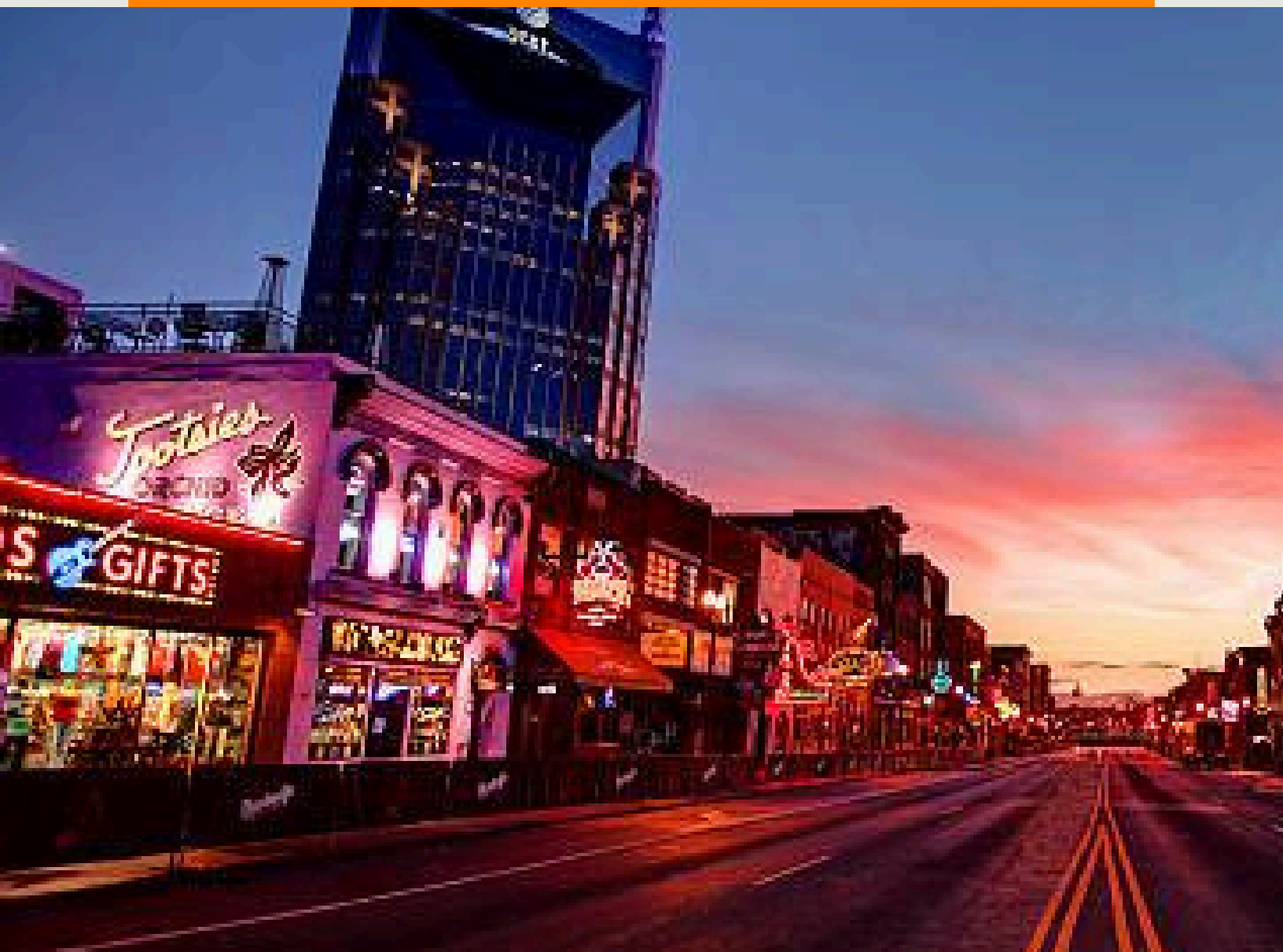


# DAVIDSON COUNTY Extension Update



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# AGRICULTURE UPDATES

**BY: AMY DUNLAP**

Ms. Dunlap this quarter presented at the Fall Gardener's Festival in Crossville at the UT Gardens on the Principles of Permaculture and had over one hundred participants. She hosted the UT-TSU Extension Butterfly Exhibit at the Nashville Fair in September. Released around four hundred butterflies. Provided educational resources to guests. Collaborated with Davidson County Master Gardeners. Gardens of Babylon donated all plants for a silent auction. Estimated around ten thousand attended the booth. She has began working with Metro Historical Commission on creating gardens and an educational space at the Sunnyside Mansion At Sevier Park. Working with Master Gardeners to plan out native garden beds and accompanying educational information on native plant gardening. She also provided educational horticulture presentations to local groups and organizations. Ms. Dunlap also continued partnerships and attended various partner meetings with Metro Nashville Water Services, Wild Ones of Middle Tennessee, Metro Tree Advisory Committee, Bates Nursery and Friends of Warner Parks.



