



Learn to Grow



ISSUE I

Wilson County FCE
Connections

Jan 2026

New Year *New Faces*

This Month:

President-Elect

Learn from the County President all duties and responsibilities of the office of president during their one-year term of office.

Genevieve Kilga

She is a lifetime fan of all things Mickey Mouse, and has volunteered with Girl Scouts, the Wilson Co. Fair and Fiddlers Grove just to name a few. FCE is important to her because of the long-lasting friendships she has made and its support of the community.



Membership Chair

Welcomes new members and orients them to FCE. Also maintains membership data.

Debbie Jennings



She finds the most joy in the wonderful fellowship and the continuous opportunities to learn from fellow members. In her free time, Debbie enjoys camping and spending quality time with her family.

Chaplain

Offers emotional and ethical support to the board and members of Wilson Co. FCE.

Frances Baker

Serves on the Board of Directors for the Wilson Co. Fair and Fiddlers Grove. Enjoys time with her husband, daughter and granddaughters.



- Jan 1st & 2nd, New Years
 - Extension Office Closed
- 7th, Craft Club
 - 9am
 - West Bldg.
- 12th, Board Meeting
 - 9am
 - School Exhibits Bldg.
- 19th, MLK Jr. Day
 - Extension Office Closed
- 22nd, Central Region Information Day
 - 9am
 - Rutherford Extension Office
 - SNOW DATE:
 - Jan 29th
- 26th, County Council Meeting
 - 9am
 - West Bldg.

Secretary

Keeps a record of board and county council meetings. Also serves as chair of the bylaws committee.

Avice Cummings

FCE has given me another family. I enjoy meeting, working and crafting with them.



Craft Club

Organizes the monthly craft club meetings.

Vee Wills

I love my family, creating, and helping others. I enjoy service projects, teaching, learning, and crafting with friends of FCE, and the community.



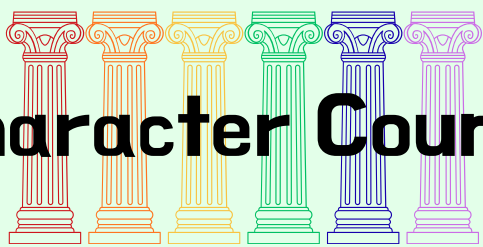
Don't forget to pick up your Leader Lesson from the Extension Office!

MAKE SURE TO CALL DIANE AT THE FRONT OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

615-444-9584

M-F 8:00AM-4:30PM

Character Counts



2026 theme:
“Respect”

Do you know a child currently in
4th grade or high school this year?

All entries must be postmarked
no later than February 4th 2026

Contact County VP Trudy Papuchis at
615-417-1685 for more information.

New UT-TSU Extension

Printing Policy

Beginning January 5th, 2026, the UT-TSU
Extension Office will no longer provide
free printing or copying services.

All print or copy requests will be
invoiced to either you personally, your
individual club, or to Wilson County FCE.
Monthly Leader Lessons are excluded
from this policy as it is an Extension
provided curriculum.

First Service Project of 2026

February 12th

West Bldg. 9am

Come help make birthday cards
for those living in long term care
facilities. All supplies will be
provided. Lunch will be potluck.



