We’re “Continuing the Celebration” in Georgia 4-H. We celebrated our organization’s 100th birthday in 2004, but don’t put away the green and white balloons just yet. Rock Eagle turns 50 this year, and we’re celebrating the world’s largest 4-H center.

But Georgia 4-H celebrates more than Rock Eagle’s 50th birthday — we celebrate the results of work by those who served before us and by those who work and volunteer now. They have positively touched the lives of millions of people. This edition of the Georgia Cloverleaf highlights a few of the success stories and provides a glimpse of the size and scope of the program.

4-H is a community of young people who learn leadership, citizenship and life skills, and it’s occurring in every county across the state and at the University of Georgia 4-H Centers. While growing as contributing citizens, young people are involved in hands-on learning experiences in our core science areas of agriculture, the environment, and family and consumer sciences. And we’re exploring ways to expand science offerings at Rock Eagle to support the move to raise the level of Georgia science students.

Students, leaders and advisors identified Healthy Lifestyles and Financial Literacy as the two priority issues for Georgia 4-H. I am convinced that the 4-H program in Georgia paired with the research of our colleagues in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences can make a positive difference by using 4-H as a forum to address these issues.

The past few months have brought positive changes at our 4-H centers. Dedicated fund-raising efforts by so many people are getting the dollars needed to build a pool and water park at Rock Eagle. We have seen an outpouring of support to build a new dining hall at Rock Eagle, a critical and immediate need. And improvements continue at Burton, Fortson, Wahsega and Jekyll.

As we look to the future, we plan to:

• Remain dedicated to the “Delivering Excellence: Extension for a Changing Georgia” project.
• Expand the science offerings of our curriculum at Rock Eagle.
• Aggressively pursue after-school programs.
• Add a 4-H Environmental Education and Agricultural Awareness Program at Fortson 4-H Center.
• Assume leadership in cooperating with urban youth organizations.
• Expand the training and support of volunteers in Georgia 4-H.

We reach almost 200,000 young people, but we need to grow. The population of the state is growing, and our kids need 4-H. Please help us seek dollars to support more agents, more program assistants and more opportunities for Georgia’s young people. As Chairman Cook said, “We must leverage public funds at a high level while at the same time contributing and asking for private funds.” The combination is how we can best support 4-H.

On behalf of county agents, 4-H staff, volunteers and students, thank you for believing in young people and contributing your time and dollars to Georgia 4-H.

Dr. Roger “Bo” Ryles, State 4-H Leader
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4-H: Economic Impact

- State and federal dollars needed to support a 4-H member for a year is less than $27.
- The average tax dollars required to incarcerate a young person for one year is $43,000.
- 94 percent of 4-H members graduate from high school. High school graduates earn an average of $6,415 more per year than those who drop out of high school.
- Estimates are that Georgia spends more than $2 billion each year for medical expenses attributable to obesity. Georgia 4-H and the UGA Family and Consumer Sciences are aggressively addressing the problem of childhood obesity.
Delivering Excellence to Georgians through 4-H

by Bo Ryles, Georgia State 4-H Leader

For more than a year, faculty and staff of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service have traveled, studied and met to try to hone the best possible way to deliver university research and education to Georgians through our Extension offices. That year-long process culminated with a statewide meeting, “Delivering Excellence for a Changing Georgia,” at Rock Eagle in January.

During the meeting, UGA Associate Dean of Extension Mel Garber posed the question: “Is there a better way for the Cooperative Extension Service to do business?” To answer this question, hundreds were involved in study groups, visiting groups, modeling teams and review committees.

Learning from other states, from business and industry, and from non-profits was also part of the process. Georgia has experienced extraordinary growth and, as a result, the Cooperative Extension Service is faced with meeting the needs of a larger and more diverse population.

4-H, one of Extension’s three primary program areas, played a major role in the process.

The guiding principles for the delivery review were:

• **Clients first.** Focus on what is best for clients, for the diversity of clients, not just best for the system.

• **Build local and state ownership of the Cooperative Extension Service.** There are many different ways to maintain ownership.

• **Clarify and focus on the mission.** Clarify and communicate the mission of the Cooperative Extension Service, including the importance of service, not just the transfer of information.

• **No cookie-cutter approach.** While consistency and program focus are important, improvements or changes in program delivery, staffing and organization can vary by districts or programs.

• **Demonstrate impact.** Any anticipated changes should have measurable impacts at the county, state and national levels.

