

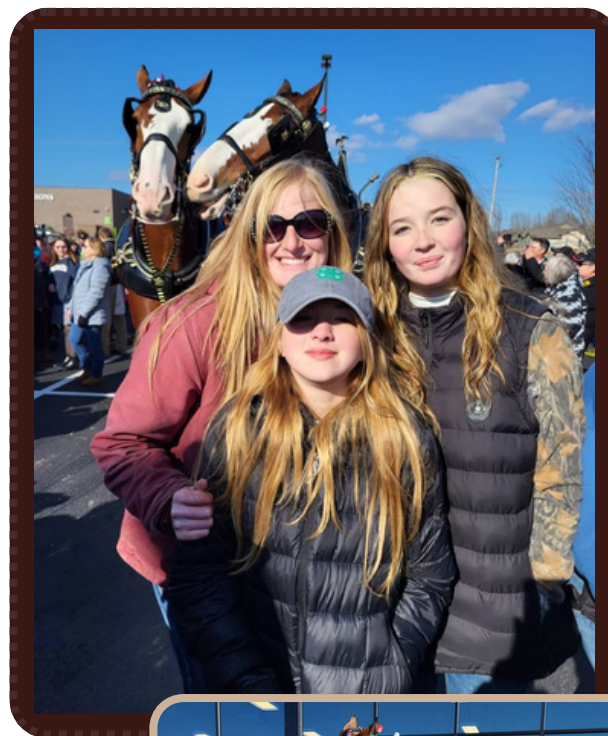
# 4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY  
EDITION  
2025

JANUARY WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS!

## SHELBY COUNTY WELCOMES THE ICONIC CLYDESDALES

THE ICONIC BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES MADE AN EXCITING VISIT TO SHELBY COUNTY ON JANUARY 8TH! MEMBERS OF OUR 4-H GHOST RIDERS HORSE CLUB, ALONG WITH AGENT KYLA, HAD THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE FULL HITCH TEAM UP CLOSE. WITNESSING THESE MAJESTIC AND WORLD-FAMOUS HORSES IN PERSON WAS TRULY A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE. A BIG THANK YOU TO ARLINGTON KROGER FOR HOSTING THIS WONDERFUL MEET-AND-GREET EVENT—IT WAS A DAY TO REMEMBER!



## CALLING SHELBY COUNTY'S 4-H CUPIDS

LET'S SPREAD SOME LOVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY BY CREATING HEARTFELT, HOMEMADE CARDS FOR THE PATIENTS AT GERMANTOWN METHODIST HOSPITAL. PLEASE DROP OFF CARDS TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THERE WILL BE A MARKED BOX FOR FINISHED CARDS IN THE OFFICE. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON A SEPERATE SHEET OF PAPER ATTACHED TO YOUR CARDS.

DUE: FEBRUARY 10TH BY 4:30PM





# VOLUNTEER JAM!

CALLING ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS, TEENS, AND PROFESSIONALS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EXCITING VOLUNTEER JAM, KICKING OFF ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, AND WRAPPING UP ON MARCH 1. THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT WILL BE HELD IN LEBANON, WITH REGISTRATION TAKING PLACE AT THE VETERAN'S BUILDING IN FIDDLERS' GROVE FROM 9:30-10:30 A.M. YOUR \$25 REGISTRATION FEE COVERS LUNCH AND ACCESS TO ENGAGING WORKSHOPS, INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS, AND PLENTY OF OTHER HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN WITH FELLOW 4-H ENTHUSIASTS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER EARLY, YOU MAY DO SO AT THIS LINK HERE:  
[HTTPS://TN4HFOUNDATION.ORG/ANNUAL-REUNION/](https://tn4hfoundation.org/annual-reunion/)



## IT'S AN HONOR TO SPREAD LOVE.. JOIN THE CLUB

SHELBY COUNTY'S HONOR CLUB CAME TOGETHER TO CRAFT HEARTFELT VALENTINE AND GET-WELL CARDS FOR PATIENTS AT METHODIST HOSPITAL. IN A ROOM FILLED WITH CREATIVITY AND COMPASSION, 21 YOUTH JOINED TOGETHER TO SPREAD JOY AND LOVE TO THOSE IN NEED.

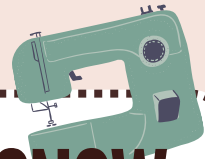


WANT TO JOIN HONOR CLUB?  
REACH OUT TO US!

