

# Cloverleaf Magazine

GEORGIA 4-H ANNUAL REPORT

## 4-H in the Time of COVID-19

Innovative programming during a  
global pandemic

**GEORGIA**  
4-H

## Rock Eagle Chapel

Renovations complete and  
the chimes ring once again



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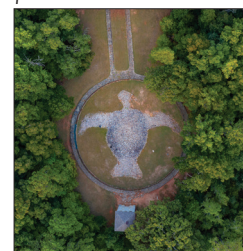
## FEATURED

- 3 Georgia 4-H Participation  
For the 2019-20 program year, Georgia 4-H had 190,617 participants from around the state.
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During this unprecedented year, Georgia 4-H launched a variety of virtual programming.
- 24 Clovers & Co. 40th Anniversary  
Founded in 1981, a cast of 4-H age singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and production crew participate in this outstanding performing arts opportunity to promote and share with others the excitement, leadership, and talent evident in 4-H.
- 42 2021 Gala  
Georgia 4-H Foundation hosts a biennial event honoring major donors, celebrating award winners and, this year, fundraising to restore the Rock Eagle 4-H Center Chapel.

## ON THE COVER



Georgia 4-H Environmental Education during the pandemic.



The Rock Eagle effigy captured via drone footage, featured by National Geographic, taken by Stephen Alvarez.





We thank our donors,  
volunteers, and staff for  
the excellent support  
they provide to help us  
continue to live up to the  
4-H motto:  
'To make the best better'

# Arch Smith

*Georgia 4-H State Leader*

August 1, 2019 marked the beginning of the 116th year for the Georgia 4-H program. Just as in previous years, Extension 4-H faculty and staff, assisted by thousands of 4-H volunteers, entered the year with excitement about the chance to learn new skills, compete for local, area, district, and state recognition, develop lifelong friendships, and help children achieve their goals. But as we all know, March 2020 saw our world change and much of the 4-H program came to a halt including the closure of our Extension offices and the Georgia 4-H Centers.

On March 13, 2020, I would have told you that we cannot conduct Project Achievement virtually, but by the end of the month, the 4-H staff responded to the challenge and 4th, 5th, and 6th grade 4-H members competed for district honors by uploading a video of their presentations that were judged virtually. Surely after the 2020 summer camping season was over we would gather for State 4-H Congress in Atlanta to celebrate another successful 4-H year, but this was not to be. It was the first time since 1918 that summer 4-H camp was not held in Georgia. We used the virtual Project Achievement process to select our state Project Achievement winners.

From mid-March through July and beyond, 4-H has developed alternate plans and rescheduled events and contests, only to reschedule and cancel programs a second and third time, while hoping that next year will be better. The 4-H faculty and staff have proven that they are resilient as they conquered new methods of program delivery. Many of the virtual programs offered in Georgia are highlighted in this issue of the "Cloverleaf." These new mediums of program delivery will not replace traditional 4-H programming, but will enhance Georgia 4-H's ability to expand the reach of 4-H to new audiences.

After 35 years of seeing incremental improvements to 4-H program delivery, never did I imagine that in a few months 4-H would find so many new opportunities to embrace our motto "To Make the Best Better." I am extremely proud of the willingness of Georgia 4-H faculty and staff to address the challenges of 2020 with new and creative ideas to provide Georgia 4-H youth with the best that 4-H has to offer. I also appreciate the continued support that 4-H receives from our supporters, donors, and volunteers.

The best of Georgia 4-H is just around the corner!

Thanks for your continued support of Georgia 4-H!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arch D. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Arch Smith  
Georgia 4-H State Leader



# GEORGIA

4-H

# 190,617\*

## TOTAL PARTICIPATION



## 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR

\*LIMITED DUE TO COVID-19

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **114,550**

HOME SCHOOL 4-H ENROLLMENT: **2,111**

FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY 4-H ENROLLMENT: **10,866**

PARTICIPANTS IN 4-H ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS: **39,043**

4-H ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS: **23,678**

"STEP UP & LEAD" 4-H STUDENT LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS: **369**



 **52%** FEMALE  **48%** MALE

## ETHNICITY

7.5% LATINO 92.5% NON-LATINO

## DIVERSITY

WHITE: 56.0%  
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN: 29.4%  
ASIAN: 2.2%  
AMERICAN INDIAN/  
ALASKA NATIVE: 1.1%  
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/  
OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER: 0.3%  
MORE THAN ONE RACE: 3.8%  
UNDETERMINED: 11.0%



## GRADES

ELEMENTARY

**66%** 

MIDDLE

**24%** 

HIGH

**7%** 

COLLEGE

**3%** 

## RESIDENCE

FARM: 3.0%



CENTRAL CITY: 9.7%



URBAN/SUBURBAN: 14.5%



TOWNS/SMALL CITY: 29.4%



RURAL NON-FARM: 43.4%



**5,817**

MILITARY  
DEPENDENTS  
SERVED BY 4-H

## VOLUNTEERS

**5,318** ADULTS

CONTRIBUTED

**93,385** HOURS

**1,801** TEENS

CONTRIBUTED

**39,291** HOURS



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Georgia 4-H provides experiences for youth to learn by doing. Georgia 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning in the focus areas of Agriculture and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Civic Engagement, and Healthy Living. The 4-H mission is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens.

## GEORGIA 4-H PREPARES YOUTH FOR LIFE.

### AGRICULTURE & STEM

Youth focus on agricultural sciences, natural resources, environmental sciences, plant and animal sciences, agribusiness, rocketry, robotics, renewable energy, computer science, technology, engineering, and more.

LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL PROJECTS



AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY



COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Youth learn to be well-informed and engaged citizens through experiences and activities focused on leadership, communication, performing arts, public speaking, organization, the importance of giving back to improve communities, and more.



LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY SERVICE



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATION



### HEALTHY LIVING

Youth focus on nutrition, obesity prevention, drug awareness, bullying prevention, health and fitness, financial literacy, clothing and textiles, safety, stress management, social and emotional wellness, food science, and more.

FOODS AND NUTRITION



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

HEALTH AND FITNESS



FINANCIAL WELL BEING

# 62,152\*



4-H FACILITY USERS



# 23,678\*

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS



2020 CAMPS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMPERS

\*USAGE AND PARTICIPATION UNTIL MARCH 2020



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# GEORGIA 4-H FACILITIES UPDATE

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Available across the state from the mountains to the sea, the Georgia 4-H facilities provide a safe haven for a variety of youth and adult groups seeking conference spaces, educational programs, and recreational experiences. The 4-H facilities serve over 100,000 guests in a typical year. However, the 2019-2020 program year was anything but typical! After an extremely strong start, and then having to close to guests in March due to COVID-19, the centers collectively served over 62,000 guests.

The five residential centers offer lodging, meeting spaces, dining halls, and programs that meet every group's specific needs. The day use facility, 4-H Tideland Nature Center located on Jekyll Island, is open to the public and provides a unique opportunity for island visitors to learn more about the local ecosystem. True to our motto, "to make the best better," we are always looking to improve our facilities, and, despite the challenges of COVID-19, there were quite a few improvements completed over the last program year.

## WAHSEGA 4-H CENTER

The major improvements at Wahsega last year may not be immediately visible to those who visit the facility, but were important nonetheless. Major updates were made to improve drainage, reduce moisture in crawl spaces, and repair flooring after long term wear and tear.



## FORTSON 4-H CENTER

The long awaited addition of a classroom and restrooms to the Little Red Schoolhouse, along with the last phase of the septic project, were completed using the generous funds from the Fortson Youth Training Center, Inc. Board of Directors (better known as "Fortson Board") and a grant funded via National 4-H Council. Additionally, several improvements to the pool were completed including a new pool deck, new stairs, new ADA pool lift, and new ADA accessible restrooms in the pavilion.

# GEORGIA 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL CONNECTS YOUTH WITH GEORGIA'S LEGISLATORS

WRITTEN BY CRIS DEREVERE

More than 400 Georgia 4-H youth, leaders, and volunteers visited Atlanta for Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol, sponsored by Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, on Feb. 6 at the Georgia Freight Depot and Capitol Building. This leadership- and civic engagement-based event is held annually to connect 4-H youth with Georgia legislators, provide students insight to the legislative process, and allow them to thank legislators and donors. Georgia 4-H has participated in 4-H Day at the Capitol for more than 30 years.

Following the Capitol tour and visit, 4-H'ers enjoyed a luncheon with more than three dozen state legislators and public officials. First Lady Marty Kemp, Rep. Rick Jasperse (R-11), and

Sam Pardue, dean of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, encouraged the 4-H'ers to continue serving their counties and communities through 4-H participation. Bacon County 4-H'er

Cora Jane Tyre and Gwinnett County 4-H'er Aromal Saji presented on their participation in One Georgia 4-H, an urban-rural 4-H exchange program, designed to teach students about the diversity of their home state.

Several 4-H youth members were recognized for their outstanding achievements in leadership and citizenship as well as those who have excelled in contests on national levels.

The day's activities concluded with a picture of the delegation with a number of representatives and senators at the Capitol Building.



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# THE ROCK EAGLE CHAPEL'S CHIMES RING ONCE AGAIN

WRITTEN BY JOHNATHON BARRETT AND ADAM HAMMOND



After months of renovation and painstaking craftsmanship, the Rock Eagle Chapel has been returned to its simplistic elegance after a fire destroyed the interior on February 8, 2019. Nearly \$500,000 was raised by the generosity of more than 300 donors to help complete the \$1.3 million project. This largesse included a lead gift of \$ 200,000 from 4-H alum, Senator Kelly Loeffer. . In addition, \$65,000+ was donated at the 2019 Georgia 4-H Foundation Gala through a special ‘paddle raise’ segment of the evening. Because of those gifts, the restored chapel proudly stands tall while retaining historic connections to the original building.

The chapel is popularly considered the heart of Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Sitting on the property’s most central and prominent location, it was constructed by skilled prison labor with funding from both Putnam County and the City of Eatonton. The exterior walls are made of local native stone that was hand-gathered by the prisoners. The first dedication of the building occurred on June 16, 1955. Afterward, the chapel was in regular use for over six decades serving tens of thousands of guests.

Of note in the renovated chapel, several pieces of the original structure have been restored and remain, including the original exterior walls, the cross, the doors, the pulpit, and the steeple. The windows were crafted by the son of the artisan who constructed the original windows in 1953. Additional support walls were constructed, and the structure’s historic blueprints were used to hand-make the current trusses. The front door’s 1950’s era hardware and hinges are also intact. A surviving charred pew sits as a reminder, while the new pews were handcrafted with the woodworking skill of the originals.

Georgia 4-H looks forward to dedicating the chapel in the coming year, and we look forward to your visit.





# 4-H PROGRAMMING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WRITTEN BY DR. SUE CHAPMAN

All of my professional life, I have worked under the premise that it's all about the relationships. Certainly, my work with Georgia 4-H has supported that belief as we have formed strong bonds among youth, their parents, volunteers, donors, 4-H alumni, and 4-H staff around the state. However, those relationships were quickly challenged when we were forced to cancel or postpone 4-H activities for several months this spring and summer. But, true to form, Georgia 4-H staff responded quickly not only to preserve those relationships but also to build new ones.

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It all started in mid-March. "When five face-to-face, geographically-dispersed Cloverleaf Project Achievement competitions were cancelled for 1,508 4th - 6th grade students, Georgia 4-H quickly responded by developing the first-ever Virtual Project Achievement!" notes Keri Hobbs, Volunteer Development Specialist and state co-coordinator of 4-H Project Achievement. Youth recorded their presentations remotely in their preferred format and sent them digitally to their county Extension office for entry in an area contest. Judging was conducted remotely and competitors were recognized with certificates they could print at home as well as an online awards ceremony. But that was only the beginning".

