

GEORGIA CLOVERLEAF

4-H ANNUAL REPORT

*Continuing the
Celebration*







The University of Georgia College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences



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WE CELEBRATE...

-  working as part of Cooperative Extension.
-  continuing and increasing support from the Georgia 4-H Foundation.
-  the 50th birthday of Rock Eagle as we build a new dining hall, add a new pool and begin the process of replacing all the cabins.
-  the second century of 4-H, where young people will continue to come for a safe place to grow and develop with sharing and caring adults.

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.

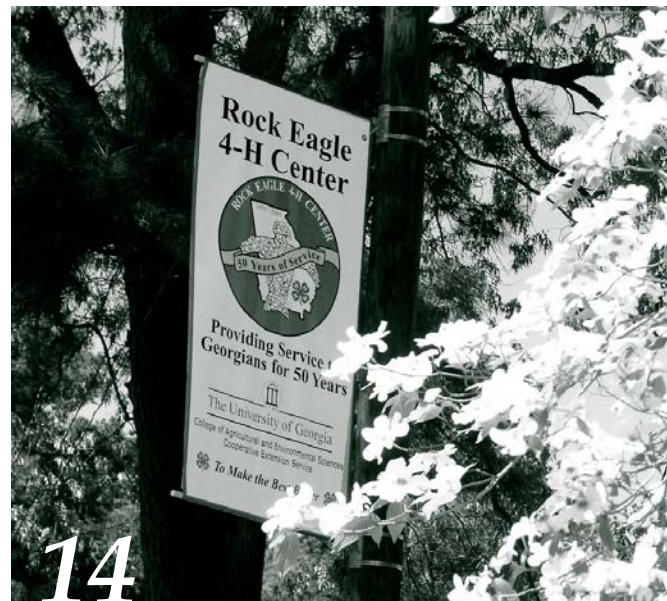
Bo Ryles

Dr. Roger
"Bo"
Ryles,
State 4-H
Leader

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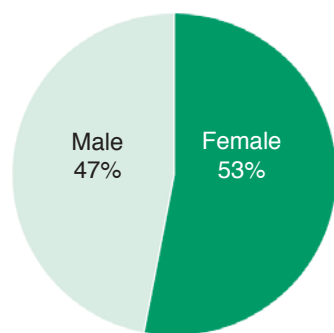
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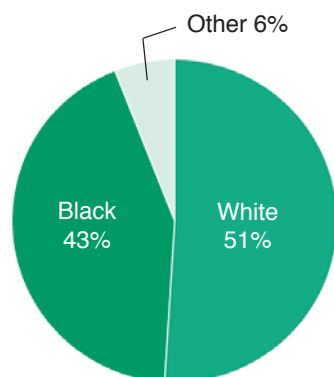
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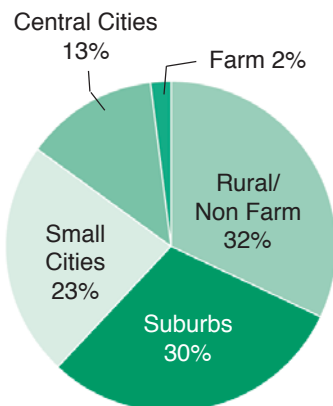
Enrollment: 197,659



GENDER



DIVERSITY



WHERE 4-H'ERS LIVE



4-H MEMBERS

| | 2003 | 2004 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Enrollment | 191,695 | 197,659 |
| Minorities (all races) % | 39.2 | 49 |
| Hispanic % | 4.3 | 3.3 |
| Farm % | 2.2 | 2 |
| Suburbs % | 35.2 | 30 |
| Rural/Non Farm % | 31.4 | 32 |
| Central Cities % | 9.6 | 13 |
| Small Cities % | 21.6 | 23 |
| Middle & High School % | 32 | 34 |
| Elementary % | 68 | 66 |

| PARTICIPANTS | 2003 | 2004 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Project Achievement | 7,301 | 6,398 |
| 4-H Camp | 10,063 | 10,017 |
| Animal Science | 6,152 | 5,854 |
| Family & Consumer Sciences | 4,530 | 5,071 |
| Leadership & Citizenship | 16,910 | 15,090 |
| 4-H Environmental Education | 34,644 | 34,434 |
| 4-H Centers' Use | 106,606 | 110,231 |
| 4-H Local Programs | 191,69 | 197,659 |
| Fort Valley State University | 2,584 | 29,129 |

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.



