



February 4-H Update



Calling All Artists: 2021 4-H Art Poster Contest now open for entries!

**Enter the new digital division,
the regular poster division of
the contest - or both - by
February 22**

The 2021 4-H Art Poster Contest is now open! Turn in your poster **by February 22**. This year students can create a poster on the computer and enter it in the **NEW** Digital Division OR create a regular poster on 14 x 22 posterboard. Students can also enter posters in both divisions. Grades 4th-12th can participate in this contest.



Susanna's poster was a state winner from Hamilton County in 2020!

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Join 4-H!

Grades 4th-12th in Hamilton County can join 4-H at any time by scanning this QR code and completing the online enrollment form. There is no



charge to join 4-H. You can also access
this form at

<https://tiny.utk.edu/join4H>

Upcoming Events

Facemasks are required at all in-person 4-H meetings

- **February 10 & 24 at 4:00 - Wildlife 4-H Project Group meets at the Bonny Oaks Arboretum**
- **February 15 - 4-H Chick Chain registration forms due to the Extension Office**
- **February 16 at 2:00 - 4-H Homeschool Club meets outside the Extension Office**
- **February 17 at 4:00 - Wildlife Project Group once-monthly online meeting**
- **February 22 - 4-H Art Poster contest entries due**
- **February 25 at 4:00 - 4-H Citizenship Club meets on zoom.**
- **March 4 at 6:00 - 4-H Honor Club meets on zoom**
- **March 13 at 6:30 - 4-H Virtual Game Night**



[Additional Information is available at the UT-TSU
Extension Hamilton County Office website](#)

Congratulations Mane Attraction 4-H Horse Club members!

4-H Mane Attraction Horse Club members recently competed at the 2021 4-H Hippology contest. Congratulations to Austin Moore, who

was 9th in senior high individual scores, and to Beau Duvall and Sydney Bohnemann, who competed in the junior high division of the competition.

For more information on the 4-H Horse Club, contact Volunteer Leader Adam Presley (adampresley383@gmail.com).



Austin Moore, shown with her rescue horse, Ella, won 9th best in the senior high division of the regional 4-H Hippology contest.
Photo by Denver Bell

4-H Chick Chain

The 4-H Chick Chain program teaches youth how to raise poultry. Youth receive 12 baby chicks in April for \$40 and take part in a virtual 4-H program to learn how to successfully raise them. In September, they bring their three best hens to the Hamilton County Fair for judging (pending) and an auction (youth keep the proceeds of the auction).

Registration forms for 2021 4-H Chick Chain are due by February 15.

[Chick Chain registration forms are available at the Extension office website - click here](#)



NEW! 4-H Junior Master Gardener program

Hamilton County 4-H is planning a 4-H Junior Master Gardener program. Youth in grades

4th-8th can join this new group to engage in hands-on gardening experiences that develop a love of gardening and knowledge of plant science, soil science, plant growth requirements, insects, and more.

Interested in becoming a 4-H Junior Master Gardener or finding out more about this program? Email HamiltonCounty4H@tennessee.edu. Be sure to let us know what day and time would work best for you to meet.

Note - The term Junior Master Gardener and associated logos are service marks of the Texas Cooperative Extension



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[Read about the Junior Master Gardener program at https://jmgkids.us/what-is-jmg/jmg-faq/](https://jmgkids.us/what-is-jmg/jmg-faq/)

4-H Honor Club

The next Honor Club meeting is March 4 at 6:00 p.m. on zoom. All Hamilton County 4-H Club members in grades 5th-12th are eligible to attend 4-H Honor Club meetings while they apply to join the Honor Club. 4-H Honor Club meetings are held once a month on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are held online at this time.

Email Nancy Rucker or call the Extension Office (423-855-6113) for more information on the Honor Club or to be sent the zoom link for the meeting.



4-H Wildlife Project Group

The 4-H Wildlife Judging contest project group is for grades 4th-12th with an interest in wildlife and habitat management. This group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00. The WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program)

manual is the basis for the information they are studying. Join this project group now to prepare for the County contest in April and the Regional contest on May 20.

Meetings this month are February 3, 10 and 24 at the Bonny Oaks Arboretum and a once-a-month online meeting on February 17. All meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. New 4-H'ers welcome!

