

Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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

Attention all young nature enthusiasts! Are you ready to dig in the dirt, plant some seeds, and watch your garden bloom? Our Junior Master Gardener Camp is the perfect place to grow your love for plants and gardening while having an amazing time with new friends!

Grades: 3rd through 5th Cost of Camp: \$75

Camp Highlights:

- Hands-On Gardening Activities
- Fun & Educational Games
- Creative Crafts
- Garden Journal
- Snacks Every Day
- Pizza Party on the Last Day

We have a few spots left, so sign up today and be part of this amazing gardening adventure!

To register, [Click Here](#) for application form.



CANNING BASICS

June 24th at 1:00pm
Lane Agri Park - Auditorium

Join FCS Agent Shay Davis and Master Food Volunteer, Pam Sites to learn about the basics of water bath and pressure canning. The informational class will cover:

- Food safety/science
- Equipment needed
- Frequently asked questions
- Resources

This is not a hands-on class.

Preregister by clicking the link below

<https://forms.office.com/r/RyKqfp2Zub>

Registration deadline is June 17

Life Skills 101 Building My Future

Date: July 17th, 2025

Location: 315 John R. Rice Blvd. M'Boro, TN in the Auditorium

Time : 8:30am-3:00 pm

Cost: \$25

Registration open June 2nd -July 1st
Click on link below:
[4H Ag Store](#)

Open to students that have completed 4th or 5th grade.
Class size is limited

Laundry Basics

Smart Sense

Dining Etiquette

Ready, Set, Connect!

Sew a Button

Cooking basics



GRASS FOR GRAZERS LUNCH N LEARN WORKSHOP

Join us and bring a sack lunch on June 11th from 11:30am-1:00pm as we walk through the forage plots and take a look at what's working and what could be better. See, touch, and take a look at nutrient quality results and tonnage estimates on some forages you may have heard of, but not seen:

- Tall Fescues: Estancia, Tower Protek, Texoma Max Q II, Bar Optima,
- Orchardgrass: Tekapo
- Crabgrasses: Dal's Big River, Quick N Big, Quick N Big Spreader 19, Mojo
- Legumes: AU Grazer Sericea Lespedeza
- Bermuda: Cheyenne II

If you have questions please contact Rebekah Norman at renorman@utk.edu

Please RSVP by going to this link
<https://forms.office.com/r/5y7w6qKQki>
 or calling the office by close of business,
 By June 10th, 615-898-7710

Rutherford County Extension, MTSU Stormwater Program &
 Master Gardeners of Rutherford County present:

Garden Extravaganza

Garden Tours. Activities. Education.

Saturday, June 14th

9 AM - Noon
 Lane Agri-Park



WELCOME SUMMER INTERN



AVE KATE
 FAMILY & CONSUMER
 SCIENCE

My name is Ave Kate, and I am interning with the University of Tennessee Extension in Rutherford County to learn more about Family and Consumer Sciences. I graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelors of Science in Dietetics with a Spanish Minor and Honors Minor. I am studying to become a Dietitian and grew up a couple hours from New Orleans in South Mississippi. I love to cook, bake, read, knit and crochet.



4-H HORSE CLUB KENTUCKY DERBY

We had our final Horse Club Meeting of the year on May 12th. We honored our graduating seniors and had our own version of the Kentucky Derby. This year was full of friendship, friendly competitions, and great memories! Looking forward to starting Horse Club back in September. Contact tchandler9@utk.edu for information.





JUNE IS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

On **Tuesday, June 10th** join FCS Agents Misty Layne-Watkins and Shay Davis, along with intern Ave Kate at the UT-TSU Extension **Rutherford County Farmers' Market** as we celebrate over 85 years of contributions from the dairy industry!

Come enjoy:

- Delicious dairy-based food samples
- A free dairy recipe book
- Fun dairy-themed activities for kids
- Educational insights on the health benefits of dairy

Let's raise a glass of milk to good health and great taste!

