

Georgia Cloverleaf

4-H ANNUAL REPORT

4-H, A LIFETIME
EXPERIENCE

LETTER FROM STATE 4-H LEADER/DIRECTOR OF 4-H GEORGIA 4-H REMAINS STEADFAST IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Throughout the 2009-2010 4-H year, Georgia 4-H'ers learned to master skills, give back to their communities and function successfully both as part of a team and independently as individuals. These are the four essential elements of 4-H: mastery, generosity, belonging, and independence.

Georgia 4-H'ers learned belonging through team projects, attending camp activities and socially interacting with other youth. They learned generosity by physically helping clean up their local communities and by collecting millions of aluminum pop tabs to support Ronald McDonald Houses.

First and foremost, Georgia 4-H education takes place in the classroom. Seventy-nine percent of Georgia 4-H club meetings are held during school instructional time.

Learning also occurs in the barn lot as young people work with market hogs, steers or goats and prepare for local or state shows. Learning happens while the local program assistant or county agent takes a minibus of 4-H'ers to a bank to learn about money management.

Georgia 4-H'ers demonstrated their work at county contests, project achievement, judging contests and livestock shows.

4-H provides learning in so many different ways through a host of diverse experiences that Georgia's 170,568 members have each year.

During the past year, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and 4-H faced many challenges and had many opportunities to demonstrate the value of Georgia 4-H. Last winter, a suggestion was made to eliminate Georgia 4-H, close our five 4-H centers and close half the county Extension offices in Georgia. 4-H'ers, 4-H alumni, friends and supporters spoke up in one loud voice that 4-H is a valuable asset to the future development of Georgia's young citizens. Former Georgia 4-H'er and current Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David Ralston stated, "I know that 4-H has produced leaders for our state from every part of the state and every community in the state, and that 4-H is the leadership school."

Faced with budget reductions of 23 percent since 2008, UGA Extension was forced to look closely at how we'll continue to program in the future. Much of the 2010 calendar year was spent looking at a reorganization plan for county operations – the heart of Extension and 4-H program delivery. This reorganization left in place the infrastructure for an Extension office in every county and a minimum of the base 4-H program to be delivered in 158 of Georgia's 159 counties.

We are fortunate to have a strong public and private partnership that makes our program successful. And we are especially proud of the fact that our program has five 4-H centers that deliver educational programs to more than 100,000 Georgia citizens.

And, the Georgia 4-H Foundation continues to be strong and provide the private support needed to help us continue to look to the future. We are pleased that during the past year we were able to construct and dedicate two new cabins at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and garner private commitments to build more in the near future.

As you look through this issue of the Georgia Cloverleaf Annual Report, I hope you will take note of...the induction of Mr. Harold Darden as the tenth inductee from Georgia into the National 4-H Hall of Fame; the story of Chelsie Restrepo, a 4-H member who has made great strides in her local 4-H program and even began a junior exchange club in Alma, Ga., which will be replicated across the United States by the Exchange Clubs; and the list of nearly 200 project, special event, and scholarship winners and realize tens of thousands of other 4-H'ers worked just as hard and are also winners. Each student may not hold a blue ribbon, but they do hold the knowledge, the background and the 4-H experience they will carry with them throughout their lifetime.

Thank you for your continued support of Georgia 4-H. We look forward to an even brighter future in 2011 and beyond.



Arch D. Smith, State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H



4-H provides important fuel
for your mind.

–Catherine Bishop, Morgan County

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4-H, as a unit of Cooperative Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and part of the University of Georgia, is education and positive youth development. Our purpose—our mission—our mandate is to reach out to the youth of Georgia providing unbiased, research-based education. 4-H provides “hands on” learning experiences with practical application. We take the University to the people in a manner that communicates education in common terms with relevance in their daily lives. 4-H reaches six times the number of students reached in academic classes on campus. More than one hundred seventy thousand youth learn and grow in 4-H each year. The focus areas of 4-H are Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. The work we do in and with schools enhances the Georgia Performance Standards. We bring science and technology to life by engaging kids in experiential learning at 4-H Centers using the laboratories and ecosystems at the centers to truly immerse the young people in science education. Also, in the tough economic times, 4-H provides opportunities for families at low cost. 4-H requires no dues. 4-H'ers do not need uniforms. We extend opportunities with scholarships. All 4-H programs include positive youth development based on research and education that respond to the needs of our state. Research validates that youth in 4-H succeed, they stay in school, they become the contributing citizens and leaders in our state. Georgia 4-H is 107 years old in experience but as new as the research conducted yesterday and the needs listed by a teen panel last week.

2010 GEORGIA 4-H ENROLLMENT: 170,568

Over the course of the 2009-2010 program year, Georgia 4-H developed a better process for quantifying the number of 4-H youth reached by different sectors of our 4-H program delivery. During the year county agents kept track of those 4-H members who were exposed to educational program content in the areas of Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, Citizenship, and Agricultural Sciences. During past years, the number of 4-H'ers who participated in Project Achievement at the district level had been approximately 7,000. This year we began tracking 4-H'ers who participated in Project Achievement at local project achievement or school project achievement in the county. We are very pleased to learn that nearly 55,000 of Georgia's 4-H'ers benefit from the educational experience in Project Achievement.

