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A Special Tribute to Our Friend

Allen Nasworthy



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Kathi Worthy of Paulding County posted these words on my Facebook page: *The Greeks had several words for LOVE. Had they known about the Georgia 4-H camp counselors, there would have been a special word for the love they share. We are families by choice. Our love is deep and wide and rich and full. My prayers go out to this 4-H family... especially those who were in Allen's inner circle.*

Often Georgia 4-H members are referred to as members of the 4-H mafia—especially when something threatens the 4-H program or when there is special need that must be addressed by alumni. There are also a couple thousand of us who were summer camp counselors at the 4-H centers. We span more than sixty years and share a special bond; we are often referred to as the 4-H counselor cult. Yes, we all drank the green Kool-Aid. Many (members) of that group are gathered here today to pay respects to one of our special colleagues.

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Allen was a son, a student, and a teacher; he was named “Teacher of the Year” in his first year out of college while teaching vocational agriculture in Henry County; he was a 4-H member, camp counselor, and Fortson 4-H Center Director; he was a friend to many at work, at home, and at play (as evidenced) with so many gathered here today. He was patient, kind, and caring; he loved people; he was passionate about agriculture, especially animals. He gave of himself unselfishly. He had a quick sense of humor. He was thorough and always followed through. I visited Fortson last Thursday morning, and he had followed through on the things we had previously discussed. Before I could return to the office in Athens, he had already completed part of the work I asked him to do, and it was in my e-mail inbox when I arrived in Athens. He even turned in his p-card statement one last time, which arrived at Rock Eagle the day after his death.

He was 4-H. He was Fortson 4-H Center. He will be missed and probably remembered most for the little farm he started—I think we should remember it as Allen’s Farm.

As I arrived at Fortson a little after 8:30 Monday morning, I visited with his family and the many friends who gathered. I visited back and forth throughout the day. Twice during the day, I got in my car. Earlier I had changed my music to Allen Jackson’s CD, *Precious Memories*. The familiar song “Softly and Tenderly” was playing. The first words I heard were ‘Ye who are weary, come home.’ Maybe God was calling as one Facebook post read, “God called Allen home to help Him ‘Make the best better.’” I am sure one day soon Allen will sit down with all the giants of Georgia 4-H and explain the way things have changed. People like Phil Campbell, Bill Sutton, Tommy Walton, Martha Harrison Jones, and others will gather around to learn more about today’s 4-H. These giants will say, “You did a great job, Young Man.”

A few years ago Allen started putting cookies on the beds in the adult leader rooms. He wanted Fortson to have a little something extra for the adults who chaperone the youth to the 4-H center. I thought that this was an unsustainable idea because the other centers, especially Rock Eagle, were not going to be able to do this. A few weeks ago I learned that Allen was bringing the K-cup coffee makers from the adult rooms at Fortson to be used at Winter Conference at Rock Eagle. You see, he had been asked to be a part of the hospitality committee. I told this story on Monday as we gathered at Fortson. Brittani Kelley told me that he had added hairdryers to the adult rooms. By then I was not surprised because I understood that Allen wanted people to be happy; he wanted to please.

I am reminded of the scripture in Matthew 20:28: *The son of man did not come to be served but to serve*. Serving others was Allen’s calling—he was a servant leader.

As Monday wore on, I went to the Fortson Dining Hall to eat as members of the Fortson Board had prepared dinner. I had fried chicken, pimiento cheese on Ritz crackers, a piece of chocolate cake, and washed it down with lemonade. That’s what we do in the South: we feed each other’s soul with comfort.

When I got in the car to leave, the lines of the next song were “Oh Lord, My God...how great Thou Art.”

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I was reminded again that we are not in control. Throughout the day on Monday, I must have read half a dozen times these verses from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

And in the 18th verse Paul tells us:

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

If we believe in Christ Jesus and that He rose from the dead and provided the grace for our salvation, then we too one day will join Him in eternal life. Maybe then we will understand all that we do not know today.

