



# THE PEACH PRESS

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## Mark Your Calendar

April 21-23, 2010 will be our 2010 GAE4-HA State Meeting. Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend this event in the mountains!



## 2009-2010 Membership

Northeast : 17 renewals  
Northwest : 26 renewals  
Southeast : 24 renewals  
Southwest : 22 renewals  
State Staff : 12 renewals  
1 associate  
Life Members : 1 new

**TOTAL: 103**

As of 9/30/09

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## Fall 2009 Edition

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GAE4-HA Media Committee

## A Message From the President



### Rebecca Thomas

*"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give"- Winston Churchill.* If you have visited my office, you may have noticed this famous quote on my desk. It reminds me that the investment each of us gives daily to the citizens of our county is the greatest investment we will ever make. On the other hand, many times we don't take time to invest in ourselves. With cooler weather upon us, it brings fall sports and many 4-H judging events. To be a member of these events takes time, dedication, and commitment--- much like being a GAE4-HA Professional! This year, I have signed up to be your "coach" as president of GAE4-HA. I will be providing tips for success as we work together investing in our profession and developing a game plan for our personal development. Our game plan includes leadership and learning experiences with our state and national associations. So our first step is our training plan.

**Tip #1** – Take time to invest in yourself through professional learning opportunities. There are many opportunities for web based professional development training from Extension and on our NAE4-HA website. These opportunities keep us abreast to work smarter not harder. I know Al Parker has many professional opportunities awaiting us as we plan our state meeting.

**Tip #2** – Learn to be flexible. Things will happen everyday that are out of your control. You can regain some control by realizing delays will occur and allowing for buffer zones in your daily planning. This will help you go with the flow when the unexpected pops up.

**Tip #3** – Strive for balance between personal and professional! Get proper rest, hydrate appropriately, and discover one of the greatest support groups you have – GAE4-HA!

Our professional development is something that we must always work on hydrating and nourishing our growth. I thank each of your for the opportunity to serve as your president and providing me a "safe" place to grow professionally. I challenge each of you to step up and step out. Be active in our association. Take on new leadership roles and see how you too will grow. Just as 4-H provides a safe place for our youth to develop into productive, contributing members of society so does our association. Embrace the opportunities as we "Master the Mountains."

*Ignite your Creativity,  
Rebecca*

## The Peach Press Publication Deadlines

Winter 2010 Issue

Deadline for Articles: Jan 22

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Spring 2010 Issue

Deadline for Articles: Mar 31

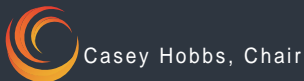
Publication Date: April

Fall 2010 Issue

Deadline for Articles: Sept 17

Publication Date: Oct/Nov

## Media Committee Report



Casey Hobbs, Chair

During the 2009 State Meeting, LeeAnna Deal chaired the committee meeting with six members in attendance. The committee set goals of: issuing at least two newsletters per year, utilizing the committee to edit and create newsletters as a team effort, how to distribute newsletter, photo sharing methods and the possibility of a GAE4-HA Facebook group. All GAE4-HA members would be encouraged to submit articles for publication. Casey Hobbs took over the committee in August.



## Mastering Mountains... Through 4-H



2010 GAE4-HA State Meeting  
April 21-23, 2010

Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge



Al Parker, President Elect

"Mastering Mountains...Through 4-H" is the theme for the 2010 GAE4-HA State Meeting scheduled for April 21 – 23, 2010 at beautiful Amicalola Falls State Park Lodge located in the north Georgia mountains between Ellijay and Dahlonega! **Here's the picturesque view you'll have in your room!**



Since plans are not finalized, the anticipated cost for full-time registration, not including the optional night in Dahlonega, will be at last year's cost of \$95.00.

We currently have the entire lodge reserved for  
our meeting.

Rooms will be held until March 21, 2010, so find your roommate(s) and make your reservations early! You have several options on accommodations. A full breakfast for two people in the Maple Restaurant is included in lodge room rates. There will be a \$5.00 Park Pass. (if not traveling in a government vehicle)

Room costs:

\$100.00 Doubles, King, or Loft Rooms

\$110.00 Junior Suites

\$150.00 Executive suite

\$110.00 2 bedroom cottages

\$130.00 3 bedroom cottages

Committees are busy making plans for the meeting. Full details on the conference will be available in January.

If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns about the conference, please e-mail Al Parker at [alparker@uga.edu](mailto:alparker@uga.edu) today!

### "Mastering Mountains...Through 4-H" 2010 GAE4-HA State Meeting : Tentative Schedule April 21 – 23, 2010 Amicalola Falls State Park

#### Wednesday, April 21, 2010

9:00 a. m. – 12:00 noon

Registration Set-Up Lower Lobby

12:00 noon – 1:00 p. m.

Lunch on Your Own Restaurant

1:30 p. m. – 3:00 p. m.

Registration Lower Lobby

3:00 p. m. – 4:00 p. m.

Opening Session Oak Hall

4:30 p. m. – 12:00 midnight

Optional Night in Dahlonega  
Shopping Downtown or Visit to Consolidated Gold Mine, Dinner at Smith House, Movie or Play at Old Holy Theater, Karaoke or Local Musical Entertainment

#### Thursday, April 22, 2010

8:00 a. m.

Breakfast(Included in room registration) Maple Restaurant

9:00 a. m. – 10:00 a. m.