GEORGIA 4-H ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Science, Engineering & Technology	55,460
Healthy Living	46,949
Project Achievement	54,924
Citizenship	20,025
Agricultural Sciences	43,730

GEORGIA 4-H FACTS

Georgia 4-H enrollment	170,568
Cyber Academy	122
Military Youth	7,604
Home School	1,241
Expanded Food & Nutrition	6,101
Adult Volunteers	21,394
Youth Volunteers	7,405
4-H Camp	9,020
4-H Environmental Education	36,128
Fort Valley	7,080
4-H Center Use	104,644

NUMBER OF 4-H CLUBS 5,077

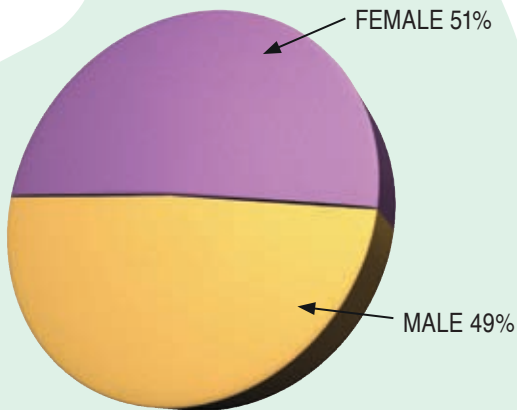
Club meetings:	
held during school instructional time	4,011 or 79%
held at School facility	4,765 or 94%
held after 5 p.m. or on weekends	312 or 6%

Dance and 4-H have become important parts of my life; they have prepared me to become a better person through leadership, responsibility, and hard work. They have also provided opportunities for me to step out of my comfort zone and do things that I might not otherwise have been able to do.

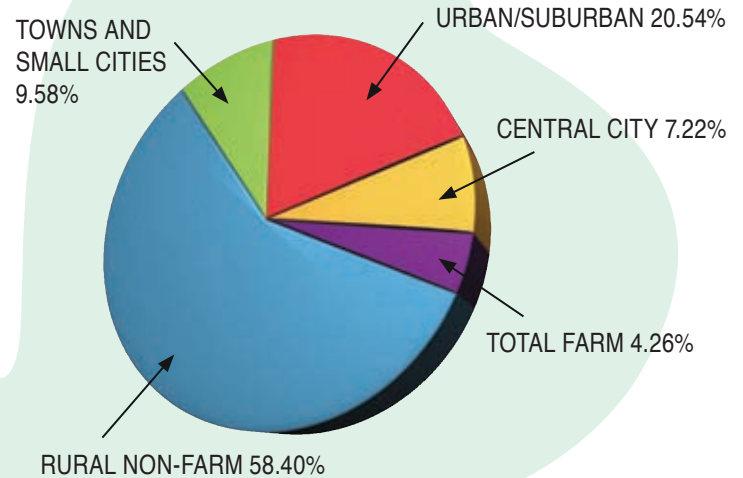
—Anna Torrance, Emanuel County



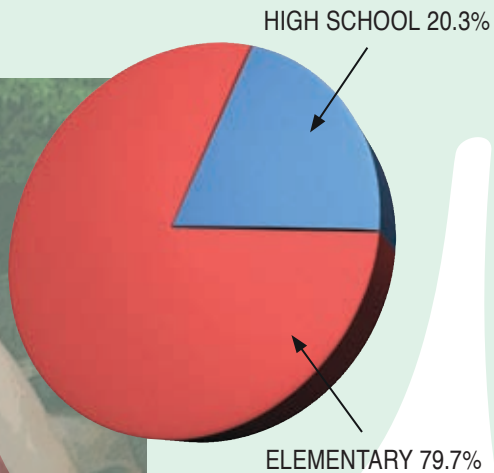
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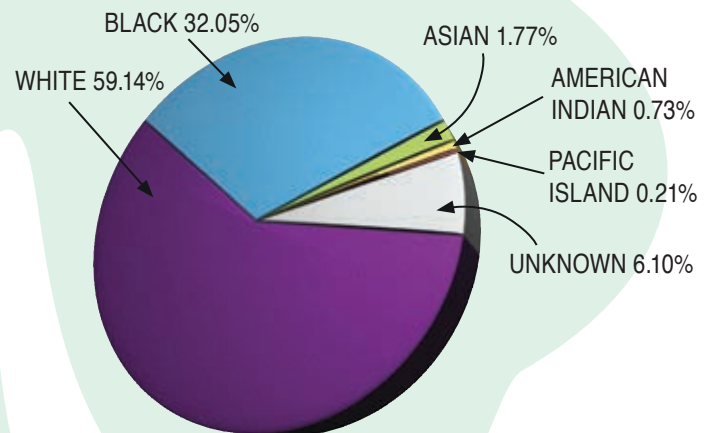
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4-H and FACS work hand in hand to has spread knowledge across Georgia

WASH YOUR PAWS, GEORGIA!