PASSPORT ADVENTURES

DATES

JUNE
14 & 28
JULY
12 & 26

LINEBAUGH LIBRARY CLUB ROOM

TIME: 11:30-12:30
GRADES 4TH - 5TH
COST: FREE

ONLY 15 SPOTS AVAILABLE EACH CLASS
CHOOSE ONE SESSION OR CHOOSE ALL

**JOIN RUTHERFORD COUNTY 4H TO
TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD IN THIS
4-PART GAME SERIES.**

**EXPLORE THE WORLD THROUGH HANDS-
ON FUN! STUDENTS BUDGET FOR
TRAVEL, DESIGN CREATIVE PROJECTS,
AND EXPERIMENT WITH GLOBAL
CHALLENGES- ALL WHILE LEARNING
REAL-WORLD SKILLS IN THIS EXCITING
ADVENTURE.**

**PRE-REGISTER BY EMAILING
BSNOW6@UTK.EDU**

GRILLING SAFETY CLASS

Summer is here and it's time to bring out the grills!

Join FCS Agents Shay Davis and Misty Layne-Watkins on June 20th at 10am in the Community Center classroom to learn some tips and tricks to stay safe while grilling in the summer heat. Kindly RSVP by going to the link below to register
<https://forms.office.com/r/5y7w6gKQki>



SEWING CLASSES FOR ADULTS & HIGH SCHOOLERS

- **Table Topper or Placemat - June 5th, 10th, & 12th**

Class Location: 1700 Irby Lane, Murfreesboro
Over the 3 classes (2 Thursdays and 1 Tuesday) we will make 10"x15" table topper or placemat. Learning how to sew fabric pieces together, cut borders with rotary cutter and mat, layer and secure the sections, learn to quilt with machine the layers together and finish the edges. All materials included in fee, supplies used in class will be provided. Bring your sewing machine or use ours. Fee: \$45

- **Beginner Learn to Sew - July 14th**

Lane Agri Park-Auditorium
During this 2.5 hour class you will learn to thread a machine, wind a bobbin, how to select stitches, guide fabric and make a sampler pillow showing of different stitches. Fee \$25

- **Ornament Class - July 28th**

Lane Agri Park-Auditorium
During this 2.5 hour class you will create 3 different styles of ornaments (using applique, paper piecing and other techniques) Some sewing experience needed. Fee \$25

ADULT CLASSES

Choose your time 2:00pm-4:30pm or 5:30pm-8:00pm

- [Register and pay online by Clicking Here.](#)

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Choose your time 2:00pm-4:30pm or 5:30pm-8:00pm

- [Register and pay online by Clicking Here.](#)

Limited Space available for all sewing classes!

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





The Rutherford County Farmers Market is thrilled to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, marking a half-century of dedication to local agriculture.

Established in 1975 at the historic Murfreesboro Cannonsburg Village, the market has grown into a beloved weekly tradition from spring to fall. It is now housed at the Rutherford County Lane Agri-Park since 2009. Attracting over 45,000 local shoppers annually, the market showcases the best of Tennessee's farm-fresh produce, meats and goods.

Over the past five decades, the Rutherford County Farmers Market has emphasized the importance of supporting local farmers and producers. With a diverse array of vendors, the market provides a platform for small business owners and agricultural entrepreneurs to thrive.

"The farmers market has always been about bringing people together," says UT Agricultural Extension Director, Anthony Tuggle. "It's a place where community members can connect with local farmers, learn about sustainable practices, and enjoy fresh, seasonal produce."

The market caters to a wide range of visitors and the market's diverse offerings include everything from organic fruits and vegetables, to locally raised meats, honey, and more. Additionally, the market hosts educational workshops and seasonal events to educate and connect with the community over agriculture.

The Rutherford County Farmers Market invites everyone to join the 50th-anniversary celebrations:

May 9th – October 30th, 2025

Every Tuesday and Friday

7am-Noon

Community Center at Rutherford County Lane Agri-Park
315 John R. Rice Blvd Murfreesboro, TN 37129

For more information about the Rutherford County Farmers Market, please visit our [website](#) or contact us directly at RCFM@rutherfordcountyttn.gov



TWHBEA HORSE JUDGING COMPETITION

Rutherford County had a Junior & Senior team compete at the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association last month.

- Junior Team placed 7th Team Overall, with Lyla Parker placing 9th Individual Overall.
- Senior Team placed 4th Team Overall, 3rd Halter Team, with Bethany Lancaster placing 9th Individual Overall and winning a \$600 college scholarship.

The following 4-Her's compete in the TWHBEA Horse Judging Competition :

Junior Team Members:

- Abigail Orozco
- Elizabeth Forsee
- Lyla Parker

Senior Team Members:

- Addison Stagner
- Bethany Lancaster
- Heaven Avery
- Katelyn Bryan



Talk to One of Our Agents

Thursday, June 19th in-between

8:10am - 9:00am

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

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Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment