

# **FUTIAWA**

Former University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture *Workers' Association*

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **BROWN SELECTED AS UTIA DEAN FOR RESEARCH AND TAES DIRECTOR**

In an announcement to UTIA faculty and staff on February 14, 2008, Vice President for Agriculture Joseph A. DiPietro announced that Dr. William F. Brown has accepted the appointment as Dean for Research and Director of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station, effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Brown is program director of the Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture Research Program, co-director of the Center for Tropical Agriculture, and professor of animal sciences at the University of Florida. Previously he held positions as assistant dean for research and assistant director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station.

"We look forward to the transition of TAES to his leadership as he brings a wealth of academic, research, administrative, and leadership talents and experiences to the position," DiPietro said.

Brown's appointment terminates the search for a UTIA dean for research that began last year. Dr. Buddy Moore served as chair of the search advisory committee.

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### **DAVIDSON NAMED DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Dr. Michael Davidson, a microbiologist in the department who specializes in food safety, has been appointed as head of the Department of Food Science and Technology. His appointment was effective January 1, 2008. Davidson, a veteran professor at UTIA, has been serving as interim head of the department since Dr. Charles Goan was appointed as interim dean of UT-Extension in October 2005.

In announcing the appointment to faculty and staff, UT Vice President Dr. Joseph DiPietro, wrote "Dr. Davidson has done an outstanding job during his tenure as interim head, and we look forward to continuing to work with him in his permanent role."

The Department of Food Science and Technology is one of seven departments housed in the UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. It currently employs 15 permanent and adjunct faculty and has a total of 95 graduate and undergraduate students.

### **SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR DEAN OF UT-EXTENSION**

UTIA is conducting a search for the position of Dean of UT Extension. The search is expected to be completed no later than September 15, 2008 with January 1, 2009 as the target starting date for the new dean.

A web site has been constructed to keep the university community informed of the search activities and progress towards filling the position. Information regarding the search committee and other items of relevance to the search can be found at the web site: <http://utextension.tennessee.edu/deansearch/announcement.htm>

Parker Executive Search of Atlanta, Georgia, has been retained as the search firm that will assist in developing the candidate pool.

Questions regarding the search process should be directed to the committee chair, Dr. Shirley Hastings. She can be contacted by e-mail at: [hastings@utk.edu](mailto:hastings@utk.edu), or by phone: 865-974-7384, or FAX: 865-974-7297.

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### **SEARCH FOR CVM DEAN**

The University of Tennessee has named a search committee and is conducting a search to fill the position of Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

In an announcement to UTIA faculty and staff, Vice President for Agriculture Joseph A. DiPietro said the services of a professional search firm will be secured to assist with a national search for a dean.

Dr. Michael Blackwell, former dean, last year announced his plans to retire effective January 1, 2008. Dr. Leon Potgieter, professor, comparative medicine, was appointed Interim Dean, effective January 1, 2008.

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### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

District vice presidents report that plans are well underway for the four FUTIAWA spring meetings. Three meetings are scheduled in April and one in May.

Program details and registration information are printed on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by: Harry D. Bryan  
FUTIAWA President

### “Bridge Over Troubled Water”

It may not be the Bridge Over Troubled Waters, but the bridge on Joe Johnson Drive may not be connecting the university as it was intended. Oh yes, it does bring the students over from main campus to find a parking place, and the classrooms on the Ag Campus are now used by main campus students as well as agricultural students. But, the bonding between faculty and staff on the Ag Campus with the rest of the Knoxville Campus just does not seem to be there.

Those of you living outside of Knoxville may not have heard about the UTK Faculty Senate survey following Chancellor Loren Crabtree's abrupt resignation last month. The survey revealed broad faculty dissatisfaction in Petersen's performance and a lack of confidence in his ability to lead. Dr. Petersen and Chancellor Crabtree did not agree over lines of authority, particularly the UT system's control of athletics, the UT Institute of Agriculture and development of the Cherokee Farm campus.

I am glad to see the faculty and staff of the Ag Campus now taking issue with that survey. A group of agricultural faculty met with the president of the UTK Senate on Tuesday, Feb. 12 to express their concerns. Seventy-six percent of the faculty on main campus indicated they did not have confidence in Dr. Petersen's ability to lead. But on the Ag Campus, the results were entirely different; whereas, 74 expressed "complete confidence" or "moderate confidence" in the president's leadership ability.

