

2015 CLOVERLEAF ANNUAL REPORT

# GEORGIA

4-H







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# HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH

4-H'ERS ARE MORE THAN  
**3X** PHYSICALLY ACTIVE  
THAN NON 4-H'ERS

4-H'ERS ARE MORE THAN  
**2X** MORE LIKELY TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO  
THEIR COMMUNITY

4-H'ERS ARE NEARLY  
**5X** MORE LIKELY TO  
GRADUATE COLLEGE

4-H'ERS ARE MORE THAN  
**2X** MORE LIKELY TO  
PURSUE A CAREER  
IN SCIENCE



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A LETTER FROM THE GEORGIA 4-H LEADER,

## ARCH SMITH

**ON JULY 23, 2015, GEORGIA 4-H BROUGHT CLOSURE TO THE 2014-2015 PROGRAM YEAR WHEN 750 PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS RECITED THE 4-H PLEDGE.**

The 4-H Pledge at Georgia 4-H State Congress Annual Banquet is one of my favorite moments of the year. It's an ending and a beginning rolled into one. While we are completing our celebration of another successful 4-H year, it also means that the very next day we begin a new year. 4-H is a never-ending cycle of work. The unsung heroes are the county Extension staffs, volunteers, and parents across Georgia who work to help 4-H members realize their dreams. And, more often than not, they are the ones helping them learn even when falling short of the ultimate achievement of those dreams.

The *Cloverleaf*, Georgia 4-H's annual report, is a historical document that catalogs state winners, officers, donors, outstanding agents, and volunteers who support the 4-H mission. It is an archive of the outstanding 4-H achievements throughout the year. We were honored to celebrate the contributions of 4-H Foundation Trustee Paul Wood, retiring President of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, and his many contributions to the program over the past 20 years. As Georgia EMC has supported the Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award since its inception, it was only fitting that we honored Paul as the 2015 recipient. We wish him the best, but most importantly, we say, "Thank you."

Grammy Award-winning recording artist and Coffee County 4-H alumna Jennifer Nettles served as honorary chair of the 2015 4-H Gala where the Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to retired State 4-H Leader Dr. Roger C. "Bo" Ryles. With nearly 650 guests the evening boasted a record number of attendees and raised more than \$140,000 to support 4-H performing arts projects and programs. The funds also help to support 4-H youth leadership programs.

In other news, we are pleased to welcome a new associate dean for Extension, Dr. Laura Perry Johnson. Dr. Johnson,

who is no stranger to 4-H, served as a member of the State 4-H faculty from 1994 to 2012, and then went on to be the Southwest District Extension Director. Additionally, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences welcomed a new dean, Dr. Samuel Pardue, this March. Dr. Pardue replaces one of our most avid supporters, Dr. J. Scott Angle, who stepped down in September to assume the role as president and CEO of the International Fertilizer Development Center. Our most sincere appreciation and best wishes go to Scott Angle for his friendship and support of 4-H.

The most important work of 4-H is to help young people become better citizens and to enable them to grow into responsible, active adults. For me, it was summed in a note that I received from a 4-H couple whose wedding I attended this year. They wrote 4-H "gave us a safe place to make mistakes, learn to be responsible, and to grow up." If 4-H—with the help of our leaders, parents, donors, and friends—can continue to provide these learning opportunities for young people, we will continue to be of great value to our state and country.

# GEORGIA

4-H

**ARCH D. SMITH**

**STATE 4-H LEADER/DIRECTOR OF 4-H**



**TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 172,354\***



## SCHOOL AGE

Elementary 67.1%  
Middle & High School 32.9%



## PARTICIPANTS

Home School 2,023  
Military Dependent 6,419  
4-H Center Users 105,116  
Environmental Education 39,584  
Residential Summer Camp 9,347  
Ft. Valley 16,744



## ETHNICITY

Hispanic 8.8%  
Non-Hispanic 91.2%

## DIVERSITY

White 51.2%  
Black 29.8%  
Unknown 13.2%  
More than one race 3%  
Asian 1.3%  
American Indian 1.3%  
Pacific Islander .2%

## GENDER

Male 49%  
Female 51%



## IN-SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

Citizenship 44,080  
Financial Literacy 16,056  
Healthy Living 47,448  
Language Arts/Communications 87,141  
4-H Project Achievement 75,240  
Leadership 41,253  
Science, Engineering, & Technology 71,114  
Agricultural Sciences 44,688  
Robotics 2,394



## 4-H CLUB MEETING LOCATIONS

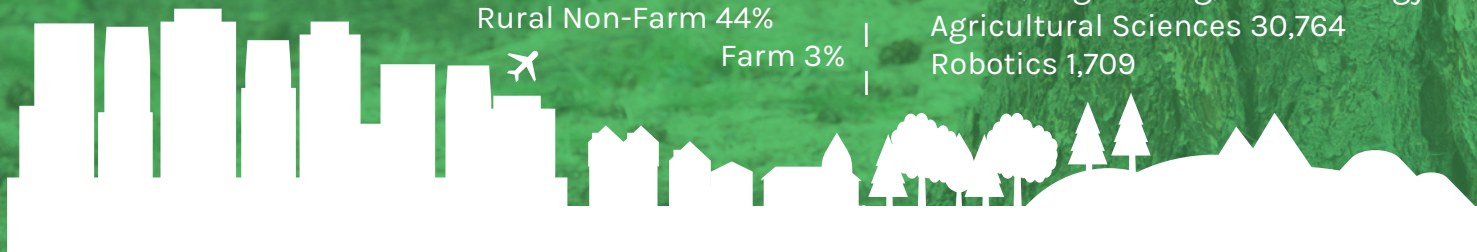
Held during school 79%  
Held at school facility 88%  
Held after 5 p.m. or on weekends 12%

