

Georgia Cloverleaf

4-H ANNUAL REPORT

Learn by Doing



Belonging, Independence, Mastery and Generosity



This past July 4th I received a text message from a county Extension agent attending summer 4-H camp at Rock Eagle. The message simply read, “Many kids have been blessed during this week of camp, not to mention me (the 4-H agent). We’re lucky to share Rock Eagle with so many and sometimes we just need to be reminded of that.” I held onto the message as a reminder of the importance of summer camp and how 4-H helps children gain the **four essential elements of 4-H: belonging, independence, mastery and generosity**. 4-H camp helps young people develop a sense of belonging and independence. We asked the question, “What is the most important thing you learned by participating in 4-H camp?” Fifth and sixth grade 4-H members responded with these answers:

- How to canoe
- Always bring extra clothes, socks and shoes
- That you need to sleep at camp
- Chasing squirrels doesn’t end well
- To take care of our habitat and world
- That being healthy is important and how to live a healthy lifestyle
- Make friends with people who aren’t like you
- How to do things on my own
- How to be a good sport
- To be the best leader, you have to be a good listener
- That staying involved with 4-H can help you and give you benefits later on

As you review this issue of the *Georgia Cloverleaf*, please read the story of C. O. “Fat” Baker’s legacy to help children attend summer camp.

As a 4-H member, I raised and showed hogs and a few beef heifers. Today when I watch young people participate in showing their goats, lambs, dairy heifers, beef heifers and steers, I recall the great lessons of



responsibility that I learned through livestock projects and the special bonds formed by families participating in livestock and horse projects as they acquire the valuable life lessons of responsibility. Again, livestock and horse projects teach mastery and help children learn generosity by helping others while continuing to grow their sense of independence.

Inside this issue you will also see the importance of the 4-H donor—those that continue to give back to 4-H in so many ways. Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have excellent support from both the public and private sectors. Throughout the *Cloverleaf* you will see evidence of the support of both private and public sectors and the recognition of those individuals who have given so much of their personal resources and time to support Georgia 4-H. We are indeed fortunate to have people like Chancellor Hank Huckaby, former chair of the State Board of Education Wanda Barrs, and private donors such as Mr. “Fat” Baker, the Williamson family, Fortson Youth Training Center, Inc., the Burton family and many more who have given so much to help make 4-H a success.

The Extension 4-H staff located in our county offices and the volunteers across the state are the true success stories of Georgia 4-H. I was invited to be a part of the Gordon County 4-H Awards Banquet and as I visited with Lee Crump, a Gordon County 4-H volunteer livestock judging coach, I learned he has been in 4-H for 36 years. Of course, he was counting from the time he joined 4-H in the fifth grade and including the years he worked with his children and the years he continues to work with youth in Gordon County. Many 4-H’ers have been with us for more than 36 years and continue to support us in so many ways.

We have great alumni and great public and private support working together to teach the four essential elements—belonging, independence, mastery, and generosity. Most importantly, our mission is to help young people develop those life skills that will help them continue to be caring and productive citizens. It all simply reflects the statement Bill Sutton made many years ago. “I believe that any human being, child that is born and grows up, should have the opportunity to be a great somebody and I believe that the training of 4-H club work helps move them in that direction so that they can become a great somebody.”

As you look through the *Georgia Cloverleaf* and reflect on the 2011-2012 4-H year, we hope you see the success of our young people, understand the support that is received from adults, both paid and volunteer, and continue to help Georgia 4-H live up to our motto, **To Make the Best Better.**

Arch D. Smith

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



TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

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Georgia's 4-H summer camping program, administered through the county offices of UGA Cooperative Extension, offers a 4-H summer camping experience unparalleled in the nation. Over 8,000 children ages 9-19, accompanied by over 1,000 adult and teen leaders, annually descend on five unique 4-H centers for a week of camp that will be reflected upon for years to come. Every camp offers great adventure, friendship and fun, and all seek to develop the camper's Head, Heart, Hands and Health to make him or her a better person.

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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 members are the youngest students of the University of Georgia. More than one hundred eighty 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 Common Core of 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 109 years old in experience but as new as the current research and the needs identified by youth today.

LONGTIME 4-H LEADER NAMED TO THE NATIONAL 4-H HALL OF FAME

DIANE L. DAVIES HELPED develop the Environmental Education program for the University of Georgia Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton with an annual budget of only \$300.00. She also raised funds along with last year's Hall of Fame Inductee Tom Rodgers for the building of Rock Eagle's Museum of Natural History. For these and other accomplishments, she has been named to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Davies, who served as the State 4-H Specialist for Environmental Education in Georgia, was inducted October 12 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md. She credits 4-H for many of her successes.

Davies began her career with UGA Cooperative Extension in 1979 when she was hired specifically to develop an Environmental Education program for Georgia 4-H's Rock Eagle Center. She created the classes, secured the resources, and served as the only instructor, administrator, and promoter for the program for nine years. In the first year, the program served 2,000 students. Today, it has expanded to all five Georgia 4-H centers and serves about 900,000 students in Georgia and across the southeastern United States. It has also produced \$50 million in revenue, according to Arch Smith, State 4-H Leader, who nominated Davies for the award.

In 1990, Davies accomplished another significant 4-H milestone when Rock Eagle opened the Museum of Natural History after she and Rodgers successfully secured a gift of \$200,000 from the Cecil B. Day Foundation for the construction of the facility.

In addition to evolving Rock Eagle's Environmental Education program and the Museum of Natural History, Davies has also worked with the 4-H Foundation and other 4-H faculty to raise funds for the enhancement of other center amenities including the Wildlife Ecology and Woodruff Aquatic Buildings and the Project Adventure Ropes Courses. She even served as project coordinator for Global Food Web, a program funded by a Kellogg Foundation grant to educate youth about world hunger and food supply issues. Through her affiliation



with Global Food Web, Davies was named a W. K. Kellogg Foundation Fellow and carried out additional environmental work in Africa, Australia, Alaska, and the Galapagos Islands.

Davies received several honors throughout her lucrative career including the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Extension, the Outstanding Service Award from the North American Association for Environmental Education, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from UGA's Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies.

"Wow! I think was my first word that I spoke when I received the news telling me that I was going to be inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. It is such a wonderful honor and to be nominated by Arch Smith and the 4-H state staff, makes the honor even that much more special." —Diane Davies

After retiring from Extension and 4-H, she started a pottery business and held small art shows with friends at her home. Her shows quickly out grew their humble beginnings, and in 2009 they were moved to the 4-H center she influenced the most—Rock Eagle. Now "Art at the Rock" includes over 50 artists in a juried art show.

Davies remains an active supporter of the Georgia 4-H Program. She serves on the Advisory Committee and as an Environmental Education guest lecturer at numerous conferences and programs across the nation. Davies is the fifth Georgian to receive this lifetime achievement.

