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Important Reminders

NAE4-HYDP Conference
in Madison, WI
October 11-13, 2022

National 4-H Week
October 2-8, 2022

GAE4-HYDP
Membership Drive for
2023
*Information coming
soon*

\$4 for 4-H Day
April 4, 2023

GAE4-HYDP Conference
in Vidalia, GA
May 1-3, 2023

NAE4-HYDP Conference
in Pittsburg, PA
October 2023

A Message from President Rowe

Welcome to the 2022 GAE4-HAYDP Professional Development Conference "Building on the Best." Our conference theme leads us to think of all the wonderful adventures, activities, and programs we can build upon and allow youth to experience. Although we have base programming demands, we also have the opportunity to work on issues that are relevant to our programs and interests. Take time these next few days to network, gain knowledge and enjoy our conference. I want to thank President-Elect Jeffrey Burke for all of his hard work and the planning team for the hours they have put into planning this conference. They have worked really hard to make this a successful and memorable event.



Three years ago, I nervously ran for this leadership role. I remember in my speech talking about reaching across county lines and working together. Some of my most successful programs have been the result of programming with an agent from another county. Reach out and network with your fellow agents! I have endured some personal battles along the way and there were times when I questioned what was in store for me. I feel the Lord gave me my 4-H family to provide me with shoulders to lean on. I couldn't have gotten through the tough times without God's blessing of the 4-H relationships and bonds that I have formed. My 4-H friends are among my closest and most treasured. In looking back, I'm glad I took on this challenge. I have learned so much, not just about the association, but also about people and communication. I wish I would have done this sooner! I encourage each of you to step up and take on leadership positions. You will be amazed by how much it pays off. You will also form new relationships that are very dear and lasting. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as the GAE4-HYDP President. A special thanks to those in leadership of our Association immediately before me, Sonya Jones, and Cheryl Poppell, for their leadership and support. Also, thank you members of GAE4-HYDP for your support and allowing me to serve as your President.

As I enter the role of Immediate Past President following this conference, I will have the satisfaction of taking a challenge and seeing it through. For I am a better professional because of my experience. To those of you who are new to GAE4-HYDP, this organization is just as beneficial as you allow it to be. I encourage you to take risks and get involved. Dream big and do things you never thought you could! Thank you for attending the 2022 GAE4-HA Professional Development Conference "Building on the Best". Enjoy the meeting!



save the date!

2023 GAE4-HYDP Professional Development Conference

MAY 1-3, 2023
VIDALIA, GEORGIA

"Cultivating Success in the Sweet Onion City"



Mitchell County 4-H earns Clean 13 Award

By: Debra Cox, Mitchell County 4-H Educator

Mitchell County 4-H celebrated as water hero by leading water protection coalition. Mitchell County 4-H was among 13 recipients from around the state recognized for their work to protect Georgia's water. Dubbed "the clean water heroes" by the Georgia Water Coalition, each recipient was recognized during the coalition's 20th Anniversary and Clean 13 Celebration held at Fall Line Station in Macon on May 22, 2022. Debra Cox, Mitchell County 4-H Educator, accepted the award in honor of the county's annual 4-H2O camp, held in partnership with Stripling Irrigation Research Park.

The camp teaches youth about the importance of the state's water resources. Since 2008, when now retired 4-H agent Jennifer Grogan started it, hundreds of youth have participated in the camp. Graduates of 4-H2O Camp are becoming science and water management leaders. This summer was the 15th year of programming for 4-H2O Camp. Among the 125 in attendance at the awards ceremony were the other honorees which included Athens-Clarke County, Blue Bird Bus Corporation, City of Savannah, City of South Fulton, Georgia Audubon and Southern Conservation Trust, Madison County Clean Power Commission, Hanwha QCELLS North America, Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brow, Patagonia, Rep. Andy Welch, and Senator Chuck Hufstetler, White Oak Pastures, and Jim Wright. The Georgia Water Coalition states that the efforts of these "Clean 13" are adding up to cleaner rivers, stronger communities, and a more resilient and sustainable future for Georgia. The Georgia Water Coalition is a consortium of more than 285 conservation and environmental organizations, hunting and fishing groups, businesses, and faith-based organizations that have been working to protect Georgia's water since 2002.