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MUST BE IN 6TH-12TH GRADE TO JOIN





# EWING THROUGH THE SNOW

SHELBY COUNTY'S CLOTHING AND TEXTILE SCIENCE CLUB KICKED OFF THE NEW YEAR IN EARLY JANUARY, BRAVING THE FREEZING WEATHER TO GATHER AND GET CREATIVE! THOSE WHO DARED TO FACE THE CHILL WERE REWARDED WITH THE PERFECT WINTER ACCESSORY—A WARM, FUZZY FLEECE HAT TO HELP THEM TACKLE WHATEVER THE SEASON HAS IN STORE. THE CLUB PROVIDES A SPACE FOR YOUTH INTERESTED IN THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL INDUSTRIES TO LEARN, COLLABORATE, AND INNOVATE. OUR ACTIVITIES BLEND CREATIVITY WITH SCIENCE, ALLOWING MEMBERS TO DEVELOP VALUABLE SKILLS IN AREAS SUCH AS FASHION DESIGN, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. WHETHER IT'S SEWING A COZY PROJECT OR EXPLORING THE SCIENCE BEHIND TEXTILES, OUR CLUB IS ALL ABOUT STITCHING TOGETHER FUN, LEARNING, AND OPPORTUNITY.

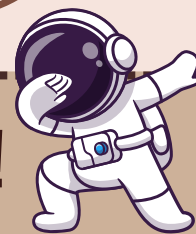


## INTERESTED IN JOINING?

REACH OUT TO KHALAYA AT [KCOOPES3@UTK.EDU](mailto:KCOOPES3@UTK.EDU) OR MICHAEL AT [MWEN@UTK.EDU](mailto:MWEN@UTK.EDU) OR GIVE US A CALL: 901-752-1207!



## BLASTING OFF INTO 2025!



THE GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY 4-H NEW LEAF CLUB HAD THEIR FIRST MEETING OF 2025!! THE "ASTRONAUTS" DESIGNED STRAW ROCKETS AND HAD A CONTEST TO SEE WHOSE ROCKET WOULD LAUNCH THE FURTHERST! DURING OUR MEETING, WE ALSO HOSTED OFFICER ELECTIONS. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 4-H OFFICERS:



**PRESIDENT:** MATIANA QUITERIO



**VICE PRESIDENT:** MARCO QUITERIO



**SECRETARY:** BRIELLE



**TREASURER:** AGASTYA RANA

# 2025 Ag Day Art Contest



## 2025 THEME: TOGETHER WE GROW

Showing how teamwork and unity are essential to making agriculture thrive and succeed.

This year's theme celebrates everyone that plays a part in making agriculture strong—farmers, communities, businesses, and consumers. Whether it's using new technology, taking care of the environment, or sharing knowledge, we can all help grow a better future.

All 3rd - 12th graders welcome to participate in the contest!

5 categories to participate in:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Short Video
- Photography
- Graphic Design

Have questions?

Give us a call:

901-752-1207

Or email us:

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## SHELBY COUNTY WILDLIFE JUDGING

CALLING ALL WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS! JOIN US FOR WILDLIFE JUDGING AT COLLIERVILLE ANIMAL CLINIC AND SURGERY CENTER EVERY MONDAY FROM 5:45 PM TO 7:00 PM. THIS EXCITING PROGRAM IS PERFECT FOR YOUTH INTERESTED IN WILDLIFE, ANIMALS, THE OUTDOORS, AND CONSERVATION. PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPLORE WILDLIFE HABITATS, LEARN ABOUT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION, HABITAT REQUIREMENTS, AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND FOCUS ON MANAGING LAND, WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE AND EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

TO JOIN, GIVE US A CALL AT  
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- [MICHAEL OWEN: MOWEN@UTK.EDU](mailto:MOWEN@UTK.EDU)



## TENNESSEE FORESTRY DAY CAMP

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! JOIN US FOR THE SPRING FORESTRY CAMP, A TWO-DAY ADVENTURE ON APRIL 2-3, 2025, AT THE BEAUTIFUL MEEMAN-SHELBY FOREST STATE PARK. THIS FREE CAMP OFFERS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES LIKE TREE PLANTING, FIRE DEMONSTRATIONS, SCAVENGER HUNTS, AND INTERACTIVE GAMES—ALL LED BY TENNESSEE'S TOP FORESTRY PROFESSIONALS. DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF URBAN FORESTRY, EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF TREES, AND LEARN ABOUT EXCITING FORESTRY CAREERS WHILE TRYING OUT REAL EQUIPMENT! OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8 FROM 4-H, FFA, HOMESCHOOL, AND MONTESSORI SCHOOLS. LUNCH IS PROVIDED, SO COME READY TO LEARN AND EXPLORE!



