

# Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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## “WHY DID MY PLANT DIE?”

On April 23, 2024 at 6pm located in the Lane Agri Park Auditorium (Main Bldg.) 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro. We'll look at some of the most common causes of decline & death of landscape plants, their signs and symptoms, & strategies for prevention and management.

To register for this class [Click here](#) or go to this [link](#)

<https://forms.gle/4CN64cH3EAQ2oBCyZ>.

If you have question about this class contact Mitchell Mote at [mmote1@utk.edu](mailto:mmote1@utk.edu).

Talk to One  
of Our Agents



Thursday, April 18th in-between  
8:10am - 9:00am

Call WGNS at 615-893-1450 & we will answer your questions about gardening, landscaping, and other Extension events!

## 2024 Annual ADVENTURES IN AGRICULTURE

*Explore agriculture's impact on your life!*

April 13, 2024 10am to 2pm  
Lane Agri-Park Complex,  
315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro  
**FREE Admission**

Join us for Games, Exhibits,  
Demonstrations, Fun and more.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AGENT RAQUEL VICTOR!

In March Raquel Victor presented her Leadership Journey plan at the Tennessee Extension Leadership Academy which included ways to move our organization forward and improve the quality of service Extension provide clientele. She along with Paula May, Sierra Knaus, & Shelia Hobby graduated from TELA. Great job ladies and Congratulations!!





## JUNIOR 4-H CAMP

*June 17th-21st*

Junior 4-H Camp is open to any youth in Rutherford County that are currently in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade.

Camp will be June 17th—21st at William P. Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia.

This five-day resident camp offers excellent youth programming. Activities include swimming, shooting sports, group sports and recreation, nature hikes, woodworking, T-shirt airbrushing, crafts, skits, music and more!

Cost: \$400 (includes all meals, lodging, transportation and T-shirt) **Registration will open April 1st @ 8am online [click here](#)**, if you need to pay with a check, please call the office at 615-898-7710.

[rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/](https://rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/)

\*Scholarship opportunities are available, the application can be found on our website.

### Other camps we have available.

- Jr High Camp (6th-8th grade) May 27th-31st - Register by May 10th
- Pioneer Camp (7th-9th) July 2nd-5th
- Electric Camp (6th-8th) June 25th-28th
- Culinary Camp (6th-8th) July 9th-11th
- Target Smart Camp (5th-9th) May 27th-31st
- Jr High Academic Conference (6th-8th) June 11th-14th

For more information go to our website by clicking this link: <https://rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/>



## LOOKING FOR ADULT & TEEN LEADERS TO ATTEND JUNIOR 4-H CAMP!

- Cost: FREE for you if you volunteer!
- Looking for Adult Leaders (19 years and older)
- Looking For Teen Leaders (currently in 9th-12th grades)

Volunteering for 4-H Camp is a great experience in leadership and most of all FUN!

For questions and info contact: Raquel Victor [rvictor@utk.edu](mailto:rvictor@utk.edu) or Logan Hickerson [lhicker2@utk.edu](mailto:lhicker2@utk.edu)

## 4-H VOLUNTEER JAM

Rutherford County had three 4-H volunteers attend the "Volunteer Jam". This event happened on March 1st -2nd, 2024 at the 4-H Alumni and Friends Reunion in Lebanon. It was open to any 4-H volunteer, teen, or professional. Volunteer Jam featured 15 educational workshops, displays, and other fun interactive experiences. The volunteers not only attended interactive workshops, but they were able to network with volunteers from other counties.

Our 3 volunteers that attended were:

- Michelle C.
- Emilee C.
- Breonna C.





## WHAT IS TENNESSEE FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK?

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Office of Sustainable Practices is hosting Tennessee's second annual Food Waste Awareness Week on April 1st-14th, 2024. During this week, the state will highlight issues surrounding food waste and inspire people to take action to reduce food waste and increase food recovery and diversion in Tennessee. Extension is represented on the planning committee for TFWPW.

**UT-TSU Extension Rutherford County will be collecting non-perishable food items that will benefit MTSU's student food pantry.**

Please donate non-perishable food items to 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Suite 101, Murfreesboro TN 37129 Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm between April 1st-14th.



*MASTER GARDENERS  
ANNUAL PLANT SWAP  
IS CANCELED FOR THIS  
SPRING...SORRY*



We are Rutherford County's only 100% producer only market. Do you have products to sell? (produce, plants, meats, baked goods, or canned goods)

Please contact Heather Lambert at [hlambert@utk.edu](mailto:hlambert@utk.edu) for more information or call 615-898-7710.

Vendor paperwork available online at [Rutherford.tennessee.edu/farmers-market](http://Rutherford.tennessee.edu/farmers-market) under vendor resources.

