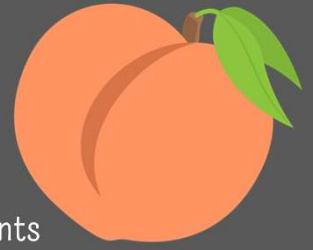


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Important Reminders

NAE4-HA & GAE4-HA
Membership Deadline
December 31, 2018

NAE4-HA & GAE4-HA
Awards Deadline
February 2019

Spring Peach Press
Submission Deadline
March 15, 2019

Spring Peach Press
Release
April 8, 2019

GAE4-HA Conference at
Rock Eagle 4-H Center
April 8-10, 2019

NAE4-HA Conference in
White Sulphur Springs
November 3-7, 2019

A Message from President Poppell

Greetings! It is so good to hear of such wonderful things going on across our state! Although our work can be very exhausting, it is also very rewarding. As the Christmas holiday season approaches, I encourage you to refuel and energize for the new year.

Here are five ways you can recharge for 2019:

Professionally – Reflect on yourself and your program. Look for areas needing growth or elimination.

Personally – Purge, reconnect, and refuel. Whether it be from clearing clutter, reading a good book, or reconnecting with old friends, find the perfect option for you!

Physically – Challenge yourself to move more.

Financially – Look for ways to cut excess spending. Simple cuts can really add up!

Spiritually – Garbage in leads to garbage out. Breathing life into your heart will clear your head of all the clutter.

As we look forward to 2019, think of ways that you can be involved with GAE4-HA. Kate Whiting, our Immediate Past President, will be sending out a call for nominations for the GAE4-HA Vice President and Treasurer positions. New Committee Chairs and Junior Directors will also be installed at the 2019 state meeting. Sonya Jones, President Elect, is working to plan our State Conference titled "People, Purpose and Passion: the GAE4-HA Way to Success." There are numerous opportunities for you to be involved with our state meeting. Please reach out to Sonya if you are interested in assisting.



Thank you for your service to Georgia!
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Generosity through the Georgia National Fair

By: Keshia Jones, Dodge County 4-H Agent

Amidst all of the chaos in our world, I want to remind you that there are truly good people, including children, surrounding us. Meet Christian Lecouris. Christian is a 5th grade North Dodge Elementary student. This is his second year participating in our 4-H program. Back in October at the Georgia National Fair, Christian competed in 12 different 4-H events. He also won 1st place in the SPAM Kid Chef contest. Last year was his first year competing in 4-H activities, including competing in the Georgia National Fair. Youth who earn 1st-10th place are awarded prize money. Christian saved his prize money from 2017 and calculated his earnings for 2018 because he wanted to buy a Christmas gift for 50 different children. On his own, Christian saved his prize money and personal allowance to pull off his own 4-H community service project and look what he accomplished! His grandmother contacted me about the best way to distribute the gifts because he wanted to share his joy with elementary-aged children, just like himself. I immediately contacted Mrs. Scarlett Mark Driggers at North Dodge Elementary and Mrs. Amy Knight Barron at South Dodge Elementary. A few weeks ago, Christian had the opportunity to share the generosity of his sweet heart to both schools. To know this child's story is to truly understand the tremendous accomplishments he has made in such a short time. This is one of the many reasons why I find such tremendous value in 4-H. I have no doubt that Christian will continue to make an impact in the lives of others.



Curriculum Corner

The Great Georgia Pollinator Census

UGA Extension is already planning The Great Georgia Pollinator Census for the upcoming year! On August 23-24, 2019, Georgians will be able to participate in a citizen science project, allowing them to count pollinators, such as bumble bees, carpenter bees, flies, wasps, and butterflies. A background in entomology, citizen science projects, etc. is not needed; anyone can participate! Data is uploaded to the project website and published for all to see!

Although plans are still forming and the website is being updated, mark your calendars and get ready for a great event. Contact Becky Griffin at beckygri@uga.edu for more information.

Check out all the fun at: <https://ggapc.org/>



Discover 4-H Clubs



Utah State University Extension/4-H has a series of publications designed for Discover Clubs. Geology, sewing, ancient Egypt, and edible science are a few of many topics offered. Each guide presents a series of lessons including the educational content, list of supplies needed, and the instructions for completing the activities. These guides could be used by Extension staff, volunteers, and even teen leaders – very simple and easy!

Utah 4-H provides the resources free of charge, but you must request the club guide by completing a short survey. Afterward, they will e-mail you the resources. Choose as many as you like!