SCAN ME TO REGISTER!



# THE GHOST RIDERS 4-H HORSE CLUB IS GOING TO STATE!!!



ON JANUARY 18TH AT MILAN MIDDLE, THE GHOST RIDERS DID A FABULOUS JOB REPRESENTING SHELBY COUNTY! THEY WENT UP AGAINST 10 OTHER COUNTIES IN HIPPOLOGY AND 7 OTHER COUNTIES IN HORSE BOWL. BOTH TEAMS ARE STATE BOUND FOR THE HORSE BOWL CONTESTS!

## HIPPOLOGY



JUNIOR HIGH TEAM FINISHED 6TH PLACE  
SENIOR HIGH TEAM FINISHED 5TH PLACE



## HORSE BOWL

JUNIOR HIGH TEAM FINISHED RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION  
SENIOR HIGH TEAM FINISHED RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

SHELBY COUNTY IS *SUPER* PROUD OF OUR GHOST RIDERS 4-H CLUB! WE CANNOT SAY THANK YOU ENOUGH TO THE YOUTHS' PARENTS FOR GETTING THESE KIDS READY! ALSO, THANK YOU TO GERMANTOWN'S *SADDLES N SUCH* FOR SPONSORING OUR GROUP'S PIZZA LUNCH THE DAY OF THE CONTEST!!

TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS OF TRAVELING, THE GHOST RIDERS 4-H HORSE CLUBS ARE HAVING TWO BAKE SALE EVENTS!



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR FANTASTIC HORSE CLUB. THESE HARDWORKING AND DESERVING YOUTH HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO EARN THEIR SPOTS AT STATE!!

FEB 7TH

3PM-6PM

TRACTOR SUPPLY

8247 US-51

MILLINGTON, TN 38053

&

FEB 8TH

8AM-3PM

AGRICENTER FARMERS MARKET

MADE WITH LOVE MARKET

7856 SMYTHE FARM RD


MEMPHIS, TN 38120





EXPLORE

# 4-H JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP



Get ready for an unforgettable summer at the 4-H Junior Camp, hosted at the beautiful Lone Oaks Farm in Hardeman County near Middleton, TN! Open to youth in 4th through 6th grade, this week-long adventure offers cozy, air-conditioned cabins, delicious buffet-style meals, and modern facilities. Campers will enjoy kayaking, fishing, archery with 3-D targets, a low ropes course, and more. They'll also explore the wildlife center, WET lab, and indoor recreation spaces, with evenings featuring lakeside campfires, vespers, and starry skies over a serene 50-acre lake.

The cost of camp is \$400, which includes transportation and a camp t-shirt. Take advantage of early registration savings: \$350 for the early bird special, which ends April 15th at 4:30pm or \$375 for the mid-term rate (April 16th-25th by 4:30 pm). Full price begins after April 25th, so don't wait! Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Join us for another summer of fun, friendship, and lifelong memories at 4-H Junior Camp!



Spot are limited!!

TO REGISTER, CONTACT US AT  
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Tim Roberts: trobert6@utk.edu

Michael Owen: mowen@utk.edu

## IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS:

For the safety and supervision of all campers, any phone communication must be directed through an Extension agent. Please do not contact your child directly or ask them to call you. In case of emergencies, please contact your county's UT Extension agent through the camp office at 731-214-6478.



LET'S KEEP  
IN TOUCH!

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ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON  
FACEBOOK?

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO  
GET EVEN MORE DETAILS AND  
INSIDE SCOOP!

@UT AND TSU EXTENSION SHELBY COUNTY

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE NTERESTED IN JOINING 4-H?

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE  
THEM JOIN THE TEAM  
TO LEARN, BUILD  
CONFIDENCE, MAKE  
CONNECTIONS, AND  
HAVE FUN!

SCAN  
HERE!



4-H Enrollment