GEORGIA 4-H MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

VIRTUAL 4-H CLUB PARTICIPANTS	211
MILITARY DEPENDENT PARTICIPANTS	8,662
HOME SCHOOLED PARTICIPANTS	1,512
EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	7,909
RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPANTS	8,712
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS	44,364
4-H CENTER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.....	108,012

4-H CLUB MEETINGS	4,947
• HELD DURING SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS	78%
• HELD AT SCHOOL FACILITY	90%
• HELD AFTER 5 P.M. OR ON WEEKENDS	10%

4-H MEMBERS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION from County Extension 4-H Staff during in school club meetings or other 4-H Educational Programs in the following areas:

SET (SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY)	97,366
HEALTHY LIVING.....	58,614
PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT	92,717
CITIZENSHIP	48,793
SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE	57,967
LANGUAGE ARTS	71,235
FINANCIAL LITERACY	9,596

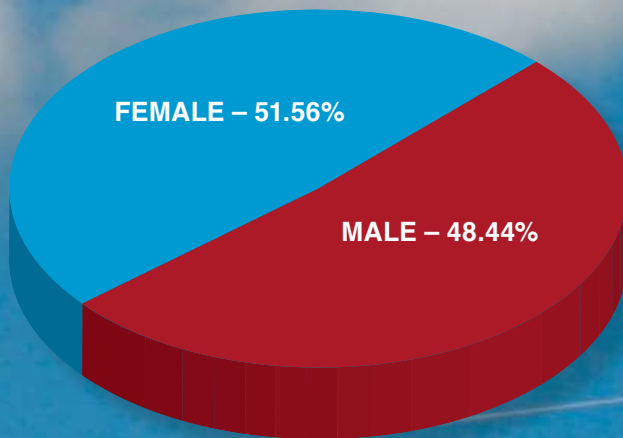
4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS outside of school club meetings. 4-H members participating in these programs and projects were as follows:

SET (SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY)	27,841
HEALTHY LIVING.....	31,015
PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT	35,138
CITIZENSHIP	35,116
SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE	33,652

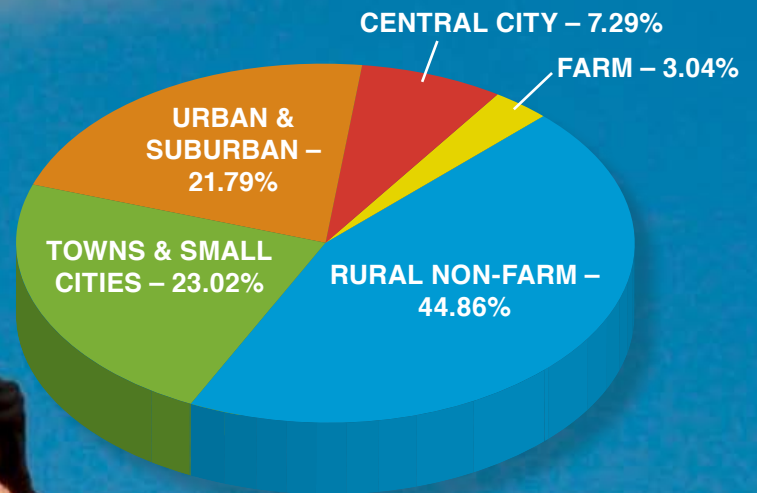
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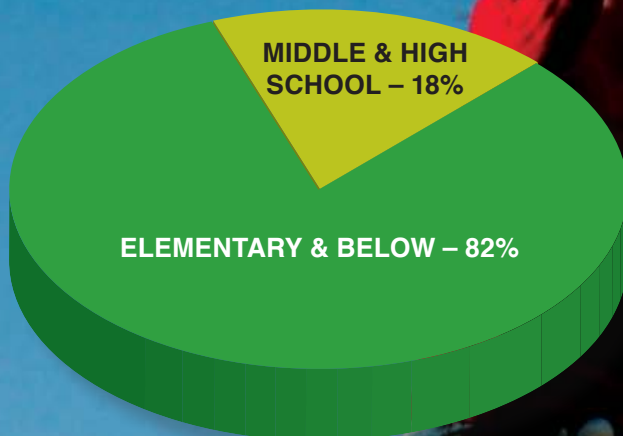
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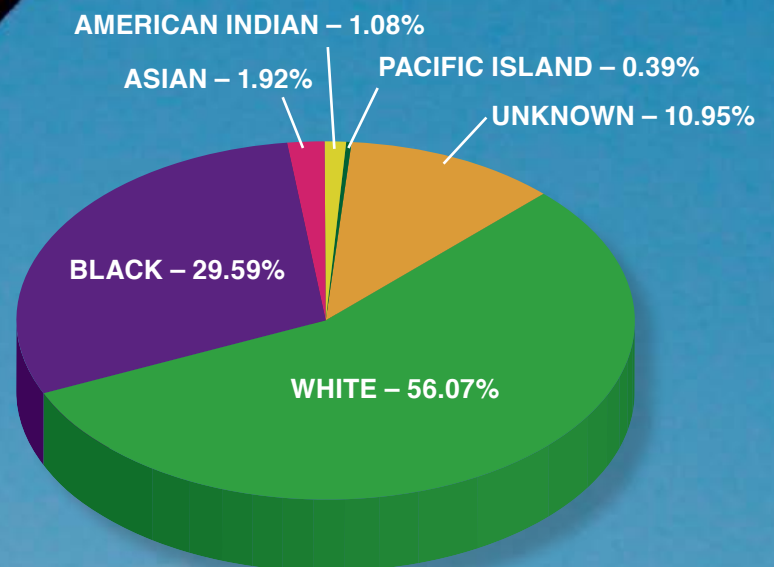
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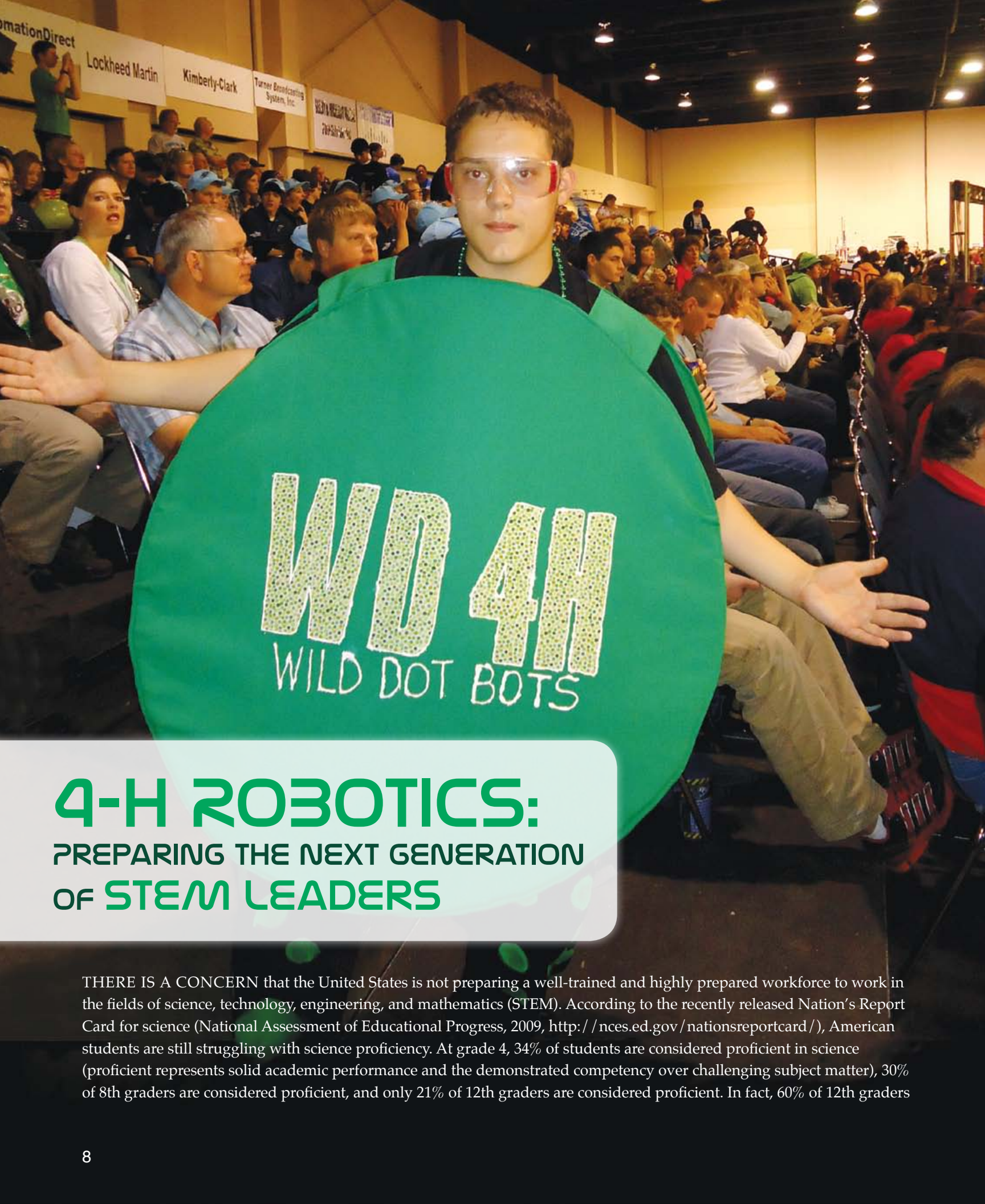