As the virus continued its stronghold for weeks and then months, 4-H professionals found themselves quickly converting every contest, event, and activity to a virtual format if possible. Shooting sports competitions had to be cancelled; livestock shows and contests were postponed or refigured to an online judging format; training programs were presented using online conferencing technologies; and summer camp was cancelled. Even 4-H State Congress and State Council activities were presented virtually. ►



## VIRTUAL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT SERIES IN LIEU OF STATE CONGRESS

Georgia 4-H hosted a virtual series to announce and honor youth winners in replacement of its annual State 4-H Congress, normally a four-day competition and celebration in Atlanta. During this online event, 50 of the 250 youth competing in state-level Senior Project Achievement were selected as the winner in their project areas and received Master 4-H'er status.

Two Leadership in Action winners who received Master 4-H'er status were also announced.

Thank you to our generous donors who support Project Achievement and Leadership in Action to help make this programming available to Georgia 4-H'ers.

The announcement of winners can be found in the video archive of Georgia 4-H's YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/georgia4h](http://www.youtube.com/georgia4h).



On the local level, 4-H professionals quickly realized that they could collaborate on virtual programs to reach their own 4-H'ers as well as others across the district, state, and even the nation. We also heard about a few online programs with viewership from other countries. In mid-June, the state 4-H office launched "Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" in an effort to showcase and centralize the incredible virtual programs being offered by 4-H professionals throughout the state. Local offices submitted their virtual offerings to the [georgia4h.org](http://georgia4h.org) website where they were categorized by grade level and themed as cruise excursions. All programs were carefully monitored and followed recommended best practices for virtual programming with minors.

"Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" was a cruise-themed collection of statewide activities for youth of all ages. The series featured around 80 exciting, practical and even tasty programs over the course of the summer months, wrapping up at the end of August. Participants were able to select a track, or "cruise," based on grade level. The U.S.S. Cloverbud Cruise was designed for youth in grades K-3 with activities, or "excursions," that were both interactive and entertaining. There was also the Cloverleaf Connections Cruise for youth in 4th-6th grades, the Junior Jamboree Cruise for 7th & 8th graders, and the Senior Summer Spectacular Cruise for 9th-12th grades. ▶



## GEORGIA 4-H SAILS THROUGH SUMMER WITH VIRTUAL SERIES

"Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" helped countless youth and parents across the state to cruise through the summer, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Like a cruise, "Set Sail" offered loads of fun, excitement, and new experiences for young people while, hopefully, affording many parents with a bit of time to rest and relax while their children were engaged and occupied with one of the many virtual offerings that Georgia 4-H provided this summer. Because "Set Sail with Georgia 4-H" was such a success, a similar series of virtual offerings will be made available on an ongoing basis. So, while the "cruises" have all been docked, youth can now select a new "mission" and "Blast Off with Georgia 4-H" during the school year!

# SET SAIL

with

# GEORGIA

4-H

Cruise through the summer  
with a series of virtual excursions!

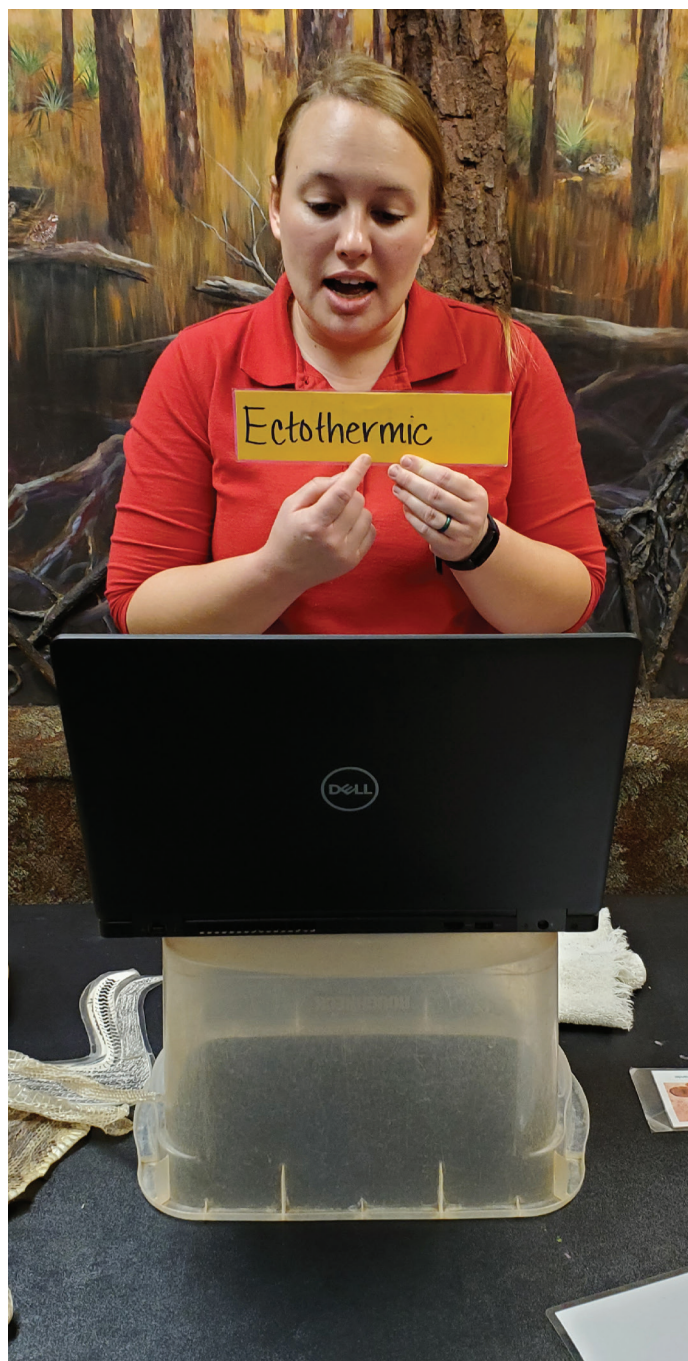
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# FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Our 4-H Centers, though closed to visitors, presented environmental education activities online through social media outlets. The Centers provided daily lessons and stories, with topics changing daily and weekly. The lessons covered a range of topics such as herpetology, entomology, and beach or stream ecology, as well as highlighted specific amenities at the 4-H Centers including historic landmarks, salt marshes, tidal creeks, natural history museums, and species exhibits. These online offerings moved around the state from the "Mountains to the Sea" with stops at each of the 4-H Centers. ►



Typically each spring, thousands of K-12 students attend 4-H environmental education programs at Georgia 4-H facilities across the state from the mountains to the sea. They hold snakes, hike through creeks and marshes, visit historic sites and enjoy nature -- all with a goal of learning about science in the context of the environment and bringing learning to life using Georgia as a classroom without walls. Since the COVID-19 outbreak closed school buildings from mid-March through May 2020, portions of the Georgia 4-H Environmental Education Program were shifted to a virtual format.

Each 4-H facility provided a short program, either via Facebook Live or a pre-recorded video, on an assigned day of the week: Mondays at the Mound (Rock Eagle 4-H Center), Tuesdays on Tybee (Burton 4-H Center), Wahsega Wednesdays, Thursdays with Camp Jekyll and Tidelands, and Fortson Farm Fridays.



The programs were offered each weekday afternoon from March 30 through May 22. The lessons covered a range of topics such as herpetology, entomology and beach or stream ecology. They also highlighted amenities at the 4-H centers, including historic landmarks, salt marshes, tidal creeks, natural history museums, and species exhibits.

For those who couldn't join the presentation at the initial time of release, they were all also archived on YouTube for additional viewing. From March to May, From the Mountains to the Sea series offered 40 sessions, reaching more than 186,700 people. Due to the popularity and engagement of the initial virtual programs, a summer series was also planned. Ten more programs following a similar format (two from each center) were provided from June 22 - July 31. After the release of the additional summer programs, the reach grew to approximately 240,000 people.

Following the launch, one teacher summarized the impact of the programs, saying: "Just wanted to let you know how much we LOVED the 4-H videos you posted last spring. We spent the last couple of weeks of sixth grade remote learning doing Outdoors Atlanta lessons. Your videos were great starters and models for the students, who then went outside to do their own tree walks, pond explorations, bug hunts, sunset watches, shelter building, etc. Thanks so much for making these available." Stay tuned for a fall series as well!

## PROGRAMS

But our 4-H leaders and youth didn't stop. For example, we heard numerous stories of 4-H'ers engaging in community service efforts during this time. Bacon County 4-H'ers provided virtual activities for nursing home and assisted living patients; Appling County 4-H'ers donated their show pigs to their local food bank after the county show; a Dodge County 4-H'er made mask holders for healthcare workers using a 3-D printer; and Evans County 4-H'ers distributed reading materials to the Little Free Libraries during school closures. In some counties, the 4-H agents were called on by the local school system to assist teachers in making the transition to a virtual platform. As a community partner, 4-H was ready to provide assistance in whatever way possible.

For parents who suddenly found themselves needing resources to assist with virtual school or entertainment for their youth, Georgia 4-H provided and constantly updated a web listing of research-based, high quality entertaining and educational activities for youth staying at home. In addition, county offices offered packaged activity kits for local pick up. These kits included resources for conducting experiments, supplementing lesson plans, and encouraging creativity. Numerous opportunities were available for 4-H'ers to learn directly from experts in their field as well as be exposed to a variety of science-related careers; experts addressed weather, paleontology, prostheses, just to name a few.

Georgia 4-H may have looked a bit different this year but our 4-H leaders continued to do what they do best – providing young people with skills for life in a caring, positive environment.



**VIRTUAL EE ADVENTURE CAMP**

Calling all Adventurers! Come join the fun and learn all about wildlife, water, forestry, and more!

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**JULY 20-22**

**OPEN TO RISING 5TH-8TH GRADERS**  
REGISTRATION IS JUNE 23-JULY 9

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QUESTIONS? E-MAIL RACHEL MARTIN AT [RACHEL.MARTIN1@UGA.EDU](mailto:RACHEL.MARTIN1@UGA.EDU)  
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*Virtual EE Adventure Camp: Several counties in Southeast District offered a 3-day virtual camp focused on environmental education.*



ATTENTION ALL JR & SR 4-H'ERS FOR

**KIDS TEACHING KIDS**

While we are all stuck at home, we have an AWESOME opportunity to teach and entertain younger children. If you are interested in creating a short, educational, hands-on video, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3b75uBV>

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*Kids Teaching Kids: Monroe County Junior and Senior 4-H'ers created educational videos for Cloverleaf 4-H'ers.*



**COASTAL 4-H ADVENTURES: SEA TURTLES**

**JUNE 15, 2020**  
**2:00-4:00 PM**

Hybrid Virtual and Hands on Day Camp

**VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS | CRAFTS | COOKING | FRIENDS**

**SIGN UP BY JUNE 10**

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*Coastal 4-H Adventures: To continue programming online, some counties offered lessons with hands-on activities.*





*4-H NAIL'D It: 4-H professionals in Southwest District provided 19 sessions over 10 weeks to keep youth engaged consistently throughout the pandemic.*



*Manage Your Money: Coweta County hosted a 4-week series for teens to learn financial responsibility.*



*Plugged into 4-H: Several Northeast District counties offered lessons covering all 4-H programming topics including agriculture, health and wellness, STEAM, and community service projects.*

# GEORGIA 4-H RECEIVES FACEBOOK GRANT VIA NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Georgia 4-H received funding in the fall of 2019 to enhance STEM education in the four targeted counties surrounding the Georgia Facebook Data Center: Jasper, Morgan, Newton, and Walton. The funding supported two primary functions. First, it allowed teen leaders from these four counties to serve as teachers at 4-H Junior Conference leading a workshop based on the National Youth Science Day "Game Changers" activity bringing awareness and exposure to computer science and STEM content. Secondly, teen leaders from these four counties serve as "STEM coaches" for younger youth within their communities.



Junior Conference, the annual event provided for middle school aged 4-H'ers, was held November 16-17, 2019 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. This funding provided support for eight teen leaders and 41 middle school youth to participate from these four counties. A total of 583 middle schoolers attended the conference from all across Georgia and engage in the STEM-related workshops, including the "Game Changers" activity which focused on computer coding.



