

NEWSLETTER

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY BEDFORD COUNTY EXTENSION

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DEAD LIVESTOCK PICKUP SERVICE

SAFE. RELIABLE. RESPONSIBLE.

The SCHRA Dead Livestock Removal Program provides a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of dead livestock.

FEE: \$50 PER CARCASS
Paid at the time of booking.

PROTECTING OUR LAND. SUPPORTING OUR FARMERS.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 CALL**
Call 615-908-9100 to report your dead livestock and provide your information.
- 2 PAY**
You will receive a link via text to securely pay for the pickup service.
- 3 BOOKED**
Once payment is received, you will be booked for pickup.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Have your location and livestock details ready when you call.
- Payment must be completed to confirm your pickup.
- Prompt reporting helps keep our community safe and our environment clean.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR COMMUNITY STRONG AND OUR LAND HEALTHY!

CALL TODAY! 615-908-9100
We're here to help.

SCHRA SOUTH CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY

Partnering with farmers. Protecting our resources.
Working together for a better tomorrow.

For technical assistance and questions, please call 931-433-2470.



The Master Gardeners of Bedford County are a small group of volunteers who have a love of plants and are equipped with training from the University of TN to provide the local community with research-based horticulture education through classes, printed/online resources, and even one-on-one troubleshooting.

- Do you have an interest in volunteering and improving lives in your community through plants and gardening?
- Would you enjoy working alongside talented, passionate volunteers and knowledgeable, dedicated county Extension Agents?
- Do you have the desire to share the joy of plants and horticulture with others?
- Do you want to teach and share with others more about nature and their environment?

If you answered yes, you should be a Master Gardener!

Click [here](#) to fill out an interest form.



TICKS ARE A GROWING THREAT TO TN LIVESTOCK

Ticks can cause irritation, blood loss, reduce productivity, and transmit disease-causing pathogens. Early prevention and control protect your livestock and your bottom line.

- *Keep pastures mowed to knee height
- *Trim weeds and remove overgrown brush
- *Clean equipment when moving pastures
- *Inspect for ticks regularly
- *Remove ticks promptly from livestock and save them in a sealed bag with a bit of ethanol-based hand sanitizer.
- *Bring the sample to us, we will have you fill out paperwork and send the sample to the Medical & Veterinary Entomology Lab.



The market is open Thursdays from 3:30pm -5:30pm. Come see us at the Celebration Pavilion in front of Cooper Steel Arena under the blue water tower in Shelbyville. We'll have produce, baked goods, canned goods and other agricultural products.

CHECK US OUT ON [FACEBOOK!](#)



Pictures from the Bedford County Farmers Market Facebook Page





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FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
FCS PROGRAMS



CHAIR YOGA

This six-session program helps to increase flexibility and core strength. This is a beginner program with no experience needed. The classes will be held on Mondays, October 19 – November 30 (except November 16) at the Bedford County Extension Office at 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The class is free. Call the office at 931-684-5971 to sign up.



MATTER OF BALANCE

This eight-session program is designed to help participants manage falls and increase activity levels. The classes consist of discussion, activities and exercises to reduce fall risks and increase strength and balance. The class is free and will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays, September 1– 25 at 9:30–11:30 at the Shelbyville/Bedford County Senior Citizens Center. Class is limited to 15 participants, and you must call the Extension Office at 931-684-5971 to register or for more information.



ADVENTURES IN THE KITCHEN

(EFNEP) This is a monthly class for youth to learn to prepare foods and taste different recipes. Each month participants will practice reading a recipe and using kitchen tools such as measuring cups. Knife safety and food safety are also addressed. Held the first Thursday of each month after-school at 2:30 – 4:00 pm at the Shelbyville Housing Authority's Templeton Community Center. Youth of all ages welcome.

EAT SMART, MOVE MORE IN SPANISH!

This six session EFNEP nutrition education series in Spanish covers topics like “Know What’s for Dinner”, “My Food Budget”, “Get the Best for Less” and “Plan, Shop, Fix and Eat”. Mondays starting August 17 at 10:00 – 11:00 am at 200 Dover Street, Suite 202 – in partnership with the Community Clinic of Shelbyville and Bedford County. Free program open to anyone.



YOUTH FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF BEDFORD COUNTY, MS. MENZA’S DAYCARE AND THE SHELBYVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY VISITED THE BEDFORD COUNTY FARMERS MARKET THIS SUMMER TO LEARN ABOUT FARMERS MARKETS. YESENIA GARCIA, EFNEP PROGRAM ASSISTANT, LED THE YOUTH IN A PRODUCE SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY, TASTING THE FRESH PRODUCE AND BAKED GOODS FROM THE LOCAL VENDORS.

EXCITING 4-H ACTIVITIES ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

For our knowledge-loving horse enthusiasts, Horse Bowl & Hippology will be starting in October!

Paintbrushes, projects, and creativity are headed your way when Creative Arts begins in November.

Dairy Products Judging will be starting soon, too! It's always a favorite because members get to sample and evaluate dairy products at every practice. Learning has never tasted so good!

TN 4-H ROUNDUP

Congrats to our Bedford County 4-H'ers! The Tennessee 4-H Roundup is a premier annual state event for senior high school youth featuring project achievement competitions, leadership conferences, career fairs, and the election of state council officers.



Congratulations to all of our winners from our fishing tournament! We had 25 boats show up, it was a hot but great day of fishing.

1st place & Big Fish: Hunter & Matt Palmer with 13.87 and 6.08

2nd place: Justin Howard & Logan Gipson with 13.23

3rd place: Jason Cooper & Darrell Patterson with 12.65



Creative Arts



Central Region Dairy Judging



EMAIL: [SAMANTHA BANKS](#) OR [EMILY WOOTEN](#)
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY 4-H PROGRAMS.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE PARTICIPATING,
LEARNING NEW SKILLS, AND MAKING GREAT
MEMORIES THIS YEAR!



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