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4-H ROBOTICS:

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF STEM LEADERS

THERE IS A CONCERN that the United States is not preparing a well-trained and highly prepared workforce to work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). According to the recently released Nation's Report Card for science (National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2009, <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>), American students are still struggling with science proficiency. At grade 4, 34% of students are considered proficient in science (proficient represents solid academic performance and the demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter), 30% of 8th graders are considered proficient, and only 21% of 12th graders are considered proficient. In fact, 60% of 12th graders

performed at a basic level (denoting only partial mastery of fundamental knowledge and skills). The 2009 NAEP data also shows us that 4th grade students in Georgia are performing at a lower level than the national average and our 8th graders are performing only on par with the national average. In response, Georgia 4-H has set about to engage students across the state in robotics programming to develop their global competitiveness and prepare the next generation of scientists, engineers, and technology leaders.

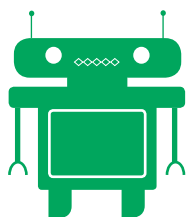
Robotics programs take many different shapes and forms across Georgia. Through the generous support of JC Penney grant funds distributed through National 4-H Council, 32 counties in Georgia developed various robotics opportunities for 4-H'ers during the 2011-12 school year. Some



counties are competing in statewide robotics competitions, others are focusing on building small robots in club formats, and still others are using



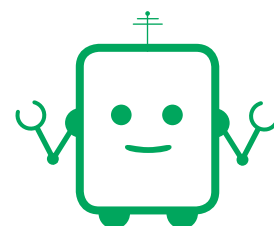
“junk drawer” materials to practice the engineering design process. The entire program is about much more than the robots. In addition to the valuable STEM content that is gained through the exploration of robotics, 4-H'ers also develop critical thinking skills, heightened process skills, enhance analytical and reasoning skills, improve communication skills, and learn to work as teams.



One mother says, “Robotics has made a very strong impact on Zach’s life. His first few meetings he would get very frustrated putting the Lego’s together and would give up and go sit alone. Now he is a totally different child. He has so much more patience. This is his second time helping with the robotics team with 4-H. He is able to concentrate and even help the other children work on the project. He also has a lot more self-esteem for competing.”



Hannah, team captain, commented of her two-county competitive robotics team, “We didn’t already know each other, so that was hard... We had to learn to get along and interact with other people. That’s a skill we will all use in real life.” She continues, “At first I thought engineering was a masculine field, but then I saw a lot of girls like me who are in charge of their teams”. Her long term plans are to attend college and major in structural civil engineering and minor in robotics.



Burton Family Continue Their Support of Georgia 4-H

Each summer at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, you can find 4-H campers, agents, volunteers, and staff wearing embroidered green backpacks and exploring both the center and the island. As the visitors board yellow school buses to return home, the backpacks serve as reminders to the 4-H guests of their unique experience at Burton 4-H Center.

For several years, Bob and Maxine Burton have made this special treat possible for Burton 4-H Center campers and, at least once during the summer, make the trip to Tybee Island to hand out the backpacks. Joining the Burtons might be daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Eddie Dillon, son Michael, and even one or more of the three grandchildren, Robbie, Ella, and Elizabeth.

The Burton family has been a strong supporter of Georgia 4-H for many years. This support was recognized by renaming the Tybee Island facility in their honor in 2004. Since that time, the Burton family



has continued to give time and resources to assist 4-H.

Maxine and Bob recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of their business. burton + BURTON™ was founded in March of 1982 by Maxine Burton under the name Flowers,

Inc. Balloons® as the balloon division of a retail and wholesale florist (Flowers, Inc.). Following that time, the company has become the nation's leading supplier of balloons and coordinating gift products. The name changed to burton + BURTON™ in January of 2006 to reflect the combining of the two divisions, Flowers, Inc. Balloons® and Burton & Burton®.

During the 30th year celebration, Bob and Maxine reflected on their support of 4-H and their philanthropy to the program. This generosity has not gone unnoticed by Georgia 4-H or the nation. The Burtons were awarded the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Ruby McSwain Outstanding Philanthropist award.

Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have the support of Bob and Maxine and the entire Burton family. The donation of the backpacks is but one example of the way the Burton family chooses to make its mark on Georgia 4-H and the young people of this state.



2012 RYLES RISING STAR AWARD

Presented to Jackson County 4-H Agent Keri Hobbs

The Ryles Rising Star Award, named after the former State 4-H Leader Dr. Roger C. (Bo) Ryles, is presented yearly to an outstanding 4-H employee who, during the first 5 years of employment has provided exemplary service to the Georgia 4-H program.

This year's recipient of the Ryles Rising Star Award was Jackson County 4-H agent Keri Gandy Hobbs. Hobbs joined the 4-H program in 2007 as a county agent for Sumter County in the Southwest District. Drawing on her extensive volunteer management training, Hobbs more than doubled the 4-H programming capacity in

Sumter County and lead volunteer efforts for the entire Southwest District. Specifically, she worked with the AmeriCorps VISTA Grant program to provide skilled workers to needed counties in the district.

In her four and one-half years of service to Georgia 4-H, Hobbs has been a member of the Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee and has been recognized by the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. This year she transferred from Sumter County to lead the 4-H program in Jackson County.



CHANCELLOR HANK M. HUCKABY RECEIVES THE GREEN JACKET AWARD



BASED ON SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT to the Georgia 4-H program, the Green Jacket Award, sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, is presented each year at the Georgia 4-H State Congress. The recipient of the 2012 Green Jacket Award was the Honorable Hank M. Huckaby, the 12th Chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

Chancellor Huckaby, who has been instrumental in the Rock Eagle Cabin reconstruction, earned an

associate degree in liberal arts from Young Harris College and a bachelor's degree in political science and MBA in international business from Georgia State University. He later continued his graduate studies at the University of Georgia.

