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2010-2011 Membership

Northeast : 24
Northwest : 43
Southeast : 33
Southwest : 30
State Staff : 24

Includes 10 new members

TOTAL: 154



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A Message From the President



Al Parker, GAE4-HA President

Greetings GAE4-HA members! We are excited you have joined us for our State Meeting here at Rock Eagle. President-Elect Monte Stephens and the GAE4-HA Committee Chairs have worked very hard to make this all come together. I hope you enjoy the meeting and be sure to say thanks to Monte and his committee for their hard work and dedication.

"Follow Me...Because I'm Georgia 4-H!" is our theme and is so appropriate for our current times. The "I Am Georgia 4-H!" slogan came to life during the outpouring of support we received during the situation we were facing this time last year. Whenever I hear this slogan, and probably for the rest of my of life, it will always remind me of what we went through and what a great group of supporters we have of Georgia 4-H members, parents and alumni from all across our state and country. They came to our defense and definitely made a difference...because we are still here and growing strong!



I do feel confident our future is getting brighter every day. I know morale has been great through all of the budget cuts we have taken. I really feel it is time to hold our heads up as times are getting better and we will soon be experiencing real growth in our organization! We are hiring 4-H Associates across the state who are excited about 4-H and will not only help us take the 4-H Program to more youth, but will be able to be active members in our association. And I predict we will soon be hiring new 4-H Agents as well!

I can't make any predictions on when those raises will start flowing again, but I can say I am proud to be able to say I work for the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension. I'm proud to be a member of the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents and most especially I am proud to say I work for the BEST 4-H Program in the world and you are invited to..."Follow Me...Because I Am Georgia 4-H!"

Al Parker

Getting our feet wet at the national meeting

 Terri Kimble, Newton Co.

Reasons not to attend NAE4-HA:

- (1) You don't like to have fun
- (2) You already know how to do your job perfectly and need no ideas
- (3) You don't like meeting people
- (4) You don't need a break

Okay, so I've come up with a lot of other excuses the last few years that aren't on that list, most of them dealing with the expense.

This year, though, I was fortunate enough to win free registration at the state meeting, so I took the plunge, found 3 roommates to share costs, and hit the road for Phoenix, AZ.

The four of us were all first time delegates... but we quickly realized it wouldn't be our last trip to NAE4-HA.

From our first night as the Georgia Flotilla Committee, through committee meetings and classes, all the way through our last morning listening to Dr. Lori being installed as President over the phone, we felt like every minute was packed with value for our investment.

We learned that Arizona only has 14 4-H agents, worked on perpetual calendar planning, picked up freebies, explored the desert, laughed late into the night, joined national committees, and got to know our own Georgia colleagues a little better.



So from Sonya, Lauren, Beth and myself: we challenge you to make plans now for Omaha, Nebraska next fall.

Add me on Facebook if you'd like to see more photos of the week's activities, and the side trips we made.

(And yes, we did literally "get our feet wet at NAE4-HA" ... just ask us to see the fountain photos!)



Sonya Jones, Pulaski; Lauren Dye, Elbert; Terri Kimble, Newton; and Beth Carlan Watson, Gordon; at the NAE4-HA National Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.



Thomas and Brooks 4-H'ers hop to it

 Cindy M. Wynn, Thomas Co.

Thomas and Brooks County 4-H'ers raised rabbits, learning responsibility, record keeping, and sportsmanship.

They exhibited at the 2nd Annual Thomas County 4-H Rabbit Show, and the grand champion rabbit was a chocolate Dutch named "Bucky" who is owned and exhibited by Thomas County 4-H'er Hayes Nelson.

The winner of the "People's Choice Award" was a Holland Lop named "Millie" who is owned by Thomas County 4-H'er Sunnie Dee Wynn and was shown by Cloverbud member Ransom Young.

The judge was Robbie Harrison.



Sumter Co. Sweet Potato Show Down

 Keri Hobbs

Brooke Cianni, Sumter County Cloverleaf, presents her winning recipe of Sweet Potato Soup in pumpkin serving bowls at the Sumter County Sweet Potato Showdown during Sumter County's 4-H Week Open House.

The Showdown was used as a way to promote healthy lifestyles and their sweet potato fundraiser; recipes from the contest were included in a cookbook with their sweet potato sales.



1. Victoria David

2. Andrea McCartney

3. Casey Hobbs

4. Jessica Watkins



Don't drink the water in Northwest District!

 Casey Hobbs, Walker Co.