Access the guides here:
<https://utah4h.org/discover/>

STEAM Day Camp Scholarship Opportunity

By: Terri Kimble Fullerton, Newton County 4-H Agent

Our 4-H Club has focused on STEAM projects the last few years, and a graduating senior held a Facebook fundraiser to encourage other counties to copy one of our favorite projects – a STEAM Day Camp! “As a Georgia 4-H senior I want to create a scholarship opportunity that will be long lasting and have a residual impact to future 4-H’ers in need,” said Lavendar Harris, 12th grade 4-H member from Newton County.

With the growing popularity of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) based programs, Lavendar and CJ Harris created three STEAM Camp curricula which they implemented during week-long day camps for the past three summers in Newton County. The camp has had a huge impact on the kids by giving them a chance to be hands on, learn about science, use the engineering process, and establish connections with their teams. The camp has also been a great opportunity for Teen Leaders to learn about leadership, teamwork, and instructing skills.

To expand their project, they have decided to establish the Lavendar & CJ Harris STEAM Day Camp Scholarship. This \$250 scholarship will not only include the full camp curriculum but will also help to offset the funds towards the camp. Agents will be free to use the funds for whatever STEAM-related activities of their choosing, such as purchasing materials, kits, or individual scholarships for campers. The curriculum can be used as a week long day-camp, or split into different "STEAM-Days" of the county's choosing.

The camp is hands on, engaging, and runs heavily on Teen Leaders! If your county is interested in this scholarship, all you would need to do is fill out a simple application!

Please contact Terri Kimble Fullerton for more information at tkimble@uga.edu.



Oceans of Fun 2019

By: Al Parker, Northeast District

We need your help at Oceans of Fun 2019 on Jekyll Island on July 14 – 17, 2019! OOF offers an educational opportunity for children and grandchildren of GAEL members to attend classes and workshops while they are attending the Summer GAEL Conference. We are in need of volunteers for 2019! Here's your chance to join us for OOF!



GAEL, or the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders, is made up of school superintendents, principals, and other school officials from across the state of Georgia. The summer conference includes speakers, workshops, and a large number of exhibitors and vendors.

Along with OOF, GAE4-HA, Georgia 4-H, and Camp Jekyll present the Monday morning continental breakfast for the conference. Next year's breakfast will be coordinated by Ashely Harmon and Monica Heys. We also team up to provide fun activities for the Family Fun Night on Monday night.

Classes include bikes and ice cream, geocaching, seining and fish prints, cooking classes, canoeing, kayaking, and more! Classes are presented in the morning, then everyone can attend Summer Waves Water Park in the afternoon. We're looking at adding a trip to Cumberland Island this year!

We can use your help in **THREE** different ways:

1 - We are looking for a Chairperson! If you have participated in the past and are interested in taking a leadership role, please contact Al Parker. You will be in a learning role in 2019 and become Chair for 2020.

2 - It's time to sign up to attend! If you are interested in attending Oceans of Fun as a worker, please contact Al Parker for the 2019 OOF Participant Information Survey. Administration provides a travel reimbursement budget for four agents per district to attend. We would love to have you help out!

3 - We also need your help in promoting Oceans of Fun to your school officials who plan to attend the Summer GAEL Conference on Jekyll Island. Look for information on OOF coming in March that you can present to them on the fun activities we have to offer!



For more details on Oceans of Fun, please contact Al Parker at alparker@uga.edu.

Money-Making Apps ... AKA Adult Consumer Judging

By: Jenny Jordan, Retired Extension 4-H Specialist

Receipt Pal

Receipt Pal is an “income generating” app in that you earn points for your receipts that you can cash in for gift cards to Amazon, E-Gift Card (for lots of retailers), Restaurant.com, and others

What do you do? Use your smart phone to take photos of your receipts. Each receipt fills a space on a card. Each card has 4 spaces.

What do you earn? 100 points per card.

What is the payout? Payout varies. For 400 points you can get a \$1 Amazon card—hold out until you have 14000 points and you can get a \$50 amazon card (280 points/\$1). Restaurant.com is a much lower redemption with \$50 for 3500 points (70 points/\$1).

What I like about Receipt Pal? It’s easy. I either do receipts as I get them or one evening during the week, I do all my receipts. It’s a quick photo and go. I don’t have to think about what I’m buying or where to go to get the deal. And you do have a record of your receipt.

What is the downside of Receipt Pal? It’s not a huge payout as in it takes some time to earn the points. You will only get a few cards each week. Sometimes it takes a few days to process so if a receipt is rejected you’ll need to replace it on the card to fill the card.