In the fall of 2010, Chancellor Huckaby was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. That same year, Mr. Huckaby toured the facilities at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and orchestrated a plan to rebuild the center's outdated cabins. Mr. Huckaby used his platform as chancellor to put his plan into action and has continued to support Georgia 4-H. He has become a mainstay at 4-H programs to show his support for youth development.

Chancellor Huckaby and his wife, Amy, are residents of Oconee County and active members of the First United Methodist Church of Athens. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Former recipients of this award include David Ralston, Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives, Mike Beatty, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, and former Governor Sonny Perdue.

Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have supporters such as Chancellor Hukaby and all Green Jacket honorees as they continue to support the program.

IT'S JUST NOT ABOUT SHOWING COWS ANYMORE



The excellence of the Georgia 4-H Livestock program is greatly enhanced because of the tremendous support, work, research, and partnerships of the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Department (ADS) and Fort Valley State University. Faculty and staff from Georgia 4-H and UGA Animal and Dairy Staff work together to provide educational programming of Georgia through youth livestock projects and events.

The abundance of opportunities available to youth who are livestock enthusiasts are endless. Many projects are conducive to both traditional rural 4-H members with specific animal science experiences, and urban youth, who do not have the opportunity to raise animals. Through educational competitions such as Horse or Dairy Quiz Bowl, Dairy, Livestock, Horse or Poultry Judging, or Hippology Contests, 4-H'ers (Cloverleaf, Juniors



and Seniors) master content, develop critical thinking skills, heighten processing skills, and enhance analytical and reasoning skills. Such skills can be referenced to Mission Mandates of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

The American tradition of

exhibiting livestock is also popular with Georgia 4-H'ers. During the 2011–2012 State Livestock Shows (Market Goat, Lamb, Steers, Barrow and Gilts, Breeding Ewes, Commercial Dairy Heifers, and Beef Heifers), over 2,500 youth exhibitors traveled to Perry to showcase their year-long projects.

These young people learn the life skills of responsibility, management, decision making, and goal setting. Dr. Dan Daniel, Retired Extension Coordinator–University of Georgia likes to remind everyone, “Remember that the animal entering the showring, should always be recognized as the delivery mechanism for the youth into the endless possibilities offered through the youth livestock program.”

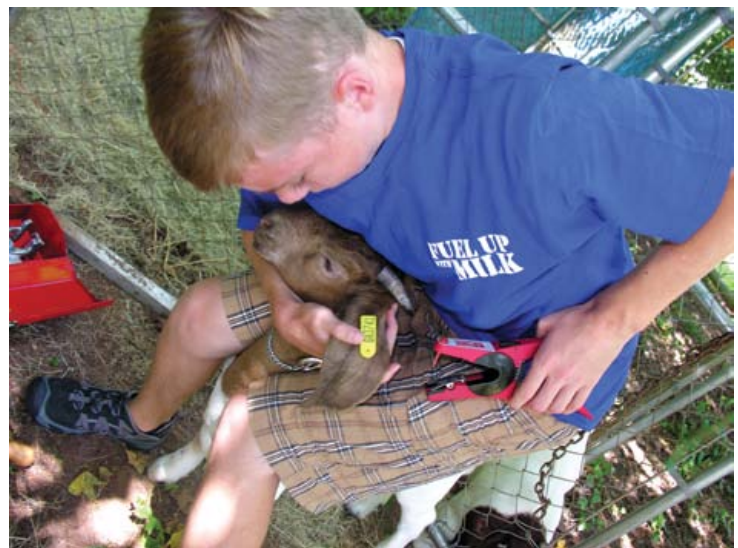
Youth livestock programs provide members with an awareness of animal products, economics of livestock production, methods of livestock production, and environmental issues involving animal agriculture. Along with the acquired knowledge of animal science topics, they also develop leadership abilities and enrich attitudes for lifelong use. Through involvement in livestock programs and events, we find that youth meet the essential elements of mastery, belonging, independence and generosity.

Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have the opportunity to work cooperatively with UGA ADS and Fort Valley State University to offer these opportunities to our members. Their countless hours



and dedication to this program are often unrecognized. Without their belief in the youth livestock program and their tireless attitude these programs would not exist.

For more information about Georgia 4-H youth livestock projects, visit www.georgia4h.org/livestock. Contact Heather Shultz at 706/542-4444, hkalino@uga.edu, or contact your local office, 1-800-ASK-UGA1.





Generous Support for New Cabin Construction Continues

New cabins are under construction at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and private donors continue to support the effort to replace the 1950s cabins with new 21st Century cabins.

When Bill Sutton, the founder of Rock Eagle 4-H Center, dreamed of building Rock Eagle, he sought the involvement of Electric Membership Cooperatives across the state and the EMCs provided funding for one of Rock Eagle's original cabins.

Three of the state's EMCs (Amicalola, Tri-County, and Central Georgia) provide electricity to Wahsega, Rock Eagle, and Fortson 4-H Centers, respectively, across our state. The EMCs provide support on the local level to 4-H clubs across Georgia.

The Georgia Electric Membership Corporation also has been a sponsor for the Physical, Biological,

and Earth Sciences and Dean's Award–Citizenship projects.

When Tom Rodgers, State 4-H leader 1978-1993, led the campaign to renovate cabins at Rock Eagle in the 1980s, he went back to the EMCs and they agreed to support remodeling their cabin.

During the Georgia 4-H Pledged for Life Campaign, the Georgia EMCs

and President Paul Wood expressed interest in adding another building at Rock Eagle. As a result, the Georgia EMC Building and Senior Pavilion was constructed and dedicated during 4-H Fall Forum in 2005.

When Georgia 4-H gathers each year in Atlanta to celebrate the 4-H Winners, Georgia EMC is there as sponsor of the annual banquet. Georgia





EMC also recognizes the state's best 4-H agents with the William H. Booth Award and sponsors the Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award that is presented to a public servant who has supported Georgia 4-H.

The Georgia EMCs agreed to fund the construction of a replacement of the Georgia EMC cabin at Rock Eagle. Georgia 4-H is appreciative of President and CEO Paul Wood of the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, Ms. Alice Mallory, Chair

of the Board for Georgia EMC, the many people at the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, and the member Electric Membership Cooperatives across the state who continue to partner with Georgia 4-H in our youth development efforts.

Georgia EMC and the 42 EMC Cooperatives are truly part of the Georgia 4-H "family."

Georgia 4-H also appreciates the Georgia Counselor Alumni Association for its efforts to raise

funds to support the replacement of cabins at Rock Eagle. In August 2011, prior to the biennial Twilight on the Lake alumni event, Cabin 29 was dedicated to recognize the support of former counselor alumni who worked at Georgia 4-H centers as college students. They helped deliver the 4-H summer camping program then and, today, they continue to support the 4-H program through their volunteer service and financial contributions.

Georgia 4-H wishes to thank the Georgia EMCs and the Georgia Counselor Alumni Association for their continued support of Georgia 4-H and particularly their efforts in helping construct two new cabins at Rock Eagle.

As of November 2011, Rock Eagle has nine new cabins in use and bids have been released for construction of seven additional cabins that should be completed in 2013.