4-H Banquet Honors FCE members



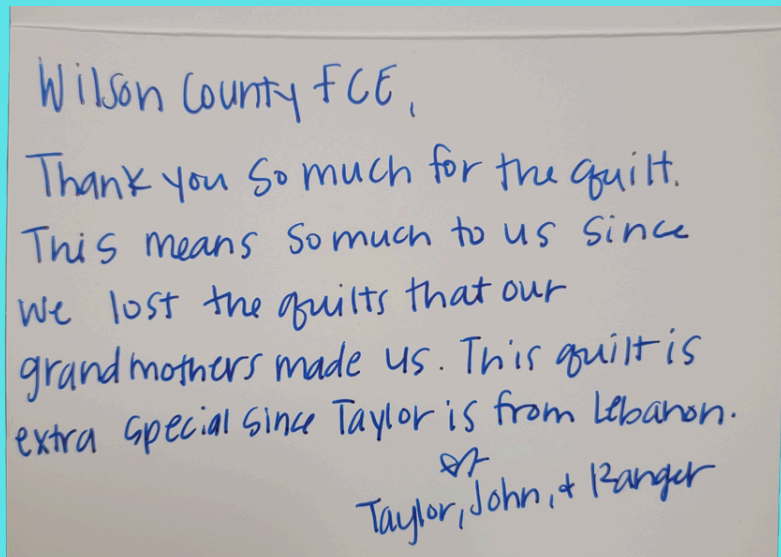
Carolyn Binkley and
Carrie Shehane
received
recognition for
their continuous
work with 4-H
members.



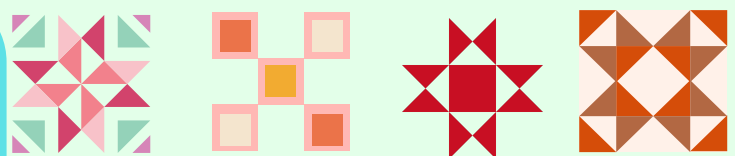
President Penny West asks you to join her in congratulating our
members who won awards at the 4-H Banquet

Disaster Quilt Thank You

The recipients of the West TN Disaster Quilt presented at the 2025 State Conference sent us a heartfelt thank you for their quilt.



Your work makes a difference.



Leeville Christmas Party



The Leeville FCE club met on December 9th at Ann Bates home for their Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed a day of fun, food, and fellowship.

Information Day!

If you plan to attend the Central Region Information Day on Jan. 22nd in Murfreesboro, you MUST contact Sami to Register.

**Don't forget
about CVU's!**



They are due in May and can be from volunteer work in 2023 to the present

February Craft Day

Amish Knot
Impossible Box Rug



Limit 10 per class
(9am & 10:30am). All
supplies provided.
\$5

Limit 6 students. All
supplies provided. Cost
is \$1 for the wooden
needle.

Class schedule subject to change. For more information, please contact Vee Wills at 615-969-7018 or veewillsdesigns@gmail.com

January County Council

January 26, 2026 ~ 9am ~ West Building

What's Due:

- 2025 Financial Summaries
- Heart of FCE Nominations
- 2025 Project Reports
- Spring FCL Applications

What You'll Get:

- 2026 Yearbooks
- Central Region Planner
- New Handbook & Bylaws
- Important Information!

Coffee will be provided.
Potluck Lunch.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Lebanon Senior Center Food Pantry.

Our local senior center food pantry is bare again!

Please consider donating these food items to help
the seniors in our community evade hunger!

They need:

non-perishable single serve meals

(microwaveable), nutritional snacks, cereal bars,

PB crackers, single serve fruit cups, and 100% fruit
juices.



Local Events Near You!

- January 10th, 15th Annual TN Motorama, Fairground
- January 27th, Fair Board meeting, Made in TN building
- February 13th-14th, Southern Home & Garden Expo, Fairgrounds
- February 17th, Fair Board Meeting, Expo Bldg., South Hall
- February 20-23rd, Lollitots Consignment Sale, Made in TN bldg.

Looking Ahead



February:

- 4th - Craft Club, West Building
- 12th - Service Project, West Building
- 15th - Leadership Retreat Instructor Form DUE to Sarah Sharp
- 27th - Best of the Best Nomination DUE to Penny West

March:

- 4th - Craft Day, West Building, 9am
- 15th - TAFCE Scholarship Applications DUE to Trudy Papuchis
- 25th - Spring Luncheon, SET-UP
- 26th - Spring Luncheon, 10am, E/W Bldgs.
- 31st - Leadership Retreat Packet DUE to Sandra Poston

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.