It is amazing how people can get caught up in turf wars to satisfy their own egos but they may not be looking at the total picture. I think most of us who have worked within the Institute of Agriculture would think the Cherokee Farm Campus should be under the university system since research is a major component of the proposed plan. There are certainly different opinions when it comes to control of UTK athletics. Several years ago a marketing survey was taken of what Tennessean's knew about The University of Tennessee. I remember the survey revealed UT Athletics being the most recognizable unit of the university.

Someone might say the Chancellor at Chattanooga is in control of the UTC Moccasins, so, the UTK Chancellor should be in control of the VOLS. The

MOCS may even be the most recognizable unit of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga but, let's not compare apples and oranges. If the VOLS are going to bring the most exposure, good or bad, to The University of Tennessee, our flagship university, the president's office should be the place where the buck stops. The president is the person to whom the trustees, the governor and the legislature looks to for leadership.

From what I have heard locally and around the state, President Petersen has an excellent relationship with the people where it counts. The president of The University of Tennessee is president of a statewide campus, not just a few acres along Cumberland Avenue. There may be some disgruntled faculty, but they may need to get on the TEAM. If UTK faculty do not want to play on the UNIVERSITY TEAM, they should find a school where it is acceptable for them to play by their own rules. I believe Coaches Fulmer, Pearl and Summit subscribe to that philosophy.

*Writer's Note: The opinions expressed in this article are those of the writer only and may not be the opinions of all FUTIAWA members.*

This is the first edition of the newsletter to be printed in 2008. At a January meeting of the FUTIAWA executive committee, the decision was reached to delay printing the February issue until early March in order to include program details and registration information for the district meetings being planned for early April.

EDITORIAL— Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), a professional association for Extension employees and retirees, is planning a statewide meeting in the fall of 2008. The meeting will probably be held close to the center of the state.

Several UTIA retirees who worked in Extension are expected to attend the ESP meeting. Therefore, the date and location of the ESP meeting might provide a good opportunity for the Former UTIA Workers' Association to consider holding a short business meeting and get-together for all UTIA retirees. A statewide FUTIAWA meeting has not been held in the mid-state area in recent years.

One business item that needs our attention and could be included in the meeting—if we decide to hold one—is amending or correcting the discrepancy in the FUTIAWA Constitution and By-Laws relating to the Extension regional structure. The FUTIAWA Consti-

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tution states in Section 1 of Article III that: “The association will be divided into four districts. The district boundaries will coincide with the current boundaries of the four Agricultural Extension Service districts in the Institute of Agriculture.”

These four districts no longer exist in UT–Extension and a constitutional change that represents the wishes of a majority of association members should be made. The constitutional change from five to four FUTIAWA districts was made in 2002, a few years after the Extension district structure was changed from five to four.

Specific recommendations for the constitutional revision have not been written. However, there has been discussion within the FUTIAWA districts and by the executive committee on at least three possible alternatives for setting regional boundaries for FUTIAWA.

Wording for a specific recommended constitutional change that reflects the wishes of members would be needed and should be printed in the newsletter before a vote is taken. Then the association membership could vote on the recommended change at a state meeting as directed by the organization’s bylaws.

The three alternatives that I have heard discussion on are: (1) To continue with the current four FUTIAWA districts and revise the constitution to reflect a move away from the current Extension regional structure.

(2) To establish five FUTIAWA districts/regions similar to the former Extension Districts 1 through 5 in order to provide district meeting opportunities that require less driving.

(3) To establish three FUTIAWA districts/regions that coincide with the current Extension regions. Continue with three annual regional meetings as prescribed in the bylaws but also sponsor other meetings/activities at various locations within the three regions.

Hopefully, these three restructuring alternatives and other alternatives that the membership might suggest will be discussed at the four spring meetings. Following the spring meetings, the four district vice presidents can convey recommendations from their district to the executive committee. This could set the stage for a vote at a later state meeting.

- *Do we want to have a state meeting this fall?*
- *Do we want to discuss and approve an amendment to correct the constitution?*
- *Let us know your feelings and suggestions!*

## **RETIREE PROTECTS FAMILY–OWNED FARM LAND FROM COMMERCIALIZATION**

UTIA retiree LaVerne Farmer, professor emeritus of family economics, has placed her 210 acre family farm under a conservation easement that preserves nature and protects the land from commercialization. The easement will maintain the farm in its natural state and protect it from being, in her words, “covered with asphalt and houses.”