Not only are there a lot of babies being born from Walker County, Susan Locklear of Georgia Extension parents, Chattooga County, Andrea but many seem to be popping up in the 4-H agents County, Jessica Watkins of and program assistants in Walker County, and Northwest District. Shivone Wilson of Rockdale County. And there is talk of more on the way!

From June 2010 until now, the babies seem to be appearing in record numbers.

Although a few Northwest 4-H staff have left the organization since the birth of their children, many are still here.

Our Northwest District 4-H New Mommies are Dr. Lori Bledsoe of NW District, Victoria David of Fulton Coun-

ty, Casey Hobbs of Walker County, Susan Locklear of Georgia Extension parents, Chattooga County, Andrea McCartney of Fayette County, Jessica Watkins of Walker County, and Shivone Wilson of Rockdale County. And there is talk of more on the way!

Can you guess which baby goes with which 4-H staff member? We look forward to seeing these babies run for NW Junior Board of Directors in 2022-2023!

Answers are posted later in the newsletter—but take a guess first.

Baby Match Guesses

- 1. Victoria _____
- 2. Andrea _____
- 3. Casey _____
- 4. Jessica _____
- 5. Lori _____
- 6. Shivone _____
- 7. Susan _____



A

B

C

D

5. Lori Bledsoe

6. Shivone Wilson

7. Susan Locklear



Which came first: the egg or the chicken?

The 4-H'ers pictured aren't learning how to hold babies— just white leghorn hens in 4-H poultry judging!



The photo above and directly to the left are from the area contest in Tifton (photos by Cindy Meadows, Seminole County).

The far left photo is from the area contest in Crawford County (photo by Terri Kimble, Newton County).

If the gloved 4-H'er is from your county, please let Terri know at tkimble@uga.edu.



Wrightsville painted purple

 Sondra Fortner,
Johnson County

Johnson County 4-H'ers painted the town of Wrightsville purple for Relay for Life and raised over \$500.00 in just two days! As we know, all 4-H leaders are constantly taking pictures and Mrs. Sondra (Fortner) is no exception, however, she nearly got run over by an 18 wheeler while photographing these 4-H painters! You can see the expression of terror on the 4-H'ers face (right side) as he feared for his 4-H leaders safety - she was too far out into the road taking the picture when the truck drove by!



Nancy Grace: Distinguished Alumni & Master



Arch Smith, State 4-H Leader/Director of Georgia 4-H, stands with Bo Ryles, retired State 4-H Leader, and Don Floyd, CEO of National 4-H Council, after presenting Nancy Grace, Bibb

County 4-H Alumna, the 4-H Distinguished Alumni Medallion and honoring her with Georgia 4-H Honorary Master status. (Submitted by Casey Mull, State 4-H Office)

Northwest District Baby Mystery Solved DO NOT READ THIS BEFORE PLAYING GAME

How well did you fare in sending the right future 4-H'ers home to the correct Northwest counties?

1. Victoria David (F)
2. Andrea McCartney (D)
3. Casey Hobbs (B)
4. Jessica Watkins (G)
5. Lori Bledsoe (A)
6. Shivone Wilson (E)
7. Susan Locklear (C)



Victoria David, Fulton County; Heather Dunning, Henry County (Heather has since decided to stay home with her new baby); Casey Hobbs, Walker County; and Shivone Wilson, Rockdale County, pose at the GAE4-HA state meeting in 2010.



Explore science to win CASH for your county

Mark your calendar for October 5, 2011 and make plans to get wired for wind with 4-H National Youth Science Day.

This year's experiment is Wired for Wind, an in-depth look at renewable energy technologies in the form of wind-power.

This three-tiered experiment will help 4-H'ers to enhance their science, engineering, technology and applied math skills by allowing them to:

Design, build and test two different wind turbine models,

Experiment with variables by examining blade pitch angles,

Relate their scientific experiences back to their own lives, and

Determine the best location for a potential wind farm in their local area.

4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing

movement for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing the country forward to successfully face the challenges of the future.

Participation in 4-H National Youth Science Day is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math.

To learn about 4-H National Youth Science Day or to download program materials, go to www.4-H.org/NYSD

HOW TO EARN \$\$: Newton 4-H recorded the highest participation in Georgia for 2010 and earned \$500 by making each 4-H'er log in to an office computer to report results on the spot! Good luck in 2011!



4-H2O on TV

Keri Hobbs, Sumter County 4-H Agent, conducts the 2010 National Youth Science Experiment 4-H2O with Phil Streetman on "Mid-Day" of WSST-TV.



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Newton Co. 4-H'er Elizabeth Teasley and her lamb prepare to lead Santa onto the Covington Square. (Photo by T. Kimble)