One study group focused on Georgia 4-H and made these recommendations:

- enhance marketing of 4-H programs;
- increase mentoring opportunities for 4-H leaders;
- increase impact evaluation;
- establish branded programs;
- cooperate with Fort Valley State University;
- strengthen tie of programs to research base;
- increase after-school programs;
- utilize county and state advisory groups more;
- increase advocacy groups; and
- identify and secure new resources.

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.

Reps Speak by Mary Ann Parsons

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.

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

"Today 4-H is still the place for kids to adopt new cutting edge ideas." — Bob Smith

- **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

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.

SURVEY OVERVIEW

- A total of 46 representatives are former 4-H'ers.
- 17 served as 4-H officers, 8 are volunteers, 12 have a child in 4-H, 3 were camp counselors, and 10 participated in project achievement.
- There was a total response rate of 45 percent.

Youth and Rural Georgia Summit Initiative

by Kim Anderson

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 partner-

ship 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.

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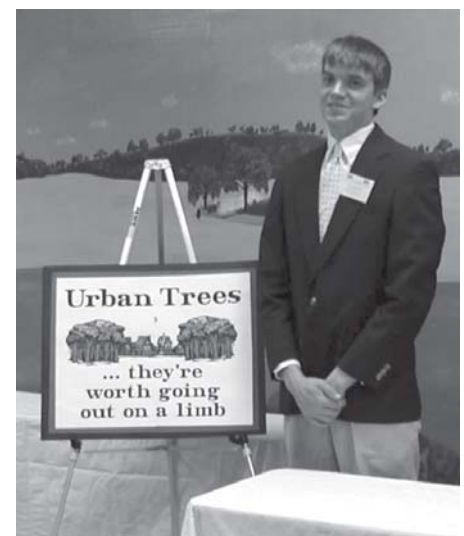
4-H in the City by Lori Purcell

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.



MARK ZEIGLER, GWINNETT COUNTY

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 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

Southeast District

Crystal Hooks, President, Emanuel County
Cody Thomas, Vice President, Wheeler County
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Kristina Frye, Board Member, Wayne County
Crislon Garcia, Board Member, Evans County
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Crystal McCorkle, Board Member, Evans County
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Mario Haynes, Board Member, Schley County
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Ashley Buford, Board Member, Crisp County
Brittany Braziel, Board Member, Crisp County

Northeast District

Ward Black, President, Jackson County
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Caroline Black, Board Member, Jackson County
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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
Senior District Officers