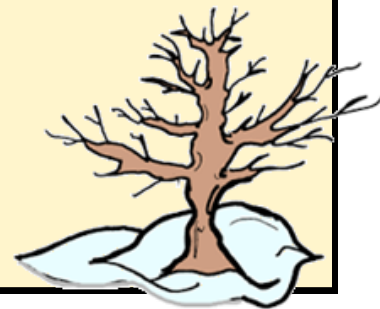
May God comfort each of us in our time of grief and continue to bless Allen's family and friends who are gathered here today.

Arch Smith
Georgia State 4-H Leader
February 11, 2016



A Message from the President...Kate Whiting

Greetings, GAE4-HA! I hope that this Winter Edition of the Peach Press finds you knee deep in all the 4-H events and activities going on this time of year. As busy as this time of year is, it's some of my favorite. I truly enjoy watching all their work and effort culminate for our 4-H'ers as they compete at Project Achievement. Like the 4-H'ers portfolios, it's important that we take time to reflect on all the impacts and successes that we had in 2015. For those of you that applied for awards, thank you for taking the time to let those achievements shine. Every single one of us has done amazing and award worthy work! I look forward to seeing and hearing about everyone's successes this past year and I also look forward to celebrating them with you at our Awards Banquets at our Annual Meeting in April!



Candy & Climate

By Abbie Salmon



Floyd County 4-H Agent, Abbie Salmon, used a different approach when leading an activity at North Heights Elementary School in Rome, GA. North Heights' 5th grade students were studying climate and needed a little chocolate to reinforce what they were learning. Climate is often used for a synonym of weather, but that is hardly the case. Climate looks at different weather patterns overtime or significant weather events while weather is a current or specific state of the atmosphere at a specific time. North Heights' students used M&Ms to make weather and climate predictions based on the average colors of the M&Ms. This activity provided an opportunity for students to explore climate and weather prediction while also enjoying a sweet treat!



right now

Weather and Climate

Cemosekville, Tx

→ pattern over time

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2013
March 1					
March 2					
March 3					
March 4					
March 5					

Key

- 🍷 = cold
- 🌧️ = rainy
- 🌬️ = clear and cool
- 🔥 = hot and humid
- ☀️ = sunny
- ☁️ = dry (no rain)

Second Annual Holiday House

By Robin Turi



Augusta-Richmond County held its Second annual Holiday House this past December. Once again we decorated our beautiful old 1896 Victorian for the Downtown Holiday Parade. During the day 4-H held an open house which allowed Teen Leaders use their creativity turning the Extension Office into an inviting warm winter Holiday House. Staff and Teen Leaders were able to inform visitors about Home School Programs, County Council, Project Achievement and many other programs 4-H has to offer in our county.

Teen Leaders created a festive mood passing out free hot chocolate and cookies to all who stopped by. They also provided flyers full of helpful holiday tips on various topics such as to keeping your dog healthy over the holidays, a seek and find marine life flyer, holiday recipes and more. Most importantly



Staff and Teens were able to meet many of the residents of Augusta-Richmond County and educate them about Cooperative Extension and all it has to offer the community. It was a beautiful day the weather was clear, the office looked inviting and best of all everyone had a wonderful time sharing Extension and 4-H with the community.



Get Engaged !

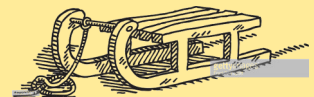
By Kasey Bozeman



As I think about our association, I remember that it is just that – *our* association. Being actively engaged in GAE4-HA allows you to grow and develop with other 4-H colleagues from around the state and nation. My wish for our GAE4-HA members is to become more engaged in 2016. Georgia 4-H is dynamic and multifaceted, but regardless of our role, one thing remains the same – our commitment to positive youth development. We need to capitalize on these adult development opportunities and learn about each others' strengths ... and then rely on one another when we need assistance. I'm not an expert in everything, but I have my strengths. And you do, too. Use your association membership as a way to share, explore, and engage. We are only going to be making ourselves better.