## RESIDENCE

Central City 9%  
Urban/Suburban 15%  
Towns & Small Cities 29%  
Rural Non-Farm 44%  
Farm 3%

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Citizenship 27,878  
Financial Literacy 9,533  
Healthy Living 31,522  
Language Arts/Communications 59,578  
4-H Project Achievement 32,443  
Leadership 27,129  
Science, Engineering, & Technology 42,212  
Agricultural Sciences 30,764  
Robotics 1,709



\*Members reflect enrollment from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015.



# THE BACKWOODS BUNCH

# BB TEAM

WRITTEN BY MARK ZEIGLER

WHEN YOU THINK OF THE GEORGIA 4-H BB  
PROGRAM, ONE COUNTY AND FAMILY COME  
TO MIND: THE WAYNE COUNTY BACKWOODS  
BUNCH AND THE HARPER FAMILY.



Through the development of the shooting sports program, the Harpers have been instrumental in building confidence and determination in young people.

Eddie and Judy Harper became involved in the Georgia 4-H BB Gun Program in 1985 when their daughter, Holly, showed an interest. Since then, they have used the program to mold and develop young people. After Coach Eddie passed away in 2000, Coach Judy continued to push ahead to remain a positive role model for young people. In her 30 years of coaching, she has had a dramatic impact on state and national programs; she was one of the original committee members to develop the 4-H Safety guidelines and was the first woman to receive from Daisy the Silver BB Gun Award.

Despite two battles with breast cancer and now leukemia, she remains dedicated to the program and to serving youth. To honor her service and example, Georgia 4-H held its first "Judy Harper Shoot for the Pink Match" to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research. Volunteers are exploring ways to advance the effort so that young people involved in the S.A.F.E. Program will use their passion and skill in service to their communities.







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# **BUILDING A — LIVING — SHORELINE**

AT BURTON 4-H CENTER

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH



OYSTERS TO BE BAGGED



EMANUEL COUNTY 4-H AGENT,  
JEFFREY BURKE, AND HIS 4-H VOLUNTEERS



BAGGED OYSTERS ORGANIZED BY CENTER  
DIRECTOR, PAUL COOTE

Horsepen Creek is a tidal creek forming a boundary edge of property at Burton 4-H Center. Unfortunately, the creek is cutting into the soft sediment and compromising power and water lines and several buildings. Faced with several options for stabilization, Georgia 4-H worked in partnership with UGA Marine Extension to develop a plan to use a Living Shoreline as an ecologically sensitive method to stabilize the erosion.

Benefits of this technique include the creation of a habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species, improvement of water quality through filtration, protection of surrounding environments, and opportunities for education about natural processes of salt marshes. While it is a strategic and complex solution, simply put, it requires that thousands of bagged oyster shells are placed along the bank. With planning and permitting steps secured, hundreds of volunteers have participated in bagging events, which accomplished the first steps of implementation.

Volunteers (including Chatham and Emanuel County 4-H'ers, College of Environment and Design students, Tybee residents, UGA MAREX staff, visiting Environmental Education students, and UGA Georgia 4-H staff) worked in small teams to transform large piles of oysters into individual net bags. At the first event, held in January 2015, approximately 750 bushels of oyster shells were placed into 2,000 individual net bags. Once completed, the Living Shoreline at Burton 4-H Center will be only the fourth established in Georgia.



# R to the ROCKETS EXECUTIVE TUESDAY

**PAULDING COUNTY  
CELEBRATES 2014  
NATIONAL YOUTH  
SCIENCE DAY WITH  
LOCKHEED MARTIN  
ENGINEERS**

WRITTEN BY  
MELANIE BIERSMITH



**LOCKHEED MARTIN ENGINEERS WORK WITH 4-H'ERS  
ON THEIR ROCKET DESIGNS**

During National 4-H Week each October, 4-H'ers from across the country participate in a designated science experiment. The 2014 experiment was "Rockets to the Rescue." This year, youth were tasked with a mission based on a real life scenario. How to deliver food supplies to people who have been cut off following a natural disaster? The challenge was to design, build, test, and refine a small transportation device that could deliver a payload of nutritious food to another area. Translation: they had to build a rocket to carry raisins!

Lockheed Martin was one of the sponsors of the 2014 experiment and the organization provided employees to assist the 4-H'ers across the country. In Georgia, an event was organized at the Paulding County Extension Office on October 4, 2014. Ten 4-H'ers conducted the experiment alongside five aerospace professionals. These 4-H'ers gained first hand experience about the engineering design process and how engineers do similar work in the real world. In addition to learning about aerospace science, the experiment also allowed 4-H'ers to develop the ability to think critically, communicate effectively, and work in teams.