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension and Georgia 4-H teach youth the importance of handwashing and how to properly wash hands to reduce their risk of foodborne illnesses and infectious diseases.

Students often miss school because of gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses. Absences from school often result in lost time from work for parents and in substantial costs for

physician visits and antibiotic treatment. Absences from school can have an adverse effect on a child's grades and a school's ability to make adequate yearly progress. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), handwashing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs, and to prevent both infectious diseases and foodborne illnesses. The Georgia

Dept. of Community Health has stated that prevention of disease transmission through good handwashing policies for both students and staff should be constantly reinforced. School officials have turned to Cooperative Extension to fulfill this need in communities.

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension (FACS) created *Wash Your Paws, Georgia!* Educational materials were developed for use in classroom situations, as well as, for display in public areas as a reminder of the importance of proper handwashing

and how to properly wash hands using the six steps identified by the CDC. FACS Agents and Georgia 4-H Agents have implemented the curriculum in classrooms and club meetings and have included it in other projects such as the Statewide EFNEP Childhood Overweight Prevention Project. More than 10,000 posters have been distributed throughout the state as reminders to *Wash Your Paws, Georgia!*

More than 5,200 youth were reached in classrooms and club meetings in the initial pilot project during the 2009-2010 school year. Data from pre- and post-tests from a sample of 2,984 of these youth in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th grades indicated that almost 50% improved their knowledge of proper handwashing technique significantly as a result of the program. Data collected through the Childhood Overweight Prevention Project indicates that 31% of 9,852 youth who completed a post-retrospective pre-test indicated they wash their hands more often before eating since participating in the *Wash Your Paws, Georgia!* program.

For more information on the *Wash Your Paws, Georgia!* program, contact Dr. Judy Harrison at 706-542-3733 or judyh@uga.edu. 🍀



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improve the way we deliver our message. This strong partnership improving our standard of living. — Arch D. Smith, State 4-H Leader/Director of 4-H

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TARGETS CHILDHOOD OBESITY

The University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Cooperative Extension has always had a strong foods and nutrition mission and programming emphasis. This past year, FACS's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) partnered with Georgia 4-H to sponsor the Childhood Overweight Prevention Project (COPP). At the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year 104 UGA Cooperative Extension staff from 68 counties, in addition to the 25 counties where EFNEP programs are already in place, were chosen to pilot the first phase of COPP. The 4-H personnel were trained by FACS Extension specialists to work with young people in mastering the following components of the project, all of which are important for the primary prevention of

childhood obesity:

- eating balanced diets with a variety of foods (following the USDA MyPyramid)
- eating right-sized portions
- increasing fruit and vegetable intake
- increasing physical activity
- decreasing consumption of high sugar beverages

Marilyn Poole, EFNEP specialist who helps coordinate COPP, is enthusiastic about the potential for the project. "We are excited about Georgia 4-H having the Childhood Overweight Prevention Project lessons and resources to help reach Georgia's students for the coming school year. We feel that the lessons and impact that Georgia 4-H will have on the young people in Georgia will help them gain skills and knowledge to help them make healthy

choices for the rest of their lives."

During the 2009-2010 school year, 581 educational sessions were held in the participating counties, exposing more than 16,000 young people to the basic fundamentals of good nutrition and the benefits of physical activity. Dr. Gail Hanula, EFNEP Coordinator, estimates that this project enabled UGA Cooperative Extension to increase the number of youth reached with nutrition education by 300% compared to 2008-2009. Extension employees used the Georgia FACS/4-H Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles curriculum, the Power of Choice curriculum from USDA, and several nutrition curricula from other states to engage students in hands-on learning experiences. During the summer, those same counties, along with 12 additional counties, provided COPP enrichment experiences in a more relaxed summer workshop setting. For the 2010-





Data from the EFNEP 4-H Childhood Overweight Prevention Project for 2010. The 4-H staff conducted the evaluation. For a short-term intervention, the results were excellent. We had a demonstrated impact on changing behaviors that are important in reducing childhood overweight. Here are some highlights of the youth evaluation:

- 50%** increased their nutrition knowledge
- 44%** increased their fruit intake
- 29%** reported eating more vegetables
- 44%** increased their ability to select low-cost, nutritious foods
- 31%** improved their food preparation and safety practices
- 26%** increased their physical activity

2011 school year eight new counties will participate full-time in the project, bringing the total number of counties fully implementing COPP in Georgia to 76. Laura Griffith, County Extension Coordinator in Webster County, sees the impact COPP is having with her county's 4-H members. "I really feel this is beneficial for my 4-H'ers. I could notice some impact just when I asked the questions back in May. I can't wait to get into the data and see where I need to follow up this year. That will drive the lessons I teach."

