

# The Messenger

NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTER REGION FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Greetings from your President

by Joyce Ernst

Creetings and welcome to Spring! Yes, it still has been cold here in East Tennessee so far, with wonderful spring-like days here and there. This is the time of the year for your clubs to be planning for 2022. Please do not forget those who may need your help.

CVU hours need to be recorded. These are the hours you spend doing for others. They may be volunteering for another organization (senior center, 4-H, church schools, FCE, etc.) Just remember we **Do Not** count hours helping our families. The total hours will be due to your county sometime in May, so be sure to check to see when they are due. We need to increase our CVU Hours in Eastern Region.

Eastern Region board members and committee members are diligently working on our two major conferences for this year. Thanks to Leslie Sharpe for chairing these events. Our Annual Spring Conference will be held May 24-26 at the Greeneville 4-H Camp facility. Our theme for this year is "A Sprinkle of Old: A Drizzle of New!" We will have informative classes including crafts, cooking, chair volleyball and a class on CVU's. A highlight of our three day camp is our table decorating contest as counties decorate tables for our banquet lunch and compete for prizes.

Eastern Region is also working on plans for our annual Fall Conference. This year we will be moving it from Knoxville to the South Eastern Corner of Eastern Region. We will have our Cultural Arts and Fashion Review events as well as a delicious lunch and entertainment. More information to follow soon. I hope all of you are enjoying these beautiful spring days!



### What's New

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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COUNTY NEWS

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FCE SPRING CAMP

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**Find the Easter Egg hidden in this edition.**



TAFCE Board would like to encourage all of our Tennessee FCE members to join NAFCE (National Association for Family and Community Education). NAFCE is our parent organization, that writes The Heart Fire Series, FCL educational materials, and FCE Today. NAFCE needs the support of ALL FCE members.

The 2022 NAFCE membership form can be found on the state website. This form with the original signature (not a form with a copied signature), along with appropriate dues, should be sent from the county treasurer to the region treasurer, Marti Agler.



TAFCE Mission Statement:  
To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.

All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.

## *Notes from the Bean Counter*

by Marti Agler, TAFCE Eastern Region Treasurer

There are some little shoots of green beginning to show in my gardens. Spring IS on its way and so is Spring Camp!

The Spring Camp, May 24-26, 2022 at the Clyde Austin 4-H Camp near Greeneville promises to be quite an event! "A Sprinkle of Old, A Drizzle of New" indicates a good mixture of classes and events. Please plan to attend for at least the one day session, learn some new things, and visit with neighboring FCE members. The information for registering should reach you shortly. Do not hesitate to ask if I can help you with this in any way.

If you did not attend the first 2022 Camp A Long you missed a great craft idea. Even a non-crafty person like me could make some and they look so neat and tidy! Look out for the virtual camp for the second quarter; I know our advisors will secure another superb idea for us to try.

Remember that we can accept 2022 memberships at any time so send them on in! Recruit, recruit, recruit. We need to share the fun and service of FCE with our friends, neighbors, family, church family, etc. Our mission is clear, service to family and community and we are in unique positions to fulfill that. Each member you add to your club defrays \$2.00 of the scholarships, awards, and contest winning rewards we give on the regional level. Our goal is to do more of that so we need more members. You all know that simple arithmetic we learned in school!



As always, thank you for your trust in me as your treasurer. My job is to serve you. Any help I can provide to you, your club, and/or your County Council will be given immediately. Don't hesitate to call on me if needed.

## *Updates from Vice President of Public Policy*

by Sharon Clapp

FCL

I have 4 confirmed attendees for April 19-20 classes at Lebanon Comfort Suites at 1 pm. I have 2 spaces if no one from those attending one session in the past do not attend.

CVU's

Please begin to collect your CVU's from your clubs if they come from 2021 and leftovers from 2020 and 2019. Count all your phone calls and prep for all meetings etc. A suggestion of volunteer hours is on the State website. Joyce and I will have a class at camp in May to help you know what hours to count. I need totals by June 1st.

