



TENNESSEE FFA FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2010

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Ben Franklin

Dedication



Kenneth K. Mitchell was born October 19, 1922 in Loyston, now covered by Norris Lake, Union Co., TN. His career was sparked when he enrolled in agricultural education class at Norris High School in 1937. He began his teaching career as a part-time teacher for WWII veterans enrolled in the institutional-on-the-farm training program.

After he served for more than 3 years in WWII with the 787th Military Police Battalion, he continued studies at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he received his BS, Ag Ed, 1951 and his MS, Ag Ed, 1962.

Mr. Mitchell began teaching at Dickson High School in 1951 until he joined the State Department of Education in 1961. He was instrumental in organizing the Tennessee FFA Alumni and the Tennessee FFA Foundation. He helped design the leadership development program for FFA at Camp Clements.

In 1990, he received the “Outstanding State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the United States” award. In 1991, he was selected as *The Progressive Farmer* magazine’s “Man of the Year” and received the National FFA “VIP Award”.

The Tennessee FFA presented him with the “Lifetime Achievement Award” in 2002. Thousands of young men and women have been touched by the tireless dedication of Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell is the son of the late Alonzo and Leona Ayres Mitchell of Clinton. He married his college sweetheart Edith Robbins on December 21, 1950. She was a Home Economics teacher for 35 years. They have two daughters Melanie Gunter of Athens and Kathy Jones of Franklin. They are blessed with two grandsons, David and Eric, and one great-grandson Elijah.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of the American Legion, First Methodist Church of Dickson, Tennessee Farm Bureau, Nashville Area Agriculture Club, board of directors for Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital and Dickson Rotary Club. He serves as Chairman Emeritus on the Tennessee FFA Foundation Board of Directors.

Mitchell was presented an oil portrait of his life’s work at the FFA Alumni Convention held at Montgomery Bell State Park on February 19 – 20, 2010. The portrait was commissioned by the FFA Alumni and produced by Gallatin artist Ralph McDonald.



The 2009 - 2010 National FFA Officer Team.

The FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agricultural education.

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Chairman's Report

2010 has been a milestone year for the Tennessee FFA Foundation. In 2001, our Foundation set out to build an uncommitted endowment of \$2 million dollars to secure the long-term existence of the Foundation as a support arm for the agricultural education/FFA program in Tennessee. With the passage of this year's state budget, our total grants from the state over the past five years reached that \$2 million mark.

Many thanks are owed to those who helped make this possible. First among those who deserve credit is Governor Phil Bredesen. Of course, it is the members of the General Assembly who pass the budget; and we owe them deep gratitude for supporting FFA and 4-H in Tennessee over the years. Many others helped to clear the way: our Foundation Sponsoring Committee led by Lee Todd was instrumental in taking up this challenge; the Farm Bureau helped us to make our case in the halls of government; and countless supporters and donors lent their support by influencing their senators and representatives. Thanks to all who joined us in reaching this important goal!

So is the future for agricultural education/FFA and the Tennessee FFA Foundation really secure? Unfortunately, the answer is, no. Thomas Jefferson said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." Such is the case with preserving anything of value, including safeguarding the future of FFA in Tennessee. The only way we can be sure that future generations of young Tennesseans enjoy the benefits of FFA involvement is to continually work to educate our leaders, policymakers and the public about what the program has to offer. We also need volunteers who will take an interest in and ensure the excellence of their local programs. And, of course, we need the financial support of all.

A year ago, I was honored to succeed Shane Williams as chairman of the Foundation. Taking up the task of garnering support for our thirteen thousand-plus members and two hundred-plus local programs is a daunting challenge. Chairman Williams left big shoes to fill, but with the help of a capable board, energized Sponsoring Committee and a committed staff, the Foundation is as well equipped as ever to do our part in supporting the agricultural education/FFA programs in Tennessee. As you know, our job is to secure the support of individuals like you; so we appreciate the cooperative, can-do attitude of those who readily and generously donate their time, money and influence to support FFA.

While the support of government has been critical to building the base of our endowment, the future rests on the contributions of individuals, businesses and other foundations committed to helping FFA fulfill its mission. We are pleased to have many stalwart supporters who have already joined our ranks, but we need more donors if we are to realize the full potential of FFA. If you are not already a donor, please consider becoming a regular contributor to the Foundation. Every bit makes a difference.

This year we were inspired by the generous contribution of former Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter in creating a \$50,000 endowment to support the Star Farmer recognition program in Tennessee. Governor McWherter, himself a former FFA member as well as a founding member of our Sponsoring Committee, knows the value of the FFA in preparing young members for successful careers in agriculture and as leaders in our communities and state. We salute Governor McWherter for once again displaying the leadership we have come to expect from him.

Even as we celebrate and reflect upon the successes of the past year and decade, we must renew our commitment to move forward. The events of the past year have illustrated that we can only achieve Tennessee FFA's ultimate potential if the entire family is working together, pulling in the same direction. The support network we have built has proven their willingness and ability to help us remove obstacles and roadblocks to FFA's success. Let's renew our commitment to work together cooperatively to deliver on the full promise of the FFA vision.

As we embark on this decade, we have much work to do. Three important goals stand out. First, we must continue to build our individual and business donor base to fund and support FFA programs at meaningful levels. Many of our programs lack the funding necessary to realize their full potential. Second, the agricultural education/FFA program lacks adequate staff to lead our efforts at the regional and state level. We must secure the support of lawmakers and policymakers to provide for regional FFA consultants and the funding to offer competitive compensation to regional and state staff. Third, we must find a way to ensure that we uniformly have active, high-quality, twelve-month programs at the local level. Far too often, mediocre or underperforming programs are tolerated by local school districts that fail to realize the opportunities these substandard programs rob from their students. Failed programs tarnish FFA's reputation and make it more difficult to sustain the program across the state.

The events of the past year have proven that the FFA Foundation has a larger role than just raising funds to support awards for FFA members. Together with teachers, parents, donors, volunteers, supporters and our sister organizations, the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Educators and the Tennessee FFA Alumni Association, we can do our part in the inspiring task of keeping agricultural education and FFA as a viable and vibrant part of the educational system in our state.

Thanks for your help!

John W. Rose
2010

Chairman John Rose served as 1983-84 State FFA Middle TN VP and graduated as salutatorian of Cookeville H.S. He graduated summa cum laude in agribusiness economics from TTU, M.S. Degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. He owns a 2,000 acre working farm that has operated in Smith and DeKalb counties since 1790. He is president of Boson Software LLC, a Nashville-based information technology training provider; president of Smith Fork Ventures, Inc., an investment firm; and served as Tennessee's 33rd Commissioner of Agriculture. Rose is a major supporter of TTU and the FFA.