The White House Gets A Makeover

I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW Georgia 4-H has its very own White House... well not the one where the president lives but a house at Fortson 4-H Center where guests love to stay. This past spring the White House at Fortson 4-H Center went through an extensive renovation that included new furniture, restrooms, tile, walls, well pretty much everything. The makeover of the White House was made possible by the Fortson Board of Directors. The White House can accommodate 34 individuals and is divided into two large bedrooms each with 16 sets of bunk beds and a leader room that will sleep two. The White House is equipped with new pine framed bunk beds and mattresses along with beautiful pine furniture in the living room. The revamp of the White House even included a new sun porch with furniture. The White House is situated in a great location at Fortson overlooking the swimming pool. The White House was actually



not named after the White family, unlike many people believe. Contrary to popular belief, the White House was not named for a family named "White". Very simply, the white house its name from the original white paint color. The renovation allows the White House to maintain its descriptive color white

while allowing 4-H'ers to appreciate the complementary 4-H green trim.

The first group to take advantage of the newly renovated White House was Mt. Carmel Elementary School, a school that has been coming to the 4-H Center environmental education program since its inception at Fortson.





Williamson Dining Room Named After Loyal Supporters

Dr. Jim and Renee Williamson are loyal supporters of the Georgia 4-H program, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the University of Georgia. They have given a number of gifts to the Georgia 4-H Foundation and to support the college and continue to be strong advocates of our programs.

Dr. Williamson was an active 4-H'er from 1943-1951 and mastered in 1947. Dr. Jim and Renee Williamson are both graduates of the University of Georgia, and were members of the UGA Redcoat Band. Dr. Williamson earned his degree from the College of Agriculture in 1951 while Renee graduated from the College of Education. Dr. Williamson spent his career in Missouri where he worked for Ralston Purina. The couple now lives on St. Simons Island, Georgia.

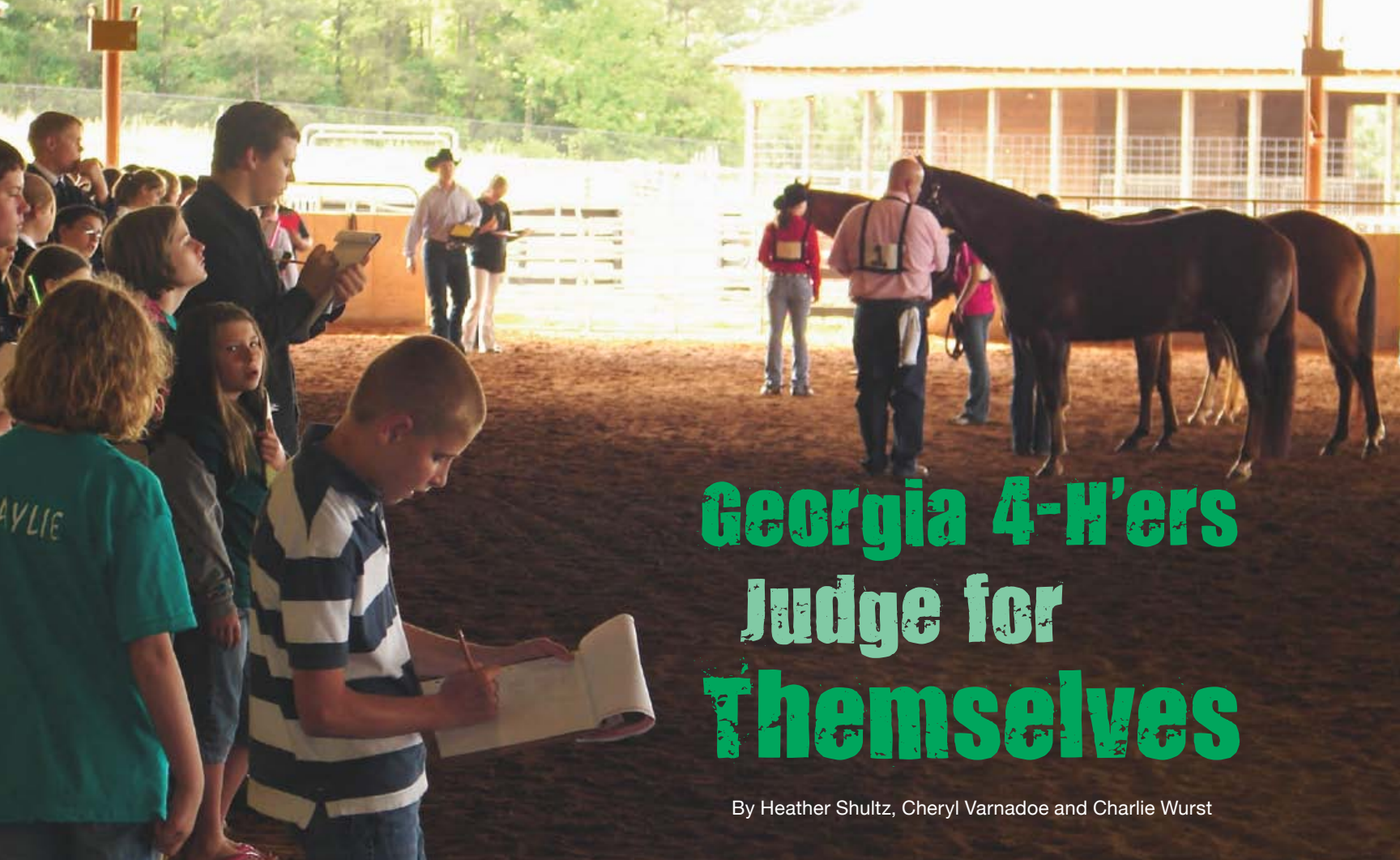
Since 1998, the Williamsons have generously supported many facilities and programs of Georgia 4-H. One of their largest donations was for the



construction of the Putt-Putt course at Rock Eagle 4-H Center which 4-H members and guests enjoy year after year. In December 2011, the Williamsons were presented the Medallion Award at the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences graduation, an honor bestowed annually to only one UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences supporter. Following this honor, the Williamsons once again pledged their support of Georgia 4-H through a gift that provided for a naming of the private

dining room in the Rock Eagle Dining Hall. The couple was honored on May 17. Their daughter and son-in-law were able to join us in the special celebration.

Dr. Jim and Renee Williamson's contributions to Georgia 4-H continue to impact the program in many ways and their legacy will be seen for years to come. The improved facilities, especially seen by those visiting the Rock Eagle 4-H Center, enable Georgia 4-H to continue to provide excellent learning environments for the quality programming for which Georgia 4-H is known.



Georgia 4-H'ers Judge for Themselves

By Heather Shultz, Cheryl Varnadoe and Charlie Wurst

GEORGIA 4-H OFFERS an abundance of opportunities to youth across the state. One traditionally popular event is judging and while the main goal is competitive the educational elements and life skills that are taught during preparation are the traits many

4-H'ers carry with them for life.

Georgia 4-H offers a judging and evaluation event for almost any interest. The old "Cows and Plows" saying does not apply to the Georgia 4-H of today. All of the judging and evaluation events—

Dairy, Forestry, Horse, Land, Livestock, Poultry, Wildlife, Hippology, Chicken Barbecue, Egg Preparation, Food Product Development, and Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging—and knowledge quiz bowls—Dairy and Horse—are conducive to both traditional rural 4-H members as well as urban youth who do not have the opportunity to raise livestock.

