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Upcoming Dates For More information on any programs, visit our website:

<https://blount.tennessee.edu/>

- Mar 2 Horse Group Meeting 7 p.m. at the Blount County Library
- Mar 13-17 County School Spring Break
- Mar 19-22 State 4-H Congress, Murfreesboro/Nashville
- Mar 25 Alcoa Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fund raiser, AHS
- Mar 27 County Honor Club meeting 5 pm @ 4-H Office
- Mar 31—Apr 2 Spring All Star Conf in Crossville, TN
- Apr 3 Academic Conference Applications due in ER Office
- Apr 3 County Achievement & Clover Bowl registration due in BC Office
- Apr 7 Good Friday Holiday No School 4-H Office Closed
- Apr 10 BC Honor Club Mtg 5 p.m.
- Apr 11 County 4H Achievement Day 5 p.m. at BC 4-H Office
- Apr 14-19 National 4-H Conf in DC
- Apr 18 County 4H Clover Bowl Championships 5 p.m. at 4H Office
- Apr 28-29 Camp Volunteer Leader Training in Greeneville

Blount County 4-H March Newsletter

4-H Achievement Activity

An opportunity for fun, showcasing of member project work, awards and recognition is in store for those participating at the April 11 Achievement Day event. Call Ms. Berger or Mr. McMillion by the 3rd of April to register your demonstration or interactive table top exhibit. In addition to the demonstrations (4th & 5th graders) and interactive exhibits (6th, 7th & 8th graders), there will be a photography contest and baking contest open to all grades 4-12. Be a part of the experience. Check February's newsletter for details.

4-H Clover Bowl Championships

The 4-H Clover Bowl Championships will be conducted on April 18 at the 4-H Office 5 p.m. with registration and games starting at 6. New this year, the contest will be a single elimination rounds. Only winning teams continue to advance until the semi-finals. The final four teams play for 1st—4th place. Local teams advancing to the county contest will enter a digital seeding round to see who plays who in the first games at the county contest. County participants must be registered by April 3 so further instructions may be shared. Team information may be emailed to Amy Berger at aberger2@utk.edu or to James McMillion at jmcmilli@utk.edu. Each team member will receive an email after team information is confirmed. Practice/study questions can be found at the Clover Bowl website. Go here to find them: <https://eastern.tennessee.edu/4-h-clover-bowl/>

"NEW" BUG CAMP 2023 "NEW"

BUG CAMP 2023 will be led by University of Tennessee entomologist, Dr. Jerome Grant with the "UT Insect Zoo" and staffed by UT entomology students and UT Arboretum Society volunteers. The camp, open to *rising* third through fifth grade students, will be held on three consecutive days - Wednesday, June 14, 9am -2pm, Thursday, June 15, 9am-2pm and on to Friday, June 16 from 9:00 a.m.to Noon. Limited to 16 children, the camp tuition is \$60 for members of the [UT Arboretum Society](#) or \$75 for non-members. For more information and applications, contact Michelle Campanis at mcampani@utk.edu

Call For Quilt Entries –Junior Category

Accepting entry forms online or by mail until April 22, 2023

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons
Cash Prizes \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00
NO ENTRY FEE FOR YOUTH CATEGORY.

Please check the website <https://www.smokymtnquilters.com/quilt-show> for entry forms and further explanation. You can enter online.

Dad Jokes & Winners of the Day:

Why did the vegetable boat sink?

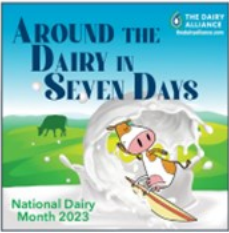
What do you call a dog with no legs?

If a plane crashes on the TN-KY boarder where do you bury the survivors—in TN or KY?

February Winners

Adrien Brown / Eduardo Diego /
Aliyah Davis / Jacob Debuty
(2 of 3)

2023 June Dairy Chairperson Search & Poster Contest



POSTER CONTEST RULES **1.** Poster size is 14 x 22 inches. **2.** Current theme must be prominent part of poster. There will be one winner per county. **3.** Put the following on the back of your poster: • Contact

information (name and address) and T-shirt size **4. Deadline** April 21 (Late entries will not be eligible for awards).

Winning poster will be submitted for state judging. **5.**

Awards County Award • T-shirt. **6. State Awards** • First Place - \$550 • Second Place - \$300 • Third Place - \$200.

June Dairy Month Chairperson selection: It's time to start thinking about the National Dairy Month Promotion Contest sponsored by The Dairy Alliance. This contest provides a 4-H club member the opportunities to build skills in project areas such as communications, leadership, health/fitness, dairy foods and food/nutrition. We encourage Chairpersons to think outside of the box and utilize social media, video, photos, cooking demos and virtual interviews with your local newspapers, radio stations and other groups you work with. Let's make this fun! You can submit a scrapbook virtually or complete a traditional scrapbook. All scrapbooks will be judged together using the same rubric. If you think this sounds like you and will be fun, submit your name to the 4-H Office and let's get started. Submission deadline is April 21. First preference is given to Sr. and Jr. High members

4-H County Poultry Project (Chick Chain) Update:

There has been a larger than expected demand for backyard flock animals/birds and hatcheries have been overwhelmed. They have not been able to keep up with demands. Blount County birds will not be coming until after May 15, 2023. This is considerably later than usual and we apologize for the delay. We will have to move our Fall show and sale into October instead of August.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Difficult times help you understand better than before, how infinitely rich and beautiful life is in every way, and that so many things one worries about are of no importance whatsoever."

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Next County Wide Service Project

We are late, but are asking each 4-H Member to commit 20 "Random Act of Kindness" during the next month. Here are some suggestions: 1. Pay it Backward: buy coffee for the person behind you in line. 2. Compliment the first three people you talk to today. 3. Send a positive text message to five different people right now. 4. Post inspirational sticky notes around your neighborhood, office, school, etc. 5. Tell someone they dropped a dollar (even though they didn't). Then give them a dollar. 6. Donate old towels or blankets to an animal shelter. 7. Say hi to the person next to you on the elevator. 8. Surprise a neighbor with freshly baked cookies or treats! 9. Let someone who only has a few items go in front of you in line. 10. Leave a gas gift card at a gas pump. 11. Throw a party to celebrate someone just for being who they are, which is awesome. 12. Leave quarters at the laundromat. 13. Leave unused coupons next to corresponding products in the grocery store. 14. Smile at five strangers.

Some Camps/Conferences for Your Calendars!

State 4-H Congress (9th-10th grades)

March 19-22, 2023

Spring All Star Conference (9th-12th grades)

March 31 - April 2, 2023

Fashion Design & Quilt Conference

June 5-8, 2023

Junior High Academic Conference (6th-8th grades)

June 13-16, 2023

Junior 4-H Camp (4th-6th grades)

June 26-30, 2023

Junior High Electric Camp (6th-7th grades)

June 26-30, 2023

Junior High Camp

July 10-14, 2023

State 4-H Roundup (9th-12th grades)

July 17-21, 2023 (Qualify to Attend)

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