Keynote Speaker Oak Hall

9:30 a. m. – 10:30 a. m.

Coke and Coffee Break Lower Lobby

10:00 a. m. – 12:00 noon

Workshops or Round Table Discussions Oak(3) & Beech, Lower Lobby

12:00 noon – 1:00 p. m.

Lunch Buffet (Included in event registration) Maple Restaurant

11:00 a. m. – 1:00 p. m.

Exhibit Set-Up Beech

1:00 p. m. – 3:00 p. m.

Commercial & Educational Exhibits Beech & Patio

3:00 p. m. – 4:00 p. m.

District Meetings Oak(3), Lower Lobby, Patio(3)

4:00 p. m. – 5:00 p. m.

Committee Meetings Oak(3), Lower Lobby, Patio(3)

5:00 p. m. – 6:00 p. m.

Silent auction set-up Oak Hall

6:00 p. m. – 10:00 p. m.

Cash Bar: Beer & Wine Lower Lobby

7:00 p. m. – 8:30 p. m.

National Awards Dinner Oak Hall  
Three meats, 3 vegetables, tossed or Caesar salad, rolls, two desserts, tea, coffee

9:00 p. m. – 10:30 p. m.

Coke/Water Break Oak Hall

9:00 p. m. – 11:00 p. m.

Entertainment Oak Hall  
Karaoke & Line Dancing, Live Auction & Silent Auction

#### Friday, April 23, 2010

8:00 a. m.

Breakfast on your own Maple Restaurant

9:30 a. m. – 10:45 a. m.

Closing Business Meeting Oak Hall

11:00 a. m. – 11:30 a. m.

Check Out of Rooms

12:00 noon – 1:30 p. m.

State Awards Luncheon Oak Hall  
Two meats, 3 vegetables, tossed or Caesar salad, rolls, two desserts, tea, coffee


2:00 p. m.

Homeward Bound!!!





# Public Relations & Information Report

 Dorothea Graham, Chair

At the April meeting, members present included chair Allison Perkins, members Beth Carlan-Watson, Dinah Rowe, Shivone Wilson, Jule Lynn Macie, Cindy Wynn, Kate Whiting, Lauren Dye, Amber Defore, Royce James and Shannon Davis.

There was discussion of a 4-H marketing materials exhibit at 2010 state meeting. The goal is to display promotional materials used by 4-H agents across the state including:

- Teacher Gifts
- Volunteer Gifts
- Marketing Local Program
- Thank you to Donors/Sponsors
- ELS gifts
- Graduating Senior Gifts
- National 4-H Week
- And others

Jule Lynn Macie will look for past email to adapt with details and send to GAE4-HA list serve. Kate Whiting will be the contact to collect and bring the materials to the 2010 State Meeting.

Other discussion included creating a

way to promote exhibits to newer agents with 3-4 years of experience in the form of flyer or email. It would include examples of past exhibits to illustrate the ease in creating an exhibit.

Discussion from 2008 state meeting included: Brochure to market 4-H agent as a career choice and a new member brochure. Lauren Ledbetter and Dorothea Graham were to head up the career brochure. The new member brochure stemmed potential candidates for quotes from Dr. Bo Ryles and Denise Everson and a request for additional candidates would be made via email.

## Member Recognition Report

 Sonya Jones, Chair

Report submitted by past chair Cheryl Poppell. The committee met in the Georgia Power Building during the 2009 state meeting. An overview of the award program was presented to members and committee responsibilities were reviewed. The committee made the following recommendations for the upcoming award year:

Absolutely no awards will be allowed by electronic mail. Awards which require an electronic copy should be saved on a CD or disk and submitted by the due date to the respective district awards chair. The "Intent to Submit" form was a success this year and will be used again.

Sonya Jones assumes duties as State Chair with Janet Palmer serving as NE District chair, Angie Daughtry as SE District chair and other districts TBA.

## Membership Committee 2008-2009

 Submitted by AI Parker

Official 2009 Membership : 220

- Northwest had 7 new, 45 renewals for a total of 52.
- Southeast had 1 new, 35 renewals for a total of 36.
- Northeast had 3 new, 27 renewals for a total of 30.
- Southwest had 3 new, 31 renewals for a total of 34.
- State Staff had 1 new, 12 renewals for a total of 13.
- Life Members had a total of 55.

Five renewals changed to Life Members: Royce James, Anthony Jones, Connie Page, Bo Ryles and Carl Varnadoe and 1 new life member Reid Torrance. All membership dues were paid by members, all dues are up to date nationally and no rate increase is planned for 2009-2010. Invitation to join letter and application have been completed and posted on the webpage. Form has fill in blank boxes and drop down choice boxes for easier completion. Monte will be distributing to Senior Directors August 14, 2009.



# Money, Money, Money



Ann Wildes, Bacon Co

Everyone needs it, there is never enough of it, how do we get more of it?