Executive Director's Report

I am pleased to report that this was another record-setting year for the Tennessee FFA Foundation. Thanks to generous alumni, parents, teachers, friends and various supporters, the Foundation had a total revenue in 2009 - 2010 of \$920,000 from contributions, government grants-in-aid, interest, dividends and gains on our investment. Every gift made to the Tennessee FFA Foundation makes a difference - every penny, every dollar, every year. A contribution to the Foundation benefits either directly or indirectly nearly every area of the FFA - awards and recognition programs, career development events, scholarships, leadership development and operation of the Foundation. Here are the highlights of last year:

The Foundation continues to be financially strong and viable. The balance sheet for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2010 showed total assets versus total liabilities and equities of \$2,566,475 compared to \$2,056,892 in the prior year. The Operating Statement showed net income at year-end of \$377,932 compared to \$134,387 for the prior year. The primary differences on the income side were significant improvement in ROI in our investment portfolio and a differential in the state government grant of only \$250,000 vs. \$500,000 in the prior year. This was partially offset with the handling of the contributions to the Gov. Ned R. McWherter Monument Fund that amounted to approximately \$175,000. In spite of the economy, total contributions from individuals, corporations, associations and foundations increased slightly. All major donors of awards and recognition programs maintained their sponsorships. Contributions to the various scholarship funds were about the same except for the formation of the new D. G. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund. The adjustment made last year in our financial statement to set aside funds due directly to the TN FFA Alumni Association has now grown to \$209,785 and is carried in our investment portfolio with Raymond James Financial Services. An unrealized gain in the fair market value of investments and securities at June 30, 2010 amounted to \$189,619. The Foundation also had interest and dividend income of almost \$60,000. Total income was approximately \$730,000 or an increase of 79.1% while actual expenses were at \$350,000 or up 28.7% over the prior year. Allocations to the state FFA association were up significantly in support of state convention, awards and recognition. Operations, administration and general office expenses were all up slightly. Accounting, legal and investment fees were down slightly. Our auditor gave us a clear and complete audit of the financial records for the fiscal year.

The Foundation continues to be effective in fundraising and providing support for agricultural education/FFA in Tennessee. The key achievement during the year was the \$500,000 appropriation in the governor's budget approved for the Tennessee 4-H and FFA Foundations. The 2010-2011 budget has already been approved with another \$500,000 designated for 4-H and FFA. These funds

are certainly welcome and will permanently endow support of 4-H and FFA programs and activities for years to come. Please tell your legislators that it is money well invested! Thanks to all who made that possible for the last five years for a total of \$2,000,000 directly to the FFA Foundation.

The Ag Tag Funds from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$55,000 continues to provide overall support for FFA programs, events and activities. The NRA Foundation donated \$1,053 to purchase ammunition for the new rifles that they donated previously to Camp Clements.

Rebate programs from FFA member dues (\$13,000), CO-OP Collectible Knife (\$12,500) and fruit sales (\$6,360) added significantly to our income. Time, travel, financial and other resources were devoted to assistance with the state officers' Goodwill Tour, coordination of Career and Vendor Show and support for East, Middle and West TN Regional Awards Banquets, Tennessee Breakfast at National FFA Convention and online registration for Camp Clements and State FFA Convention.

The Foundation strives to be efficient, prudent, transparent and visionary in managing the assets and investments of your organization to provide current and long-range financial support to the overall FFA program in Tennessee. We greatly appreciate the pro-bono office space, IT support, student assistance and other resources provided by the School of Agriculture at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville. Special thanks to Jessica Northcutt who served as our administrative assistant for most of the fiscal year. We are pleased to have replaced her with Shannon Turner in February, 2010. The assistant handles accounting, record-keeping, communications and other office responsibilities for the Foundation and Alumni. She also maintains the website which continues to be a key means of communication. To gain additional information about the Foundation, Association, Alumni and TAAE, please visit us at: www.tnffa.org.

Yes, it has been a year of great change and much excitement - within FFA, our country and around the world. FFA students, advisors and staff will be challenged in the year ahead, but their personal commitment, strength of FFA programs and the support of valued sponsors and new contributors will drive our program. It is all made possible through the involvement and support of individuals like you and the organizations you represent. Thanks!

Jimmie R. Loftis
2010



The mission of the Foundation is to promote the best interests of students and those involved in agricultural education/FFA in Tennessee in order to enhance opportunities that will enable every FFA member to reach their maximum potential as productive citizens.

Board of Directors

Chairman - John Rose

Boson Software, Nashville

Vice Chairman - Dr. Ben Byler

(Retired), Agricultural Education, TTU, Cookeville

Secretary - Phillip Baker

Farm Bureau Insurance, Cookeville

Treasurer - Tim Chowning

F & M Bank, White House

Financial Advisor - Joe Comer

Raymond James Financial Services, Mt. Juliet

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(Retired) Dept. of Education, Dickson

Emily Buck, *State FFA President, Hermitage*

Steven Gass, *State FFA Advisor, Nashville*

Joe Huffine, *TN Farmer's Cooperative, LaVergne*

Bret Piatt, *TAAE West TN VP, Bells*

Andy Nash, *The Farmers Bank, White House*

Mac Rogers, *Alumni Council President, Taft*

Terry Shartzter, *TAAE Middle TN VP, Portland*

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Dale Tucker, *TAAE East TN VP, Greeneville*

Pam Farmer Walker, *Agriculture Teacher, Wilson Central
H.S., Lebanon*

Shane Williams, *Farm Credit Services, Athens*

Tom Womack - *TN Department of Agriculture, Nashville*

Executive Director - Jimmie R. Loftis

TN FFA Foundation, Cookeville

Goals & Objectives

1. To allow alumni, supporters and businesses to have a positive impact on the success of the FFA by providing financial support to the FFA through monetary and in-kind contributions.
2. To create an endowment fund that will perpetuate funds necessary for the operation of the Tennessee FFA Association.
3. To obtain funds for the General Fund that will allow the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. to operate in a positive financial environment.
4. To obtain sponsors for individual FFA events and award programs that will fully fund these programs in each region and state level.
5. To receive memorials that will allow individuals to contribute in the memory of loved ones and to allow individuals to designate a portion of their estate to the Tennessee FFA Foundation.
6. To ensure that Camp Clements remains an important part of the FFA program in Tennessee and to ensure that a permanent location for the history of the Tennessee FFA be built and maintained at Camp Clements.

Sponsoring Committee

Lee Todd, Chairman, Executive Director (Retired)

Southern Cotton Ginners Association, Germantown, TN

Waymon Hickman, Senior Chairman

First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Columbia, TN

Bart Krisle, Chief Executive Officer

Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, LaVergne, TN

Matthew "Sonny" Scoggins, CEO

Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies, Columbia, TN

Hon. Ned R. McWherter, Governor

State of Tennessee, 1987-1995, Dresden, TN

William S. (Sammy) Stuard, Jr., President & CEO

F & M Bank, Clarksville, TN

Lacy Upchurch, President

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Columbia, TN

The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. was chartered by the Tennessee Secretary of State on December 1, 1983. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of seventeen members with seven serving as ex-officio members, nine at-large members and Kenneth K. Mitchell as Chairman Emeritus. Each serves three-year terms or until their successor is elected or appointed. They serve voluntarily and may succeed themselves. The four officers serve as the Executive Committee as well as the Finance Committee.



Financial Information

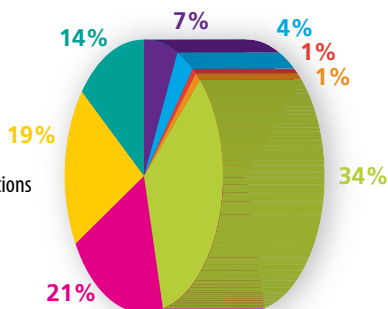
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2010 (audited)

Revenues, Gains and Other Support	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$109,885	\$19,601		\$129,486
McWherter Monument Fund Income	124,675	50,000		174,675
Interest/Dividend Income	6,637	58,931		65,568
TN Department of Agriculture Grant		250,000		250,000
TN Department of Agriculture, Ag Tag Program	30,000	25,000		55,000
Government - Other	5,000			5,000
Rebate Programs	33,185			33,185
In Kind	1,554			1,554
Unrealized Gain on Investments		189,619		189,619
Special Events	8,120			8,120
Other Income	7,863			7,863
Net Assets Released from Restrictions				
Restricted satisfied by payments	13,654	(13,654)		
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	340,573	579,497		920,070

