

# A little of this and that corner

## Lumpkin Pumpkin Winner!

### First Place

Pumpkin grower Ashton won first place in the 4-H Pumpkin Growing Contest for this year. Ian Cowie presented Ashton a check for \$75 for being the first place winner. Great Job!

**Congratulations Ashton!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Nov 5th & 6th — Jr. Conference Rock Eagle
- ◆ Nov 8th — Lumpkin Livestock Family Night
- ◆ Nov 15th — Cotton Boll Consumer Jamboree
- ◆ Nov 19th — Cloverleaf DPA Rock Eagle



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# October 2019 Highlights



4-Her's  
On the Job  
At Gold Rush



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Ian Cowie – County Extension Agent  
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- ❖ From the beginning to the end of the month 4-H members were involved with community service. 4-H'ers were seen helping with the NOA 5K around the reservoir, passing out candy on the Square for Trick or Treat night, collecting pop tabs for a Ronald McDonald house (146 pounds collected!) and helping with parking at Gold Rush.
- ❖ Throughout October in-school meetings were all about 4-H projects. Cloverleaf members (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders) prepare a 3-5 minute talk about a favorite subject and present it at the county and district levels. County Project Achievement is set for Nov. 1 while the district event is later in November at Rock Eagle 4-H Center.
- ❖ Newly elected 4-H classroom leaders participated in this month's County Council meeting. Besides learning about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade program, they practiced their experiment to be held in class. This month was about water and surface tension.
- ❖ Senior 4-H members attended the portfolio workshop to get them started with their 4-H projects. Portfolios are required for Juniors and Seniors to compete at the district level in March. Portfolios summarize their project work for the year. This is judged and combined with their presentation for a total score.
- ❖ 4-H members and parents helped with the Gold Rush parking fundraiser. Many thanks to all those who helped both days! Funds raised are used to fund judging teams expenses, project competition and leadership conferences.
- ❖ Throughout the month, members learned about the various categories for the November 15 area Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging contest. Besides knowing about cotton and presenting a short presentation, participants are also learning about mutual funds, cotton pants, pizza and backpacks this year. Each category, contestants need to place in a correct order these items based on a scenario. The contest helps 4-H'ers build better decision making skills.
- ❖ Interview workshops at the high school helped freshman prepare for their involvement with the Lumpkin Youth Leadership project, a joint effort with the school system, Chamber of Commerce and NGCSU. Selection of participants continues through November with the first training in January, 2012.
- ❖ Ian participated in the quarterly board of directors meeting and monthly collaborative meeting for Lumpkin County Family Connection. He also completed recertification for the new Project WET curriculum and shared ideas with the local recycling education committee with a Senior 4-H member.
- ❖ He also spoke about measuring outcomes at the national Youth Services Institute in Philadelphia, PA.



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Greg Sheppard  
County Extension Coordinator



- ❖ The University of Georgia Extension Service began advertising the county agent position for Dawson and Lumpkin counties during the month of October. Applications will be accepted through mid-November. Plans are to interview candidates for the job during the month of December. The new agent is scheduled to begin work in February. Retired county agent, Greg Sheppard, will continue to work part time as the Extension Agent and County Extension Coordinator through the month of January.
- ❖ Participated in a meeting of the Career Technology & Agricultural Education committee at Lumpkin County High School. As a member of the Vocational Agriculture subcommittee Greg met with the new FFA instructor and discussed upcoming plans and curriculum.
- ❖ Submitted tissue samples from two local vineyards to a laboratory at Washington State University for viral testing. A grape leafroll virus is suspected and evidently is becoming more common in the north Georgia area.
- ❖ Continued to make home and farm troubleshooting visits and diagnostic services as requested throughout the month.

