

Third Thursday

Happy holidays to all



In this season of holidays, institute Chancellor Larry Arrington invites you to join with him in considering the many gifts we have as an organization. He expresses thanks for your dedication and

considering the many gifts we have as an organization. He expresses thanks for your dedication and service and the incredible talents that our statewide team contributes each day to the institute and the people we serve. **Click here to read Dr. Arrington's letter to the institute's family and friends.**

In memoriam – Lorna Norwood



The institute lost an outstanding professional and personal friend in Lorna Norwood, director of the Marketing and Communications Department since 2007.

Through her many impacts in media relations, marketing, publications and graphic design, Norwood advanced the institute's mission and goals, and is missed by all. **More**

From AgResearch: guidelines to avoid conflict of interest

AgResearch Dean Bill Brown shares thoughts and guidelines to avoid conflict of interest situations while upholding the institute's land-grant mission to conduct research and outreach that benefits society. **More**

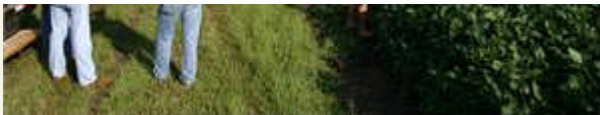


Schedule of 2013 field days, special events announced



UT AgResearch is sharing its scientific know-how with Tennesseans through 12 field days and five special events in 2013.

With a schedule as diverse as the producers of the state, the events offer growers and consumers alike a chance to learn about the latest information in agriculture, natural



resources and gardening. **More**

Institute announces gas and oil research project

The institute has announced plans to secure an industry partner for an environmental research project.

The project will determine the impact of the drilling process for natural gas and oil on the Cumberland Forest unit of the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center. **More**



Shirley Hastings congratulates Jacki German of FCS (right) on receiving the 2012 Award of Excellence for Extension non-exempt staff. German was praised for astute leadership, initiative and reliability.

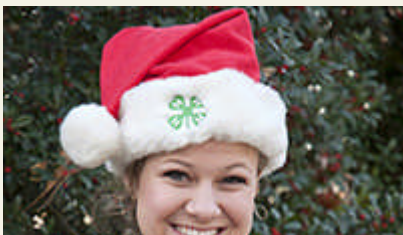


UTIA is joining with UT Knoxville to launch an Intergrated Food Safety Center of Excellence to train students and assist Tennessee with surveillance of foodborne illness. **More**



The Tennessee Master Nursery Program is coaching producers on best management practices to improve their profits and sustainability. **More**

4-H'ers dedicate themselves to holiday outreach across the state



This holiday season, Tennessee 4-H'ers statewide are working in service projects to better their communities and help the needy.

4-H youth in Montgomery County are collecting food items for military families at Fort Campbell, Ky. In Gallatin, Sumner County 4-H hosts a "Clover Tree." In Greene County, 4-H'ers



County 4-H hosts a 'Clove Tree.' In Greene County, 4-Hers are collecting – and repairing – pre-owned toys. **More**

Four institute inventions funded

The UT Research Foundation has awarded research maturation funding to eight scientists at the institute, recognizing the societal promise and potential of four institute inventions. **More**



Resources for coping with stress or challenges



For some, this time of year can be full of stress. UT's free and confidential Employee Assistance Program offers resources to help with a variety of life issues, from work, marital and family stress to financial matters, grief and loss, elder care and parenting. Legal counseling is also available. **Explore their many services.**



UTIA's Knoxville units and the East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center contributed 242 gifts to a toy drive to benefit children served by the Helen Ross McNabb

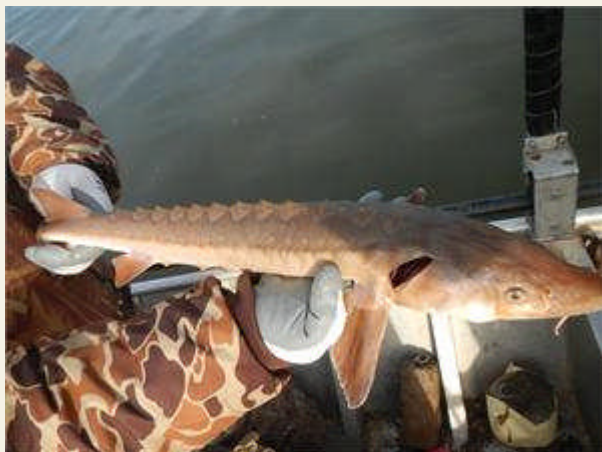


Two CASNR students placed second in national FFA competitions. Eight more Tennessee FFA members also won top honors. **More**



Specialists with UT Extension offer tips to avoid weight gain during the holiday season. **More**

Signs of success in lake sturgeon restoration efforts



Institute fisheries biologists are finding success in efforts to restore lake sturgeon in the eastern reaches of the Tennessee River.

Using trotlines, they are catching sturgeon of different ages, signifying that successive years of releases are working. Some fish are tagged; all are returned to the water. Our scientists are also discovering sturgeon are moving through the river's system of locks and dams. **More**

Agricultural campus adds e-charging station

The next time you are on campus in Knoxville, check out the new charging station for electric cars. The station is located beside the Center for Renewable Carbon's building, near the UT Gardens.

Adding to the institute's energy corridor is an electric bike station that offers loans of motor-assisted bikes. The station is at the intersection of E.J. Chapman and Joe Johnson Drive, adjacent to the Indian Mound. **More**



Extension veterinarian Fred



At their society's annual



The Southern Region of

Extension veterinarian Fred Hopkins, center, was honored for his career achievements at the UT Bull Test Open House at the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center. The special recognition ceremony included the reading of a letter of congratulations from Governor Bill Haslam. Hopkins retires this month, following a 33-year career with UT.

At their society's annual convention, UT's chapter of the Sigma Alpha Agricultural Sorority won four national awards, being named top chapter in the U.S. and honored as Emerald Chapter, reflecting their ability to meet all society deadlines. The chapter placed first overall for its scrapbook and website.

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The Southern Region of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a professional organization of Extension workers nationwide, honored Dena Wise of Extension FCS with its Visionary Leadership Award. Wise was recognized for helping to found the Tennessee "Jump\$tart Coalition" and "Tennessee Saves" – two programs that educate citizens about financial management.



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