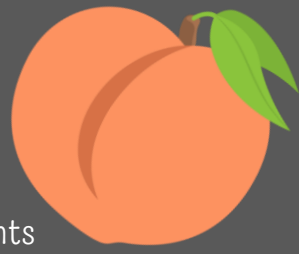


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Important Reminders

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

GAE4-HA Membership
Drive
October 1- December 2

GAE4-HA Membership
Final Postmark Date
December 31

GAE4-HA Conference in
Lagrange, GA
April 20-22, 2020

NAE4-HA Conference in
Boise, Idaho
October 19-22, 2020

A Message from President Jones

Summer has officially ended and Fall weather is just around the corner. Fall officially debuted on Monday, September 23rd whether mother nature corporates or not. Fall is the perfect time for us to "Fall for 4-H" again. We have hopefully taken time for ourselves over the summer and also used that last week in July as down time for us to renew, reflect, and get ready for the new school year. With a renewed spirit and ready to conquer it all attitude, we fall head first into 4-H. It is a time where school club meetings kick off and 4-H events happen like Fall DPAs, Fall Forum, Junior Conference, Judging Events, etc. Fall is my favorite time of the year because it is a fresh start with a brand new school year, a chance to inspire new and old 4-H'ers alike, a new year to try something different in your county programming, and an opportunity to find your niche and focus on those things that you love to do in your program. Fall is the season of change, and it allows us, as youth development professionals, to lay a firm foundation for 4-H and all that youth can build upon in the school year. What made you "Fall for 4-H?" As a 4-H'er growing up, I loved to help people. Being a teen leader made me "Fall for 4-H." I attended Cloverleaf summer camp, taught at county summer day camps, and taught at Junior Conference all because I was given the opportunity to work with and help the younger 4-H'ers. I had found a club that I truly loved. Remember that excitement of joining 4-H for the first time or the feeling you got as you rolled onto the Rock Eagle grounds even after the millionth time? Recall those memories of 4-H and reconnect with your passions and interests and incorporate them in your county programming. I love science and all that it is, and I am fortunate to have a career where I can teach science as a non-formal educator through 4-H. Confucius said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life!" Our county programming is what we make it. If we love what we do, it will shine through. As we embark on the Fall season, I hope you rekindle your love for youth development and "Fall for 4-H" again!



GAE4-HA Annual Meeting

April 20-22, 2020

Dinah Rowe, GAE4-HA President Elect

Come and join us at the Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange for the 2020 GAE4-HA Annual Meeting!

There will plenty to do all under one roof including ample professional development opportunities and great workshops. During free time, enjoy bowling, a climbing wall, mini golf, mining for gems and an indoor water park for those that want to cool down in the water. Also, feel free to stop in and create your very own customized pair of flip flops, or grab a fresh cup of coffee and some sweets at Dunkin Donuts. If you have a sweet tooth, be sure and visit the candy shop! Also, for the younger set, whether it be kids or grandkids, be sure to create a special friend at the Build-A-Bear workshop.

This is just a sampling of what will be available. We also have some exciting tours that you will want to know more about. More details coming soon!

Branching Out
with 2020 Vision



GAE4-HA
Annual Meeting
April 20-22, 2020
Great Wolf Lodge
LaGrange, GA





Join GAE4-HA Today!

GAE4-HA Membership Invitation

The Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents is a venue to connect with fellow members, while developing professionally and personally. As members in GAE4-HA, we have opportunities *To Make the Best Better* as we collaborate, learn, and share our acquired knowledge. You are invited to join GAE4-HA, one of the best assets found in Georgia 4-H. Don't miss out on being a part of GAE4-HA!

Membership Registration Details

- **State Specialists, County Extension Agents, and Extension Educators** are invited to join GAE4-HA as Active Members. **Program Assistants** can join as Partner members for \$20 in all districts *except Northeast and Northwest, which is \$25*. GAE4-HA 2020 annual dues are \$80 National, \$5 State and \$5-10 District (NE/NW are \$10; others are \$5)
- Membership registration will be available online via Event Registration. All checks should be made payable to GAE4-HA and sent to: ***Jenna Daniel Georgia 4-H, 320 Hoke Smith Annex, Athens, GA 30602***. Members will be able to verify their own membership status by selecting "Manage Participants" and can print a receipt if needed.