Phase two of the project, allowing teen leaders to become STEM coaches in their local communities, was put on hold in the spring of 2020 because of COVID-19. That portion of the project will resume, and potentially be modified, in the fall of 2020.

## THE YOUTH THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKSHOPS COMPLETED A SURVEY:

**93%** indicated liking science

**85%** have more knowledge about computer coding because of the workshops

**82%** have a greater appreciation for computer coding because of the workshops

**98%** indicated they enjoyed the event

One of the teen leaders who taught the STEM lesson shared that "Being an instructor inspired me not only to seek to further improve my knowledge and proficiency in STEM, but also help others gain an appreciation and interest in STEM."



# GRADY COUNTY 4-H RECEIVES GRANT TO INCREASE POLLINATOR POPULATIONS

WRITTEN BY MELINDA MILLER



Teen leaders in Grady County 4-H are impacting the future of agriculture and food and fiber production in their communities. Georgia is one of eight state 4-H programs in the U.S. selected by Corteva Agriscience and National 4-H Council to receive a \$12,000 grant for the Pollinator Habitat Program. Grady County is leading the charge to educate hundreds of youth locally and statewide through the pollinator habitat program. Deron Rehberg, Grady County Extension Coordinator and 4-H Agent states, "Pollinating insects are 'keystone species' and bees are known as the 'king of pollinators.' Pollinators are an essential component of the world's food production. In fact, about one in every three bites we eat is the result of pollinators."

Through the 4-H Ambassador program, high school youth from Grady and 12 other counties attended virtual and in-person trainings to learn more about their roles as teen educators in pollinator habitats. These youth have engaged in 12 hours of intensive training led by Kasey Bozeman, Georgia 4-H Science Specialist. In addition, Lisa Pollock, Grady County 4-H Agent, supports the Ambassadors by helping them develop leadership and citizenship skills to achieve their goals. Throughout the training and leadership activities, 4-H'ers expand their knowledge in the subject matter, prepare the pollinator habitat planting site and educate children, youth and adults about the importance of these necessary and beneficial insects as well as their impact on agriculture.



The pollinator garden being built in Grady County is the result of the grant partnership among Corteva Agriscience, National 4-H Council and Quail/Pheasants Forever. During the grant period, Grady County 4-H'ers and other 4-H ambassadors will educate more than 500 other youth on the critical need to build habitats for these important species that keep our food supply growing through their natural acts of fertilization and seed production. The National Institute for Food and Agriculture states that the world's population is projected to exceed nine billion in the next 30 years, and more than 90 species of U.S. specialty crops require pollination. Many animals, including bees, butterflies, moths, bats, and birds are a critical part of the pollinator-plant ecosystem that Grady County 4-H Ambassadors are looking to increase in our state. Feeding the world and the expected population explosion over the next 30 years is a grand challenge, and Grady County 4-H'ers are using their heads, hearts, hands, and health to help create solutions for our communities, our country, and our world.

# EXPANDING OUR REACH FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMPETITIONS DURING A PANDEMIC

WRITTEN BY HEATHER K. SHULTZ

When reviewing the Georgia 4-H calendar, eligible youth and their support systems traditionally had a plethora of diverse livestock opportunities from January to July. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, Georgia 4-H state and county faculty and staff partnered with Extension specialists from the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science and Poultry Science departments to create educational opportunities allowing 4-H'ers to participate and compete with their peers. While the opportunity to compete in a National Contest was unknown during a vast majority of the State Competitions, 4-H'ers continued to enter, compete, and be recognized for their accomplishments. From the outside, the event may have looked different but the end result was maintained - celebrating Georgia 4-H youth for their accomplishments and providing a platform for these youth to continue with their learned skills.

Through our 4-H programming, we are provided the opportunity to work alongside our youth members to produce educational competitive events. With the face to face programming opportunity removed during this time, we worked feverishly to offer alternative virtual experiences. Through the intuitive thinking and support of county offices, numerous events were coordinated and offered by the county level for statewide participation. Carole Knight, Madison County Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, County Extension Coordinator offered a Virtual Poultry Judging Competition for eligible Northeast and Southeast 4-H'ers with Susannah Lanier, Bulloch County Extension Agent.

Knight shared, "With the implementation of COVID-19 restrictions, it became increasingly important to look for ways to offer Georgia 4-H'ers the same opportunities to participate in competitive events. Coaches and agents transitioned to practicing with their teams via Zoom to maintain social distancing while preparing for the contests. Although they were administered virtually, these events still taught important life skills like decision making, critical thinking, and public speaking."

County staff throughout the state continue to offer learning opportunities that challenge youth to learn about other options offered through Georgia 4-H. We have received numerous inquiries from counties that may not have had a past interest in a livestock or equine competition but through these virtual events, interest has been sparked. We hope that we will see increased participation in these activities in the future.

Throughout the United States, youth livestock shows were canceled, transitioned to a virtual platform, or continued face to face with enhanced protocols and procedures. Through the cooperative effort of Georgia 4-H, Georgia FFA, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA), we have worked hard to provide safe and educational youth livestock exhibition opportunities. With the additional time at home to spend with their projects, many livestock exhibitors shared that the time with their animals helped defray some of the stress of the unknown and provide hope to participate in a State Show.



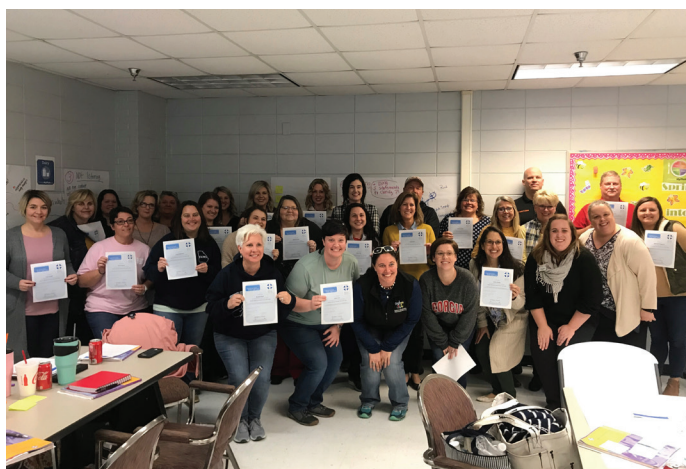
As we continue to navigate through the upcoming months, we are excited to continue to showcase the accomplishments of Georgia 4-H-not only our 4-H'ers, but also our county staff and volunteers. Through the pandemic, we were forced to be creative and step out of the shadows of tradition to maintain the opportunities that Georgia youth deserved.



# GEORGIA 4-H'S ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISIS IN RURAL GEORGIA

WRITTEN BY DR. COURTNEY BROWN

Opioid misuse is a growing problem in Georgia with potentially life-threatening consequences. Research shows that the risk of opioid misuse may be higher in rural areas. To begin to address this concerning issue, UGA Extension has created a strong interdisciplinary team to leverage Extension's role in the community to address opioid misuse. This project involves collaboration between 4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as UGA's College of Public Health, College of Pharmacy, and School of Public and International Affairs. With funding from USDA through a Rural Health and Safety Education Grant, this team has begun a multiyear, community-driven project to address opioid misuse in four rural Georgia counties: Elbert, Lumpkin, Tatttnall, and Washington.



Dr. Diane Bales, Extension Specialist and Associate Professor in Human Development and Family Science, serves as the principal investigator. Dr. Courtney Brown, Extension 4-H Specialist for Healthy Living Programs; Chesley Davis, Lumpkin County 4-H Agent; and Lauren Dye, Elbert County 4-H Agent serve on the leadership team for this project and work together on the youth-related initiatives. Ms. Dye says "I am excited to work on this project because of the potential it has to change the lives of the youth in our community. So many local families have been wrecked by misuse of prescription drugs. We have numerous youths being raised by grandparents due to drug use of parents. This is a real issue, an important issue and 4-H should always be about improving the well being of our youth and our communities, even when it's hard work."

Efforts to prevent opioid misuse need to include a component to reduce opioid use among adolescents in rural areas. One of these efforts is to provide education for youth about opioid misuse. A new educational magazine, "Georgia 4-H Journeys in Healthy and Safety: The Opioid Crisis", has been developed by Ms. Dye, Ms. Davis, and Dr. Brown and will soon be pilot tested.



Aimed at a middle school audience, the magazine has four accompanying lessons that help young people understand what opioids are, why they are dangerous, how to safely store and dispose of prescription medications, and how to advocate for their personal safety as well as that of their community.

In order to build community capacity to prevent and identify opioid misuse in youth, this project also includes training for adults who work with youth. "Mental Health First Aid" is an 8-hour course designed to teach adults how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of substance abuse and other mental health crises in youth. The course includes information on how to refer youth for professional help. Dr. Courtney Brown and Dr. Diane Bales have been trained as instructors and have now delivered the training to extension staff and community members in all four counties. Additional trainings are planned in these communities; an additional benefit of this grant effort is that now Dr. Brown and Dr. Bales are able to offer this important training to UGA Extension faculty and staff as well.

In Lumpkin County, there is also a special pilot project going on as part of this initiative. To combat the opioid and illegal drug crises in rural north Georgia, Lumpkin County Extension 4-H is currently hosting 18 Strengthening Family Dinner Nights. Approximately 28% of the students in Lumpkin County are raised by alternative guardians such as grandparents, community members, or have been adopted. The objectives of the dinners are to teach family communication skills, family, and individual goal setting, living healthier lifestyles as a family and community resources. The idea came to Chesley Davis, 4-H Agent and County Extension Coordinator for Lumpkin County, as she saw how engaged her Junior 4-H'ers were during snack time while working at the Hometown Harvest Hoop House, a community garden on the University of North Georgia's campus at the Appalachian Studies facility. Real heartfelt conversations about home lives, school and their future aspirations were brought while students were eating. Due to COVID-19 and to meet UGA's food service guidelines, the Lumpkin County School System Nutrition Director is providing cooking demonstrations and dinners for the 12 Lumpkin County 4-H families who participate in the program. Lumpkin County 4-H agent Chesley Davis states "When I first started working in Lumpkin County, I noticed a trend of grandparents and non-biological parents raising many of my 4-H'ers. I soon realized the cause of this trend was the misuse of opioids and illegal drugs. I have focused on strengthening my 4-H families through programs and events to build self-confidence in my 4-H'ers so they make educated and wise decisions regarding the misuse of opioids and illegal drugs."



# WELL CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

WRITTEN BY DR. COURTNEY BROWN AND DR. JENNA DANIEL

Well Connected Communities is an effort to cultivate wellness across the country. In partnership with National 4-H Council, Colquitt, Calhoun, and Washington counties are working to remove barriers and create communities where healthy choices are easy and available to all. The Well Connected Communities Initiative is supported by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health.

Across the state, UGA Extension professionals work every day to provide research based knowledge to community members, and connectivity among community partners. Through this partnership, we are working to ensure our communities have access to local data that helps identify gaps and challenges to health and wellness, local policies that encourage healthy living, engagement from all sectors of public and private industry and government to help solve pressing issues, and networks of people and youth that want to make a difference.



Since January of 2018, Colquitt, Calhoun, and Washington counties have worked to establish, expand, and engage members of their community in a health coalition. These coalitions are comprised of individuals from multiple sectors and collaborate to provide perspective, assess needs, and expand resources in the communities in which they serve.

This initiative began in Georgia in 2018, as Georgia participated in Wave 1 as a self-funded participant in the Well Connected Communities initiative. During Wave 1, nearly \$10,000 in support from National 4-H Council was leveraged for travel, professional development, training, multi-county collaboration, and national meetings. Now in Wave 2, Georgia is receiving funding from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through National 4-H Council to continue this important work.

Kathryn Holland, Colquitt County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, says, "Well Connected Communities is inspiring this community to identify their own wellness priorities and empowering them, especially youth members, to be the solution. It is beautiful to see us come together across age, race, class, education, religion, political views, and more to focus on a goal and serve with our strengths. This coalition and community is comprised of amazing people!"