Best of the Best

I need your county applications on July 1st. Select a candidate and submit her folder and qualification according to the FCE planner.





## *News from the Action Chair*

by Ella S. Parker

Just a note to let you know what is happening.

The Charity I have chosen for us to donate to for 2022 Spring Camp is Holston United Methodist Home for Children, in Greeneville, TN. I selected this charity partly because of its location and mainly because it will help children in our Eastern Region. The Mission of Holston Home for Children is to "provide hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges". They do this by:

- o Providing the highest quality of professional service for the children and their families
- o Treating all people with love, respect, and care.
- o Keeping all information confidential
- o Being open and honest in communications
- o Recognizing the progress and achievements of the children and their families
- o Advocating for the rights and needs of the children, youth, and families served.

Holston Homes provides housing and educational needs for children who live on the campus as well as those in State Custody, providing an Alternative School, and Adoption/ Foster Care programs. We can help by donating needed school supplies, speech and drama needs, residential needs, personal and Hygiene needs, clothing essentials, and gift cards. (Mechanical Pencils, Gel Pens, Crayola Markers (larger packs), Post-It-Notes, Coloring Pencils (larger packs), Notebook Paper, Electric Pencil Sharpeners, Composition Notebooks (not wire bound), Board Games, Poster Board. Used costume pieces, Twin Sheet Sets, Towels (not white), hairbrushes, Combs, Shampoo, Deodorant, Socks, Underwear)etc. (Go to <https://www.holstonhome.org/wish-list-in-kind-giving-for-a-complete-list>)

Another Duty of the Action Chair is to provide Judges for the TAFCE Eastern Region Environmental Program Reports, these are due to me by April 1st. I'm sure many of you or your clubs have done activities that help improve our environment, take a minute, and write about these activities, using the TAFCE Environmental Program Report Form found in your FCE Yearbook (page 68), and send them to me by mail/email. (ellanrick@comcast.net or 122 County Road 624 Etowah, TN 37331). First, Second, and third place awards are given.

I look forward to hearing from you!

## *Reminders from Your Fashion Review Chair*

by Jean Cross

Ladies, it is time to get started on your fashion review items. Please remember that I need your personal data sheet filled out and returned to me. Please send a picture if at all possible. Also remember to send the first and second place county winners to me on the entry form that is in our planners. Thank you and hope to see you in September with numerous items.

## *News from the Counties*

### **Bradley County**

We met for the Camp-A-Long on February 4th at the county office. We had seven members present. Everyone seemed glad to be together again. Plan to start our meetings and hope to be in full swing soon. We got to meet our new agent which was really great.



## **Meigs County**

The Decatur FCE started the year with a new project to replace the annual 4-H benefit yard sale. Each member will be given a 12 ½ inch block pattern to be completed by the next month in autumn fabrics. In July they will be set together, quilted, and raffled off at the Meigs County Fair. Each member will also be given seasonal fabrics to make their own quilt squares each month.

The Meigs-Decatur Library has asked FCE to have a quilt show and bed turning at the library. They have also asked for volunteers to help in preparation for the summer reading program.

FCE members assisted with the 4-H Public Speaking Contest serving as judges.

FCE projects that are being planned for 2022 include:

- Preparing welcome baskets for new residents
- Assisting with needs for The Boys and Girls Club
- Helping with special needs at Meigs Ministries
- Assisting with special 4-H projects

Decatur FCE is preparing for the county wide Spring Rally Day. Ten Mile FCE will be attending the all-day meeting. A silent auction will be held. The Meigs-Decatur librarian will be a quest speaker giving opportunities and services offered at the library.

Ten Mile FCE plans to continue projects that were successful in 2021.

- Making lap quilts for nursing homes, Sheriff's Department, and anyone in need.
- Making bibs for nursing homes.
- Making burp pads for Full Circle Ministries.
- Work day in May to make teddy bears for foster kids and nursing homes

The ones who are not comfortable attending group meetings continue to work on projects from home.