Membership fees for active New or Renewal are:

\$95 Northeast (Brennan Jackson)

\$95 Northwest (Chris Campbell)

\$90 Southwest (Lisa Pollack)

\$90 Southeast (Rebekah Greene)

\$90 State Staff (Keri Hobbs)

**\$250 Life Member

**\$20 Partner (except Northwest and Northeast which is \$25)

**\$90 Affiliate



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GAE4-HA Membership Invitation

Individuals registering as a *Life Member or Affiliate/Student* should use the following link:

<https://secure.georgia4h.org/event/publicregistration/insertrecord.cfm?uuid=A9D2BD2C-C487-4DBB-9369-8CF6D73B9664>

GAE4-HA Membership Drive timeline

- o Begins Tuesday, October 1, and ends Monday, December 2.
- o November 18 – Early Bird Deadline Individuals who enter online by this deadline will be entered in a drawing for a free registration to the GAE4-HA Annual Professional Development Conference at Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, Georgia, to be held April 20-22, 2020.
- o December 2 – Regular membership ends (please strive to have dues paid by this date)
- o December 2-31 – Finalization period (District directors and members should use this time to confirm on Event Registration if their payment has been received, etc.)
- o December 31 – Final Postmark Dates to be eligible for AWARDS

Please remember to visit the **NAE4-HA membership page** (<http://www.nae4ha.com/membership>) after completing the GAE4-HA membership, to create or update your NAE4-HA membership profile. This is an important step in the process!

For additional information, go to the **GAE4-HA website**: (<https://site.extension.uga.edu/gae4-ha/membership/>)

If you need more information or have questions, please feel free to contact Kandi Edwards or your District Director.

-Kandi Edwards

kandi@uga.edu or 706-278-8207 office or 706-980-0610 cell

Board of Directors - Fun Facts

In the Spring Edition, some of the 2019-2020 GAE4-HA Board of Directors shared a fun fact about themselves without telling who they were for you to guess who!

Did you guess correctly?

- In college, I was a member of the UGA Recoat Band properties crew and led a team that could paint the lines of a regulation size football field complete with end zones, yard lines, and hash marks in under 2 hours – **Ali Griner**
- I served as Governor of Georgia for JOOI, Junior Optimist Octagon International, while in middle school – **Lauren Dye**
- I grew up playing two instruments, the alto saxophone and the bassoon – **Brittani Lee**
- I held the flag on the field for the last Atlanta Braves home game in Turner Field Stadium – **Leah Woodall**
- Both my kids were born in March on the 13th & the 31st... it's easy to remember the transposed dates – **Sonya Jones**
- I raised rabbits as a child – **Pam Bloch**
- I once helped capture an escaped giraffe at the UT VET School – **Cheryl Poppell**
- My biggest Fear in life is that I'll get a papercut on my tongue. Therefore, I refuse to lick envelopes – **Kasey Bozeman**
- One year, I visited the Georgia National Fair every day the fair was in town – lots of fun! – **Kate Whiting**

Students Lead from the Heart to Serve Wayne County Community

By: Lauryn Gilmer, Wayne County 4-H Agent

Two Wayne County 4-H Club seniors are taking the initiative to begin and manage multiple community service projects during the 2020 program year. Each of these students thought about a local need that was meaningful to them and came up with a way that 4-Hers and the community could help fulfill that need.

One of these projects includes "Birthday Boxes" where collections are made for unused, left over party supplies such as cupcake pans & wrappers, cake mix, frosting, candles, and decorations. This project will focus on underprivileged youth or families that might not have the means to purchase items for a birthday party and also partners with teachers to help 4-H distribute supplies to select children in need through the school system. Boxes are to be wrapped in donated birthday wrapping paper and a 4-H sticker will be placed on the bottom.

Another student's project is called "Open Hands" which collaborates with the local DFACS office to supply children ages birth to 18 with clothing and toiletry necessities when placed in foster care. Upon visiting the Wayne County DFACS office and speaking with the director, 4-Hers found there was a dire need for both clothing and toiletry items for displaced youth of all ages. Collections of clothing have already begun coming to the 4-H office, and over 15 bags of clothes have already been donated from various 4-H supporters! Additional collection boxes are to be placed around the community.