Four Essential Elements of 4-H

Northwest District

Emily Lloyd, President, Bartow County

Keala Smith, Vice President, Newton County

Alyssa Hawkins, Board Member, Bartow County

Joelle Freeman, Board Member, Gwinnett County

Era Langford, Board Member, Clayton County

Emme Worthy, Board Member, Paulding County

Joshua Rogers, Board Member, Paulding County

Caleb Griner, Board Member, Bartow County

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

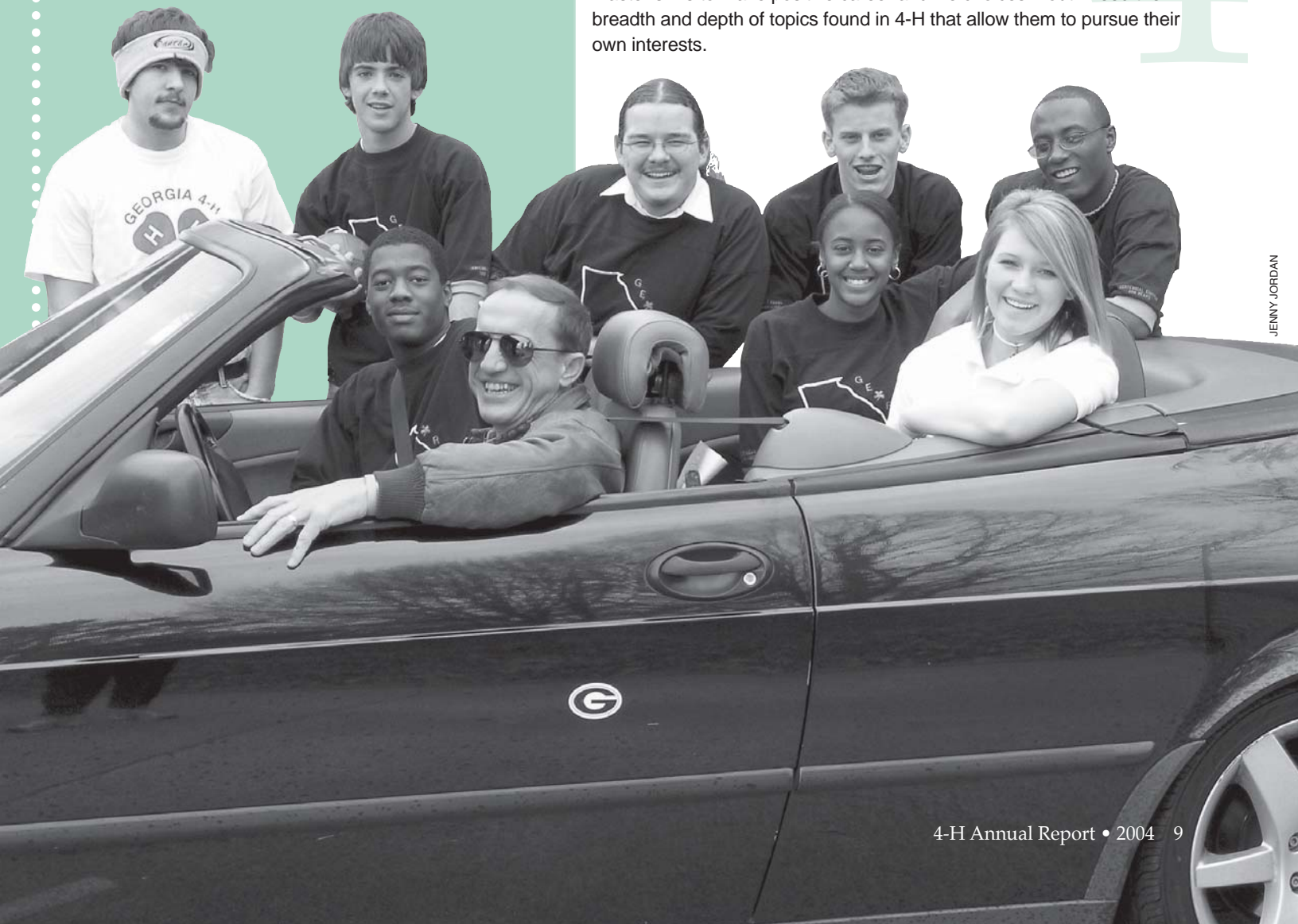
4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively participating in a group. Research suggests that a sense of belonging may be the single most powerful positive ingredient we can add to the lives of children and youth.

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.



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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



ROCK EAGLE 4-H CENTER

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

Cotton Boll – High Individual

Anna Hull, Walton County

Dairy Judging

Sarah Vaughn, Katie Slaughter, Morgan County

Dairy Judging – High Individual

Katie Williams, 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

NEWTON COUNTY





Wildlife Judging: (l-r) David Williams, Matthew Williams, Ashley White, Andrew Davidson, Anna Collins, and Byron Collins.