Washington County coalition member Conni Fennell-Burley of the Archway Partnership emphasizes the importance of Well Connected Communities, "As health has become a laser focused topic in all of our communities, Washington County Well-Connected Communities has been in direct alignment with needs and priorities as they have arisen. Through community engagement with adults and youth, Well Connected Communities has the ability to impact decisions that are made regarding the health, both physically and mentally, of our citizens."

Shanda Ashley, Calhoun County 4-H Agent, reflects on the importance of youth involvement in the Well Connected Communities initiative, "Well Connected Communities has brought a positive youth-adult partnership component to our existing health coalition. This has not only strengthened our coalition, but given the community as a whole more insight from everyone's (adults and youth) perspective for creating a "Healthier Together Calhoun." Alone we can do so little, but TOGETHER we can do so MUCH MORE!"



# A HEALTHY LIVING AMBASSADOR RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

WRITTEN BY DR. COURTNEY BROWN AND ELYSE DANIEL

When innovation, character, inspiration, determination, and motivation merge, a recipe for success is created. Shazia Alam of Sumter County represents those traits and has achieved a number of major accomplishments with her Healthy Living projects.

Named the 2020 Georgia 4-H Dean's Award winner in Family and Consumer Sciences, Shazia has worked extensively to promote healthy living habits throughout her community, the state of Georgia, and even on a national level. In February of 2020, Shazia represented Georgia 4-H as a youth delegate at the Walmart Foundation Healthy Habits Conference and National Youth Summit on Healthy Living. While there, she began her service with a small number of youth ambassadors from across the nation on the National 4-H Healthy Habits Land Grant University Advisory Council. As part of the tasks for the committee, she assisted in the creation of the National 4-H Healthy Habits guidebook for the 2020-2021 Healthy Habits program. The youth ambassadors on the Council also met and interacted with famed chef and 4-H alum, Carla Hall, while at the Healthy Habits Conference. As a result of serving on the Advisory Council, Shazia also had the opportunity to submit a recipe for a National 4-H cookbook. "4-H Fresh Chefs" has now been digitally published and Shazia's recipe can be found among those belonging to well-known names such as Trisha Yearwood and Anne Burrell.

Although Shazia has been in the state and national spotlight, she initially began her healthy living promotion in her own community. Each month, Shazia contributes an article and suggested activities to the Sumter County 4-H newsletter. Her article each month is centered on seasonal themes and holidays, with a featured recipe each time. The newsletter is distributed electronically. She has also conducted numerous healthy living activities at club meetings in her own county, creating a Healthy Heroes Project Club in her county and leading a number of activities with Cloverleaf 4-H members including hula hoop sized MyPlate, smoothie lessons, examination of food dyes and harmful effects, and "Kiss a Fruit" campaign.

Following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Shazia modified in-person activities to accommodate a virtual outreach program. She prepared Salsa Garden toolkits

for pickup at the Extension office and then conducted virtual project club programming to instruct other youth and younger 4-H members on growing vegetables, with the culminating activity being to make salsa from the garden produce. This project was the result of an action plan initiated at the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living. In addition, she assisted with local meal distribution during the pandemic.

On the district level, Shazia contributed a segment to the 4-H "Nailed It" virtual programming by Southwest District 4-H this summer. "Rolling the Dice with Fitness in Mind" centered on fitness dice activity and healthy snack recipes and was shared widely among 4-H youth, families, and volunteers.



Crystal Perry, Shazia's county agent, states "Shazia has made a significant impact in Sumter County 4-H and beyond through her Healthy Heroes project club and Healthy Living Ambassador activities. She planned and implemented each healthy living activity to improve and provoke healthy habits of 4-H'ers and influence their families' behaviors towards a healthy lifestyle. Shazia's healthy living project has reached over 700 4-H'ers and families through news articles and activities at the county level. Shazia's passion and campaign for a healthy lifestyle have become so contagious that other Junior and Senior members of Sumter County 4-H have joined her to expand her healthy living campaign."

Shazia is innovative and takes initiative to plan and complete projects for younger 4-H members based on needs observed and identified within her own community. She is a leader on many levels and demonstrates leadership as she shares what she has learned and accomplished with her peers and younger 4-H members.

Shazia Alam is all about "Making the Best Better" as she strives and succeeds in promoting a healthier community, state, and nation.



# GEORGIA 4-H TECH CHANGEMAKERS

WRITTEN BY KASEY BOZEMAN

In the summer of 2018, Murray County 4-H received a 4-H Tech Changemakers grant from the Microsoft Corporation in conjunction with National 4-H Council. The purpose of the grant was to allow a team of 4-H youth leaders to identify a need in their community and then address that need using technology. Led by Youth Leaders Daniel Skojac and Boaz Whealy, Murray County 4-H assembled a team of 4-H'ers and conducted a needs assessment in their community. Through surveying people young and old, it was found there was a large gap between the digital skills of senior adults in Murray County and younger residents, and that there was interest in making classes available to senior adults to improve their digital literacy. That need, combined with the skills of the 4-H'ers in Murray County, led the team to decide to address this issue by offering monthly classes to help seniors better learn to use technologies they already had, and also to introduce them to technologies or technological issues with which they may not be familiar. Murray County 4-H Tech Changemaker leaders approached the Director of the Murray County Senior Center with the idea which led to a new, strong partnership. In the spring of 2019, Murray County 4-H was invited to continue their program at the Senior Center for a second year.



One day each month, about 20-25 Murray County 4-H Tech Changemakers arrived at the Senior Center after school. Refreshments were provided and the team took 20-30 minutes to socialize with each other and the individuals that came for the monthly class. Afterwards, a brief presentation was given about a focused subject. Topics throughout the year included: getting to know your device, Facebook, online shopping, internet safety, Wal-Mart Grocery Services, video calling applications such as Skype and FaceTime, and using features such as contacts and voicemail on personal devices. After this time of focus, 4-H Tech Changemaker team members would spread out and work one-on-one with the seniors on any type of tech questions they had. 4-H Tech Changemaker team members have helped with everything from sending and receiving text messages on flip phones and connecting loved ones through social media or email, to helping one lady figure out how to watch the Braves game online. Attendees brought their own personal devices for assistance if they had them, or through the generosity of Microsoft, Murray County 4-H Tech Changemakers was able to provide Microsoft Surface Pros for seniors to use during the classes.

A core group of seniors became the "regulars," and strong relationships formed between the youth and these individuals. Participation in this program not only helped the seniors with their digital skills, but it also helped the 4-H'ers become better teachers. 4-H Tech Changemakers built a bridge across the digital divide, and across generations as

well. Ms. Betty Sue Grooms, one of the "regulars" at the Tech Changemaker classes said, "I have been out of school for a while now and technology was not a word in existence at that time... These young leaders that teach us technology classes were not only kind and caring toward us but very patient with us. These students were excellent teachers and throughout the year they became our friends as well." Her sentiments are echoed by 4-H'er Boaz, who said, "Tech Changemakers isn't just a program to learn more about technology, it's a place that cultivates lasting bonds between senior citizens and youth alike."

The original Tech Changemaker two-year granting period has now come to an end, but the program developed in Murray County has been such a success for Murray County 4-H and the Murray County Senior Center that both organizations are planning to keep it going into the future. The emergence of COVID-19 has put the program on hiatus for the time being, but both the seniors and 4-H'ers are looking forward to the time when they can visit and learn from each other once again.



In addition to the work happening in Murray County, Georgia 4-H was invited to serve as the lead state advisor for the second phase of the 4-H Tech Changemakers project. The focus shifted to empowering teens as teachers of digital literacy, with the goal of increasing the adoption and use of technology by adults in rural communities. Georgia 4-H and the National Digital Extension Education Team hosted three multi-day trainings for over 300 youth and adults. Additionally, Georgia 4-H developed an extensive guidebook and lesson plans for the project, conducted bi-monthly webinars, and provided individuals feedback and coaching to county teams. Three northwest Georgia counties were invited to participate in the program's second phase. Youth and adults in Catoosa, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties taught programming at schools, libraries, community centers, and houses of worship, committing over 1,478 hours of service. These teams reached over 1,100 participants with 12 classes and 16 exhibits. Catoosa, Gordon, and Whitfield Counties will continue their 4-H Tech Changemaker work throughout the upcoming year.



# SAFE INSTRUCTORS PROVIDE FOUNDATION FOR SHOOTING SPORTS

WRITTEN BY CRAVEN HUDSON

Georgia 4-H is receiving national attention and acclaim for its highly regarded shooting sports instructor training program. Georgia 4-H's Project SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun, and Education) focuses on safety and responsibility in shooting sports. Its success is owed to more than 1,100 volunteer certified coaches that undergo extensive training to lead over 4,400 youth in SAFE 4-H clubs throughout the state. The 1,100 active volunteer coaches acquire their solid foundation from a 12-person state instructor team.

Project SAFE is guided by a small group of skilled and dedicated instructors who train about 180 volunteers annually. These trainees go on to become certified coaches in archery, rifle, and shotgun disciplines each year. In recent years, the Project SAFE volunteer base has grown into a vibrant program with participation primarily limited, only by coach to 4-H member safety ratios.

Georgia 4-H hosted the National Level 2 Instructors Training in October 2019 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center where 124 county instructors from 30 states earned state instructor credentials. Hosting the national training made it possible for Georgia 4-H to add five experienced county coaches to the state instructor team. Additionally, two of the current Georgia 4-H state instructors helped teach sessions as apprentice national trainers. Danny Pincus (Archery) and Denny Kuhr (Shotgun) will become national instructors after their leadership is evaluated during the next national training. (COVID-19 delayed two scheduled national training sessions.)

SAFE instructors stay well connected to the needs of county-certified coaches. They are involved with youth and see the perspective of their peer coaches. Their active coaching leads the instructors to adjust the training sessions to best meet county coaches' needs.

Each year around 15-20 young winners from each state attend the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. Their experience and the experience of youth who may not even take part in our state matches would not be possible without dedicated volunteers who provide safe learning environments for air pistol, air rifle, 22 rifle, BB, archery and shotgun.

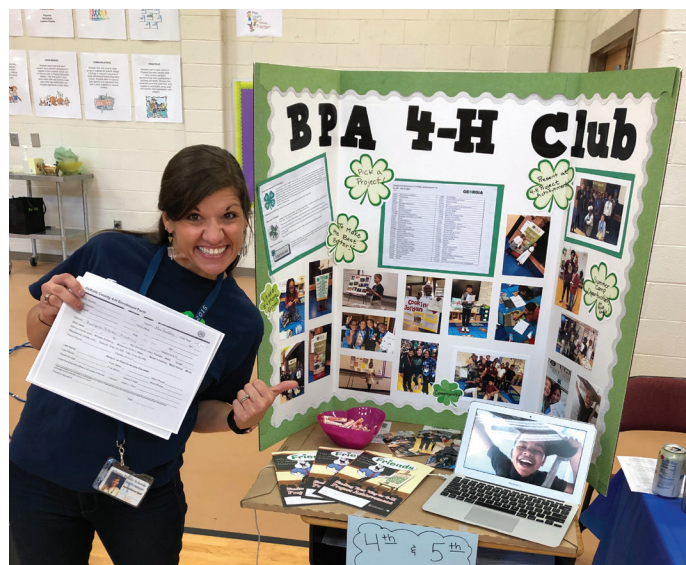
## PROGRAMS





# GEORGIA 4-H CELEBRATES IMPACT ON OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

WRITTEN BY MANDY MARABLE



Georgia 4-H's partnership with the school system remains an essential aspect of our core programming and we are working closely at the local and state levels to ensure that this partnership remains active. We are constantly adapting to meet the ever changing instructional methods that our schools are practicing during this challenging time.

We have formed a work group of professionals from across the state who have provided numerous resources and promotional items to assist with our school-based efforts. These include lessons with virtual components, graphics, and updated curricula on hand washing, introduction to 4-H, science, and other topics.