Dr. Elizabeth Andress, interim FACS Extension state program leader, says, "The COPP nutrition and physical activity goals are aligned with First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign, as well as our other UGA FACS nutrition programs for adults, like Walk-A-Weigh and Walk Georgia."

Regarding the relevance COPP has across the generations, Andress states, "FACS agents have been promoting and educating about these messages in a variety of ways for interested clientele, as well as for special needs audiences like diabetics and cancer patients. The importance of issues surrounding healthy lifestyles, food selection and use are relevant throughout the lifespan."

While programs like UGA's EFNEP COPP are beginning to show a positive impact, the obesity epidemic will not go away until entire communities choose to come together, joining forces to become part of the solution. The CDC has recently released a report entitled, "Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States." The reports details 24 strategies communities and local governments can embrace to aid in fighting the epidemic. For a copy of the report, please contact ACCG/ UGA Extension Liaison Jeff Christie at JChristie@accg.org. 🍀

GEORGIA HEALTH ROCKS! PROGRAM



The Health Rocks! program is a healthy life program based on life skills and appropriate health knowledge, with special emphasis on tobacco use prevention. The program also includes components that bring youth, families, and communities together to develop strategies that prepare young people to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Georgia's Health Rocks! program is currently a tier one state, joining Tennessee and Kentucky. Tier one puts Georgia at operating at full capacity with a \$100,000 grant stipend. The 2010 program included over 30 counties and met its committed goal to reach 7,000 youth by the end of November 2010.

Many Health Rocks! events have been held this year at both county and state levels. In May, the State Health Rocks! Team trained nearly 50 youth and adults in the three levels of curriculum. Those county teams then went forth and conducted local programs to reach their committed numbers. Many day camps and lock-ins were slated throughout the summer. Health Rocks! classes also reached over 600 youth at State Council, over 200 youth at Senior Camp and over 1000 youth at Junior 4-H Camp.

The State Team partnered with Radio Disney on July 31, 2010 for a day of fun and learning at a back-to-School Bash at Greenbriar Mall in Atlanta. Health Rocks! activities conducted there were able to reach over 600 youth in an urban setting. Many parents were also exposed to both the Health Rocks! program as well as Georgia 4-H.

For the 4th year in a row Health Rocks!



sponsored three classes at Junior 4-H Conference, where over 600 middle school 4-H'ers were reached.

Counties continued to instruct the curriculum throughout the fall and finished this year's program at the end of November. The program not only met its target goal of 7,000, but exceeded it by 1,000 more young people reached. The Health Rocks!

program has proven itself to be a staple in Georgia 4-H's curriculum learning. Georgia is also fortunate to have been selected to receive a \$90,000 grant for the 2011 program year for Health Rocks programming. For more information on the Health Rocks program in Georgia 4-H, contact Cheryl Varnadoe, Extension 4-H Specialist. 🍀

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS BECOME GEORGIA'S FIRST VIRTUAL 4-H'ERS



Thanks to a new pilot program, Georgia students may soon be able to attend 4-H meetings without leaving home. The new virtual 4-H club is being test-driven by students at the Georgia Cyber Academy.

"The cyber 4-H meetings are the exact same program we take into the brick and mortar schools," said Melanie Biersmith, a Georgia 4-H specialist coordinating the online program.

GCA is Georgia's first virtual charter public school. Students learn at home with a learning coach (usually a parent

or grandparent) and must meet the same standards as every other public school system in the state.

Biersmith credits the school's Response to Intervention coordinator Leah Falls with the idea. "This project is the result of the will of one person and her positive experience with 4-H," she said.

A former public school teacher in Henry County, Falls said she knew of the benefits of 4-H. All of her children were 4-H'ers.

"When our administrators asked us to think of ways to create more

social contact for our GCA students, I immediately thought of 4-H," Falls said.

She then approached Georgia 4-H staff with the idea to develop virtual club meetings.

"From our first face-to-face meeting, I think the Georgia 4-H staff was more intrigued and excited than I was," Falls said. "We had a great conversation about virtual education and the possibilities of a partnership between GCA and Georgia 4-H." 🍀



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GEORGIA SPEAKER CREDITS 4-H FOR MOLDING HIS CAREER

Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston ran for his first elected office while he was a 4-H'er in Gilmer County.

"I had my first taste of political life in 4-H," he said. "My first campaign was for a district office and I lost. My second campaign was for a district office and I lost. The third time, I ran and I won."

Thankfully for Georgia 4-H, Ralston continued to pursue a career in politics. Georgia 4-H could never put a price tag on the value of having a friend like Ralston in the legislature. And, it all began when a fifth grade boy attended his first 4-H meeting.

"I attended my first 4-H meeting at Oakland Elementary School in Gilmer

County," Ralston said. "I didn't think first 4-H meeting was ever going to happen. I had heard about 4-H and I had seen the older kids having fun in 4-H. And finally it came and we all got our books and picked our projects and then we went to county and to district."

In addition to providing Ralston with his first experience running a political campaign, 4-H also gave him his first broadcast experience through Dr. Brock's 4-H Hour.

that here in the state of Georgia."

