

Rutherford County EXTENSION NEWS



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It's *SHOW* time in Rutherford County

Join us for an exciting day at the Rutherford County 4-H Livestock Show on **June 20th!** Come out and support our hardworking 4-H members as they proudly showcase their livestock projects.

This event highlights the dedication, responsibility, and skills our youth have developed through raising and caring for their animals. It's a great opportunity for the community to learn more about agriculture and cheer on these talented exhibitors!

Date: June 20th

Location: Lane Agri Park - Livestock Barn 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro

Bring your family and friends and help us celebrate the hard work and achievements of our Rutherford County 4-H youth!

Question contact Anna Petersen @ annlgaff@utk.edu

Happy
Juneteenth



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 19TH



SPROUTING NEW GARDENERS!

Lane Agri Park Barn | 315 John R. Rice Blvd

- June 9–12 (Grades 3–5)
- June 16–19 (Grades K–2)

8:00 AM – Noon

\$75 per camper

Hands-on gardening, crafts, games, snacks, and a pizza party on the last day!

Hosted by the Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

Go to this link to register –

<https://forms.gle/aEH5dHfqnMu8PSxX7> or

contact Baileigh Snow bsnow@utk.edu

SENIOR SALUTE

"SENIOR YEAR IS A CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE, NOT THE WHOLE STORY"
CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

ELLA B. NATYLEE E.
BETHANY L. LILY K. JOLENE N.
BARRETT P. MINNA LEE-ANN R.
ADA W.



EXITING GRACEFULLY PLAN AHEAD WITH CONFIDENCE *A CLASS ON LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY*

Talking about end-of-life plans doesn't have to be difficult. Join us for an engaging and supportive session designed to help you plan ahead with clarity and peace of mind.

Through an interactive activity and a practical take-home handout, you'll learn how to create a thoughtful plan that ensures your wishes are clearly understood and respected.

What You'll Gain:

- Confidence in planning for the future
- A simple checklist to organize your wishes
- Tools to communicate your plans with loved ones
- Peace of mind knowing you've taken meaningful steps for yourself and your family

Date: June 24th

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Land Agri Park - Community Center Classroom, 315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro

Cost: FREE

Take the first step toward a well-prepared future and a lasting legacy.

Register today to secure your spot by clicking on link!

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/MRV7xH3Hrk?origin=lprLink>

Rutherford County 2026 Garden Extravaganza

Date/ Time: Saturday July 11th , 9am-Noon

**Location: Lane Agri-Park 315 John R. Rice Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129**

Keynote Speakers

Mitchell Mote
Cynthia Allen
Bruce Ross

Mini Classroom Series

Soil Testing
Container Gardening
Self-watering Containers

Guided Garden Tours

***Free Event Hosted By Rutherford County Master Gardeners, MTSU Stormwater, and Rutherford County Extension



DINING WITH DIABETES

Join FCS Agents Shay Davis and Misty Layne-Watkins for an educational three-session program designed to support individuals living with diabetes and their families. Dining with Diabetes provides practical guidance on diabetes management, including nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, and tastings of healthy, diabetes-friendly foods. Participants are required to attend all three sessions to receive the full benefit of the program.

Dates: July 7, 8 & 9

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Cost: \$10 per person

RSVP Deadline: June 12th

Register and pay by going to the link below

<https://tiny.utk.edu/FCS/AGSTORE>

More info found here:

<https://agweb.ag.utk.edu/extension/fcs/healthsafety/dwDiabetes.htm>

LUNCH & LEARN : SUMMER PEST AND DISEASE IDENTIFICATION

Join us for an informative and hands-on session focused on identifying common summer pests and plant diseases!

Learn how to spot issues early, understand what's affecting your plants, and discover practical solutions to keep your gardens, landscapes, and crops healthy all season long.

What You'll Learn:

- Common summer insects and pests
- Signs and symptoms of plant diseases
- Tips for prevention and management
- When and how to take action

Date: Friday, June 26th

Time: 11:30-12:30

Location: Lane Agri Park - Auditorium
315 John R. Rice Blvd. Murfreesboro

No cost - FREE

Perfect for gardeners, homeowners, and anyone interested in keeping their plants thriving!

Call 615-898-7710 to Register today



UPCOMING SEWING CLASSES

Learn to Quilt

Location: 1700 Irby Lane, Murfreesboro

Choose your date

Date/Time: June 18th & June 19th noon- 4pm

Date/Time: June 30th & July 1st 9am-1pm

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"x16"

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

All classes below will be held at the Lane Agri Park – Auditorium: 315 John R. Rice Blvd., Murfreesboro

Learn to Sew

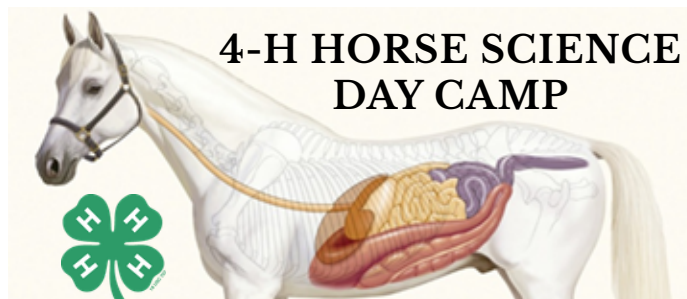
Date: July 13th

Pick your time: 1:30pm-4pm or 5:30pm-8pm

Cost \$25

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

Learn to sew on machine, bring your sewing machine or use ours. We will cover hand position, foot pedal speed, how to thread a machine, wind a bobbin, change the length and change the width. We will sew a small pillow to test out all the new skills.



4-H HORSE SCIENCE DAY CAMP

CALLING ALL HORSE SCIENCE FANS!

June 17-18 | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Lane Agri-Park – Main Building/Auditorium,
315 John R. Rice Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN

This 2-day camp is open to 4th-12th graders interested in learning about horses from the inside out. Campers will explore equine anatomy and nutrition through hands-on activities, interactive challenges, and fun experiences like a horse “snack” taste test.

Cost: \$40 per camper

Registration opens: tiny.utk.edu/k5JLs

Space is limited – register early!

Questions? Contact Tammy Chandler
tchandl9@utk.edu



COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW RESULTS

We had a fantastic 4-H County Horse Show on April 25th! Our members gained valuable experience showcasing their horses and preparing for the Central Region and State Shows coming up later this summer.

High Point Winners:

- Lyla P – TN Walking Horse Junior Division
- Kennedy F – Ranch Senior Division
- Arabella S – TN Walking Horse Senior Division

Reserve High Point Winner:

- Bethany L – TN Walking Horse Senior Division

Congratulations to all of our winners on their outstanding achievements!