailto:sdbarker@tennessee.edu)

Aneta Eichler  
Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Education  
[adodd2@tennessee.edu](mailto:adodd2@tennessee.edu)

Karen Marshall  
Program Assistant 4-H  
[kmarsh10@tennessee.edu](mailto:kmarsh10@tennessee.edu)

Kaitlin Slatton  
Administrative Assistant  
[Kaitlin.Slatton@utk.edu](mailto:Kaitlin.Slatton@utk.edu)

170 Church Street, Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Contact us at 423-949-2611.

## PESTICIDE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In 2014, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture required recertification of private applicator permits for pesticide use. Forty producers were recertified this fall in programs conducted by UT Extension in Sequatchie County.

## 4-H HONOR CLUB FOOD DRIVE

The Sequatchie County 4-H Honor Club Collected 100 items and \$100 in donations for the local food bank. This annual service project was held October 4 at Wal-Mart.



## 2014-2015 YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS

Twenty-one Sequatchie County sophomores were selected for the 2014-2015 Youth Leadership Sequatchie Class. Classes begin in October with an introduction to leadership and teamwork. The



group is completed a service project, collecting almost 300 coats distributed during the Christmas for Kids program in December.