Money has always been an issue in our small community of 10,000 people. Bacon County is very rural and over the past few years has lost many manufacturing plants, as well as other factories and various job markets. We all know too well what has happened to our economy these past two years. Although we are rural and grow tobacco and blueberries which usually would be great summer job opportunities for our youth, most of those jobs are now going to adults instead of the youth. Therefore, our families are living on tighter budgets and the young people are finding it more and more difficult to make their own money for school and extracurricular activities. While our economy is on the downturn, 4-H is an active, moving, traveling, engaging club that offers a plethora of activities and adventure for those who dare to participate! However, some of the youth have not been able to enjoy the many trips we plan because of the money issue. Therefore, thanks to a presentation by Toombs County Agent Cheryl Poppell at one of the Southeast District meetings during the sharing time, we have found a possible answer to our dilemma. Using Toombs County as an example and model, we have set up a

fund raiser for the 4-H'ers. It works like this: a 4-H'er comes to the office and signs a contract that he/she agrees to sell the items and return either the money or the items. The contract also states that the money "earned" from the sale of each item will go into an account for that child to be held at the 4-H office. Then when an activity comes around that the 4-H'er wants to attend, he/she can have money transferred from his/her account to pay for the trip/activity. No money is given to the child directly, only moved from account to account. There are lots of counties who have fundraisers for camp, but this lets the children raise money for ALL 4-H events. We have been AMAZED at the numbers of youth participating. We had hoped for about 15-20 4-H'ers to participate, but at this time we have 30. What has surprised us is that many of the youth have not been active for several years. They apparently see this as a way to participate without having to ask their parents for money. Some of the youth have really sold a lot more than we ever thought they would. This project will be an ongoing fund raiser so the 4-H'ers can earn as much as possible. We have also provided them with a list of the known 4-H trips, conferences, camps, etc. and the costs associated with them so they can plan accordingly. I encourage you to think about using this system with your youth. Although we do have a good bit of paperwork to ensure checks and balances are in place when handling money, we feel that the time spent on this fund raiser will benefit the youth and our program so it is definitely worth the effort.



## Research & Evaluation Report



Brandy Wilkes, Chair

Being chaired by Lauren Healey, the Research and Evaluation committee has been hard at work coordinating the Silent and Live Auction at the 2009 State Conference, collecting and compiling results from the conference evaluations, and emailing the membership National 4-H Research and Evaluation materials.

The auction profited the association \$1,570 which was an increase from \$653 the year before. 87 items were donated to the silent auction, 12 to the live auction and 47 for door prizes were donated. A strategy the committee would like to see continued is that several items were donated by the commercial exhibitors.

It seems that the 2009 State GAE4-HA Meeting was most successful in the areas of Conference Registration, Team Building Activity and National Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening. Conference Registration seems to still be going very

“smoothly” and includes “great publicity and reminders for early birds.” The Team Building Activity with NAE4-HA Southern Region Director, Tom Manske, was deemed “very good” by many members. It seemed to be great to have a connection with the national level and “really added to the program.” The GAE4-HA members also “loved the quickness” of the National Awards Dinner on Wednesday night. They felt that it was a “very efficient use of time.”

As the 2009 State Meeting Evaluations showed, the Wednesday Night Special Event, Committee and District Meetings are in need of more support. Although several did feel that these elements of the conference were excellent, some felt that they needed improvement. Some members want more variety beyond casino night but many enjoyed the new LIVE auction. Many felt that

that the committee meetings need improvement with committee members and chairs to be present at the meetings and felt that they were not as productive as the meetings could be. Others felt that the district meetings all held in one room was a bit distracting and loud, although having a productive lunch meeting was deemed an excellent idea!

NAE4-HA Southern Region Director, Tom Manske, “really added to the program!”


Most members felt that they would implement the team building and time management ideas into their daily work.

The overall comments of the meeting were “great conference - I really enjoyed it!” Another felt compelled to say “thanks for all the work you guys put in to make the conference a success. It was fun and I learned some things to better assist me in my job.” The evaluations concluded that the 2009 State GAE4-HA Meeting was relaxed, enjoyable, productive and provided the professional development needed by our agents.





## Oceans of Fun Report

 Kasey Reid, Chair

Oceans of Fun 2009 was once again a success because of the dedication of our GAE4-HA members who worked with the children of the GAEL conference attendees at Jekyll Island July 12-14. GAEL (Georgia Association of Educational Leaders) is a professional association for school superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and other administrators. While the adults attend their conference events, GAE4-HA members provide educational classes and experiences for their children ages eight and above, and sometimes parents even join us for the fun!

This year's slate of activities included Bikes & Ice Cream, Kids in the Kitchen, Canoeing, Teambuilding, Seining, Kayaking, the new Georgia

Sea Turtle Center, Summer Waves Water Park, Bikes & Putt-Putt, and the Dolphin Tour. The kick-off for Oceans of Fun was the annual luau and cook-out that was held at the Jekyll 4-H Center. GAE4-HA also hosts a continental breakfast each year for the GAEL attendees. This drop-in affair allows additional opportunities for our members to talk with school leaders and superintendents about 4-H and Extension in their respective home counties and school systems.

The GAE4-HA members who participated in Oceans of Fun 2009 include Jeff Christie, Jennifer Grogan, Cindy Meadows, Brandy Wilkes, Angie Daughtry, Rachel Stewart, Marnie Dekle, Greg Hickey, Cheryl Poppell, Lori Purcell Bledsoe, Kimberly Taylor, Lauren Healey, Kasey Reid, and Denise Everson.

Al Parker did another fantastic job coordinating this year's event, and I want to thank him for doing such a great job serving in this role for seven years. We also want to recognize and thank our District Extension Directors and CAES administrators for supporting our 4-H public relations efforts through this annual state-wide event.

