



TAFCE Connection

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Greetings from my home to yours.
Spring is in full swing.

Spring cleaning is happening and
gardens are being planted.

We all know that to have beautiful
flowers we must plant bulbs or seeds and tend
them regularly.

As we are turning in our CVU hours I was
wondering what seeds have we planted today.
Maybe kindness, patience, goodness or under-
standing. Have we “walked a mile” in someone
else’s shoes to better understand what they might
be going through in their life.

Do you read about the opioid crisis and
think that it does not affect you? Do you think the
stories of people in the US being hungry are
“fake” news. I urge you to learn more and better
understand those who need our help. Mother Te-
resa said, “I don’t do great things. I do small
things with great love.”

I believe that each of you do all that you do
with great love.

I challenge you to find a way that you and
your FCE club members can be a positive change.
It might be as simple as teaching a class on opioid
addiction or helping to have a forum about this in
your community. Help to encourage others to turn
in medicine during a take back program. It could
mean that you collect food for the back pack pro-
gram so that children will have food when school
is out for summer break.

I want to thank each of you for all you do
for your community through FCE and I would ask
you to let me know how I or your state board
could be of help to you. What would you like to
see happening in our state? What suggestions do
you have to make our organization better? I
would urge you to send them to me. We cannot
know what you want if you do not let us know.
TAFCE is your organization.

I look forward to seeing you through out
the year and at conference in November.

Wanda Briddelle
TAFCE President

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember these are “State” deadlines,
NOT Region or County.

Aug 1	Best of the Best to VP of Public Policy
Aug 1	FCL Class List to VP of Public Policy
Aug 1	FCL List and Checks to State Treasurer
Aug 1	State Officer Nominations Due to VP of Programs.
Aug 1	Creative Writing entries due to Patty Mayhall.
Aug 26-27	State Board Meeting Lebanon TN
Aug 27-28	FCL Class Training, Lebanon TN
Sept 1	Official Notice and Credentials form due for annual meeting
Oct 1	Credentials for all voting delegates to State Treasurer
Oct 1	Conference Registration due to Regional Treasurer
Oct 1	Fashion Revue Winners due to Educational Chair (Kay Baker)
Oct 1	Cultural Arts Winners Due to Educational Chair (Esther Button)



State Conference 2019 Report
Charlene Budd

Conference is coming along great. All Registration packets should be out to all counties and agents as of July 15th. Hope everyone received the packets. Reminder registration forms are due October 1st. Below is what we are still needing for people to volunteer for to make conference a wonderful experience for everyone.

Conference will be here before we know it, and, we are still in need of volunteers to be Hostesses. As the saying goes, 'Blondes have more fun' can be translated to 'Conference Hostesses have more fun'-getting to meet new friends, being able to help someone in need, and just being present at Conference can have its rewards.

Please call Sue Lance-615-794-4457 or Sharon Jessop-615-591-1333 to 'earn your rewards' for being a hostess!

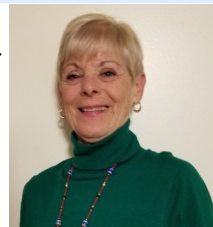
Remember to get those items for the Fireside Hospitality Room and Fire House Gift Shops on your 'to do' list.

We are "FIRED UP FOR FCE"!!!!

Charlene Budd
2019 Conference Chair

VP for Public Policy: Diane Uher

2019 is starting out GREAT!!! We had a FANTASTIC group of ladies for our April, 2019 FCL class. The participants and the teachers were energetic, knowledgeable and charismatic. Two ladies, Linda Ross-Grundy County and Faye Workman-Obion County, are now eligible to receive their National Leadership badges. Our next FCL class is AUGUST 27TH-28TH. Please come and join us!!



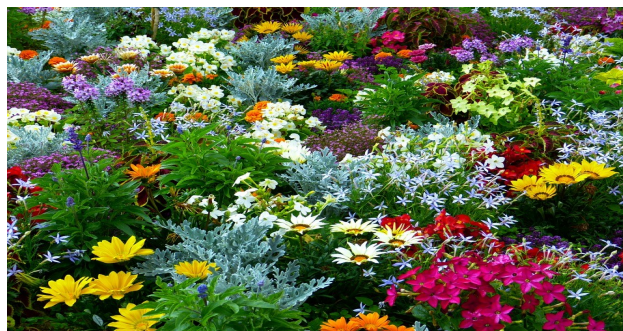
CVU's, CVU's, CVU's, CVU's, CVU's!!!!!! I cannot emphasize enough how important our volunteer hours are to our communities, our Extension Offices, our University of Tennessee, and our state. PLEASE fill out your hours and submit them to your club, who will submit them to the county, who will submit them to your region. Finally, the region will submit them to me by JULY 1ST. I will then prepare the state report and submit it to UT.

BEST OF THE BEST? Who will it be this year? We all know people who contribute a little something extra to every activity. Discuss this at your club meeting and present it to your County Council. Each Region will send me its winner's portfolio by AUGUST 1ST. I will submit the Regional winners' portfolios to UT's Selection Committee for the State winner.

FIRED UP FOR FCE!!!! Franklin Marriott Cool Springs ! NOVEMBER 17TH-20TH! I will see you there!

VP for Program: Pam Sites

No Report





EASTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:
Kay Baker



This year we will have a Fashion Revue during the state conference on November 18th, 2019. Participants in the Fashion Revue will have the opportunity to attend in person and model their garments. If you are unable to attend the state meeting in person you may send your garment for display. However, please note that the State FCE Board will not be responsible for your garment during the conference.

WESTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR
Ester Button



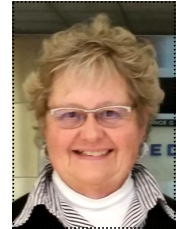
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CENTRAL REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR:
Crystal Holt

Everything in the tech world is running smooth. TAFCE purchased a new projector for FCL training and also for any other state needs. FCL training is coming up in August and I will be there helping with all tech needs. Please let me know if there is anything I can help your county or club out with any tech needs. Please let all your members know that we have a Facebook page that we would love to see them join. Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education (TAFCE) is the title of the page. I try to keep all the information up to date and also post reminders about due dates on that page. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at conference.





UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR
Dr. Martha Keel

August marks some changes for UT Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Laura Stephenson, the past UT Extension Assistant Dean and Department Head for Family and Consumer Sciences, is now officially the new Associate Dean and Director of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. She began her duties on August 1, 2019. We are so proud of her as the Director of Extension. Her role in Kentucky mirrors the role of Dr. Robert Burns here in Tennessee. She is also a staunch supporter of Family and Community Education. She is the perfect role model for women in leadership. Let's all congratulate her in her achievements.

In the meantime, Dr. Matt Devereaux has assumed the role of Interim Assistant Dean and Department Head for Family and Consumer Sciences with the University of Tennessee Extension. Dr. Devereaux serves as a Professor and Human Development Extension Specialist. Much of his time and energy over the past 21 years has been in the area of developing innovative and highly impactful youth programs. Specifically, he has focused his efforts and research on best practices for positively developing youth in afterschool settings. Since 2005, Devereaux has secured \$11 million to develop innovative afterschool programs across the state of Tennessee. His other current areas of emphasis include development of resources around the topics of adverse childhood experiences (ACES), mindfulness, quality childcare and early brain development. He wishes to focus his future efforts on the impact of positive fathering. Devereaux received the national 2008 Early Achievement Award for outstanding work as a Family Life Specialist. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia, and his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Devereaux to this new leadership position. He will also serve as a state advisor for TAFCE. He will be attending the annual conference in Cool Springs this coming November. Make sure you meet him when you attend this year.

Martha Keel, Ph.D., Professor
State Advisor TAFCE

EASTERN REGION PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Gloria Holcomb



- May 21-23 Annual Spring Camp Conference at Crossville Clyde Austen 4 H facility "FCE Family and Flip Flops". 2020 Kingsport State Conference theme boards will be voted upon. Charitable activities this year are for our military.
- September 23 Annual Fall Conference at Rothchild Event Center, Knoxville, "A Time For Courage: Our FCE Ancestors", celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Entertainment will be provided by county presentations of important but little known women of their counties.
- Planning continues by 2020 Conference Chair Caroline Bales. Theme boards will be presented at the August TAFCE Board Meeting. Every county has been assigned duties for 2020 Conference.
- Meigs County holding a Scholarship Endowment, Silent Auction, and Honorary Ceremony on April 25 for Clare Nell Breeden. The event will celebrate Clare Nell's forty plus years of service as a 4H Extension Agent, volunteer, TAFCE member, and past Eastern Region President (along with numerous other offices). Annual scholarships will be given in Clare Nell's name. Eastern Region Board and counties have made donations in honor of Clare Nell.

Newsletter Deadlines

February Issue—February 5th

May Issue—May 5th

September Issue—September 5th

Send Newsletter articles via email to the
Educational Chair Crystal Holt



WESTERN REGION PRESIDENT
Barbara Beeman

Western Region is gearing up for our annual Mini Conference on August 6 at the West TN Agricultural Experiment Station in Jackson. Our focus will be on FCL, featuring our own Pamela Carroll, MCNairy County Commissioner. We will also hold our regional fashion revue and cultural arts contest. And it's when we will be making suggestions for the 2021 TAFCE Conference theme.



CENTRAL REGION PRESIDENT
Emily Gordon

Central Region had a successful Leadership Retreat on the Tennessee Tech Campus May 28-31. It included craft classes, General Session speakers, day time tours, night time entertainment and renewing friendships. It's a wonderful respite away from home to touch base with region FCE members.



Our Annual Meeting is September 12th. Our revolving trophy goes to the county with the best decorated table. Last year's winner was Wilson County. This year's theme is showcasing club activities into 'FCE on Vacation'.

Our minds are focused on the 2019 Conference. Conference Chair Charlene Budd has each chair putting finishing touches on their committee. Fired Up for FCE should be a memory to take back to your local clubs.

Our Central Region focus for the year is Opioid Abuse Awareness. We are encouraging education locally and putting the TN Redline Hotline number in every telephone, 1-800-889-9789.

UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR

No Report Recieved





UT TAFCE STATE ADVISOR

have appreciated the hard work and dedication of the TAFCE Board and membership as partners in the work of UT Extension across the state. Although I have not had the opportunity to work personally with all of the membership, I have watched the work they do through newsletters, newspaper and social media and first-hand accounts by people who have been positively impacted. It has been an honor to be engaged through my state role here at UT with you.



I have been offered and have accepted a new position at the University of Kentucky beginning August 1. I will be serving as the Associate Dean and Extension Director. I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead but saddened to be leaving the people of Tennessee, especially TAFCE members.

My final day at UT will be July 29.
Best wishes to each of you!!

*Dr Laura Stephenson
UT FCE Advisor*

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