“I like nature and I want to see some of it left,” LaVerne said. Her family has owned the land in Townsend since 1824. It was obtained through a land grant.

The property, which fronts on US Highway 321, is situated next to Bethel Baptist Church and its adjacent cemetery. In 1881, her family donated the land where the church now sits.

The land placed under easement includes the amphitheater where the Townsend Passion Play has been staged over the years. It is situated adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Farmer can trace her ancestors back five generations to when they came to Tuckaleechee Cove from Greene County. Her ancestors traveled via the Nolichucky and French Broad rivers into Sevier County and then over the mountains to what is now Townsend.

LaVerne says she remembers helping her father and grandfather operate a dairy farm on the land. They sold their milk and butter throughout the area and delivered fresh milk daily to the Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Blount County.

Farmer’s property is one of 11 Blount County tracts being placed under easement to protect it from commercial and residential development.

LaVerne retired in 1986 with over 33 years of service in Extension. She worked in Unicoi County from 1953 to 1959 as an Extension home economist coordinating adult and youth educational programs. She was employed as a specialist in home management and family economics in 1959 and continued to work in the Extension Home Economics Department with promotions to professor and section leader.

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**Patsy A. Yates**, P.O. Box 67, Granville, TN 38564, 931-268-4414, *Extension Home Agent, Clay County, who left employment in 1962* has joined FUTIAWA as an annual member.

**Robert D. ‘Bob’ Smith** has renewed his annual membership.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *Information About Retirees*

UTIA retirees **Mary Neal Alexander** and **G. L. Carter, Jr.** have established funds within the Tennessee 4-H Foundation to provide annual \$1,500 awards to outstanding Tennessee 4-H agents. These awards provide a much-needed recognition for county 4-H agents. Recipients will be recognized each year at the UTIA awards program. The Alexander Award is for agents with up to 12 years experience, and the Carter Award will be for agents with 12 to 20 years of experience. The 4-H Foundation is seeking an endowment or annual funding to provide a third award for agents with 20 or more years of experience.

Lucy Whitesell of Murfreesboro, the daughter of deceased UTIA retiree **Eloise Hunter Womack**, an Extension agent in Trousdale County 1944–46, has established a \$50,000 endowment to support 4-H live-stock program work in Rutherford County. The endowment honors Eloise and her husband, the late B. Frank Womack, a well-known Rutherford County farmer, cattle breeder and auctioneer.

**Henry Fribourg**, UT professor emeritus of crop ecology, has been awarded the Distinguished Grasslander Award from the American Forage and Grassland Council. After his retirement in 2001, Fribourg co-edited the *Tall Fescue Outline Monograph* and its current revision under preparation, *Tall Fescue for the Twenty-First Century*.

Many families and businesses in Tennessee suffered losses caused by the tornadoes that ravaged the southeast during early February. We received reports that three UTIA employees suffered property losses. There may have been other current UTIA employees and retirees who sustained losses that were not reported to FUTIAWA. Reports indicate that **Bill Wyatt**, Extension agent in Madison County; **Lynn Brookins**, Extension program leader, Western District; and **Steve Walker**, Extension agent and county director, Macon County, had property destroyed or damaged by the tornadoes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all whose lives were affected by the storms.

A retirement reception for **Betsy Pitcock**, Extension area specialist, Family and Consumer Science Department, was held February 22, 2008 at the Clyde York 4-H Center in Greeneville. Betsy retired in early January with over 32 years of service.

A large number of UTIA retirees attended the retirement reception for Dr. **Roland Mote**, associate

dean, Agricultural Experiment Station, on Friday, February 22, 2008 at the Plant Biotech Building on campus.

The Henry County Extension staff conducted a coffee honoring **Ken Goddard**, Extension agent and county director, on February 22, 2008. Ken has served Henry County as Extension agent for 31 years. He will be moving to East Tennessee in early March to assume the role as Extension Specialist, Biofuels.

E-Mail Address Change

**Robert W. 'Bob' Smith**, rdsmithxx@bellsouth.net

Address Changes

**Mrs. Mary Ruth Hall**, 215 Moss Trail,  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072-2213.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Albert Lester Daugherty** of Rutledge, retired Grainger County Extension Leader, passed away December 10, 2007 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital, at age 84. Mr. Daugherty was a World War II veteran and a life long member of Rutledge United Methodist Church where he taught an adult Sunday School class for 25 years. He served as extension agent 31 years and was a loyal member and supporter of the local Lions Club and 4-H Foundation.