• **Improve unity.** Enhance the unity and identity of the Cooperative Extension Service without diminishing unity with teaching and research; enhance the intersection of the Cooperative Extension Service with the University of Georgia.

• **Serve the university more broadly and strive to continuously improve.** This principle encourages everyone involved in the process to become better informed about different models of Extension program delivery in other states.

• **Involve others.** Include stakeholders, both outside the Cooperative Extension Service and UGA and within the University. Make sure involvement is substantive and significantly impacts the outcome.

• **Build capacity.** All possible improvements or changes should build the capacity to deliver all three programs (Agriculture & Natural Resources, 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences).

• **Develop new resources.** Enhance sources of support from both traditional and non-traditional sources.

The process findings are being considered and the course for our future is being set. Once the changes are in motion we will have improved our program, refocused our resources and be better positioned to meet the needs of a changing Georgia.

At the annual meeting of 4-H agents, I reminded the group that positive changes in Georgia’s Cooperative Extension Service are occurring at every level, every day. It is an exciting time to be a 4-H agent. Georgia is changing and so is the Cooperative Extension Service. And 4-H is poised to deliver excellence in its second century.
The Georgia 4-H Foundation recently surveyed Georgia’s elected officials of the House of Representatives on their experiences and background in the 4-H program. A total of 71 house representatives responded to the survey. Georgia State Representative Bob Smith, a former Oconee County 4-H’er, assisted the Foundation in distributing and collecting the survey from the representatives.

In his letter to the house members, Representative Bob Smith of District 76 said, “I take pride in being an alumnus and former officer of 4-H. 4-H played a significant part in my development and education.”

Many of the House of Representatives members recall fond memories of their 4-H experiences:

- **House Representative Jay Shaw** of District 176, who was an officer in 4-H said, “4-H was a very important part of my life while growing up in rural Georgia.”

- **Sue Burmeister** of House District 119, who served as camp counselor and as a 4-H officer said, “I loved 4-H! What a character building experience.”

- **Jay Roberts** of House District 154 said, “I support the 4-H program 110 percent. This is a great leadership program.”

- **Charles Jenkins** of District 8 stated that he attributes his leadership skills to 4-H in that his first elected office was as President of his high school 4-H Club.

- **Richard H. Smith** of House District 131 and **Paul Smith** of District 154 both recalled memories of 4-H and its influence in their lives. Richard Smith served as an extension agent/director for 30 years. Paul Smith also commented on the importance of the 4-H program in the state after serving as an extension worker for 31 years.

As Georgia 4-H enters another year of serving Georgia’s youth, 4-H continues to prove itself to be an important part of the educational system in our state and is clearly recognized by Georgia’s elected officials. The survey administered further illustrates this importance because it identifies the many ties that 4-H has throughout the state and its importance in people’s lives.

Representative Bob Smith said, “In the 50s, 4-H inspired kids to adopt new ways in agriculture and home economics. Today 4-H is still the place for kids to adopt new, cutting edge ideas.”

With support from Georgia’s House of Representatives, Georgia 4-H will continue to offer these opportunities for youth in the state.

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**Youth and Rural Georgia Summit Initiative**

In every Georgia county you can find youth making a difference. In 2004, many of those youth were “being the change they wish to see in the world” by initiating issue based projects developed in part at the 2003 Georgia Youth Summit. Through the Georgia Rural Development Council’s Youth and Rural Georgia Initiative, 15 counties received matching grants totaling $10,000 to assist in completing the youth-adult partnership project. Each project addressed one of the four key community issues: education, safety, environment and community development.

Every county project emphasized youth engagement in their local community. For example, Coweta County partnered with local communities in an environmental project of stenciling storm drains. Putnam County emphasized safety through a program to inform local teenagers about teen pregnancy rates and promote prevention of teen pregnancy. A program called “Common Sense Class: Charting the Course” was developed in Richmond County. One aspect of the educational program was to raise SAT scores and encourage students to stay in school. All of the youth participants in the 15 programs both contributed to their local community and enriched their own lives through service to others.
Operation: Military Kid Invades Georgia 4-H

by Mandy Marable

Georgia 4-H has been recruited to design and implement programming for children and youth of National Guard and Reserve soldiers. “Operation: Military Kids” is a collaborative outreach initiative by Army Child and Youth Services, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National 4-H Program, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the Military Child Educational Coalition to provide support and assistance to geographically dispersed military youth and their families.