Gameshow Extravaganza Day Camp

By: Lauren Dubberly, Tift County 4-H Educator

One of my favorite things to do to pass time is to watch gameshows, so when we began planning for summer day camps, I knew I had to figure out a way to incorporate one of my favorite things, gameshows! I can remember growing up sitting in the living room with my family as we watched Family Feud, Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader, The Amazing Race and many more. This led to Tift County 4-H hosting the "Gameshow Extravaganza Summer Day Camp". The day camp consisted of The Amazing 4-H Race, Disney Family Feud, Cupcake Decorating Wars, Lego Masters, and Fear Factor. This event was coordinated and hosted by Lauren Dubberly, 4-H Educator with assistance from Annabelle Putman, AmeriCorps Member. Throughout the day, students competed with their team members to earn points on the leaderboard. The team with the most points at the end of the day received a prize.

This event was open to all 5th-12th grade students in Tift County. To start the event off, participants were placed in groups of two to three. The groups were tasked with creating team names and flags which they then presented to the other teams. Once teams were established, we transitioned to the Amazing 4-H Race where participants visited 14 activity stations with their groups that all related to 4-H. The activity stations included the five 4-H Centers, the emblem, colors, poultry judging, cotton boll & consumer judging, DPA, livestock show, the motto, the pledge, and Clover Jam. Teen leaders and adults were positioned at each station to assist when needed. The next gameshow was Disney Family Feud where one of the teen leaders was our host and the smaller teams merged to form two larger teams. In Disney Family Feud, the teams were asked to answer questions from older to newer Disney shows and movies. After lunch, each student was given their own cupcake and icing to decorate. Cupcakes were judged based on the most creative and people's choice. Points were given to the team that the individual student belonged to. Lastly, we held games of Lego Masters and Fear Factor which challenged participants to face their fears and use their creativity in a timely manner. This day camp provided the students with the opportunity to have fun while also learning about everything 4-H has to offer. By hosting a variety of 4-H summer day camps, we hope to retain many of our active 4-H members for the new program year!





Bright Ideas at Work

Leadership Opportunities

Start Simple, but be Intentional: We know that 4-H'ers have a limited amount of time, so make every minute count. Drafting a plan with attainable and intentional goals will pay off dividends. A simple idea such as volunteering at an animal shelter can evolve into a popular project club, a strong DPA portfolio, a successful demonstration, and a Leadership in Action project. Here's how to do it....

- August/September: Meet with 4-H'ers to plan out their portfolios.
 - Plan a "Project Club" to meet 3 times by the end the year.
 - Incorporate an educational piece and service component.
 - Promote in the newsletter.
- Fall Project Club Meetings:
 - October: Tour the local animal shelter and learn about their needs.
 - November: Make dog toys and dog treats.
 - December: Return to the shelter with donations and volunteer for the afternoon.
- January: Submit portfolios packed with leadership and service projects!
- February: Apply for an Outstanding Project Club at your Jr.-Sr. DPA.
- March: Make more dog toys at Jr. Sr. DPA or submit a poster in the share fair.
- April: Submit Leadership in Action application.
 - Part I: Local level recognition
 - Part II: State level recognition (requires additional documentation and an interview portion)

Submitted by Kelle Ashley, Extension Specialist

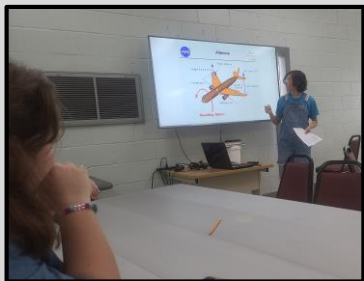
Pulaski County 4-H uses high school officer opportunities in Sigma Lambda Chi to expose youth to leadership skills, provide opportunities to learn & grow beyond their county limits, and to engage with other states to see similarities and differences. Each year youth participate in an officer retreat and try every other year at least one out of state experience to help them learn about leadership, engage in using leadership skills, and to afford opportunities where they can teach and/or learn from other 4-H members from across the nation.