Expenses	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Allocation to Affiliates	136,458			136,458
McWherter Monument Fund Expense		101,831		101,831
Scholarships and Awards	70,464			70,464
Administrative	84,700			84,700
Office	41,233			41,233
Investment Expenses		13,646		13,646
Total Expenses	332,855	115,477		448,332
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7,718	464,020		471,738
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	277,335	1,606,283		1,883,618
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 285,053	\$ 2,070,302		\$ 2,355,355

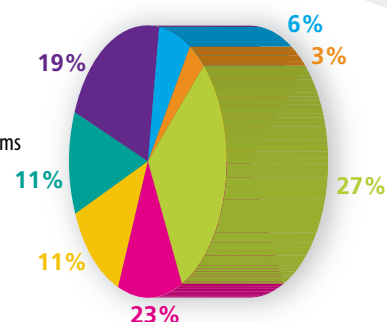
Revenues: \$920,070

- Government Grants
- Realized Gain on Investments
- McWherter Monument
- Associations, Corporations, & Foundations
- Interest/Dividend Income
- Rebate Programs
- Special Events
- Other Income



Expenses: \$448,332

- Scholarships, Awards & Recognition
- McWherter Monument Expense
- East, Middle, & West TN Awards Programs
- Special Events
- Administrative
- General Office
- Investment Expenses



Our new Administrative Assistant, Shannon Turner, started work on February 4, 2010. She grew up on a farm in Indiana and was very active in the Indiana FFA. She brings a wealth of experience to her new assignment. The School of Agriculture at TTU continues to provide pro-bono office space, computer expertise and other support to our office operations. Our doors are always open for a visit.

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended June 30, 2010 (audited)

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	\$211,472
Prepaid Expenses	2,024
Total Current Assets	213,496

Other Assets

Certificate of Deposit	-
Investments - Raymond James	2,310,901
CSV of Life Insurance	1,633
TFLIC Stock	40,446
Total Other Assets	2,352,980

Total Assets	2,566,476
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LIABILITIES

Due to FFA Alumni	209,784
Payroll Tax Payable	1,336
Total Current Liabilities	211,120

NET ASSETS

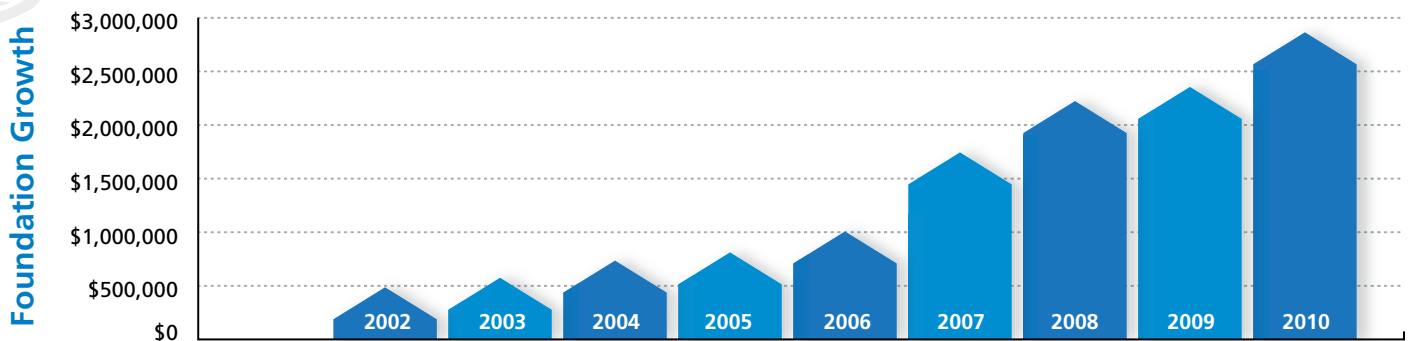
Unrestricted	285,053
Temporarily restricted	2,070,302
Total Net Assets	2,355,355

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	2,566,476
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Endowed Scholarships and Special Funds* - As of June 30, 2010

TN State Grant-In-Aid	1,543,879
Ag Tag Proficiency Fund	139,230
Ag Tag Endowment Fund	71,791
McWherter Endowment Fund	48,490
Kenneth K. Mitchell Leadership Fund	49,297
Kenneth K. Mitchell Scholarship Fund	27,543
William Coley Scholarship Fund	24,063
Dr. David Hamilton Scholarship Fund	2,915
Waymon Hickman Fund	3,386
Fred Laine Scholarship Fund	9,419
Harold Lineberry Scholarship Fund	20,018
Romie Niesler Memorial Fund	12,125
Tommy Pettigrew Memorial Fund	9,530
Paul Oliver Memorial Fund	8,449
Lancaster Family Scholarship Fund	4,535
Boyd Trew Memorial Scholarship Fund	865
Ted Turner Scholarship Fund	6,152
UTK Farmhouse Scholarship Fund	790
Institutional Wholesale Company Fund	4,500
Camp Clements Fund	63,620
Bray Scholarship Fund	4,731
Collegiate FFA Fund	1,434
Historical Fund	1,462
West TN Awards Fund	6,233
Barry Baker Memorial Fund	845
D.G. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund	5,000
Total	2,070,302

*Return on investment portfolio was an estimated increase of 17.2%



The Joint State Staff met at Camp Clements on May 18-19 to develop an agricultural education strategic plan, consider the Summer Conference Agenda, review American FFA Degrees, plan the 2010-2011 FFA Calendar of Activities including Goodwill Tour, State and National FFA Conventions, approve Honorary American Degrees, VIP and Distinguished Service Awards and discuss other agricultural education issues. This group of educators, teachers, alumni, Foundation and Association reps meets semi-annually. It is chaired by State FFA Advisor Steve Gass.



