

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ANR

The summer heat hasn't stopped our ANR staff from spending time in the outdoors with their programs. Small Farms Agent, Jo Anne Waterman, has been hosting 54 participants for the West TN New Farm Academy. The purpose of this program is to provide educational research-based knowledge and to help participants understand recommended farm guidelines, growing practices, and production fundamentals. In addition, the Master Gardener program hosted a local garden tour, and of the 840 visitors, 80% were members of the general public! Way to go ANR staff for bringing our resources out to others!



Pictured above is one of the many garden landscapes on the Through Our Garden Gates event with the Master Gardeners.

4-H



This summer has been a busy time for 4-H. Amongst the different clubs and events they hosted, our agents also held an 8 week long AgTech 1.0 and 2.0 internships for 16 high school students where they learned about different avenues of the AgTech Industry as well as general life skills for their lives beyond high school. Two of our agents, Michael and Kelly, also attended 4-H camp at the newly renovated Lone Oaks Farm, where they took 18 campers (4 returning and 4 new) and had an absolute blast! And if you see any members in the Ghost Riders Club, congratulate them on their accomplishments at the Western Region 4-H Show and the State Open 4-H Horse Judging Show. We cannot wait to see the impact our 4-H staff will make during this school year!

Pictured above are 4-H Agents Michael and Kelly with their 4-H Campers at Lone Oaks Farm.

FCS

Our FCS staff have been out in the community this summer! In June, Priscilla and other FCS staff members hosted the Mid-South Canning College to 7 participants, where they learned the importance of using water bath and pressure canner safely. Lauren worked with older adults with her Eat Well Feel Well Program, and as a result, all of the 15 participants stated that they learned more about making better choices regarding their health and nutrition. Marcey hosted and participated in a water challenge with some of her Eat Smart at Home participants and helped them create healthier habits! These highlights are just a few of the many resourceful programs brought to Shelby County by our staff!



Pictured above are members of the June Canning College working with their vegetables.

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

Impacts



It has been a busy and fun year for our Extension staff so far, and that fun will keep on! Our staff and volunteers of Extension have worked hard to make an impact in our community, but there is always more work to do so we can **Meet People Where They Are!**

**Impact
Contacts**
4,237,047

**Volunteer
Hours**
7,163

**Volunteer
Value**
\$186,380.96

Upcoming Events

- **August 26-** Ask a Master Gardener Table at the Downtown Memphis Farmer's Market
- **August 1-** TSU Hoop House Constructing and Usage Workshop
- **September 1- September 10** Support 4-H at their Corn Crib at the Delta Fair
- **September 7-** TSU Small Farms Expo
- **October 7-** UT-TSU Extension Drive-Thru Health Fair
- **October 14-** Harvest Festival at the Agricenter

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Pictured above are some of our FCS staff who attended the TEAFCS conference and represented us well.

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