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FROM KATHY...

It is so exciting to think that we will be gathering in person for our meeting in July at the UT Gardens in Crossville. I am predicting a lovely day to be had by all! More good news. We will start meeting again at the Fairfield Glade Community Church beginning with our August 17th meeting! Our speaker will be Linda Waters from Wolf River Farms. There will be more details on what she will be speaking to us about in the August newsletter. It has been a long 16 months since we last met, and I know you are all as elated as I am to be able to get together, enjoy great speakers, go on trips, and basically get on with the fun and interesting activities of our Garden Club. Welcome back everyone! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

NEW MEMBER MEETING: Nine new members joined us on June 22nd for our first New Member Meeting since 2019. It was a great get-together with a lot of interaction. Sue Niebuhr, Susan Borghi, Kathy Spancake and Judy Wade gave an overview of the Garden Club, scholarships, fundraisers and travel. As always, when gardeners get together, there was an interesting exchange of questions and tips! [Our next New Member Meeting will be on July 14th from 10am – 11:30am at Robin Hood Park on the corner of Snead and Peavine.](#) If you are a new member and haven't attended a new member meeting since November 2019 please join us for an overview of the club. If you are interested in joining us, please call Sue Niebuhr at (440) 376-4110 or email her at uwesue1@gmail.com by July 11th.

NEXT MEMBER MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST: We will meet in person on the 3rd Wednesday, July 21st at 9:30am at the UT Gardens in Crossville in their outside pavilion. The address is 320 Experiment Station Road. Once you see the long fence on your right, look for the entrance – it sneaks up on you. We will have our business meeting followed by a speaker from the UT Gardens to tell us more about them, and then we will break into groups for tours of the gardens.

TRIP INFORMATION TO HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN: Huntsville, AL August 4-5, 2021
Detailed information and sign-up sheet is included in this email in a separate attachment.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

The Garden Club is pleased to announce that nine students have earned Helena Schmidt Scholarships in 2021. Three of the scholarships were issued to 2021 graduates of either Stone Memorial High School or Cumberland County High School. The other six scholars received their initial awards in prior years and have continued to excel in their studies. Scholarships are available for a total of four years. The annual scholarships are awarded to students in Cumberland County who are pursuing educational opportunities pertaining to the food web. Selection criteria also include GPA, a personal interview, recommendations from others, and extracurricular activities.

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A short biography and photograph for eight of the scholars is attached. Not pictured: Samantha Essex.



My name is Abbigail Miller and I will be attending Tennessee Technological University this fall with a double major in agriculture education and elementary education. I chose to go into the education field, especially the ag education field, because agriculture has always been a major part of my life and has shaped me into the person I am today. I believe that ag is an important part of our world and people should know how vital it truly is. I feel that by becoming an ag teacher I will be able to spread my knowledge to those around me. I grew up on a farm and have been involved in many different livestock shows where I exhibit market hogs and breeding ewes. This has become a big hobby of mine and I look forward to showing this summer at our surrounding county fairs for the very last time. After I graduate from TTU I plan on pursuing a career here in Crossville as an agriculture teacher. I would really like to stay close to home because I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I strive to one day become a teacher as great as my agriculture teachers were in high school.



I am Andrew Johnson. I am 19 years old and have lived in Crossville, TN my whole life. I am attending Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN and will be a senior this year. My course of study is Wildlife and Fisheries with a concentration in conservation biology and fisheries. I chose this course of study because I have always had a passion for the outdoors. I enjoy fishing, hiking and hunting and I want to be able to preserve the outdoors so that future generations will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoors as much as me. After college I plan to get a job in conservation with a state or privately-owned organization. I haven't decided for sure at this point, but I may choose to further my education and get a master's degree in fisheries. I would like to thank the Fairfield Glade Garden Club for helping me to fulfill my education and career goals through the help of this scholarship.

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Greetings, my name is Braxton Patton and starting in the fall I will be attending Tennessee Technological University as a junior. My course of study is Environmental Biology. I chose this field because I hope, once I have graduated, to get a job helping care for or enriching others lives through a healthier and cleaner environment. My plans for immediately after college are to go to Tennessee College of Applied Technology and learn trade skills related t environmental care so that I will be more qualified for achieving my life goals. Recently public activities have been difficult due to the pandemic, but there is one thing my church and I have done. Earlier this summer my church's youth group, which I assist with, held a start-of-the-summer community outreach party in our local park. It was a huge success with 50-plus kids there. We had a multitude of different sports to play such as basketball, soccer, and volleyball. The youth leader and I cooked most of the food, and my father, who is actually the church's pastor, came and spoke to the kids. We plan on doing more community outreach projects and more throughout the summer. In addition, I have taken a kind of unofficial role as caretaker of one of the church's flower beds along with landscaping around the church sign.



