

# FUTIAWA

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### UTIA fy2010 BUDGET

As this issue of the newsletter goes to press, planning for the FY10 Institute of Agriculture budget continues as a work in progress. Vice President DiPietro advised the faculty and staff in early February that he had been asked to prepare for FY10 budget reductions of \$7 million for the Institute.

These reductions amount to 8 to 13.6 percent in state appropriations, depending on the unit, DiPietro pointed out. In addition, we have been contingency planning for an additional 5 percent reduction, he added.

UTIA administrators are following these guiding principles as they develop budget plans:

- Minimize negative impacts on core activities in education, research, outreach and service programs.
- Strive to minimize layoffs of personnel.
- Consider open positions, retirements and resignations to meet budget reductions first.
- Maximize efficiencies and reduce operating expenditures.
- Look at opportunities for growth in non-state resources through development efforts, grant and contract activities and other efforts.

It is uncertain exactly how many positions may be lost due to budget reductions but estimates include elimination UTIA-wide of 55 vacant positions, 30 anticipated retirements that will not be refilled, and the possibility of 20 positions lost to reductions in force. The Institute currently has over 2,100 total employees.

AgResearch Dean Bill Brown has announced that the new building for the AgResearch and Education Center in Milan has been postponed until the budget picture becomes clearer. If the budget situation does not improve, the headquarters staff may eventually move into the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum, located on the Milan REC Site.

UT-Extension has been dealing with requests to develop general plans for budget reductions ranging from 13.2 percent to 20 percent of the state appropriation. This represents decreases of about \$3 million to \$6 million in funding for Extension from the state.

On February 12, Extension Dean Tim Cross met with the staff at Buford Ellington 4-H Center in Milan and informed them of plans to close the Center effective June 30, 2009.

“The Milan 4-H Center has provided countless positive youth development experiences for thousands of 4-H members for the past 46 years. Unfortunately, the facilities are in a less-than-satisfactory condition, and do not offer the quality camping experience provided at the other three Centers. The

Buford Ellington facility does not allow the youth of West Tennessee the experience they deserve. While our initial focus must be in developing plans for our 2009 summer camps and closure of the Milan facility, we must also quickly shift attention to the development of a new 4-H Center in West Tennessee as opportunities arise,” Cross explained.

Extension will continue to serve all 4-H youth statewide who wish to attend summer camp using the three Centers in Columbia, Crossville and Greeneville. Financial assistance will be provided to offset as much as possible of the added travel costs, particularly for counties in the Western Region.

The Assistant Dean position to lead agriculture, natural resources, and resource development programs, the State 4-H Program Leader position and other key positions are currently on hold. In early February, Dean Tim Cross announced that these positions will be revisited as soon as a firmer direction in the fiscal year budget is available.

### 2009 FUTIAWA SPRING MEETING DATES

Western District – Wed., April 22, Jackson  
Central District – Thurs., April 23, Lebanon  
Cumberland District – Fri., May 8, Crossville  
Smoky Mountain District – Fri., May 15, Knoxville  
STATE MEETING – Fri., May 15, Knoxville

Starting times, exact locations, program details, and registration forms will be printed in the April newsletter.  
*The April newsletter will be mailed on April 1, 2009*  
The absolute deadline for receiving information to be printed in the April issue is Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

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On February 24, plans for restructuring UT AgResearch dairy programs in the middle Tennessee area were announced. This included a plan to move the Jersey herd at the Dairy AgResearch and Education Center in Lewisburg to the Middle Tennessee Center.

The Lewisburg facility would then become a heifer development center. This move would bring \$370,000 in cost savings through reduced operating funds, salary savings and efficiencies.

Dennis Onks has been serving as director of both the Lewisburg and MiddleTennessee REC's since Henry Dowlen retired. In this budget reduction proposal, Dennis would continue in that role and the directors' position at Lewisburg would not be filled.