We would like to acknowledge these distinguished Georgia 4-H alumni that have been recognized for their leadership in education.



**Kerensa Wing**

## National Principal of the Year

Kerensa Wing, principal of Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, received the honor of National Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. One of Wing's main efforts in her principalship has been to ensure learning occurred at high levels among students and teachers.

In her efforts to orchestrate this

high level of learning, she created a professional learning structure allowing stronger collaborative planning time for teachers with a focus on using research-based practices to inform instruction. Ms. Wing sees her leadership role as an opportunity to provide the highest-quality education to her school community by hiring teachers who are right for the job and reflect the student population.

Ms. Wing is a 4-H alumna from Forsyth county who competed in the project areas of Sports and Outdoor Recreation, Veterinary Science, and Communication. In addition to her participation in 4-H Project Achievement, Kerensa also served as a District Officer and had four years in the 4-H Summer Camping program. Her camping roles included teaching archery, serving as a sports and recreation counselor, and holding two leadership counselor roles one as a lead counselor for the Special Interest Program and serving as counselor lead and manager for Wahsega 4-H Center.

In reflecting on the influence of her 4-H experience on her career she shares, "4-H provided me opportunities to develop my public speaking and leadership skills. I was interested in education from an early age and enjoyed being a camp counselor and pouring into other youth in the 4-H program. It also provided me with a diverse state-wide network of friends!"



**Keith Carter**

## Georgia Secondary Principal of the Year 2020-2021

Keith Carter, principal of Oconee County Middle School in Watkinsville, received the honor of Georgia Principal of the Year by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals. Under Carter's leadership, the school has had a significant increase in performance on the state's measures of

accountability through the College and Career Ready Performance Index. Superintendent Jason Branch attributes Carter's success to "being a strong leader with a focus on relationships, high achievement, and creating a positive school culture."

Mr. Carter is a 4-H alumni from Floyd County who competed in the project area of Computer Science. He served as the North District Senior Board President and as 4-H summer camp counselor. Keith's counselor role began at Rock Eagle 4-H Center as a Canoe Instructor, included a summer as a Sports and Recreation counselor, a leadership counselor for the Cherokee Tribe, and concluded with a second leadership opportunity as lead counselor and manager at Camp Fulton.

Mr. Carter attributes career success to his 4-H experience and shares, "4-H is not just a club but a training ground to help create healthy habits that make us better human beings. This tremendous organization has given me the experiences, friendships, and leadership skills that have helped me throughout my entire career. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of this supportive family."



**Tracey Pendley**

### Georgia 2020 Teacher of the Year

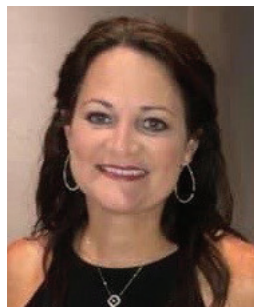
Tracey Pendley, Instructional Mentor and Interventionist at Burgess Peterson Academy in Atlanta Public Schools serves as the 2020 Georgia Teacher of the Year. Pendley's role at Burgess Peterson is as a math instructional coach and reading intervention teacher. State School Superintendent Richard Woods shared the following

in his announcement of Pendley as the 2020 Georgia Teacher of the year, "the passion and joy she brings to her classroom are inspiring and her focus is right where it belongs: on the relationships with students that serve as the foundation of all meaningful learning, development, and growth."

Ms. Pendley is a 4-H alumna from Clayton county, she shares the following thoughts on how 4-H made a difference in her life, "As the daughter of an addict and a child who attended nine different schools growing up, 4-H was instrumental in exposing me to the endless possibilities for my life, and to building my confidence as a leader and speaker. As a 4-H'er, I sewed pillows, played violin, and interestingly enough, participated in public speaking. Back in 1998, I would never have thought that I would spend two years traveling the state as a Public Speaker. I still keep the skirt suit my uncle bought me for that presentation hanging in my closet as a reminder of how far I've come, but most importantly, as a reminder that with encouragement and a little bit of help, anything is possible."

Ms. Pendley serves as the 4-H club advisor at her school and has worked to support children interested in attending 4-H summer camp. As a winner of the Teach on Project Award in 2018 which includes a stipend, Tracey knew that she wanted to use the stipend to start a 4-H club to send students to 4-H summer camp. When asked about her role as a 4-H teacher advisor she stated, "My students have hopes, talents, and identities that extend far beyond the regular academic day. 4-H gives my students a space to

explore countless topics of interest and build 21st Century communication skills. In our third year now, 4-H'ers leave fifth grade with greater confidence in themselves and with an extraordinary curiosity about the world and their place in it."



**Stephanie Peterson**

### Georgia 2020 Runner Up Teacher of the Year

Stephanie Peterson, Elementary Agricultural Education teacher at Westside Elementary School in Lowndes County has the honor of being named Georgia Runner Up Teacher of the Year for 2020. Being named a top finalist for this honor is quite an achievement and to receive the runner up title, is a tremendous honor among

very impressive competition. Ms. Peterson is in her second year of participating in a new innovative three-year pilot program incorporating agriculture education in the elementary school curriculum. As a teacher of agriculture at the elementary level, she works to help children understand the powerful impact of agriculture on the prosperity of our state.

Ms. Peterson is a 4-H alumna from Lowndes county and competed in the project areas of Flowers, Shrubs and Lawns and Arts and Crafts. She held the office of Vice President for the Lowndes County Council, served as a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus, and participated in three state 4-H Summer Exchanges to Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Her commitment to 4-H has continued in her professional career serving as a teacher advisor for twenty years and receiving the honor of being named Southwest District 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Peterson shares that for her 4-H has come full circle as her son achieved "Master 4-H'er" in the Poultry Project.

Stephanie has many wonderful things to say about 4-H and the preparation that 4-H offered to her in her role as an educator. She sums up her love for 4-H in this way, "Throughout my 4-H experience, I learned to care about others and work with the community to accomplish meaningful goals. The phrase, *Hands for better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world*, has been a tremendous influence in my thinking and actions as an educator. If we have a positive attitude, a clear vision and build real connections with people and businesses, there is no limit to what can be accomplished. As a 4-H'er, I saw time and time again how 4-H engaged the community through service projects. As an educator, I have always incorporated this approach into my classroom. I call this approach, real life connections to the content. My 4-H experiences instilled in me a go-getter, adventurous, creative, yet organized way of living and working. I am always trying to improve the quality of education I provide to my students by researching, being prepared, and giving my all. I am so very proud to be a 4-H Alumni and to represent Lowndes County!"





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# CLOVERS & CO. 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WRITTEN BY DR. ROGER C. "BO" RYLES



In 1980, I was a new 4-H Agent when State Specialist Bill Edwards called with a special request. Mr. Bill needed to fill a time slot at State Council after the Army Band canceled their attendance. He asked me to work with the Performing Arts district winners to put together a performance. Their performance created the spark of an idea that would become "Clovers & Co."

Six of us worked to transform the vision of a statewide 4-H performing arts group into reality. Reflecting on the inaugural season, we were short-sighted. We thought that we were simply creating a public relations entity for Georgia 4-H. We learned that Clovers & Co. was indeed an excellent asset for public relations, but so much more. 4-H'ers in Clovers & Co. master skills needed to lead for a lifetime, belong to a significant group in a meaningful way, grow to better understand the value of generosity, and become confident and independent thinkers. They are not merely entertainers; they are 4-H'ers.

Through the years, many alumni have shared their story of Clovers & Co. being the core reason that they stayed in the club, allowing them to experience the rest of 4-H.

The nationally acclaimed group still follows the same formula used from day one when preparing a show. The show's success is built on teamwork and a partnership between adults and young people. Teachers, preachers, and 4-H leaders are among our alumni guiding the stars of tomorrow. From Broadway to the Mayo Clinic, NASA, and many prominent places, former Clovers & Co. members share their talent.

We are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Clovers & Co. As we face a world of challenges, it is refreshing to pause



and reflect on this special program. I'm grateful that Mr. Bill had a big idea and involved me. Many volunteers through the years have given time and used their talent and experience to guide 4-H'ers.

The real secret to Clovers' success is Extension agents and parents keeping the pipeline of talent flowing and our alumni giving back in support of the program.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the University of Georgia, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Cooperative Extension, and Georgia 4-H proudly present Clovers & Co."



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# GEORGIA

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OVER .....  
**132.7K** TOTAL HOURS  
..... 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR

**1,801**  
TEENS SERVED  
**5,318**  
ADULTS SERVED

OVER  
**\$3.6M**  
VOLUNTEER TIME-WORTH

**1,617** VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES  
..... DISTRICT/STATE EVENTS

**301** VOLUNTEER-LED CLUBS  
..... STATEWIDE



**1,100** CERTIFIED SAFE COACHES  
• ARCHERY, PISTOL, RIFLE & SHOTGUN

**1,099** CERTIFIED JUDGES  
..... PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

**141** CERTIFIED JUDGING COACHES  
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## GEORGIA 4-H AMERICORPS/VISTA

WRITTEN BY JENNIFER CANTWELL AND KERI HOBBS

VISTA was founded in 1965 as a national service program designed to fight poverty in America. The AmeriCorps State program was founded in 1993 to support a wide variety of local service programs that address critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. Both programs are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Funding for the AmeriCorps State program is administered by the Georgia Commission on Service and Volunteerism (GCSV), housed in the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Since 2010, Georgia 4-H has partnered with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to locate AmeriCorps Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) members within 4-H programs through Georgia. The collaboration specifically aims to extend the capacity of 4-H youth programs and strengthen impact on Georgia's youth. To date, more than 55 full-time VISTAs have dedicated a full year of indirect service to University of Georgia Cooperative Extension's 4-H program. Over the past decade, VISTA members have collectively raised more than \$685,000 in cash and in-kind resources and recruited and managed more than 3,250 volunteers.

During the summer of 2020, Georgia 4-H gained funding from CNCS to host five VISTA Summer Associates who would directly serve in five counties to enhance youth health habits and support food security. As COVID-19 showed a larger need for such programming, five VISTAs serving Clayton, Emanuel, Fulton, Jackson, and Seminole counties quickly pivoted to offer virtual health programs for youth through

cohorts called the 4-H Summer Health Squad. Reaching 229 youth, through healthy habits curriculum enabled youth to enhance knowledge of health, including learning about hand washing, mindfulness, and food security. In addition, these VISTA Summer Associates enhanced local food delivery systems and supported the delivery of more than 6,500 pounds of food in June and July for families in local communities.

Since 2012, 279 AmeriCorps State members have contributed more than 345,827 hours of service, reached approximately 152,923 students through in-school programming, more than 112,925 students through Project Achievement, and recruited 1,909 volunteers who have contributed nearly 21,330 hours.

In addition to serving youth, the AmeriCorps State grant demonstrates impact through the collection and analysis of survey data. The following outcomes were reported for the 2019-2020 program year:

### 4-H LOCAL MEETINGS

91% of students demonstrated knowledge of content presented.

### 4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

87% of students demonstrated knowledge of best practices in public speaking

87% indicated confidence in or showed an increase in confidence in public speaking

## Georgia 4-H Volunteer of the Year

### Ashley Yeager of Coweta County 4-H

Mrs. Yeager is an asset to the 4-H program in Coweta County. For ten years, she has actively served in many capacities including assisting with the BB Team, Shotgun Team, and all areas of the horse program in the county. In addition, she coordinates and runs the 4-H food booth each year at the Coweta County Fair which is the 4-H program's largest fundraiser for all clubs and teams in the county. Ashley is always willing to do what is asked of her for the benefit of the 4-H'ers. She can be seen doing paperwork for a team, setting up for meetings, cleaning up after events, attending club meetings, chaperoning a trip, or driving the minibus to competitions. She encourages and supports the 4-H'ers in their pursuits and always is there for them. Coweta County 4-H is honored to work with her and feel their 4-H programming would not be the same without her experience, hard work, and constant support.