Target Sports – Air Rifle – High Individual

Lauren Herrinton, Gwinnett County

Target Sports – Archery – Competition

Clint Mallard, Brandon Sherrod, Brenton Arnold
Wayne County

Target Sports – Archery – Competition – High Individual

Josh Knight, Wayne County

Arch Recurve

Aston Adcock, Emily Holloway, Allen Abel
Morgan County

Arch Recurve – High Individual

Katie Wibell, Morgan County

Target Sports – Shotgun

AJ Hunt, AJ Watson, Lauren Allgood, Keith Bingham, Sally Coggins, Hunter Holder, Kyle Stephens
Walton County

Target Sports – Shotgun – High Individual

Jordan Crawford, Effingham County

Teen Leader III Winner

Ashley Buford, Crisp County

Teen Leader III Winner

Stacy Rahn, Effingham County

Wildlife Judging

Andrew Davidson, Anna Collins, Byron Collins
Crawford County

Wildlife Judging – High Individual

Sammy Hodges, Crawford County

4-H Youth Technology Leadership Team

Mack Prater, Jackson 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



**FLEX - Future Leaders
Exchange Program**
The Mack Family
Chattooga County
Alabec Djumankulov
Tajikistan

The Jackson Family
Columbia County
Igor Yeremenko
Ukraine

**4-H Inbound Summer
Exchange Program**
26 Delegates

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

Eddie 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

Rock Eagle

by Arch Smith

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.

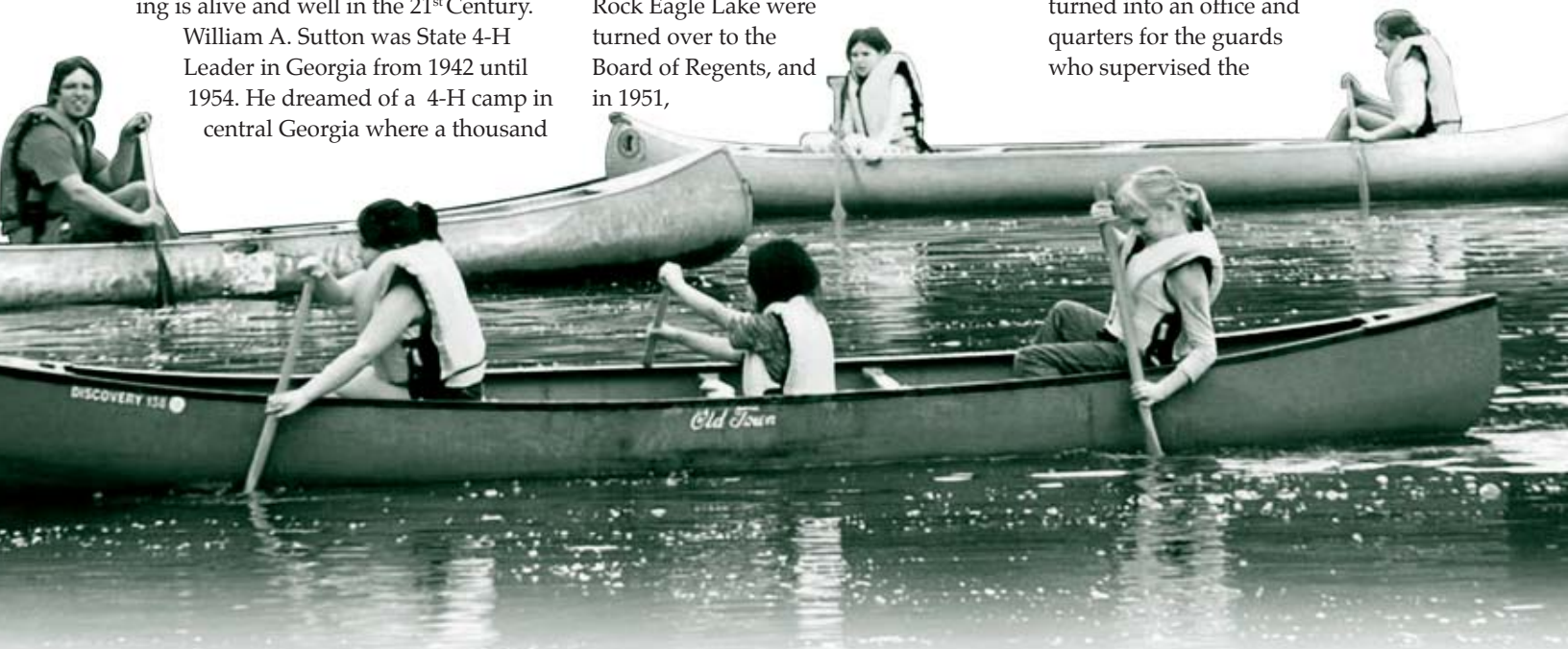
In 1950, Putnam County Extension Agent John A. "Red" Smith suggested Rock Eagle Park as a good location for the center. Soon the 1,452 acres around Rock Eagle Lake were turned over to the Board of Regents, and in 1951,