Calling Georgia 4-H "the finest youth organization in this state," Ralston pledged his continued support of the program.

"There was a little bit of anxiety during the (2010) legislative session," he said. "As long as I am honored to be the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, we are going to keep alive, promote and grow 4-H in Georgia. This old 4-H'er is not going to let it die." ♣

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"It was 7 a.m. on Saturday mornings which isn't exactly prime time," he remembers. "But whatever skills I have with the broadcast media, I am going to give all the credit to Dr. Brock in her memory."

Ralston says 4-H also instilled in him a sense of community spirit.

"Whether it was in rural or suburban or urban Georgia, 4-H is deeply involved in the community and the fabric of our lives," he said. "In this era where there is a lack of servility and a lack of engagement with the community, I think that regaining that spirit and ideal is extremely important. 4-H truly is about my club, my community and my country."

Ralston credits Georgia 4-H for producing thousands of leaders across Georgia. "This is sort of the leadership school," he said. "We can't afford to turn our back on that and we will not turn our back on

Being a state officer has in many ways defined my 4-H career. It allowed me to experience so many opportunities that an average 4-H member would not be able to do. Being a state officer allowed me to be the face of Georgia 4-H, in turn making me realize the tremendous support 4-H receives from UGA faculty, volunteers, and private supporters.

—Will Walker, Turner County

GEORGIA 4-H HONORS COOK WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



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M.K. "Curly" Cook, who served 31 years at the University of Georgia, was awarded the prestigious Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award for 2010 at the Georgia 4-H Gala in Atlanta.

"Curly is truly one of the most special people that the college, the university, our department and our clientele have had the opportunity to have. And he's made so much of an impact to so many people in a very, very positive way," said Robert Stewart, a retired UGA Cooperative Extension animal scientist who nominated Cook for the award.

As a 4-H'er, Cook participated in the junior livestock program. He earned a degree in animal science from Panhandle State University in Oklahoma. He moved to Georgia in 1959 to manage a cattle farm in Barnesville. He continued his education at UGA, where he earned a master's degree and then a doctorate.

He joined UGA Extension as an assistant county agent in Mitchell County in southwest Georgia. After only a few years, he was tapped to be an area livestock specialist. He was then promoted to state livestock specialist and relocated to Athens, where he was considered the most versatile livestock specialist in the state.

He supervised the newly formed Georgia Beef Cattle Improvement Association. Under his leadership the program grew to be one of the largest and most effective in the country. He was also a pioneer in the National Beef Improvement Federation.

In 1981, he was named head of the Extension animal science

department. In this position, he developed several signature programs and made UGA a leader in Extension animal science education.

Due to Curly's innovation and hard work, we've been able to build what is recognized as the best junior livestock program in the eastern United States. —Robert Stewart

Cook's crowning achievement was helping to organize and rally for the creation of the Georgia National Agricenter and Fairground in Perry, Ga. He wanted a place where Georgia 4-H and FFA could honor, support and host junior livestock shows. In 1991, it was built. Every year, more than 1,000 youths are able to exhibit livestock there.

"Due to Curly's innovation and hard work, we've been able to build what is recognized as the best junior livestock program in the eastern United States," Stewart said.

In 1989, Cook became the associate director for agricultural programs at the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He also served as director, vice president and then president of the Georgia County Agricultural Agents Association.

After retirement in 1992, Cook continued to serve and support the agricultural community as president of the Georgia Cattleman's Association and the UGA Ag Alumni Association. In 2005, Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Cook to the Georgia Agrirama Development Authority.

Cook is a member of the Panhandle State Alumni Hall of Fame, the Georgia Cattleman's Hall of Fame, and the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame. He has received the National Ag Alumni Volunteer Award and Southern Ag Workers Award, Georgia Honorary Farmers Award, National BIF Award, AG Alumni Extension Award, and BIF Pioneer Award. 🍀



NUCKOLLS RECEIVES 2010 GEORGIA 4-H GREEN JACKET AWARD



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Whitfield County 4-H'er from Tunnel Hill, Georgia. He was active in 4-H and served as a Rock Eagle 4-H Camp counselor in the 1970s. Mr. Nuckolls has continued his support of Georgia 4-H since moving to Washington D.C. His exemplary record includes his service of nearly twenty five years on the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, which he has made a priority in spite of residing in the Washington D.C. area. During his stint as Foundation Chair, Nuckolls led Georgia 4-H to new levels of accountability and fund development.

Nuckolls has served on all four Georgia 4-H Gala committees and has been a champion in Washington for not only 4-H but all of Cooperative Extension, the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the University of Georgia. He has received UGA's College of Agriculture Distinguished Alumni Award and the state and national award from the Cooperative Extension Agents professional society for his support of cooperative extension agents and programs.