## PRESIDENT PETERSEN RESIGNS

UT President John Petersen and Trustee Vice Chair Jim Murphy jointly announced February 18 that Petersen will resign as UT president, effective June 30, 2009, and that Dr. Jan Simek, most recently the interim chancellor for UT Knoxville, will be recommended to the Board to fill the post for up to two years.

Petersen will be on administrative leave with pay beginning March 1 through June 30. Simek will be acting president from March 1 through June 30 and will become interim on July 1. His appointment as interim is not to exceed two years.

"As I approach the end of my fifth year, I have been giving serious thought to my future plans and had determined I wanted to leave in June," Petersen said. "In discussions with Vice Chair Murphy and other board members, we agree that it serves the University's interest best to make the change now so that the person responsible for implementing cuts in next year's budget will be the person leading the difficult budget decisions in the coming months."

Vice President for Agriculture Joseph D. Pietro expressed gratitude for himself and the Institute's for President Petersen's service and leadership. Dr. Petersen's vision, steadfast support and encouragement resulted in many successes for UTIA during his tenure, DiPietro explained.

"In particular, his encouragement to think big and his commitment to the Land Grant mission and programs that provide solutions that ultimately benefit citizens and foster economic development led to the unprecedented program that UTIA leads—the Tennessee Biofuels Initiative. We wish him and Mrs. Petersen nothing but the very best in future endeavors," DiPietro said.

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Both Petersen and DiPietro applauded the appointment of Dr. Jan Simek as interim president and expressed appreciation for his willingness to serve.

## NEW UTK CHANCELLOR

Jimmy G. Cheek, the new UT Knoxville chancellor, arrived on campus February 2 to begin his job. Cheek, 62, was recommended for the chancellor's post by UT President John Petersen and approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2008 after a nationwide search and lengthy interview process.



Cheek comes to UT Knoxville at a time when the university is facing significant budget cuts. But that challenge is not new to him; during the past year at Florida, he managed a 10-percent funding cut while still meeting his operating obligations and main-

Chancellor Jimmy Cheek taining a balanced budget.

As UT Knoxville's chancellor, Cheek said he intends to "focus on the university with an aggressive strategic agenda," which is likely to include enhancing educational programs, faculty research and scholarship portfolios, facilities and infrastructure, and collaboration with governmental and private institutions.

Prior to full-time employment on February 2, Cheek has visited campus periodically since his appointment in October 2008 and has been coordinating with staff and administrators while wrapping up his work as senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources at the University of Florida.

A tree has been planted in front of the West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center to honor the memory of longtime UT Institute of Agriculture supporter, **Jane Hazlewood**, who lost her battle with cancer on April 2, 2008. Hazlewood's father, **Ben Hazlewood**, served as superintendent of the Center for more than 40 years. Jane spent much of her youth there.

The UT Gardens is participating in the new 'American Garden Award' program. Garden visitors vote on their favorite plants in the UT Gardens by text messaging or using a call-in number from their mobile phone.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Information About Retirees

Dr. **Monty Montgomery**, professor emeritus, Animal Science Department–Dairy Section, and wife Mary are living in Ft. Myers, FL during January–March 2009.

**Patsy Ezell**, who retired last October as Extension program leader, Central Region, is currently employed as assistant director, Family and Consumer Sciences with the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service in College Park. Her current work address is: Patsy A. Ezell, Ph.D., Assistant Director, 1210 Symons Hall, College Park, MD 20742, pezell@umd.edu.

**Ben Powell**, retired professor and state 4-H leader, was in Champaign, IL during Christmas visiting his oldest son, Thomas, and family. Younger son, Mark and family joined the group on Christmas day. Ben reported, “I have had a wonderful Christmas with my eight grandchildren.”

**Ramona and Reece Robertson** have been camping in the Everglades during January and February. Ramona retired in 2007 as an administrative support assistant in the Central Regional Office, Nashville after 27 years of service.

Dr. **Tom Miles**, retired department head and professor emeritus, Food Science and Technology Department, and wife Landon have moved to Johnson City to live closer to their son, George Miles. Tom's new address is Dr. **J. T. Miles**, 406 E. Mountain View Road, Apt. 125, Johnson City, TN 37601.