"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

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



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



Foundation provided \$250,000 for two new aquatic buildings at Rock Eagle. Founders Lodge was dedicated on July 14, 2002, to honor the countless individuals who worked tirelessly to see Bill Sutton's dream become reality.

Now, in 2005, the state has appropriated \$6.5 million to begin building a new dining hall for Rock Eagle, a new 5,000 square-foot swimming pool will open, and a new cabin prototype has been designed in anticipation of new cabins over the next 6 to 9 years. Fifty years old, still changing, still growing, Rock Eagle looks forward to its next 50 years.

Cecil Johnson, who narrated the pageant or legend of how the Rock Eagle effigy mound was built, always opened the program by saying, "Welcome my people; it is good that you have come." He closed the program with, "We wish for you many happy returns to Rock Eagle."

That says it all.

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 rededication 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.

Rock Eagle's New Swimming Pool



Rock Eagle's new swimming pool is scheduled to open Monday, May 30, 2005 — the first day of summer camp. The long-awaited replacement for Pool One will cover almost 5,000 square feet.

But this is not just a swimming pool. The new deck covers 10,000 square feet. A beach entry will allow handicap access and will include a Cosmic Water Cannon, three Sneaky Soaker buckets and other water spray features. A deep water area will accommodate a new 1-meter diving board. An 80-foot long lap pool includes a teaching area for swimming lessons, a seating area with water jets and a plunge area for a future water slide. A 1,490 square foot pool house will include restrooms with showers and a concession area.

The new Pool One will be between the Callaway Building and the Museum of Natural History. The site was cleared in the fall of 2004 and by mid-February of 2005, excavation had begun. It was a happy moment for Rock Eagle campers, who had been without Pool One since it was closed the summer of 2002. The original Pool One had been in operation since 1955.

Dr. Mel Garber, Associate Dean for Extension at the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, provided the 4-H program with the initial \$200,000 for construction of the new pool. Funds raised by the Centennial Gala in August, 2004, provided almost \$85,000, and the State 4-H Board is leading an effort to raise \$40,000 from Georgia 4-H members. Total cost of the new pool is \$650,000.

Sean J. Murphy of Amenity Architects, LLC, from Marietta, Ga., designed the pool; Aqua Design Group of Atlanta, Ga., is building the pool.

Raising Animals – and Young People – Right

The Georgia Youth Livestock Program by Elinor Ruark

Young people sometimes take illegal drugs; show animals are sometimes given them. Either way, according to Associate State Veterinarian Carter Black, it's wrong.

In an effort to stop a practice that threatened the very existence of Georgia's 4-H and FFA livestock programs, Dr. Black joined between 50 and 60 caring adults and young people from across the state to make sure values and education remain vital parts of Georgia's Youth Livestock Program.

"The problem," says Dr. Black, "is that parents were getting these animals for their children and then leaving the daily care up to someone else. The parents and the kids didn't know what was going on. We were about to lose our hog markets because of the abuse of a growth stimulant."