Submitted by Sonya Jones, Pulaski County 4-H Agent



The 4-H News Network provides teen leaders an opportunity to be the face and voice of the county 4-H program. By delivering a video news broadcast, teen leaders are able to practice public speaking skills, inform younger members and parents about 4-H activities and discuss topics related to their DPA topics.

Submitted by Jonathan Page, Jackson County 4-H Educator



Wednesday Adventures with Teen Leaders

By: Jonathan Page, Jackson County 4-H Educator

Teen leaders are often challenged to take the lead and hold sharing events as part of their portfolio work. To help with this issue and provide unique summer experiences for 4-H'ers, Jackson County hosted the teen leader-led Wednesday Adventures. Each Wednesday afternoon a different teen leader led 4-H'ers in a variety of different activities ranging from fun and games to engineering to life skills. One example of a Wednesday Adventure was led by Senior 4-H'er, Charlotte, who competes in the Fashion Revue project. For her Wednesday Adventure, Charlotte taught a Sewing 101 class teaching 4-H'ers the basics of using sewing needles and threads. In addition, to learn more about the basics of sewing, the 4-H'ers made a basic ragdoll with different varieties of fabric and buttons. Another was a sports and outdoor day led by Coleman and Caleb, which taught 4-H'ers different sports, teamwork, and the health benefits of outdoor exercise. Senior 4-H'er, Sarah, led an engineering-themed Wednesday Adventure teaching the basics of flight and aircraft mechanics utilizing her experience and work with the Civil Air Patrol.

Seminole County 4-H Farm Bowl

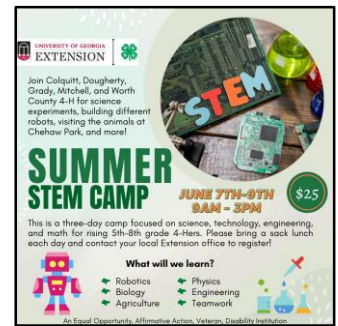
By: Cindy Meadows, Seminole County 4-H Agent
& Cody Bowling, Seminole County ANR Agent



On May 23rd, Seminole County Extension held the annual 4-H Farm Bowl with our local elementary school. Seminole County Elementary School (SCES) 5th graders were able to take a break from the classroom and enjoy some well-deserved fun. Every 5th grader at SCES participates in 4-H rotations throughout the year and this event is the culmination of all their time and effort within our club day meetings. Teachers and agents work together to give the students the most rewarding 4-H experience possible and further their development and knowledge. Although these games were fun, they also taught the kids teamwork, problem solving and educated them on local agriculture. The events at the farm bowl can easily be broken down into two categories: team building and relay events. We set up several different relay races where students had to give their best efforts while also encouraging their fellow team members. Some of the student favorites were the hay bale relay and the sack race. They also were able to participate in a tire flipping relay that was both physically challenging and required good technique. The team building exercises were a simple way to combine individual effort while creating a team mentality. The Pipeline station was the most difficult event of the day but probably the most rewarding for the students. Teams were broken down into groups of 5 students where each child held a section of pipe. A ball was moved down the pipe and each student had to quickly move to the end of the line to catch the ball again to keep it from dropping. After several tries each team built enough cohesion to transport the ball across the finish line. Needless to say, this event was very rewarding to finish for all the kids. Combined with all these events, students were able to pet and interact with a baby calf and some chickens. We took this time to tell the kids about the importance of agriculture and where their food actually comes from. The Farm bowl is a staple in the 5th grade at SCES and is a great tool to not only have fun but educate the children on agriculture.



4-H STEM Day Camp



By: Kristen Ford, Worth County 4-H Agent; Valerie Bennett, Colquitt County 4-H Agent; Latrina West, Dougherty County 4-H Agent; Lisa Pollock, Grady County 4-H Agent; and Debra Cox, Mitchell County 4-H Educator