Scholarships

State FFA Stars

Star Greenhand

Casey Goins, Hendersonville
Sponsor: TN FFA Alumni Association

Star Farmer

John King, Sullivan - East
Sponsor: TN Farm Bureau Federation

Star In Placement

Alyssa Fee, Liberty
Sponsor: TRH Health Plans

Star In Agri-Business

Garrett Weidner, Gallatin
Sponsor: Farm Bureau Insurance

Star In Agri-Science

Syrena Flowers, Liberty
Sponsor: TRH Health Plans

National Officer Candidate
James Flatt, Wilson Central

2010 Scholarship Winners

Name	Chapter	University	Scholarship
Todd Baker	Dyersburg	Tennessee Technological University	2010 Alumni
Alyssa Fee	Liberty	Tennessee Technological University	2010 Alumni
Emily Keeton	Riverside	University of Tennessee at Martin	2010 Alumni
Erica Myers	David Crockett	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	2009 Alumni
Ashton Street	Daniel Boone	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	2009 Alumni
Kara Wilson	Page	Tennessee Technological University	2009 Alumni
Caleb James	Lebanon	University of Tennessee at Martin	2008 Alumni
Andrew Ligon	Watertown	Tennessee Technological University	2008 Alumni
Clinton Snoddy	Lincoln Co.	Motlow State Community College	2008 Alumni
Kris Newsom	Dyersburg	University of Tennessee at Martin	2007 Alumni
Mallory Blake	Peabody	University of Tennessee at Martin	2007 Alumni
Tyler Hammett	Munford	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	2007 Alumni
Caitlin Prendergast	Lenoir City	Tennessee Technological University	AgCredit
Syrena Flowers	Liberty	University of Tennessee at Martin	Carhartt
Jamye Freeman	Dyersburg	University of Tennessee at Martin	Carhartt
Abby Burger	Mt. Juliet	Middle Tennessee State University	Coley
Emily Kopko	Fred J. Page	Middle Tennessee State University	Farm Credit
Cayce McDonald	Beech	Tennessee Technological University	Farm Credit
Heath McLean	Dyer County	University of Tennessee at Martin	Farm Credit
Madison Overall	Covington	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Farm Credit
Andrew Tucker	North Greene	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Farm House
Bethanie Wood	Lexington	University of Tennessee at Martin	Hickman
Hillary Ross	McEwen	Tennessee Technological University	Inst. Wholesale Co.
Samantha Satterfield	Macon County	Tennessee Technological University	Inst. Wholesale Co.
Emily Buck	Wilson Central	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Laine
Nicole Hulsey	East Robertson	University of Tennessee at Martin	Lancaster
Neil Bringle	Munford	University of Tennessee at Martin	Lineberry
Leigh Bumbalough	White	Tennessee Technological University	Lineberry
Faith Ellison	Chuckey-Doak	Tennessee Technological University	Mitchell
Hannah Murphy	Munford	Middle Tennessee State University	Mitchell
Emily Keeton	Riverside	University of Tennessee at Martin	Neisler
Colleen Perkins	Dresden	University of Tennessee at Martin	Oliver
Morgan Perkins	Paris	University of Tennessee at Martin	Oliver
Ethan Dockery	McMinn Central	Tennessee Technological University	Trew
Leslie Serrano	Munford	University of Tennessee at Martin	Ted Turner



Teams are challenged each week at Camp Clements to test their knowledge of FFA practices, history and lore; agricultural facts and classroom instruction. It is a fun-filled, fast-paced and highly competitive event. Yes, scholarship is rewarded – even at camp.

2010 National Scholarship Winners

Name	Chapter	Scholarship	Award
Todd Baker	Dyersburg	Metlife Foundation	\$2,000
James Bryan	Warren County	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough	\$1,000
Emily Buck	Wilson Central	American Veterinary Medical Association	\$1,000
Mac Chrisman	Eagleville	NAPA Auto Parts	\$1,000
Alyssa Clements	Clay County	Norfolk Southern Foundation	\$1,000
Bradley Coppinger	Cannon County	Fastline Publications	\$1,000
Chelsey Dial	Bedford Co. Voc. Ctr.	Tyson Foods Inc.	\$1,000
Alyssa Fee	Liberty	Archer Daniels Midland Company	\$1,000
Syrena Flowers	Liberty	Archer Daniels Midland Company	\$1,000
Caleb Fortson	Westview	Tulsa Welding School	\$1,000
Christopher Fulcher	Dresden	Cargill Community Scholarship Program	\$1,000
Heath McLean	Dyer County	Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship	\$1,500
Drew Nash	White House Heritage	AGDATA Inc.	\$2,500
Madison Overall	Covington	Bunge North America	\$1,000
Colleen Perkins	Dresden	Cargill Community Scholarship Program	\$1,000
Mallory Shanks	Eagleville	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough	\$1,000
Cary Smith	Dyer County	Archer Daniels Midland Company	\$1,000
Amber Stewart	Mount Pleasant	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough	\$1,000
Andrew Tucker	North Greene	Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship	\$1,500
Chelsea Vaughn	Warren County	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough	\$1,000
Bethanie Wood	Lexington	Dodge RAM Trucks	\$1,000
Mary Wortham	Munford "Big Boll"	Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship	\$1,500

National Chapter Winners



Three Star Chapters

Bradley Central
Clinton
Daniel Boone
David Crockett
Dyersburg
East Robertson
Hendersonville
Mount Juliet
Page High
Riverside
Station Camp
Wilson Central
Woodbury



Two Star Chapters

Brighton
Covington
Gallatin
McEwen
Munford
Portland
Riverdale
Watertown

Message to FFA Family:



I started out as a freshman not knowing a whole lot about much of anything. That's still true today, but I've learned some major lessons since then through the people pushing me along the way. For many of us, FFA has been and always will be the experience of a lifetime. We become enthralled with the spirit of competition, risk, growth, and fun. We fall in love with places like Camp Clements, State FFA

Convention, and our ag classrooms. We find solace in these places and use them as a spring board to success in our own individual ways. We look to mentors such as Kenneth Mitchell and our own advisors for guidance. Although we lead different paths in FFA, they all intertwine at some point because we lean on each other for support and we challenge each other, which ultimately makes us the best we can be. Unfortunately, we can't be FFA members forever. At some point, we're forced to hang up the jacket and that moment has come for me.

However, I now have the chance to put on the "supporter" hat and repay the great debt I have to this organization. The people who have touched me along my journey in FFA have given me more than I ever expected. The investment the Tennessee FFA family has made in me will impact my life forever and I will continuously search for ways to do the same for aspiring members. It's amazing to consider the compassion of mentors and advisors. They invest in us with total faith. Thank you Tennessee for investing in me! Thank you for giving me the chance to serve as State FFA President with great teammates. Thank you for giving me the chance to run for National FFA Office....Twice. Thank you for believing in this Tennessee FFA member and for making your own stamp on FFA history. I believe that Tennessee FFA can be the greatest association in the nation because of you. Thank you.

Chelsea Doss
Southern Region VP

The Foundation awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships to 40 individuals in 2010. Alumni and Foundation Treasurer Tim Chowning presents a \$500 college scholarship from AgCredit to Caitlin Prendergast of Lenoir City during State FFA Convention.



Awards & Recognition

Passing Literacy OnWard (PLOW) Awards

PLOW promotes literacy and comprehension in educational programs across TN. Winners are:

Platinum

Cocke County
Dyersburg
East Robertson
Franklin County
Houston
Liberty
Meigs County
Milan
Munford
Portland
Watertown
Wilson Central

Gold

Anderson County
Brighton
Chuckey-Doak
LaVergne
Lebanon
Mt. Juliet
North Knox
Shelbyville
Station Camp
Sweetwater
White House Heritage
Woodbury

Silver

Crockett County
Pigeon Forge

Bronze

Dresden High School
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Career Development Events

Event Category	Winner	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications	Page	Citizens Tri-County Bank of Dunlap in Honor of Mr. Flavius Barker
Agricultural Entrepreneurship	McNairy Central	TN FFA Foundation
Agricultural Issues Forum	White House	Helena Chemical Company
Agricultural Mechanics	Dyersburg	Southern Motorsports
Agricultural Sales	Munford	Learning Labs/Applied Technologies
Ceremonies	Munford	FL Farm Bureau Marketing Division
Creed Speaking	Sneedville (Sarah Ramsey)	Tennessee FFA Alumni Association
Cooperative Game Challenge	Cherokee	Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	Jefferson County	Dairy Farmers of America
Dairy Cattle Handling	Daniel Boone (Caroline Conley)	TN FFA Foundation
Dairy Foods	Jefferson County	TN FFA Foundation
Environmental/Natural Resources	Sweetwater	River Brite Citrus Fundraising
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	White House Heritage (Drew Nash)	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Farm Business Management	Sweetwater	Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
Floriculture	Wilson Central	TN FFA Foundation
Forestry	Cumberland Gap	Tennessee FFA Alumni Association
Horse Evaluation	Page	TN FFA Foundation
Job Interview	Page (Kerri Moore)	Southern Heritage
Land Judging	Huntingdon	Farm Bureau Insurance
Livestock Evaluation	Daniel Boone	1986-87 State Officer Team
Marketing Plan	Lincoln County	Volunteer State Bank
Meats Evaluation and Technology	Cumberland Gap	Tennessee Livestock Producers Assn.
Nursery/Landscape	Gallatin	TN FFA Foundation
Parliamentary Procedure	McEwen	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Poultry Evaluation	Cocke Co.	Tyson Foods
Prepared Public Speaking	Munford (Peyton Graham)	Honor of Horace Colvett & Sam Sparkes

The Tennessee FFA Cooperative Development Challenge

This program provides competition that fosters information assimilation, critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to successfully develop career skills toward: participating in, starting up or managing a cooperative. It also enhances and encourages opportunities for all participants to receive instruction that develops cooperative management skills. This new program is sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives. Winners that were recognized at the 82nd State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg were: Cherokee (first), Hendersonville (second), and Page (third).