**"ROCKETS TO THE RESCUE" GROUP & ENGINEERS  
AT PAULDING COUNTY**



# PAPA WALT

WRITTEN BY TRAVIS WILLIAMS

Wahsega 4-H Center uses a photo of its iconic covered bridge as a profile photo on social media. The 40th anniversary of the construction of Chisolm Bridge was celebrated during 2015. The bridge was constructed by Wahsega Camp Director "Papa" Walt Chisolm and his son, Pat.

Papa Walt and his wife, Mama Lou, did much to make Wahsega a memorable place for countless 4-H'ers. Their legacy lives not only in the buildings and bridges, but also in the lives of the thousands of individuals with whom they served and worked for more than 18 years. Even though they retired in 1990, their influence extends to many others who continue to participate in the programs for which Papa Walt and Mama Lou were such reliable and faithful stewards.

Around 1987, Diane Davies worked with Papa Walt to extend Georgia 4-H Environmental Education to Wahsega 4-H Center. This October, we celebrated our 100,000th participant in the program.



## 4-H DELIVERED IN TALIAFERRO COUNTY SCHOOLS

Taliaferro is the only county in Georgia without a local Extension presence in the form of an office or dedicated personnel. Large in land area, but small in population, there are an estimated 235 kindergarten through 12th grade students enrolled in Taliaferro County schools. In an effort to bring the benefits of Georgia 4-H to these students, Rock Eagle 4-H Center Environmental Educators worked collaboratively with the state 4-H office, Northeast District Extension office, and teachers and administrators from Taliaferro County schools to develop a schedule of monthly in-school club meetings. As a result, almost 90 fourth through 12th grade students participated throughout the 2014-2015 school year in in-school club meetings, which focused on an introduction to Georgia 4-H, the promotion of out-of-school 4-H programs available (such as camp and project achievement), teamwork development, and Environmental Education.



# HAMP BEAGLE

WRITTEN BY LORI PURCELL BLEDSOE

**OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, CHATTOOGA COUNTY'S HAMP THOMAS, THE 15-YEAR-OLD OWNER AND HANDLER OF 21 REGISTERED BEAGLE DOGS, HAS TRAVELED HUNDREDS OF MILES AND RECEIVED TOP AWARDS IN BEAGLING.**

Beagling refers to the sport of running AKC registered Beagles in field trials and showing. On two different occasions, Hamp has been featured in *Hounds and Hunting* magazine.

Hamp began his interest in training dogs as part of his 4-H project, Dog Care and Training. Through his 4-H project he has been invited to speak at civic groups, the Chamber of Commerce, and at various field trials. He also began a service project titled Cause for Paws in which used towels and blankets are collected and then donated to local veterinarian offices and the local animal control department.

The 4-H slogan "Learn By Doing" is something Hamp has taken to heart with his project. He states, "My journey of being a dog owner, breeder and handler has just begun. Each day there are new tasks to learn and a lot of responsibility and hard work."







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# CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF STEP-UP & LEAD

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WRITTEN BY JEFF BUCKLEY, MELANIE BIERSMITH & MANDY MARABLE

**IN THE FALL OF 2010, GEORGIA 4-H WAS APPROACHED WITH AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY. MR. HAL BEAVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS (GAESP), PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

A few months later, 285 students from 17 schools across Georgia traveled to Rock Eagle 4-H Center for the first Step-Up and Lead Conference. The next year, the Georgia Association for Middle School Principals (GAMSP) joined the effort. Over the next five years, the program grew to include fall and spring conference dates at multiple locations around the state. Since its creation, more than 4,000 students from more than 100 schools have attended the conferences.



The conferences feature motivational speakers and exciting interactive workshops, which are designed to empower youth to seek out and engage in future leadership opportunities. Workshops focus on the development of communication skills, understanding individual strengths, and working in teams. Workshops are led by state 4-H faculty and staff members, 4-H center staff, and UGA county Extension agents, associates, and program assistants.

When asked what she and her leadership students had learned through Step-Up and Lead, Susan Payne, an eighth grade teacher from Feagin Mill Middle School stated, “We have learned many things that the kids can actually take back to school with them and truly be a leader. They know what it means to be a leader and a role model for the other students at our school!”

According to Mr. Beaver, “The University of Georgia Extension Service, Georgia Elementary School Principals, and Georgia Middle School Principals have developed a wonderful program called Step-Up and Lead. It fosters leadership development in elementary and middle school students. The standards that they have developed go right along with our state standards, and the program is located at different facilities throughout the state. We encourage you as a principal, as an educator, to get your students involved in this wonderful program.”

The past five years of Step-Up and Lead have not only strengthened Georgia 4-H’s partnerships with schools, but the years have also strengthened the leadership abilities of elementary and middle school students across the state—an impact that will continue into the future.





# Health Rocks!

## IN BERRIEN AND THOMAS COUNTIES

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WRITTEN BY MELINDA MILLER, CHERYL VARNADOE,  
AND MARILYN POOLE

Berrien County and Thomas County 4-H youth are encouraging positive choices that promote healthy living. The Berrien County 4-H Health Rocks! team presented to the high school girls' varsity basketball team a series of programs on drug abuse among teens and how drug abuse and food insecurity can be related. To gauge tobacco use among teens, 4-H'ers surveyed peers, shared the visual effects of smokers' lungs, and distributed literature.

