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From the chancellor



He's worked tirelessly as a supporter of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. He's also an advocate for agriculture and the land-grant system, and now he's been honored with a national award. Above, members of the institute congratulate **Waymon Hickman**, of Columbia, Tenn., center, as the first UTIA supporter to receive a national philanthropy award. Read more about Hickman, plans for Ag Day and two new institute awards in **Chancellor Larry Arrington's letter to the institute**.

Becoming a Carnegie Foundation engaged university

As members of a land-grant university, we all take pride in carrying out our teaching, research and Extension missions as established in the Morrill Act, the Hatch Act



and the Smith-Lever Act.

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act, it is fitting that UT Knoxville and UTIA are partnering to be classified a Community Engagement institution. **More**

New leader for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences arrives



Laura Stephenson has a new challenge and focus in her career – building stronger families in Tennessee.

The veteran academic administrator is the new assistant dean for UT Extension – heading the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, which includes agents in all 95 counties in Tennessee.

UT Extension FCS professional specialists and agents work in such areas as health, housing, parenting, money management and nutrition. **More**

Second quarter grants, contracts, billings total \$12.4 million

Sponsored projects and Extension county billings for the second quarter of 2013 total \$12,440,272. **See the report.**

To the principal and co-principal investigators, congratulations. External funding is vital to our overall program, and we appreciate the support and efforts of everyone engaged in enhancing our external funding.



New international partners, institute sign MOU

The institute has entered into a set of unique international partnerships that will promote innovative solutions in agricultural production between Tennessee and the Republic of Croatia.



Chancellor Larry Arrington, UT Extension Dean Tim Cross, AgResearch Dean Bill Brown and UT Extension Assistant Dean Robert Burns traveled to the Balkan nation to meet with representatives from the Agrokor Group, a food and drink producer

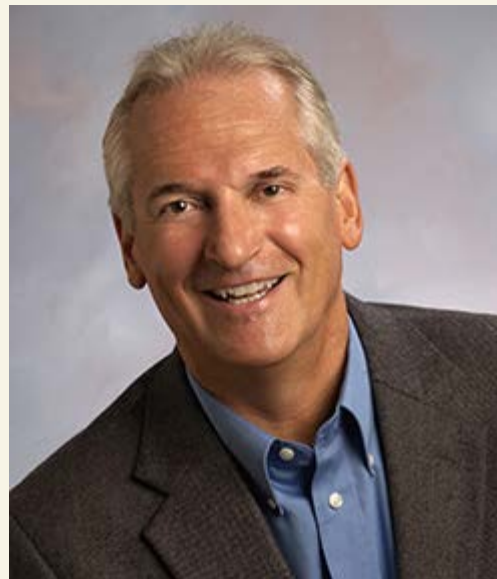
that employs nearly 40,000 people and is the largest privately held company in Croatia. While in Zagreb, Arrington signed memorandums of understanding with Agrokor and the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture. [More](#)

Two international honors for institute's Tim Young

Tim Young, a scientist with the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries and Center for Renewable Carbon, has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar for an exchange with **Salzburg University of Applied Sciences** in Austria.

The second honor comes from members of the international **Forest Products Society** who have inducted him as president. [More](#)

Advancing international ties and increasing technology transfer are among the goals of the institute's four pillars. [More](#)



Summer Celebration draws crowd of 2,300



Madison County Master Gardener Helen Barnes enjoys a lace hydrangea at Summer Celebration, held last Thursday at the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Jackson. [View a photo album of images from the event.](#)

Barnes, who is a former administrative assistant at the center, was among 2,300 people attending the event, which continues to be one of the most popular field days hosted by AgResearch.



UT Extension agent Larry Moorehead is dedicated to making a difference in his community. Recently, President Joe DiPietro took a minute to share Larry's accomplishments with the UT Board of Trustees. **Watch DiPietro's video tribute.**



At the annual **Steak and Potatoes Field Day**, UT researchers and Extension experts will present talks and demonstrations for people interested in improved beef production, fruit and vegetable production and land management issues. The event takes place Aug. 6 at the Plateau AgResearch and Education Center in Crossville. **More**



Butternut trees, which are prized by Native Americans and were a source of dye for some Confederate uniforms during the Civil War, have been devastated by disease. UTIA's Scott Schlarbaum leads the effort to restore these valuable trees to our forests. **More**

In memoriam — John Barteer, Glenn Conatser

Longtime UT Extension agent and Montgomery County director **John Barteer**, age 74, is remembered as a highly esteemed professional who had tremendous and outstanding impacts at UT and in the communities he served for close to half a century. Links: **Article in Clarksville Leaf Chronicle, tribute by the institute.**

Glenn Conatser, age 74, retired Animal Science professor, was considered an outstanding Extension swine specialist who kept step as the industry changed and was forward thinking in his educational program, always focused on increasing profit return to Tennessee swine producers. **Obituary**



Extended hours starting fall semester at Pendergrass Library



Pendergrass Agricultural and Veterinary Medicine Library is pleased to announce extended hours for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Starting Aug.21, the library will be open from 7:30 to midnight, Sunday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

UT animal therapy program HABIT expands

The College of Veterinary Medicine's **HABIT program** sponsors animal-assisted therapy outreach for all ages in a variety of settings such as nursing and retirement homes, assisted living centers, hospitals, physical rehabilitation centers, and area schools.

The program is holding introductory meetings in Chattanooga and Greeneville, Tenn., to share how animal-assisted therapy can touch lives in those communities. **More**



CVM doctors discuss importance of pregnancy testing in cattle



Dr. David Anderson, Large Animal Clinical Sciences Department head at the College of Veterinary Medicine, talks to Dr. Brian Whitlock, UTCVM Farm Animal Field Service veterinarian, about the importance of pregnancy testing in cattle.

Click here to watch the video. Visit the UT Veterinary Education Channel on YouTube **here.**

Mark your calendar now for Ag Day 2013!

This year's Ag Day will be held Oct. 5 inside the new Brehm Animal Science arena. Festivities start four hours before the Vols take on the Georgia Bulldogs in Neyland Stadium. Kickoff time TBA.



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