During the summer of 2022, Colquitt, Dougherty, Grady, Mitchell, and Worth Counties collaborated to host a STEM Day Camp. Each of the 3 days had a different theme and was hosted in a different county. Day 1 was all about Engineering with activities using Sphero Robots, Edison Bots, solar power cars, electronic snap circuits, and designing roller coasters with pool noodles. Day 2 was about agriculture with a trip to a local you pick blackberry farm, baking blackberry cupcakes with buttercream icing, trip to a local apiary, pollinator simulation, and making ice cream in a bag. Day 3 was about animals with a trip to Chehaw Park Zoo. We had forty-two 4th – 10th graders attend STEM Camp. To gather ideas and plan the STEM Camp we hosted a few Zoom meetings in April and May. We divided up different days and activities as the responsibility of certain counties. This made it where one county wasn't in charge of everything. Not only does dividing up the responsibility lead to a great program, 4-H'ers also enjoyed getting to know 4-H'ers from different counties. Summer programs don't have to be a lot of work, they can be about gathering items and kits you already have at your office plus visiting some local businesses to create fun filled days. Working together is the best way to make day camps successful.



Community Service Club

By: Shelby Mumma, Long County 4-H Educator

Long County 4-H'ers were able to use their creativity to paint different styled bird houses for community members and local organizations. As part of our monthly Community Service club meetings, the students partnered up and discussed their vision for their bird house. They were able to work together to complete unique and colorful bird houses while having fun all at the same time! The Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District made a recent donation to the Long County 4-H program, most members that sit on the local board have a heart for land stewardship and youth environmental education. As one of the ways to say thank you, we were able to give the bird houses away to supervisors and other state employees that work in various conservation fields. Some of the birdhouses found their homes all the way on Sapelo Island! Colby Pepper, Stewardship Coordinator, installed the birdhouses in their Native Plant Gardens at the Long Tabby building in the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve. Sometimes, it can be challenging for students to understand the impact they are making in the moment. We are looking forward to taking a trip to Sapelo Island soon to see what kind of birds are living in the houses our 4-H'ers put time and effort in to making unique and colorful!

Professional Development

4-H Volunteer Conference – October 6-9, 2022

4-H: A PRISM OF POSSIBILITIES

Submitted by Keri Hobbs, Extension Specialist

Mark your calendar to join a prism of possibilities at the 4-H Volunteer Conference. The conference is open to anyone working with 4-H youth across the U.S. and is hosted by volunteers from the southern region. We are pleased to offer an incredible opportunity on-site at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia as well as virtual and pre-recorded options for those unable to join in-person at the conference. Regardless of your location, you'll be sure to have access to top-notch educational sessions as well as a chance to meet other 4-H volunteers. Find out more at <http://www.4hvcoss.com/>

Cook County 4-H goes to National Youth Summit for Healthy Living

The saying 'third time's the charm' usually means that two efforts at something have already failed but perhaps the third will be successful. In this case, all three attempts have been victorious. For the third consecutive year, I have been fortunate to be invited as a national presenter at the National Youth Summit for Healthy Living hosted by the National 4-H Council. On April 21-24, 2022, Georgia 4-H representatives attended the National Youth Summit which consisted of Cook County 4-H youth and adult leaders who received a travel scholarship estimated to be worth over \$7,000. State 4-H Specialist Mrs. Elyse Daniel and Heard County 4-H Agent Mrs. Dinah Rowe were also in attendance.

An application for Georgia 4-H to be able to bring a county delegation to represent our state was something new this year for non-ambassadors. In the past, Georgia 4-H Ambassadors from various counties represented our state 4-H program. This opportunity eventually led to one of the Cook County 4-H participants' determination to apply to become a Georgia 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador. Attending the summit gave them the chance to meet other youth with similar interests, be inspired by leaders in several health-related fields, and learn new information, skills and strategies that they can take back to Georgia and Cook County to share. For our local youth, this trip was memorable, as it was their first time flying on a commercial airplane. The 4-H'ers participated in hands-on workshops, service projects and health breaks, a day tour of various museums as well as a guided nighttime tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. During the summit, the Georgia team created an action plan with the goal of helping their community become healthier. The peer-reviewed healthy living workshop, "Glow Yoga: Unleash Your Spark through Healthy Mind and Body", is one of the workshops for this year's GAE4-HYDP annual conference. It is my hope that fellow 4-H agents will walk away from the workshop feeling empowered to teach their own 4-H yoga for youth classes.