Dr. **Bill Hicks**, dean emeritus, UT–Extension, had open heart surgery on January 23. The surgery went well and Dr. Hicks is now recovering at home. At last report, home health is coming to his home daily for therapy. He would appreciate receiving cards or notes from his friends. His mailing address is: 1240 Orleans Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Retired agricultural agents from the East Tennessee area met in Knoxville for lunch on February 17. Those attending were: Bill Miller, Buddy Sanders, Pete Gossett, George Mays, Roy Lessly, Houston Luttrell, John Jared, Ray Humbert, Tom Hill, Harry Bryan, Charley Whitehead, and Joe Woods.

Many UTIA retirees attended the UT-Knoxville Retirees' Association winter luncheon at Buddy's Banquet Hall on February 9. Dr. Michael Lofaro, Lindsay Young Professor of American Literature in the UT English Department, presented a humerus report on 'Davy Crockett: The Creation of A Legend.'

**Mike Gordon**, Western Regional Extension director, has announced his retirement after 38 years of service with UT-Extension. A reception in his honor will be held at the West Tennessee REC, Jackson, on Friday, March 6, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

**John Allen**, former Extension agent in Davidson County and National 4-H Center staff member, has moved back to Cookeville to spend more time with his Mom. John reports that he has a small antique shop and enjoys attending estate sales and auctions. His address is: 1430 Park Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501, johnncookeville@charter.net



A group of Knoxville area retirees who meet on a monthly basis held their December meeting at Gail Disney's home. Collectively, this group has devoted more than 280 years of service to UT Extension. Pictured above are : (seated) Gail Disney and Betty Sewell; (standing) Mary Ann Haubenrich, Mildred Clarke, Laverne Farmer, Geneva Potter, Ruth Henderson McQueen, Martha Jo Tolley, Helen Rader, and Phillis Inman.

**Raymond Cobble**, retired Plant and Soil Science professor, suffered fall on the hardwood floor at his home on January 1, 2009. He is currently recuperating at home with rib and spinal injuries. Raymond celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 6. He and wife, Ernestine, express thanks to all who remembered him with cards and phone calls.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING *continued*

*Information About Retirees*

**Address Updates** — *please correct your membership list.*

**Dorris Davis**, retired Extension secretary, Overton County, 3227 Rickman Rd., Rickman, TN 38580.

**Margaret F. Morton**, retired Extension agent in Knox County, P. O. Box 30962, Knoxville, TN 37930-0962.

**Rebecca Stephens**, retired research associate, Forestry Department, 912 Mackenzie Drive, Maryville, TN 37904-4947.

**Jane Wade**, retired Extension agent III, Carroll County, 2825 Pled Wade Road, Puryear, TN 38251.

**Herbert L. Williams**, retired Extension agent, District III, is moving in January from Athens, TN to Cookeville. His new address is 1605 Brookdale Ave., Cookeville, TN 38506.

**Galdys W. Williams**, who retired as Extension agent in Giles County in 1990 with 43 years of service, 3909 Mallard Drive, Nashville, TN 37218-2007.

**Willard T. Witte**, retired associate professor, Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, 7732Christin Lee Circle, Knoxville, TN 37931-4544, Phone 865-670-4162.

### **E-Mail Address Changes**

Oliver Cook – olivercook08@comcast.net

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Ray Humberd – rchumberd@comcast.net

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## **FUTIAWA Discussion FORUM**

by: Harry Bryan, Past President

A discussion forum has been installed just for the retirees of The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. To access the forum, you can go to <http://www.futiawa.org/forum> If members would use the forum, it could be a very beneficial way of retirees staying in touch with each other.

If you want to announce the arrival of your grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or brag in some way, this is a place to do that.

Perhaps Bill Reed or Bernice Atkinson would want to announce their tours and get some retirees to go along with them on their next excursion. You cannot advertise any cheaper than on the forum. After all, it is free and will not cost you a stamp or long distance charges.