Mark your calendars now for Oceans of Fun 2010 to be held July 11-13! During this year's wrap-up meeting, several members discussed ways that the event schedule could be streamlined a bit, ideas for improving registration for classes, the possibility of members applying to teach classes next year, and some other suggestions to make next year's event even better! If you think you might be interested in participating next year or want more information, please feel free to contact me.

## Leadership Adventure Day


 Laura Garrett,  
Clayton Co

Each fall Clayton County 4-H holds *Leadership Adventure Day* at the Fortson 4-H Center. The event is open to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and takes place on one of the Fall Break days.

The morning activities include get acquainted games, learning about all the wonderful opportunities in 4-H, an agriculture lesson (usually a presentation from a local bee keeper), and a service activity. In the afternoon, the EE staff leads the 4-H'ers through team building and one of the other classes available. (Last year 4-H'ers spent time in the Herpetology Lab.)

Fortson is just 25 minutes from the Clayton County 4-H office, but it seems like a world away. It's an awesome day for students who live in an urban area!

## Georgia 4-H: A History

 By Terri Kimble, Newton County

We all know about Newton County Superintendant G.C. Adams and his corn club in 1904... but did you know there were actually **two** corn clubs with **two** leaders in Newton County that year?

The photographs which ran in the local newspaper show a group of serious boys with their corn in the historic courthouse, (you've seen the outside of that same courthouse on In the Heat of the night or Vampire Diaries) but they only represent half of the boys we believe were in 4-H that first year.

G.C. Adams valued education, even earning his college degree by proxy through his brother while he stayed home and farmed.

He must have realized that it wasn't only Caucasian boys and their families who would benefit from this new competition—so he coordinated efforts with a teacher in the African American school system, P.D. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was the son of two former slaves, yet his family says he was educated at Clark College in Atlanta as a teacher. He was also known for his interest in science, farming, and community

development.

He was well known locally as an entrepreneur and community leader, nearly lost everything to the boll weevil, and later became the first black farm agent in Georgia.

Johnson sounds like an ideal collaborator for Adams as they sought to improve the lives of local families through farming so they could in turn afford to educate their children for a better future.

The corn demonstration garden run by Johnson means that in the very first year of 4-H, schools may have been segregated and educational opportunities may not have always been equal, but 4-H has included children of all races since day one.

In a community today even more diverse than it was over 100 years ago, I find this an important message to teach Newton County 4-H'ers, and I hope some of you may share the history of both our 4-H founders in your lessons.

I'm currently seeking photographs or other historical information related to Mr. Johnson or the club at Washington Street School and will share those as they become available.

As Paul Harvey always said, "and that's the rest of the story."



## Pam Schingoethe, CEA 4-H

Pam Schingoethe has worked for a year as a CEA. She lives in Lawrenceville with her mom and dad, Tom and Mary Kay, her sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Jeff, and her 9-month-old niece Josie. She also has a golden retriever named Brinkley. Her hobbies include baking, sewing, counted cross-stitching, and reading. If she wasn't in extension, she would be ..... "very, very bored" and would have to become a veterinarian.

*"Shoot for the moon and you'll be among the stars."*

Favorite Movies:

Star Wars, Gone with the Wind, Shag

Favorite Music

Everything!

Favorite TV Shows:

Grey's Anatomy, American Idol, and CSI Miami

Favorite Actor:

George Clooney



## Spotlight on Northwest:

By Laura Garrett

## Angie Daughtry, CEA 4-H

Angie Daughtry has worked for 2.5 years as a CEA. She lives in Statesboro with her husband, Jay, and daughters Ansley (11) and Jessie (7) and their two English bulldogs, Georgie and Gracie. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, and spending time with her children and attending Upper Lotts Creek Primitive Baptist Church. If she wasn't in extension, she would be working for DFCS.

*"Life is not about waiting for the rain to pass; it is about learning to dance in the rain!"*

Favorite Movies:

The Family Stone, The Notebook and Gone with the Wind

Favorite Music

Country, Pop, and Classic Rock

Favorite TV Shows:

Criminal Minds, Law & Order, and American Idol

Favorite Actor/Actress:

Julia Roberts, Rachel McAdams, Sandra Bullock & Josh Lucas

Angie's Philosophy on Life

"If it isn't broke, don't fix it!"



## Spotlight on Southeast:

By LeeAnna Deal





## Phillip Petway, CEA 4-H

Phillip Petway has worked for 2.5 years as a CEA in Georgia and 11.5 years overall. He lives in Byron with his wife Chewan and 6-month-old baby girl Evann Pilar Petway. They attend New Hope Church of God in Christ in Fort Valley. His hobbies include golfing and keeping up with all things Georgia football and Duke basketball. If he wasn't in extension, he would be ..... "still working with youth through teaching and/or coaching basketball."

