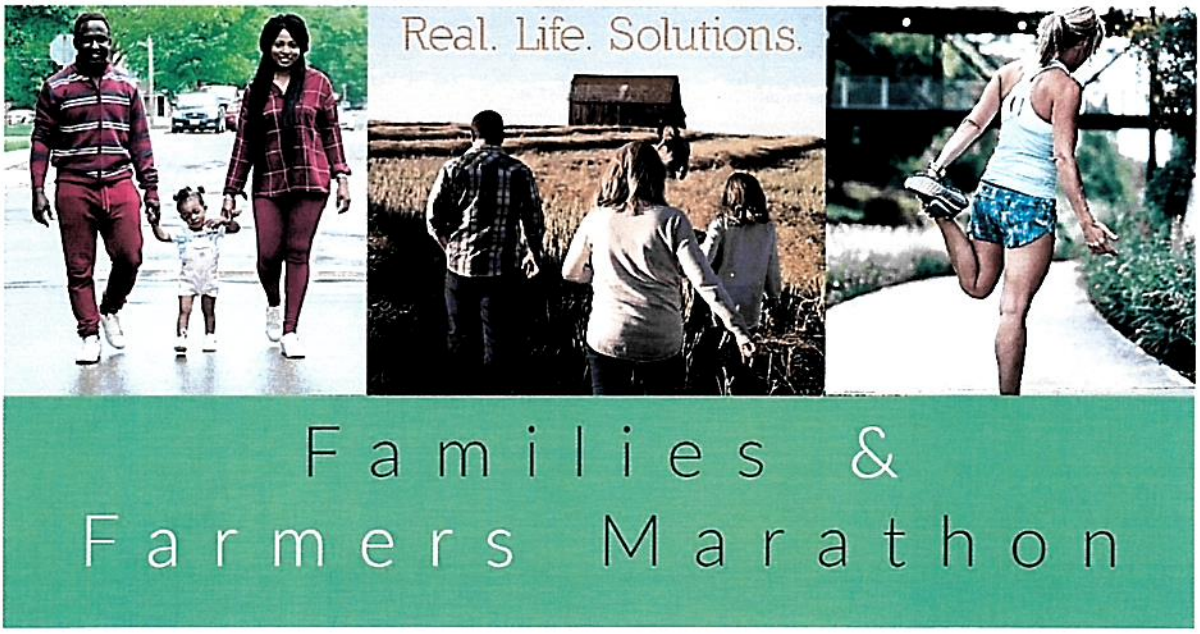
Report to Stakeholders
May and June 2020



May Marathon Month

UT/TSU Extension - Weakley County

Jeff Lannom, Extension Director, Agriculture Agent
Beverly Shelby, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent
Janie Tallent, 4-H Youth Development Agent
Pam Filtz, Administrative Support Assistant

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Jeff Lannom
Extension Agent & County Director
Adult Agriculture
May and June 2020

- The agent planted and/or harvested the following variety and demonstration plots:

  Soybean: Group III Late— assist Henry County agent

  Soybean: Group IV Early—Jay Yeargin—Greenfield (19 varieties)

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  Corn Fertility Demonstrations: Jay Yeargin– Greenfield (2 locations)

  Wheat: Harvest Variety plot—Gary Hall—Sharon (17 varieties)

- The agent made 114 farm/homeowner visits during May and June, as well as making a video presentation for the Virtual No-Till Field Day.
- The agent is monitoring four rain gauges and four Southwestern Corn Borer moth traps at variety testing locations.
- The agent is working with the following state specialists on Weakley County demonstrations:

  Dr. Larry Steckel—Monitoring 2 weather stations at UT Martin for timing of temperature inversions

  Dr. Angela McClure— Gypsum as a soil-amendment in corn (Gary/Glen Hall); Nitrogen stabilization in corn (Ronnie/Jay Yeargin)

  Dr. Heather Kelly—Soybean Sentinel Plot (Mark/Randy Huffstetler)

  Dr. Brian Leib– Soil-moisture sensor comparison in tile-drained corn (David/Andy Oliver)

Administrative:

The agent prepared/presented the UT Weakley County Extension budget at the various committee meetings; attending two County Commission meetings.

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Beverly Shelby
Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences

May and June 2020

- **Families and Farmers Marathon Month:** During the month of May, the Weakley County UT Extension agents partnered to host the Weakley County Families and Farmers May Marathon. This program encouraged members of the community to walk or run 1 mile a day in order to complete a marathon (26.2miles) by the end of the month. 50 people registered for the challenge including families, individuals, youth, and local farmers. The participants were also asked to set goals for themselves and then report at the end of the month what goals they achieved. For those who completed the end report, 71% met all goals and 29% met 1 or more. The FCS agent produced 5 radio programs and 4 Facebook posts to advertise and promote safety and health benefits of participating in the Families and Farmers May Marathon program.
- **Mother May I Nutrition Video Series:** In May and June the FCS Agent produced and recorded a series of Children's nutrition videos for the Weakley County UT Facebook page titled "Garden Tales with Miss Broccoli and Piney the Porcupine: Songs in the Key of Vitamin D." Each video features a vegetable with a corresponding song written and performed by the agent, and a story to reinforce the nutrition message. The 3 video nutrition messages reached a total of 4795 people with 910 engagements.

- **Food Preservation:** In June, the FCS Agent conducted a series of Food Preservation Radio Programs and corresponding Facebook posts to include: "Freezing Strawberries," "Make Your Own Strawberry Jam," "Make Your Own Yogurt," and "Make Your Own Sauerkraut." Facebook posts reached 1303 people with 75 engagements.
- **Professional Development:**

⇒ Fire Side Chats (May 1, 8) - Zoom meetings with Dr. Cross
⇒ FCS Agent Cluster Group (May 4,) - Zoom meeting with NWTN Region FCS Agents
⇒ "Western Region FCS Tech Time" (May 7) - FCS Agent Presented at Zoom training
⇒ "Pace" Program Updates (May 11) - Zoom training
⇒ FCE Agent Advisors Zoom Meeting (June 4)

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Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

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- **June Dairy Month:** In the month of June, Reece Chandler (9th grade) served as June Dairy Month Chairman for Weakley County. Reece promoted dairy and educated community members about the industry in a number of ways including newspaper articles, radio programs, and social media posts. He interviewed a local dairy farmer and gave presentations at a local daycare and the county Farm Bureau. Additionally, he held a Dairy Bank contest encouraging students to use a milk jug to make a creative money bank. Pictured below is the winner of that contest, Annabelle Lovell. Annabelle will be in the sixth grade at Greenfield School this year.

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Pam Filtz
Administrative Support Assistant
Weakley County Extension
May and June 2020

- **Phone Calls:**
  The reporting period for May and June 2020 continued to look much different than previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Extension Office moved from Phase 0 to Phase 1 of the re-entry plan in June with minimal staffing (one employee at a time). All staff continued to work remotely when not physically in the office. The Extension office received 49 phone calls in June.

- **Visitors:**
  The Extension Office remained closed to public access in Phase 1 of the re-entry plan, but employees were available for consultation appointments to ensure essential activities were performed.

- **Professional Development:**
  During this reporting period the administrative assistant completed the professional development curriculum Admin Skills 301. This curriculum consisted of seven different topic areas including Administrative Human Resources, Computer Literacy for Windows 10, and Business Financials Explained. Each topic ranged in length from 40 minutes to 2 hours. The administrative assistant also completed the UTIA COVID-19 Return to Workspaces training, attended two Tech Time trainings via Zoom and a Facilities Inventory training via Zoom.