

Lumpkin County Extension for the first time in many years is fully staffed with an Administrative Assistant, 4-H Agent, 4-H Associate & Agricultural Agent. By being fully staff we are better able to serve Lumpkin County Citizens & THE Lumpkin County School System. 4-H staff provides a one hour monthly educational lesson in each 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, trains students for leadership roles, and provides outside the classroom competitions, camping & conference experiences. Our Agricultural Agent provides researched based information to farmers and homeowners. The key areas the Agricultural Agent focuses on are livestock, vineyards & Master Gardener coordination.

### 4-H Accomplishments

#### Competitions

- 23 Cloverleaf 4-H'ers compete at Cloverleaf Project Achievement in Blairsville, GA
- 15 Jr/Srs competed at District Project Achievement at Rock Eagle 4-H Center
- 2 Sr 4-H'ers attended 4-H State Congress placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the International & 6<sup>th</sup> in the Performing Arts Instrumental Categories
- 11 Competed in Forestry Judging at Wahsega 4-H Center
- 13 Competed in Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging in Hall County
- 12 Competed in Poultry Judging in Oglethorpe County
- 6 Sr 4-H'ers competed on the new 4-H archery team
- 1 4-H'er won Grand Champion Heifer at the GA National Fair in Perry, GA

#### Camping Program

- 73 Cloverleaf 4-H'ers & Adults attended Cloverleaf Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center (record number)
- 2 Sr 4-H'ers selected to be Rock Eagle 4-H Center Camp Counselors
- 1 Sr 4-H'er is currently a part of the 4-H Science Ambassador Program
- 14 Cloverleafs attended Wahsega Fun Day
- 18 Cloverleafs participated in our 2015 Summer Program

#### Volunteers & Fundraising

- 7 Newly certified 4-H adult volunteers
- \$600 Awarded the Health Rocks Grant
- \$5,100 Parking Cars at the Gold Rush Festival
- \$5,500 Rabies Clinic
- \$1,900 Master Gardener Plant Sale
- \$1500 5 Camping Scholarships



4-H'ers attending Stream Ecology Class at Smithgall Woods

## Agricultural Agent Accomplishments

### Livestock

- \*Hosted a beef cattle field day in Blairsville
- \*Co-Hosted an alfalfa forage production meeting in Murrayville
- \*Supported & planned monthly meeting for the Lumpkin Area Livestock Association
- \*Assisted local livestock farmers on questions ranging from forage production, weed management, animal reproduction, feeding supplements

### Vineyards

- \*Finished research trial testing the effectiveness of lime sulfur sprays in vineyards- producers have incorporated this into their spray programs, helping to save them time, money & fend off several diseases
- \*Started a research trial testing different pruning methods – this is to test which pruning methods are best for disease control and improve fruit set & vigor
- \*Co-host monthly vineyard manager’s meeting to discuss timely disease, insect & management topics throughout the growing season
- \*Helped promote agritourism –I let a tour of vineyard & wineries to UGA faculty and UGA marketing students.

### Master Gardeners

- \*Oversaw local Master Gardener volunteer program. In 2014 MG’s volunteered 1,131 hours which equates to \$25,165 worth of service.
- \*Hosting GA State Master Gardener Conference in September
- \*Master Gardeners redesigned Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department flower gardens
- \*Master Gardeners redesigned flower gardens for the Dahlonega Care Center



Alfalfa Field Day in Murrayville with local farmers

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