Tips for Quicker Earnings

- Load every week and fill your cards before Sunday morning. On Sunday morning you get new cards based on your filled cards. If you have 3 ½ filled, you only get 3 new cards for the week and you missed the chance at that 4th card.
- Receipts expire the Tuesday after that week. So Sunday is the 1st, your receipts for the 1st-7th will expire on the 9th.
- Take good photos. If anything is missing or blurred they will reject the receipt

All and all, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 is don't bother and 5 is loving it, I give it a 3 ½. To me, it's passive and easy. It won't make you rich but it will give you a little extra and if you're better than me at taking your photos, you can cash in easily!

Panel App

Panel App is an “income generating” app in that you earn points by taking surveys based on where you've been and what you buy. To join, click the link: <https://www.placed.com/panel/panels/711b0c40f1da/signup?rid=8e61545a4d87>

What do you do? Initially, you do nothing but add the app to the phone. You will periodically get requests for surveys – look for the message icon on the app to appear - and complete the survey based on where you have been and what you have done.

What do you earn? Points towards gifts cards and sweepstakes.

What is the payout? Payout is generally for Amazon, Walmart, and Visa gift cards. Payout begins at 1,000 points for \$1 and goes up to 20,000 points for \$25. It pays to keep earning before cashing out. Sweepstakes are much lower. For example, you can use 5 points to enter for a \$5 gift card drawing.

What I like about Panel App? It’s one of the easiest apps there is. Until I have a survey, I do nothing. I earn points from where I’ve been (no idea how these work ... they just appear), for surveys, from locations, and from referrals.

What is the downside of Panel App? It’s not a huge payout as in it takes some time to earn the points. If you’re not paying attention, you’ll lose the opportunity to complete the survey.

Tips for Quicker Earnings

- Refer friends. You have the potential to earn 10% of your friends’ points at no cost to them
- Watch your app for surveys & complete them. I feel like the more surveys I do, the more surveys I get

All and all, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 is don't bother and 5 is loving it, I give it a 4. To me, it's passive and easy. I do surveys waiting in line or binge watching something on TV, so really it's mindless.

Shopkicks

Shopkicks is an rewards app in that you earn points by walking in stores, scanning items, and purchasing items. If you try Shopkicks with my code CARD938497 or download <http://getsk.co/card938497> we both will get points in our account.

What do you do? Turn on the app. Walk in stores for walk in points, scan items in the store (as requested), scan receipts of items you bought, or earn points through linked credit cards. You can earn points for all three of these activities and you don't have to do them all to get points, so you could just get the walk in points, if you like.

What do you earn? You earn points for different activities (walk in, scan, receipts, linked cards, referrals). Points vary with stores and days.

What is the payout? 250 points is the equivalent to \$1. There are \$2,\$5, \$10, \$25 increments for lots of different gift cards.

What I like about Shopkicks? Points are points. You don't have to let the rack up to earn them and the payout is quick. I often check out my Shopkicks balance as I walk in Target and do the request for the gift card then. It may only be \$5 but it's ready to go at check out as an e-gift card right on my phone. There are also a lot of different ways to earn. You can go basic and just get the easy walk in kicks or work at it and plan your shopping around the extra points for scanning and purchasing items. I also love the app itself. I open it up and can see on the screen what stores near me at that moment have kicks and whether they are walk in, scan, receipts, or \$/linked card. There is also a highlight bar with specials. You can also save items you like and there are shopping "catalogs" you can browse for shops with kicks.

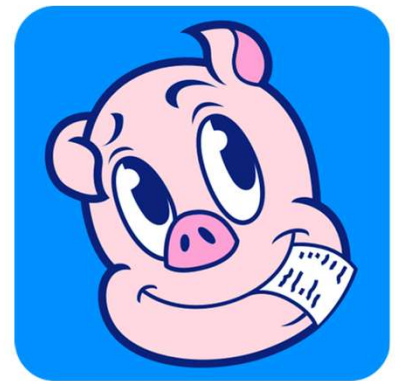
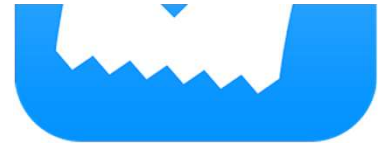
What is the downside of Shopkicks?

If you get into scanning, it can take some time. Items listed for scan are not always in the store. The credit is not always that great unless you were planning to purchase the item (scanned receipt).

