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## Monroe County 4-H Newsletter

### Service project

Monroe County 4-H is conducting a service project to support the Tennessee Food Waste Prevention Drive.

We are asking for all 4-H classrooms to bring in the following items to support this great cause.

**\*\*Examples can include:**

- Canned Fruits (Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, etc.)
- Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Carrots, etc.)
- Canned Protein (Tuna, Pinto Beans, Baked Beans, etc.)



We will collect the items at your March 4-H Club Meeting. Remember, the items you bring in will count toward points for Outstanding Club of the year.

### 4-H Public Speaking Contest Results

The Monroe County 4-H Public Speaking program once again had a very successful year! Approximately 752 speeches were given in the classroom across the county, and 44 youth delivered their speeches at the county contest. The Monroe County 4-H Public Speaking Contest was held on January 19, 2025 at Cross Creek Christian School. The award winners were as follows:

**First Place:** Emma Kirkland- 4th Grade (VES); Payson Breen- 5th Grade (Cross Creek); Caroline Henderson- 6th Grade (MMS); Payson Walker- 7th Grade (SJHS); Ava Watson – 8th Grade (SJHS); Carter Williamson – 10th Grade (SQHS); Jackson Plemons - 11th Grade (TPHS).

**Second Place:** Josiah Dew- 4th Grade (Cross Creek); Charlee Morgan- 5th Grade (BIS); Chapel Chambers- 6th Grade (MMS); Mallory Martin –8th Grade (MMS).

**Third Place:** Bristol Boggess- 4th Grade (MIS); Mason Standridge- 5th Grade (TPJHS); Parker Ridley- 6th Grade (BIS); Kinsley Bear – 8th Grade (TPJHS).



**The sponsors for the contest were Sweetwater Lions Club and Lee Mini Storage. To all those involved - 4-H members, parents, teachers, principals - thanks for all your support! This is a very important life skill activity, and get ready to give speeches again in November.**

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### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS** to larger service,

and my **HEALTH** to better living,

for my club, my community, my country,

and my world. 

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.



During the month of March, 4-H members have the opportunity to enter the 4-H Baking Contest. For those of you who are interested in this activity, pull out your measuring cups and get ready! Remember, these products need to be made from “scratch” - no mixes of any kind are allowed to be entered into the contest.

Remember to include your recipe. Entries will be judged on taste as well as presentation.

The following is what each grade can bake:

**4th Grade: (3) Muffins- any kind**



*Suggested: Plain, Fruit/nut, Bran/whole wheat, Cornmeal- plain or Mexican*



**5th Grade: (3) Biscuits- any kind**

*Suggested: Plain, Cheese, Fruit*

**6th Grade: (3) Cookies- any kind**



*Suggested: Drop cookies, bars or squares, rolled cookies, filled cookies, decorated cookies*

**7th Grade: (3) Cupcakes- any kind**

*Suggested: Unfrosted, frosted, vanilla, chocolate, strawberry*



**8th Grade: (1/2) Quick Loaf Bread- any kind**

*Suggested: Banana Nut, Pumpkin, Zucchini*

*1/2 Loaf, Yeast Bread*

*1/2 Loaf, Sourdough*



4-H  Camps



**MORE INFO COMING SOON!**

Just a reminder, we will be promoting the 4-H camping program in the classroom during the month of March. Each 4-H member will receive a camp brochure, and also an application so you can sign up and attend camp.

**Junior 4-H Camp (Grades 4-6) will be June 2 - 6, 2025.**

**Junior High 4-H Camp (Grades 7 and 8) will be July 7 - July 11, 2025.**