Nuckolls is a personal donor to the Georgia 4-H Foundation, and he recently crafted and presented proposals in Washington D.C. resulting in the receipt of significant federal dollars to enhance the 4-H Centers on Jekyll Island and Tybee Island. His interest in Georgia 4-H has continued through his support of the Georgia 4-H Washington intern program through helping place the interns in jobs on

The Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award was created in 2008 to recognize individuals who have made extraordinary contributions on behalf of the Georgia 4-H program. A green 4-H blazer is presented each year during State 4-H Congress, along with an etched glass award. In addition, the state winner in the Georgia 4-H Citizenship Project receives a scholarship named in honor of the Green Jacket Award winner. Past recipients of the Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award include Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue and Commissioner Mike Beatty of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Georgia 4-H recently honored the 2010 Green Jacket Award recipient, Randy Nuckolls, at the 68th Annual Georgia 4-H State Congress.

Nuckolls, a partner in the Washington D.C. Office of the McKenna, Long & Aldridge law firm, represents many clients on public policy matters and has served for many years as the Washington Counsel for the University of Georgia. He is a former

Capitol Hill and by raising funds to support the 4-H intern program.

Nuckolls is married to former Whitfield County 4-H'er Suzanne Griffin, also of Tunnel Hill. Randy and Suzanne have two children, Emily a UGA graduate now working as alumni director of UGA's Warnell School of Forestry, and Caroline a senior at New York University in New York City. ❀



CASEY AWARD ALLOWS MONEY PROGRAM TO BE SHARED NATIONWIDE

In today's current trying economic times, it is common to hear of numerous families, across all social lines, experiencing foreclosures and bankruptcies. To help in her counties, 4-H agent Kris Peavy developed a program to help reduce the bankruptcy rate. Thanks to the Annie E. Casey Award, Peavy can now share her financial literacy program with 4-H agents and students across the nation.

The award is part of the National 4-H Council's national programs of distinction. About seven projects are selected each year for the \$15,000 in grant funds.

Unfortunately, young adults in Georgia hold one of the highest bankruptcy rates in the nation. Within the state, 39 counties in southwest Georgia are classified as persistently poor. To help curb future statistics, Peavy, the Extension coordinator in Randolph County, developed the Multi-county Outreach Network Education Youth, or Project MONEY, program.

Project MONEY consists of two components; a youth financial conference and a community education program. The two-day Growing Your Pot of Gold Conference educated 100 sixth through eighth graders from 21 southwest Georgia counties. The students learned how to save money, be a wise consumer, manage money and open a bank account.

Armed with their newfound knowledge, the students were encouraged to apply their training in their communities. Randolph County students formed the Financial Literacy Youth Task Force, a group that met monthly to learn from the local Regions Bank branch manager.

One of the hallmarks of this program is that it is taught to youth who go home and teach their parents what they learn.

— Laura Perry Johnson, Southwest District
4-H Program Development Coordinator

Laura Perry Johnson, Southwest District 4-H Program Development Coordinator, said the Casey Award and Grant will fund the student financial conference developed by Peavy.

"One of the hallmarks of this program is that it is taught to youth who go home and teach their parents what they learn," she said. "The only way to break the cycle of poverty is to take the students out of their environment and teach them life skills that they can use to excel in today's world." 🍀

DARDEN IS NATIONAL 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Visionary, determined, generous, and a dedicated leader. Most people would consider themselves fortunate to have the opportunity to meet someone with all of these qualities.

Georgia 4-H has that person in Harold Darden. Darden's qualities aren't just appreciated in the peach state. The Associate State 4-H Leader Emeritus was recently honored by being the tenth inductee from Georgia into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Darden grew up in Troup County, Ga. He enrolled in college in 1939 but his education was put on hold by news of the Pearl Harbor attack. After a successful stint in the U.S. Army, during which he earned two Bronze Stars, Darden returned to college.

In 1947, he completed his degree at Auburn University and accepted a job as Assistant County Agent in DeKalb County. The county's 4-H membership grew from 600 to more than 3,000 before Darden left to become County Agent in Carroll County.



In 1965, he joined the state 4-H staff where he worked alongside Martha Harrison to develop the 4-H camping program at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. He became an honorary master and counselor and was also the first chief of the Rock Eagle nation.

He was instrumental in developing a communications camp which later became District 4-H Leadership Camp. Darden also helped organize the citizenship ceremony at State Council, the Community Pride program, and the Southern 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum.

Working with Para Lee Brock, Darden developed "The 4-H Hour" on WAGA. The weekly program aired for twenty-seven years.

Upon earning his master's degree from UGA, Darden was awarded the title of Associate Professor, as well as Associate State



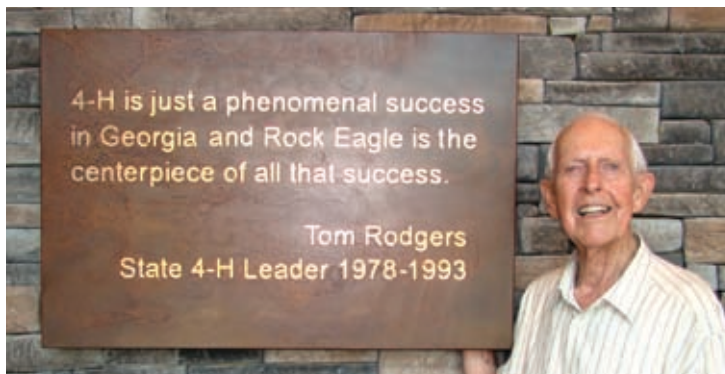
Harold Darden

4-H Leader. He served in this position until his retirement in 1975.

