

Extension Highlights

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Agriculture

The last two months have been very busy for all of our staff. We have had many programming opportunities which have impacted our community. Some of the Agricultural Programming highlights are as follows:

- 25 local producers participated in our TN Master Beef Producer Program over a 6 week period. They were updated on Herd Health, Beef Herd Management, Forage Production, Beef Cattle Genetics, Beef Cattle Reproduction, Beef Cattle Nutrition, and Food Safety at the farm level. On the last night our 4-H Honor Club members grilled up hamburgers which were provided by one of our local beef producers.
- For March “Extension Month”, we served as one of the tree seedling pickup sites for the Tennessee Environmental Council. Our wonderful Master Gardener Volunteers helped organize, bundle and distribute over 650 seedlings to 54 participants. We also provided a reduced price on all soil samples for Extension Month. Forty-four local residents took advantage of this offer for their lawns, gardens, and fields.
- This year we had three 4-H Livestock Judging Teams who participated in the 2023 Central Region 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Our youth represented the county well and we even had 2, top 10 finishes.
- The Cheatham County Cattlemen's Association held its 13th Annual College Scholarship Dinner/Auction at the Ashland City Church of Christ. 8 local students received a total of \$6,000 in scholarships. Nearly \$11,000 in auction items and cash donations were received at tonight's event. Congress Mark Green also congratulated the 2023 scholarship recipients. 225 attendees and donors participated in the annual event.



4-H Youth Development

Cheatham County 4-H has had a few busy months!

- Our in school 4-H clubs came to an end with our 4-H demonstration contest. Over 1300 youth gave demonstrations in the classroom with 35 competing at the county and 17 earning the opportunity to compete at the sub regional level. Demonstrations are a great opportunity for 4-H members to practice their excellent public speaking skills and incorporating teaching how to do something. We saw demonstrations on everything from how to make sushi to how to give a hamster a bath.
- Youth Leadership Cheatham County participated in our State Government day. The highlights of that day included meeting with both Kerry Roberts and Mary Littleton, a Capitol tour, lunch at The Palm, and a historical scavenger hunt in downtown Nashville.
- Twenty Five 4-H members picked up day old baby chicks to take home and raise as part of our 4-H Chick Chain project group. 4-H members will raise the birds until early September where we will auction some of them off as a fundraiser for 4-H.
- 4-H member, Mary Chandler, is currently serving as a Regional All Star Officer and lead part of the Spring All Star Retreat that was held in Dowelltown.
- Cheatham County 4-H homeschool group attended 4-H Camp Ridley on April 17th. 4-H members got to explore the outdoors, learn about wildlife and participated in a science experiment.