According to my wife my favorite quote is.... **"Well, what had happened was..."**

### Favorite Movies:

Rudy, Coming to America, GI Joe: Rise of Cobra

### Favorite Music

Little bit of Everything from R&B to Country

### Favorite TV Shows:

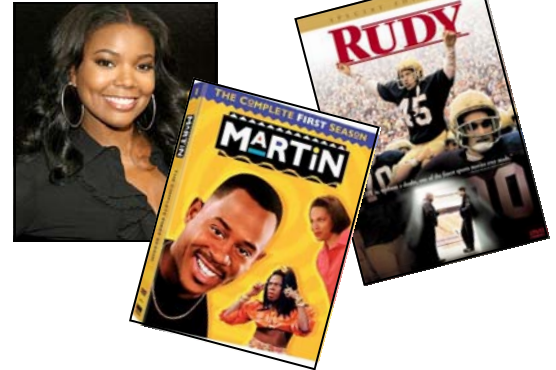
Martin

### Favorite Actor/Actress:

Martin Lawrence, Gabrielle Union

### Philosophy on Life

"Create long lasting friendships with people you come in contact with and always treat them and others with respect, with disregard to race, color, age, and or economic situation."



## Spotlight on Southwest:

 By Casey Hobbs

## Michelle McClendon, CEA 4-H

Michelle McClendon has worked for 5 years in extension, 3 of those in EE. She lives in Madison where she attends the Unitarian Church of Athens. Her hobbies include kayaking, belly dancing, hiking, reading, hoop dancing, yoga, Zoomba, and many other things. If she ever gets fish they will be Neal, Patrick and Harris. If she wasn't in extension, she would be ..... "a middle school science teacher, radio DJ or naturalist."

*"Trust thyself, every heart vibrates to that iron string" ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### Favorite Movies:

Talladega Nights, Pride & Prejudice, Austin Powers, Super Troopers and Bridget Jones

### Favorite Music

alt country , punk, classic country, mariachi, Irish and French

### Favorite TV Shows:

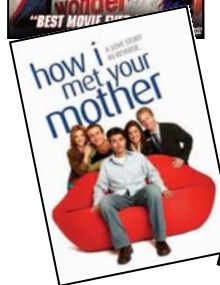
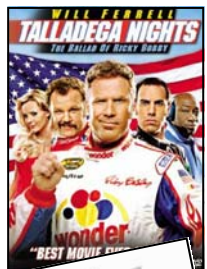
How I Met Your Mother, The Daily Show, Colbert Report, Saturday Night Live, The Office, Fringe

### Favorite Actor/Actress:

Paul Rudd, Kiera Knightly

### Philosophy on Life

"Life is Fun"



## Spotlight on Northeast:

 By Terri Kimble



## Spotlight on State Staff:

By Robi Gray

## Melanie Biersmith, Extension 4-H Specialist

Melanie Biersmith has worked for extension for over 6 years! She lives in Eatonton with her husband Andy who is a high school science teacher, daughter Drew (4) and son Sam (2). She also has a dog "Buddy the Cow Dog," because he looks like a black and white cow, and cats Lou & Ella. Her hobbies include reading, camping, and traveling with family. She is a self-proclaimed "knitter-in-training" and has a secret passion of organizing closets, pantries, and drawers! If she wasn't in extension, she would be .....still be teaching high school science.

*"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." —Michaelangelo*

### Favorite Movies:

Mary Poppins

### Favorite Music

Anything to enjoy with her children

### Favorite TV Shows:

Curious George (she doesn't get to watch much TV)

### Philosophy on Life

Melanie agrees with Dr. Michele M. Moody-Adams (incoming President of Columbia College)

"The morally right thing generally takes us beyond self-interest."



Dot lives in Thomson with her husband "Wendy," her children are grown, and their 2 cats Bonnie Blue & Pedro and attends Thomas First United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include: camping, boating, traveling with her most important travels including international & US church mission with disaster & medical attention. If she had not worked in 4-H, she would have missed a lot of special moments with young people.

*"I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me." Psalm 17:8*

### Favorite Movies:

Top Gun, Pretty Woman

### Favorite Music

Country Rock, Blue Grass

### Favorite TV Shows:

Fox News

### Favorite Actor/Actress:

Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts

### Philosophy on Life

"God gave me the ability to help others. I especially enjoy service through the Health Fair I began 32 years ago and my church missions."



Doris lives in Harlem with her husband Charles where she attends Mt Gilead Baptist Church. Her hobbies include: fishing, yard work with flowers, volunteering and setting aside a special place for butterflies to visit. "To have worked with 4-H'ers filled my life with real meaning. From many different life styles, the kind of experiences you can only get from touching the life of a child and seeing them grow in a positive way."

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

### Favorite Movies:

Comedies, Family Settings, Love Stories

### Favorite Music

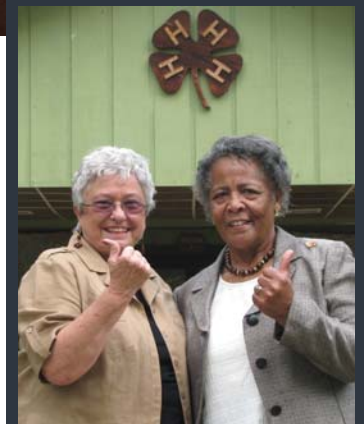
Gospel, Popular

### Favorite TV Shows:

Food Shows, Decorating Shows, News

### Philosophy on Life

"My day ends when I have made a positive difference in someone's life. I am happy when a need is fulfilled"



## Spotlight on Life Members:

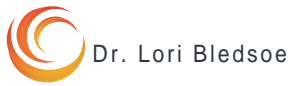
Dot Cofer & Doris Belcher



Where Dot is, there's Doris.... Where Doris is, there's Dot!