Berrien 4-H'ers also celebrated the 20th Annual Kick Butts Day at their high school by taking a stand against teen tobacco use. To further impact their community, the Health Rocks! team taught workshops to many youth and adult audiences (including after-school programs, agriculture awareness days at schools, community festivals, and the farmer's market) on the effects of sugary drinks.







**WHEN CHLOE PICKENS, THOMAS COUNTY SENIOR 4-H'ER, LEARNED ABOUT THE RATES OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN GEORGIA, SHE DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION IN HER COMMUNITY.**



Chloe worked with her school superintendent to promote the first annual Hip Hop Hooray for Healthy Living event in a city park. This event included games that incorporated exercise and a nutrition lesson that emphasized the importance of healthy eating. Chloe states, "From my experience, I not only taught kids about healthy lifestyles, but I also became aware of my own and furthered my knowledge of health. Although I know obesity is an important concern in America and exercise is a major part of preventing it, I have learned that nutrition and making the right choices about food impact the body just as much, if not more, when being active." Through these dedicated efforts, Berrien and Thomas County 4-H'ers are making a difference in the lives of youth and families in their communities now and in the future.



# ROCK EAGLE GARDENS GROW FOOD & EDUCATION

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH



## IT BEGAN AS A SMALL DEMONSTRATION SITE OF HOW PIONEERS GROW FOOD.

Now, it has expanded into a large teaching space, including crop rotations and protective fencing, which helps young people understand from where their food comes.

Visiting students who are participating in both 4-H Environmental Education and 4-H Summer Camp help with every stage of the garden, depending on the season they visit. Some students prepare soil, others plant seed, while still others weed and maintain the space. Of course, some students are there during harvest time, and those students help collect the food, which is taken to the Rock Eagle 4-H Center dining hall where it is served to guests.



After just the first major harvest of 2014, dining hall guests consumed more than 222 pounds of cucumbers, 79 pounds of squash, 21 pounds of okra, 18 pounds of peppers, nine pounds of beans, and nine watermelons. In total—since its inception in the spring of 2014—more than 2,500 pounds of fresh produce has been provided to the dining hall. “We really saw an increase in interest in the salad bar because of the produce from the garden,” reported Rock Eagle Food Operations Manager Sandra Gilley.



Plans are under way to create a modern garden near the current historic garden site. This will allow students to compare and contrast agricultural practices and learn how STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is applied to food production.



# RABBIT PROGRAM GROWTH IN GEORGIA

WRITTEN BY JESSICA FIFE

When people think about showing animals and livestock in 4-H, they traditionally think about hogs, cattle, lambs, goats, or even horses. Some counties are showing initiative and are broadening the animal projects scope by offering rabbit programs.

Rabbit programs provide opportunities for 4-H'ers to be involved in an animal project without significant economic investment, livestock production knowledge, or the space necessary for larger animals.

Banks County 4-H, where fewer than two percent of 4-H'ers participate in the livestock program, is a prime example

of a successful rabbit program. To reach more students and improve participation, in 2011 Banks County 4-H began the Hip Hop Club rabbit program. In addition to the leadership skills that 4-H develops, club members learn the importance of agriculture and its impact on their county.

Banks County 4-H Agent Caitlin Bennett said, "After two consecutive years, participation in the Hip Hop Club Rabbit Program is 375 percent greater than participation in the livestock showing program, with 45 Banks County 4-H'ers participating. Of those, 93 percent had no prior livestock showing experience." Ms. Bennett also credits the rabbit project with increasing Banks County's participation in District Project Achievement.



## GEORGIA 4-H HOSTS CAMPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

Reviving a tradition that had not been offered since 2012, Georgia 4-H organized and hosted a conference for 4-H professionals working within camping and Environmental Education programs and at 4-H centers.

Approximately 100 people, representing 11 different states from across the country, met February 23-26, 2015, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for the 4-H Camping and Environmental Education Institute.

The participants enjoyed peer reviewed sessions and posters, field trips, and captivating keynote and capnote speakers including retired Virginia State 4-H Leader Bob Meadows, one of the individuals credited for founding the National Camping Institute.

Going forward, the National Camping and Environmental Education Institute (NCEEI) will be offered every other year and plans are already in motion for the 2017 conference.





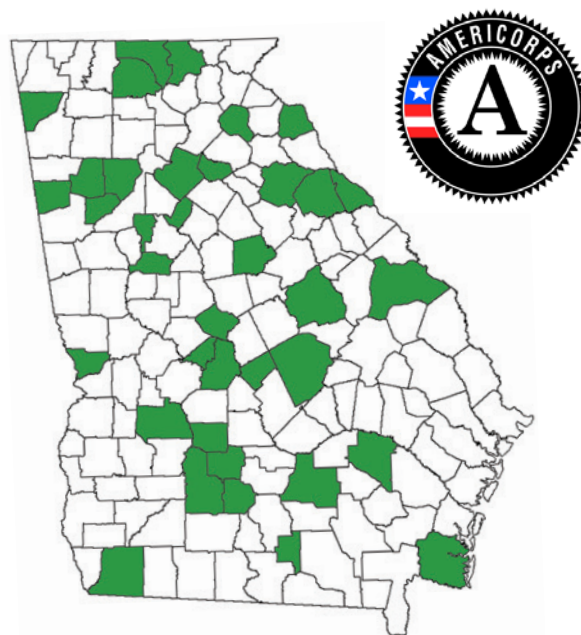
# AMERICORPS MEMBERS IMPROVE THEIR COMMUNITIES & HELP 4-H GROW

WRITTEN BY JEFF BUCKLEY

It's a Monday morning in Paulding County; Chantal Senra, 4-H AmeriCorps state member and her 4-H agent, Brittani Kelley, are preparing to teach more than 150 fifth graders about inherited traits. For the past three years, the 4-H Science Ladies (as they are known) have been developing and delivering hands-on, STEM-based lessons that reinforce Georgia performance standards for science.