Submitted by Katrina Laurel-Searcy, Cook County 4-H Agent



Literacy: a Perfect Complement to Your 4-H Program

By: Ashley Carroll, Tift County 4-H Agent &
Christina Garner, Stewart County FACS Agent/CEC

Although literacy is woven into many of the educational opportunities available through Extension, many program leaders struggle to tie the pieces together to enhance the literacy components youth need. Christina Garner, Stewart County FACS Agent/CEC and Ashley Carroll, Tift County 4-H Agent collaborated to present the *Literacy: A Perfect Complement to Your 4-H Program* session at the 2022 Georgia 4-H Curricula Day. This session served as a toolkit for integrating literacy into an already established 4-H program. Participants enjoyed two engaging, hands-on activities that were ready to implement with the youth in their own programs in a variety of settings – in-school club meetings, after-school clubs, day camps, and more!

Activities during the session included “Books on the Move” and “Edible Book Challenge.” “Books on the Move” is an activity to spark participants’ interest in literacy by making the act of reading come alive. Students are challenged to think as they walk, dance, exercise, etc. from page to page through the books. In the “Edible Book Challenge,” participants create an “edible book” out of a variety of ingredients and present their masterpieces. Creators will be challenged to put their creativity, book knowledge, food decorating and communication skills to the test while also having fun with peers!

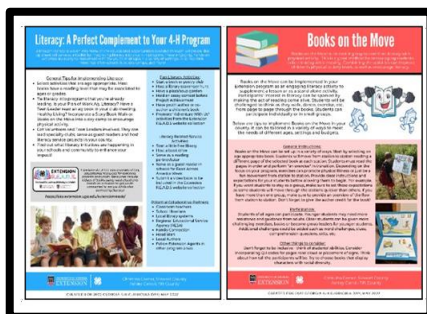
The 45 minute session was packed full of demonstrating the lessons, questions and answers, and distributing resources. There were **25 county 4-H faculty and staff participants** from throughout the state in the training session. Participants were also provided the resources to incorporate two other activities as well as a review of the importance of literacy. After engaging in the session, **87%** of respondents indicated that they intend to hold a story book walk, **100%** of respondents indicated that they intend to host an edible book challenge, and **75%** plan to partner with their local library system to promote literacy. After participating, one respondent shared “I feel more confident in incorporating literacy components in my program. This session was wonderful!”

Several literacy resources were developed along with the session that are available for use by county 4-H leaders. Those interested can download and adapt the following resources from the Just In Time Resources OneDrive or from the Literacy Google Folder: www.tinyurl.com/4hliteracy

- Literacy Tip Sheet
- Books on the Move Activity Guide
 - If You Give a Pig a Pancake printable book and station instructions
 - From Seed to Plant printable book
- Edible Book Challenge Activity Guide
 - Optional contest scoring rubric
- Comic Strip Connection Activity Guide
 - Activity sheet



Additionally, the session will be taught again at the 2022 GAE4-HYDP State Meeting in Augusta for those who were unable to participate at Georgia 4-H Curricula Day. Spaces are limited.



Life Member Feature

*Life is short --so live it
Love is rare--so grab it
God's love is great--so let him fix it*

This is a quote I found that pretty well sums up my last three months. I have been quite ill and sometimes doctors felt I may not make it. But, I found that God has other plans for me.

I awaken one morning with eye problems but the eye doctor felt it was the beginning of a stroke and advised an Emergency Room visit. Upon admission they discovered several life endangering problems. I had a very low hemoglobin number meaning my body was not getting the blood/oxygen it needed for optimal life, gall stones, a G.I. bleed and most serious of all, a carotid artery in urgent need of repair. The night of admission I did, in fact, have the stroke suspected by the optometrist. After 9 days, I was sent home to prepare for the carotid operation (off blood thinners). Afterwards, the doctor told my family that he did not know why I had not died, for I had very few drops of blood flowing in the vessels of my brain. He had completed the regular carotid operation but was not satisfied so scanned again and found a clot higher up in the carotid artery behind my ear canal that was almost 2 inches in length sitting next to my brain. A burst could have meant instant death. The night of my carotid surgery, a stitch broke with my cough and began a bleed inside my neck that took the nurse about an hour of pressure to stop the bleeding. (Another time I could have died).