- 1) **Glory, Glory, Vote for Lori!** 2) **Lori: Leadership, Organization, Reliability, Ingenuity!**  
 3) **A vote for Lori will lead to Glory!** 4) **Lori's kind of Leadership!** 5) **Learn with Lori!**  
 6) **Vote for Lori - it's self-explanatory!** 7) **Lori, Lori, Road to Glory!**  
 8) **Lori Bledsoe, ready for the Get-Go!**



Yes, I am worse than a 4-H'er trying to think up a district officer campaign slogan! When I was a district officer and then ran for GAE4-HA President, it was easy – my last name was Purcell – *Energize 4-H with Purcell!* Now that I am trying to move my name to Bledsoe (I have been married for 3 years now), I have found myself without a slogan to run for the NAE4-HA President-elect. So, I need your help and your support! I could use your help by sending me your opinion on a slogan really quick (lpurcell@uga.edu) and your support by voting for me when the time rolls around and telling all of your NAE4-HA members friends to do the same – either in Rochester, NY or from home online during the meeting.

But maybe the more important question than what campaign I use is why do I want to be the NAE4-HA President-elect? Since I started working for Extension I set this as one of my goals. I have been involved in association work since my first national meeting in 1998 and

truly believe in the work we are doing, not just here in Georgia, but across the nation. I would love the chance to represent 4-H youth professionals at many tables nationally. Dean Angle continues to say that Georgia 4-H has the strongest program in the nation, and it is our job to put strength behind his statement. We do that not only through our daily work, but through involvement on national committees, presenting at conferences, and being in the forefront of youth development. As President-elect, President, and Past President of NAE4-HA, I would have the opportunity to continue to make Georgia 4-H stronger in these areas.

And what may be a question to many of you is, could this take away from my job in Georgia? Like anything we do in life, we learn to balance and manage our time. As I considered the change it would be for my schedule and balance, I found that *now* may be the right time to run for a national office. I have served as a PDC for 7 years. Like many of you who

have planned your County Project Achievement several times, plotted a club meeting, or gotten ready for camp a number of times, the day to day operation and tasks have become old hat. I am focusing more on helping county programs grow and become stronger. I have started a county review process where I sit down with faculty and staff and dig deep into what is making their program tick and what could be improved upon. It is a challenge but one that

can be managed with national responsibilities. On a personal note, my husband has a job that he can travel with

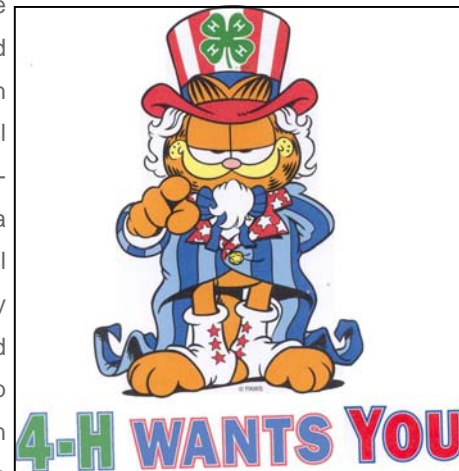
me to see the world (the US at least). We thought it would be best to do it now before Luke starts school and has less flexibility in his schedule. So, while the role will impact my

job in Georgia, & my personal life, I feel that it is an impact that is manageable and can be of benefit to us all. And like a 4-H'er I have thought of, what if I don't win? There is competition for this position. I know it is not a guarantee that I will be elected. If I don't win this year then I would like to run again next year if the opportunity arose. Regardless of the election results, I hope all our GAE4-HA members will vote online during the conference if

you are not attending (and vote at the conference if you are). I will make sure instructions are sent out. And while

I do hope you will vote for me, all votes are confidential :)

For now, vote for your favorite campaign slogan! For later, vote for me....whatever my slogan may be!

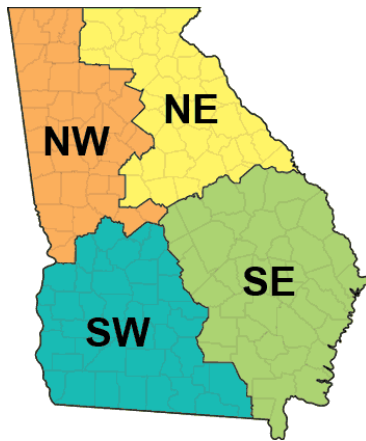




## Southwest District

 Kate Whiting, Sr Director

During the April meeting, SW recent expenses included Human Development Project Sponsorship and State Congress t-shirts SW has 31 returning members, 4 new, and 2 retirees: Tony Roberts and Anthony Jones. SW discussed a professional development opportunity July 30-31 at Lake Sinclair outside Milledgeville. Both Julia Steed and Emmy Reid were nominated for Junior Director. After the meeting, a vote was held and Emmy Reid was elected as Junior Director.




## Southeast District

 Ginger Boatwright, Sr Director


During the April meeting, SE updated with 38 members with 1 new member, Shanna Davis. Recent expenses were the sponsorship of the Human Development Project and purchase of retirement gifts for Gary Johnson, Connie Page & Reid Torrance which included a gift certificate and rocking chair. 22 members were present at the meeting. Robbie Jones moved that the district cover the cost of shirts for 4-H'ers at state congress and 2nd by Phil Torrance and motion carried unanimously. Cheryl Poppell was elected as new Junior Director.

