

# UT-TSU Extension Madison County Activities Schedule

Autumn 2018

## Production Agriculture

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### Harvest Updates

Row crop demonstration plot harvest will begin in September. Stay tuned for crop updates and yields.

### Madison County Livestock

UT-TSU Extension Madison County is putting a quarterly newsletter together over forages, herd health and nutrition. Email Jake or call the office to be added to the newsletter list.

### Soil Sample Testing

Soil samples are \$15. UT-TSU Extension Madison County office will ship the soil sample for the individual, but there is a \$3.00 charge making the total \$18.00 per sample. Samples should be taken in 8-10 different locations at a depth of 6" per sample. Core Sample should be from soil surface to 6 inches deep and an inch wide. Mix the 8-10 core samples together. The better you mix the better your sample will be. Plus Test are normally analyzed and reported within 1-2 business days.

### Private Applicator Certification

#### Dicamba Training

Certification classes are available upon scheduling a class time with Jake or Celeste. P.A. Certification classes take 4 hours and cost \$75.00. Dicamba Certification classes takes an hour and cost \$25.00.

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## Horticulture

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### Crapemyrtle Bark Scale (CMBS)- Taskforce

CMBS is a relatively new and invasive pest that has recently made its way into West TN, and is an active problem in Madison County. This pest, if gone unchecked, is a great threat to the iconic Crapemyrtle, a treasured plant in southern landscapes. Madison County Master Gardeners (MCMG) have formed a Taskforce to help educate the public on identification & control of this pest. If you are interested in hosting a speaker at your Home Owners Association meeting or civic organization, please contact the Madison County Extension Office at 731-668-8543. Our skilled Master Gardener speakers bureau will provide you with a speaker. Pamphlets can be picked up at the county extension office, video demonstrations and publications can be found on the MCMG website <http://madisoncountymg.org/>.

### Fall Landscape Review: Pesticide Points for Commercial Applicators

WTREC- 605 Airways Blvd. Jackson

Wed., Sept. 26 | 9am-3pm

This year's Fall Landscape Review will feature 5 speakers who will cover topics including, urban forestry, landscape weeds, off target spray/rules & regulations, and best suited woody landscape options. 5 Total points are available if all sessions are attended. Lunch will be on your own from 12:00-1:00pm. Registration is \$20 and can be paid at the door.

### Fall Plant Sale & Garden Lectures

WTREC- 605 Airways Blvd. Jackson

Thurs., Oct. 4 | Sale: 3-6pm | Lectures: 1 & 6:30pm

Fall can be a wonderful time to plant many woody plants including trees and shrubs. This is our last chance to snag some great buys from the UT Gardens-Jackson. This year's Lecture series features 2 talks. These lectures are FREE & open to the public! Please invite friends and family and we hope to see you there!



## Family and Consumer Sciences



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### **Welcome**

#### **Ashley Hillsman!**

Ashley joined our staff in June 2018. Her role is TSU SNAP-Ed agent. She will be teaching limited-resource individuals and families how to eat healthfully on a budget.



### **Farmer's Market Fresh**

**West TN Farmer's Market | 8-10 a.m.**

September 7, 14

Sample and receive the recipe of the day along with incentives items. Activity for children as well!

### **Life in the State of Poverty simulation experience**

For people interested in being more sensitive to the realities of people with limited resources. For more information

*Tues., Sept. 25 | 8:30 – 10:45 a.m. | First UMC, Jackson*  
Register: <http://tiny.utk.edu/povsim>

*Wed, Sept. 26 | 9:30 a.m. to noon | Union University*  
Register: <http://tiny.utk.edu/povsim>

### **Homebuyer Education**

#### **Online**

Considering purchasing a home? Wondering how much you can afford. This online course with one-hour follow-up provides first-time homebuyers with information to get in and keep their homes. It meets the THDA loan requirement. Get the class sooner – not later.

<https://thda.ehomeamerica.org/> with one-hour follow-up provided by Amy Elizer. Course fee of \$99 is paid online at the time of registration.

## 4-H Youth Development



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### **Chicken Shack Fundraiser**

This annual event is a traditional part of the West Tennessee State Fair. It serves as the primary fundraiser for the Madison County program. Once expenses are paid, the funds are used to reward active 4-H youth through earned trips and awards.

Volunteers to assist and sales of barbecued chicken and pork chops make the event a success. The Chicken Shack will take place at the West TN State Fair, September 11th-15th. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Sharon or Kane. Donations to the 4-H program are always welcome!

### **Monthly Meetings**

Jackson Club and Honor Club are held the first Monday of August through May. The Jackson Club is open to any students who do not have 4-H in their school. Honor Club is by application. Adult volunteer leader meetings are open to adults.

- Jackson Club @ 5 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Honor Club @ 6 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Adult Volunteer Leaders @ 7:15 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Madison County Ag Complex Auditorium, 309 N. Parkway.

### **Interested in being in the 4-H Honor Club Member?**

Honor Club provides recognition to 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers who have demonstrated consistent leadership ability and have been active members in their clubs and communities.

### **Southern Region Teen Leadership Conf.**

September 20-23, 2018

Cost \$150 - Crossville, Tennessee

Open to 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade - must provide own transportation.



### **West Tennessee State Fair**

Dates: September, 11-16, 2018

For more information: <http://www.wtsfair.com/>