Assistance in Georgia will come in many forms with outreach through 4-H county clubs, summer camps, retreats and training for agents and educational program specialists working with youth of deployed military personnel. A statewide initiative will be launched to educate youth and adult citizens about the impact of deployments on families, communities, businesses, schools and children.

Similar to our military grant secured in 2003, Operation: Military Kids includes those children and youth served by Army and Air Force installations but has a special emphasis on those children and youth of National Guard and Reserve soldiers who are geographically dispersed in communities throughout the state.

A unique feature of the Operation: Military Kids project is Speak Out for Military Kids, a youth-led speakers’ bureau designed to increase understanding of military youth and families and the stresses faced by children and youth whose parents are deployed. Georgia 4-H prides itself on the public speaking and oral communication skills we foster in the young people who are part of our educational opportunities. Speak Out will offer yet another avenue for development of good communication skills among the youth we serve, as well as educating local communities on issues surrounding citizens who are suddenly military.

Georgia 4-H is in the process of building our state Operation: Military Kids team to give leadership to this project. This team will serve as the primary decision making group for programs implemented in Georgia and will encourage partnerships with other agencies and youth development organizations. Georgia 4-H will receive $50,000 in grant funding to carry out programming to this deserving audience.

4-H in the City

by Lori Purcell

With the mission of Georgia 4-H being “to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directed, productive and contributing citizens,” urban areas had to find a way to fulfill the mission in a new way. Youth can still learn poultry judging or join a horse club, but many urban 4-H programs have added focuses such as entrepreneurship and character education.

DeKalb County’s program includes clubs at 54 elementary and middle schools, several community clubs and home school clubs. Meetings are conducted outside school hours by volunteer teachers who attend training led by the 4-H staff. The focus of most meetings is life skills to promote nonviolent behavior, teamwork and critical thinking.

Other urban counties focus on leadership, community service and public speaking. Gwinnett County 4-H offers a program with the Gwinnett Coalition to sponsor a program with the Lawrenceville Housing Authority. The club is teen led and programs focus on drug and violence prevention, homework tutoring and life skills for 1-5th graders. 4-H membership has increased over the past several years and, in 2003, 45 percent of the 4-H’ers lived in suburbs and cities.
Georgia 4-H:
State Board of Directors and Senior District Officers

2005 State Board of Directors

Scottie Rowell, President, Heard County
Jamey Knight, Vice-President, Berrien County
Jeremy Dyer, State Representative, Dade County
Mack Prater, State Representative, Jackson County
Seth Wimberly, State Representative, Newton County
Frankie Porter, District Representative, Camden County
Geoffrey Brown, District Representative, Stephens County
Ricky Greer, District Representative, Wilcox County
Brittani Kelley, District Representative, Rockdale County

2005 Senior District Officers

Southeast District
Crystal Hooks, President, Emanuel County
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Crislon Garcia, Board Member, Evans County
Kelly Hitchcock, Board Member, Bleckley County
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April McDaniel, Board Member, Burke County

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Mario Haynes, Board Member, Schley County
Natasha Thomas, Board Member, Lowndes County
Ashley Buford, Board Member, Crisp County
Brittani Braziel, Board Member, Crisp County

Northeast District
Ward Black, President, Jackson County
Juanita Fair, Vice President, Oconee County
Caroline Black, Board Member, Jackson County
Fleming Garner, Board Member, Union County
Brianna James, Board Member, Madison County
Randall Andrews, Board Member, Lincoln County
Stephanie Frix, Board Member, Dawson County
Brent Parker, Board Member, Putnam County

2005 State Board of Directors (front, l - r) are Frankie Porter and Brittani Kelley; (back, l - r) Jeremy Dyer, Geoffrey Brown, Seth Wimberly, Scottie Rowell, Jamey Knight, Ricky Greer and Mack Prater.

2005 Senior District Officers
Four Essential Elements of 4-H

**I PLEDGE MY HEAD ¥ Independence**
Youth need to know that they are able to influence people and events through decision-making and action. By exercising independence through 4-H leadership opportunities, youth mature in self-discipline and responsibility, learn to better understand themselves and become independent thinkers.

**I PLEDGE MY HEART ¥ Belonging**
4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively participating in a group. Research suggests that a sense of belonging may be the single most powerful positive ingredient we can add to the lives of children and youth.

**I PLEDGE MY HANDS ¥ Generosity**
Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose. By participating in 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities and learn to give back to others.