He is also one of the "Founders" recognized in Founders Lodge at Rock Eagle and was named Associate Professor Emeritus and Associate State 4-H Leader Emeritus after his retirement in 1975.

In addition to his professional career with Georgia 4-H, Darden has dedicated countless hours as a volunteer. He recently made a gift to establish a counselor scholarship to benefit an outstanding camp counselor at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The scholarship is a fitting tribute to the legacy he leaves at Rock Eagle.

Georgia 4-H congratulates our friend Harold Darden on his induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame, a well-deserved honor. 🍀



4-H EXPERIENCE GUIDES NETTLES' CAREER, HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

As a member of the Grammy-winning country music group, Sugarland, Jennifer Nettles sings a Bon Jovi remake called "Who says you can't go home?" Georgia is still home to Nettles and the Georgia Legislature honored her accomplishments by formally recognizing her during the 2010 session.

The former Coffee County 4-H'er accepted the honor with grace from her former orthodontist turned senator, Senator Greg Goggans of Douglas. During her acceptance speech before the legislature, she credited Georgia 4-H for preparing her for success in her adult life.

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world," Nettles said before the legislature. "Those were big words for a child and they are big words for an adult. Those words changed my life and shaped my life."

Nettles began her 4-H experience at Satilla Elementary School in Douglas, Ga. – Coffee County. She went on to become an officer, Rock Eagle camp counselor and member of Georgia 4-H's Clovers and Company performing arts group.

The country singer/songwriter credits her Clovers' experience for preparing her for her future performances including performing in front of 800,000 people at President Obama's inauguration on the



*"Those were big words for a child
and they are big words for an adult.
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and shaped my life." –Jennifer Nettles*

steps of the Lincoln Memorial. "That was a piece of cake because I had all of this experience to pull from and draw from," she said. "And nothing is scarier than being a teenager walking out in front of other teenagers."

Clovers and Company not only introduced Nettles to performing in front of

audiences. It introduced her to the airline industry.

"In the seventh grade, I went to Chicago, Illinois and it was my first time on an airplane. We performed for National 4-H Congress and I learned how to be calm and confident and how to do wardrobe changes," she said.



Her second airplane trip was a Clovers' trip to Washington, D.C. There she met the 4-H delegates from Puerto Rico and "fell in love with them, went to Puerto Rico that summer and fell in love with their language, too."

This experience led Nettles to major in anthropology and Spanish at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. "Now I have a humanitarian organization in Guatemala that takes doctors there to give surgeries to children that otherwise would not be able to afford or live without these surgeries," Nettles said. "And now I can make a direct line between 4-H and this organization. And now there are kids in Guatemala that don't have cleft palates or have kidneys that actually function because of the experience I had in 4-H." 🍀



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"I am Georgia 4-H." These four words were extremely powerful as we faced one of the most difficult times for Georgia 4-H in March. You responded. You spoke out and shared your experiences in 4-H and the significance it has had to your personal development. You made gifts that supported 4-H. You spread a message about 4-H and how it is benefitting over 170,000 young people today just as it did for you.

Although this last year was one of the most difficult for 4-H, I have heard more than ever how valuable 4-H programs and facilities have been to so many. You and many other donors have stepped forward and made a gift to support one of the many programs, facilities, and events.

Just one example of our tremendous support was apparent in August as we held the 4-H Gala in Atlanta. Over 300 supporters joined us as we honored Dr. Curly Cook and Honorary Chair David Ralston. This event was a culmination of over a year of work of several dedicated 4-H alumni and friends and was one of our most successful to date. Our next gala will be in 2013. However, mark your calendars now for the Twilight on the Lake event in 2011. The informal alumni event will be held August 13, 2011 at Rock Eagle at the Georgia EMC Building and Senior Pavilion. At the event you will have the opportunity to see 4-H friends and enjoy our entertainment provided by The Grapevine. Additional information will be provided in early spring.

We continue to benefit from an engaged 4-H Foundation Board and 4-H Advisory Committee who are focused on securing funding and sharing ideas that will launch us into the next century. We have made progress with our funding needs. However, as state budgets continue to be strained, private support is becoming more and more important moving forward to sustain the program and facilities. Looking forward, we have a number of exciting projects underway to support the Rock Eagle Cabin Campaign, a project achievement endowment campaign, a new initiative to support the State Board of Directors, and various other funding to support our 4-H Centers across the state.