Tips for Quicker Earnings

- Always check Shopkicks. Look for stores near you with walk-in points. Sometimes you can get those points for walking nearby and not actually going in the store. Mall and outlets malls are great for this!
- If I'm in a store with scan points, I aim for 100+ points per visit. I look at what I need and where I'll be in the store and try to scan those items.
- Tap the Discover book at the bottom of the app. This is primarily ads for specials but nearly every day there are a few kicks available for watching videos about products.
- Don't forget to click the online tap and use it when you are shopping. I compare Shopkicks, Ibotta, and Ebates before I make an online purchase for the best money back. Remember 250 kicks = \$1.00.
- Look in the online tap for the eye image. This is a check it out option and you may earn kicks just for looking at something online.
- Link your credit or debit cards but be sure to use them in stores as credit in order to earn kicks.

All and all, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 is don't bother and 5 is loving it, I give it a 4. It's a super simple grocery app with the potential to earn lots of points.



Receipt Hog

Receipt Hog is an "income generating" app in that you earn coins for your receipts that you can cash in for money with Amazon, PayPal or a Visa Gift Card.

What do you do? Use your smart phone to take photos of your receipts.

What do you earn? Coins, Spins, & Drawing Tickets

What is the payout? Payout is at 1000 (\$5), 2900 (\$15), 4300 (\$25), & 6500 (\$40). Leaving your earnings yields greater rewards, up to 6500 coins.

What I like about Receipt Hog? It's easy. I either do receipts as I get them or one evening during the week, I do all my receipts. It's a quick photo and go. I don't have to think about what I'm buying or where to go to get the deal. And you do have a record of your receipt. I have convinced a store to use it for a return before because they could pull the information off of the photo. I've also downloaded the receipt from the app to turn in for reimbursement when I lost the original.

What is the downside of Receipt Hog? It's not a huge payout as in it takes some time to earn the points. There is no bonus for referring friends.

Tips for Quicker Earnings

- Load every week. Each week you add receipts, you get credit. With a certain number of credits you "level up" As you level up you earn more coins for leveling up. My last level up earned 200 coins
- All receipts are not created equal. You earn coins for stores that sell grocery, health, and beauty products primarily. Your best receipts are supermarkets, convenience stores, super centers, club stores, pet supply, beauty & health stores, etc. Restaurants and clothing stores may get you spins (which can earn points) or tickets for a drawing.
- Watch for surveys. You'll see a red dot on rewards in the app which means you have a survey. I've only gotten a handful, but they are a quick 50-200 coins.
- There is a new Add to your browser feature. I just did it, but can't speak to how it helps (or hurts) yet.

All and all, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 is don't bother and 5 is loving it, I give it a 3 ½. To me, it's passive and easy. It won't make you rich but it will give you a little extra. If you're better than me at taking your photos, you can cash in easily!

Fetch Rewards

Fetch is an rewards app in that you earn points by turning in grocery receipts. Download the app or use the link (<http://www.fetchrewards.com>) to your phone and enter my referral code **EC4U**. When you scan your first receipt you'll receive a bonus of 2,000 points (and so will I ... thanks in advance)!

What do you do? Scan receipts for stores where you buy grocery items.

What do you earn? Most receipts with grocery items will get some points. If you purchase items in special offers or brand names in the app, you receive more points.

What is the payout? There are lots of gift cards to choose from and every 1,000 points is worth \$1. There is no advantage to stocking up points.

What I like about Fetch? Like most grocery receipt apps, it's easy. I just scan my receipt, wait a minute, and I have my points. I do occasionally use the specials and brands lists to create my grocery list and get more points or I take my list and make adjustments based on the app. It doesn't matter where you make the purchase, so if something is on sale and you get points, you can do well. The app itself is pretty nifty, too. It has a shopping list of the items that have points so you can check those off and create your own list.

What is the downside of Panel App? Brands tend to be name brands, which if you're not a brand shopper, your points won't add up as quickly.

Tips for Quicker Earnings

- Check the app often for bonuses like referrals or great points off. Remember 1,000 points is \$1 so if it's 750 points it's basically 75 cents off.
- Spend some time checking out the big bonus items and plan your shopping around those. In special offers today, I could save about \$6.50 (in generated points) and some of the items are on sale at my regular grocery spot an in other grocery apps.
- Scan any receipt that you can buy grocery and beauty items even the gas station. You may get the 25 points receipt scan.
- Scan receipts within 14 days of the sale.
- Use your app every 90 days or your points expire.

All and all, on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 is don't bother and 5 is loving it, I give it a 4. It's a super simple grocery app with the potential to earn lots of points and I love apps where points = certain \$\$ amounts and I don't have to store them up to keep earning.