**I PLEDGE MY HEALTH ¥ Mastery**
In order to develop self-confidence youth need to feel and believe they are capable and they must experience success at solving problems and meeting challenges. By exploring 4-H projects and activities, youth master skills to make positive career and life choices. Youth need the breadth and depth of topics found in 4-H that allow them to pursue their own interests.
Georgia 4-H State Winners

2004 Project Winners

Arts & Crafts
Ashley Buford, Crisp County

Beef
Josh Cabe, Franklin County

Bread
Megan Shaw, Treutlen County

Communications
Rachel Brady, Burke County

Companion Animal Science
Kasey Bozeman, Pike County

Computers
Michael Keck, Douglas County

Conservation of Natural Resources
Dane Beatenbough, Coweta County

Consumer Education
Megan Sulpy, Gwinnett County

Dairy & Milk Science
Libby Carter, Walton County

Dairy Foods
Erin Darsey, Bleckley County

Dog Care & Training
Molly Locklear, Whitfield County

Entomology
Cameron Brinton, Coweta County

Environmental Science
Mandi Pyle, Colquitt County

Fashion Revue
Kayla Williamson, Tift County

Festive Foods for Health
Jessica Fields, Rockdale County

Flowers, Shrubs & Lawns
April McDaniel, Burke County

Food Fare
Natasha Thomas, Lowndes County

Food Fast & Healthy
Heather Word, Pickens County

Food Safety & Preservation
Khalil Khlifi, Hall County

Forest Resources & Wood Science
Andy Wall, Ware County

Fruits, Vegetables & Nuts
Kevin Macher, Hart County

General Recreation
Kathryn Porter, Oconee County

Health
Stacy Rahn, Effingham County

Horse
Kristen Yeany, Oconee County

Housing & Environment
Andie Vaughn, Morgan County

Human Development
Luke Usry, Peach County

International
Lauren Pope, Monroe County

Outdoor Recreation
Elliot Sumner, Tift County

Performing Arts – General
Megan Brannen, Bulloch County

Performing Arts – Instrumental
Seth Wimberly, Newton County

Performing Arts – Piano
Laura Stone, Burke County

Performing Arts – Vocal
Lauren French, Crisp County

Photography
Marie Rush, Polk County

Physical, Biological & Earth Science
Meredith Hagler, Marion County

Plant & Soil Science
Calder Harris, Crawford County

Pork Production
Deana Veal, Johnson County

Poultry & Egg Science
Monica Johnson, Rockdale County

Power and Energy
Joshua Calhoun, Turner County

Public Speaking
Alyssa Leigh Hawkins, Bartow County

Resource Management
Mandy McLeod, Morgan County

Safety
Josh Gibb, Crawford County

Sheep & Meat
Goats
Austin Suggs, Tift County
2004 Special Event Winners

**Sports**
**Samantha Tankersley**, Tift County

**Target Sports**
**B.J. McQuinn**, Columbia County

**Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors**
**Mandy Sheppard**, Hall County

**Veterinary Science**
**Misty Hartsfield**, Colquitt County

**Wildlife & Marine Science**
**Brittani Kelley**, Rockdale County

**Workforce Preparation & Career Development**
**Aimee Watkins**, Lowndes County

**Chicken Barbecue**
Matthew Salmon, Gordon County

**Cotton Boll & Consumer Jamboree**
Amy Jamison, Melissa Jamison, Michelle Sosia, Anna Hull, Walton County

**Dairy Judging**
Sarah Vaughn, Katie Slaughter, Morgan County

**Dairy Quiz Bowl**
Samantha Tankersley, Austin Suggs, Rachel West, Trey Payne, Tift County

**Egg Preparation 2003**
Miles Drummond, Tift County

**Essay Contest**
Ashley Justice, Crawford County

**Food Product Development**
Hannah Clement, Miles Drummond, Sally Smith, Tift County

**Forestry Field Day**
April Acord, Reba Hayes, Austin Young, Hart County

**Forestry – High Individual**
Kevin Macher, Hart County

**Horse Judging – High Individual**
Sarah Vaughn, Katie Williams, Jessica Strott, Melody Bryans, Morgan County

**Horse Quiz Bowl**
Jacque Smith, Renee Shirley, Nathan McGirt, Sara Ward, Jeremy Cheeney, Douglas County

**Horse Show – Stock Seat**
Kelly Hegarty, Gwinnett County

**Horse Show – Hunt Seat**
Melody Bryans, Morgan County

**Horse Show – Saddle Seat**
Lauren Wasdin, Wayne County

**Horse Show – Contest**
Ashley Jones, Dodge County

**Land Judging**
Jake Jones, Brent Justice, Laura Leidner, Daniel Tawzer, Tift County