Regional banquets were held in the spring to present awards and recognize winners of Proficiency Awards, Career Development Events and Stars Programs. East TN met in Knoxville on April 15 with attendance of 260 students, advisors and guests. Middle TN met in Murfreesboro on April 20 with 357 attending. West TN met in Jackson with over 610 attending on April 29.

Proficiency Awards

■ National Finalist

Award Areas	2010 Winner	Chapter	Sponsor
Agricultural Communications – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Lindsey Turner	Covington	Ned R. McWherter Charitable Foundation
Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Emily Buck	Wilson Central	Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Caleb Dunsavage	Wilson Central	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems – Entrepreneurship/Placement	William A. Northcutt	Warren Co.	Tennessee Electric Cooperative Assn.
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Entrepreneurship	Joey Hurst	Pigeon Forge	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Placement	Daniel Farrow	Dyersburg	Stowers Machinery Corporation
Agricultural Processing – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Justin Poore	Anderson Co.	Sara Lee Foods
Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship	Ross W. Houston	Sweetwater	Southern Heritage
Agricultural Sales – Placement	Jeffrey M. Brown	Wilson Central	First State Bank
Agricultural Services – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Karson T. Melton	McMinn Co.	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Beef Production – Entrepreneurship	Todd Baker	Dyersburg	Tennessee Cattlemen's Association
Beef Production – Placement	Tyler Selph	Crockett County	Tennessee Beef Council
Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship	John King	Sullivan-East	Purity Dairies
Dairy Production – Placement	Kylee L. Millard	Moore Co.	Mayfield Dairy Farms
Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Cody Walker	Warren Co.	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship	Jeremy Southerland	South Greene	Drexel Chemical Company
Diversified Crop Production – Placement	Tyler Chowning	East Robertson	Burley Stabilization Corporation
Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Alex Shrum	Beech	TN Dept of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship	Cary Smith	Dyer County	Community South
Diversified Livestock Production – Placement	Holly Baggett	Lincoln Co.	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Emerging Agricultural Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Emily Sajdak	Johnson Co.	LUBING Systems
Environmental Science & Natural Resources – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Jamye S. Freeman	Dyersburg	TN Soc. of Farm Mgrs. & Rural Appr.
Equine Science – Entrepreneurship	Chelesea Rogers	East Robertson	TN Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors
Equine Science – Placement	Ashton Street	Daniel Boone	TN Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Tucker Humphrey	Dyer County	Tennessee Cotton Ginners Association
Floriculture – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Megan Darby	Liberty	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement	David Bruce Doan	Daniel Boone	TN Dept of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Gavin Henry	East Robertson	TN Agricultural Production Association
Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Kevin Spain	East Robertson	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Joe Blurton	Munford	FL Indian River Groves
Grain Production – Entrepreneurship	Cody Gray	Dyersburg	TN Feed & Grain Association
Grain Production – Placement	Brandon Kenyon	Anderson Co.	TN Feed & Grain Association
Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement	James Flatt	Wilson Central	Carhartt, Inc.
Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Cole Tipton	Daniel Boone	TN Nursery & Landscape Association
Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Christopher S. Bohanon	McEwen	TN Nursery & Landscape Association
Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Audrey Joines	Wilson Central	F & M Bank
Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Jacob Malone	Munford	TN Poultry Association & LUBING Systems
Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Jacque Vaughn	Jefferson Co.	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Austin Cohea	Wilson Central	Carhartt, Inc.
Specialty Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Justin Lackey	Watertown	Carhartt, Inc.
Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Kyle Templeton	East Robertson	The Farmers Bank, White House
Swine Production – Entrepreneurship	Kayla Parker	Woodbury	Tennessee Pork Producers
Swine Production – Placement	John Gobbell	Liberty	Tennessee Pork Producers
Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Chris Akridge	White House	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Jacob Anderson	Eagleville	TN Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds
Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Alexandria Batta	Wilson Central	TN Veterinary Medical Association
Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement	Thomas Coutts	East Robertson	Quail Unlimited - NW TN Chapter & Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Alumni Print

Wildlife artist and Tennessee native Ralph J. McDonald has released the first of the leadership series of prints commissioned by the Tennessee FFA Alumni Association.

Sales of the print, titled "Here by the Owl", will be used to support the association's mission to promote agricultural education and FFA programs throughout Tennessee.

Production was limited to 600 prints at \$125 each. Sets of 3" x 5" thank-you note cards of all five original prints are also available for \$8/set plus shipping. For more information or to purchase a print, note-cards or one of the five original prints, please contact Shannon Turner at 931-372-6050 or sturner@tntech.edu.



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TN FFA Alumni Assn.	10
TN FFA Assn.	9

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TN Farm Bureau Federation	9
Tractor Supply Company	9

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River Brite Citrus Fundraising	15
Riverside FFA & Alumni	8
Southern Heritage Inc. of MS	6

TN Foundation for Ag. In the Classroom	5
TN Assn. of Agricultural Educators	13
TN Pork Producers Assn.	9
Todd, Lee	14
TRH Health Plans	9
Tyson Foods	8
USDA, Farm Service Agency	8
Vestal, Billy	18
West TN FFA Alumni	3

Ear of Corn Society

\$5,000 - \$9,999	Years Given
Denton George Brown Foundation	1
Coley, Betty C.	1
Coley, John William	3
Community South	9
Country Delite Farms, LLC	7
Dairy Farmers of America	5
The Farmers Bank	9
First State Bank	9
Florida Department of Citrus	9
Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division	7
Rick French - Diversified Fundraisers	7
Hickman, Waymon	5
Institutional Wholesale Co., Inc.	3
Lancaster, Joe	2
Mitchell, Kenneth K.	24
LQ Management, LLC	5
Pinnacle Bank	2
Sara Lee Foods	7
TN Council of Cooperatives	5
TN Feed & Grain Assn.	11
TN Nursery & Landscape Assn.	8
TN Poultry Assn.	8
TN Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Assn.	8
VFW Post 4575, Murfreesboro	2
Warren County FFA	4
West TN FFA Awards Program	3

Washington Society

\$2,500 - \$4,999	Years Given
Agricenter International	4
Baker, Phillip	13
Bishop, Sidney	10
Breeding, Wade	3
Byrd (D), James	10
Carmack, Alice	4
CEV Multimedia, LTD.	3
Citizens Tri-County Bank	4
Coley (D), William	5
Florida Specialty Fruit, Inc.	10
Helena Chemical Company	3
Lubing Systems	3
McNairy Central FFA	3
Neisler, Frances	1
NRA Foundation, Inc.	3
Purity Dairies, LLC	3
Quail Unlimited	7
Reagan, BrownLee	15
Rose, Rhedona	8
State of TN (Community Development Grant)	1
TN Beef Industry Council	7
TN Cattlemen's Assn.	7
TN Ginners Assn.	6
TN Livestock Producers Assn.	4
TN Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers	9
TN Wildlife Resources Agency	7
Volunteer State Bank	3
Williams, Shane	9
Wilson County SCD	12

Century Club Society

\$1,000 - \$2,499	Years Given
Ag Credit	2
Anderson, Eddie	2
Barbour, Jim	10
Barker, Flavius	4



Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey presides as State Senator Charlotte Burks introduces the state FFA officer team to make their presentation on the Senate floor during 2010 Goodwill Tour. Special thanks to all members of the 106th General Assembly for approving the Governor's budget for fiscal year 2010 - 2011 that includes \$250,000 to the TN FFA Foundation.