During my 3 visits to the hospital, I had 4 mini strokes. I did not know at the time that I had one more hospital visit in my future. I wanted to attend the Master 4-H Banquet at Rock Eagle so got a sitter for my husband who has a history of falling. They went out to eat while I was at R.E. Several days later he grew weak and fell. At the hospital we found that he had contracted Covid, most likely at the restaurant and had given it to me and my daughter, Rhonwyn. He was hospitalized with covid and later developed pneumonia. My covid was very light so I was quarantined at home.

With all of this, I know God was looking after me. I enjoy mission trips each year to Honduras, giving out bibles with the Gideon ladies auxiliary and speaking about our Gideon activities when asked. I hope God has some more exciting things planned for me.

I plan to be at our State meeting in Augusta. I am in physical therapy and will be using my rotator walker (the one with a seat). Due to the traumatic carotid surgery, my lip will be slightly out of line due to the surgery, but I will be with those friends that I love so much. Life is short, love is rare. As the quote says, I am going to live it and grab it since He has fixed it. Looking forward to seeing each of you in Augusta.

Submitted by Dot Cofer, McDuffie County Retiree (Retired in 1996)

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Curriculum Corner

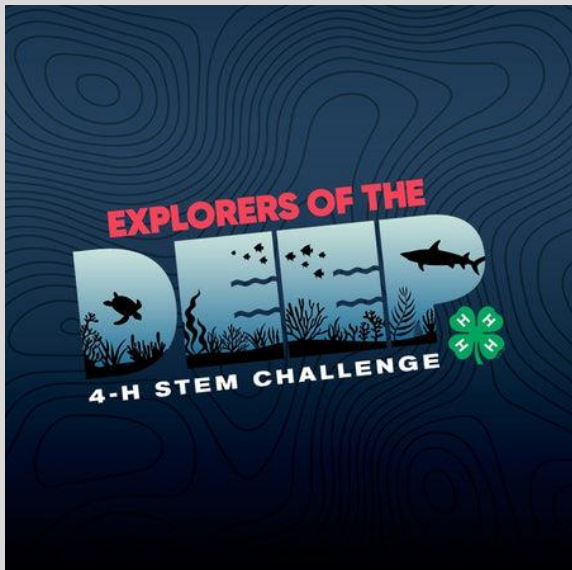
Spinach to Win It!

Spinach to Win It is a theme created by Georgia Organics. They create new lessons plans and curriculum each year for October to celebrate Farm to School month. On their website, you can find fact sheets, recipes, lesson plans and activities according to certain age groups and grades. All resources can be found at <https://farmtoschool.georgiaorganics.org/spinachresources>. You will need to sign up first on their website and the resources are only viewable and downloadable with a password. They also provide resources for previous themes from past years that you are also able to view if you are looking for certain information on a specific fruit or vegetable.



Submitted by Shelby Mumma, Long County 4-H Educator

National 4-H STEM Challenge



Designed by Rutgers University, Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Young people learn how to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth's Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet. The 2022

Challenge helps young people develop observational and critical thinking skills while exploring the interconnected nature between the ocean and humans, regardless of where they live.

They will learn about the incredibly complex relationship between Earth's oceans and the global climate. Explorers of the Deep can help empower young people to innovate and take action to drive positive change. Visit <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/> to learn more.