Mr. Daugherty, an avid crappie fisherman, will be remembered for his famous barbeque chicken recipe and cook-offs. He loved UT football and had season passes for over sixty years. Al and wife, Ellen Faye 'Ma-Ma' celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary the day he passed away.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children and their spouses—Albert Lester and Joyce Daugherty, Sandi and Phil Snapp, and Vickie and Steve Beets; and four special grandchildren. Memorial donations can be made to the 4-H Club Foundation, Tyson Alumni, 1609 Melrose Ave., Knoxville TN, 37996 or to Rutledge United Methodist Church.

Mrs. **Ann R. Jared**, retired UT Extension Agent who worked in Sumner County, passed away at her home in the Bells Retirement Village, Bells, Tennessee on January 21, 2008, at age 90. She was preceded in death by her husband David Jared; her parents, Clive Rust and Viola Woodard Rust; and five brothers and sisters. Mrs. Jared is survived by eight nieces and nephews. Ann returned to Bells two and a half years ago after living in Hendersonville, Tennessee for 40 years. She served as UT Extension Agent for 47 years before

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## IN MEMORIAM

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retiring in 1987. She was a member of Cypress United Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted in the Bells Funeral Home Chapel on January 23, 2008 with interment following in Cypress United Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cypress Cemetery.

**Hiram Aubra (Jake) Taylor**, retired UTIA employee who last worked in the Food Technology Department, passed away January 13, 2008, at age 85. Jake's wife, Jean Taylor, is also a retired UTIA employee who worked in the Agricultural Library. Jean's address for cards is: 4319 Crosby Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909.

Jake Taylor was born January 20, 1922. He was the last living member of the Hiram and Hattie (Branson) Taylor family. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during World War II and had retired from UT. "Papa Jake" dearly loved his wife, children, and especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and a sister. He leaves behind his loving wife of 59 1/2 years, Jean Wells Taylor; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Robert Hydzik; two sons and daughters-in-laws, Donald and Cathy Taylor, David and Paula Taylor; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service was conducted at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. Interment at Edgewood Cemetery. The family requests memorial gifts to the Central Baptist Church of Bearden "Imagine the Blessings" fund, 6300 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919.

## IN SYMPATHY

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

**Alan Galloway**, Putnam County Extension farm management area specialist, Cookeville area, in the death of his mother, Avilee Galloway, of Morgan County, who passed away December 12, 2007 in an Oak Ridge hospital. Alan and Mary Galloway's home address is: 535 Kinniard Rd., Cookeville, TN 38501.

**Diane Graves**, Fayette County Extension secretary, in the death of her father, Gladston T. Newman, who passed away December 12, 2007. Cards may be mailed to Diane at 170 Newman Way, Stanton, TN 38069.

Retiree **Woodrow Luttrell** in the death of his son, Joe C. Luttrell who died December 18, 2007 at age 60. Joe Luttrell was a retired pilot for American Airlines. He died suddenly while on aviation related business in

Monterey, Mexico. Woodrow's address is: 319 White Oak Lane, Nashville, TN 37221, e-mail: LuttrellW319@aol.com

**Margaret Clem**, retired Extension District III associate program supervisor, in the death of her brother, William Charles Clem, on December 27, 2007 in Huntsville Alabama, at age 81. Margaret's address is: 900 Coleman Ave., Athens, AL 35611. At last report, Margaret is recovering on schedule from the broken ankle she suffered this past Fall.

**Robbie Adcock**, Central District FUTIAWA secretary, in the death of her mother in early January. Robbie's address is: 972 Rock Springs Rd., Christiana, TN 37037.

**Jack Milton**, retired Extension agent and Houston County Extension director, in the death of his father, Harold Milton, on January 8, 2008 in Houston County. Jack's address is: P.O. Box 683, Erin, TN 37601.

**Larry Glasgow**, retired UT-Extension associate district supervisor and Extension agent in Lincoln and Montgomery counties, in the death of his wife, Sammie Lou Pentecost Glasgow, on January 12, 2008 at her residence in Clarksville, at age 75. Entombment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Clarksville. Larry's address is: 2119 Layton Rd. Clarksville, TN 37043.

**Pat Grimes**, retired Extension Service secretary who worked in the District IV Office and the Cumberland District Office, in the death of her mother, who passed away February 11, 2008 at the age of 91. Cards may be sent to Pat at the following address: 2118 West Broad, Cookeville, TN 38501.