Century Club Society (continued)

Bird, Allen & Janice	4	Laine, Dorothy	5	West TN YF&H Leadership Development Corp.	2
Blankenship, Mike	6	Lannom, Bob & Brenda	6	White, Jr., P.H.	1
Blue & Gold Livestock Exhibitors	1	LaQuinta Inns	2	Williams, Henry & Betty	6
Bob Parks Realty	1	Lexington FFA Alumni	3	Williams, Lafayette	2
Bradley, Emory	10	Lexington FFA Chapter	2	Willoughby, Charles	2
Bray, Dale & Brenda	5	Ligon, Jim & Gail	2	Wood, Jerry	13
Burley Stabilization Corporation	2	Mackie, Jimmy	1		
Burniston, Jr., Harvey	9	McBride, Mark & Carol	15		
Butler, Dr. Jimmy	10	McCluskey, W.D.	1		
Byler, Drs. Ben & Linda	9	McCulloch, Jere N.	1		
Carmack, Cindy	6	Meigs County FFA Alumni	2		
Chester County FFA	3	Miller, Rector	6		
Chowning, Tim	10	Mires, Monty	1		
Chuckey Doak FFA	3	Moore, Jim D.	2		
Clour, Jim	10	Moss, Hale	11		
Colvett, Fred & Marie	3	Munford High School FFA	3		
Cooper, Jerry	17	Munford FFA Alumni	4		
Cosby FFA	3	Nashville Area Agricultural Club	1		
Covington FFA	6	Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit	3		
Drexel Chemical Co.	3	Piatt, Brett & Kelly	2		
Dyersburg FFA	5	Polk County FFA	4		
East Robertson FFA	4	Rogers, Mac & Jana	5		
East High School FFA (Sullivan)	2	Rutherford County Farm Bureau	3		
F & M Bank	4	Simmons, Howard B.	4		
Fennel, Matt	7	South Greene FFA	3		
First Citizen's Bank	1	Spann, Ray	4		
First Farmers & Merchants Bank	1	1980-81 State Officers	1		
First Tennessee Bank	4	1986-87 State Officers	4		
Florida Indian River Groves, Inc.	3	Trew, Jane	4		
Fowler, Keith	9	Turner, Marty	1		
Gass, Steven & Patty	10	Turner, Ted & Carolyn	6		
Ghoman, Abimar (G&G Consulting)	1	UTM Collegiate FFA	9		
Gibson, Larry	3	UTK Dept. of Agri. & Ext. Education	6		
Gibson, Steven	7	US Biotech, Inc.	1		
Glover, Vernon	4	Vestal, Michael	5		
Hamby, Dr. Jaye	5	Walker, Pam Farmer	14		
Houston, Rhey	2	Waters, Dr. Randol	5		
International Paper Company	3	Weaver, Monte	1		
Johnson, Ann	6	Weaver, Roy	2		
Johnson County FFA	3	West Greene FFA	3		
Kiesling, LeeRoy	13				
Kroger Company	4				



"The Heart of Country" Fundraiser

The Tennessee FFA Foundation joined with Sony and Nashville To You to sell "the Heart of Country" CD's through local FFA chapters in 2009-2010.

The top selling chapter was Warren County FFA, Russell Watson, Advisor. The top selling individual was John Adam Turner and the runner-up was Heavenly Cook both of Warren County FFA. Chuck Wicks helped present the awards on stage at the 82nd FFA State Convention.

CD's available, contact Shannon Turner at sturner@tntech.edu. (931) 372-6050

The state FFA officer team also made a presentation on the House floor during 2010 Goodwill Tour. Speaker of the House Kent Williams presides as Representative Stratton Bone introduces the team. State FFA President James Flatt is speaking to the delegates.



Giving Annual Donor Recognition - July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

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Brooks, Gregory
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The NRA Foundation made a contribution of \$1,053 in April 2010 to purchase ammunition for youth marksmanship and firearms safety education at Camp Clements. More than 1,200 FFA members from across the state attended this youth leadership training facility during the summer. The grant was provided by the Upper Cumberland Friends of the NRA Foundation.

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 Craig, David
 Crass, Robert "Buddy"
 Crews, William J.
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 Dudley, Tommy
 Dyer, Kelle
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 Ellison, Eric
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 Fennel, Matt
 Fetzer, Joe D.
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 Flowers, Chuck
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 Johnson, Tony
 Laine, Dorothy
 Lannom, Bob
 Loftis, Jimmie
 Lynn, David
 McCuiston, Bart
 Meadows, Robert
 Meadows, Stena
 Messler, James
 Morgan, Damon
 Munford FFA Alumni
 Page, Grace
 Page, Irma
 Parton, Brad
 Pearson, Joe
 Perkins, Billy
 Pointer, Sr., Dr. James L.
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 Turner, Ted & Carolyn
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 UTM Collegiate FFA
 Vanhooser, Keith
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 Weeks, Danny
 West, Ricky
 Williams, Sandie
 Williams, Shane
 Williamson, Doug
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An estate gift allows us to begin planning for a significant charitable commitment that does not require risking our rainy day fund. These individuals have made the Foundation aware of their planned gift through wills, trusts, insurance policies, etc:

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The CO-OP tradition continues...

Co-op's long-standing support of 4-H and FFA continues with the 2010 limited edition of the highly successful commemorative knife program, which was first introduced in 2001. Demand continues to be strong for the knives, and this year should prove no exception. Sponsored in cooperation with W.R. Case and Sons Cutlery, this year's commemorative Case knife is a popular three-bladed stainless Cattleman's Stockman pattern that will complement the previous knives.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and the Tennessee Ag Ed Family across the state have long held a strong partnership in the support of Tennessee Forestry Camp. The Division provides knowledgeable instructors with extensive forest management experience. Agriculture teachers provide guidance as camp counselors. Sixty campers attended the 61st Forestry Camp held at Fall Creek Falls State Park near Pikeville during the first week of June 2010.



Tennessee FFA Forestry CDE

Giving The McWherter Monument (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)



“On May 1, 2009, the Ned Ray McWherter Monument Commission began the start of fundraising efforts to honor the former Governor with a life-sized bronze statue. In keeping with Governor McWherter’s request that no public funds be used, we are undertaking this effort in partnership with the Tennessee FFA Foundation and in a show of support of the Governor’s long-time commitment to agricultural education in Tennessee,” said Commission Chairman, Terry J. Oliver of Gleason. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 15, 2010.

Visit www.nedraymonument.com to learn more.

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Dykes, Archie & Nancy
Evans, Katherine
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Culver, Charles
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Givens, Commissioner Ken
Goetz, Jr., Katy & M.D.
Goode, Bobby & Melinda
Goodman, Edd Lee & Martha
Hargett, Jr., MG Gus & Shirley
Harris, Phil B.



Governor Phil Bredesen met with representatives of the Tennessee FFA at his office in the Capitol on January 21, 2010. L to R: Foundation Chairman John Rose, Sponsoring Committee member Lacy Upchurch, State FFA President James Flatt, Sponsoring Committee member Waymon Hickman, Sponsoring Committee Chairman Lee Todd and Executive Director Jimmie Loftis. The group expressed their gratitude for the past four years of support to 4-H and FFA and pointed out the continuing need.

