



University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
**TRACE: Tennessee Research and Creative  
Exchange**

---

Third Thursday

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture  
Publications

---

2014

## Third Thursday 2-2014

Institute of Agriculture

Follow this and additional works at: [https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk\\_thirdthursday](https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_thirdthursday)

---

### Recommended Citation

Institute of Agriculture, "Third Thursday 2-2014" (2014). *Third Thursday*.  
[https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk\\_thirdthursday/99](https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_thirdthursday/99)

The publications in this collection represent the historical publishing record of the UT Agricultural Experiment Station and do not necessarily reflect current scientific knowledge or recommendations. Current information about UT Ag Research can be found at the [UT Ag Research website](#).

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Publications at TRACE: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. It has been accepted for inclusion in Third Thursday by an authorized administrator of TRACE: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. For more information, please contact [trace@utk.edu](mailto:trace@utk.edu).

# Third Thursday

## A message from Chancellor Larry Arrington



A visit from USDA Deputy Secretary Krista Harden (shown above and [here](#)) and the establishment of a new endowed chair for international sustainable agriculture (details [here](#)) are among the highlights of Dr. Arrington's message this month. Click [here](#) for his letter to the Institute. **Follow Chancellor Arrington on Twitter.**

## Real-life experience in the classroom and beyond

Students learn best when they see the real-life relevance of what they are learning. In a letter to the faculty, CASNR's Dean Caula Beyl shares her perspectives about inviting accomplished alumni or other successful role models to help current CASNR students see how what they are learning in class today

might translate into exciting opportunities in the future. **More**



## Alum and UT trustee recognized for philanthropy



A former UT trustee and 1952 CASNR graduate is being celebrated for his significant contributions to Tennessee higher education. Waymon Hickman was recently named Volunteer of the Year for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III. **(See article.)** He has also received the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association's 2013 Outstanding Philanthropist Award and the inaugural UTIA Meritorious Service Award at last fall's Ag Day (pictured with Chancellor

Arrington and Mrs. Hickman). Hickman's support has created learning opportunities for thousands of Tennessee youth engaged in 4-H and his endowment has funded 650 UTIA scholarships to date.

## SciGirls and STEM in the UT Gardens

On Feb. 8, the UT Gardens, Knoxville, hosted a nationally recognized SciGirls training workshop for 30 East Tennessee educators. SciGirls is a project of Twin Cities Public Television that is working to change how girls think about science, technology, engineering and math. The Gardens received a grant to collaborate with five area educational agencies including the Boys & Girls Club of Dumplin Valley, ECO-Youth Garden and Sarah Moore Green Magnet Technology Academy. "We look forward to introducing more program options at the UT Gardens that focus on STEM education," says Derrick Stowell, HGTV- UT Gardens educator. A second event that will bring youth to the Gardens is planned for fall semester. For more information about SciGirls, visit the website [pbskids.org/scigirls](http://pbskids.org/scigirls).



## High honors for faculty

'Tis the season for professional recognition. Numerous UTIA faculty, staff and students have been



recently honored for their achievements, but three have achieved some of the highest honors available in their fields. Congratulations to them and to all our high-achieving personnel.



At the 17th Annual National Conservation Systems Cotton and Rice Conference, Mike Buschermohle, a professor in Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, was named the 2014 Precision Ag Researcher of the Year. See the [announcement](#).



Tom Mueller, a professor in Plant Sciences, is known for his work researching herbicide-resistant weeds and the environmental fate of herbicides in soils. Mueller has been named a Fellow in the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA). See the [announcement](#).



Clyde Lane was honored with the 2014 Beef Quality Assurance National Educator Award. Lane, who is recently retired from the Department of Animal Science, spent nearly 40 years as a UT Extension Beef Specialist. Details online [here](#) and you can catch Clyde in this [BQA video](#).

## Kid's best friend promotes healing

The human-animal bond can help heal a wounded heart or body, even if the animal isn't exactly living and breathing. Through a "kind words" letter-writing campaign, members of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association raised about \$5,000 for the **JOSH and friends organization**. The funds paid for 150 stuffed-animal versions of the golden retriever Josh and a book about Josh's trip to the vet for surgery. A group of third-year CVM students delivered the goodies to



enthusiastic and grateful patients at the East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville. Said CVM student Shonna Parker of the visit, "It's amazing to see how a small thing for us to do makes such a huge impact in those children's lives." The students plan another trip to the hospital with even more books and stuffed JOSH dogs for this spring.

## Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries turns 50!

This year the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries celebrates its 50th year of service. Among its many alumni are three currently serving heads of state agencies. Ed Carter ('71) is executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Bob Duncan ('71) is executive director of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Curtis Taylor ('79) is chief of the Wildlife Resources



Section for West Virginia's Division of Natural Resources. They visited campus in November to talk to current students. ([See article in Tennessee Land, Life & Science](#), p. 12.) The department is planning a grand celebration this fall. "Like" its [Facebook](#) page to keep up with plans for the event.

