

UT/Williamson County Extension — June Newsletter

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Horticulture Programming in Williamson County - June 2017

With the summer in full swing, horticulture in Williamson County is making waves. Garden Talk at the Williamson County Public Library is continuing to draw residents of the community, with 492 participants to date.

With seven more programs to go, we hope to hit our goal of 1000 attendees over the 15-week series. The next program is 'Gardening to Attract Pollinators' and will be held June 26th at the Franklin location of the WCPL.

Garden Talk is an educational series that focuses on horticulture related topics and best management practices for the landscape. View the series schedule at the UT/TSU Williamson County Extension website by accessing the consumer tab on the horticulture page at <https://williamson.tennessee.edu>.

Admission is free however registration is required. You may register by accessing the WCPL website at http://wcpltn.org/services/seed_exchange or by calling 615-595-1243.

Horticulture agent Amy Dismukes will be manning an 'Ask the Expert' booth once a month throughout the year at the Franklin Farmer's Market.

'Ask the Expert' was created to address the overwhelming demand of plant diagnostic and identification questions that come into the Extension office in addition to 'putting a face to the name' of Extension in Williamson County.

Please keep an eye on the Franklin Farmer's Market calendar and bring a sample for ID when you see 'Ask the Expert' on the FFM weekly market newsletter.

Junior Gardener Camp



Not only are adults interested in horticulture and the environment, but many of our youth are as well. Every June, Master Gardeners in Williamson County hold a Junior Master Gardener Camp.

The camp is geared towards incoming 1st through 6th graders and involves a variety of activities, education and crafts, each geared toward the age of the participant and of course, horticulture. This year's camp included 49 little gardeners who will grow up to become environmental stewards in Tennessee.



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4-H Expo at the Williamson County Fair



Whether you're having a July 4th BBQ or Christmas dinner for the family, there is nothing better than serving high quality, locally raised meat. This is your opportunity to stock the freezer, put smiles on faces, and support a great cause. The Williamson County 4-H will once again be having the 4-H Livestock Expo auction on Monday, August 7th at 6:30 pm at the Williamson County Fair. These youth have spent

countless hours carefully raising and caring for these animals. As 4-H members, they are learning to humanely raise the highest of quality animals to maintain the agricultural backbone of Williamson County. Help support youth and maintain the tradition of agriculture in Williamson County. If you are interested in purchasing a beef, lamb, or goat, contact the Extension office.

Dairy Quiz Bowl

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl teams practiced for hours in preparation to compete at the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest. This is a test of knowledge and speed for youth in middle though high school based on dairy cattle.

The youth learn about dairy cattle breeds, milk production, herd health, nutrition, and much more. The Sr. High team placed first and the Jr. High Team placed second at the State Contest. Thanks to the coaches, Wendi Lamb and Mark Osborne for leading the teams to State!



Jr. and Sr. High Team Members

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Family and Consumer Science 2017 Cultural Arts



Williamson County Family and Community Education (fce) Cultural Arts Day was held in June at the Ag Expo Center. Tea was served with sandwiches, fruit, and pastries. The Williamson County Quintet provided delightful music.

The theme was Picture Me Caring in fce. Ben Hall, investigative reporter from News Channel Five was the guest speaker and talked about women making a difference in their community.

The Williamson County Association for Family and Community Education supported a service project to supply survivor needs for End Slavery Tennessee. About 1100 items were donated for the women that have been rescued and are living in safe houses.

Time donated for this project totaled 48.5 hours and the value of donated items was \$1524.30.

Summer Interns



Sarah Kate and Akofa (far left), our interns for the summer, teach healthy eating at the Franklin Mobile Home Park.

Sarah Kate is a Senior at Auburn majoring in agriculture production management. Akofa is a Senior at Middle Tennessee State University majoring in family and consumer studies. She plans to teach high school nutrition.