**Judy Pennington**, retired FCS agent in Sumner County, in the death of her mother who passed away on February 15, 2008. Cards may be sent to Judy's and her husband at: Judy and Bruce Pennington, 1265 Timberwood, Gallatin, TN 37066.

**Belinda J. Riddle**, Extension agent in Coffee County, in the death of her brother, Ronnie, who passed away February 8, 2008 at age 56. Ronnie had been battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) for over two years. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, resulting in muscle weakness and atrophy. Near the end, Ronnie also suffered with lung cancer. Belinda's address is: 1331 McArthur Drive, McMinnville, TN 37355.

## RECENT UTIA RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS

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

- **Wanda F. Aycock**, Administrative Support, Agricultural Economics Department, retired 12-31-2007 with 21.58 years of service.
- **Keith Effler**, Senior Field Worker, Greeneville REC, UT Agricultural Experiment Station, retired 11-08-2007 with disability retirement. He had 20.67 years of service at the Greeneville REC.
- **Loyd Ray Haney**, Service Aid II, Greeneville REC, UT Agricultural Experiment Station, retired 11-2007 with 27.47 years of service. *The editor regrets that Mr. Haney's years of service was reported incorrectly in the December newsletter.*
- **John E. Henton**, Professor, Large Animal Clinical Science, CVM, retired 12-31-2007 with 29.5 years of service.
- **Betty J. Lyons**, Administrative Support, Western Region Extension, Jackson, retired 12-31-2007 with 29.25 years of service.
- **Mona Elizabeth Pitcock**, Extension Area Specialist II, Family and Consumer Science, UT-Extension, retired 01-03-2008 with 29.75 years of service.
- **Terry W. Schultz**, Professor, Comparative Medicine, CVM, retired 12-30-2007 with 25.42 years of service.

*The UT Human Resources Office reported the following employees with more than five years of service have left UTIA employment:*

- **Susan P. Gardner**, Accounting Specialist III, Sun Grant Center, Tennessee Forest Products, Knoxville, with 23.08 years of service.
- **Traci Lynne Horne**, Extension Agent I, Greene County, UT-Extension with 9.58 years of service.
- **Jeremy D. Huddleston**, Senior IT Technologist II, Eastern Regional Office, Crossville, UT-Extension with 8 years of service.
- **Virginia Ragsdale**, Administrative Support Assistant, Maury County, UT-Extension with 5 years of service.
- **Lee Ann Ratledge**, Patient Representative, Medical Administrative, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, CVM with 14.25 years of service.

The UT College of Veterinary Medicine will hold its annual Open House Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The free event is on the UT agricultural campus. Visit [www.vet.utk.edu/openhouse](http://www.vet.utk.edu/openhouse) for updates.

## UTIA FACULTY-STAFF TIDBITS

### New UTIA Employees

**Jeffery Neas** joined the staff at the Research and Education Center at Greeneville as a new employee on January 2, 2008. Jeffery had worked previously with the Cocke County Highway Department.

**Joshua Trent Jones**, has been appointed to the county faculty in Marshall County as Extension agent.

Two new employees have been added to staff in UTIA Marketing and Communications following the appointment of **Lorna Norwood**, the new director (announced in the last newsletter). The new employees are: **Jean McKinley**, artist; and **Saundra Campbell**, information specialist. Saundra had previously worked in the Department of Communications.

### UTIA Job Position Changes

**Jonathan Walton**, has joined the Extension faculty as area specialist assigned to the biofuels program.

**Roland Mote**, associate dean of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station, retired February 29, 2008. His departure brings to a close a career that began 41 years ago as a graduate student in agricultural engineering.

**John Wilkerson**, professor, Department of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science, began service as interim assistant dean of the Agricultural Extension Service on March 3 following the retirement of Dr. Mote.

**Delton Gerloff** has been appointed interim head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, while a search is being conducted for a new department head.

**Dan L. McLemore**, has stepped down as head of the Department of Agricultural Economics after 10-and-a-half-years of dedicated leadership. Dan has returned to a faculty position within the unit.

**Amy Gallimore**, Extension Specialist I, 4-H Youth Development, resigned effective December 31, 2007. Amy plans to work as a full-time professional speaker and public speaking coach.

**Neil Rhodes** will be leaving his position as department head in the Plant Sciences Department at the end of March. Rhodes will take on an extension appointment that focuses on management of weeds and brush in pasture and forage crops, biofuel crops, and aquatics.