Brittani Kelley says, "Chantal is innovative, enthusiastic, and great with kids. Because of her, we've been able to expand our program and meet with second to fourth grades through our Science Resource Guide classes. She has increased our visibility and our public value with our school system. We are contacted regularly by principals and teachers asking how they can get the 4-H Science Ladies in their classrooms." Chantal and other AmeriCorps members like her have served with Georgia 4-H since 2010 when the first five AmeriCorps VISTA members began serving in southwest Georgia and the state 4-H office. Five years later, AmeriCorps VISTA and state members are serving in 39 counties.

AmeriCorps, sometimes called the domestic Peace Corps, is coordinated by the Corporation for National and Community Service. It's designed to increase the capacity of organizations that address



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critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. While AmeriCorps members have some limitations to the types of duties they may perform, they contribute greatly to 4-H programs that lack funding for support staff. Since 2010, the cost-savings of hiring equivalent positions is approximately \$5 million.

Associate Dean for Extension Dr. Laura Perry Johnson, who helped launch the partnership, says, "In my career, the AmeriCorps VISTA program has been one of the greatest projects I was ever involved with. It allowed us to add people to our workforce at one of the toughest times in our history and continues to provide more resources to serve the youth of Georgia. We are grateful for the partnership." Since 2010, 41 AmeriCorps VISTA members have helped engage 2,167 volunteers and raised more than \$550,000. During the first three-and-a-half years of the AmeriCorps state grant, 80 year-long, full-time members have served more than 85,000 hours, reached 46,419 students through in-school programming and 27,560 students through 4-H Project Achievement, and recruited 539 volunteers.



JONATHAN PAGE, BARROW COUNTY AMERICORPS MEMBER, LEADS 4-H'ERS IN A NATIONAL 4-H SCIENCE DAY ACTIVITY.



# GEORGIA 4-H IS GROWING AGAIN IN MILLER COUNTY

WRITTEN BY MELINDA MILLER

For more than 20 years, the Miller County Extension program has been without a 4-H staff member; the 4-H experience was limited to youth livestock exhibitions. Through state Extension funds and county stakeholder support, a part-time position was created September 2014, and Mrs. Jody Hodges, a Miller County native, became the 4-H program assistant.

During her brief time, 4-H enrollment has grown to include all 5th grade students. Mr. Cleve Roland, Miller County Elementary principal, and the 5th grade teachers have noticed that their students are more confident as a result of the skills they've learned in 4-H projects and leadership activities.



The teachers also appreciate the experiential learning that takes place in their classrooms. With every visit, Mrs. Jody either reviews or accelerates important science standards. From a week of Cloverleaf Camp at Wahsega 4-H Center to day camps involving cupcake wars and food safety and preservation, Miller County is now where 4-H grows!



## DEAN J. SCOTT ANGLE ASSUMES NEW ROLE

WRITTEN BY ARIEL WALDECK

As dean and director of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), J. Scott Angle promoted agriculture across the state and increased the visibility and influence of the college. On September 21, Dean Angle assumed a new role as president and CEO of the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC). This endeavor allows him “to combine disciplinary

training in soil science and with my passion for Africa to help farmers around the world improve soil fertility and sustainability,” said Angle. IFDC has been active in nearly 100 countries and focuses on increasing food security and agricultural productivity through the development and transfer of effective and environmentally sound crop nutrient technology and agribusiness expertise.

UGA President Jere W. Morehead said, “(Angle) has been one of the strongest champions of UGA’s land-grant mission, working tirelessly to connect the vast resources of the college to the challenges and opportunities faced by the agriculture industry across the state.”

“I came to a strong college in 2005 and I am leaving it just as strong, despite the many ups and downs experienced over this period. CAES remains one of the leading colleges of agriculture in the U.S. and it is because of you - the amazing faculty and staff that have worked to ensure our teaching, research and extension programs are the best they can be.”





# LifeSmarts

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WRITTEN BY CHERYL VARNADOE

**LIFESMARTS, SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL  
CONSUMER LEAGUE, IS AN EDUCATIONAL  
COMPETITION PROGRAM THAT DEVELOPS TEEN  
CONSUMER AND MARKETPLACE SKILLS IN A  
MEANINGFUL, YET FUN, WAY.**



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Through various partnerships and programs, LifeSmarts reaches 125,000 teens every year—online as well as in classrooms and clubs—to help shape a new generation of savvy consumers. LifeSmarts is active in 42 states and the District of Columbia and boasts 1,500 teams. This program is open to all 6th-12th grade students in the United States.

Competitors answer questions in a quiz-bowl format in the five categories of environment, health and safety, consumer rights, technology, and personal finance. LifeSmarts partners with state-based agencies and organizations to run the program at the state level. Georgia 4-H is pleased to be one of those partners for the past three years.

