

Resolution No. 26-03-012

Sponsored by Commissioners Ron French and Nick Bright

A Proclamation Honoring Blount County, Tennessee State 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl Contest Award Recipients

WHEREAS, the State 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl Contest is a premier educational event within the Tennessee 4-H Horse Program, designed to promote excellence in equine science and knowledge of the equine industry; and

WHEREAS, the Hippology contest challenges youth through rigorous competition including equine identification, team problem-solving scenarios, a comprehensive written examination, and judging classes; and

WHEREAS, the Horse Bowl contest further develops participants' quick recall, teamwork, and depth of knowledge through academic, jeopardy-style team competition; and

WHEREAS, these contests foster leadership, responsibility, sportsmanship, and lifelong skills among Tennessee's 4-H members;

NOW, THEREFORE, we proudly recognize and commend the following teams and individuals for their outstanding achievements:

Junior Team (4th–5th Grade)

9th Place Team – Hippology

Calvin Lail
David Lewis
KaylaRae Morrison
Anna Retherford

Junior High Team (6th–8th Grade)

3rd Place Team – Hippology

3rd Place Team – Horse Bowl

Jenna Lakey
Colton Williams
Clare Williams – *1st Place High Individual in Hippology*

Senior High Team (9th–12th Grade)

3rd Place Team – Hippology

Emily Lakey
Ruth Hall – *5th Place Individual in Hippology*
Katie Kirkham

WHEREAS, the Tennessee 4-H Horse Program All Around Award recognizes individuals who accumulate the highest overall points through participation and achievement in Hippology, Horse Judging, Horse Communications, and Horse Shows across the entire state; and

WHEREAS, this statewide honor reflects consistent dedication, excellence, and leadership in the equine project area;

WE FURTHER RECOGNIZE the 2025 All Around Award Recipients from Blount County:

2025 Junior Recipient: Lillian Marriott

2025 Junior High Recipient: Ruth Hall

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Blount County Board of Commissioners, assembled in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2026, and by Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, that these accomplishments reflect the hard work, determination, and commitment of these 4-H members, as well as the invaluable support of their families, coaches such as Amy Berger, Blount County Extension Agent focused on 4-H Youth Development, and dedicated volunteers including Sandra Elder and her late husband, Roger Elder.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that their achievements bring great pride to Blount County and serve as an inspiration to youth across the State of Tennessee, reflecting the strength, leadership, and positive impact of the 4-H program within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we celebrate these outstanding 4-H members for their dedication to learning, leadership, and excellence in equine science and the equine industry.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- Approved
- Vetoed