Bright Ideas at Work



Summer Camp Promotion Edition

Dressing Up

I like to dress up to get the kids excited about camp. This picture is from last year's



promotion for Wahsega 4-H Center as Clemmy Cordelia Clampett. We go over fun camp facts, registration information, and camp sign-up. I dress up in a ying-yang for Rock

Eagle and promote as an Indian from the Rock Eagle Nation. Dressing up catches the students attention and helps them remember 4-H and the information about camp! I only do this for 4th & 5th grades, and every year, the 6th-8th complain that I do not dress up for them anymore!

Submitted by Sonya Jones, Pulaski County

Think Smarter, Not Harder

Stay Connected ... Following camp, stay in contact with the families throughout the year. Nurturing those relationships can help grow your program and fill your camp quotas.

Start Early ... In the very first newsletter of the year include the camp dates. It seems that families plan their summers earlier and earlier—make sure 4-H camp is a part of their plan!

Put Out the Welcome Mat...Be open to taking out of town or out of state cousins and friends. You would be surprised how appealing this is to families. Also, do not

forget about younger siblings. 4th graders are the perfect age for Cloverleaf camp.

Ten for the Win...Include a checkbox on your camp application that encourages families to make a \$10 donation towards a camp scholarship. Parents are very likely to add ten more dollars to their deposits without hesitation.

Submitted by Kelle Ashley, Oconee County

Paper Wrist-Bands

We give each child a paper wrist band with basic camp information – location, dates, cost, registration information, 4-H Emblem, etc. We print 8 per page and then have the kids staple them together. Sometimes papers get lost and stickers get stuck on other things, but we hope these wristbands make it home and are great conversation starters between youth and parents/guardians!

Submitted by Kasey Bozeman, Liberty County

Make Camp a Hot Commodity

Offer a ONE DAY ONLY sign up, limit the timeframe for sign-up, and create the feeling that they should sign up before they lose the opportunity or “miss out”. While obviously you want to always sign youth up for camp, emphasizing the urgency of signing up gets parents and youth thinking about camp early!

Submitted by Abby Smith, Effingham County



More Bright Ideas

Summer Camp Promotion Edition

Here comes the bus, the bus, the big yellow bus!

It's almost camp promotion time! This is my favorite part of the year...that is ... besides camp of course! One of the first thoughts that runs through a 4-H Agent's head is, 'How can I reach my camp quota?'. What can I say, do, or present differently to entice the kids to sign up for 4-H Summer Camp?



First, begin camp promotion early. During January in-school club meetings is a great time to run into the classrooms dressed as an Indian, hillbilly or beachgoer and get the students excited about camp! Especially, after you show the camp promotional video they will be on board! Enclosed in your 4-H Newsletter, make



sure to include all the information about camp: dates, price, activities, grades and a payment schedule. Talk the students into inviting their best

friends to go with them to camp as a group. Kids are more likely to register if their friends are attending.

Second, hold a 'Camp Sign-Up Day' around February 1st. This gives families an entire 4 months or more to pay for camp. Having a

payment schedule that allows families to pay bi-weekly camp installments works very well. When 4-H'ers sign up for camp require them to pay a \$75 deposit to hold their spot. Also, create a camp sign-up form that includes: child's name, address, age, grade, gender, t-shirt size, swim Y/N, parents name, home phone, work phone, cell phone and email address. On this sign-up sheet you can keep track of payments made or scholarships received.

All of these efforts are not enough. There are many families that cannot afford summer camp. So, now this becomes your job because every child deserves the opportunity



to attend 4-H Summer Camp! Supplement the cost of camp with scholarships or fundraisers. It can be done. Each year Oglethorpe County 4-H sends 15-20 youth to 4-H summer camps on full or partial scholarships. How is this done? ASK, ASK, ASK & ASK some more. Ask county residents, county businesses, your family members. If you mention kids and camp people will open their wallets. Hold fundraisers. Sell Krispy Kreme donuts and/or certificates. We have even held a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser. And let the youth seeking scholarships take an active role in working those fundraisers and earning their way to camp.

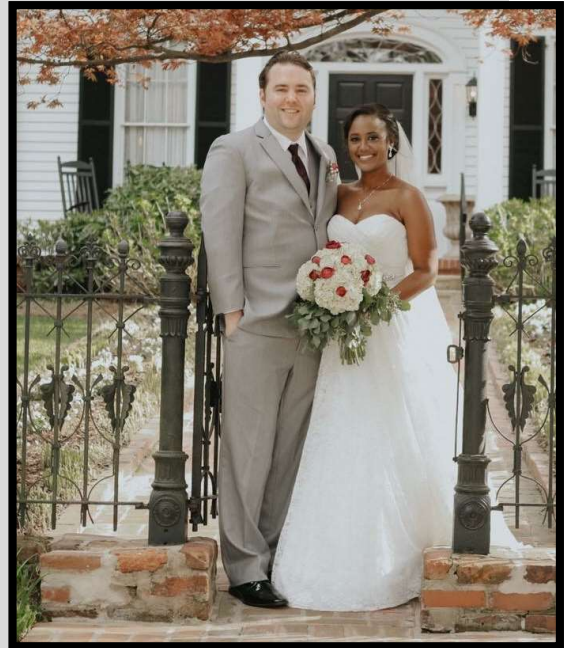
Love them, inspire them and they will learn on their own. LTK!

