

Report to Stakeholders November-December 2023



Weakley County Public Speaking Contest

UT/TSU Extension: Weakley County

Bronson Bass- Agriculture & County Director

Mary Morgan- 4-H Youth Development

Kari Beth Neville- Agriculture & 4-H Youth Development

McKenzie Hurst- Family and Consumer Science

Pam Filtz- Administrative Associate

Bronson Bass: Ag Agent/County Director November - December 2023

Program Highlights:

- The agent assisted with harvesting **1 Soybean CST**.
- The agent attended a **SARE Fencing School**.
- The agent participated in **Grain Conference committee planning**.
- The agent began **planning the Weakley County Farm Conference**.
- The agent met with staff of **UTM College of Agriculture** to discuss **future joint programming**.
- The agent attended and **presented** at the **Western Region ANR Share Day** on implementing **on Farm Demonstrations**.
- The agent assisted **4 producers** in completing the **Master Row Crop Program**.
- **Number of Contacts** in the form of Farm/Office **Visits**, and Personal Correspondence via **Phone Calls** totaled **42** in Nov./Dec. 2023.



Professional Development:

- The agent attended the **TAAA&S Fall Meeting**.
- The agent attended the **Northwest TN Employee Appreciation Day**.
- The agent attended a **training** on a **Financial Management Program**.

Mary Morgan: 4-H Youth Development November - December 2023

Program Highlights:

- Agent met 42 clubs in 5 elementary and 3 middle schools.
 - 21 local classroom Public Speaking contests were held, and winners were invited to compete at the county level.
 - 4th-6th grade youth participated in a parliamentary procedure activity where they learned how meetings are run utilizing Roberts Rules of Order.
- Agent worked with coworker to host County Public Speaking with 23 youth competitors in attendance.
- Agent held educational programming each month at the local library. Agent utilizes this programming to provide Honor Club youth with leadership opportunities.
 - November: youth learned about why the leaves change color in the fall.
 - December: youth participated in a Christmas craft workshop.
- Agent served as an advisor for Regional All Stars at the Fall Retreat held at Lone Oaks Farm.
- Agent facilitated Horse Bowl/Hippology practices.
 - Agent utilized in person as well as virtual meeting platforms.
 - 6 practices were held with 4 middle school youth in attendance.
- Agent served as scorer at Regional Livestock Judging competition.

Professional Development:

- Agent attended “4-H Volunteers” in-service.
- Agent attended “Backyard STEM” in-service.
- Agent attended “Planning for State 4-H Events” in-service.
- Agent attended/participated in TAE4-HW Christmas Share Day.

Kari Beth Neville: Weakley County ANR & 4-H November - December 2023

Program Highlights:

- The agent trained a team that competed in the **Western Region 4-H Livestock Judging competition**. We had **6 students** compete with **one placing in the top 10** individuals in their division!
- The agent met clubs in Martin Middle School for **seven 6th grade classes, six 7th grade classes, and seven 8th grade classes**.
- The agent met **4-H Clubs with the CDC** (self-contained special education) class focusing on the dairy industry.
- The agent coached **Weakley County Top Guns shotgun team** practices this fall with **15 participants**.
- The agent facilitated the **Weakley County Public Speaking contest** where we had **23 students** compete.
- The agent attended the **ANR Share Day** where ANR agents from West TN and the Dean of Extension Dr. Ashley Stokes **packaged stockings for the Henderson County Carl Perkins Center**.



The Martin Middle School CDC class learns how to milk a cow and the importance of the dairy industry.



Professional Development:

- The agent attended the **Northwest TN Cluster Group Employee Appreciation Day**.
- The agent attended the **TAAA&S Fall Meeting**

McKenzie Hurst: Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

November - December 2023

Program Highlights:

- The agent taught **2 Chair Workout** classes (2 weeks/1x a week) at the **Martin Public Library**.
- The agent attended and participated in **1 monthly FCE meeting**.
- The agent organized and held **1 FCE meeting** with members to discuss their annual club yearbook.
- The agent taught **3 Eat Well, Feel Well Program** lessons (3 weeks/1x a week) at **Martin Senior Center**.
- The agent attended and participated in the winter **TEAFCS meeting**.
- The agent attended a **meeting** to speak with new **nutrition specialist** at the regional office.
- The agent attended and participated in a **meeting** discussing presentation ideas for the **National Health Outreach & Engagement Conference**.
- The agent taught **1 resistance band exercise** class at the **Dresden Senior Center**.

Professional Development:

- The agent attended and completed **Matter of Balance** training.
- The agent attended and participated in two days of **Leg 2 of B.E.S.T training**.