

# NEWTON EXTENSION NEWS

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## WELCOME 4-H EDUCATOR! CHARLENE SCOTT



Dear 4-H'ers, Parents, & Community Members,

I am so excited to be joining the Newton County Extension/4-H team! I have big goals for Newton County 4-H! Even with COVID-19 still on the horizon we are looking forward to doing some great things and I cannot wait to get to know everyone! I hope to see you soon virtually and/or in-person!

Mrs. Charlene Scott



# ANR UPDATE

## Lewis Banks Named 2020 GA Outstanding Young Farmer



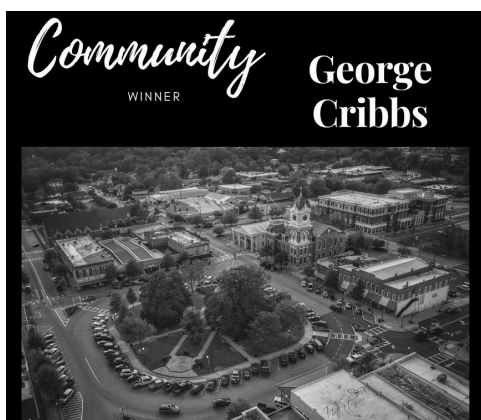
Lewis Banks of Mansfield, GA was named the 2020 Georgia County Agents Association Outstanding Young Farmer. He and his wife, Brittany, have two small children, Caroline and Brett. Lewis saw an opportunity to make a living operating a sustainable farm by bringing together the farming knowledge passed onto him from his father and the latest research in sustainable practices. Lewis operates a 1000 acre farm in Newton County. Crop diversification and rotation is Lewis' first line of defense with pest and disease control. For that reason, Lewis includes corn, cotton, wheat, sorghum, and soybeans as his cash crops. In addition, this year Lewis has started a 200-acre organic row crop farm.

## Newton County Equine Webinar Series

Newton ANR presents an eight part series that covers all aspects of the horse world. The once a month series offers insight to equine owners in Newton County and the surrounding areas. From nutrition to performance horse concerns like ulcers, this series provides useful information to horses of all breeds and disciplines. Check out our Facebook for more information!

## Newton Extension Photo Contest

### Winners



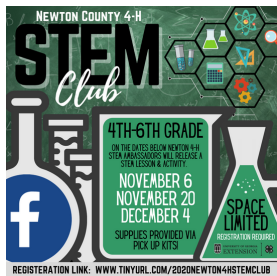
## The Leading Rein Equine Newsletter

Newton County ANR Agent along with the ANR agents from Murray, Pike and Monroe counties have created an equine based newsletter with a reach of over 4000 people.

The equine industry in Georgia produces quality horses and boasts nationally recognized facilities. The growing industry in Georgia has an annual economic impact of over \$750 million dollars. This newsletter will provide information on upcoming events, relevant information for all aspects of the equine world as well as access to horse experts across the state. No matter the size of equine operation, from weekend trail riders to breeders and trainers, this quarterly newsletter will provide up-to-date information from UGA Extension.



# 4-H UPDATE



## FACEBOOK STEM GRANT

Newton County 4-H was honored to receive a grant from Facebook! With these funds a STEM Club was established! STEM Club provides youth with kits that go along with the activities taught by Newton 4-H STEM coaches! Three sessions are being offered and all supplies are being provided by the grant!

## NATIONAL 4-H STEM CHALLENGE

Newton County 4-H'er, CJ Harris, represented Georgia 4-H in the National 4-H MARS Base Camp Trivia Challenge! CJ was very surprised when the host & 4-H STEM ambassador, Bill Nye "The Science Guy" appeared. CJ's team tied with the other team and earned Newton County 4-H \$2,000 toward the Newton County 4-H STEM program!



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10, 2020

Newton County 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week by hosting recruitment week, a 4-H virtual spirit week, certifying 8 new teen leaders, and received a National 4-H Week Proclamation at the Board of Commissioners Meeting!

To learn more about what Newton County 4-H has to offer, you can check out our [Welcome to Newton County 4-H Video](#) on our YouTube page!



## GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW

October 4-10, 2020

Newton County 4-H'ers had the opportunity to show their animals at the Georgia National Fair. The youth did an amazing job representing Newton County 4-H!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## NEWTON COUNTY 4-H NIGHT 2020-2021

CLOVERLEAF (4TH-6TH GRADE)  
JUNIOR/SENIOR (7TH-12TH GRADE)

**6:00-7:45 PM**



Pre-registration is required! Register using the QR code above.

11/30	Meet & Eat at Covington Amici's
12/14	Turner Lake Banquet Room
01/19	Turner Lake Banquet Room
02/23	Turner Lake Banquet Room
03/16	Turner Lake Banquet Room
04/20	Turner Lake Banquet Room
05/11	Turner Lake Banquet Room

UGA COVID-19 policies will be followed for all meetings including physical distancing, required masks, and sanitation.

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## ADULTING 101



...BECAUSE LIFE DOESN'T COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS!



The Adulting 101 series is a collaborative effort between Newton, Rockdale, Fulton, Gwinnett, & Cobb counties. This virtual series addresses topics such as budgeting, college admission/readiness, cooking, time management, organization and more! These sessions are available to youth in 7th-12th grade and will run monthly until May 2021! Visit the 4-H website for more information!



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## NEWTON COUNTY EXTENSION EQUINE WEBINAR/ SEMINAR

- November - Equine Webinar 3: Nutrition
- December - Equine Webinar 4: Ulcer Prevention
- February - Equine Seminar 5: Breeding and Reproduction
- March - Equine Webinar 6: Forages and Pasture Management
- April - Equine Seminar 7: Conformation and Biomechanics

Email [abest22@uga.edu](mailto:abest22@uga.edu)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, DATES AND TIMES

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## HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

NEWTON COUNTY EXTENSION  
OFFICE & 4-H WILL BE CLOSED:

**DECEMBER 24, 2020-JANUARY 3, 2021**

WE WILL BE BACK TO OUR NORMAL  
BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY,  
JANUARY 4, 2021. WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU SOON!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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