

Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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MITCHELL MOTE IS RETIRING!

Join us to Celebrate his retirement on Thursday, May 1st from 2pm to 4:30pm in the Auditorium at the Lane Agri Park Complex, 315 John R. Rice Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Annual ADVENTURES IN AGRICULTURE *Explore agriculture's impact on your life!*

Saturday, April 12th
10am to 2pm
Lane Agri-Park Complex,
315 John R. Rice Blvd.
Murfreesboro
FREE Admission



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



Heirs' Property Workshop

Wednesday, April 22nd from 6pm-8pm at Lane Agri Park Complex - Auditorium, 315 John R. Rice Blvd. in Murfreesboro.

Overview

- Heirs' Property and its Impacts
- Legal and Cultural Review
- Ownership Challenges

Prevention

- Estate Planning: Important Terms
- Preventing Heirs' Property
- Clear Title to property
- Wills, Trusts & LLC's
- Working with an Attorney
- An attorney will be present to answer legal questions

Resolution

- Review Challenges
- How to find Heir's Property
- Working with family members
- Understanding who owns the property

Refreshments will be provided

Register before April 15th by clicking this link
<https://forms.office.com/r/qtvnYKqdce>





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 23rd–27th at William P. Ridley 4-H Center in Columbia.

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

Cost: \$400 (includes all meals, lodging, transportation and T-shirt) Registration opens April 1st online, if you need to pay with a check, please call the office at 615-898-7710.

rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/

*Partial Scholarships may be available application can be found on our [website](#). Deadline April 11th.

We are looking for adult volunteers and teen leaders to attend this camp!

Below you will find a list of camps we have available at this time.

Other Camps

- Jr High Camp (6th-8th grade) May 26th-30th
- Pioneer Camp (7th-9th) July 1st-4th
- Electric Camp (6th-8th) June 24th-27th
- Culinary Camp (6th-8th) July 8th-10th
- Behind the Scenes Camp (9th-12th) June 24th-26th
- Target Smart Camp (5th-9th) May 26th-30th
- Jr High Academic Conference (6th-8th) June 10th-13th

For more information regarding these camps visit our website by clicking this link:

<https://rutherford.tennessee.edu/4-h-camp/>

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! ADULTS AND TEENS!

- When : June 23-27, 2025
- Where: Ridley 4-H Camp -Columbia, TN
- Cost: FREE for you if you volunteer!
- Looking for Adult Leaders (19 years and older)
- Looking For Teen Leaders (currently in 9th-12th grades)
- If you are looking for community service hours or leadership experience, this is for you!

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



For Questions and info about volunteering, contact: Raquel Victor rvictor@utk.edu or call 615-898-7710.



MASTER GARDENERS ANNUAL PLANT SWAP



Saturday, April 26th-9am to 11am
Lane Agri Park Community Center
315 John R. Rice Blvd,
Murfreesboro

Rutherford County Master Gardeners invite you to their 2025 annual plant swap! Please bring healthy, pest-free, and labeled plants rooted in soil.

Notes

- Bring One, Take One
- Bring Ten, Take Ten
- No Invasive Plants Accepted
- <https://www.tnipc.org/invasive-plants/>

Please bring plants that would excite you to take home.



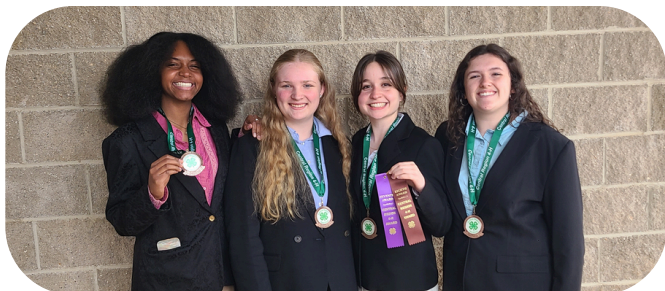
It's almost time!
OPENING DAY - MAY 9TH - 7AM TO 1PM



CENTRAL REGION HORSE JUDGING COMPETITION



The Senior Horse Judging team placed 3rd at the Central Region Horse Judging Competition and they qualified for the State Horse Judging Competition! Bethany Lancaster placed in the top ten in both Individual Judging and Reasons.



Team members: Addison Stagner, Bethany Lancaster, Heaven Avery, and Katelyn Bryan.

The team is coached by Charity Evans and Tammy Chandler.

Congratulations team!

For more information about the 4-H Horse Program contact tchandl9@utk.edu.



**Estimated Last Frost
 For our area
 April 24th-May 6th**



The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Office of Sustainable Practices is hosting Tennessee's Fourth Annual Food Waste Prevention Week on April 7-13, 2025. This event is part of a national initiative to end food waste. 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. As part of TFWPW, a statewide food drive is planned during March 31st-April 13th, 2025.

We invite you to join Rutherford County Extension in our annual food waste prevention food drive. All donations will benefit the MTSU student food pantry.

Donations will be accepted April 1st-14th at the Rutherford County Extension Office. Items accepted are below.

- Non-perishable food
- Pre-packaged items
- No homemade foods or canned items
- No expired items or dented cans

For more information or questions, contact FCS Agent, Shay Davis at 615-898-7710 or email sdavi119@utk.edu



Talk to One of Our Agents

*Thursday, April 17th in-between
 8:10am - 9:00am*

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



SEWING CLASS

Monday, April 28th from 6-8 pm Auditorium,

- **Sew for Baby** , We will make a bib, burp cloth and basic swaddle blanket for baby.



Pre-registration is required. \$40 [Clicking Here.](#)

Limited Space available...register today to save your spot for this class!

If you have questions please contact Janette Walker @ jwalk143@utk.edu or call the office at 615-898-7710.



Getting Great Germination in the Garden

1. Don't plant seeds too early when temperatures are below optimum as germination will be slower and chances of seed loss will be higher.
2. Plant when soils are moist, but not saturated. Don't let seeds dry out.
3. Make sure there is good seed to soil contact to enable the seed to take up water to enable the germination process.
4. Don't plant the seed too deeply. See [publication W 346-B Garden Planning, Plant Preparation and Planting](#)

Note- Garden seeds can be treated with fungicides to reduce decay before or during germination, and there are also many biological options.



SPROUTING NEW GARDENERS!

June 10th-13th 8am-Noon each day
Open to 3rd-5th
Lane Agri-Park, 315 John R. Rice Blvd

This 4 day camp will teach youth about seed, soil and planting plants through hands-on learning. Hosted by our Master Gardeners.

Registration is \$75. [Click here for application.](#) Sign up today!

If you have questions contact the office at 615-898-7710.



Eggs Uncovered: Money Saving Tips

With egg prices soaring, baking with egg alternatives may be one way to save money on eggs.

Eggs used in Baking contributes moisture, leavening, and structure. If the baked item uses less than three eggs. It might be a good candidate for replacement.

Replacement for Egg in Baking	Amount Needed	Notes about Use
Yogurt	1/4 cup of plain yogurt = 1 large egg	May need extra baking powder or soda to assist with leavening.
Applesauce	1/4 cup of unsweetened applesauce = 1 large egg	May need to add an additional 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder to the dry ingredients to add leavening.
Banana	1/4 cup of mashed banana = 1 large egg	Adds additional sweetness and moisture

Need more information? Access the full article about eggs and egg savings by clicking this link tiny.utk.edu/tsDkF

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