## Northwest District

 Kim Taylor, Sr Director

During the April meeting, NW elected two (2) new Junior Directors, Shivone Wilson (Rockdale) & Julie Lawrence (Meriwether). NW had 45 returning members and 7 new members with 5 to retire: Keith Lassiter, Sylvia Johnston, Carol Propes, Royce James and Kathy Floyd. Recent expenses included retiree gifts and Human Development Project Sponsorship and state congress t-shirts.

## Northeast District

 Jenny Brown, Sr Director

During the April meeting, NE elected a new Junior Director, Patricia Martin (Richmond); 20 members were present. Al Parker will check on the best pizza deal for JR/SR DPA and let other senior directors know. Recent expenses included the Human Development Project Sponsorship and State Congress T-shirts. Members discussed a professional improvement day. Ideas included: disc golf, kayaking, outdoor initiatives at Fanning, fishing and picnic; possibly do this in conjunction with district update. Marilyn Poole was to check about travel restrictions.

## State Staff

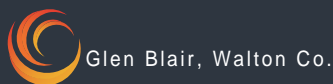
 Casey Mull, Sr. Director

During the April meeting, SS elected a new Junior Director, Mary Ann Parsons. SS had one additional renewal member making a total of 15 members. There were no recent expenses. We brainstormed with other specialists over opportunities to increase membership and involvement and discussed ways other states involved their state specialists and state staff in State 4-H Professional Associations.





## Wash Those Hands!



Walton County 4-H partnered with The Walton County Health Care Foundation, Social Circle City Schools and the Walton County Schools to teach a lesson on Hand Washing to Pre-K through the Fifth grade classes. The Walton County Health Care Foundation gave 4-H a grant of \$3,005 to purchase supplies and equipment for the program.



Because of the concern about the possible outbreak of the H1N1 flu Glen Blair, Extension Agent, offered to teach the Hand Washing lessons while setting up the regular 4-H meetings with the school principals. Seven of the school principals have taken advantage of Blair's offer. The lessons consist of two parts; a video "All Hands on Deck" that described when and how to properly wash hands and a demonstration of how "germs" can be transferred by the students to other students or objects used by other students by using "Glitterbug Potion" and a black light. Care was used to assure the students did not put germs on their hands, only the "Glitterbug Potion" which will glow under a black light.



The lessons were taught by the Walton County Extension staff; Judy Ashley, Glen Blair, Kathy Sasser and Michelle Rogers. Over 3500 students will receive the training. The goal of the program is to prevent the spread of infectious disease in the schools.



## Who Says You Can't Go Home?

### GAE4-HA Board Adopts Policy for 2007 National Meeting Profits



Jeff Christie, State Staff

As the host for the 2007 NAE4-HA National Meeting, GAE4-HA will receive approximately \$93,000 as its share of the profits generated by the meeting. A 'Think Tank' was appointed by the Board of Directors in March 2009 to draft and recommend:

- 1) a set of guiding principles to be used in accordance with all considerations being made regarding the investment of this money; and
- 2) recommendations for initial expenditure and/or investment.

The group met twice to discuss guiding principles and investment strategies. A final recommendation was made to the GAE4-HA Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on August 14, 2009. The guiding principles adopted are:

1. All expenditures shall be in support of the Cooperative Extension Professionals who constitute the GAE4-HA membership.
2. Any and all investments in interest-bearing fiduciary accounts shall be made within the Georgia 4-H Foundation.

3. An original investment of \$90,000 (heretofore referred to as 'The Principal') shall be made in a designated Georgia 4-H Foundation account. The principal shall remain untouched and unchanged in perpetuity. Any and all interest earned as a result of investment of The Principal shall be transferred to an "Operating Expenses" account tethered to the above-referenced Foundation investment account.
4. The remainder of the profit split (+/- \$3500) shall be deposited in the above-referenced 'Operating Expenses' account tethered to the Foundation investment account containing The Principal'.

The group also forwarded several recommendations for expenditures. As a 'one-time' expense, the group proposed to purchase one of the large brick pavers for installation as part of the Legacy Plaza at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The brick shall contain, if possible, the logo from the 2007 Meeting &/or other appropriate references to GAE4-HA hosting .

Two recommendations were made for annual investments based on interest earned from the investment account. First, the annual "Peach of a Profession" professional development scholarship in the amount of \$1000, will be awarded annually to a GAE4-HA member. (This scholarship will replace one of the two current \$500 professional development scholarships.) The scholarship is required to be used by the member for the purpose of attending the annual national meeting of NAE4-HA. Secondly, pending availability of funds, a contribution shall be made to help sponsor the GAE4-HA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The contribution shall be used to enhance the quality of the meeting, its status, its marketability, and/or the professional development value of the meeting to the association's membership. This should help defray the overall meeting registration fee charged to members. Finally, the 'Think Tank' drafted a recommendation for investment of any funds remaining on an annual basis after funding the described initiatives. As one of its final resolutions, the 2008-2009 GAE4-HA Board of Directors reviewed and voted to accept the recommendations from the 'Think Tank'.