As the upcoming annual meeting and professional improvement conference approaches, I challenge you to become more engaged. Encourage new hires to join our association; first-time conference attendees pay a reduced registration fee. Consider applying to present a workshop about one of your favorite 4-H programs. Create a poster about your impact statement from last year. Nominate your work for an award. Join and actively participate in a committee. Bring something (or lots of somethings) for the silent auction. I'm especially fond of homemade gifts and baked goods – knitted headbands and homemade layer cakes are the best. Know of someone who would be a great commercial exhibitor? Invite them to join us. You don't have to do everything, but everyone can do something.

James Keller reminds us that "a candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." If we don't get involved, we are only hurting ourselves and in turn, hurting the 4-H programming we provide. Anyone can contribute; it doesn't matter your title. We all add value, if we choose to add value. We all have something to add, if you choose to add something. You have to jump in - get your feet wet! When I ran for GAE4-HA Vice-President, I stated that Tina Fey's advice about going down a waterslide should be applied as we consider our participation in professional associations: You can't be the kid at the top of the waterslide overthinking it. You have to go down the chute. Don't overthink getting involved in GAE4-HA ... it's one of the best things you can do for yourself and your 4-H program!



Santa Supports Chattooga County 4-H

By Rebecca Thomas



For the past five years, Chattooga County 4-H has invited the community to attend their annual “4-H Breakfast with Santa.” This event serves two purposes. It is an event for the community to come out and enjoy the holiday season with their little ones. It also serves as a fundraiser for the 4-H program. The profits are used to pay for District Project Achievement and service learning opportunities in Chattooga County.

The target audience ranges from the youngest to the eldest. However, the majority of the participants are youth five and under. The unique part of the day is that 4-H members serve as elves. They are dressed in the season’s spirit of red and green and take on the playful and joyous outlook of Santa’s elves. They serve as host, waiters and waitresses and of course Santa’s helpers. As we all know 4-H’ers are servant-hearted, and 4-H Breakfast with Santa is an event for them to practice this trait. It has become one of their favorite service projects to help with.

We offer two seating times. There is one at 8:30 a.m. and one following at 10:30 a.m. Volunteer leaders prepare a homemade pancake and sausage breakfast, along with fruit and a beverage. During the breakfast, Santa and Mrs. Claus makes his grand appearance visiting with all the young people and offering lots of Christmas Joy. There are two photo areas which are set up by 4-H staff. Each young person also gets their photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This past year, Chattooga County 4-H, served 389 people during this event and raised over \$4,000 for the program.



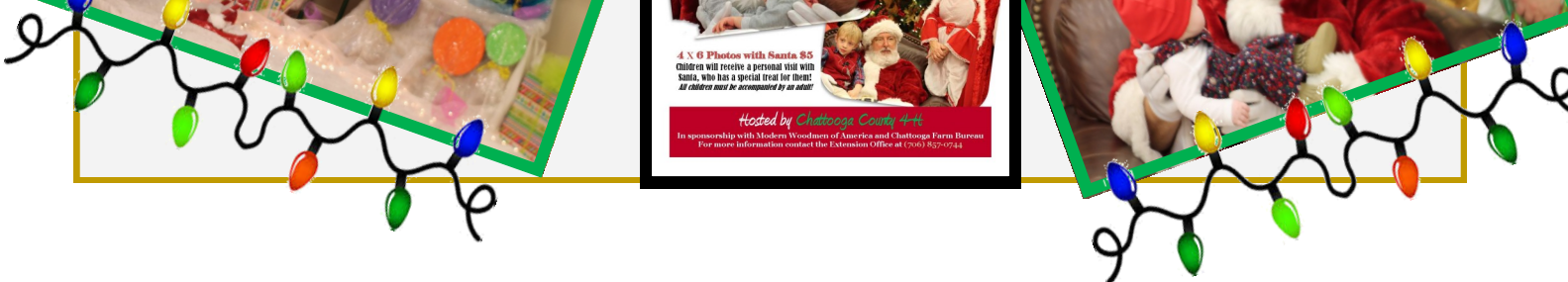
 **Saturday, December 5**
Two Seating Times Available *
8:30am – 9:30am
10:30am – 11:30am
Tickets \$5
Seating is limited!
Tickets may be purchased at the Extension Office, Farm Bureau, and PA-P County Store
Breakfast is served by Santa's Elves at the Sumnerville First Baptist Family Life Center!