Submitted by: Marcus Eason, Oglethorpe County

Meet the Members

Brittani Lee, Cobb County

Position: Cobb County 4-H Agent
Residence: Marietta, GA
Years in Extension: Six years
Family: Michael (husband) & Baby Nolan Lee on the way!
Hobbies: watching reality TV and traveling
Favorite 4-H Activity: Shockingly ... DPA!
Favorite Book: *Harry Potter* series
Favorite Movie: *Home Alone* & *The Greatest Showman*
Favorite Music: Top 40
Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*
Favorite Quote: "Shoot for the moon ... even if you miss, you will land amongst the stars!"
If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... a middle school science or social studies teacher.



Machelle Gill, Gilmer County

Position: Gilmer County 4-H Agent
Residence: Talking Rock, GA
Years in Extension: Five years
Family: 3 children, 6 grandchildren + 1 expected in May
Hobbies: reading, crafting, spending time with my family, traveling, baking, camping, and live theater productions
Favorite 4-H Activity: Club Meetings & Consumer Judging
Favorite Book: *The Bible*
Favorite Movie: any classic film, *Grease*, *Little Women*, *Dirty Dancing*, *White Christmas*, *Don't Eat the Daisies*, etc.
Favorite Music: All music from the classical to rock & roll. I also enjoy gospel and country as well.
Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy* & *Madam Secretary*
Favorite Quote: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." – Matthew 7:12
If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... a teacher or travel planner.



Meet the Members

Susannah Lanier, Bulloch County

Position: Bacon County 4-H Agent

Residence: Metter, GA

Years in Extension: One year

Family: Luke (Husband), Charlie (3) & Emmett (1 in February)

Hobbies: Going to UGA football games, spending time with family, fishing

Favorite 4-H Activity: As a 4-H'er – showing livestock, DPA, and CWF.

As an Agent – DPA for sure!

Favorite Book: I don't really read but have enjoyed several Jon Gordon books

Favorite Movie: *Dirty Dancing*, *Hunger Games*, *Man on Fire*, and *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*

Favorite Music: 90's country, 80's rock, and Christian

Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*, *Chicago PD*, and *Real Housewives*

Favorite Quote: "Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... probably still working in the produce industry. In my previous job, I did marketing for one of the largest Vidalia onion producers.



Jazmin Thomas, Dougherty County

Position: Dougherty County 4-H Agent

Residence: Tifton, GA

Years in Extension: 3.5 years

Family: I have no children & no husband. I am currently living my best life.

Hobbies: Karaoke, bowling, traveling, and shopping

Favorite 4-H Activity: Summer Camp

Favorite Book: *Americanah* by Chimemanda Ngozi Adichie

Favorite Movie: *Twister* – I have watched this movie 200 times.

Favorite Music: This is so difficult. I love most genres of music, and I listen to my country as loud as my gangster rap!

Favorite TV Show: How can I pick just one? I love *American Horror Story* (asylum was my favorite season!), *Criminal Minds* (before Shemar Moore left), *Law & Order* (SVU & CI), and *Power*.

Favorite Quote: "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." - Mother Teresa

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... I have always dreamt of being a storm chaser! In reality, I would probably work as a sales rep for a large hotel planning weddings & corporate events.

Meet the Members

Jeffrey Burke, State Staff

Position: State 4-H Events and Programs Coordinator

Residence: Athens, GA

Years in Extension: Six years

Family: Parents are Larry & Mary Burke of Wrens, GA and Brody, the 9 year old Golden Retriever

Hobbies: Reading, learning to ride the unicycle, and professional nap taker

Favorite 4-H Activity: State Congress

Favorite Book: *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* By Dr. Seuss

Favorite Movie: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

Favorite Music: Somewhere in the middle of Beyonce and Michael Buble'

Favorite TV Show: *How I Met Your Mother*

Favorite Quote: "Be kind to one another." – Ellen DeGeneres

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... flipping houses!



Free Membership with the American Camp Association!

The American Camp Association (ACA) offers free, one-year memberships to anyone! ACA is the nation's largest professional association for people working in camp-related fields, including 4-H! The free membership allows you to access ACA resources (including 1 free webinar), get ACA pro-deals (including Chaco), and network with like-minded youth development colleagues!