My name is Kallie Hale. I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business at Tennessee Tech University (TTU). I just completed my freshman year at TTU and was able to make the Dean's List both semesters. I have enjoyed my first year and look forward to completing my bachelor's degree there. I chose this major because I have always been intrigued by agriculture and how it is so important to everyone's lives no matter where you live or what occupation one may have. I have lived on a farm my whole life where I help my parents around the farm with cattle, sheep, gardening, hay, vaccinations, and many other chores that go along with farming. My plans after college are to find a job I the agriculture business field. I hope to find a job at Farm Bureau or Farm Credit Mid America. I would also lie to be a manager of a business with a focus in agriculture. I currently work at the Cumberland Farmer's Co-op. Working there has enabled me to gain a lot more knowledge about agriculture. It has also taught me time and money management, as well as responsibility. I work the cash register, make PO's, and do the deposit at the end of each day. I was very active in FFA throughout my high school years. I served as the chapter Treasurer and chapter Secretary and I also participated in many FFA competitions. I am very thankful for my time in FFA and everything it taught me about agriculture as well as life skills.

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Hello, my name is Maci Gernt. I am currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. I have just finished my freshman year at UT Martin and I have enjoyed my time in college thus far. I have been on the Chancellor's Honor Roll with Highest Honors both semesters. I chose Animal Science as my major because I have learned a lot by raising and showing cattle and I want to continue to gain more knowledge. After I get my Bachelor's Degree I would like to go to law school with a focus in Agricultural Law and Title Law or go to graduate school with a focus in Nutrition or Genetics. I was very active in FFA throughout high school; I served as Secretary and Vice-President. FFA has given me numerous opportunities such as Livestock Judging where you look for certain characteristics that help you to better evaluate your own herd of cattle. I also sang in the State FFA Talent Show and developed my Supervised Agriculture Experience Beef Production Entrepreneurship. FFA has helped me develop skills and lifelong friends I can carry with me for the rest of my life.



I'm Nick Carpenter and I am attending the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM). I will earn a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Agricultural Communications. I chose this field because agriculture and natural science interest me, and communicating ideas helps in any job field. When I came to UTM to study Agricultural Communications I knew I owed it to my coaches to graduate. I chose this field of study because I realize there is a lack of cohesiveness in the agriculture community and a disconnect with the public. I realize that the public narrative is pushed by stores and drama – not by the real science! That's why I have taken it upon myself to communicate real science with relateable stories. While at UTM I have learned graphic design, video, social media. And most importantly, storytelling. I plan to graduate with a commission as a U.S. Army Officer and spend at least 12 years in the branch.

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My name is Rebecca Webb and I recently graduated from Stone Memorial High School with distinction. Ever since I can remember, my family and I have been involved in agriculture from things such as livestock to gardening. Another memory I have is working at the barn with my grandpa with all the horses and getting to be a part of everything that was going on with them. These memories are some of the reasons I have such a passion for agriculture. I can remember every year my family and I all getting together to put up that year's corn crop harvest. This fall I plan on attending Roane State to pursue a career that allows me to help teach the next generation of kids about agriculture and how we survive off of it. After I finish my degree I want to get a job that helps me to teach kids how and why agriculture is so important to all of us.



Hello, I'm Sophie Helton and I am a recent graduate from Stone Memorial High School! Throughout my high school career I was actively involved in the youth organizations, 4H and FFA; both of these clubs allowed me to grasp experiences such as traveling, meeting new people, and holding leadership positions. In 4H I served as the Honor Club President for over three years. I also held many offices in FFA and I have the honor of serving as the 2020-2021 Middle Tennessee FFA Regional Secretary. I learned the importance of teaching the younger generation through the Passing Literary Onward or 'PLOW' program sponsored by the National FFA Organization. Another thing both of these clubs have strongly instilled in me is the purpose of advocating, or as I like to call it, "agvocating." With this being said, I plan on attending Tennessee Tech University in the fall to achieve a major in agriculture communications within the next three years. Agriculture communications hold a diversity of career opportunities such as journalists, lobbyists, and even teachers! I plan on using this major to either work for an agriculture magazine/newspaper or work for the 4H extension service. With my major I can incorporate everything I feel so strongly for, storytelling, listening, informing, advocacy, and sharing. I hope I can make an impact on the agriculture industry and share stories of small communities just like ours.

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