Across Georgia, over 2,500 youth participate in judging events each year. They learn, they grow, and,

in many cases, have the opportunity to represent Georgia 4-H on the national level. In fact, Georgia 4-H has had five national champion teams in various judging events in the past two years.

With Extension staff challenged to do more with less, Georgia 4-H created a Certified Coaches program modeled after the successful Certified Coaches program for our Project SAFE (Shooting Sports) program. The effort was primarily directed toward volunteers, with the goal to provide them with the competencies in program content and appropriate positive youth development framework to develop and conduct judging/evaluation training activities. Wildlife Judging, Forestry Field Day, and Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging were the first three program areas selected to pilot the training.

Impact is sometimes reflected in progress that cannot be captured just by numbers of participants; however,





the striking growth in participation in the Wildlife Judging program in the three years since the implementation of the Certified Coaches program certainly suggests that an investment in training volunteers and the opportunity and decision to include Extension professional staff in the training has paid off in increased opportunities for 4-H youth.

In 2009, the last year of the Wildlife Judging contest before the implementation of the Certified Coaches program, 50 Junior and Senior 4-H'ers competed representing

eight counties. For the 2012 State Wildlife Judging contest, 141 4-H'ers competed representing 20 counties, an increase of 182% in the number of participants and 150% in the number of counties participating.

In both Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging and Forestry Field Day, numerous new counties also fielded competitive teams in 2012. Two hundred thirty-eight coaches have been certified in Forestry and Cotton Boll over the past three years.

With the proven success of these

volunteer training programs, 4-H State Faculty members are preparing to offer Poultry Judging Training with assistance and support from the University of Georgia Poultry Science Department beginning in 2014.

Youth leave judging events more knowledgeable about the items they are judging or presenting, but more importantly, they are equipped with evaluative, comparison, and communication skills that will last a lifetime.



Distinguished Alumni Medal Awarded to Former Coffee County 4-H'er



The 2012 4-H Distinguished Alumni Medallion was presented to 4-H alumna and Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Jennifer Nettles at the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala in New York City on April 17.

Nettles is the lead singer of the country group Sugarland. She has received three Grammys, multiple Country Music Awards, and produced several singles, including a Bill Board Number One Hit duet with Jon Bon Jovi, "Who Says You Can't Go Home."

Most recently, she starred in and won the first season of the hit ABC show Duets.

Before the fame and fortune,

Nettles honed her talents and aspirations as a Coffee County 4-H'er. She began her 4-H experience at Satilla Elementary School in Douglas, Georgia. She went on to become an officer on the Junior and Senior State Boards, a Rock Eagle camp counselor, and a member for seven years of Georgia 4-H's Clovers and Company performing arts. Her participation in the musical group is remembered for remarkable performances at National 4-H Congress in Chicago and National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

She credits her Clovers experience for preparing her to perform in front of 800,000 people on the steps of

the Lincoln Memorial at President Obama's first inauguration.

"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."

In addition to her accolades with Clovers, Nettles also won the Cookie Contest on the county-level in 6th grade for her Pecan Sandies and received Georgia State 4-H Congress honors for her Performing Arts Project.

Nettles is truly proud to be a Georgia 4-H alumna and is eager to use her platform on behalf of

the organization. In 2007, she spoke about her 4-H background and the importance of the program at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. In March of 2010 she performed with Clovers and testified before the Georgia General Assembly to insure future sustainability for the 4-H program in the Peach State.

This is the second year the council has awarded the medallion and both times the award has gone to Georgia 4-H alumni. Last year's award went to Nancy Grace, former Bibb County 4-H'er and host of CNN Headline News' justice themed debate show "Nancy Grace."

2012 GAE4-HA Friend of 4-H Award Presented to Mrs. Wanda Barrs



The 2012 Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Friend of 4-H Award recipient Mrs. Wanda Barrs is no stranger to education and no stranger to Georgia 4-H. Barrs, a former public school teacher, was also an active 4-H member in both Bibb and Laurens counties. She credits Georgia 4-H for its long standing collaboration with K-12 education to produce well-prepared, future leaders like herself.

Barrs currently serves as a member of the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees and is a facilitator of Project Learning Tree (PLT), an award-winning environmental education program for preschool to 12th grade youth. Along with her husband, Earl, she teaches hundreds of Bleckley County students about natural resources and forestry at Gully Branch Tree Farm.

Barrs has received several accolades throughout her career, including the 2009 National Tree Farmers of the Year, the 2010 Governor's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award, and the National Arbor Day Foundation Education Award. She is proud to be a distinguished friend of 4-H.



Outstanding County Extension Agents Receive Booth Award

Since 1979, 4-H'ers have paused from their own celebrations at State 4-H Congress to recognize and applaud the achievements of outstanding county Extension agents. These dedicated workers are nominated by their peers through the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents and then compete, much like 4-H'ers, with a portfolio of accomplishments and an interview or review of their work. Four agents are selected from each district and recognized the Georgia EMC Annual Banquet.

The Booth award, presented by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), not only recognizes the outstanding career achievement of extension agents who work with 4-H but also affirms the commitment to community support that its namesake made more than 75 years ago in the creation of Jackson EMC. Mr. William H. Booth was a founder of Jackson EMC, it's general manager for 15 years, and the rural electric pioneer who helped form the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Oglethorpe Power Corporation. At a time when much of rural Georgia was without electricity, Mr. Booth was among the leaders who built member-owned cooperatives that brought lights to farm land. Throughout his career, he made a substantial difference in communities and was the first to encourage Georgia EMCs to sponsor statewide 4-H events.

The partnership with Georgia EMC continues in the model that



Mr. Booth created. 4-H'ers can stay in a new cabin at Rock Eagle 4-H Center or celebrate success at District Project Achievement in the Georgia EMC Senior Pavilion. 4-H'ers in several project areas are able to participate because of EMCs sponsorship. The connection and community support is evident.

William H. Booth Award winners model Mr. Booth's creativity and community commitment. Each nominee must work seven years in 4-H youth work at the county level to be eligible and must also have a recognized program of excellence in the areas of youth development, volunteerism, and marketing. These outstanding agents are the best of the best and receive recognition with the highest award given to a county Extension agent. Like Mr. Booth, nominees are community changers who have turned the lights on for youth in their community.

Compton Otis “Fat” Baker: *Big Man, Big Heart*



Georgia 4-H began its first organized camping program in DeKalb County in 1918 at Salem School. In the 1920's, organized 4-H camping took place on the University of Georgia campus at Camp Wilkins. Throughout the past century, Georgia 4-H has developed one of the leading 4-H summer camping programs in the country.

4-H camp in Georgia is a relatively inexpensive experience compared to privately-operated camping programs. However, there are still many young people whose families are unable to afford the cost of summer 4-H camp. County Extension staff, volunteers, and donors across the state enable many young people to attend summer 4-H camp on either a partial or full camp scholarship.

Uncle Fat was a believer in hard work and making your own way. He loved his family but believed it would be an injustice to leave anyone an inheritance which he believed would insure them to be lazy. Therefore he left each of his nephews and niece the sum of \$500.00 per year for four years of college with the corpus of his estate in trust and the income to be used “to pay worthy farm boy's expenses to a week of 4-H Camp at Rock Eagle”. Therefore, more than fifty years after his death, Compton Otis (Fat) Baker is still helping young people realize their potential and giving them opportunities to succeed in life.