Wayne County 4-H is proud of the creativity and generosity its students are showing through these projects and for leading by example to show other 4-Hers how to "pledge their hearts to greater service" for their own community.



Need a community service project for your Cloverleaf 4-H'ers?

By: Lynn Hall,
Lowndes County
4-H Agent

Try having a Pop tab competition to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities - with a "carrot" at the end. About ten years ago in Lowndes County, we started a Pop Tab Collection competition among the schools where we have 5th grade club meetings. The 5th grade classes and teachers that bring in the largest amount at the end of the year receive a large tray of chocolate chip cookies in May. 4-H'ers and teachers turn in Ziploc bags that are full of pop tabs at their monthly club meetings. The staff brings them back to the office to be weighed and posted on a chart. Totals are updated each month and posted in the cloverleaf newsletter. When the 5th graders receive the newsletter they quickly check the pop tab rankings to see if their school is in the lead. Some of our schools have gotten very competitive and have reached out to their entire school as well as the community they live in to collect pop tabs for 4-H.

AGtastic Escape...Can You Escape?

By: Kristen Pegues, Worth County 4-H Agent

Finding clues, solving puzzles, and learning about electricity and agriculture is what sixteen Worth and Mitchell County 4-H'ers did on Thursday, July 18th. Mitchell EMC along with Worth and Mitchell 4-H Agents (Kristen Pegues and Danielle Simmons) designed an escape room that was hosted at the Worth County Ag Pavilion. The escape room was agriculturally themed because agriculture is the number one industry in Worth and Mitchell Counties. Specifically the escape room focused on electrical safety in the first room and peanut farming from the field to the market in the second room.

First, the 4-H'ers became Mitchell EMC linemen and were tasked with turning the power back on to the irrigation pivot that waters a Mitchell EMC Member's peanut crop. In order to turn the power back on, the 4-H'ers had to solve the clues and collect the safety equipment needed to make the repairs. Clues ranged from when was Mitchell EMC founded, determining the difference between conductors and insulators, to naming different ways electricity is produced. Along the way, a hardhat, safety glasses, and rubber gloves were collected. The final clue had the 4-H'ers solve a puzzle box. The first to complete the puzzle was able to put on all of the safety equipment, take the hot stick, and close the fuse barrel to restore power to the irrigation. Turning on the power to the irrigation allowed the group to move into the next room.

In the second room, 4-H'ers became peanut farmers and had to solve the clues about their peanut crop. The clues ranged from naming the parts of a peanut plant, using a cipher disk to determine what the 4-H Farmer can use to protect their peanut crop, determining when to harvest their peanut crop using a Peanut Profile Board, learning where peanuts go after they leave the field, to how many peanuts it takes to make one jar of peanut butter. Once the 4-H'ers figured out that it takes 540 peanuts to make one jar of peanut butter, they were able to take their peanut products to the market in order to "escape". This event was a great hands on activity for students to learn a little more about electrical safety and agriculture during the summer.



Volunteers Making The Best Better

By: Laura Goss, State 4-H Staff

I believe the “something great” in our program is our volunteers. Volunteers make such an impact on the overall success of what we do in 4-H no matter our role. In our Military 4-H Program, we have volunteers who have been serving for about 10 years and some for 5 years, which creates stability and experience. We also have volunteers who might only serve for one year, but make a major impact. During 1 week of camp volunteers participate in a lot of physical activity: biking, hiking, rock climbing, paddle boarding... to name a few, along with leadership lessons. Yet, their enthusiasm for being there does not falter and they continue to role model positive behavior for the teens. Not only are they impacting teens, but they have impacted the overall success of the program from helping teach, to providing resources for the lessons, and even teaching camp directors new activities to incorporate. We know volunteers are great in Georgia 4-H, because we see the day to day impact they have. While it is important to recruit teens to be involved in our programs it is equally as important to recruit great volunteers. The Georgia 4-H Military Partnership could not accomplish our goals without our volunteers.



Curriculum Corner

Garden Earth Naturalist

Audience: K - 5th grade

Description: Through a partnership between the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, the Georgia Museum of Natural History, and Georgia 4-H, the Garden Earth Naturalist (GEN) resources are designed to help children understand and value the complex interrelationships in an ecosystem. Lesson topics include air cleaning, food production, pollination, soil production & maintenance, pest & disease control, water purification, and biodiversity.