**Bob Auge** will serve as acting head in the Department of Plant Science while a search is organized and conducted for a department head.

**Michelle M. Parrott**, has transferred to Putnam County as Extension agent.

**A. Scott Swoape**, has transferred to White County as Extension agent and county director. (continued to page10)

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**DISTRICT MEETINGS**

Planning is underway for FUTIAWA district meetings scheduled at four locations across the state this spring. Vice Presidents Glenda Booker, Central District; Clare Nell Breeden, Cumberland District; Tom Bundy, Smoky Mountain District; and Jane H. Connell, Western District are serving as chairs of their respective district planning teams.

Three meetings—Central, Western, and Smoky Mountain—are scheduled during the second week of April. The Cumberland meeting is set five weeks later, May 13. A state meeting will be held during the Smoky Mountain meeting as outlined in the association’s constitution. President Harry Bryan will present a ‘state association report’ at each of the meetings.

The state meeting was scheduled earlier this year to avoid high school and college graduations. Retirees put a priority on attending grandchildren events and we wanted to avoid that and other meeting conflicts.

**Western Meeting**

The Western District meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Coffee will be available at 9:30 a.m. Come early to visit with friends before the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in Room B of the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, located at 605 Airways Boulevard in Jackson.

Jane H. Connell, Western district vice president, encourages all FUTIAWA members and retired Extension Service and Experiment Station workers who are not members of the association to make an effort to attend. “We are all busy, but it is important to stay in touch with those we worked with for so long. This will be a great opportunity to visit with friends as well as ‘brag’ on our grandchildren.”

You will not want to miss hearing Jason Reeves, horticulturist/research associate with the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, talk about ‘No-Spray Roses’ and ‘Plant Selection for Privacy Screening’. “Everyone gets tired of applying and reapplying pesticides every few days to have beautiful roses. Well, recent research has provided us with a

number of roses that can be termed ‘no-spray’. The Leyland Cypress, the number one plant used for privacy screening is now slowly dying; but there are some alternate choices that will provide the privacy as well as a wind break and noise reduction for home owners,” Reeves said.

But, even if your are not interested in roses or privacy screens, we want to see you at our April 9 meeting. The Charleston Caterer out of Brownsville will be providing a delicious lunch at noon, Connell added.

Cost for the lunch will be \$10.00 . Please mail the registration form printed below along with your check for \$10.00 to Jane H. Connell, P.O. Box 455, Ripley, TN 38063 by the April 1 registration deadline.

**Central Meeting**

Glenda Booker, vice president, Central District, assures retirees in the Middle Tennessee area that an exciting meeting and tasty lunch will be awaiting them on Tuesday, April 8. The meeting will be held in the greater Nashville area at a location to be announced later. Mark your calendar now to reserve the date.

Glenda has been on extended sick leave and will begin planning for the meeting in the near future. Retirees in the mid-state area who have e-mail will be notified of the meeting location, starting time, lunch cost and advanced reservation details via e-mail. Those who do not have e-mail will be notified by postal service letter.

Glenda requests that retirees interested in receiving the meeting notification via e-mail send their e-mail address to her now at: Gkbooker@aol.com

**Smoky Mountain and State Meeting**

Tom Bundy, vice president, Smoky Mountain District, recommends putting a big red mark on your calendar on Friday, April 11 to avoid forgetting about the district and state meeting. **Please note that the location has been changed to Laurel Church of Christ, 3457 Kingston Price**, because of more convenient parking arrangements.

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**Western District Meeting**, West Tenn. Research and Education Center, Jackson, Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 9:30 a.m., CDST

Please reserve lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ people x \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests’ Names

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Jane H. Connell** and mail by **April 1** to: Jane H Connell, P.O. Box 455, Ripley, TN 38063  
Jane’s Phone: 731-635-1951, email: accentsgifts@bellsouth.net

**Smoky Mountain and State Meeting** (continued)

The Laurel Church of Christ is only 0.8 mile west on Kingston Pike from the corner of Neyland Drive and Kingston Pike. If you are going west on Kingston Pike, turn right at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Cherokee Blvd. into the church parking lot. This is directly across Kingston Pike from the Sequoyah Hills entrance. It is the first traffic signal after entering Kingston Pike at the Neyland Drive/Concord Street intersection.