The new vision for the program will have the young exhibitor along with at least one parent and the 4-H agent or the ag teacher go through an educational process that outlines the consequences of

illegal drug use in the animals as well as learning to take care of them. "We want to build character, instill values, teach these young people the rights and wrongs," says Dr. Black. "A lot of us feel we should put something back into these programs that have meant so much to many of us. Lots of folks don't

want these shows to go away."

Surveys sent across the state and interviews with stakeholders provided the data the group needed to go to work, addressing the challenges and opportunities available to the livestock program.

The Georgia Youth Livestock Program is one of extraordinary partnerships that include these groups: Georgia Department of Education, University of Georgia, Ft. Valley State University, Georgia FFA, Georgia 4-H, the animal industry of Georgia, the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, 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.

Longtime DNR Head Credits 4-H for his Self-Confidence

By Sharon Omahen

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.



Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island

by Larry B. Dendy

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.

"Thanks to Bob and Maxine's generosity, new life has been breathed into this facility and it will continue to provide enjoyment and education to Georgia 4-H members" said UGA



Pictured at the renaming ceremony are (l-r) Michael Burton, retired Dean Gale Buchanan, Maxine Hubbard Burton, Bob Burton, Rachael Burton Dillon, UGA President Michael Adams and Melanie Hollingsworth, State 4-H Officer.

"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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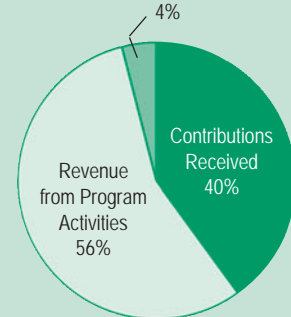
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| Contributions Received | \$1,457,730 | 40% |
| Revenue from Program Activities | \$2,040,830 | 56% |
| Interest, Dividends on Marketable Securities and Horse Sales | \$130,542 | 4% |
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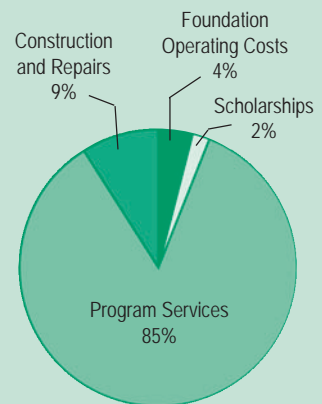
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EXPENSES

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| Construction and Repairs | \$270,690 | 9% |
| Program Services | \$2,478,812 | 85% |
| Scholarships | \$59,100 | 2% |
| Foundation Operating Costs | \$121,047 | 4% |
| Total Expenses | \$2,929,649 | |

Construction and Repairs 9%



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| Change in Net Assets | \$699,453 |
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(l - r) Dr. Bo Ryles, former Dean Gale Buchanan, Dot Knox, and Dr. Mel Garber cut the 4-H Centennial cake.