Haynes, Jerry & Betty
 Henry, Douglas
 Homra, Melba
 Jackson, Charles R.
 Johnson, Bill
 Johnson, Joseph & Patricia
 Jolley, Larry M. & Beckie
 Kesterson, Danny
 King, Curtis N.
 Kinton, Robert
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 TN Co. Hwy. Officials Reg II
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 TN Co. Hwy. Officials Reg IV
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 Wilson, Carol Ann & Tommy
 Wray, Bob

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 Buckley, Mac & Shirley
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 Burch, Jeanne M.
 Burton, Eric & Nancy
 Butts, Jr., S. A.
 Call, Thomas E.
 Cardin, Jim
 Cardwell, Charles & Marie
 Carmichael, Claudia
 Carpenter, Bob & Mary
 Carr, Phillip
 Cartwright, Bob & Brenda
 Cavin, LTG Dennis
 Chandler, Dr. Kenneth & Elizabeth
 Cherry, Russell & Gladys
 Clifton, Harold & Dotsie
 Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph
 Collins, Faron
 Collins, Susan B. & John L.
 Cooper, Ralph & Sue
 Crider, Wallace & Linda C.
 Davidson, Gene D.
 Earthman, Bill
 Fitts, Mike & Polly
 Flecher, Margaret Ann & Jack
 Foland, Joan Kemp
 Ford, Maury E. & Julie D.
 Fowler, Keith
 Frazier, Randy & Terry
 Frye, Janice G.
 Gallien, Mark F. & Ann
 Gardner, Darrell & Shirley
 Gilley, T. B. & Linda G.
 Goode, Bobby & Melinda
 Goode, Crockett
 Goode, Garner & Rachel
 Goode, Mack & Mary June
 Greenfield High School FFA
 Griffith, Ray
 Harding, George H.
 Harrison, Ruth (George E. Harrison)
 Haynes, Jr., Jerry P.
 Haynes, Paul A.
 Hewett, Scott, Angie W. & Matt
 Hughes, Roe & Andrea

Jennings, George & Linda
 Jessup, Eddie & Linda Jennings
 Johnson, Mande R. Jones, Truett
 Jones, William T.
 Kelley, Dale & Carlene
 Kelley, Paul & Martha
 Killebrew, A.E. & Joyce
 Kerry Killebrew Advertising
 Largen, Gloria
 Lenker, Lydia
 Loftis, Jimmie & Linda
 Martin, Tommy R.
 May, Lon & Charlotte
 McAfee, B.H. & C.L.
 McAlpin, David & Patsy
 McAlpin, Kevin & Jennifer
 McCartney, Larry & Gwen
 McDuffee, Ancel & Carol
 McIntyre, Lanny & Carolyn
 McKee, Frank & Faye
 McKee, Robert
 McKnight, Joe Nip
 McNeilly, Jr., Robert
 McWherter, Ernestine & Lisa
 Medling, Michael
 Minor, Thomas M.
 Moore, C. J. & Winnie
 Moore, James & Betty
 Moore, Ben
 Moore, Kenneth
 Napier, J.B.
 NeoTech, LLC
 Northwest TN Veterinary Services
 Anna Belle O'Brien Estate
 Parker, Glynn & Grace
 Paschall, Jean & Ratliffe
 Penney, Jr., Patricia & Edward
 Phebus, C. Richard & Nita
 Pigue, Edwin
 Porter, Dr. Nathan
 Potts, Carolyn
 Price, Ronnie B.
 Pritchett, Lee & Phyllis
 Pritchett, Toni
 Rakes, Drs. Thomas & Glenda
 Ray, Sandra O.
 Reynolds, Sue
 Roberts, Audrey J.
 Robertson, Mary
 Salmon, John
 Scarbrough, Billy & Pat

Shannon, Lynda
 Sheridan, Gerald & Catherine
 Shields, Mattie and Linda
 Simmons, Bobby G.
 Sims, Debbie & Dale
 Sinclair, Samuel & Donna
 Smith, Charles & Janelle
 Spikes, Dorothy
 Stafford, J. Steven
 Stulce, Arnold & Doris
 Tarwater, Sherry Fisher
 Taylor, Larry W. & Pat L.
 Thomas, Julia
 Thomas, Tommy
 Thompson, Gail Parks
 TN AFL-CIO Labor Council
 TN Center for Performance Excellence
 Tolleson, Margaret
 Tuck, David & Lisha
 USWA Local #878
 VanCleave, Roger & Mary Beth
 Vickers, Oscar (Bubba)
 Wade, III, Tom Wilton
 Walters, Martha Sue
 Washburn & Hutcherson Law Firm
 Waynick, Danny & Belinda
 Weakley County Farm Bureau
 White, Bart
 White, Mr. & Mrs. Russell
 Wilson, Susan
 Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Carl M.
 Wolf, David & Denise
 Word, John C.
 Wright, Earl & Jenna
 Yeager, Alice

The 82nd State FFA Convention held in Gatlinburg on March 28 –31, 2010 was a huge success. Total attendance exceeded 2,500 students, advisors, parents and guests. A record 36 exhibitors from agribusiness, ag organizations, universities, government and fundraising ventures set up displays at the vendor/trade show. Make plans to attend next year's convention on March 27-30, 2011.



Giving

Century Club

(Pledged to contribute a minimum of \$100/year for ten years)

Name	Years
Ailshie, Darrell	5
Akridge, Mike	7
Bagley, Dr. Pat	3
Baker, Brad & Sandy	3
Barnes, Rod & Linda	2
Barnett, Ralph	8
Bartholomew, Pamela	2
Beavers, Thomas	14
Bell, Jerry	5
Bone, Sam	2
Boreing, David	7
Boreing, John D. & Rachel	3
Brannon, Tony	12
Brooks, Gregory	8
Burks, Eddie	1
Burniston, Melissa	2
Callahan, Richard	3
Cherry, Fred R.	1
Cobble, Brandon	1
Cole, Nicholas	2
Comer, Joe	8
Counce, Elmer	2
Crass, Robert "Buddy"	4
Crook, Leslie M.	5
Dickerson, Dan	2
Doss, Chelsea B.	1
Dotson, Rujena	12
Dowling, Melvin	4
Dudley, Tommy	4
Dyer, Kelle	3
Edgington, Terry	3
Ellison, Eric	3
Farrow, Kevin	3
Fetzer, Joe D.	3
Flanagan, Elizabeth	6
Fugate, Bob	8
Gateley, Mark	8
Gaugh, Glen	1

Givens, Honorable Ken	1
Greene, Joe	4
Gregory, John & Laurie	5
Gresham, Dr. Jerry	1
Griffith, Ray	9
Halterman, Floyd	1
Hall, Jack	2
Helton, Leroy	4
Hodges, Ron	3
Hudson, Janie	2
Hunt, Tommy	5
Inman, C. Ryan	4
Jackson, Joe & Jon	3
Jarrel, Jessica	1
Johnson, Tony	6
Jumper, Pam	7
Keith, Gary	14
Keiser, W. B.	4
Kemp, Charles	2
Kerr, Joshua & Crystal	1
Kimbrow, Rex	2
Lewis, Jeff	3
Loftis, Jimmie	6
Lynn, David	3
Malone, Dawn	4
McCluskey, W.J.	1
McCouston, Bart	6
McCouston, Charlene	6
Meadows, Robert	5
Meadows, Roger	4
Meadows, Stena	5
Messler, James	2
Miller, Bobby	1
Moore, Ben	3
Moore, Joe	5
Morgan, Damon	4
Nash, Andy	5
Newsom, Kim	2
Page, Grace	4
Page, Irma	4
Parton, Brad	2
Pearson, Joe	1

