



May 2010 Highlights

4-H Annual Rabies Clinic



Rabies Volunteers and Clients waiting for registration



Sabra Cain and Bonnie Morris



Chelsea Jones and Delores Jones



Susan Fromm and Michelle Morris



Suzy Gruenhagen and Kim Grizzle



Kathleen Crocker and Amanda Holbrook

1,284 Pets Received Their Rabies Shots!

This years Rabies Clinic fundraiser for 4-H was outstanding!
Overwhelming response made this year's clinic a great success for Lumpkin County 4-H while providing a much needed service for the community. Many thanks to all the dedicated volunteers.

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- ✘ 4-H and Chestatee Animal Hospital held the annual Rabies Clinic. More than 1100 dogs and cats received their yearly vaccinations against this deadly disease. Twenty-four volunteers and members helped with registration and traffic control.
- ✘ Educational programs were held in all the 5th and 6th grade classrooms during the month. Students learned about summer activities, importance in saving money, and how satellites communicate. Students were recognized at their school's awards programs for their project work this past year.
- ✘ The final sessions of the middle school after school program were held. During a 6 week period, 12 students completed activities on the Challenge Course. Special funding was provided by 4-H and Lumpkin County Family Connection to make this program available to students.
- ✘ 4-H member Ben Mayfield completed his apprenticeship with the Extension office. He completed and submitted his portfolio for the Dean's Award competition. In June Ben will complete an interview. Winners are announced in July at the annual 4-H State Congress held in Atlanta.
- ✘ Members registered for summer 4-H Day Camp to be held in June. Two weeks are planned with participants learning about good nutrition, outdoor exercising and engaging science experiments.
- ✘ Working with Challenge Course coordinator, Roger Greer and middle school counselor Diane Orado, a two day training was held for next year's 8th grade peer mentors. The 15 students learned about leadership, their role as a mentor and plans in participating in future projects.
- ✘ More than 50 parents and members participated in the Junior and Senior 4-H Awards dinner. The Master Gardeners association received the "Friend of 4-H" award. Graduating Seniors Ben Mayfield, Codah Conway and William Helms were recognized. Other members were recognized for their project work and 4-H involvement.
- ✘ Ian reviewed and provided comments for two candidates completing requirements for their promotion process.
- ✘ Two 7th grade members attended a weekend leadership rally at Wahsega 4-H Center. More than 100 members participated from across the Northeast Georgia district.
- ✘ Ian attended the monthly Family Connection Collaborative meeting, the annual FFA awards banquet, participated in a county required Sexual Harassment training, and judged the 4th grade Science Fair entries at Blackburn Elementary School.



**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Greg Sheppard
County Extension Coordinator**

- ✘ Met with City of Dahlonega officials and a local landscaper to discuss proper maintenance of roadside landscaping in the city limits.
- ✘ Discussed the State budget issue and other issues of interest with members of the executive board of the Georgia Mountains Master Gardener Association.
- ✘ Set up an exhibit on the UGA College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences and talked with students about careers in agriculture for Career Day at Lumpkin County High School.
- ✘ Presented a certificate and name badge honoring Sara White as a Lifetime Georgia Master Gardener. This honor was in recognition of her performing 10 consecutive years of volunteer service as a Master Gardener.
- ✘ Arranged speakers for the annual Youth Cattle Field Day for the Lumpkin County Livestock Association. Jary Douglas, UGA Livestock Judging Team coach was the program speaker.
- ✘ Participated in a computer based conference to discuss agent training needs in plant pathology.
- ✘ Represented Agribusiness concerns at the Dahlonega/Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development subcommittee meeting.
- ✘ Participated in a mandatory training for all Lumpkin County employees sponsored by the human resources department.
- ✘ Participated in a training session on Agro Security for agents in the Northeast Extension District. Agents reviewed the responsibilities and duties required to respond to acts of terrorism or natural disasters which affect the community.
- ✘ Participated in a meeting for all agents in Northeast District regarding the delivery of information on the county level under new state budget reductions.
- ✘ Made numerous home and farm troubleshooting visits throughout the month as requested by local residents.

Masters Gardener's wild flower festival Expo.



4-H Awards Program 2009-2010

Master Gardener's Honored as Friend of 4-H



Congratulations Graduating Seniors



Upcoming Events



- Lumpkin Area Livestock Meeting —June 8th, 7:00 pm @ FFA show barn
- Jr. Camp —June 7-11 held at Jekyll Island
- Two weeks filled with 4- H Summer Day Camp fun



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