Last year, Georgia 4-H expanded the program and reached even more youth. A LifeSmarts one-day “training camp” was held in Perry and was attended by 40 youth and adults from across the state representing eight counties. These youth and coaches learned about the program through quizzes and games as well as buzzer matches before returning to their counties ready to compete online.

Georgia had 63 varsity (high school age) teams compete on the state level in 2015, a significant increase from 16 teams the prior year. Additionally, eight teams competed at the junior varsity (middle school grade level), up from three teams previously. Each year hundreds of teens from all over the country display their consumer and marketplace knowledge at the LifeSmarts National Championship. Georgia 4-H was represented in the national varsity competition by Paulding County 4-H with a top 25 finish.

Also in 2015, Georgia United Credit Union became a donor for the Georgia 4-H LifeSmarts program. Their interest in educating youth about their financial futures is a good match with the LifeSmarts curriculum and competition. Working together, we can ensure that Georgia 4-H'ers gain the needed skills to become “LifeSmart!”

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# WOOD RECEIVES GREEN JACKET AWARD

WRITTEN BY MARY ANN PARSONS

In his final year attending State 4-H Congress prior to retiring as Georgia Electric Membership Corp. (EMC) President/CEO, A. Paul Wood was presented with the Green Jacket Award, a high honor granted by Georgia 4-H.

"Paul Wood has been a friend of 4-H since his arrival in Georgia," said Arch Smith, State 4-H Leader/Director. "He has been a huge supporter of our program through his service on the Georgia 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. Under his leadership, Georgia's 41 EMCs have continued to strengthen their legacy as one of Georgia 4-H's best supporters. We have no better friend than Paul, and he is most deserving."

Established in 2008, the Green Jacket Award is presented annually on behalf of Georgia 4-H alumni, donors, volunteers, and friends to a



deserving individual based on outstanding support to 4-H on a statewide level. Wood joins a group of powerful Georgians who are past recipients: Governors Sonny Perdue and Nathan Deal, Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Mike Beatty, Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston,



Georgia Board of Regents Chancellor Hank Huckaby, and Georgia Representative Terry England, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

**"THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR FOR ME," WOOD SAID FOLLOWING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.**

"I'm fortunate to work for the EMCs of Georgia, which have always been strong advocates of 4-H. Georgia undoubtedly has the premier 4-H program in the United States, and it has been my privilege to support it."

## WOODRUFF-SUNTRUST RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting ceremony honoring the support of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, SunTrust Foundation, SunTrust Bank Trusteed Foundation, and the individual support of Kirby and Roseanne Thompson was held at State 4-H Council. Support from individuals, corporations, and foundations has totaled more than \$3.95 million in commitments and pledges to support the Rock Eagle 4-H Center cabin campaign.





# RYLES RISING STAR AWARD

## BRITTANI KELLEY

The Ryles Rising Star Award, given to a county 4-H agent with fewer than five years of experience, went to Brittani Kelley from Paulding County. (right)



# FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD

## GALE CUTLER

Gale Cutler, public relations coordinator for Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, received the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents' Friend of 4-H Award for her leadership, actions, and support that have contributed to the improvement and promotion of Georgia 4-H. (left)



# WILLIAM H. BOOTH AWARD

## DOROTHEA GRAHAM

The William H. Booth Award is awarded to an experienced 4-H agent; Dorothea Graham, Haralson County, was the 2015 recipient. (right)





# GEORGIA<sup>4-H</sup> FOOD SHOWCASE

WRITTEN BY CHERYL VARNADOE



## HUNDREDS OF GEORGIA YOUTH PARTICIPATE ANNUALLY IN 4-H FOODS AND NUTRITION PROJECTS.

In these projects, 4-H'ers learn to budget money and time while they also learn to prepare safe and nutritious meals and snacks. They adopt behaviors that may reduce their risk for chronic disease. Georgia 4-H members and leaders requested additional opportunities for 4-H'ers to compete in and earn state and national recognition in foods and nutrition contests.

Historically, Georgia held two state-level contests at the Georgia National Fair in Perry: the Georgia 4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest and the Georgia 4-H Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest. Two additional state-level contests, Food Challenge and the Turkey Barbecue Contest, were added for Georgia 4-H'ers; two new donors were secured to help sponsor the new events.

A statewide committee was recruited with the goal of merging all four contests into the First Annual Georgia 4-H Food Showcase. Through conference calls and networking, the committee made plans for the first Georgia 4-H Food Showcase on September 12, 2015, at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Four state winners who advanced to their respective national competition were named—one contestant or team for each of the four contests.

The 4-H Food Challenge is a "highly charged" foods experience. This contest, modeled after competitions such as the Food Network's Iron Chef, challenges teams of 4-H members to create a dish using a pre-determined number of ingredients. From these ingredients, team members must identify and prepare the dish and then make a presentation about it to the judges. The presentation includes

information about the serving size, nutritional value, and cost of the dish. The 4-H Food Challenge allows 4-H members to demonstrate to judges and observers their culinary and food safety skills.

The introductory Georgia 4-H Food Showcase was very successful with several teams competing at the inaugural Georgia 4-H Food Challenge. Douglas County was named the state winner and placed third at the National 4-H Food Challenge contest in Dallas, Texas.

