

Congratulations & Junior Camp Info.

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Upcoming Events

- ☆ August 9th—First Day of School!
- ☆ August 9th—Lumpkin Area Livestock meeting.
- ☆ August—Throughout the month practice for Forestry



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☆ July was all about 4-H Camp. Cloverleaf and Senior members were at Rock Eagle. Junior members went to Jekyll Island.

☆ Volunteer chaperone Brenda Wasserman managed to keep track of 16 curious Junior 4-H members to and from Jekyll Island for a week of Marine Resources Camp. Besides the sandy beach combing and live shrimp eating, the campers learned the marine ecology systems that protect our coastal shores. This summer camp is offered every other year; next summer 4-H'ers can attend Wilderness Challenge at Wahsega.

☆ 64 Cloverleaf campers spent a week at the nation's largest 4-H center, Rock Eagle. Special thanks to our volunteer chaperones: Melissa Stringer, Jennifer Addison, David Morris, Alfred Chang, Laurie Sulflow, Kim Grizzle. For many the annual trek to Rock Eagle by Lumpkin County members has been happening for generations. This year campers were members of the Cherokee nation. They learned about canoeing, crafts, Native American lore, and archery, better eating and just being kids. All week long camp counselors got them involved in cheers and friendly competitions between cabins.

☆ Senior 4-H members Kathleen Crocker and Amanda Holbrook also were at Rock Eagle 4-H Center for Senior Camp. During the week they travelled to UGA in Athens and Milledgeville. There were more than 200 high school members from across Georgia involved with this camp – a recent new record!

☆ Eleven Junior and Senior members began work on their 4-H projects when they attended a 4-H Portfolio Workshop. These folks are getting a head start with their 4-H portfolios, a summary of activities they have done throughout the year. Portfolios are due at the end of December with the presentation competition not until March, 2012.

☆ Team practices began for the upcoming Forestry Judging contest. Teams compete at Wahsega 4-H Center identifying trees and insects, measuring timber volume and determining direction and distance with orienteering techniques.

☆ Ian Cowie, along with three other 4-H agents, was recognized for his work at State 4-H Congress. He was Northeast District's William H. Booth award recipient. Mr. Booth was a pioneer in rural electrification and helped form a national organization of electric cooperatives. This annual award recognizes outstanding work done by 4-H agents across the state based on youth development, leadership and marketing 4-H.



Agriculture & Natural Resources
Greg Sheppard
County Extension Coordinator

☆ Retired county agricultural agent, Greg Sheppard, continues to serve part-time as our County Extension Coordinator. He will continue to fill this gap until State funding becomes available to hire a new agent next year.

☆ Met with the new LCHS vocational agriculture teacher, Malone Harrell. Greg discussed local agricultural issues with her and gave her a tour of the county and introduced her to local farm producers.

☆ Evaluated a number of declining trees for the City of Dahlonega and recommended proper care or removal.

☆ Continued to write a weekly column for the Dahlonega Nugget on home horticulture and landscape topics.

☆ Made a number of farm and home troubleshooting visits throughout the month.

☆ Continued diagnostic services for clients as requested including soil testing and water testing as well as plant, weed, and insect pest identification.