"As an active leader in Coweta County 4-H for 10 years, Ashley commits wholeheartedly to any program in whatever way

she is needed. She is willing to serve in any capacity needed with a smile and a healthy dose of wisdom. Ashley's quest for knowledge in all things 4-H inspire adults and youth as she learns and grows right along with our 4-H'ers." -Roberta Prince, Coweta 4-H Program Assistant

"I can't begin to describe what a blessing she has been to our office over the years. She has a servant's heart and a positive attitude that is infectious. You can't help but smile when you're around Ashley. She handles stressful situations like a champ and is just a pure joy to work with on a daily basis. If only there were more Ashleys!" - Stephanie Butcher, Coweta CEC/ANR Agent



## Georgia 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer

### Danny Pincus of Morgan County 4-H

Mr. Pincus is the leader of the Morgan County 4-H Archery Program which excels each year at both indoor and outdoor state matches. Danny has coached several Georgia State 4-H Championship Teams and traveled numerous times to represent the state of Georgia at the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition where his teams consistently finish in the top ten and, most often, in the top five teams in the nation. Danny is constantly coaching and helping kids understand their equipment, methodology, and mental attitude toward the sport of target archery. He has coached several archers who achieved podium status at national archery events outside of 4-H as well. Danny also serves on the Project SAFE Archery Advisory Committee and has been instrumental in implementing positive changes in the Georgia 4-H Archery program.

"Danny exemplifies every quality you want in a leader from the organization standpoint and working with youth development to sharing his love of archery with others. He is always willing to help and expands on his learning whenever opportunities arise. We are thankful Danny chooses to spend his time and talents making Morgan County

4-H and Georgia 4-H better" - Shannon Cagle, Extension 4-H Program Assistant

"Danny devotes numerous hours to the sport of archery to attend seminars and trainings across the country to increase his knowledge of the sport so he may pass it along to his students. He has been a part of helping hundreds of people earn their level 1 coaching credentials and develop 4-H programs in their home county." - Todd Cliett, Georgia 4-H SAFE Program Instructor

"Danny understands that each young person is unique, and he has an incredible ability to tailor his instruction to meet their needs. Danny also is skilled in training volunteers to coach and lead young people." - Craven Hudson, Extension 4-H Specialist



## National 4-H Southern Region Volunteer of the Year

### Cisco Damons of Gwinnett County

Mr. Damons is the southern region winner of the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year award. He has served as a volunteer for over 10 years, and dedicated at least 1,520 hours to summer camp alone. He serves in several counties in many different ways. Due to this breadth of experience and service, Cisco is held in high regard and often called upon by other leaders to attend state events or camps as a chaperone.

What stands out the most about Cisco is when he talks about his 4-H experience and how much 4-H means to him. Fulfilling the definition of "4-H grown" Cisco is an amazing advocate in the community for Georgia's youth. He has taken all that 4-H gave to him and gives back to youth not just in his local county, but across the state. He helps youth to become better leaders, citizens, and helps to build them into future change makers.

"Mr. Cisco is the very embodiment of 4-H for our county, providing inspiration and encouragement to both adults and

youth to live an involved, community-minded, and civically engaged life. His presence at Junior and Senior Councils has a calming effect on the teenagers that is amazing to observe. I have had the pleasure of volunteering alongside Mr. Cisco for almost 10 years. Mr. Cisco serves simply to give back to a program that meant so much to him as a youth." - Jean Scott Martin, Georgia 4-H Volunteer

"Cisco excels in child management skills. We are indeed blessed to have him as a volunteer and cannot show enough recognition to express our gratitude for his volunteer service to 4-H." - Barbara Larson, Gwinnett County 4-H Program Assistant







## GEORGIA 4-H GREEN JACKET AWARD WINNER: GALE CUTLER

Since 2008, the Georgia 4-H Program began recognizing an outstanding public servant who has been a true supporter of the 4-H program during their career with the coveted "Green Jacket Award."

This year, Georgia 4-H celebrates Gale Cutler as the 2020 Green Jacket Award recipient. Cutler's position at Georgia EMC for the past 20 years has allowed her to become a cheerleader for Georgia 4-H. She believes in the power that each student gains through their 4-H experience, and she has inspired countless youth during their 4-H career.

Cutler was nominated by Georgia 4-H Foundation Trustee Caroline Lewallen who said, "When reflecting on my career as a Georgia 4-H member, her consistent smile and Georgia EMC always come to mind. As a sponsor of 4-H programming, she never ceased to offer a smile and word of encouragement at various events. She also has an incredible talent of remembering students' names."

Her service on the Georgia 4-H Advisory Committee has enabled her to provide support and insight to the leadership of Georgia 4-H. Because of her strong support she was recognized with the Friend of Georgia 4-H Award in 2015 by the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

In addition to directing the Washington Youth Tour, Gale serves as Senior Public Relations Coordinator at Georgia EMC. She has been a Georgia 4-H Foundation donor and a member of Georgia 4-H Gala Committee on several occasions. She has also served on the Georgia FFA Foundation Board, and the Georgia Cooperative Council Board.

The Green Jacket Award, established in 2008, recognizes individuals for their outstanding statewide support of Georgia 4-H and is presented annually on behalf of Georgia 4-H alumni, donors, volunteers and friends.

### 2019

Francis "Abit" Massey, President Emeritus  
of the Georgia Poultry Federation

### 2018

Senator Jack Hill, chairman of the  
Senate Appropriations Committee

### 2017

Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black

### 2016

State Representative Tom McCall, chairman of the  
House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

### 2015

President/CEO of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation  
Paul Wood

### 2014

State Representative Terry England,  
chairman of the House Appropriations Committee

### 2013

Governor Nathan Deal

### 2012

Board of Regents Chancellor Hank Huckaby

### 2011

Speaker of the House David Ralston

### 2010

Georgia 4-H Foundation Trustee Randy Nuckolls

### 2009

Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner  
Mike Beatty

### 2008

Governor Sonny Perdue  
Positions at time of award

## WILLIAM H. BOOTH AWARD WINNER: CHERYL POPPELL

The William H. Booth award, sponsored by Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, is an honor acknowledging both peer recognition and career achievement. Extension agents from all four districts were elected from their district for more than seven years in 4-H professional achievement, 4-H educational development, professional and university service, and philosophy.

Cheryl Poppell of Toombs County was awarded the William H. Booth Award for the Southeast District as well as being selected as the Statewide winner. Ms. Poppell has worked in Extension for 21 years and is currently the County 4-H Agent and County Extension Coordinator for Toombs County. She has helped hundreds of students advance to state competitions in Project SAFE shooting sports events, multiple state team champions, and more than a dozen students achieve Master 4-H status--the highest level of achievement for a 4-H member. Poppell has been an instrumental force in spreading the message to area youth and adults about the importance of agriculture, developing specialized programming on the Vidalia Sweet Onion and other Georgia commodities. She serves as a mentor to new agents and a representative on many state and national 4-H committees and boards as well as receiving dozens of local, state, and national honors and awards.

Cheryl has a genuine desire to "make the best better" and believes a strong county 4-H program begins by providing



the members with a place to belong. She understands the importance of serving in many roles as a 4-H agent--from educator to confidant. "In Georgia 4-H, youth have a safe place where they can be accepted for who they truly are meant to be. It is a place where they are encouraged to discover their passions, chase their dreams, and reach their full potential. The impact of Georgia 4-H on a young person is so much more than a blue ribbon, but rather teaching youth that they belong and instilling in them the ability to win at life," said Poppell.

## FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD WINNER: GEORGE LEE

For the past 46 years, the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents has recognized one or more individuals who have exemplified outstanding support of Georgia 4-H with the GAE4-HA Friend of 4-H Award. The 2020 recipient, George Lee, began his 4-H career in 1960 as a Ware County 4-H member.

After college Mr. Lee was employed as Crisp County Extension and 4-H agent in 1972. In 1988, Lee left the Crisp County Extension office to serve as Southwest District 4-H Agent and 4-H Program Development Coordinator until his retirement in 2001.

After retiring from Extension, George volunteered and assisted in coaching the Tift County 4-H Poultry Judging Team from 2001 to 2018. He is very proud that Tift County achieved state and/or national honors in Poultry Judging Competition every year he helped coach. Lee once wrote, "A personal passion exists for 4-H program accomplishments in young people as they attain leadership and education skills. This passion was born in me from early childhood experiences in 4-H and was strengthened in working with so many young members, parents, and community leaders. Constant changes in experiential learning activities is a key to keeping members active with a 'buy in and ownership' in the program. I've always had a positive feeling about young people who put forth the efforts required of 4-H membership to achieve and to aspire to higher education learning opportunities & community leadership. I'm glad my family



chose 4-H as an educational life tool and I'm glad to be a friend of Georgia 4-H."

Lee has been active in Georgia 4-H for over 60 years. His family continues to support 4-H through the South Georgia Achievement Scholarship by sponsoring the Loyd Poitevint Family Scholarship in honor of his wife Lynn's family.



## RYLES RISING STAR AWARD WINNER: SUSANNAH LANIER

The Ryles Rising Star Award was established upon the retirement of former State 4-H Leader Dr. Roger C. (Bo) Ryles to recognize an outstanding 4-H staff member in the first five years of employment for his or her outstanding contributions to the success of 4-H, either in a county program, at a 4-H Center, or in the State 4-H Office. This year's recipient is Susannah Lanier of Bulloch County Extension.

Lanier leads 4-H youth development programming for over 1,800 youth in 90 clubs. She has worked for Georgia 4-H less than three years, and she has managed three staff members and nearly 80 volunteers who help lead numerous judging teams and clubs. Even though Susannah is early in her Extension 4-H career, she already mentors two 4-H Agents.

This agent not only provides excellent ideas and quality work, but also is always willing to share with others to provide support and training as needed for success. Due to the pandemic, Susannah was quick to spring in to action beginning virtual clubs to finish their in-school 4-H programming, developing a district virtual poultry judging contest that later served as a model for the state contest, and serving as a representative on the state 4-H in Schools Re-entry Task Force. She continues to think creatively and many, even veteran 4-H agents, look to her for programming ideas and assistance.

"In a short period of time, Susannah has distinguished herself as a very bright star in 4-H. She has grown the



number and use of volunteers and she has expanded offerings in competitive events, increased leadership and service opportunities and continues to find ways to meet the needs of her community. Above all, she has shown great character during uncertain times, quickly coming to the aid of many who were struggling to adapt to a new virtual world," said Lee Anna Deal, Southeast District 4-H Program Development Coordinator.

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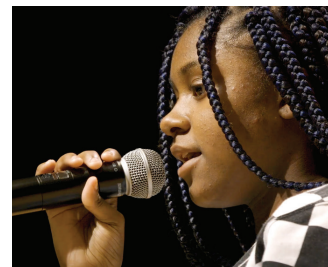
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# GEORGIA

4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

OVER .....  
**79K** RECEIVED INSTRUCTION  
..... 2019-2020 PROGRAM YEAR



Students choose a project area of interest, research the topic and write and present a presentation. Youth develop leadership, creativity, public speaking and other skills. As students become older, a record-keeping component is added that promotes independent thinking and research.

## CLOVERLEAF PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

**2,948** GRADES 4-6 COMPETED **62** PROJECT CATEGORIES **14** AREA CONTESTS\*

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

**1,961** GRADES 7-12 COMPETED **104** PROJECT CATEGORIES **4** DISTRICT CONTESTS



**349** GRADES 7-8 WINNERS **250** GRADES 9-12 WINNERS

## STATE 4-H CONGRESS

**243** GRADES 9-12 COMPETED **50** PROJECT WINNERS

WINNERS RECEIVED GEORGIA MASTER 4-H'ER STATUS

*\*5 Area Contests were offered virtually in response to the pandemic.*



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# NATIONAL WINNER

## 1ST PLACE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE DEMONSTRATION CONTEST, WESTERN NATIONAL ROUND UP CALEB MOSELEY (BLECKLEY COUNTY)

Caleb Moseley was the National Winner in Family and Consumer Science Presentations at the National 4-H Western Round Up in Denver, Colorado. He combined his project work from the Wildlife project as well as his work in Food Safety and Preservation to develop his winning demonstration. His presentation was entitled "Food Safety from Forest to Fork," and provided information on safely field-dressing a deer after harvest, safe processing techniques, safe food storage practices, and information about the nutritional aspects of venison.