—MEMORIES OF COMPTON OTIS BAKER By Jerry N. Cadle



Compton Otis “Fat” Baker may be the largest individual contributor to 4-H camping opportunities for young people in the state of Georgia. Mr. Baker was born in Twiggs County, Ga. His family later moved to Bibb County where he and his sisters, Eugenia and Sybil, and brother Neil, were Bibb County 4-H'ers. Affectionately known as “Fat”, Baker attended the University of Georgia. During a recent visit, Jerry Cadle, the son of Fat's sister Eugenia, shared a glimpse of “Fat” Baker's life history.

Uncle Fat was also a great role model, teacher, and counselor. He was a strong proponent of hard work and of never giving up. He hated the word “can't” and continuously lectured his nephews and niece on the importance of never saying that word and always “trying” at everything we did. We got whopped on the side of the head a few times when we said that “bad word”. Today that philosophy has stuck with me and I believe it has been an important factor in helping me pursue and meet my career goals.

—MEMORIES OF COMPTON OTIS (Uncle Fat) BAKER By Fred Newberry

Mr. Baker sold candy bars to put himself through school. Before he completed college, he had recruited other students at the university to help him sell candy bars to continue funding his education. He opened a snack bar under the steps of New College on north campus until the university took over the operation. He went on to attend UGA Law School and graduated in 1938. He set up a law practice in Athens and was a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist in the Athens community.

Mr. Baker served in the House of Representatives and in the early 1950s he ran against Herman Talmadge for governor.

Mr. Baker died in 1961 and left his estate in a trust for the purpose of helping his six nieces and nephews attend college. When that was accomplished, the proceeds of the trust were divided between his three siblings.

After Mr. Baker's remaining sibling passed away in 2003, as arranged by Mr. Baker, the annual earnings of the Baker Trust now support camp scholarships. In 2007,

Georgia 4-H began awarding the Baker Trust Scholarships to young Georgians who could not afford to attend summer camp at Rock Eagle. Since 2007, nearly 1,300 Georgia 4-H'ers have attended summer camp as a result of the vision and generosity of Compton Otis "Fat" Baker.

Mr. Baker spent his life and entrepreneurial pursuits helping others. More than 50 years after his death, his ideal of service is still a model for helping young people realize the dream of attending summer camp.

Uncle Fat was active in many community activities including the Elks and Moose Clubs in Athens and was elected President of the Georgia – Alabama Moose. He was a Mason and Shriner. Although Uncle Fat was a very successful business person, he was very humble and charitable, and made significant donations to many organizations in the Community. He started the Athens Boy's Club and was one of the founding members of the Talmadge Heights Baptist Church on Prince Ave. in Athens. He was also a key supporter of the 4-H Club.

—MEMORIES OF COMPTON OTIS (Uncle Fat) BAKER By Fred Newberry



Bartow County Wins National Consumer Decisions Contest

Georgia 4-H has won its first National title in the Consumer Decisions Contest at the Western National Roundup! The team from Bartow County, Eli DeBroux, Mary-Clayton Gilbert, Emily Velazquez and Colyn White, was named the Overall Grand Champion Team in the competition in Denver, Colorado. Team coaches are Kathy Floyd and Kim Payne.

In addition to their National Title,

the team also won the following honors: Team Champions in Group Think, Team Champions in Reasons, and Team Reserve Champions in Placing.

The team members also earned several High Individual honors. Eli DeBroux was the Overall Contest High Individual, the Overall High Individual in Placing and 2nd High Individual in Reasons.

Mary-Clayton Gilbert won the Blue Ribbon for Overall Contest High Individual in Reasons.

Bartow County earned the right to compete at this contest by winning the 2010 State Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree Contest.

Congratulations to these winning team members and their coaches!

Georgia 4-H is proud of your accomplishments!



Pulaski County 4-H'er Andrew Day Receives 2011 President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA)

The 2011 President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) for Region 4 was presented to Pulaski County 4-H'er, Andrew Day, in late April at the White House by Lisa Jackson, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) is awarded to a young person from each of the EPA's 10 regions for projects aimed at protecting the nation's air, water, land and ecology. This year's award-winning projects ranged from an analysis of the Lake Champlain Basin to restoring the Boise Riverbank.

Day, a 17-year-old Georgia 4-H'er, received the prestigious award for his Ocmulgee River Project, which addresses

the rising water pollution levels in his county. For the project, Day created a group within the Pulaski County 4-H Club called Choosing to Lead Environmental Action Now, or C.L.E.A.N. The group, which ranges from 12 to 30 members, focuses largely on storm drain tagging and warns residents that material deposited into their local drain travels without a stop at a water processing plant, directly to the Ocmulgee River. In addition to educating the community, the group is hands-on and helps with clean-ups. Day got the idea to establish the C.L.E.A.N. group in 2008 after participating in an Eagle Scout project to tag storm drains in Byron. "I wanted to carry it over to the 4-H Club," says Day.

Day never imagined that his humble efforts would gain him the PEYA or a trip to the White House, and he is appreciative to the other nine award recipients, and the national environmental leaders at The

White House Summit on Environmental Education. "It was cool to be able to talk to them because these people have jobs in the environmental protection industry," he said.

Upon his return to the Peach State, Day was honored again by Georgia EPA Administrator Gwen Keyes Fleming at the Downtown Atlanta Cleanup Challenge Celebration in Centennial Olympic Park on Tuesday, April 24.

Day plans to attend Macon State College upon his graduation from Veritas Classical School. He has not yet determined a major, but plans to pursue one in either agriculture or environmental sciences. In the meantime, he continues to work with Pulaski County 4-H and the C.L.E.A.N. group and admits that he is looking for a 4-H successor: "I'd like another 4-H'er to take it over because if they know the problem from what they learned from the C.L.E.A.N. club, they can go out and tell their friends."

Read more here: <http://www.macon.com/2012/04/23/2000637/fort-valley-teen-andrew-day-awarded.html#storylink=cpy>

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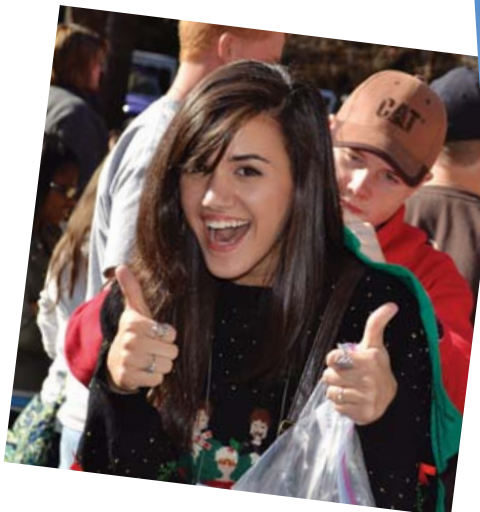
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4-H Foundation Report

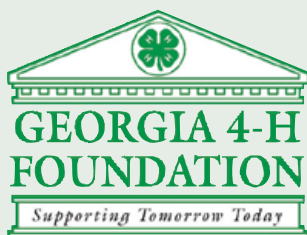
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Georgia 4-H is fortunate to have many supporters who provide funding and volunteer their time to make our program one of the strongest in the nation. I am fortunate to work with many individuals who have decided to make an investment in the future of this great program. At dedications, programs, and other 4-H activities I see the joy on the young 4-H'ers faces as they enter a new cabin for the first time, as they speak at a podium at an event, or receive an award recognizing their hard work. None of these special opportunities would be possible without private support.