The Fellowship Hall is on the lower left side of the church. Our thanks to Curtis and Sharon Melton, Laurel Church of Christ members who facilitated the arrangements.

Registration and visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Alice Harless, district secretary-treasurer is in charge of refreshments and registration. The Smoky Mountain district meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Tom Bundy has arranged for master story teller Rev. Charles Maynard to be the featured speaker. Rev. Maynard is director of development for camp and retreat ministries for the Holston Conference, The United Methodist Church.

President Harry Bryan reports that Dr. John Petersen, UT president, has confirmed his invitation to attend as guest speaker at the state meeting. Dr. Joe DiPietro and the dean for each the four UTIA divisions have also been invited. Several have confirmed. Dr. Ike Sewell has agreed to serve as chair of the nominating committee for state and Smoky Mountain district officers. You may contact him at 577-9985 to submit a nomination or to volunteer to serve as a 2009 officer.

The traditional barbecued chicken lunch will be provided by Knox County 4-H Volunteer Leaders. Cost is \$14 per person. Lunch reservations should be sent to Alice Harless, district secretary, by April 4. A reservation form is provided.

**Cumberland Meeting**

The Cumberland District meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13 at the Clyde York 4-H Center,

Crossville. Clare Nell Breeden, district vice president has arranged for the traditional meal and is developing an exciting program.

More details and registration information for the Crossville meeting will be included in the April newsletter. The newsletter will be mailed about four weeks before the meeting.

**April 11 Meeting Moved Off Campus**

by: Harry D. Bryan  
FUTIAWA President

Everyone may be wondering why we have moved our meeting off campus rather than meeting in Hollingsworth Auditorium. We did have the auditorium scheduled but when we checked on parking, we found a problem we did not anticipate. We had asked Michael Keel, Director of Services, for parking passes or requested to not be ticketed on April 11. This is Mike's reply.

*Even if we gave you permits, your people would not be able to find a place to park. The permits would be worthless. We can no longer ask the ticket writers to not ticket, because there are no places to park. That doesn't work anymore. Even if we asked them not to ticket, your people would not be able to find a spot or they would park in the spaces our staff park which makes them very angry.*

*I'll ask Joe Cagle to contact you concerning your event parking. All visitors now pay \$5 per space. Parking services will try to locate you on this campus if spaces are available. If not, you will be assigned an area accessible by our buses. They run every 10 minutes. Sorry, but our growth has finally caught up with us.*

As you can see, we had no other alternative than to find another location for our Smoky Mountain Meeting and the State Meeting. Thanks to Curtis and Sharon Melton for helping us in this situation.

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**Smoky Mountain District--State Meeting**, Laurel Church of Christ, 3457 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Friday, April 11, 9:30 a.m.

Please reserve lunch for \_\_\_\_\_ people x \$ 14.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guests' Names

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## UTIA FACULTY-STAFF TIDBITS

### UTIA Job Position Changes (continued)

**John A. Wilson**, has transferred to Blount County as Extension Agent and County Director.

Extension Service employees who have recently resigned their positions on the to the county faculty as Extension Agent are: **Melanie Spurgeon**, McMinn County; **Felicia H. Ferrell**, Jefferson County; **Lucas Andrew Holman**, Fayette County; **Traci Lynne Horne**, Greene County; **Glenda Sue Trent**, Hawkins County; and **Kevin Lee McConnell**, Cocke County.

### Honors and Recognition

**Emily Dyke**, accounting specialist III in the Department of Pathobiology, was selected for the CVM Outstanding Employee Award. The award recognizes exemplary performance, dedication, commitment, and compassion of a college employee and is awarded twice yearly. Emily was recognized for her professionalism, leadership, and strong work ethic.

**Lois Fehling**, administrative accounting specialist III, was honored as the Award of Excellence recipient at the 2007 Extension Non-Exempt Program and Luncheon, held in December.

**Linda Beets**, administrative assistant in the CVM Large Animal Clinical Sciences Department, is the fall

semester winner in the "Where in the World is Smokey?" challenge. The challenge is designed to allow students, faculty, staff and alumni to share their experiences with the campus community.

Three Extension agents have been elected to serve on the National Association of 4-H Agents board: **Donna Bradley**, southern regional senior director; **Nancy Rucker**, vice president of Marketing and Outreach, and **Sierra Ham**, southern region contact for Member Services Committee.

The FUTIAWA newsletter and web pages are communication links with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and current and retired employees. We invite you to 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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