The champion in the first Georgia 4-H Turkey Barbecue Contest was Hannah Moseley of Bleckley County; Hannah was also named the national 4-H winner in her contest.





Winners were also named in the Egg Preparation Demonstration Contest and the Chicken Barbecue Contest. At the national contest, Caleb Moseley of Bleckley County placed second, and Sam Hopkins placed 11th.

We are confident that the contest will continue to grow and provide a wonderful learning event for all the 4-H'ers involved!



## GOVERNOR DEAL ENCOURAGES 4-H'ERS

WRITTEN BY SHARON DOWDY



Georgia 4-H students from across the state met at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, June 26-28 to learn more about what it means to be an American with the right to vote. The students also elected a new crop of student-leaders for the state's largest youth organization, annually serving more than six million youths. Each Georgia county sent voting delegates to the statewide event to elect a president, vice president, district representatives and three at-large representatives.

Formally called "Georgia 4-H State Council," the weekend of events centering on citizenship has been held since 1959, when then-Governor 4-H Leader Harald Darden created the program. During an official citizenship ceremony held the last day, senior 4-H members pledged to become engaged Americans, to vote and to make a difference in their communities. Following the ceremony, former Washington County 4-H'er and Georgia's Governor Nathan Deal addressed the group.

"I have fond memories of Rock Eagle and of 4-H. It's where I discovered a little bit about who I am and who I could be," said Deal, who, as a

4-H'er, grew 135 bushels of corn on an acre plot in the corn demonstration competition. "You never leave 4-H, by the way. And there's always a way for you to still be a part of Georgia 4-H."

### DEAL ENCOURAGED THE GROUP OF YOUNG AMERICANS TO REMEMBER, "DEMOCRACY IS OUR WAY OF PROTECTING LIBERTY."

"It will be in your hands to protect the freedoms that our forefathers gave us," Deal said. "We are Americans. We've had problems in our history that we've overcome. We have to stop focusing on what makes us different and concentrate on what makes us the same."

Georgia State 4-H Leader Arch Smith also encouraged the students to "live the ideals that our forefathers built this country on." "If you work hard and do the right thing, you will have a good life," said Smith, who first participated in the ceremony in the 1970s as a Georgia 4-H'er in Warren County. "I would say that the citizenship ceremony is one of the highlights of the 4-H year for me, personally," he said. "It is a reminder to all who participate to value our freedom and voting rights, which allow Americans to participate in our governance."





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# **GEORGIA 4-H** **SUMMER CAMP:** **A LEARNING LABORATORY**

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WRITTEN BY MELANIE BIERSMITH

SUMMER CAMP AT GEORGIA 4-H CENTERS PROVIDES YOUTH  
WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE CANOE RIDES, NATURE  
HIKES, LOW AND HIGH ROPES, AND HOURS OF PLAY.



The last three summers have also offered 4-H campers at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Fortson 4-H Center the opportunity to inform an interdisciplinary team of University of Georgia researchers from Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, College of Engineering, and College of Veterinary Medicine on the activity levels and food choices of youth and their attitudes toward cyberbullying. Partnering with Georgia 4-H, the studies were designed as mixed reality: part virtual environment and part real-world study.



**THE ROCK EAGLE 4-H SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE SERVED AS A LEARNING LABORATORY BY ALLOWING RESEARCHERS TO TRACK ACTIVITY AMONG YOUTH AGES NINE TO 12.**



Participants in the Virtual Pet study set goals for the amount of physical activity they wanted to complete over a course of three days. An activity monitor was worn to track activity. The virtual pet study showed that the group of youth allowed to interact with the virtual pet averaged 1.09 hours of additional physical activity per day when compared to the group without the virtual pet. This project resulted in the publication of a research paper in the journal of IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics.







Fortson 4-H Center provided an ideal environment for two research studies. The first to be implemented was a joint effort from UGA Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, UGA College of Engineering, and UGA College of Veterinary Medicine. This study investigated if the use of virtual pets would increase the young person's consumption of fruit and vegetables. The project resulted in the publication of a research paper in the professional journal *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*.

The second research project sought to investigate whether having identities in common with a cyberbullying victim or a cyberbully makes a difference in helping others online. These data are still being reviewed and analyzed by researchers from UGA Grady College.

In all cases, the research projects were implemented with minimal disruption to the regular camp schedule.

**4-H'ERS BENEFITTED FROM A FULFILLING CAMP EXPERIENCE WHILE ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUR FELLOW LAND-GRANT RESEARCH COLLEAGUES.**







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# Setting Records

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WRITTEN BY MARY ANN PARSONS

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**2015 GEORGIA 4-H GALA SETS RECORDS,  
GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST  
JENNIFER NETTLES SERVES AS HONORARY CHAIR**



The biennial Georgia 4-H Gala gives 4-H alumni and friends an opportunity to unite and hear about the continued impact of 4-H and celebrate the generosity of the many individuals who make a remarkable difference in a young person's life through their involvement.

The evening program held at the Loews Atlanta hotel was hosted by Georgia 4-H alumnus and WSB radio host Scott Slade and was filled with stories of current 4-H youth, honored retired State 4-H Leader Bo Ryles with the Lifetime Achievement Award, featured Grammy award-winning artist Jennifer Nettles who performed and served as the honorary chair, and featured an after party including Clovers & Co. alumni led by Hannah Dasher.