**Land Judging – High Individual**
Joshua Money, Sumter County

**Livestock Judging**
Courtney Belcher, Caleb Griner, Katie Moore, Betsy Gooch, Bartow County

**Livestock Judging – High Individual**
Caitlin Tenewitz, Grady County

**Market Lamb Show Champion**
Christine Odom, Oconee County

**Market Hog Show**
Sutton Reece, Barrow County

**Market Steer Show Champion**
Morgan Moser, Henry County

**Poultry Judging**
Matthew Byrne, Anna Hull, Walton County

**Poultry Judging – High Individual**
Melissa Jamison, Christopher Stephens, Walton County

**Speech Contest 2004**
Whitney Bush, Emanuel County

**Target Sports – Air Pistol**
Chris Loftis, Colquitt County

**Target Sports – Air Rifle**
Myles Cooper, Cody Carter, Hank Joyner, Travis Clark, Ware County
2004 Dean’s Award Winners

Gale Buchanan Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Award
Heather Savelle, Oconee County

Citizenship
Ashley Buford, Crisp County

Bill Edwards Communications & the Arts Award
Carl Glasscock, Lowndes County

Family & Consumer Sciences
Katie Matthews, Oglethorpe County

James Harris Leadership Award
Melanie Hollingsworth, Wayne County

2004 National 4-H Conference Delegates

Anna Daniel, Butts County; Carl Glasscock, Lowndes County; Christopher Nowicki, Heard County; Mita Patel, Ben Hill County; Mack Prater, Jackson County; Stacy Rahn, Effingham County; Laura Stone, Burke County and Matthew Williams, Crawford County

2004 National 4-H Conference Delegates (l-r): Christopher Nowicki, Mita Patel, Stacy Rahn, Carl Glasscock, and Matthew Williams.
2004
International Experiences

2004 LABO Summer
Outbound Program
Delegate – Japan
Kayla Perry
Madison County

2004 Achievement Scholarship Recipients

4-H Dollars for 4-H Scholars, Carl Glasscock, Lowndes County
ABAC, Aimee Watkins, Lowndes County
Atlanta Farmers Club, Patrick Cannon, Tift County
Bess Cabaniss Memorial Master 4-H Club, Cody Disque, Coweta County
Bill Sutton Leadership, Nekeisha Randall, Peach County
Don Massey, Amanda McCarthy, Walton County
E. Roy and Minnie Taylor Memorial, Nekeisha Randall, Peach County
Eddye Ross, Katie Stringer, Bulloch County
Edmund and Joann Taylor 4-H Memorial, Anna Daniel, Butts County
Flint River Mills, Nathan Tyson, Bulloch County
GACAA Agricultural, Brandon Ashley, Floyd County
Georgia 4-H Achievement, Lauren McGirt, Douglas County
Georgia Master 4-H Club, Robbie Jones, Lowndes County
Georgia Propane Gas Association, Daniel Gordon, Hart County
Helen Hargrove Memorial, Chris Nowicki, Heard County
Hugh Moss Comer, Alison Jennings, Wilcox County
Irvin 4-H, Will Cabe, Franklin County
Jerry Patriarca 4-H Memorial, Bridgette Jones, Coweta County
John Strickland, Calder Harris, Crawford County
Jonathan Gabriel Memorial, Will Gabe, Franklin County
Julius Benton Memorial, Cole Ryles, Oconee County
Kitzinger, Zack McKinney, Crisp County
Kitzinger, Brandi Harper, Evans County
Loyd Poitevint, Perry White, Atkinson County
Martha Harrison Jones Memorial Master 4-H Club, Matthew Williams, Crawford County
Martha Jones FACS, Erin Todd, Evans County
Robert and Kathleen Pinckney Master 4-H Club, Abby Fletcher, Butts County
State 4-H Staff, Amanda Price, Bulloch County; Stacy Rahn, Effingham County
Wayne Shackelford, Charles Koone, Harris County
Wayne Shackelford, Kayla Williamson, Tift County
Wooten, Ivy Young, Tift County
Water Wise Council Scholarship, Jill Slaton, Jackson County; Dane Beatenbough, Coweta County; Mandi Pyle, Colquitt County; Leslie Cleaveland, Bleckley County

State Scholarships
$ 33,000

Project Scholarships
$14,400

Total Awarded
$47,400

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If you were a 4-H' er — and maybe if you weren’t — you’ve been to Rock Eagle. More than 3 million people can make that claim. Since it opened in 1955, the Rock Eagle 4-H Center has played host to summer campers, leadership meetings and competitive events; it has welcomed civic, service, education, religious and corporate visitors. It is the nation’s largest 4-H center. Bill Sutton’s dream for a state center for education that would meet the needs for 4-H camping is alive and well in the 21st Century.