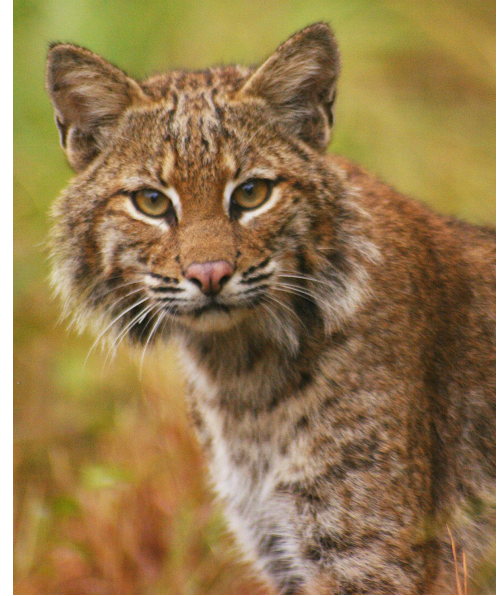


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[More information on the Wildlife group is available at the Extension Office website](#)



Follow the 4-H Blog for articles on Black History Month in February

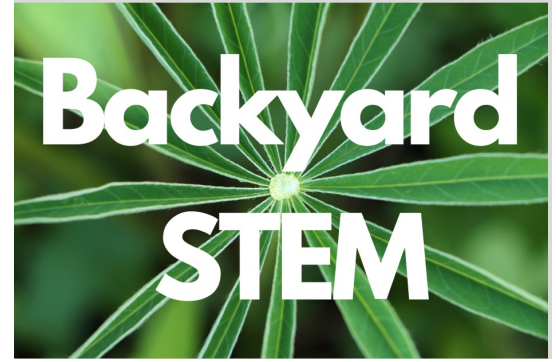
February is Black History Month. This month, Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of the National 4-H Council, will interview 4-H alumni who are leaders today. Check out the 4-H Blog to read about alumni such as Avery Williamson, linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers and former Tennessee 4-H club member!

[Link to the National 4-H Blog](#)

4-H Citizenship Club

The 4-H Citizenship Club is having fun with the Backyard STEM curriculum! Club members created their own bugs at the January meeting while diving into the symmetry found in nature.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 25 at 4:00. At this meeting - learn about soil health and how biological decomposition in the soil figures in. Supplies needed - three pairs of white cotton undies and/or three tea bags plus an outside area to dig or a container with soil that can be set outside.



Questions? [Contact Extension Agent Maria Sabin](#)

[February 25 at 4:00 p.m. - Click here to join this meeting on zoom](#)

Virtual Game Night!

The 4-H Honor Club is planning another virtual game night after the success of December's game night. The event will be held Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Grades 4th-12th are welcome. This is a free event.

[Click here to sign up for virtual game night and be emailed the zoom link for the event](#)



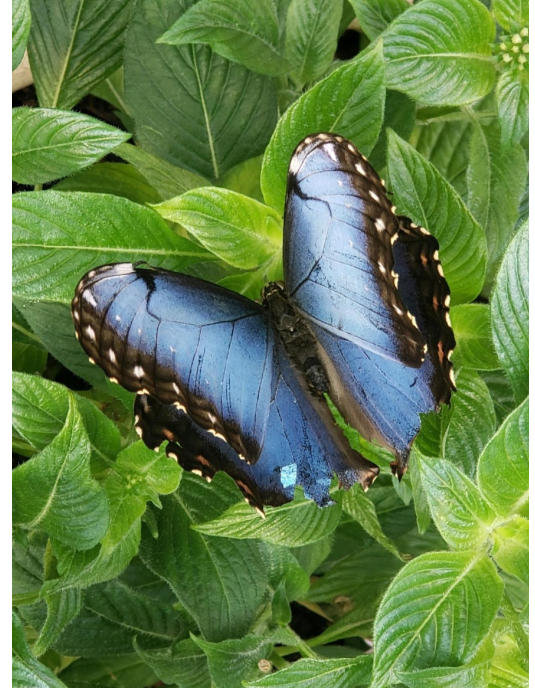
UT/TSU Extension Hamilton County Photo Contest

Send in your best photos for the UT/TSU Extension Hamilton County Photo Contest! Photos are due by 4 p.m., March 31, 2021. Students in grades 4th - 12th may enter the Youth Division in six categories:

- a. People
- b. Places
- c. Animals/Insects/Reptiles
- d. Plants/Flowers/Trees

- e. Human interest
- f. Historical or Other (could be a combination of any of the above)

[Visit the UT/TSU Extension Hamilton County website for full rules and procedures for this contest](#)



"Blue" - 2020 Youth Division
People's Choice Award winner
by Karsyn Rhoades

Visit our Website



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For more information on Hamilton County 4-H or to get the 4-H monthly update by email, call the Extension Office (423-855-6113) or email the 4-H staff:

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