"I am pleased to be serving here tonight as honorary chair, lending my voice to an outstanding program that changes lives and impacts communities across this great state every single day," said Nettles, a Coffee County 4-H alumna. "I am having the most fun of anybody because I have seen more people I love in this one room in the past hour than I have seen in a very long time."



**"I GOT TO BE AROUND OTHER  
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE  
LIKE ME, WHO HAD A DREAM  
LIKE ME, WHO WANTED TO BE  
PERFORMERS."**

The evening was a special homecoming for Nettles as 4-H honored her long-time friend and mentor, Dr. Bo Ryles. In Ryles' acceptance speech he referenced the impact that 4-H has on youth and adults of all ages. "4-H builds leaders for a lifetime," said Ryles.

More than \$315,000 was raised through gala sponsorships, ticket sales, auction items, and donations from the nearly 650 attendees. The nearly \$140,000 of profit will support enhancing leadership development and performing arts programs in Georgia 4-H. The 2017 Georgia 4-H Gala will be held on August 12.







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## CELEBRATING THE BAKER TRUST

Georgia 4-H celebrated the support given by C.O. Baker that sends need-based children to camp each summer at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The nearly \$1.5 million trust is managed by SunTrust Bank and has sent more than 1,800 children to camp to date. Georgia 4-H celebrated this legacy alongside counselor alumni present for alumni night. Mr. Baker's nephew, Jerry Cadle, his wife Paula, and Baker's niece, Jeanie Bradshaw, shared memories and unveiled a portrait in tribute of this remarkable support.



# 4-H ALUMS SERVE AS SGA LEADERS

WRITTEN BY SHARON DOWDY



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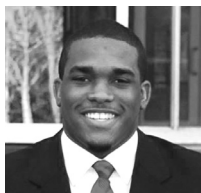
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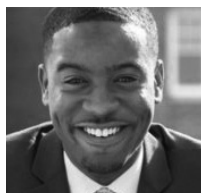
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Seven 4-H'ers have taken the program's lessons to heart and are serving as college student government presidents.

"During my time as a 4-H member, I gained the leadership and communication skills that motivated me to take on the role of Student Government Association (SGA) president," Caitlan Coleman said.

"I became involved with student government because I wanted to encourage and empower the student body to stand up for what they believe in and also strive to do their very best in all endeavors."

"I want to influence others to get out of their comfort zones, try something new, get involved and build relationships with people who may not even be in their particular school of study," Taylor Martin said. "I want to see an open-mindedness and a strong desire to make a difference, an aspiration influenced by my experience in 4-H."

State 4-H Leader, Arch Smith, is not surprised by the students' presidential rankings. "There are many leaders in business, industry and public sector entities who learned their leadership skills in 4-H," Smith said. "Georgia 4-H has been training future leaders for 110 years. We offer many opportunities for 4-H members to develop leadership and other life skills."

"My vision is to be in a position to empower others in order to promote their growth and personal development," Johnelle Simpson, II said.

"Without the public speaking and professional skills gained in 4-H, I would not have been able to accomplish all that I have in college."



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## MARY ANN PARSONS

**THIS PAST YEAR BROUGHT MANY EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, RECOGNIZE SUPPORTERS, AND DEMONSTRATE IMPACT AS WE GROW GEORGIA 4-H.**

A portrait of C.O. Baker was unveiled in the foyer of the Rock Eagle 4-H Center dining hall to honor the support given for need-based camp scholarships at the center. We also recognized the Rock Eagle 4-H Center cabin campaign funding given by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, SunTrust Foundation, SunTrust Bank Trusteed Foundation, and the individual support of Kirby and Roseanne Thompson.

Annual and major gifts allow us to grow and sustain the 4-H program. This year marked record funding support for Georgia 4-H with gifts and grants totaling more than \$4.4 million. Some highlights of this support include donation of the Fortson 4-H Center, funds designated for the Rock Eagle 4-H Center cabin campaign, the Clover Glove Race Series sports endowment, and from AT&T to fund marketing and outreach to underserved audiences and 4-H science and technology-related projects and programs. The Georgia 4-H Gala held in August was the most successful event in 4-H Foundation history, with tickets and sponsorships totaling more than \$314,000 and engaging nearly 650 supporters. The nearly \$140,000 of profit will support enhancing performing arts programs and leadership development in Georgia 4-H.

Into the next year, the Georgia 4-H Foundation staff and Board of Trustees will focus on building key strategic partnerships, outreach/engagement, and branding as we engage alumni and key partners and share the success of 4-H. Georgia 4-H is positioned for success with an energized and loyal board, talented and dedicated county and state staff, a quality program delivered by agents state-wide, and an incredible network of 4-H alumni and friends who want to help Georgia 4-H grow!

## GEORGIA 4-H FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME

Grants	\$237,864
Contributions	\$4,518,126
Program Activities	\$2,150,356
Realized/Unrealized*	\$-148,319
Interest & Dividend	\$81,194
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,839,221</b>

\*Loss on Marketable Securities

### EXPENSES

Construction & Repairs	\$377,413
Program Services	\$5,571,443
Scholarships	\$90,493
Foundation Operating	\$335,615
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,374,964</b>

Beginning Net Assets	\$4,813,164
Ending Net Assets	\$5,277,421
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$464,257</b>





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