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## From the chancellor



In his letter to institute members, Chancellor Larry Arrington celebrates faculty and staff members' success in securing external funding in support of our research, Extension and teaching programs. He also notes our participants in the UT Leadership Institute and previews a significant UT Gardens celebration. **[Read the chancellor's letter.](#)**

## Surge in CASNR enrollment tops national trend

WBIR-TV in Knoxville recently interviewed CASNR Assistant Dean John Stier about the surge in enrollment the college is experiencing. While ag program enrollment is increasing by 21 percent nationally, CASNR is seeing a 32.8 percent increase in its enrollment. Stier says students are discovering the high demand that exists for graduates of agriculture and natural resources programs. **Watch the video** and **read an article** in the Wall Street Journal.



## Wildlife students celebrate cherished volunteer Hall Medlin



From panda research in China to elk restoration in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, graduates of CASNR's Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries have made their mark around the world.

And through the years, Hall Medlin, an 80-year-old retired master auto mechanic, has been in the background assisting in a way that has earned him the respect and admiration of students and professors alike. **More**





CASNR student Doug Giles is runner up and a scholarship recipient in the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Collegiate Discussion Meet held recently in Phoenix, Ariz. **More**

Planning a garden? Plant extra for area needy. A new initiative at the institute in Knoxville will use gleaners, or collectors, to gather produce this summer to be taken to a collection point at the UT Gardens. (Photo courtesy of Clemson.)

In memoriam – **Carl Grimes**, retired Extension agent from Humphreys County, and **Gene Warren Turner**, who served as an Extension agent in several counties before becoming associate supervisor of Extension programs in West Tennessee.

## Thinking ahead to 4-H camps

State 4-H director Steve Sutton looks ahead to summer's many 4-H camping experiences. Parents and 4-H agents find that youth participation in camp brings many benefits, from greater tolerance and empathy to more engagement in the 4-H program and their communities. (Photo by Carrera Romanini.) **More**



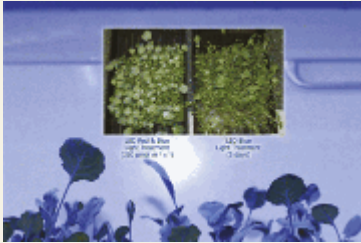
## New 'T' cleaning for Knox campus offices



Facilities Services is taking part in UT's top 25 initiative! The unit is implementing new cleaning procedures for suites and individual offices on the institute's Knoxville campus. The new service involves weekly detailed cleaning of offices, even dusting desk surfaces that are free of clutter. But recycling and waste will now be picked up for the most part on a weekly basis. Other changes have also been made to put us on a competitive



also been made to put us on a competitive cleaning basis with Top 25 universities. **More**



In their cover article for the Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science, UT AgResearchers Dean Kopsell and Carl Sams of the Department of Plant Sciences discuss the use of blue LED lights in greenhouse production to boost levels of healthy nutrients in leafy vegetables. **See the journal** and **watch a UTIA news video**.



Congratulations to the two interdisciplinary teams that received CASNR Cooperative Innovative Teaching Awards. Participants in the sixth annual Campus Wide Teaching Workshop were able to compete for one of two teaching awards by submitting proposals for consideration. The focus was innovative teaching. **More**



UT Extension is partnering with five conservation agencies to help improve waterfowl habitat through the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program. The goal is to return waterfowl to the breeding ground physically conditioned for maximum reproductive success. **More**

Although snow's not in the forecast for most of us, who knows what March may bring. Vi Pikoulas took the image below to remind us that there is beauty to be found in the UT Gardens, even in winter. Pikoulas is a medical technologist with the clinical pathology lab in the Veterinary Medical Center. Her image is an entry in the ongoing **Gamma Sigma Delta photo competition**.





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