Global Awareness through 4-H Programming

By: Katrina Laurel-Searcy, Cook County 4-H Agent

Global Awareness is the understanding that everyone has a culture which affects the way we view ourselves and the world. It means understanding cultures, languages & traditions other than your own. It is an understanding that our world is full of different viewpoints and ways of doing things. It is a desire to learn about and a willingness to respect people from other cultures. On May 4th, our Cook County 4-H youth organized a service project that helped raised awareness regarding the current situation in Ukraine. This service project, called "Flowers for Ukraine", is a two-part event comprised of a flower arrangement workshop hosted by Belle's Flower Truck and a cultural education and awareness class with Ukrainian guest speaker Mrs. Yelyzaveta "Lisa" Savchenko Ripa who joined us online via zoom. Through this workshop, our 4-H'ers were able to bring home a flower arrangement in time for Mother's Day while raising and donating \$300 that directly benefited a Ukrainian family. Our guest speaker, Lisa, is a 27-year old Georgia Bulldog alumna who finished her degree in BS Education at the University of Georgia and obtained her master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Armstrong State University. Born in Cherkasy, Ukraine, Lisa immigrated to Elberton, Georgia at the age of six, where she spent her time traveling between Georgia and Ukraine. She currently resides in Denver, Colorado with her husband Thomas Ripa, and works as a home health pediatric speech therapist and as a skilled nursing facility speech therapist. Lisa is very passionate about spending time with her family and directly helping Ukrainians in the current turmoil their country is facing. She helped our local 4-H youth understand the realities of this unrest and gave them suggestions and opportunities to do something positive. Business owner Mrs. Belle Golden, taught our 4-H youth how to make flower arrangements that consisted of sunflowers which is the national flower of Ukraine. Part of the registration fees for this event went directly to a Ukrainian family in need. Miss Lindsey Herrin of the Georgia Farm Bureau helped with the fundraising efforts. It is through partnerships and collaborations that we can create opportunities for greater impact. The mission of the Georgia 4-H global programs aligns with the goal of our Flowers for Ukraine workshop, which is to provide 4-H youth with educational opportunities that will cultivate an awareness of global issues, develop culturally aware citizens and provide opportunities to learn about and address major issues confronting the world.

Meet the Members

Latrina West, Dougherty County



Position: 4-H Agent

Years in Extension: 1 year

Family: Oldest of 3 siblings, Engaged, and My dad is the CEC AND 4-H agent in Crisp County

Hobbies: I love to sing and watch movies

Favorite 4-H Activity: DPA

Favorite Book: Becoming by Michelle Obama

Favorite Movie: The Notebook

Favorite Music: Gospel

Favorite TV Show: NCIS

Favorite Quote: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If I didn't work for Extension, I would... teach because of my passion to educate young minds.

Kishaun Barron, Upson County

Position: 4-H Educator

Years in Extension: 1 year, 8 months, 11 days

Family: I am the mother of 23 year old twins Jaydah (girl) and Jayden (boy). I also have a Chiweenie named Blue Ivy.

Hobbies: I love to draw and I absolutely love MATH!!!! Any kind of math.

Favorite 4-H Activity: Cloverleaf DPA

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Movie: Love and Basketball

Favorite Music: I love all genres of music

Favorite TV Show: Law and Order, ALLL of Them, LOL

Favorite Quote: It is a Scripture actually! Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... A Math Teacher!!!



Meet the Members

Shelby Mumma, Long County



Position: 4-H Educator

Years in Extension: 2 years

Family: I'm originally from Pennsylvania and found my forever home in Georgia when I met my best friend (and now fiancé) for life while attending ABAC in Tifton, GA. After graduating from college, I moved to Jesup during the pandemic and my mom retired early to live closer to the beach with me! I have 2 sisters. My older sister, Rachael, is a city girl who lives in New Jersey. My younger sister is still in high school and is a very talented cellist. She lives with my dad and step-mom in Pennsylvania still, but I love to visit during the holidays and whenever I can. FaceTime is such a gift for our family!

Hobbies: Give me a good book to read and you won't hear from me for a couple days! Besides reading, I enjoy fishing and hiking. I love to be outdoors and have recently taken on a manager role of my future family's orange orchard farm. We also have cows and pecans trees so that keeps me pretty busy on the weekends! It's all fun though and when I do have extra time, I love to sneak away and find new farmer's markets to explore.

Favorite 4-H Activity: I am such a people person! If I had to choose, I would say our monthly community service club meetings are good for my soul. I love watching the students come together to make an impact on our community!

Favorite Book: What can I say...I am a hopeless romantic. Any Nicholas Sparks book would melt my heart all over again even though I've read them all many times!

Favorite Movie: The forever classic: Matilda!

Favorite Music: 90's country of course!

Favorite TV Show: There's just something about Friday Night Lights that has always captivated my heart. Maybe it's Tim Riggins.

Favorite Quote: C.S Lewis once said "There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind". Even if your life is good right now, there's still so much to look forward to in the unknown future!

If I didn't work for Extension, I would be ... a farm broadcaster for a local radio station!