Resource: <http://gen.uga.edu/>

Contact: Kasey Bozeman,
Extension 4-H Specialist,
kaseyb@uga.edu



AGsploration Curriculum

Audience: 4th - 8th grade

Description: The University of Maryland Extension has a 24-lesson curriculum to help youth explore agriculture-related content. Lessons are categorized into large units focusing on animal agriculture, plant agriculture, agriculture and the environment, and agricultural technology.

Resource:
<https://extension.umd.edu/agsploration/teachers/agsploration-curriculum-request>

Contact: Kasey Bozeman,
Extension 4-H Specialist,
kaseyb@uga.edu

Professional Development Conference

Confluence

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream's Volunteer Conference



March 27– 29, 2020

Unicoi State Park & Lodge

Friday evening: Poster Session & Social

Saturday: Water Quality Workshops,

Exhibits & Awards Ceremony

Sunday: Water Quality Workshops & Special Activities

JOIN THIS COMMUNITY EVENT!

- **Hands-on water quality workshops**
- **Professional development and networking**
- **Expert talks on advanced monitoring**
- **Tools for program development**
- **Volunteer, trainer & watershed group awards**
- **Water science poster session**
- **Meeting and sharing experiences with other volunteers**

Friday Night Social: Water-Themed Trivia

Teams of volunteers, veteran trainers, students and those new to AAS will combine efforts to test their knowledge on water related trivia questions for chances to win great prizes. Come join us! Questions range from AAS protocol to pop culture references.



More information at www.AdoptAStream.Georgia.Gov

~~ Registration will open February 2020 ~~

\$30 per participant (\$20 for students) *Additional cost for Friday Night Social*

Includes t-shirt, lunch, conference sessions, door prizes and more!

For questions or more information, contact 404-651-8515 or AAS@gaepd.org



Georgia Adopt-A-Stream

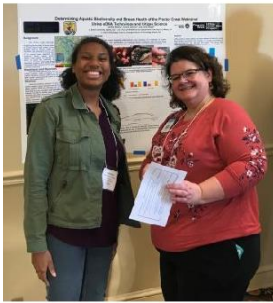
Professional Development *Poster Session*

Confluence 2020 Water Science Poster Session

Come share your water science research or volunteer monitoring project!



Georgia Adopt-A-Stream



Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Conference Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 27 - 29, 2020 Unicoi State Park & Lodge in Helen, GA

Use this opportunity to connect with other volunteers, peers and professionals in the water quality monitoring community!



Free entry to conference for qualifying participants



Travel stipends available for qualifying participants



Must be high school grade level or above to submit an abstract
some exceptions made for extraordinary Adopt-A-Stream volunteers



Previous projects found here:
<https://adoptastream.georgia.gov/water-science-poster-presenters-winners>

Submit abstracts by January 13, 2020
Poster Guidelines and Abstract Submission Form
at www.AdoptAStream.Georgia.Gov

Career Tours

By: Abbie Salmon, Floyd County 4-H Agent
and Beth Lumpkin, Floyd County 4-H
Program Assistant

Results from a College and Career Readiness survey of over 150,000 high school aged youth, conducted by YouthTruth, found that 45 percent of students feel good about their ideas of College and Career Readiness. However, what about the other 55 percent? Many youths feel they are not prepared for the road following high school, but one underlying issue may be simply a lack of exposure to the opportunities available.

College and Career Readiness has been a hot topic for a number of years as many local school systems are taking pride in providing opportunities to better prepare youth for their future. Floyd County 4-H recently partnered with local youth and government agencies to provide a tour of some of the unsung heroes of the career world.

First Stop: The local water treatment facility. Youth learned what goes down, the toilet or drain, must come out along with the steps taken to treat waste water for a safe return to the local rivers. This hour-long tour highlighted the process of physical treatment for grease and trash removal. The removal process includes filtering through the use of screens, biological treatment through the use of live bacteria and chemical treatment where chemicals are added to disinfect and kill harmful pathogens. At the conclusion of the treatment process the water is finally returned to the river. Career opportunities such as field operators, lab technicians and management roles we identified. While this tour was definitely stimulating to our olfactory system the knowledge gained was well worth the intense smell.



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Stop Number Two: Public Animal Welfare Services (P.A.W.S).