William A. Sutton was State 4-H Leader in Georgia from 1942 until 1954. He dreamed of a 4-H camp in central Georgia where a thousand boys and girls could come together for a week of education and fun — a camp big enough for everyone. In 1948, he assembled a group of people who organized and chartered the Georgia 4-H Foundation, a non-profit organization that would receive the funds raised to establish the state 4-H center.

In 1950, Putnam County Extension Agent John A. “Red” Smith suggested Rock Eagle Park as a good location for the center. Soon the 1,452 acres around Rock Eagle Lake were turned over to the Board of Regents, and in 1951, groundbreaking ceremonies began the project. In 1952, Governor Herman E. Talmadge provided the skilled prison labor that turned the park into a 4-H center. He also pledged that for every private dollar raised, he would match it with a state dollar.

The old bathhouse was turned into an office and quarters for the guards who supervised the

“While we were working in the counties and after we had raised quite a sum of money, Donald Hastings, Chairman of the State Advisory Committee, began making plans with the extension service to contact business organizations. Starting with the Mills B. Lane Foundation, who gave the first $10,000 for the first cottage for Rock Eagle, donors began giving funds for cottages and larger buildings.” – William A. Sutton

“The Center’s hills will now grow a crop even greater than the cotton and livestock which once covered the area. It will be used to develop boys and girls who will make the nation’s leaders.” – E.W. Aiton, USDA 4-H Club Leader
labor, and a portion of the administration building was built to serve as a prison to house the inmates. Construction continued on the center even after its opening in 1955.

On October 30, 1954, thousands of donors, 4-H’ers, university employees, state officials and friends of 4-H gathered at Rock Eagle to celebrate the opening of the largest 4-H center in the world. USDA 4-H Club Leader E.W. Aiton said, “The Center’s hills will now grow a crop even greater than the cotton and livestock which once covered the area. It will be used to develop boys and girls who will make the nation’s leaders.”

The 4-H Center officially opened in 1955 with the 4-H Tractor School. Later that summer, the first group of 4-H camp counselors welcomed Rock Eagle’s first 4-H campers.

And throughout its 50-year history, Rock Eagle has continued to grow, change and serve the people of Georgia.

In 1979, then 4-H leader Tom Rodgers realized the center needed to be better used during the school year. He hired Diane Davies, who was working for the Department of Natural Resources at the time, to create what is today the 4-H Environmental Education Program. With a three hundred dollar budget and six months, Davies launched a program that today helps sustain not only Rock Eagle 4-H Center but Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island and Wahsega 4-H Center in north Georgia. The 4-H Environmental Education Program has served more than 700,000 people and produced more than $30 million for the 4-H centers.

A second major capital campaign raised money to renovate Rock Eagle from 1980 to 1990. The renovation included all 54 cabins and 7 educational buildings. The center gained a new storage facility and a water slide. A new Museum of Natural History was the centerpiece of the project.

In the fall of 1997, the Georgia 4-H Foundation kicked off its third major capital campaign, with a goal of raising $4 million to improve all the 4-H centers. In 1998 and 1999, the Talmadge Auditorium at Rock Eagle got a $700,000 facelift. At the end of 2002, a new Wildlife Ecology Building provided more than 6,000 square feet of space where children can learn about wildlife ecology. In addition, the Robert W. Woodruff...
Fortson Dedication

History was made as Georgia 4-H assumed coordination and operation of Camp Fortson in 2004. The facility located in the south Atlanta metro area is now known as Fortson 4-H Center. A dedication ceremony was held to commemorate the history of the facility under the leadership of Robert and Regina Whitaker and the transition of the facility to 4-H. Fortson Board members, the Whitakers, State 4-H Leader Bo Ryles, Associate State 4-H Leader Arch Smith, State 4-H President Scottie Rowell, Extension agents, 4-H leaders, officers from all districts, former Fortson Camp counselors and friends of 4-H were present for the ceremony. Fortson 4-H Center will serve as the site for youth development and education on a year round basis. Ryles said, “This is a great day for 4-H. We are excited about the future and appreciative of the love and work dedicated by the Whitakers over the years at this beautiful place in the pines,” said Ryles.
Youth livestock programs can be a great way for young people to develop skills and values. However, sometimes these programs can be threatened by illegal drug use and the abuse of growth stimulants. Associate State Veterinarian Carter Black worked with a group of caring adults and young people to address these issues and ensure that the programs remain vital parts of the Georgia Youth Livestock Program.