Charlie Grooms may want to tell where he is having his next chuck wagon cook. We invite serious discussion but will always be glad for our retirees to just "shoot the bull" in a high tech way.

You can also post events on the calendar as well as upload pictures to the forum.

Anyone can view the forum without registering, but you will need to register to make comments or start a topic. To register, just choose a username and password to your choosing and enter in the blanks on the registration page. Since this will be a forum for just our association, it would be better to choose a username your fellow retirees can associate with you.

Spammers will not be able to get on and harvest your email address, because only registered users can see the email addresses. If we suspect a username or email address is not one of us, they are rejected. So, if you do get rejected by mistake, send me an email at [harry@bryangroup.net](mailto:harry@bryangroup.net) and we will get you on the list.

A few categories have been created, but if you want to see additional categories, send your suggestions to me. If you have any problems registering or using the forum, let me know.

I look forward to seeing and reading a lot of comments from all of you. – *Harry Bryan*

## **RECENT UTIA RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS**

*The UT Human Resources Office reports the following persons retired recently from UTIA:*

- **Mary Ruth Chandler**, Extension Program Assistant II, UT–Extension, Knox County, retired 12-30-2008 with 20.67 years of service.
- **Marilyn B. Cottrell**, Senior Laboratory Technologist I, Comparative Medicine, CVM, Knoxville, retired 12-31-2008 with 37.9 years of service.
- **Gilma A. Loftin**, Service Assistant I, Ridley 4-H Center, Columbia, retired 10-31-2008 with 9.9 years of service.

*The following employees with more than five years of service have left UTIA employment:*

- **Keith A. Hnilica**, Associate Professor, Small Animal Clinical Science, CVM, Knoxville, terminated 12-31-2008 with 8.08 years of service.
- **Albert L. Jenkins**, Service Aid II, Ames Plantation REC, terminated 01-05-2009 with 12.5 years of service.
- **Robert E. Polk**, Service Aid II, Ames Plantation REC, terminated 01-05-2009 with 21.9 years of service.
- **Larry W. Teague II**, Research Specialist II, Ames Plantation REC, terminated 01-05-2009 with 12.5 years of service. *(continued to next page)*

### **Additional Terminations** *(continued)*

- ! **Michael S. Whittington**, Research Associate I, Ames Plantation REC, terminated 01-05-2009 with 8.08 years of service.
- ! **Rachel C. Whittington**, Research Associate I, Ames Plantation REC, terminated 01-05-2009 with 9.5 years of service.

### **NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

*Former UTIA workers who have recently joined FUTIAWA as lifetime members are:*

- **Larry D. Darnell**, 1434 Kittrell Rd., Franklin, TN 37064, 615-791-9880, darnellfamily@bellsouth.net *Retired as Extension Agent III, Williamson County.*
- **Roland Mote**, 2142 Bolinger Rd., Maryville, TN 37801, cmote@utk.edu, *Retired as Associate Dean, Experiment Station Administration, Knoxville.*

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**William 'Bill' Butler**, former extension leader in Hardin County, passed away Sunday, February 8 at Vanderbilt Hospital from heart failure at the age of 89. Mr. Butler retired from the Hardin County Extension office in 1984 and remained in Hardin County.

He was born in Weakley County on May 22, 1919. Mr. Butler had served in the United States Army Air Corps 27th Bomb Group—the only U.S. Air Force unit in history to fight as an infantry regiment, earning its members the CIB (Combat Infantryman Badge). He was one of the many POW's that walked "The Bataan Death March", the forceable transfer of some 70,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war who were captured following their surrender on the Bataan Peninsula. He was decorated with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medals.

After returning home, Mr. Butler earned his B.S. degree in Agriculture from UTK. He worked for PET Milk Company, before accepting a post as a 4-H assistant county agent for Hardin County and was promoted to county agent, and retired as extension agent and county leader. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Savannah, the Lions Club, and the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Butler was an avid UT fan and loved gardening. Mr. Butler is survived by his daughter, Paula Butler Jones of Pickwick Dam; a sister, Minnie Parham of Dresden; two grandchildren, Christopher E. Jones and Clinton D. Jones.