Visit www.ACAcamps.org/membership/free and using this coupon code **ACASEGA** at checkout.



Professional Development

American Camp Association Conference

February 19-22, 2019 • Nashville, Tennessee

Learn from camping professionals from around the country (and even world!) at the American Camp Association's annual conference. From staff development to youth programming, this conference is all about camp! More information is found at <https://www.acacamps.org/conference>



National Youth-at-Risk Conference

March 3-9, 2019 • Savannah, Georgia

The National Youth-at-Risk Conference is coordinated annually by Georgia Southern University. This conference focuses on in- and after-school youth development programming. More information is found here: <https://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/conferences/nationalyouthatrisk/>

Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia Conference

March 8-10, 2019 • Albany, Georgia

The 2019 Georgia EEA conference will specifically focus on the garden to table movement, with sessions about food education, green spaces, and gardening. The call for workshop proposals closes on December 14, 2019. For more information, visit: <https://www.eealliance.org/annual-conference>



Public Issues Leadership Development Conference

April 14-19, 2019 • Arlington, Virginia

Typically attended by Extension Association leadership, the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference is an annual conference that focuses on national policy and public issues concerning Cooperative Extension. Visit <https://www.jcep.org/pild> for more information.

Business Reminders

People, Purpose, & Passion: The GAE4-HA Way to Success!

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April 8-10, 2019
Rock Eagle 4-H Center



Join us for 3 days of peer-taught workshops, educational posters, commercial exhibitors, networking, and award presentations.



During our state meeting in April, the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents will be electing two officers: a Treasurer (2-year term) and a Vice President (a 4-year term that ascends to being the President). As the GAE4-HA Immediate Past President, I serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee solicits candidates for both of these important positions and coordinates the election process. An official call for nominations will come in the Spring.

Any interested candidates for both offices are welcome to contact me for more information. Candidates for both offices should submit a 1-2 page biographical sketch, outlining their background and experiences, previous leadership roles, and qualifications for office. The Director of County Operations Office now requires approval of candidates to serve in some state association leadership roles. Candidates interested in running for both Vice President and Treasurer will have to submit the required forms and obtain all necessary approvals six weeks prior to the 2019 election.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I am excited to chair the process in finding excellent candidates to serve in these important leadership roles in our association.

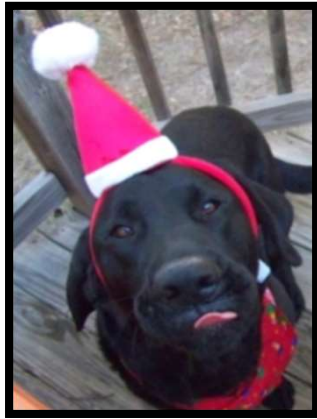
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Getting to Know You

In each edition of the *Peach Press*, we plan to feature a collage of photos about a certain topic from our members. Our theme for this edition is pets. The spring edition will feature personal hobbies. We encourage you to contribute!



← Kate Whiting's (Peach County 4-H Agent) dog Addie enjoyed the rare snow in middle Georgia!



← Coal, a black lab, belongs to Sonya Jones (Pulaski County 4-H Agent). He loves to play fetch and keep away with sticks, limbs, small logs or whatever he can pull up, including a box turtle every now and then!

→ Wendy, belonging to Kasey Bozeman (Liberty County 4-H Agent), loves stopping to get peach ice-cream at Lane Southern Orchards in Fort Valley.



Kimberly enjoys lounging around the house. She lives with Jennifer Cantwell (State 4-H Staff) ... or should we say that Jennifer lives with her?!?



← Emma and Hook belong to Brittany Teets (Rockdale County 4-H Agent). Hook is a sweetie, but don't let Emma fool you ... she is crazy!

Santa came to visit Lauren Dye (Elbert County 4-H Agent), her dog Josie, and horses Jackie, ICU, Rayo, Cami, Peppy, Image, Rise, Spanky, and donkey Junio.



→ O'Neil, Bailey, and Edie posing for their holiday photo! These dogs belong to Jessica Eubank (McDuffie County 4-H/FACS Agent).



Caring & Sharing

Often times, people cite the importance of their Extension family support during times of celebration and times of sorrow. We encourage our members to share about their personal lives – marriages, births, deaths, accomplishments – through our Caring & Sharing page.



Congratulations to Stephanie Myers (Evans County 4-H Agent) for graduating with her Master's degree from Georgia Southern University!