## Key Ingredients: America by Food Tours U.S.



Jenny Brown, Butts Co

### Traveling Exhibition Explores Evolution of American Food Culture

"Key Ingredients: America by Food" is serving rural communities across Georgia. For a complete schedule of the tour and upcoming community based programming and events visit the program at <http://www.keyingredients.org> or <http://www.georgiafoodtour.org/>. Museum on Main Street, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the Federation of State Humanities Councils (SITES), is a unique cultural project serving small town museums and residents of rural America. Butts County (Indian Springs, Georgia) has been one of those small towns chosen to host the exhibit by the Georgia's Humanities Councils. Butts County Historical Society, Butts County

Chamber of Commerce, Butts County Extension/4-H, and the local garden clubs as well as other local organizations are conducting events to advertise and make money to help defer the cost of bringing the exhibit to our small town. For information on what events are happening in Butts County contact the Butts County Historical Society at their website at [buttscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://buttscountyhistoricalsociety.org). The exhibition spotlights American food traditions through artifacts, photographs and illustrations. The program delves into the increasing variety of foods available to Americans through the technological advances in the food industry. Local displays at the exhibit will give a certain flavor of each town where the exhibit shows. Recipes and stories change monthly on the interactive website which offers a space for submitting recipes. Butts County has a cook book for sale (Stirring Up The Past) with local recipes and some of the old time favorites of the

county are located in that cook book. It can be ordered through Butts County Historical Society website (listed above). According to Museum on Main Street, "One-fifth of all Americans live in rural areas and one-half of all U.S. museums are located in small, rural towns. Though rural museums demonstrate uncanny enthusiasm for local heritage, they have the fewest opportunities for funding or technical assistance of any segment in the museum field. Museum on Main Street provides these institutions with access to otherwise scarce resources and assists them in making lasting improvements that advance their institution's ambitions." The historically noted hotel at Indian Springs has been an ongoing project for Butts County's Historical Society and this Smithsonian Exhibit coming to the Hotel November 14 to December 27, 2009 gives Butts County a chance to highlight one of its most famous sites. The opening ceremony will

begin Saturday, November 14 at 1pm. Otherwise, the exhibit will be open on Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. On Fridays, extended hours will be until 7pm. Tours may be arranged for other days if needed. For more information and to schedule group tours call 770-775-3313 or e-mail to [buttscountyhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:buttscountyhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com). All ages are welcome. We invite you to come and visit the traveling Smithsonian Exhibit: Key Ingredients: America by Food at Indian Springs. While you are here enjoy our State Park at Indian Springs and taste some of the flavors of Butts County by enjoying our local restaurants. Butts County restaurants offer many different cuisines, you are sure to find one that suits your pallet. For more information on Butts County restaurants and business to visit contact Butts County Chamber of Commerce at 770-775-4839 or visit the Butts County Historical Society website listed above. "Ya'll come – you hear!" See you there!

## Project Achievement Builds Student Achievement



Judy Ashley, Extension  
Coordinator for School Relations

Recently, every county was mailed a hard copy of the "4-H Project Achievement Builds Student Achievement" DVD. This video can also be downloaded off of the Georgia 4-H home page at <http://georgia4h.org/>. You can find it on the tool bar on the right side of the page. This is the best option if you want to direct your teachers, principals or school officials to the site to view the video.

The purpose to this media piece is to make the connections with *educators* between 4-H Project Achievement and the English Language Arts Georgia Performance Standards. This is not necessarily a promotional video for youth to encourage project achievement participation.

We hope that will be a project in the future. This video was developed with educators in mind to raise awareness of the benefits of project achievement in connection to the Georgia Performance Standards related to *Listening Speaking and Viewing and Writing*.

Performance Standards are coded as follows: ELA6LSV1. ELA refers to the subject, English Language Arts, 6 is the grade level, LSV refers to Listening Speaking and Viewing and the last number designates the standard number. Those particular standards that align with 4-H Project Achievement can be found in many different grade levels. They would have a different number following the subject area depending on the grade level.

As you will see on the video, 4-H Project Achievement is endorsed by state and local

school officials as well as prominent 4-H alumni. There are a wide range of benefits to a child participating in project achievement but the intent of this video is to concentrate on those benefits which result in improved English Language Arts achievement.

The development committee hopes you will find this video useful to your program. If you have any comments to share after using this with your educators, please forward those to my e-mail address, [jashley@uga.edu](mailto:jashley@uga.edu)

On behalf of the development committee members, Janet Woodard, Mandy Marable, Al Parker, Michelle McClendon, Caroline Davis, Tina Maddox and I, we welcome your input.

And remember, **Project Achievement Rocks!**



## Ben Hill County Fundraising : Rabies Clinics



Alva Heidel

Ben Hill County

The Ben Hill County 4-H Club annually sponsors a 4-H Rabies Clinic. This is not only an excellent fundraiser, but also a great community service project. This clinic provides rabies vaccination shots to dogs and cats, so you will need the support of your local veterinarians.

It is a Georgia state law that dogs and cats get rabies vaccination annually. This 4-H event reaches those clients who might not otherwise comply with this law. Cost for the shots are \$10.00 for each animal (profits are split between v e t s a n d 4 - H ) .

Our event is held in the Spring from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m on a Saturday at a local city park. The event needs to be heavily advertised through your m e d i a o u t l e t s .

Once you have conducted the event, you will then have a mailing list of participants to remind them of the event. This has become a great fund raiser for our club and grown in attendance each year.

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