Mr. Butler was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Katherine Rhodes on March 10, 1986; his second wife, Hazel Stanford Blevins on April 14, 2004; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted in Savannah at Shackleford Funeral Directors on February 10 with interment in Lexington City Cemetery in Lexington, Tennessee.

Cards may be sent to Mr. Butler's daughter at the following address: Paula Butler Jones, 325 Fairway Lane, Counce, TN 38326.

**Sybil Ely**, 86, of Springfield, died December 13, 2008 at Golden Living Center. Mrs. Ely was principal secretary for the Highland Rim Experiment Station from 1970 until her retirement in 1990.

Mrs. Ely was born August 25, 1922 in Robertson County to the late Emmett and Mae Campbell Sanford. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted December 16th in the Oakhurst Chapel of the Robertson County Funeral Home, Springfield. Interment followed in Memorial Gardens, Springfield.

She is survived by: a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jack Dunn of Springfield; sister, Martha Fletcher of Springfield; grandson: Glen Dunn of Chicago, IL.

**Frank M. DeFriese**, age 95 of Knoxville, retired UTIA professor and Extension agricultural economist, passed away Saturday morning February 21, 2009. He was a dedicated and active member of Church Street United Methodist Church for 72 years. Dr. DeFriese retired in 1973 after 38 years of service at UTIA.

Frank was born September 28, 1913 to Milton Tipton and Harriett Ellen Lane DeFriese in Birchwood, James County, Tennessee. He attended elementary and high school in Birchwood and entered UTK in 1931 completing B.S. and graduating Phi Kappa Phi. He was a member of 'Scarabbean'—the top honor society at UTK. Frank did graduate work in Public Policy at North Carolina State in Raleigh. He was an Agricultural Economist with UT Agricultural Extension Service from 1935 to 1973.

In retirement, he gave freely of his time and talent to his family, friends, church and community. He was an avid fan of 'Pat and the Lady Vols' and a district and conference lay speaker in the United Methodist Church. Frank was also active in the Downtown

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Kiwanis Club, serving as president and secretary. Of special interest was the "Fresh Air Summer Camp" for less privileged children. He was a member of the South Knoxville AARP, serving as president. Frank was also the first instructor of 55 Alive, Safe Driving for Seniors Citizens. He was active in the East Tennessee Council on Aging and the Agricultural Extension's Epsilon Sigma Phi Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters. Frank is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ruth Liggett DeFriese; daughter, Eugenia and son-in-law, James W. Bond III of Morristown; granddaughter, Mary Ellen and husband Bennett Cox of Knoxville; grandson, James W. Bond IV and wife Mary of Knoxville; great-grandchildren, Adrian and Ashley Bond and James and Mary Elizabeth Cox; also a devoted extend family, Jami, Kevin and Beckett Anderson and Susan Dominick; two sisters, Pauline Cantwell of Blaine and Marie DeFriese of Chattanooga, several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held February 23 at Church Street United Methodist Church with a private interment. Memorial gifts may be made to Church Street United Methodist Church or the Ruth and Frank DeFriese Agriculture and Human Ecology Scholarship, 107 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN 37996.

**James Larry Glasgow**, retired Central District associate supervisor, passed away at his home in Clarksville January 29, 2009 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Glasgow was born January 7, 1929 in Weakley County, son of the late Oscar Glasgow and Cora Henderson Glasgow. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Sammye Lou Pentecost Glasgow, a brother Charles W. Glasgow and sister Christine Buckley.

Larry was a long time employee of the Agriculture Extention Service, member of the Kub Club, served as past president of the Kiwanis, and board member of Farm Bureau. He was instrumental in the initial formation of the 4-H Program in Lincoln County, a member of Hilldale United Methodist Church, and a very active gardener.

Mr. Glasgow is survived by two sons: Scott (Tammy) Glasgow, Adams, TN; Terry (Cindy) Marshall, Ashland City, TN; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hilldale United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or the 4-H Endowment c/o Montgomery County Extension. The

The funeral was February 2 at Sykes Funeral Home Chapel with Entombment in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Clarksville.