Participants were given a facilities tour that included animal intake, quarantine, the surgery center, grooming and enrichment. While inside the surgery center the veterinary technician discussed the importance of efficiency in the operating room and shared that each staff member truly works as a team. For basic operations one member of the medical team places the animal under anesthesia. Then, another team member removes hair and prepares the animal for surgery. Then for the final step the veterinarian performs the operation. While on the tour career opportunities and educational requirements were introduced for careers like veterinarians, veterinary technicians, animal control officers, intake staff and animal groomers. At this location not only did youth gain knowledge of possible career opportunities, but they also used their hands to larger service by providing socialization for dogs ready for adoption.



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Stop Number Three: Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.

4-H'ers were greeted by the Administrative Assistant at the airport. Our local airport has a manager, the administrative assistant and linemen. Youth were provided information regarding jobs and duties of airport employees. The Administrative Assistant stated she has many responsibilities at the airport, but her number one role is to provide positive customer service. Some of the airport operations would include areas such as finance, security, maintenance, lease agreements and collecting hangar fees, to sales of fuel. Knowledge of what type of fuel an airplane takes and safe fueling procedures is crucial to the aircraft. Another visit was with a local corporate pilot. The pilot discussed many types of corporate flying as well as the expectations from their clients. A corporate pilot is classified as a pilot who flies private business aircraft. A corporate pilot can be type-rated or certified in multiple types of business aircrafts. The pilot explained that being a pilot is not necessarily a luxurious position but does allow you to travel and see the world. Being a corporate pilot involves early mornings, long days, inclement weather, reserving lodging and car rental for your passengers and always making your passengers comfortable.



The Final Stop: Our last visit was to Georgia Northwestern where the director discussed some of the opportunities through their Aviation Maintenance Training Center at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.

The Aviation Maintenance program is intended to provide students with an introduction to the occupational area of aviation maintenance as currently required by the Federal Aviation Administration. This training center provides hands-on learning for students in numerous maintenance areas that include Aviation Mathematics, Maintenance Regulations, Electricity/Electronics, Physics, Airframe Structure and Finishes, Welding, Hydraulic Systems and so much more. 4-H'ers were able to walk through the labs and actually see students as they worked on and put their troubleshooting skills to work.

Through this one-day tour participants were exposed to over twelve career possibilities. This was an eye-opening experience in the area of College and Career readiness as participants were exposed to variety of unique careers that are often behind the scenes. The job decision process can be stressful for young people, but being able to witness careers in action can aid them in making positive career decisions for their future.



Getting to Know You

In each edition of the *Peach Press*, we plan to feature a collage of photos from our members focused on a specific theme.

Our theme for this edition is **travel**.



↑ Last fall, Kasey Bozeman (State 4-H Staff) visited Acadia National Park with her parents. The views were breathtaking, and the trip was very memorable (and chilly). It even snowed outside of the cabin while they watched the Georgia-Florida game!

Megan Powell (Lanier County 4-H Agent)
↓ went on a cruise to the Bahamas!



Jazmin Thomas (Dougherty County 4-H Agent) and Chris Campbell (Carroll County 4-H Agent) take on Savannah!



Courtney McElveen (Monroe County 4-H Agent) and her family during their trip to Alaska!

← Ashley Carroll (Tift County 4-H Agent) went snowmobiling in Warroad, Minnesota at the Canada boarder. ↓

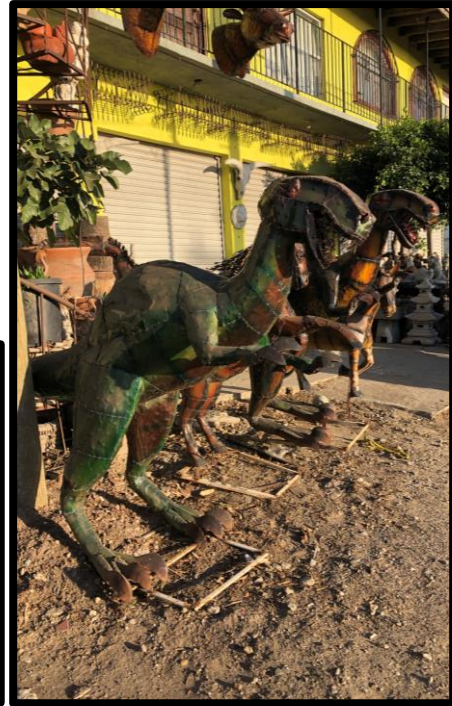


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Kayla Wall (Quitman County 4-H & FACS Agent/CEC) had a trip to Mexico! She made friends with dinosaurs from a Mexican metal shop in Rosarito Beach, just below Tijuana.