The new vision for the program will include the young exhibitor along with at least one parent and the 4-H agent or the ag teacher. They will go through an educational process that outlines the consequences of illegal drug use in the animals as well as teaching responsible care. The parents and kids will learn the rights and wrongs of taking care of the animals.

The Georgia Youth Livestock Program is one of extraordinary partnerships that include groups such as the Georgia Department of Education, the University of Georgia, Ft. Valley State University, Georgia FFA, Georgia 4-H, the animal industry of Georgia, the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Farm Bureau, the food industry in Georgia, donors and friends of the livestock program, county extension agents, agriculture education teachers, volunteers, parents and — most important — 4-H and FFA members across the state.

The excellence of the program is the result of tremendous support, work and research from the Animal and Dairy Science Department at UGA and Ft. Valley State University.

**CORE VALUES**

We value a youth livestock program that promotes and enhances the vision of 4-H and FFA by:

- **Family** – strengthening the family.
- **Caring Adults** – providing opportunities for interaction between youth and caring, sharing adults.
- **Career Development** – increasing the understanding and appreciation of animal science and its industry.
- **Recognition** – embracing positive youth development and appropriate recognition programs.
- **Involvement** – involving young people in fun, rewarding and challenging experiences.

- **Ag Awareness** – increasing agricultural awareness and the understanding of the food chain.
- **Decision Making** – developing responsible citizens who make sound decisions.
- **Accountability** – encouraging youth to participate and compete in a responsible and ethical manner.
- **Teamwork** – offering opportunities for youth and adults to work as a team.
- **Education** – engaging youth in programs that enhance science, math and reading skills.
Lonice Barrett has fond memories of his days as a Houston County 4-H’er and counselor at the Tybee Island 4-H Center (now the Burton 4-H Center). He also vividly remembers competing in the talent portion of District Project Achievement by playing the accordion. But his favorite part of DPA had nothing to do with winning awards. It was the time he spent with the friends he’d made there.

“I looked forward from one year to the next going to DPA and seeing friends from year to year,” the longtime commissioner of Georgia’s Department of Natural Resources recalls. “It was a thrill seeing them and competing. I had a wonderful experience as a 4-H member and subsequently as a 4-H counselor.”

Barrett has come a long way since his 4-H days. After high school, he enrolled in Georgia Southern University, where he planned to major in music. His musical talents include the accordion and all horn instruments.

After settling in as a college student, though, Barrett found that his love of the outdoors outweighed his love of music. So he changed his major from music to parks and recreation.

Barrett’s first job after graduation in 1965 was a program director’s position with the Augusta YMCA. A year later, he became the program director of the Statesboro Recreation Department. This led to his being named director of the same department in 1968.

Three years later, Barrett accepted his first job with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as a recreation planner. Over the years, he worked in a number of leadership positions within DNR. His hard work, determination and caring attitude ultimately led to his being named Georgia’s DNR commissioner in May 1995.

After nine successful years as head of the state’s DNR, Barrett was named Director of Implementation for the Commission for a New Georgia last August. Appointed to the position by Gov. Sonny Perdue, Barrett’s charge is to implement recommendations generated by the commission.

As a testament to his success, Barrett has been awarded many honors, including being named one of Georgia’s Top Public Servants in 2004 by Georgia Trend magazine and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Five years ago, the University of Georgia Extension Service awarded him the highest 4-H award, Master 4-H’er. The honor was fitting, as Barrett credits much of his success to the skills he learned as a 4-H’er.

“The 4-H program took a shy, bashful boy from a small town and helped me learn to communicate with people and build self-confidence,” Barrett said. “The opportunities I had as a member and counselor allowed me to learn from people such as the late R.L. ‘Mr. Rip’ Van Winkle, Bill Edwards, Tom Rodgers and Bo Ryles. These experiences are cherished, valuable memories that mean more to me than words can express.”

Barrett and his wife Carol recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Barrett has retired after teaching school in Dekalb County for 25 years. The Barretts live in Dunwoody and have two grown children and three grandsons.
One of the great childhood joys for Bob and Maxine Hubbard Burton of Athens was the fun and friendships of participating in the 4-H program and attending 4-H summer camps.