**Ray Wilkinson**, retired Extension agent and Shelby County Extension leader, passed away on January 29, 2009, at age 90. He was born October 15, 1918 in Weakley County, Tennessee. He retired from UT in 1982.

He was a member of Eudora Baptist Church for over 54 years where he was also a deacon. He was a graduate of UTK, a member of the Shelby County Ag Club where he was "The Man of the Year" in 1982. He was actively involved in Memphis Association for Retarded Citizens and also helped establish Shepherds Haven a group home for mentally challenged adults in Arlington, TN.

He was preceded in death in 1996, by his wife of 51 years, Sara Armistead, also a UT graduate. He leaves a son, Rodney Wilkinson of Memphis; a daughter, Pat Wilkinson Moyers and husband Chris of Jackson, TN and daughter, Mary Wilkinson Little, and husband, Al of Fleming Island, Florida. He leaves two grandsons, Matthew Little of Fleming Island and Bryan Moyers of Jackson.

Visitation and funeral services were held on February 1 at Memorial Park Funeral Home with burial in Memphis. The family requests that memorials be made to Shepherds Haven, 175 Shepherds Haven Way, Arlington, TN 38002.

## IN SYMPATHY

*We express sincere comfort and speedy healing to the following UTIA employees or retirees:*

**Florence Mullins York and the York family** in the death of James Edward York on December 16 at age 69. Mr. York, a retired pilot, captain and flight instructor for Delta Arilines, was the son of late Clyde M. York, former chair of the Agricultural Committee of the UT Board of Trustees and former president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, and Mrs. Florence York.

**Sue Seymour**, administrative specialist, UT AgResearch, in the death of her mother, Ruby E. Brummitt on December 28. Funeral service was December 30 at Lyndhurst-Greenwood Chapel of Berry Funeral Home, Knoxville. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Tazewell Pike, Knoxville. Sue's address is: 347 Swan Seymour Road, Maynardville, TN 37807.

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## IN SYMPATHY *(continued)*

*We express sincere comfort and speedy healing to:*

**Patsy Ezell**, who retired last October as Extension program leader, Central Region, in the death of her mother on January 7. Services were held at Young's Funeral Home in Linden, TN with burial at Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceburg, TN. Patsy's home mailing address is: Patsy Ezell, 7903 Orion Circle, Apt. 274, Laurel, MD 20724.

## UTIA FACULTY-STAFF TIDBITS

### New UTIA Employees

Eight new employees have recently joined UT-Extension as Extension Agents. They are: **Elizabeth Doan**, Hamblen County, 4-H; **Melody T. Rose**, Greene County, agriculture, 4-H and resource development; **David L. Cook**, Davidson County, agriculture; **Heather F. Clower**, Rhea County, 4-H; and **Michelle R. Ashley**, Marshall County, family consumer science and 4-H.

### UTIA Job Position Changes

Dr. **Claudia A. Kirk** has been selected as Department Head of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Shirleen Booker**, has been appointed Extension Agent and County Director in Sullivan County.

**Beth Willis** is now a permanent member of the UT Gardens' staff. as **Sue Hamilton** assumes new responsibilities as interim director of the Gardens, Willis will take over responsibilities for plant trials and will serve as trial coordinator.

Dr. **Robert (Oz) Augé** has been appointed head of the Department of Plant Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Dr. **Mike McEntee** has been named interim head of the Department of Pathobiology, succeeding **Dave Edwards**, who has retired after a 29-and-a-half-year career with CVM.

### Honors and Recognition

UT Knoxville has named **Donald Hodges**, professor of forestry, wildlife and fisheries, as one of three new Cox Professors. Each professorship lasts three years and includes a stipend of \$25,500 to be used at the recipients' discretion.

**Dena Wise**, a family economics expert with UT Extension Family and Consumer Sciences, has been named by Governor Phil Bredesen to serve on the Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

**Matt Devereaux**, associate professor and UT-Extension Family and Consumer Sciences specialist, was awarded the Early Career Achievement Award for the development and evaluation of innovative child care training programs at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations.

