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DAVIDSON COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE



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AGRICULTURE UPDATES

BY: SHANA LOS

During this quarter, Ms. Los focused heavily on the Horse Club and started preparing for Horse Bowl. She also sent three family's home with chicks through the chick chain program. The 2025 Chick Chain sale will be held at the Nashville Fair on September 6th, around noon in the Livestock Show arena. She also hosted at the extension office a Master Poultry course and eight attendees got certified. There will be a Garden Management and Canning Class with Melissa Standley on July 19th in Joelton. There are currently three teachers signed up to start in classroom embryology for the upcoming school year.

BY: AMY DUNLAP

This quarter Ms. Dunlap completed the Master Gardener program for this year and a the highest number of volunteers. There are already two of the 30 members that are certified. She hosted the Tennessee Smart Yards event in May and had a high turnout including Mayor O'Connell. She had a three part publication series that came out about urban gardening. Ms. Dunlap also began her role as deputy director for the office and has been incredibly helpful in her new position. She had a lunch and learn series about small space gardening. She is also doing an introduction to gardening course with Vanderbilt University.

BY: DAN HARRELL

This quarter Mr. Harrell 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 again taught horticulture and gardening with inmates at Davidson County Sheriff's Department. He also taught participants in the gardening program with Davidson County Drug Court. Mr. Harrell has already starting to plan for the 2025 Nashville Fair.



FCS UPDATES

**BY: CHARSLYN GUILYOT AND
ALEXIS TRICE**

This quarter Ms. Guilyot taught her groups at MeHarry Elam Rehabilitation Services, Southeast Addiction Center and McMurray Middle School. Participants learned how to improve their health by making small changes, such as cooking and eating more meals and snacks at home. In addition to including fruits and vegetables to help them and their families maintain a healthy diet. Also, they were encouraged to be more active by doing any daily exercise for their well-being.

One success story was at Southeast Addiction Center in which a client shared that she could bring eggs from her farm to her peers in the residential program.

Ms. Trice this quarter was awarded the Nourish Recovery grant. This grant will help Davidson County serve as a pilot county for it. She was also awarded the Fatherhood in Recovery grant. Ms. Trice developed and implemented "Fueling Your Best Self", a four-week nutrition program for older adults at a local senior center. She conducted the "On My Own" program with the Metro Action Commission's STEAM Summer Camp. She attended a mental health first aid training and assisted with the junior 4-H camp. Ms. Trice was busy this quarter recruiting new partners for the course "Fueling Your Best Self" and a prevention of diabetes inservice.

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

This quarter Ms. Johnson did her finished up some groups at the Bethlehem Center. There she had twenty graduates from the "Eating Smart at Home" program and three graduates from a Spanish speaking group at Siloam heath. She also taught the curriculum "Mybaby4me" for new and expecting mom group's at McGruder Family Resource Center.

Ms. Colclough has been incredibly busy training and onboarding new program assistants across the state. She has on boarded four PA's in the western region and two in the central region. She has been working with the state in EFNEP and TNCEP this quarter. She has been traveling to different EFNEP conferences around the country.

BY: MELISSA STANDLEY

Ms. Standley this quarter has been in contact and reaching out to community partners. She also met with the Metro Action Commission. She has teamed up with fellow agent Alexis Trice and did a demonstration together. They also teamed up to create a workshop for the Nashville Fair. Ms. Standley attended a food prservation 101 and 102 workshops. She also has been busy helping clients with any canning issues or needs. She is also planning a canning course for the future. Ms. Standley started working with the Nashville Farmers market and local farms. Ms. Standley also help serve as a judge for the 4-H demonstration contest and facilitate "On My Own" simulation with Metro Action Commission's Power Youth group. She collaborated with Nashville's Salvation Army to begin customizing a class for their residents that will focus on healthy family meals and was awarded a seat on the Public Affairs Committee for the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

4-H UPDATES

BY: HANNAH DECKER

In the second quarter, Ms. Decker concluded meetings of in school and community clubs. She conducted the last meeting at in-school 4-H Clubs. Hosted award ceremonies for officers with seventy-eight and 100% award winners with one hundred and fifty-three. She assisted fellow FCS agent Alexis Trice in the delivery of the "On My Own" program at the POWER Youth STEAM Camp. She held the final Honor Club meeting for twenty-five youths. They elected new officers, hosted awards and recognition for graduating seniors and a new TN Honor Club member. In June, She hosted a Honor Club application day at the Flower Patch in Hermitage and they worked on our paperwork, learned about the farm, and worked together to cook a nutritious lunch for eleven.. Honor club also had their Incentive Day at Urban Air to celebrate the year and reward their good attendance during the year. Ms. Decker also conducted the county Demonstration and Interactive Exhibit Contest and had thirty-three participants. Twelve winners went on to compete at the Area contest in Robertson County. One of the youth's brought back several awards, including 1st Place in Communications, Consumer Education/Economics, Horticulture/Garden, and Recreation. She also had a partnership with after school programs at three Nashville International Center for Empowerment middle schools.