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.



From Ann Wildes, Life Member:

2022 Statewide Bible Reading Marathon

Four years ago, I was contacted by a friend about a Statewide Bible reading marathon that a lady in Cochran, GA, was trying to get started in Georgia. I was intrigued and called her and told her I was very interested. Her name is Jerri Tuck, an amazingly dedicated and Spirit filled woman. It was a tremendous feat to try and get someone from all 159 counties to read a portion of scripture from the County Courthouse steps at 7:14 a.m. on July 14 each year. But that is exactly what she has done by the grace of God. That particular time and date was chosen because it is referencing 2nd Chronicles 7:14 which says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humbler themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." This past July 14 at 7:14 a.m., folks from around Alma and Bacon County once again stood on the Bacon County Courthouse steps and read from Isaiah 36-42 (each year we are given different scripture). Find out who the coordinator is in your county and get involved with this amazing, incredible project that makes sure the entire WORD of God is read out loud in each and every county. You will want to be a part of this in your county too!

From Katrina Laurel-Searcy, Cook County 4-H Agent:

We adopted my 4-H'er! We have been trying to conceive and have been begging the Lord for a baby. Who knew working for UGA Extension as the Cook County 4-H agent would bring us the child we have prayed for. Last July, 28th, my husband Jonathon and I officially became Daniel's parents. About 4 years ago, I walked into Cook Elementary School, nervous and excited to teach 4-H nutrition and healthy lifestyles education to my 4th grade students. I will never forget that awesome feeling I had when this cute little kid with hazel eyes started yelling "4-H lady, Mrs. Katrina, I'm going to join 4-H!" I was tickled to death but also terrified that I would get him in trouble for talking in the hallway so I told him, "baby, level zero" (which means no talking). He then gave me a Jesus bracelet and little did I know God was introducing me to my precious baby boy. He was glued to my hip since then, until he met my husband, and now they are inseparable. UGA Extension and Georgia 4-H are like family to me, and now I can say it in a more literal sense. We are now legally Daniel's parents on his birth certificate and most importantly, forever in our hearts. It is important to realize that those who choose to adopt do so, not because we are rescuers, but because we too are rescued and adopted by the good Lord. I am now not only his 4-H mom, but simply, MOM.



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.



From Ann Wildes, Life Member:

I just returned from my first ever bus tour. I never thought I would enjoy being on a bus for a whole week with a bunch of other people, but was I wrong! The trip was with the Southern Christian Travels (Kelly Tours) and we left on Monday out of Alma, GA. There were 41 on the bus and we had a blast! Our first stop was in Lancaster, PA at The Amish Village where we picked up our very own guide, who took us on a scenic drive through the farming country. If you have never been to see Amish homes/farms it is something you should make plans to do. Extremely neat, pristine yards, immaculate farms. Our guide said there were two things you would never see in an Amish garden: weeds and a husband! The women do all the gardening and it was incredible. Second stop was at the Hershey Story Museum, Chocolate tasting (I never knew there were so many), Hershey Gardens, Rose Garden, and Butterfly Atrium, and the Chocolate World for shopping. Third stop was at the Kitchen Kettle Village for shopping until you dropped! Then my favorite stop of the day was the Sights and Sounds Theater to see "DAVID". This was worth the entire trip. If you have never seen a production at the Sights and Sounds Theater in Branson or Lancaster, you must put that on your bucket list! I must say that the power of God fell on that place and I was deeply touched! On our way home we stopped in Wytheville, VA for a dinner theater performance of the Sound of Music. Tremendous show and delicious food! We arrived home on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The bus tour driver is a good friend of mine but he was absolutely the best driver. He was very safe, funny, and pointed out lots of things to see along our route. He stopped every 2 hours for a break and snack that he furnished. There were movies to watch and we even played cards and bingo! This tour was so nice because everything was covered except for a few lunch meals. The hotels had a good breakfast and then we would eat somewhere nice for supper (Amish restaurants are the BEST!). The bus would let us off at the door and the restaurant already had our seats ready so there was never any waiting. What a great way to travel. I was very hesitant about this but I was thrilled I went and enjoyed every minute of this tour!

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