Breakfast with Santa



4 x 6 Photos with Santa \$5
Children will receive a personal visit with Santa, who has a special treat for them!
All children must be accompanied by an adult!

Hosted by Chattooga County 4-H
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For more information contact the Extension Office at (206) 857-0744



Where are they now. . .

Dr. Roger C. "BO" Ryles

Here's an update on ole Bo's resume since retirement – or has he really!!! May be from the Extension's payroll, but a few highlights in Bo Ryles's dossier leaves much in question. Of course, I'm exhausted just reading about it. He claims to be contemplating retirement again at about age 62.

A small sample of Dr. Bo's projects that keeps him busy include: works as Senior Director of Celebrity & Sports Engagement – National 4-H Council, Teaches Graduate School Class on campus at UGA, Co-Director of Clovers and Company, Co-Coordinator of Clover Glove Race Series, owner of Clover Coffee Company, Oconee County 4-H Volunteer – Poultry Judging Coach, Trader of unusual/collectible automobiles, and occasionally, Equipment Roadie for Cole Ryles Band.



Dine & Design By Dinah Rowe



Heard County 4-H held its first table setting /luncheon in November. It started as a fundraiser and quickly became a festive competition where different organizations were competing with one another for the highest amount of votes. This was held in conjunction with a spaghetti luncheon. The 4-H members pre-sold tickets for this event. Each person that purchased a plate also got a ticket to vote for the table of their choice. Extra tickets could also be purchased for an additional fee. The 4-H members helped in the kitchen serving plates and re-filling drinks. The tables could be decorated to any theme but most tables had a holiday theme. Some of the organizations that competed were: Lions Club, Pilot Club, Animal Control, Board of Commissioners, Senior Center, Times-Journal, Sports and Rec., Historical Society, and Regions Bank to name a few. There were also individuals that entered and brought decorations from home. The winner received a 50.00 gift card that was donated. This year's winner was a ten year old girl and her theme was "Reindeer Games" This event was a crowd pleaser and brought the community together for a fun time and a sampling of Christmas cheer. As a result, Heard County 4-H raised 1,000.00.



GAE4-HA LIFE MEMBERS / RETIREES



MEMBERS/RETIREES HOW TO JOIN . . .

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF EXTENSION 4-H AGENTS – Please join us if you're not already a member. A membership drive is held during the fall of each year – however, a one-time Life Member fee may be submitted at any time. Currently, Life Membership dues are \$220 – that's 3 times the annual renewal membership fee. Application for membership is the same as any new or renewal members, however, on the membership application simply check the *“life member”* option. Please visit the *GAE4-HA website*, and/or, contact the Senior Association Director for your district or the Vice-President for application information.

BECOME A PART OF THE ASSOCIATION

Members are encouraged to attend the GAE4-HA Annual Conference in the spring of each year and held in an area of the state designated by the presiding President. The 2016 Annual Conference will be held this year on the coast in Savannah (*details and registration information will be coming soon*). It is hoped that members would also support and/or volunteer with the Extension/4-H program in their respective county of residence if at all possible.

In our GAE4-HA “Peach Press” Newsletter we are highlighting Association Life Members and/or retirees in a “WHERE ARE THEY NOW. . .” section – a section designated to Life Members & Retirees who keep on giving to their community, and/or, just “Keep on- Keeping on.” Life members are encouraged to provide relative information of themselves, and other life member (s) and/or retiree (s) about what they have been doing since retirement. This could be one thing in specific or several things, including: work on another job, a business venture, community service activities, an interesting hobby, family activities, an interesting family vacation/trip, etc.

If you're aware of any of these former colleagues, please put something together (or ask them to) and send to me for submission in one of the associations' Peach Press issues. Also attach any applicable information to the Life Member Chair or your Senior District Director to follow up. Newsletter editions may be accessed via the GAE4-HA website.



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