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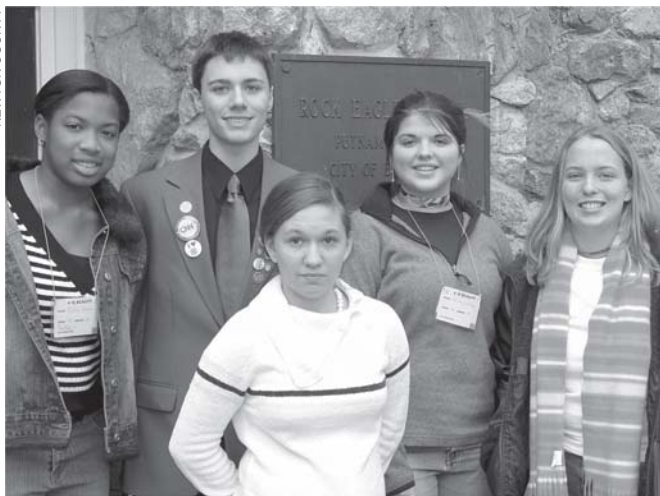
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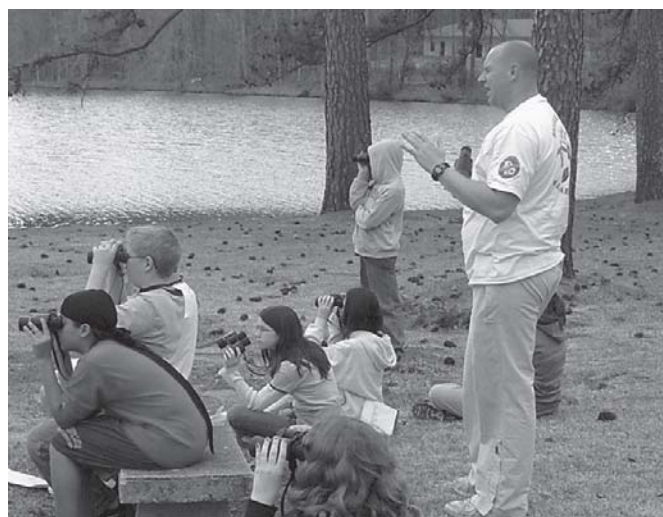


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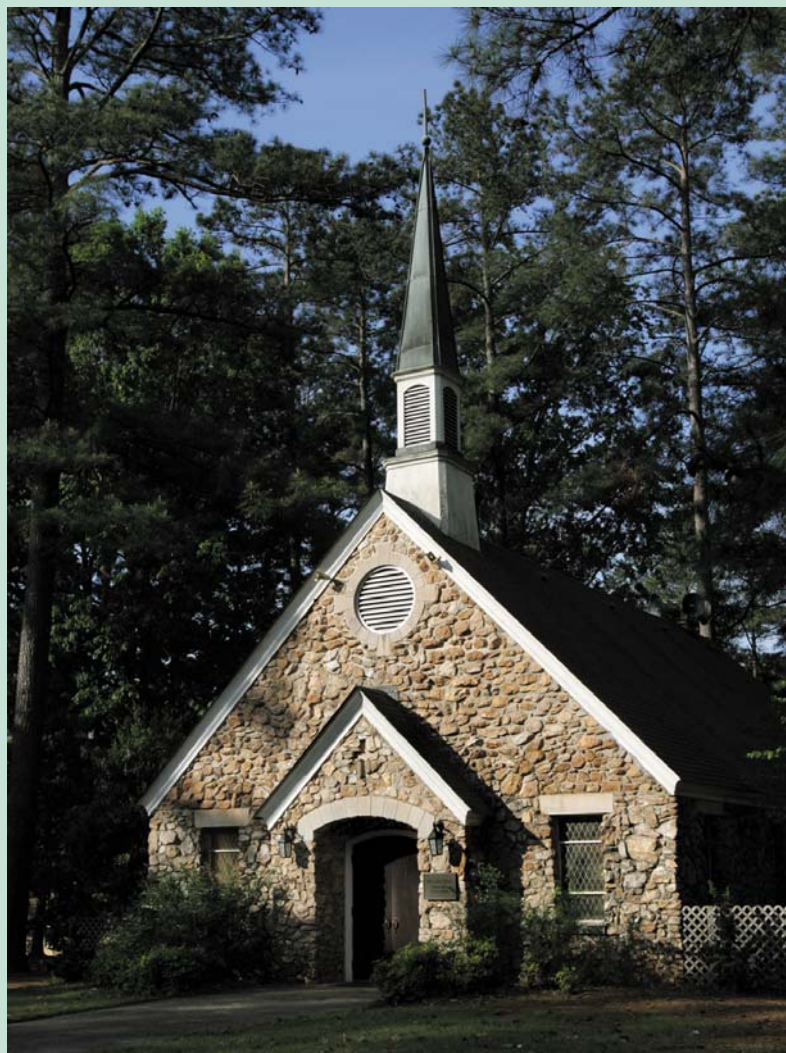
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