**BY: DAN HARRELL**

This quarter maintained school gardens at Julia Green Elementary, Granbury Elementary, Harpeth Valley Elementary, J T Moore Middle, St Joseph, Neelys Bend Elementary, Carter-Lawrence, and Aventura Elementary. He taught Horticulture and Gardening with inmates at Davidson County Sheriff's Department and participated in several UT/TSU Inservice Trainings and Zoom Meetings. Dan was a big asset in the 2024 Nashville fair and helped out in the school garden contest, community garden booth, country ham contest and show. He is still teaching participants in the gardening program with Davidson County Drug Court located on County Hospital Road. Dan remained active with Davidson County Farm Bureau and with Davidson County Community Clubs, Cane Ridge, Scottsboro, and Whites Creek. He actively serves on the Board of the Tennessee Agriculture Museum and is president of the Middle Tennessee Agriculture Club. Dan also remained very busy and helped residents of Davidson County on multiple site visits.

**BY: SHANA DELOZIER**

During this quarter, Ms. DeLozier offered Farming Fundamentals as a 2-day program for new farmers. During this program, the farmers had classroom time learning about forages, soils, farm business, and more. They had 3 farm tours where they learned about CSA and high tunnel production hay at Green Door Gourmet, beef production at Bob Strasser's, agritourism, and pumpkin production at Bradley Kuntry Acres. We had 13 future farmers graduate from this program and become eligible for TAEP cost share. Ms. DeLozier continued to meet with producers and conduct farm visits. The Nashville fair was a large success with a beautiful fruit and vegetable competition, in which Ms. DeLozier oversaw. She also assisted with 4-H events at the fair and livestock shows. Ms. DeLozier has done presentations on business planning and farmer stress throughout July -September. She also continued the summer lunch and learn series with the most popular session being Poultry 101. Ms. DeLozier looks forward to the Explore Extension Community Meeting on October 15th from 6 -8 pm at Joelton Church of Christ.

## FCS UPDATES

**BY: BIANCA JOHNSON AND EBONE' COLCLOUGH**

Ms. Johnson has been TNCEP programming for direct education. She started "MyBaby For Me" that was a continued adult group for new and expecting mothers. They learned how to eat smart through the lifecycle and had eleven graduates. She also worked with the "Madison Fifty Forward: senior adult group.

Ms. Colclough facilitated her "Adventures in the Kitchen" and "Eat Well, Feel Well" programs this quarter. The "Adventures in the Kitchen" program was conducted at Easley Community Center and at Smith Springs Community Center. At Easley she had over twenty-one participants and at Smith Spring had thirteen youth graduates. Ms. Colclough facilitated the "Eat Well, Feel Well" program at Bethlehem Center with over forty adult graduates and provided a booth for youth nutrition information for the East Park Community Center Youth Fair.



**BY: ANGELA SETTLES AND ALEXIS TRICE**

Ms. Settles began classes at 4:13 Strong and Kelly Miller Smith again this quarter. At both locations she taught families the "Eating Smart Moving More" curriculum. She had success in her course and had graduated sixteen participants. She also taught classes at Tennessee State University. There she shared the "African Old pathway" and "Eating Smart Moving More" curriculum again. With graduating nine students from the courses. Ms. Settles also attended a three-day health fair at Church of the Messiah. She had a table setup and talking to the residents that attended about our program and signed individuals up for nutrition classes for next year.

Ms. Trice conducted the EFNEP Programming with Mending Hearts partner. She taught a total of ten classes and reached around eighty adults. She has began transitioning into her new role as the TSU FCS agent for Davidson County. She was heavily involved and attended the FCS Planning day. Ms. Trice has been ahead this quarter and developed an education plan with Community Health Team for Leader Lessons in January 2025. She also attended the "On My Own" training and gained certification to conduct the simulation.

**BY: CHARSLYN GUILYOT**

This quarter Ms. Guilyot continued her in person "Eat Smart" and "Move More" series at the Meharry Elam Mental Health Center for different sections. Over one hundred fifty enrolled with seventy-nine graduating and fifty-seven continuing the series. Families learned how to plan, choose and prepare healthier meals. They learned about preventative health by eating more fruits and vegetables. They also learned short-term challenge to drink less sugary drinks to increase their water intake and reading the Nutrition Facts on the Food label for awareness. Ms. Guilyot received a Community Reach Award at the TNCEP EFNEP State Meeting.



# 4-H UPDATES

BY HANNAH DECKER

This quarter Ms. Decker began school club meetings with in total forty-seven clubs in thirty-two schools. She is leading a total of twenty-six clubs in nineteen schools. The total school club enrollment is expected to be around eight hundred. She presented the 4-H school club program tot all GATE elementary school teachers and led to twelve new teachers interested, along with sixteen new schools. She brought scholarship awardees to the Davidson County Farm Bureau meeting to show appreciation and advocate for future funding. Ms. Decker also held a 4-H officer training for the newly elected honor club officers and was able tot attend a Metro Council meeting.

She conducted a service project with honor club members at Second Harvest food bank and facilitated programming at 4-H round up at University of Tennessee-Martin. Ms. Decker presented at the TSU Agent Showcase and helped with registration at the TSU Small Farms Expo. She also helped with assisting 4-H Day and the 4-H Leadership Dinner at the Nashville Fair.