Pearson, Judy	2
Pedigo, Joe	5
Pierce, Jere Eugene	5
Pierce, Jonathan	2
Poston, Phillip & Carolyn	3
Potter, J.C.	1
Price, Kristi & Anthony	3
Raines, Thomas	7
Reburn, Shannon	2
Rector, Greg	1
Reed, Bill J.	2
Reed, Samuel	3
Reeves, Jill	4
Riley, Dr. John B.	3
Ross, Glenn	5
Ross, Richard & Matt	7
Seymore, John	2
Shartzter, Terry & Marie	7
Shiple, Richard	3
Shrum, Jill	8
Smedley, Thomas J.	3
Smith, Dan	7
Smith, Stephen	17
Snyder, Scott & Angela	1
Spain, Jr., Paul J.	5
Stepp, Doyle	3
Thomas, Dr. Noel	5
Turner, Nolan R.	9
Upchurch, Willard Lacy	3
Vanhooser, Keith	5
Walker, Howard	3
Walker, Wayne	1
Warfield, Philip	1
Watts, Barry	2
Watts, Timothy	2
West, Ricky	5
Wilhite, Frank	3
Williamson, Doug	1
Wilson, Forrest P. "Tony"	7
Winchester, Katie	6
Womack, Tom	8
Young, Steve	4

Zeh, Ronnie	4
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Century Club Completion of Commitment 2009 - 2010 (Cumulative Gifts of \$1,000 +)

Barbour, Jim	10
Blankenship, Mike	6
Burniston, Jr., Harvey	9
Butler, Dr. Jimmy	10
Cloar, Jim	5
Gibson, Larry W.	3
Inman, Rick	9
Laine, Dorothy	5
Ligon, Jim & Gail	2
Piatt, Bret & Kelly	2
Trew, Jane	3
Turner, Ted & Carolyn	6
Waters, Dr. Randol	5
Weaver, Monte	1
Wood, Jerry	13

Leadership

All six members of the 2009-2010 National FFA Officer Team were in TN for leadership development during January 5-13. TN Farmers Cooperative and Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation sponsored the intensive training aimed to conduct workshops, develop their speeches and interact with FFA members in West and Middle TN. They also visited with government, agribusiness and other organizations during their week-long travel schedule. *(See photo on page two.)*



Dale and Brenda Bray, Camp Clements Coordinators, received their Century Club banner for completing their pledge from Jim Loftis, Foundation Executive Director. They also established the Bray-Camp Clements Scholarship Program that provides five scholarships of \$200 each to individuals in financial need to attend camp.

Memorials

In Memory of John Wallace Lannom

Steven & Patty Gass
Kenneth K. Mitchell
Tennessee Association FFA, Inc.

In Memory of Jimmie L. Cole, Sr.

Steven & Patty Gass
John W. Rose
Wilson Central HS FFA

In Memory of Connie Givens

Kenneth K. Mitchell
Tennessee Association FFA, Inc.

In Memory of Dwight Burke

Emily & Larry Moody
Betty & Phil Sargent
Jack & Dianne Sanders

In Memory of Hugh Peery

Kenneth K. Mitchell

In Memory of Lewis H. Hunt

Kenneth K. Mitchell

In Memory of Herschell Ligon

Kenneth K. Mitchell

In Memory of Jamie D. Perkins

Billy M. Perkins

In Memory of Joe Glenn Northcutt

John W. Rose

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Crews

William J. Crews

In Memory of W.B. Long

Doug Williamson

In Memory of LaVaughn Bray

Steven & Patty Gass
Sandie Williams

Fred Laine Scholarship Fund

Joe Comer
Dorothy Laine
Phillip & Caroyne Poston
Wilson County SCD

Barry Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jill Reeves
Danny Weeks

Boyd Trew Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jane Trew

Denton George Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Denton George Brown Foundation

Honorariums

In Honor of Tim Chowning, Treasurer, Alumni & Foundation Board of Directors

Robert & Margaret Chowning

In Honor of Syrena Christine Flowers, 2010-11 State FFA Vice-President West TN

Chuck and Kaye Flowers

In Honor of Dr. John D. Todd

David Craig

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth K. Mitchell

Dr. James L. Pointer, Sr.
Jerry Cooper

In Honor of Emily Buck, 2010-2011 State FFA President

Pam Farmer Walker

In Honor of Sam Reed

Larry W. Gibson

In Honor of Billy & Carol Vestal

Jerry Wood

In Honor of Jeremy Fair, 2009-2010 State FFA Treasurer & John Schultz, 2009-2010 State FFA Vice-President West Tennessee

Matt Fennel



"Help Grow Your Soup"

The theme of a program sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Alumni Association. Five barns were selected nationwide to be restored including one near the Hermitage in Nashville, TN.



FFA Alumni teamed up with Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt to conduct a "Harvest for America" campaign in early 2010. The statewide food drive collected food donations over a six-month period to feed families in need in five states across the country – Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, Michigan and Tennessee. Recognized for the most donations were these FFA alumni chapters from Tennessee: Lincoln County (National Winner), Station Camp (3rd Place) and LaVergne (Honorable Mention).

The National FFA Organization was founded in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America in support of agricultural education in schools around the country. Today, FFA is powered by more than half a million members, 7,300 active chapters in schools and 1,000 alumni affiliates across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. TN Association FFA has 13,339 members, 202 active chapters in schools and 32 alumni affiliates.



Tractor Supply Company



TSC continues to provide vendor products and merchandise to the Tennessee FFA to be used to raise funds to support FFA activities on both the chapter and state level. The donated merchandise program that began in 2004 netted over \$100,000 in funds in Tennessee in 2009-2010. Any FFA chapter, alumni, the foundation or other FFA group can participate in this program. The guidelines remain simple: the donated items must be used to raise funds to support FFA activities on the local, regional, or state level. The primary method used to raise funds is through both live and silent auctions. If any Tennessee FFA organization wishes to learn more about the TSC connection, contact Billy Vestal at (731)847-6760 or (731)549-5146.



La Quinta Inns & Suites

LQ Management L.L.C. continues a national partnership with the Tennessee FFA Foundation. A 10% discount is offered nationwide at all of the 700-plus La Quinta hotels. The Tennessee FFA Foundation will receive a royalty payment based upon room nights consumed. All Tennessee Association FFA members, members' families, teachers, alumni and supporters are eligible and encouraged to utilize this discount for their business, leisure and vacation travel.

For reservations: www.lq.com
www.tnffa.org
 800-753-3757
 Promotional code: TNFFA



Fruit Sales

The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. has contacted known vendors of fruit, meats and other items for local fundraisers and asked for their support of the Foundation. The following have responded and agreed to contribute a rebate to the Foundation. You are encouraged to support these vendors who support the FFA in Tennessee:

Florida Farm Bureau
 Marketing Division
 Roy W. Singleton, Director
 7705 US Highway 441
 Leesburg, FL 34788
 1-800-654-0941
www.fwffb.com

Florida Fruit Association, Inc.
 Leo George, President
 716 20th Avenue
 Vero Beach, FL 32962
 1-800-613-7848
www.fundraisingfruit.com

Florida Indian River Groves
 Jeff Knowles, Director of Sales
 P.O. Box 2764
 Vero Beach, FL 32961
 1-800-468-3168
www.floridaindianrivergroves.com

River Brite Fundraising
 Bob Sullivan/Kara Kerr
 P.O. Box 2667
 Ft. Pierce, FL 34954
 1-800-732-7483
www.riverbrite.com

Southern Heritage
 Ed Tonore, President
 123 Solleftea Drive
 Madison, MS 39110
 1-800-522-5647
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