This past year, we were fortunate to build more cabins at Rock Eagle 4-H Center due to support from public and private sources. These cabins are much needed and a valuable addition. We also dedicated the private dining room in honor of long time supporters Jim and Renee Williamson. This summer, we held another exciting Twilight on the Lake at Rock Eagle. We had an energetic crowd that was excited to attend and even more excited about the year to come with the gala dinner and after party featuring Yacht Rock at the Loews Hotel in Atlanta on August 10. Chair Brandie Rucks Park and Co-Chair Tino Johnson and their committees are well on their way to our best event yet!

The 4-H program in this state is nationally recognized as one the best in the nation. We continue to receive this recognition due to the leadership of our county faculty and staff, our 4-H Foundation Board and Advisory Committees, our 4-H youth who are making a difference, our public supporters and stakeholders who see the value of our program, and our thousands of volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to make the program the best. 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 if you have not done so in this fiscal year. Support from our alumni and friends enables us to "make the best better" in over 184,328 young lives each day. Thank you for your investment.



Appreciatively,

Mary Ann Parsons
Executive Director

INCOME

Grants	653,650
Contributions Received	1,455,497
Program Activities	2,587,023
Realized/Unrealized	9,145
Interest/Dividend	99,156
Total Income	4,804,471

EXPENSES

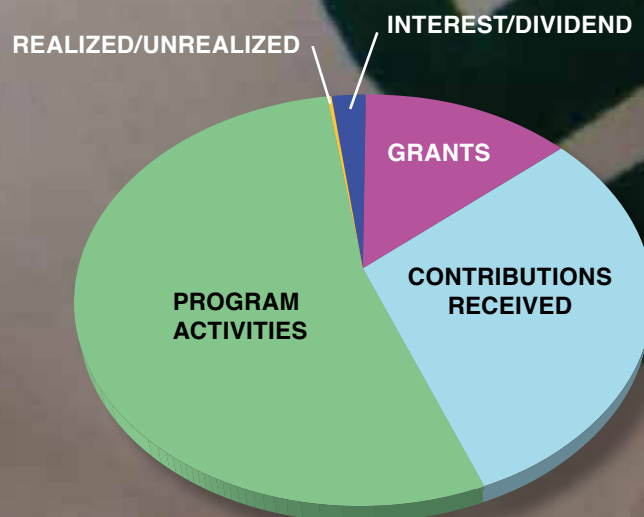
Construction & Repairs	559,674
Program Services	4,237,021
Scholarships	80,345
Foundation Operating	305,193
Total Expenses	5,182,233

Beginning Net Assets	3,678,304
Ending Net Assets	3,300,542

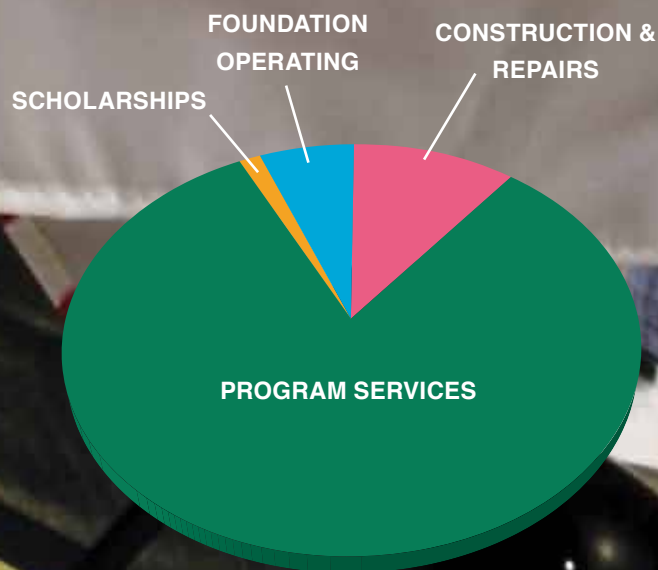
Total **(377,762)***

*(377,762) The decrease in net assets for 2011-2012 reflects construction of new cabins at Rock Eagle.)

INCOME



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Twiggs County Library **Reborn**

In April 2010, more than 15,000 books, a computer lab and a host of historical documents were lost in a lightning fire that burned the Twiggs County library to the ground. When the Georgia 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus team learned of the loss of such an invaluable community tool in Twiggs County, the 4-H'ers realized they had the power, skills and ability to make an impact on the Jeffersonville community.

"As 4-H'ers, we did what came natural by trying to find a way to raise funds for them so that they can start the process of rebuilding," said Juawn Jackson, a member of the CWF team.

And raise funds they did. The team collaborated with the State Board to host a book drive and change wars at 4-H Fall Forum 2011. Almost 700 4-H'ers got involved with the project last December to donate more than 700 books and \$1200 to the new Twiggs County library.

"I think that the community in Twiggs County is excited that the young people saw this is as need, and I think that people are just getting more interested and more involved in this project because of the revolution of responsibility that the youth started," said Kathy Baldwin, Southeast District Program Development Coordinator.

Mayor Shannon Hart said having a new library will be a great asset to the community and is grateful for the support of Georgia 4-H. "It has a very powerful emotional impact on me as mayor and on the whole community."

Last April, Whitney Kirkpatrick



and Mallorie Talvan, two Georgia 4-H'ers involved with the Twiggs County library project, created a video to submit to the national 4-H "Revolution of Responsibility" contest. The team's work gained national recognition and won the contest, a feat which earned an additional \$5,000 towards the new Twiggs County library.

The work of these 4-H'ers has

proved what 4-H'er Mallorie Talvan found true — one small action plan can make a difference. The CWF team has truly made a difference in the Twiggs County community giving statewide recognition to the work young people are doing in 4-H. As Bubber Epps, Representative said, "I can't begin to explain the importance of 4-H, not only to Twiggs County but also to the region and to the state. They are heroes."

Our Coins Started a Revolution Makes State News

Our Coins Started a Revolution has become mainstream news! On Friday, May 4th the Georgia 4-H effort was featured on Georgia's 41 NBC News station reaching target cities: Macon, Warner Robbins, and Middle Georgia. The 4-H'ers showcased the CWF service project on primetime television as they presented a donation check to the Twiggs County Library.

In 2010, Fort Valley State University's public library in Twiggs County, Georgia burned down after being struck by lightning. The 25-year-old library housed computers and technology that many people did not have available to them in their homes, as well as more than 15,000 books that were destroyed.

As a result, an awesome team of CWF delegates teamed up with State Board 4-H'ers last year and created a book drive and change wars fundraiser to aid in the library's reconstruction. The fundraiser was introduced to approximately 297 youth and adults last December at Rock Eagle during 4-H Fall Forum and has raised \$1272 and over 700 book donations. The success of Our Coins Started a Revolution even prompted the 4-H'ers to produced their own video about the project and enter it in the national Revolution of Responsibility Video Contest. The video became an official contest contender last month as voting ended, and students are currently awaiting the results of the contest.

The new Twiggs County Library is scheduled to open in late 2012 or early 2013 and will be approximately 8,000 square feet.