Thank you for all you do to advance the 4-H program in Georgia through your donation of time and funding. We hope you will visit our website at www.georgia4hfoundation.org to stay up to date on activities and priorities of the Foundation and to make a gift to support one of the many programs, events, and facilities of the program. Support from our engaged alumni and friends such as you is having a positive impact in the state and across the nation as we grow youth who will be the leaders in the future. I am Georgia 4-H and we are so thankful that YOU are.

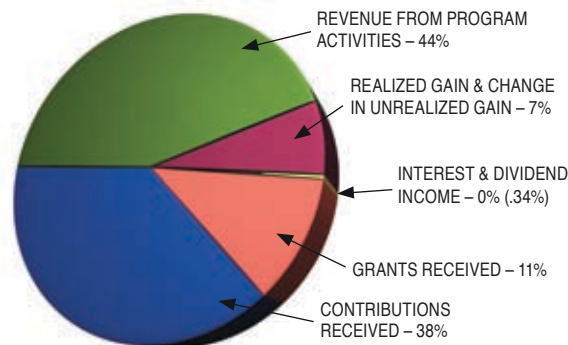


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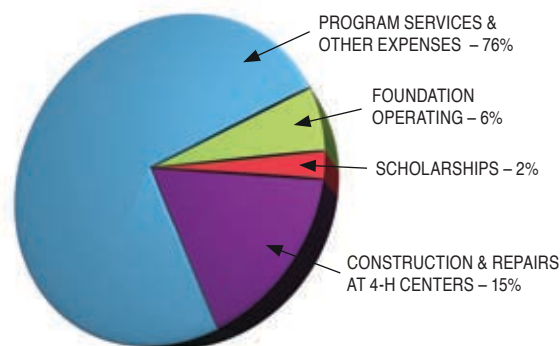
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Grants Received	\$485,232
Contributions Received	\$1,741,769
Revenue from Program Activities	\$1,981,621
Realized Gain and Change in Unrealized Gain on Marketable Securities	\$300,642
Interest and Dividend Income	\$15,535
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,391,739

EXPENSES – \$4,014,526



Construction & Repairs at 4-H Centers	\$619,693
Program Services & Other Expenses	\$3,058,761
Scholarships	\$ 97,597
Foundation Operating	\$ 238,475
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,014,526

BEGINNING NET ASSETS	7/1/2009	\$3,358,484
ENDING NET ASSETS	6/30/2010	\$3,868,757
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		\$510,273

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After high school I attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis and then became a Submarine Officer in the U.S. Navy. I trace all of my success in life back to the great skills and good values that 4-H imbued in me.

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Gwinnett County 4-H Alumnus

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BACON COUNTY 4-H'ER GIVES, GIVES, GIVES TO HER COMMUNITY

While many teenagers play video games and hang out with their friends, 17-year-old Chelsie Restrepo spends her free time doing community service projects and helping the less fortunate.

The Bacon County 4-H'er began her service to the community when she was only 13 and she and her mother organized a benefit sing which raised more than \$1,000 for a local family who was experiencing financial difficulties. Recently she raised enough money to purchase a swing-set and refurbish the local DFACS playground which is used for supervised visits between children and parents.

A beauty pageant organized by Chelsie raised more than \$3,000 which was used to purchase Christmas gifts for DFACS children and fund a Teen Maze at Bacon County High School. The life size interactive event taught students how to make wise choices when dealing with sex, drugs and alcohol.

For two summers, she organized a summer camp for DFACS children. And she collected more than 400 shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for the DFACS children's Christmas party.

Combined, these activities led to Chelsie mastering in Leadership in Action at the 2010 Georgia State 4-H Congress.

With encouragement from Bacon County 4-H Program Assistant Faye Miller, Chelsie began her community service work several years ago.

"Chelsie wanted to do something that would make the lives of children better, so she selected human development as her 4-H project area," said Ann Wildes, the Bacon County 4-H program coordinator.

Wildes credits part of Chelsie's success



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to her close knit and supportive family; especially her mother, Kim Manning. "Her mother is very, very community-minded and she is someone who supports and encourages Chelsie 100 percent," she said.

Chelsie also earned first place honors in human development at District Project Achievement where her topic was child abuse, a topic Chelsie can personally relate to. As a child, she was a victim of emotional abuse.

To learn public speaking skills, Wildes encouraged Chelsie to share her personal experience at the local chamber of commerce, Exchange Club and Lions Club meetings. "The Exchange Club raises funds for child abuse so they helped Chelsie fund the playground project," she said. "They also asked her to start a junior Exchange Club at her high school."

Chelsie followed through on their



request and started what is now the first high school Exchange Club chapter in the nation. She has since spoken at the district Exchange Club meeting on Jekyll Island and flew to California to speak at the club's national meeting.

"Chelsie is a resilient young lady," said Wildes who notes that Chelsie also plays softball for her high school team and was recently awarded a softball scholarship to Coastal College of Georgia in Brunswick. "She doesn't let anything knock her off her feet. She works hard and always does anything we have asked her to do. Chelsie is a prime example of the fact that if you work hard, the opportunities are just endless in 4-H." 🍀