Growing up, Maxine was involved in 4-H in Forsyth County and attended camp at Rock Eagle, Wahsega and Tybee Island. Bob attended camp at Rock Eagle, and as a University of Georgia student he spent the summer of 1968 as a counselor at the Tybee Island camp.

“I saw what an impact that camp had, especially on kids from rural areas,” Bob remembers of his counselor experience. “I’ll never forget watching kids see the ocean for the first time. It just opened up a whole new world for them.”

Adds Maxine, “Some of my most cherished memories and valuable life experiences were through 4-H programs and attending camps. I’m grateful for the opportunities 4-H provides young people throughout Georgia and the United States, and for the opportunities that were provided to me.”

So it’s not surprising that when Bob and Maxine learned that the 57-year-old Tybee Island camp had fallen into such serious disrepair it might be closed, they immediately offered to help with a donation to the Georgia 4-H Foundation.

Their gift, along with smaller contributions, helped pay for urgent repairs and renovations on the camp’s buildings, and also funded improvements for the camp’s environmental education program.

In appreciation, UGA — which operates the 4-H program through its College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences — named the camp the Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island. A ceremony was held May 28, 2004, at the camp to make the naming official.

“The Tybee camp is very special for rural children because it’s often the first time they come to the coast,” Bob said. “But children come from all over. It’s really a cross section of America.”

President Michael F. Adams. “We are very pleased to honor these outstanding alumni supporters in this way.”

The Burtons own Flowers Inc. Balloons in Athens, the largest supplier of balloons and related items in the country. Bob graduated from UGA in 1971 with a degree in agriculture. Maxine received a bachelor’s degree in education in 1972, a master’s in 1978 and is a former teacher.

The Tybee Island facility, opened in 1947, is one of five 4-H centers in the state. Situated on 5 acres on a tidal creek surrounded by marsh, the camp operates year-round and can accommodate about 145 young people at one time.

About 1,000 children attend week-long summer camps at the center, and 6,000-7,000 come throughout the year for three-day education programs on coastal ecology and the marine environment. Some 70,000 youngsters have attended the environmental education program since it began at Tybee in 1987.

Arch Smith, associate state 4-H leader, said time, weather and heavy use had taken a harsh toll on the center’s buildings, making some nearly unusable. The Burtons’ gift helped pay for electrical upgrades, new floors and wall coverings for cabins, renovation of the dining hall and relocation and remodeling of a staff house, Smith said.

The gift also will help pay for teaching facilities and equipment for the environmental education program.

In addition to supporting 4-H, Bob and Maxine Burton assist UGA in other ways. Maxine is on the board of trustees of the UGA Alumni Association and created a scholarship in the College of Education to help students study abroad. Bob is on the board of directors of the Georgia 4-H Foundation and the board of the Georgia Museum of Art.
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Change in Net Assets $699,453
Net Assets, Beginning of Year $2,618,739
Net Assets, End of Year $3,318,192

(1 - r) Dr. Bo Ryles, former Dean Gale Buchanan, Dot Knox, and Dr. Mel Garber cut the 4-H Centennial cake.

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Catoosa County 4-H
Center for Applied Nursery Research
Centurion Poultry
Cerexagr, Inc.
Coldwell Banker, Watson & Knox
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Decatur County 4-H
Delta and Pine Land Company
Dessert Seed, LLC
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Dodge County 4-H
Dolco Packaging
Douglas County 4-H
Dow AgroSciences. LLC
Down To Earth Foundation, Inc.
DuPont Crop Protection
Dynamic Marketing Concepts
Effingham Extension and 4-H
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Epsilon Sigma Phi
Equifax
Exchange Club of Macon
ExxonMobil Foundation
Fairfield Financial Services, Inc.
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Farm Credit Associations of Georgia
Fayette County 4-H Council
Federal Cartridge Company
First Horizon Merchant Services
Flint River Mills, Inc.
Florida Seed Co., Inc.
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FMC Corporation
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Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton
Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Milk
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Georgia Association of Agricultural Fairs
Georgia Association of County Ag Agents
Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents
Georgia Cattlemen’s Association
Georgia Cooperative Council, Inc.
Georgia 4-H Counselor Alumni Association
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Gold Kist Foundation, Inc.
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Hart County 4-H Council
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IBM Corporation
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LTA Resource Management
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McDuffie County 4-H
Meriwether County 4-H
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