Extension Weed Scientist **Neil Rhodes** and his wife **Becky** were named co-winners of the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the College of Agricultural Sciences at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

**Allan Houston**, research professor of forest and wildlife biology based at the AgResearch and Education Center at Ames Plantation, has been honored with the prestigious National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Medal for his outstanding work in conservation and education.

UT Extension has a program to help Sudanese immigrants adapt to life here. Many Sudanese refugees have migrated from their war-torn country to Tennessee. Middle Tennessee has a large Sudanese population—about 10,000 people in the Nashville area. Sumner County Extension agent **Theresa Allan** teaches a cooking class to Sudanese women and their children who now live here.

the UT Gardens have been recognized as an official 'Conifer Reference Garden' by the American Conifer Society. Since October of 2005, the UT Gardens has invested \$6,114.00 in developing its conifer collection growing the collection by 276 new specimens.

We apologize for your inconvenience because of problems encountered in printing and mailing the December newsletter. The printing schedule at UT was changed because some information arrived late for printing. Copies of the first printing were misplaced just prior to the Christmas holidays at UT. A replacement order was quickly printed using the work order from an earlier edition and copies were mailed on the last workday before Christmas without realizing the error.

Copies from the original December printing were located after the holidays and mailed. Some retirees have recently reported that they did not receive a copy of the second mailing. We are not sure why! Printing and mailing costs prohibit reprinting again.

Some of the major items of interest from the December issue are printed in condensed version on the following page of this newsletter for the benefit of retirees who do not have access to the web site. The complete December issue is available for reading on the web site at: [www.futiawa.org](http://www.futiawa.org)

For future issues, we plan to follow the established printing and mailing schedule. Information for the newsletter received after the deadline date – 25<sup>th</sup> day of month prior to the issue month – may not be printed in that issue.

Condensed Information from December Newsletter

## IN MEMORIAM

**Joe D. Burns**, age 82, of Knoxville, retired UTIA professor and Extension forage crops specialist, passed away October 7, 2008 following a courageous battle with cancer. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Faye McLain Burns.

**Margaret "Maggie" Barger Munczenski**, age 86, retired administrative secretary at the Hamilton County Extension Service office and former FUTIAWA district secretary, died on September 28, 2008.

**Dr. William Lawrence 'Larry' Parks**, age 85, retired professor, Department of Plant and Soil Science, died October 30 at his home after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3 at Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shelbyville, Tennessee. He was a native of Moore County, Tennessee.

**Thomas Obed Shelby**, 78, retired Extension Agent, Tipton County, passed away October 31, 2008. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 2 at the Covington Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Magnolia Gardens Cemetery.

**Dr. John D. Smalling**, age 81 retired professor, Animal Science Department, passed away December 1, 2008 at Asbury Place Health Center following complications resulting from pancreatitis. Dr. Smalling had a 38-year tenure as a professor of Animal Science at UT-Knoxville, where he richly influenced over 2000 students.

**Marie Baker Colvett** passed away December 5, 2008 at the Crockett County Nursing Home in Alamo, at age 92. Mrs. Colvett was a retired Extension home demonstration agent and life member of FUTIAWA. Her daughter, Betty Colvett Nelson, is a UT-Extension agent, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, Henderson County.

## IN SYMPATHY

UTIA retiree **Jean Fillers** in the death of her grandson, Chris Walrath, who passed away October 13, 2008 at his residence. Chris was 26 years old.

**Dr. Joe A. Martin**, retired professor and head, Agricultural Economics Department, in the death of his wife Mary A. Martin on November 3, at age 90.

A speedy recovery is extended to **Ginger Roose**, retired secretary, Extension Administration, who has broken her leg.

**Tim Fawver**, Budget Director, Extension Administration, in the death of his father, John Fawver, who passed away November 17.

**Connie Puckett Hamilton**, former FCS agent in Wilson County, in the death of her sister, Judy Pratt, on Saturday, November 8 following a courageous battle with cancer.