Susannah Lassetter (Carroll County 4-H Program Assistant), her husband Donnie, and their two children Audrey (14) and Justin (9) went to their favorite spot, Pigeon Forge! They visit there multiple times a year. In the rafting picture, they are rafting the Upper Pigeon River in Hartford, TN with Big Bear Rafting Co.





Bright Ideas at Work

Recruitment Edition

MailChimp

Oconee 4-H has found success in recruiting and engaging volunteers through utilizing MailChimp. Through the Oconee Clover Connection email series, Oconee 4-H connects with over 250 4-H volunteers, parents, alumni, and community stakeholders throughout the year. Each month the Clover Connection celebrates volunteer contributions and community involvement, as well as, shares future volunteer opportunities. *Submitted by Kelle Ashley, Oconee County 4-H Agent*

Communicating with Volunteers

The Military 4-H Partnership has helped families and volunteers stay updated throughout the year. We strive to stay connected throughout the year to create a blog that helps military instead of only when we need them. Our goal is to create support, advertise 4-H services, and build a connection. We started the blog almost a year ago, so we are still testing what works well and how to reach a wider audience. The blog we use is through the UGA Extension WordPress site and is connected to MailChimp making it easy to switch between two systems and duplicate work. This is a free resource that has helped us create a professional but fun way to connect with our wide audience. *Submitted by Laura Goss, State 4-H Staff*

Sending Home Enrollment Cards

In the past, we have struggled to get good contact information for parents of 5th graders early in the year. We typically have students fill out enrollment cards during the Introduction to 4-H meeting, but they do not know their parents' email addresses. This year, we met with all 5th grade teachers during preplanning, and created a simple one page overview of our programs for 5th graders with an enrollment form attached. Every 5th grade teacher in the county sent home this 4-H paperwork with parents at Open House and had parents return them filled out with other back to school forms. Approximately 75% of the forms were returned with parent email addresses before we ever had our Introduction to 4-H meeting with 5th graders. This has helped us tremendously with parent contact at the beginning of the year, and we expect it to increase participation in key programs like Project Achievement. *Submitted by Ashley Carroll, Tift County 4-H Agent*



MailChimp®

More Bright Ideas



Recruitment Edition



4-H Open House

To kick-off the 4-H year, Pickens County hosts a 4-H Open House. This is an event held from 3:30-6:00 pm in September after we advertise it during our first club meetings. Open House is a time for students and parents to come and learn about the world of 4-H. The youth can try mock judging events, test their aim on our inflatable BB range, and enjoy snacks like popcorn and shaved ice. It is a great time to meet and greet with parents, school board members, administrators, and community members to show case all that 4-H has to offer! *Submitted by Christina Garner, Pickens County 4-H & ANR Agent/CEC*

Community Day

Every year on the Saturday before school starts back, our Family Connection hosts a Community Day to help make sure our students will be prepared for school. Different organizations, youth activities, and sports are represented. This event has been a great way for 4-H to make connections with students, parents, and other community partners. The attendees are able to get free hair cuts, free school supplies, free food, and information for students to participate in. *Submitted by Megan Powell, Lanier County 4-H Agent*

Partnering with FFA

Houston County is trying to increase our participation in middle schools. This year we are partnering with Perry Middle School FFA to have monthly meetings. Through this avenue, we have been able to go from telling four youth about 4-H opportunities, to now telling 125 youth. Our first meeting was a color war! I anticipate on duplicating this effort across the county. *Submitted by Samantha Price, Houston County 4-H Agent*



Meet the Members



Shanda Ashley, Calhoun County

Position: Calhoun County Extension Coordinator & 4-H Agent

Residence: Edison, Georgia

Years in Extension: 17

Family: 2 Boys (Joshua, 30, married to Tiffany Whatley with a 3 year old grandson, Andrew, and a little girl due to arrive in January 2020, and my younger son Hayden is 19)

Hobbies: Arts and Crafts, Painting and working on my house, playing with my grandson, Andrew

