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Shelby County Celebrates Extension Month in Tennessee

Come Join the Fun and Learn How We Can Help You

Memphis, Tenn. — March is Extension Month in Tennessee. Extension is a national educational program supported by USDA through the nation's land-grant universities and administered with funding from state and local governments. In Tennessee there are Extension offices in each of the 95 counties, and UT-TSU Extension Shelby County invites everyone to join their local celebration.

The fun will begin on March 1st when Shelby County will host a series of Facebook events introducing the Shelby County Extension Staff. UT-TSU Extension Shelby County is located at Agricenter International at 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN. We can be reach at 901-752-1207 or visit our website at www.Shelby.tennessee.edu. Extension has so much to offer all the residents of Shelby County.

An integral part of the land-grant mission, Extension programs are delivered by subject-matter specialists, county agents and volunteers associated with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) and the Tennessee State University (TSU) College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Sciences.

In addition to the traditional agricultural production recommendations available through county Extension offices, services for all citizens include the state's award-winning 4-H youth development program including its summer youth camps; family and consumer educational programs; and healthy living courses. The increasingly popular courses for Master Gardeners and gardeners in general, are also conducted through county Extension offices.

UT Extension also performs services for the state's citizens, including managing the statewide Soil, Plant and Pest Center through which clients can have the quality of their soil and forage analyzed and any insect pest or plant diseases identified. Extension also trains clients in the proper use of pesticides and even operates commercially-certified kitchens where small-scale vendors can prepare food items for sale while meeting state guidelines for food safety.

Contact UT-TSU Extension Shelby County for more information. You can find contact information online at the UT Extension website: extension.tennessee.edu. Just click on the link to local offices and choose your county's name. Information is also available at the TSU Cooperative Extension website: www.tnstate.edu/extension.

Many of UT Extension's educational resources are also available online. From the UT Extension website choose the link to "publications" and enter the topic for which you need information. The search engine will generate a list of resources. Most are available free of charge. A publications page is also available on the TSU website, which includes a list of available publications by program area.

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