

A Snapshot of Extension Programs Sequatchie County

January – March 2023



Club Cuisine Grill Masters (11 participants) – 3 volunteers (Promoting Grill Master Challenge Competition that will be held at the State Fair)



12 Master Gardeners learned about pruning landscape plants and fruit trees.



Master Gardeners have contributed 138 volunteer hours to Extension Programs and the community – valued at \$4,133.00.



Family and Consumer Sciences agents bring together members of Family and Community Educators clubs from Grundy, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties for a series of marketable skills, fellowship, and lunch in March. Sequatchie County's FCS agent led participants in making Easter Bunny Wreaths at the UT Resource Center in Tracy City. Eight members participated.



4-H Congress Delegate – Helen Tibbs, 10th grader at SCHS (on right). She participated as a Senator and as the Senate Clerk during the mock legislative session. She met with Representative Ron Travis and represented Sequatchie County well.

Other Highlights for First Quarter 2023

- 23 Educational Programs were facilitated, with a total of 291 attending (excluding in-school 4-H Clubs).
- 4,302 direct in-person contacts (staff and volunteers)
- 149,507 total contacts (staff and volunteers)
- 197 Volunteer Hours were reported with a Value of \$5,900.00

4-H Youth Development

- Horse Judging Team (3 participants) and the Central Region Hippology Contest (Horse quiz bowl) (6 participants)
- Companion Animal Club (10 participants) – 9 guest speakers
- Photography Club (7 participants) – 1 volunteer (teacher)
- Wildlife Judging Team (7 participants)
- Gardening Club (10 participants)
- 28 4-H'ers received 25 pullets as part of the 4-H Chick Chain program, they recently completed a 1-hour training on the care of their pullets and biosecurity.
- Youth Leadership Class attended a County Commission meeting in January and toured small businesses downtown in February.

Family And Consumer Sciences

A budgeting class was provided to parents of Head Start children as one of their required educational programs for the year. Eight teachers and parents participated in February.

Results from the evaluations:

- Before taking this training, 75% did not use a monthly budget or spending plan.
- After taking part in this training 100% plan to use a monthly budget to make better financial decisions throughout the year
- 100% identified ways to reduce spending.
- 100% increased their financial management skills?
- 100% plan to use a monthly budget to make better financial decisions throughout the year.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- 3 Gardening Basics Classes, in partnership with Sequatchie County Fair
 - 28 people learned the basics of gardening in January.
 - 10 attended the February Straw Bale Gardening Class (despite the weather)
 - 23 learned about raised beds and container gardening in March.
- 8 are participating in Master Backyard Poultry Class
- 13 producers learned about pesticide safety during the annual private applicator recertification process.

