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4-H NEWSLETTER

May's Edition



WAY TO GO AGASTYA!

Congratulations to Agastya Rana, a 5th grade Shelby County 4-H member, for earning 1st place in the STEM project area at the Western Region's 4-H Project Showcase! Agastya's creativity, dedication, and love for science and technology truly stood out as he represented our county with pride.

The 4-H Project Showcase is a dynamic event where youth from across the Western Region present their work in a variety of project areas—ranging from STEM and agriculture to public speaking and creative arts. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to grow their confidence, sharpen communication skills, and shine a spotlight on all they've learned.

🌟 Way to go, Agastya—we're so proud of you!

GHOST RIDERS AT REGIONAL

The Ghost Riders 4-H Horse Club competed at the Western Regional 4-H Horse Judging Contest and brought home some hardware!!



Senior team finished RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION and are state bound!!

Eliza Yucalevich finished 3rd overall out of 24 youth

Serenity Green finished 6th overall out of 24 youth

Sophia White finished 14th overall out of 24 youth

Junior High team finished 9th out of 14 teams



JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER CAMP

Welcoming all youth ages 8-11 to come learn about gardening and plants! This 3-day workshop will allow the youth to learn hands on what it takes to grow and care for their own plants. Learning from the best there is -Memphis Master Gardeners!

June 9-13 from 9am-noon

A perfect opportunity for youth to take on or deepen their love of a fun hobby!

Sign Up



OLD WEST SPECIAL TRAILS

Agent Kyla once again saddled up at Old West Special Trails to teach the new generation about equine health!

The first class learned about equine vitals and first aid! They saw and took heart rate, respiration rate, temperature, digital pulses, gum health, gut sounds, and how to apply a bandage!

The second class was introduced to Benji, Agent Kyla's fabulous pseudoequine digestive tract! The older youth learned about the anatomy and physiology from the mouth to the very end!!

It was a fun day! Thank you Mrs. Kammie, Little Bit, and Old West Special Trails for having Agent Kyla out again!



Old West!



Happy trails!



Deadline to
register is
May 8th!

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP

Get ready to pack your bags and dive into adventure—4-H Junior Camp is back and better than ever! Held at the beautiful Lone Oaks Farm in Hardeman County (near Middleton, TN), this week-long camp is open to youth in 4th - 6th grade and offers the perfect mix of fun, learning, and lifelong memories.

*Register
Now*



JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

Your mission, should you choose to accept it... is to join us for Junior High 4-H Camp—where adventure meets teamwork! Open to rising 7th and 8th graders, this action-packed camp is all about cracking codes, solving challenges, and pushing your skills to the limit. Choose your mission: June 30-July 4 or July 14-18. With hands-on activities, leadership games, and unforgettable memories, this is one mission you won't want to miss!

OWLS CAMP

OWLS Camp will be held on May 27-30, 2025 at Brandon Spring in Land Between the Lakes. It is open to 4-H youth in the 6th-10th grade, who have an interest in outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and kayaking. You don't want to miss the amazing opportunities and connections you'll make at camp this summer!

To register for either camp, talk to your agent, email Khalaya at kcoope53@utk.edu or give us a call at 901-752-1207

THIS LITTLE PIGGY TOOK THE PRIZE!!

Congratulations to Macy McClure for winning the Shelby County 4-H Piggy Bank Contest!! She was definitely banking on greatness when creating this adorable piggy bank!



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achievement!

AG DAY CELEBRATION

We're excited to celebrate all of our amazing 4-H members and students who took part in the Ag Day Celebration at the Agricenter this past March! Your enthusiasm, creativity, and positive energy helped make the event a standout success. A special shoutout goes to London Christian, who earned 1st place in the video category with an outstanding submission reflecting this year's theme: "Together We Grow." London's video beautifully showcased the power of community, agriculture, and teamwork—well done! We're proud of everyone who represented Shelby County 4-H with excellence. Great job!

**Check
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out**



London did an amazing job!

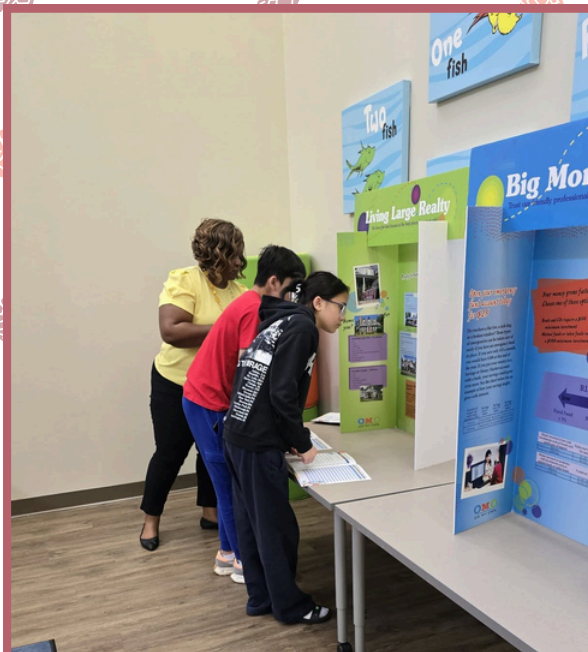


PAPER CLOVER TIME!

Paper Clover is almost here! We welcome you to partner with Tractor Supply Co. to help raise money for your county's 4-H Program!! These funds support scholarships to 4-H camps and leadership activities for the youth. Contact your Tractor Supply and Co Store to set up a 4-H display and engage customers during their demo days. May 5th is the last day to participate!

TSC Locations

9715 Us Hwy 64, Arlington
240 Us Hwy 72 West, Collierville



GROWING WITH OMO

This past month, 4-H Agent Kyla and FCS Agent Priscilla teamed up to bring the "On My Own" program to participants at Collierville library.

On My Own simulates what it is like to be a working adult in the real world by helping youth understand how to budget. Youth are given a career, family scenario, and a monthly salary they have to use for groceries, housing, utilities, childcare, etc.

Thank you again Youth Librarian Rebekah for having our agents out! If you are interested in the OMO program, please contact our office at 901-752-1207.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING 4-H?

We'd love to have them join the team to learn, build confidence, make connections, and have fun!

Contact us!

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