# SPECIAL PROJECT WINNERS

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

**Juliette McKinley** (Paulding County)  
Donor(s): Cheryl Chapple

### BEEF

**Tyler Hunter** (Bulloch County)  
Donor(s): Williamson Beef Project Fund

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Andy Martin** (Emanuel County)  
Donor(s): Randy and Ruth Daniel; Julia Lucas

### COMPANION AND SPECIALTY ANIMALS

**Savannah Hockenberry** (Richmond County)  
Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Foundation

### COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Kennedy Deveaux** (Cobb County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Master 4-H Club

### DAIRY

**Morgan Patterson** (Jasper County)  
Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Foundation

### DOG CARE AND TRAINING

**Sara Reed** (Coweta County)  
Donor(s): Diane Vaughan and Lynn Rainey

### ENGINEERING AND MECHANICS

**Elyce Wages** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Gulfstream; Mike and Karen Garrett

**ENTOMOLOGY**

**Kelly Lachowsky** (Liberty County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Pest Control Association;  
UGA Entomology Department

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

**Jordan Daniels** (Tift County)  
Donor(s): Cliff and Amelia Lipscomb;  
Georgia Cooperative Council

**FASHION REVUE**

**Minnes Smith** (Polk County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Master 4-H Club

**FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSUMER ECONOMICS**

**Aquemini Trotter** (Ben Hill County)  
Donor(s): Sarah L. Huff Fund

**FLOWERS, SHRUBS, AND LAWNS**

**Annie Stephenson** (Oconee County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Development Authority

**FOOD FOR FITNESS**

**Zoe Jane Powell** (Stephens County)  
Donor(s): M.K. "Curly" Cook Family Fund

**FOOD FOR HEALTH AND SPORT**

**Shazia Alam** (Sumter County)  
Donor(s): Stewart and Karen Thigpen

**FOOD SAFETY AND PRESERVATION**

**Brecklyn Brown** (Chattooga County)  
Donor(s): Gary and Rhonda Keve

**FOODS LAB: DAIRY FOODS**

**Laura Harriss** (Cobb County)  
Donor(s): Bob and Lucy Reid

**FOODS LAB: FESTIVE FOODS FOR HEALTH**

**Delaney Millerick** (Newton County)  
Donor(s): Hardy Farms Peanuts

**FOODS LAB: FOOD FARE**

**Rebekah Ibbetson** (Haralson County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Development Authority

**FOREST RESOURCES AND WOOD SCIENCE**

**James Turpin** (Hart County)  
Donor(s): Bill Lott

**FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS**

**Breana Manning** (Gordon County)  
Donor(s): Meadows-Knox Family Fund

**GENERAL RECREATION**

**Dabirichi Chukwuezi** (Cobb County)  
Donor(s): Six Flags Over Georgia

**HEALTH**

**Rachel Thigpen** (Montgomery County)  
Donor(s): Greg and Judy Jones in memory  
of George E. and Vera H. Jones

**HISTORY**

**Samantha Kuhbander** (Ware County)  
Donor(s): The Ina Hopkins History Fund;  
The Family of Beth Scott-Brown in memory  
of Darius and Betty Jo Miller

**HORSE**

**Alexa Hillebrand** (Coweta County)  
Donor(s): Patrick and Julie Lucas

**HOUSING**

**Lora Coxwell** (Worth County)  
Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Foundation

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**James Poppell** (Toombs County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents

**INTERNATIONAL**

**Jhaycee Barnes** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): The Family of Tony Tyson; Eleanor I. Smith

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

**Madison Clevenger** (Paulding County)  
Donor(s): Athens Six

**PERFORMING ARTS: DANCE**

**Maggie DeMaria** (Clarke County)  
Donor(s): Page Performing Arts-Dance Fund

**PERFORMING ARTS: DRAMA**

**Lydia Norman** (Wilkes County)  
Donor(s): In Memory of Allen Nasworthy

**PERFORMING ARTS: GENERAL**

**Parker Varnadoe** (Madison County)  
Donor(s): Brad and Danetta Hardy

**PERFORMING ARTS: OTHER INSTRUMENTAL**

**Chandler Stevenson** (Cherokee County)  
Donor(s): Billy and Kelle Ray

**PERFORMING ARTS: PIANO**

**Journey Austinson** (Decatur County)  
Donor(s): Bo and Becky Ryles

**PERFORMING ARTS: VOCAL**

**Tripp Carter** (Burke County)  
Donor(s): Frank and Christy Carter

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY**

**Bell Scdoris** (Crisp County)  
Donor(s): GEORGIA Magazine

**PHYSICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND EARTH SCIENCES**

**Quadriyah Williams** (Cobb County)  
Donor(s): Georgia EMC

**PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCES**

**Jessie Holbrook** (Union County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Plant Food Educational Society

**POULTRY**

**Whitley Gatch** (Bulloch County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Poultry Federation

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**Madison Clemente** (Paulding County)  
Donor(s): Jay Morgan

**ROBOTICS**

**Hannah Fletcher** (Worth County)  
Donor(s): Gulfstream

**SAFETY**

**Paige Phillips** (Stephens County)  
Donor(s): Gaines Safety Project Fund

**SHEEP AND MEAT GOATS**

**Gracie Grimes** (Candler County)  
Donor(s): Williamson Sheep and Meat Goats Project Fund



## SPORTS

**Emma Harris** (Peach County)  
Donor(s): Clover Glove Race Series

## SWINE

**Hannah McElrath** (Gordon County)  
Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Foundation

## TARGET SPORTS

**Jennifer Brinton** (Coweta County)  
Donor(s): Callaway Foundation;  
Family of Col. James "Jim" Boddie

## TEXTILES, MERCHANDISING, AND INTERIORS

**Arham Shah** (Emanuel County)  
Donor(s): Dave and Anne Sapp

## VETERINARY SCIENCE

**Gabrielle Ralston** (Gordon County)  
Donor(s): Laura Perry Johnson

## WILDLIFE AND MARINE SCIENCE

**Neely McCommons** (Oconee County)  
Donor(s): The McDaniel Family

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## CHICKEN BARBECUE CONTEST

**Kaylee Collins** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Ken and Chris Jones

## COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING (HIGH INDIVIDUAL)

**Jhaycee Barnes** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton

## COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING (TEAM)

**Shelby Lane** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton

## COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING (TEAM)

**Heather Dorn** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton

## COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING (TEAM)

**Jhaycee Barnes** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton

## COTTON BOLL CONSUMER JUDGING (TEAM)

**Kaylee Collins** (Spalding County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Cotton

## DAIRY JUDGING (HIGH INDIVIDUAL)

**Noel Pickel** (Morgan County)  
Donor(s): John W. Cook Memorial Fund;  
Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation;  
Milk Checkoff

## DAIRY JUDGING (TEAM)

**Lexi Pritchard** (Oconee County)  
Donor(s): John W. Cook Memorial Fund;  
Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation;  
Milk Checkoff

## DAIRY JUDGING (TEAM)

**Neely McCommons** (Oconee County)  
Donor(s): John W. Cook Memorial Fund;  
Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation;  
Milk Checkoff

## DAIRY JUDGING (TEAM)

**Emma Newberry** (Oconee County)  
Donor(s): John W. Cook Memorial Fund;  
Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation;  
Milk Checkoff

## DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

**Seth Jones** (Tift County)  
Donor(s): Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation;  
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& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES****Lydia Connell** (Tift County)

Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Foundation

**DEAN'S AWARD - CITIZENSHIP****Juliette McKinley** (Paulding County)

Donor(s): Georgia EMC

**DEAN'S AWARD - COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS****Allen Brooks** (Houston County)

Donor(s): Pat Edwards

**DEAN'S AWARD - FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES****Shazia Alam** (Sumter County)

Donor(s): Blaine and Denise Everson

**DEAN'S AWARD - LEADERSHIP****Aromal Saji** (Gwinnett County)

Donor(s): James Harris Leadership Endowment

**EGG PREPARATION CONTEST****Amare Woods** (Tift County)

Donor(s): Georgia 4-H Clover Café

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Dear Georgia 4-H Donors: 2020 will go down in the 'record books' as quite a year in many ways; it was one that meant an upheaval in day-to-day life for everyone. Major adjustments had to be made at home, at work, in school, and the term 'the new normal' was a phrase that came to be prevalent in most conversations.

Fortunately, Georgia 4-H has incredibly strong roots that span generations, and our tenacity has shown through the incredible virtual and web-based programming many of you have participated in first-hand and then read about within the pages of this 'Cloverleaf.' That determination to 'Make the Best Better' has certainly shown through in your financial support during these trying times as well; Thank you for the generosity and unselfishness that you have shown in 2020.

For those of you looking to lend assistance at this time, we have several areas in which to support, such as Project Achievement, Leadership & Officers Circle, and a host of other program related areas. You can make a donation directly online with the link here on this newsletter. Too, you might consider a monthly, recurring gift - which is an easy way to budget your generosity throughout the year. Our website gives that option for donors as well.

Please feel free to contact our office with any inquiries. Libby, Adam, and I are always happy to answer questions you might have and provide more details on the giving opportunities which support the programs and facilities of Georgia 4-H.

Appreciatively yours,  
Johnathon S. Barrett  
Executive Director



First and foremost, thank you for your support of Georgia 4-H. If you are reading this, you have made a contribution of your time, talent, and treasure to the best youth leadership development organization in Georgia - and beyond. As chairman of the Georgia 4-H Foundation, we appreciate you now more than ever.

Secondly, the Foundation is very proud of our previous state and district boards as well as the current officers. We pay tribute to them here on these pages. They have shown great resiliency and patience with their adult leaders and carried on their responsibilities with pride, respect for tradition, and great enthusiasm. Even though their terms and the events they looked forward to have been dramatically different than ever before, they have persevered and they have learned how to face adversity with the same boundless energy and drive as their predecessors.

The lessons our 4-H'ers have learned as leaders during a national pandemic will always be with them and the role that 4-H played in giving them a necessary anchor is now part of who they are - and will be.

There are so many clichés that have been used - perhaps overused - during this national pandemic but none more than "we are looking for the new normal". Truth is, there is no "new normal" and for our part, we should never seek such a low threshold of service. We are called to lead. Our officers and their dedicated adult leaders and agents have answered the call. We have made virtual real. While our time together has been limited, our creativity or capacity to lead has not.

Governor Brian Kemp, himself a 4-H parent, is fond of saying, "keep chopping" and as 4-H'ers our mantra must be to "keep leading." My challenge to you as you read about the many accomplishments celebrated here is to ask, "What can I do to make the best better today?" I can hardly wait to see what is on these pages next year.

Keep your masks on and your 4-H spirit strong,

Jay Morgan  
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# LEADERSHIP & OFFICERS CIRCLE

Leadership skills are a cornerstone of the training and development of Georgia children and teens experience as they move through 4-H programs. These soft and workforce development skills are essential in all career fields. These leadership experiences are finely tuned even further for more than 70 students who serve as a Georgia 4-H district or state officer. After developing a campaign strategy and competing against hundreds of other 4-H'ers, these officers represent their districts and state at conferences, meetings, and 4-H Day at the Capitol. These young leaders learn valuable public speaking and personal interaction skills while gaining real life experiences connecting with government and business leaders. State and district officers are coached on decision making, team building, and critical thinking.