## Other news on campus, across the state



Imagine picking an apple for a snack on the way to class. The Big Orange Orchard is the vision of a current UTK student and an alumnus who advocate a series of permaculture plantings across campus. The two are working with UTIA faculty to bring the vision to fruition. [More](#)



The 115th National Field Trial Championship for All-Age Bird Dogs began Feb. 10 at Ames Plantation. The plantation is privately owned but functions as a UT AgResearch and Education Center under the Will of the late Julia C. Ames. Photo by Jamie Evans. [More](#)



Grow More, Give More, a community service project aimed at feeding our hungry neighbors while reducing food waste, contributed more than 20,600 servings of fresh vegetables and fruits in 2013. Consider growing and donating some veggies or volunteering this spring. [More](#)



The Institute will miss John (Tom) Ammons, retired professor of soil science, who passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 14. In addition to being a dedicated researcher and



On Feb. 18 the UT System celebrated UT Day on the Hill at Legislative Plaza in Nashville. CASNR Ambassadors Ashlee Ailshie (Agricultural and Resource



Amy Fulcher and Bill Klingeman (Plant Sciences) and Frank Hale and Alan Windham (Entomology and Plant Pathology) were among a team of scientists honored

adviser, Tom will be remembered as a talented musician who brought joy to many campus events.

### **Obituary**

Economics) and Alyssa Clements (Animal Science) joined Chancellor Arrington; Deans Brown, Cross and Thompson and other UTIA representatives in advocating for the Institute's programs.

with the Friends of IPM Bright Idea Award by the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center (**SIPMC**). Their idea was IPMpro, a mobile phone app and iBook to help nursery producers with disease and pest management.

## **We're getting more social!**

In January, the Institute launched a UTIA Facebook page and Chancellor Arrington launched his Twitter feed. These sites will allow us to increase interaction with our friends and provide additional content distribution channels regarding UTIA news and information. If you're feeling social, too, then please like us on Facebook, subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow Chancellor Arrington on his Twitter feed. Click on the links listed below. It's easy and a great way to keep current with what's going on at the Institute.

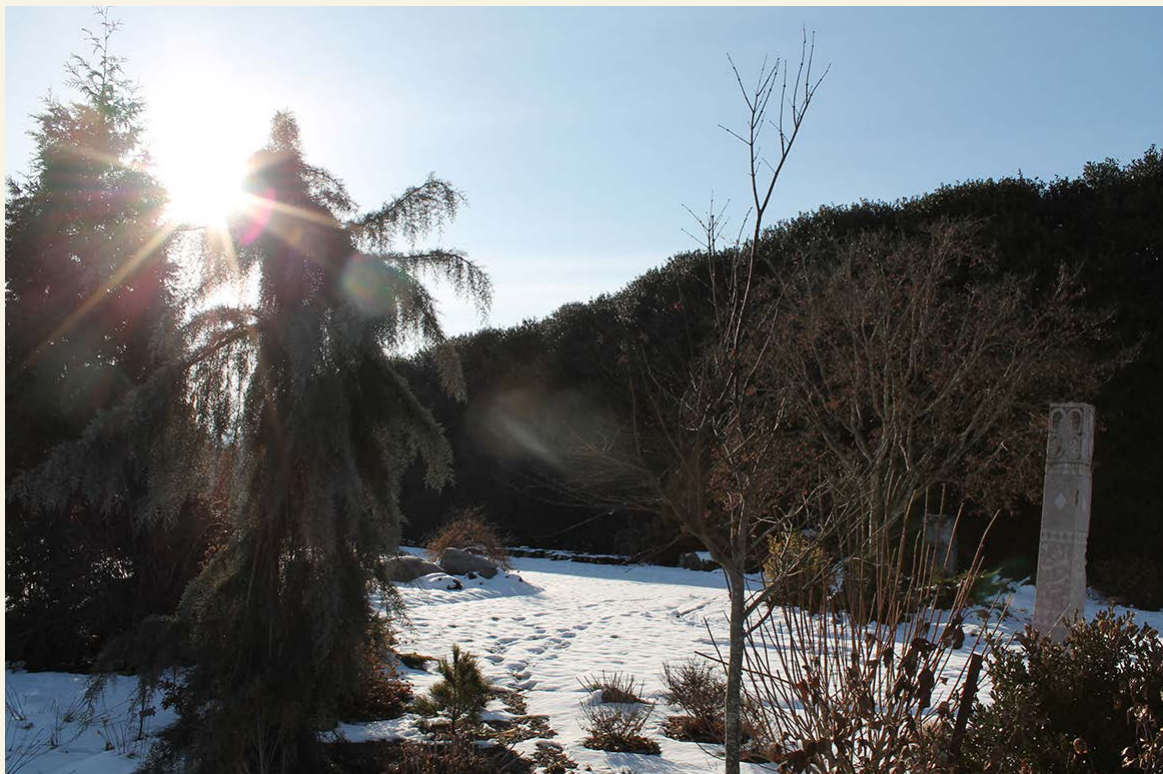
**UTIA on Facebook**

**UTIA YouTube**

**Chancellor Arrington's Twitter Feed**

## **Stopping by the UT Gardens on a snowy day**

Valentine's Day 2014 in Knoxville as seen through the lens of Derrick Stowell, Gardens educator.





[Edit your subscription](#) | [Unsubscribe instantly](#)

Third Thursday is published monthly by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Send comments and suggestions to **Margot Emery**. The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

[ag.tennessee.edu](http://ag.tennessee.edu)

THE UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE   
INSTITUTE of AGRICULTURE