Favorite 4-H Activity: I enjoy them all

Favorite Book: Reshaping It All by Candice Cameron Bure

Favorite Movie: Facing the Giants

Favorite Music: Country, but I enjoy to listen to a wide variety

Favorite TV Show: I enjoy anything on HGTV & Hallmark channels

Favorite Quote: Treat others as you would have them treat you

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... a Middle School Science Teacher

Dinah Rowe, Heard County

Position: Extension Coordinator, Heard & Troup Counties

Residence: Centralhatchee, Georgia

Years in Extension: 14 years

Family: Husband- Jim (34 years), Daughter – Abbey Smith, Son in law – Stuart Smith, grandson – Jay, Daughter – Gracie Rowe

Hobbies: Crafting, decorating, flower arranging, shopping, and walking

Favorite 4-H Activity: Summer camp

Favorite Book: Breathe, Marissa Hermanson

Favorite Movie: Lonesome Dove

Favorite Music: Disco, Pop, Country, Instrumental...

Favorite TV Show: *The Story by Martha MacCallum*

Favorite Quote: "Be the Change You Want to see in the World" -Gandhi

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... decorating, full time grandparent, or traveling abroad.



Meet the Members

Kelle Ashley, Oconee County

Position: Oconee County 4-H Agent

Residence: Athens, GA

Years in Extension: 7 years

Family: I am married to Brandon Ashley (camp counselor sweethearts). We have a six-year-old daughter named Clarke and we are expecting our second daughter at the end of this month.

Hobbies: Taking advantage of living in Athens and attending UGA Sporting events...especially football and being outdoors.

Favorite 4-H Activity: I enjoy seeing my 4-H'ers carry out Leadership in Action projects. I am always so proud of them for accomplishing a goal that they are truly passionate about. I think this is one of the most impactful projects we do in Georgia 4-H.

Favorite Book: I enjoy mysteries—anything James Patterson. However, I am not going to lie, I love to get my celebrity fix with a magazine.

Favorite Movie: The Princess Bride

Favorite Music: All of it! Pop, Texas Country, Queen, Beatles!

Favorite TV Show: The Office, Parks and Rec, Friends (three way tie)

Favorite Quote: "Most of the significant contributions that have been made to society have been made by people who were tired." Winston Churchill

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... a teacher.



Billie Ann Birchall, Pierce County

Position: Pierce County 4-H Agent

Residence: Folkston, GA

Years in Extension: 10 Months

Family: I am the daughter of Tim and Lisa Birchall. I have 2 brothers, Aaron (34) & Scott (22).

Hobbies: I love to read a good book with a warm cup of coffee. I also love taking boat rides on the St. Mary's River.

Favorite 4-H Activity: Cloverleaf Summer Camp at Rock Eagle

Favorite Book: Uninvited by Lysa TerKeurst

Favorite Movie: War Room

Favorite Music: Contemporary Christian

Favorite TV Show: The Cowboy Way - Alabama

Favorite Quote: "Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised." Hebrews 10:35-36

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... an Elementary School Teacher



Meet the Members

Jennifer Cantwell, State Staff



Position: State Staff, Program Coordinator – AmeriCorps State & Program Evaluation

Residence: Athens, GA

Years in Extension: 5

Family: Lives in Athens with boyfriend of seven years and along with a mess of rescue dogs and cats.

Hobbies: Netflix binging, Knitting, making Kombucha and other ferments

Favorite 4-H Activity: Seeing everyone get down at the dance after State Congress!

Favorite Book: East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Favorite Movie: Reality Bites

Favorite Music: Good music! Old-time music, southern rock, old country, singer-song writer.

Favorite TV Show: Alias and Charmed

Favorite Quote:

Fun quote: "Yeah, well, you know, that's just like uh, your opinion, man." The Dude.

Serious quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... doing something similar for a grassroots non-profit. Unless I win the lottery – then I'd be living on the West Coast exploring!



THE DATE



You're invited to the
GAE4-HA State Annual
Meeting!

When: April 20-22, 2020

Where: LaGrange, Georgia

Great Wolf Lodge



Save the Date!