This multitude of workshops, training programs, and other activities are funded through the Georgia 4-H Foundation's Leadership & Officers Circle. The group consists of former officers, 4-H alumni, and other donors who have benefited from leadership experiences in Georgia 4-H. Funding through the Leadership & Officers Circle is anchored by the Nathan and Sandra Deal Leadership Endowment. Earnings from this endowment, named in honor of the former Governor and First Lady, are



grouped with donations made to the Circle and invested directly into the state and district officer programs.

In order to expand this program and deepen its impact, the Foundation invites all former officers and other supporters of leadership and professional development programs to be a part of the Leadership & Officers Circle. By donating, you can continue your legacy with Georgia 4-H while investing in programs that will grow the next generation of leaders.

## MORE THAN \$200,000 HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE LEADERSHIP & OFFICERS CIRCLE SINCE OCTOBER OF 2018.

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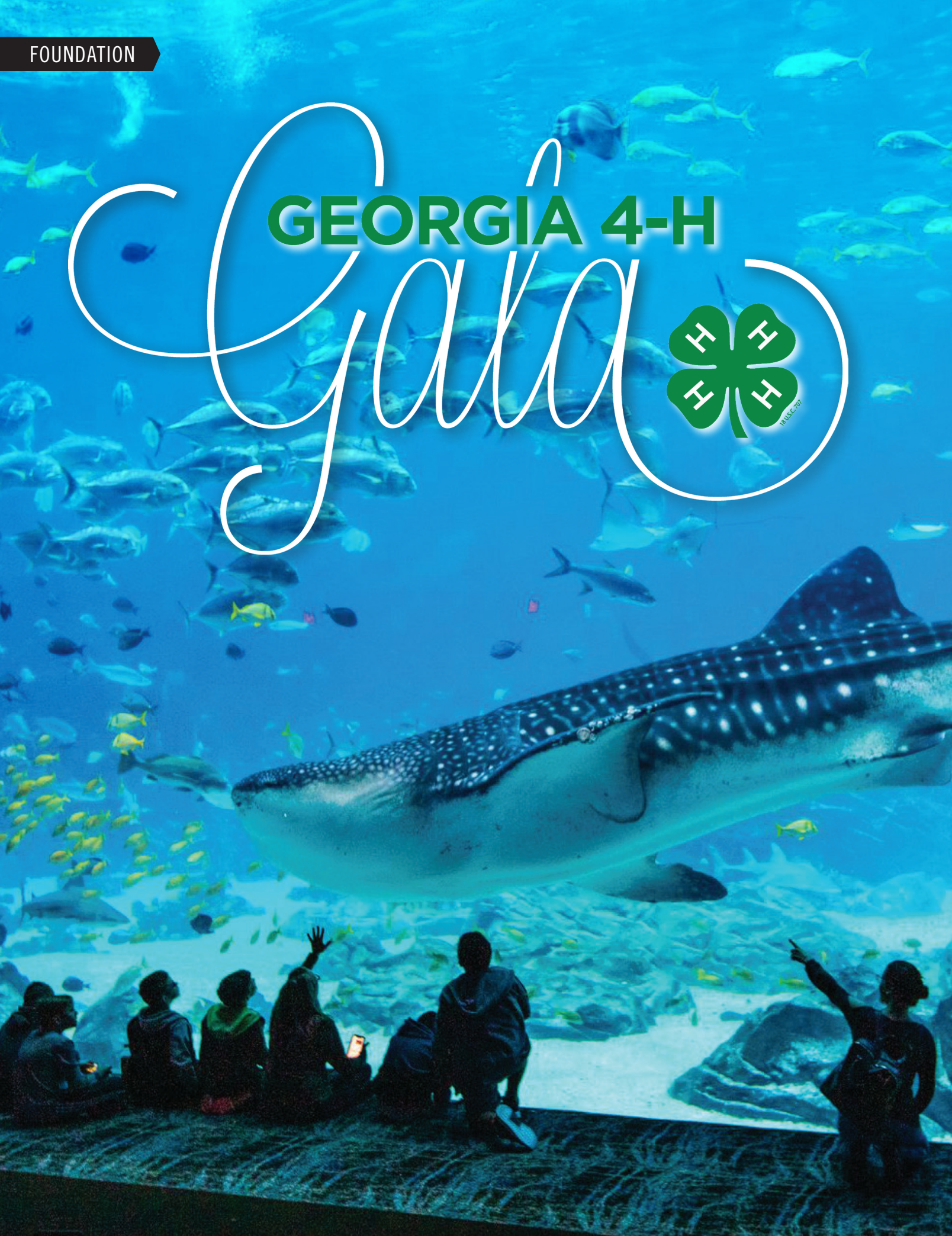
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FOUNDATION

GEORGIA 4-H







# GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

## INCOME

GRANTS	\$287,743
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,692,087
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	\$1,512,310
REALIZED/UNREALIZED	(\$117,918)
INTEREST & DIVIDEND	\$50,913
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,425,135</b>

## EXPENSES

CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS	\$427,604
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$3,055,700
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$51,563
FOUNDATION OPERATING	\$469,306
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,004,173</b>

BEGINNING NET ASSETS	\$6,117,991
ENDING NET ASSETS	\$5,538,953
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$(579,038)</b>

Join the Georgia 4-H Foundation on August 14, 2021 for a magical evening set amongst the glories of the seven seas!

The upcoming celebration will be held in the spectacular ballroom of the Georgia Aquarium and include a social hour filled with entertainment and an extensive silent auction, seated dinner, and the presentation of the prestigious 'Lifetime Achievement Award.' In addition, Clovers & Co. will be showcased in honor of the group's historic 40th Anniversary.

Save the date, sponsorship, and ticket opportunities will be forthcoming in early 2021.



# Give \$4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Month **GEORGIA** 4-H

## \$4 for 4-H

## \$4 FOR 4-H

Georgia 4-H has hosted \$4 for 4-H Days in 2018 and 2019. This celebratory fundraising event was the inspiration of Georgia 4-H Foundation trustees Julie Mills Lucas and Brandie Rucks Park.

\$4 for 4-H is designed to encourage individuals to support our programs online with gifts in increments of four, such as \$4, \$44, \$400, etc. Donors are able to designate a portion of their contribution to a county 4-H program of their choice; each of Georgia's 159 counties are listed via the donation portal.

The 2019 goal was for all 159 counties to have participation. Live updates were streamed and kept donors informed on the goal progression. Overall, more than \$35,000 was raised, with \$13,500 going directly back to individual county 4-H programs.

We hope you will mark your calendars and support Georgia 4-H this year. Be sure to encourage others to participate by sharing the ways Georgia 4-H has impacted your life.

SAVE THE DATE!

**\$4  
FOR  
4-H**



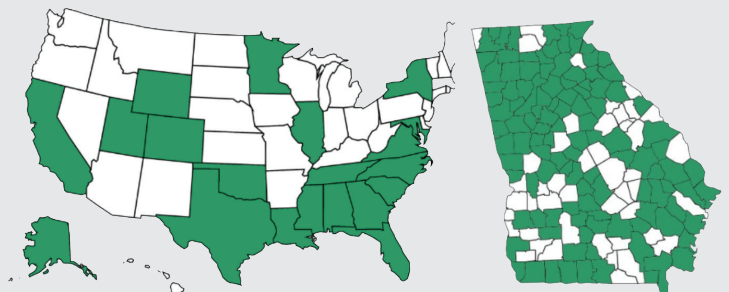
April 4, 2021

In light of the pandemic, the 2020 \$4 for 4-H was replaced with 4 Minutes for 4-H. Rather than hosting a fundraising day, Georgia 4-H Foundation participated in a Georgia 4-H Spirit Week. On April 4, 2020, Georgia 4-H alumni, donors and supporters were asked to update their contact information in a survey, taking less than four minutes.

More than 600 supporters updated their contact information and pledged to participate in future fundraising events on behalf of Georgia 4-H. Responses came in from many alumni, including project achievement participants, Master 4-H'ers, officers, and camp counselors.

## 4 MINUTES FOR 4-H

In 2020, 627 people committed to support Georgia 4-H in the future by updating their contact information. The majority are Georgia 4-H alumni and are currently living all over Georgia and the US.



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## Karol & Greg Gaines

For Karol Gaines, Georgia 4-H is a passion and family affair. She grew up on a Hart County dairy farm and became a Master 4-H'er in 1972 in the Citizenship project. Georgia 4-H is a tradition for the Gaines family.

"All three of our boys mastered. I was a counselor at Rock Eagle, and all three of them were counselors. It's just a big part of my life and has been since the fifth grade," said Gaines.

From leadership to public speaking skills, the former Muskogee princess believes Georgia 4-H has played a big role in her professional career. Gaines taught school for a period of time and works with her family's company, Gaines Electric, near their home in Lawrenceville.

"It (4-H) lays the foundation for anything you want to do. Our boys have talked about how comfortable they were in college presenting while other people were like 'I'll do anything but present,'" said Gaines.

She believes Georgia 4-H provides a key foundation for community service, civic engagement, competition, and professional development. Gaines also sees the benefit 4-H can offer all Georgians despite their background.



"I grew up on a farm, and it exposed me to the city. For my boys growing up in suburban Atlanta, it exposed them to the rural areas and people who lived all over Georgia," said Gaines.

Because of her belief in Georgia 4-H, Gaines and her husband Greg have financially committed to the Georgia 4-H Foundation for more than two decades in an attempt to ensure similar opportunities for Georgia's youth. In that time, they've created the Gaines Achievement

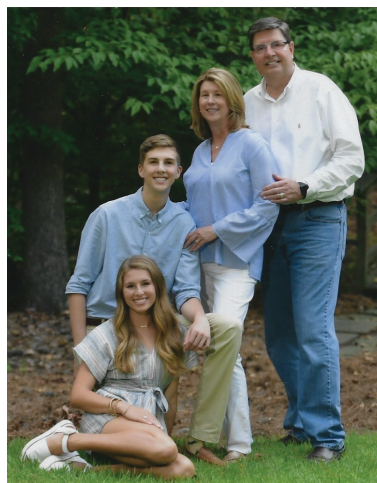
Scholarship, contributed to Project Achievement by fully funding the Safety Project, donated to Rock Eagle camp scholarships, and committed to the cabin and chapel capital projects.

"I don't think you can get any organization that shapes, molds, and gives kids opportunities more than 4-H. It covers life," said Gaines.

Georgia 4-H thanks Karol and Greg Gaines for their deep love and commitment to Georgia's youth.

## Christy & Frank Carter

Frank and Christy Carter are a familiar sight at 4-H programs across Georgia. From dozens of Clovers & Co. performances to being a part of State Congress to volunteering at district events, this couple is two of Georgia 4-H's most ardent supporters. Their admiration of the organization runs deep; Frank has often offered that "It is obvious to us that Georgia 4-H is the best youth development organization in the state."



Frank, a physician for more than 30 years, is a 4-H alumnus from Lanier County. He participated in multiple projects and activities as a youth including serving as an officer, competing in Land Judging, attending various leadership and specialty camps, and attending State Congress in the Health Project – a fitting start for a medical doctor. He went on to spend four summers at Camp Chatham (now

Burton) with his last year serving as Manager.

Frank's passion for 4-H continued into his professional life, taking the time from his family medical practice to serve on the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees for more than 30 years. He and Christy have created and funded two scholarships in memory of Idelle Lee Carter and John Strickland, are project sponsors for Performing Arts – Vocal, and have made significant contributions to other numerous initiatives including the Leadership & Officers Circle, Clovers & Co., and the Rock Eagle Chapel restoration.

The Lanier County native's love of our organization was passed along to his and Christy's two children, Tripp and Kelly. Both served as District Officers, performed in Clovers & Co., and mastered in their project areas. Currently Tripp is studying music as a freshman at Rollins College in Winter Haven, FL, while Kelly is a junior at UGA studying biological science with plans to become a physician.

In regards to his children being a part of 4-H, Frank shared that "There has been no greater joy than seeing our children enjoy 4-H as much as I did."

Thank you, Frank and Christy, for all that you do for Georgia 4-H and the youth of our state.



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