Decatur and Ten Mile FCE continues to reach out and invite friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances to join our meetings.



## **Sullivan County**

The FCE ladies of Sullivan County wishes everyone in the Eastern Region a safe and productive 2022. Even though we have had what is called a pandemic we continue to try to be a presence in our community by helping in many different ways. It really does not take much effort to help whether it is one person or a group that can use assistance.

The people we have reached were nursing home patients, the homeless, the children and our four-legged friends. Some patients at an area nursing home were surprised by being adopted to receive Christmas gifts as well as being remembered on Valentines Day.

Lots of bedrolls were distributed to the homeless. Some of them were given to an agency that works closely with veterans.

Clothing, food, toothbrushes, paste, health related items, the newspaper rescue fund that supplies needs of families at Christmas and many other agencies were recipients of our willingness to help.

We did not leave out the local animal shelter by making pillows for the dogs and cats and donating food to feed them.

We are trying to help our environment by participating in the recycling program.

We had 49 ladies that received reading certificates.

At the beginning of the pandemic we began to sew masks when they were needed by the health care workers.

Every year a book is donated to the Sullivan County library and the book that was selected this year was a recent publication that told the history of our beloved Bays Mountain Park. The park is celebrating their 50th year. If anyone who comes to our area you may want to visit the park and find out the many recreational opportunities it has to offer.

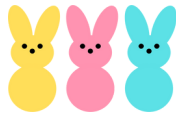
We had our first council meeting in 2022 on February 7th with our new president Kay Baker presiding. 13 members were present. All seemed eager to continue our efforts to help our friends, neighbors and those that we may never have met.

Submitted by Jacquie Dishner,  
Secretary



## **Washington County**

Washington County FCE club held their annual Holiday Food Fest on December 2, 2021, at the Jonesborough Visitors Center. Each of the County FCE clubs prepared two recipes, one savory and one sweet, for the participants to taste. They also received a cookbook with all the recipes. Club members decorated their tables with a theme of "Together again with FCE". The entertainment for the day was David Crockett High Schools Madrigles. This event was open to the public to attend and there were over seventy people in attendance. The Washington County FCE club also decorate a tree in the Visitors Center each year with hand made ornaments.



Welcome Spring! I hope everyone is gearing up for warm weather and all the delights a new beginning brings us. There are some exciting things happening in FCE this year! Spring Camp is right around the corner, and there are lots of new things being planned to make it an exciting event! County Council Presidents should have received their packets for registration forms, so please check with your county's President to receive the forms. Deadline for registration is May 9th and you do not want to miss out on this year's camp! If you can't go three days, you might like the one-day event. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Eastern Region Board meeting was held in McMinn county's new Extension office, and it was a very nice facility. Lots of room for everyone. It was good to have some County Council Presidents from the area join us. We look forward to visiting all the different county groups in the coming year!

Check out the next Camp-A-Long coming up May 18th. It will be a great warm-up exercise for camp.

***I would like to thank all the counties who have supplied news about their clubs. There are still many we have not heard from. Take a minute and write down the exciting things your club is participating in and drop it to me at: [pat.king.fce@gmail.com](mailto:pat.king.fce@gmail.com), so we can get your news in our next edition. Thank You for sharing with us.***

Pat King Communication Chair

## ***In Remembrance***

Shirley Lewis - Sullivan County  
Pauline - Sullivan County







*Virtual FCE  
Camp A Long*

*Join us and learn all  
about Dot Painting and  
Chair Volleyball*

May 18, 2022 at 10 am  
EST

FCE Spring Camp 2022- Clyde Austin  
Camp- Greeneville, TN



*A Drizzle of Old, A Sprinkle of New*

Camp Dates- Tuesday May 24th- Thursday May 26th 2022

3-Day Camp- May 24th- 26th

1- Day Camp- May 25th

**Registration Deadline- May 9th**

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: TAFCE AND EASTERN REGION FCE