Life Member Update

The Adventures of a Life Member

By: Ann Wildes, GAE4-HA Life Member

FarmHer is a show on the RFD Channel that is all about women in Agriculture and the impact that women are making throughout the United States. My husband and I have watched this show for the past 3 seasons. A little over a year ago, my husband (bless him) nominated me for a spot on the FarmHer show on the RFD Channel.

This past May, the TV crew came to our blueberry farm and created a segment about me, Ann Wildes, as a FarmHer, and Georgia blueberries. I just received word that my show will air on Friday night at 9:30 p.m. on October 18, 2019 as a part of their 4th season.

Top Picture: Ann Wildes and Marji Guyler-Alaniz, Founder & President of FarmHer, Inc.

Middle Picture: Blueberries before turning blue

Bottom Picture: Ann Wildes with the FarmHer crew



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.

With grateful hearts we welcome home our “miracle.” Abbie (Floyd County 4-H Agent) and Matthew Salmon are proud to announce the homecoming of their son, Revan Matthew Salmon. Born February 28, 2019, seventeen weeks early, weighing 1 pound 8 ounces and 12 inches in length. Through this journey, they have blessed by many prayers, angels, and outpouring of love and support. June 18, 2019, six days prior to his due date, they welcomed Revan home where he enjoys being held, snuggles from his big sister and watching old school Batman.



Kelle Ashley (Oconee County 4-H Agent) completed her Masters in Agricultural and Environmental Education this summer. Congratulations!

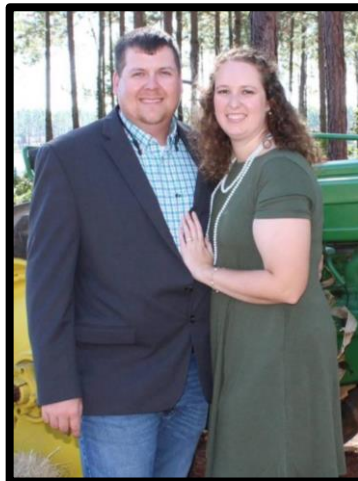


↑ Laura (State 4-H Staff) and Jared Goss welcomed Forest Duane Goss on January 31, 2019. Pictured above is Forest at 1 ½ months old!

Christina Garner (Pickens County 4-H & ANR Agent/CEC) completed her Masters in Agricultural and Environmental Education in May. Congratulations! →



← Sondra Fortner (Johnson County 4-H Agent/CEC) retired on June 1, 2019 after 12 years!



← Kristen Pegues (Worth County 4-H Agent) is getting married to Joe Ford in November!

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Teresa Bray Harvey *March 11, 1958 - July 31, 2019*



Obituary

Mrs. Teresa Bray Harvey entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 31, at University Hospital in Augusta as a result of post-surgical complications. Born March 11, 1958 to the late Edwin and Emmie Veal Bray of Johnson County, Teresa spent her professional life as a Public Service Senior Associate employed by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. In 1981, she began her career in Baldwin County improving the lives of families through Family and Consumer Science education. In 1990, she moved to Washington County and in 1991 to Johnson County where she also coached and mentored young people in 4-H. She retired from UGA Cooperative Extension as the Southeast District 4-H Program Development Coordinator covering an area compromised of 39-counties. Teresa positively impacted youth, adults, colleagues, and co-workers with whom she came into contact. She truly loved her job, and helping others achieve their potential. She was an active member of, held leadership positions in, and received awards from several Extension Professional Organizations, including Epsilon Sigma Phi, in which she served as State President in 2001-02; the National and Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents; and the National and Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

After her full retirement in 2011, she completed a Master Gardener class and donated more than 50 hours as a volunteer in Bibb County. She was an active member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, social committee chair and Sunday School clerk. She was a former Pilot Club of Johnson County member, serving as President for 2 years and helping deliver "Brain Minder", an Alzheimer awareness and education puppet show, to elementary students. She was also a member of the Johnson County Heart Association and assisted with yearly heart walks.

Despite her professional accolades and her community involvement, her treasured roles were wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Chris Harvey, her children Andrew (Kathryn) Harvey of Statesboro, and her daughter Emilie (Nick) Kellogg of Spotsylvania, Virginia; and her grandchildren, Kent and Marlie Kate Harvey of Statesboro. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses: Angela (Jimmy) Blizzard, Robin (Anthony) Parker and niece, Geneve, all of Wrightsville, and Ken Bray of Jefferson.

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