← Lauren Morris (Banks County 4-H Agent) is getting married to Austin Rose on June 8, 2019. Congrats on their engagement!

Charlotte McGinn (Long County Extension Secretary) passed away on November 17 after a short illness. Charlotte enjoyed working for Extension and loved helping 4-H members prepare projects.

Cheryl Poppell (Toombs County 4-H Agent) lost her father Noal Ashburn in early November.



↑ Connor Bradley Wise was born on October 14. He was 7lbs 3ozs and 19.25 inches long to Mallory Wise (Lee County 4-H Agent).



↑ Sergy Gabelmann (Chatham County 4-H Agent) welcomed a new grandbaby named Mia!



↑ Brady and Brooks are getting ready for the holidays. Keri Hobbs (State 4-H Staff) is the proud mom!

Cecil Daniels (Life Member) reports that he is doing well. He has been retired since 1989, after working 28 years with UGA Extension and 2 years of serving in the US Army.

Ray Hicks (Screven County ANR Agent) and Becky Waters (Southeast District 4-H Secretary) celebrated their retirements in November. Congrats to both on outstanding Extension careers!

A Tribute to Mr. Harold Darden

Provided by the State 4-H Office



Visionary, determined, generous, a dedicated leader ... Mr. Harold Darden had all of those qualities and used them in his service to others. Former Georgia 4-H State Leader Tom Rodgers called Mr. Darden one of the “giants of Georgia 4-H.” He was born in Troup County, Georgia, on September 6, 1920, and passed away on September 18, 2018, at the age of 98.

A defining member of the “Greatest Generation,” Mr. Darden served in WWII in the 345th Infantry “Golden Acorn” Division under General Patton, where he was awarded two bronze stars in the battles of the Rhineland and Central Europe. Following his return to the United States, Mr. Darden became a County Agent in DeKalb County, later transferring to Carroll County. He was asked to join the State 4-H staff after the summer of 1955. Upon his retirement in 1975, Mr. Darden was named Associate Professor Emeritus and Associate State 4-H Leader Emeritus.

Mr. Harold leaves a strong legacy of service to Georgia 4-H and is recognized as one of the eighteen founders of Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

He helped develop the camping program for Georgia 4-H and was the first chief of the Rock Eagle Nation. Mr. Darden wrote the Citizenship Ceremony in 1959 for the Georgia 4-H State Council. That impressive ceremony is still used today as a swearing-in of 4-H members who have become eligible to vote. In 2010, he was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, and he was awarded the Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013.

Harold Darden earned the titles of Honorary Master and Honorary Counselor, prestigious awards bestowed on few individuals. He worked with Para Lee Brock to create the *4-H Hour*, a Saturday morning program which for more than 25 years showcased Georgia 4-H'ers on Atlanta's WAGA television station. He and his relatives established the Darden Family Scholarship, a scholarship which each year benefits an outstanding camp counselor at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and an outstanding camp counselor at one of the small 4-H camps.

Harold once said, “We appreciate how far the right lessons learned in 4-H can take a young person in life. We know that character is more important than a credit score; we know that accomplishments cannot – must not – be measured in terms of wins and losses, but rather in lives we’ve helped to build. And so, we hope that our contributions will last for generations and that our influence will be felt long after the ribbons have faded and the medals have tarnished. So we need to remind ourselves – everyday – you and I, we are the chosen ones. We are the keepers. I’m of a mind that if there is any single factor that makes for success in life, it is the ability to profit from experience.”

The foundation of the success of the Georgia 4-H program is strong because of the work and legacy of people like Mr. Harold Darden.



Throwback Photos



A large group of GAE4-HA award winners during the 2014 state meeting held on Jekyll Island. Congrats!



Lauren Dye, Elbert County 4-H Agent, and David Spaid, retired Candler County ANR Agent, pose with 4-Hers at the former Jekyll Island 4-H Camp facility during 2011 Marine Resource Camp.



Leonard Anderson, DeKalb County 4-H Agent, helps youth during the Fitness Fun County 4-H Camp in 2000. Students learned the importance of healthy eating and exercise throughout the week which included hiking Stone Mountain, grilling HOBO meals, exploring international produce choices at the DeKalb International Farmers Market, Yoga and in this photo, Leonard demonstrates use of exercise equipment with camper.

A creativity workshop (which included SPAM carving) at the 2016 GAE4-HA state meeting in Pooler.



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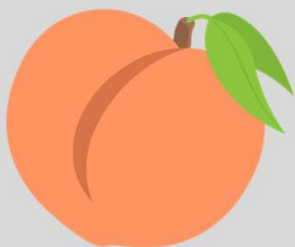


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