**Dr. D. J. Krahwinkel**, retired professor, Small Animal Clinical Science Department, CVM, and the Krahwinkel family in the death of D.J.'s daughter, Kelly Krahwinkel, on December 1, at age 44.

**Betty Nelson**, Extension agent, Henderson County, on the death of her mother Marie Baker Colvett on December 5.

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**Faye Hochnedel-Greenwood**, retired Sevier County Extension agent, sent in a feature type update on her current travel experiences and other interests. Faye and her husband, who retired early from UT Hospital, are coordinating a group travel program for Covenant Health Senior Citizens called MoeFaye Travel. To read Faye's full report go to [www.futiawa.org](http://www.futiawa.org) and click on What's Happening.

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**Demetra Collins**, who retired in 2003 as Extension EFNEP Agent in Smoky Mountain District, has continued to be very active since retiring from UTIA. Read about Dee's Alterations, her tax clients, healing codes coaching, recent and future travels and much more at [www.futiawa.org](http://www.futiawa.org) under What's Happening.

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The West Tennessee Research and Education Center staff held their annual candy making party on December 1, 2008. This event was started in 1963 by Mr. and Mrs. James Warmbrod and has been enjoyed by lots of past and present UTIA employees and their families over the years. Mr. Warmbrod retired as an Extension forestry specialist and was deceased in August 2002. The candy making event is still strong after 45 years. To see pictures of the 19 families who made 95 pounds of sugar into hard candy that was cut into small pieces with scissors, go to [www.futiawa.org](http://www.futiawa.org) and navigate to 'Newsletters' to read the December issue online.

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A reception recognizing **Dr. Tom Klindt** for his service as interim dean, UT AgResearch, was held November 7 at UTIA. Dr. Klindt served for seven years as interim dean and will continue to provide leadership and guidance for UT AgResearch focusing on high-priority issues that significantly impact Tennessee's agricultural economy as well as serving on a part-time basis as comptroller of Genera Energy.

## STATE and DISTRICT *FUTIAWA* OFFICERS

### State Officers

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Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers' Association

## Membership Enrollment Form

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City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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I worked at: AG COLLEGE\_\_\_; EXPT STAT\_\_\_; EXTENSION\_\_\_; VET COLLEGE\_\_\_

Last UTIA Employment: Title \_\_\_\_\_

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New Member\_\_\_; Membership Renewal\_\_\_; *Lifetime Membership \$30.00 Annual Membership \$3.00*

A check payable to *FUTIAWA* in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for payment of dues is enclosed.

Mail to: Alma R. Pike, *FUTIAWA* Secretary-Treasurer, 157 Country Walk Drive, Powell, TN 37849

*FUTIAWA* – *The Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture Workers Association* is an organization of people who worked together and interacted with one another during their careers at The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Association purposes:

- To unite all former Institute of Agriculture workers.
- To serve as a communication liaison between the former employees and the present Institute of Agriculture administration and employees.
- To keep all former employees informed of policy and retirement benefit changes.
- To solicit all former Institute workers support for Institute programs.
- To provide social contact with former co-workers.

#### Membership Qualifications

Membership in the Association is open to all former workers at UT-Extension, the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, or a combination of these units at UTIA.

It doesn't matter if you were one of the support staff, a teacher, research scientist, Extension educator, a farm worker, custodian, laboratory technician or an administrator. If you worked at UTIA, we welcome you to join FUTIAWA.

Our newsletter and web pages are communication links with the Institute and current and retired employees. Check out the web site at: [www.agriculture.utk.edu/FUTIAWA](http://www.agriculture.utk.edu/FUTIAWA)

When employees retire or terminate employment at UTIA, their names are added to our mailing list to receive a couple of complementary issues of the quarterly newsletter and an invitation to the next regional meeting located closest to their current residence. All retirees are encouraged to join the association. Lifetime membership is only \$30.00 or you may join for one year for \$3.00. Use the bottom section of this page for membership enrollment or to report an address change.

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