

Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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GARDEN BASICS

for Beginner Gardeners

Learn the basic skills of gardening in this 5 week program hosted by the Rutherford County Master Gardeners. Here are the details.

- Date & Time: Thursday evenings, from 6:00PM - 8:30PM
 - September 25th - Auditorium (Main Bldg.)
 - October 2nd - Community Center Classroom
 - October 9th - Auditorium (Main Bldg.)
 - October 16th - Community Center Classroom
 - October 23rd - Auditorium (Main Bldg.)
- Location: Lane Agri Park Complex, 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN
- Cost: \$50 a person, but two people from the same household that would be sharing materials is \$90.
- Registration: [Click here](#)

Class size is limited, so turn in your application as soon as possible.

Return completed application and fee to the Rutherford County Extension office, 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Suite 101, Murfreesboro 37129. Checks made payable to Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

If you have questions call the Extension office.



Talk to One of Our Agents

*Thursday, August 21st in-between
8:10am - 9:00am*

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



INTRO TO QUILTING CLASS

Location: 1700 Irby Lane, Murfreesboro

Date: August 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st

Times: 2:00pm - 4:30pm or 5:30 - 8:00pm

Cost: \$45

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

You will make a table topper or placemat about 12"x18"

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 cost, supplies used in class will be provided. Bring your sewing machine or use ours.

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.

4-H Homeschool Club



Back to School = 4-H Homeschool Club

is starting up soon! Please email jwalk143@utk.edu to be included in the news and dates of what is planned with the Rutherford County 4-H homeschool group for this fall. First meeting will be October 9th.



Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

INVITE YOU TO GRAPE HARVEST DAY

Saturday, September 6, 8AM - 11AM

Bring your family and join us at our annual grape harvest at the Lane Agri-Park Vineyard.

We will have Master Gardeners to answer your gardening questions including how to become a Master Gardener, Harvesting Bags for the grapes will be provided.

Please park at the Livestock Barn parking lot, 443 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37129

A trolley will provide transportation to and from the vineyard.

Special thanks to Andy Adams for providing funding for this community event.

More information contact Justin Stefanski
jski@utk.edu or 615-898-7710



CONGRATULATIONS TO 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM

The Rutherford County 4-H Senior Horse Judging Team won 5th Overall Team, with a 3rd place in Team Reasons.

- Katelyn Bryan won 3rd place Individual in the Halter Division.
- Addison Stagner won the 4-H Horse Program 2025 scholarship.
- Heaven Avery won the Mary Basinger Elliot Scholarship for 2025.



THE 4-H DISCOVERY LAB

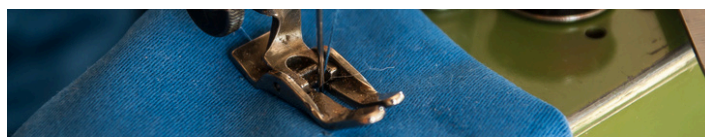
at the Community Center classroom
August 1st from 9am-11am

Join us for a hands-on summer adventure! The 4-H Discovery Lab invites kids to explore, create, and learn through fun projects in science, technology, arts, and more. Develop new skills, spark your curiosity, and build lasting friendships-all while living the 4-H values of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



Activities will be announced on our Facebook page the day before.

www.facebook.com/uttsuextensionrutherfordcounty



LEARN TO SEW

This class builds confidence by teaching participants how to operate a sewing machine by learning basic sewing skills like to thread a machine, wind a bobbin, how to select stitches, guide fabric and make a sampler pillow showing of different stitches.

Date: September 18th

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$25

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

Class size is limited so participants can spread out and get individual attention. Questions contact: Janette Walker jwalk143@utk.edu or Call 615-898-7710

Meet your 4-H Staff

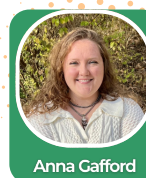
Agents



Raquel Victor



Janette Walker

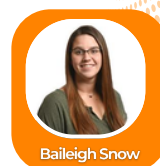


Anna Gafford

Program Assistants



Tammy Chandler



Baileigh Snow

4-H OPEN HOUSE

Save the Date September 22nd

Join us from 5:30-7:30pm for current 4th-12th grade students to experience what your local 4-H has to offer! Enjoy the opportunity to talk with leaders and 4-H members to understand what each program has to offer and learn about new opportunities.

4-H CLUBS



Sewing
Cooking



Home School
Judging Teams
Teen/Honor Club

Archery
Livestock
Horse



Poultry
Photography



Come see our lovely smiling faces at the Rutherford County Farmers Market.



Every Tuesday and Friday till October 31st
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 Facebook for market day vendor updates.



Phyllis Ferguson Is the 2025 Friend of 4-H

Since the early days of its existence, the Tennessee 4-H Foundation has bestowed the annual Friend of 4-H Award to an outstanding community member who has dedicated their time, energy and resources to furthering the 4-H mission and promoting the organization.

This year, Phyllis Ferguson of Rockvale was honored for her lifelong participation in 4-H, from fourth grade all the way through her collegiate and professional careers. "I was so honored, grateful and humbled to receive this because there are so many people out there that do so much for Tennessee 4-H, and I'm just one of all of those," says Ferguson, executive vice president for the Tennessee Pork Producers Association and the Tennessee Feed and Grain Association.

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RECYCLING ROUNDUP

Clean up, Drive through, Drop off

**MURFREESBORO
RUTHERFORD CO.**

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST

MTSU CAMPUS - RUTHERFORD PARKING LOT
602 N RUTHERFORD BLVD, MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

BRING US YOUR:

- 9AM - 1 PM *UNTIL WE REACH CAPACITY
- NO ITEMS FROM BUSINESSES.
- WE ONLY ACCEPT THE ITEMS LISTED HERE
- FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE! (SUGGESTED DONATION \$10-\$20)
- QUESTIONS? RECYCLE4TECHN.ORG - 615-379-8259

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