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Official Newsletter of the Georgia 4-H Foundation

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## 2006-2007 ANNUAL FUND RAISES FUNDS CRITICAL TO GEORGIA 4-H PROGRAM

The Georgia 4-H Foundation has finished another successful year of fundraising. Thanks to generous friends and supporters, the Foundation raised a total of \$294,790.31 for the Annual Fund between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

### 2006-2007 Annual Fund Goal: \$300,000



*2006-2007 Annual Fund  
reaches 98 percent of goal*

Funding increased in three key areas during the 2007 fiscal year. Unrestricted gifts were up by over \$14,300; gifts designated as unrestricted are beneficial to the program in that they offer the Foundation the ability to direct funds to where they are needed most.

Funds donated to the Senior Wall project increased by twenty-five percent. This project to honor graduating 4-H seniors has become popular among both graduates and those choosing to honor them. By contributing to this project, recent graduates have already begun a history of giving back to the Georgia 4-H program that has served them over the years.

Project support was up by over \$4,200 this year, reflecting a 6.7 % increase. Needs are critical in the project funding area, so this increase is significant in that District Project Achievement remains a popular offering in the 4-H program every year. Thousands of Georgia 4-H'ers benefit annually from the DPA process and the life skills which it teaches them.

Support from donors is critical to the success of the Georgia 4-H program. The need for private gifts to Georgia 4-H continues to grow as the program works to meet the needs of Georgia's youth. Gifts to the Georgia 4-H Foundation assist county and state 4-H faculty by providing scholarships, awards and incentives for Georgia 4-H members, providing resources to improve 4-H facilities, and providing training opportunities for 4-H'ers, adult volunteers and 4-H faculty members across the state.

For more information about funding opportunities, or how to support the 2007-2008 Annual Fund, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation at 706/542-8914, or visit [www.georgia4hfoundation.org](http://www.georgia4hfoundation.org) for a list of current needs.

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**Don't forget to purchase your tickets to the 2007 Georgia 4-H Legacy Ball. See page 3 for more details about the event and for ticket information!**

### OF NOTE IN GEORGIA 4-H...

**Congratulations to Jekyll Island 4-H Center, celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year!**



## GEORGIA 4-H MEMBERS ELECT NEW BOARD

by Bo Ryles



The culmination of a weekend of hard work and intense campaigning during State 4-H Council ended with the election of the 2007-2008 Georgia 4-H Board of Directors. These nine outstanding young people will officially take office at their induction during State 4-H Congress in July. Leading Georgia 4-H in the next year are President, Katie Comer of Carroll County; Vice President, Trey Smagur of Habersham County; State Representatives Tareva Moore of Worth County, Abbey Hufstetler of Bartow County, and Hunter Brock of Turner County; Northeast Representative, Drew Bowers of Oconee County; Northwest Representative Erine-Fay Dennis of Charlston County; Michael Leggett of Jeff Davis County; and Emily Backes of Lowndes County. The officers are joined by the 2006-2007 officers and advisors Dr. Bo Ryles, Jenny Jordan, and Michael Reeves.

## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY: CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON NEW DINING HALL AT ROCK EAGLE

by Arch Smith and Tina Maddox

The William A. Sutton Dining Hall at Rock Eagle has served the 4-H Center for 52 years. Georgia 4-H began discussions of adding dining space to Sutton Hall in 1997, but a 2002 feasibility study determined that it would be more cost effective to build a new dining hall than to expand and renovate Sutton Hall.

On June 20, 2007, UGA President Michael Adams joined friends and supporters of Georgia 4-H to officially break ground for construction. Representatives Mickey Channel, Johnny Grant and Bob Smith were on hand along with Scott Angle, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, to commemorate this event. Nearly 150 friends and supporters attending the groundbreaking ceremony and reception enjoyed a luncheon which was held in the Georgia EMC Building for the guests.

Construction on the new facility is schedule to begin the week of July 9th. The relocation of the road that leads to the maintenance area of the 4-H Center should be completed by the end of July 2007. The new dining hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. The new facility is being designed by Richard + Wittschiebe, Hand of Atlanta, Georgia, and the construction management firm is Gay Construction, Inc. of Snellville, Georgia.

Georgia 4-H wishes to thank the many friends, supporters and elected officials who have worked tirelessly to make the new dining hall a reality.



Members of the Georgia General Assembly, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Administration, State 4-H Staff, State 4-H Board of Directors and UGA's President break ground on the new dining hall.

## ROCK EAGLE BRICK CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT 4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

Looking for a way to honor a loved one, treasured friend, or colleague?

Construction has begun on a pathway leading to the new Georgia EMC Building and Senior Pavilion at Rock Eagle. The Georgia 4-H Foundation is gearing up for a Brick Campaign as a way to honor former or current 4-H'ers, friends of 4-H, and those who have served the 4-H program. Begin thinking about whom you might like to recognize by purchasing a brick in his or her honor.

Funds raised will be placed in an endowment fund to benefit project achievement. Watch for more details, to come this fall!



Help the Georgia 4-H Foundation cover this ... with these, to support Georgia 4-H project achievement

## ORDER YOUR GEORGIA AG TAG TODAY!

The new Georgia Ag Tag is available for pre-purchase; visit your local tag office to request the tag. Tags will be distributed as soon as 1,000 are ordered, and we're halfway there! Remember that you do not have to wait until your tag is due for annual renewal to place your order for the Ag Tag.

There is a \$25 fee for the tag, and ten dollars of that fee will go to fund special initiatives in Georgia 4-H and Georgia FFA. The funds will be used to support work that is relative to the mission of the two organizations and specifically to promote agriculture, agricultural awareness, and environmental education.



## TICKETS ON SALE FOR GEORGIA 4-H LEGACY BALL AUGUST 11

Make sure to purchase your tickets to the 2007 Georgia 4-H Legacy Ball, while they are still available! The Legacy Ball will be held on Saturday, August 11, at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, so don't miss your chance to reconnect with 4-H friends and enjoy an evening of entertainment as you help support the Georgia 4-H program.



We are still accepting donations of unique items which will be placed up for auction at the Legacy Ball. Your name/company name will be placed on each bid sheet with an item description and estimated value. Vacation home packages, autographed memorabilia, sports regalia, event tickets, and jewelry are all popular items from previous silent auctions held at the 4-H gala. The silent auction has raised thousands of dollars in the past to support the Georgia 4-H program, and with the items already on this year's list, the bidding will be competitive!

There are also corporate sponsorship opportunities still available; for information about the packages offered to our corporate donors, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation. Proceeds from the gala and silent auction will be placed in an endowment to fund district project achievement. The 4-H Project Endowment goal for the 2007 Georgia 4-H Legacy Ball has been set at \$150,000.00.

Georgia 4-H will also honor 4-H Alumnus Wayne Shackelford and his many contributions to Georgia 4-H by presenting him with the Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award. For information about contributing to the Legacy Ball in Wayne's honor, please contact the Georgia 4-H Foundation at 706/542-8914.

Visit [www.georgia4hfoundation.org/legacy\\_ball](http://www.georgia4hfoundation.org/legacy_ball) or call 706/542-8914 to get your tickets!



The 33rd Annual 4-H Day at UGA Football is being planned for the UGA vs. Western Carolina game on September 15, 2007. 4-H'ers and Friends of 4-H from across the state will travel to Athens to cheer on the Georgia Bulldogs, as we fill up the Georgia 4-H section with Georgia 4-H'ers, Volunteers, Alumni, and Friends. For more information about this annual event, please call 706/542-4H4H.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: THE GEORGIA GARDENER SUPPORTS 4-H TO SHOW APPRECIATION

by Joelle Freeman

At first, Walter Reeves saw 4-H as an opportunity to liven up his daily grind as a 5th grade elementary student. When Mr. Aubrey Varner walked in and asked if the class would like to miss science once a month, little did Walter know he was literally about to begin his 4-H career. As a Fayette County 4-H'er, Walter competed in the Poultry, Beef, and Public Speaking projects, and thoroughly enjoyed square dancing with the "Jonesboro girls" at Camp Fortson. He became North West District President and a counselor at Rock Eagle - where he says he learned to communicate effectively with large groups. Walter served as an Extension agent for 29 years and is also a recipient of the 4-H Honorary Master award. It's no wonder that the host of "The Lawn and Garden Show" on NewsTalk 750 WSB-AM feels his entire career was built on 4-H. He says "When I do a segment on how to do something in a garden, I am mightily tempted to end it with "This concludes my demonstration, are there any questions?"

*"When I discover that someone I admire has passed on, I immediately head for the Georgia 4-H website."*

Walter gives regularly to the Georgia 4-H Foundation in honor or in memory of individuals he admires. He says, "The process for donating in honor or memory of someone is easy to do quickly. When I discover that someone I admire has passed on, I immediately head for the Georgia 4-H website." Walter donates specifically to the JFT Camp Scholarship Fund because of his close relationships with Cecil Johnson, Frank Fitch and Etta Marion Thompson, and in appreciation of their wisdom and dedication to Rock Eagle. Walter also gained profound respect for leaders such as Clovers & Co. founder Bill Edwards, and gives frequently in honor or in memory of the countless individuals who impacted his life. He believes these individuals have a deep desire to benefit youth, a fact which is evident from the appreciation he always receives for his contribution. According to Walter, the principle of giving a gift in someone's honor or memory is that they not be forgotten. In his own words, "Each of us has contributed something of value to the world. My contribution to Georgia 4-H insures that the person or their family knows that I appreciate their work to make the world a better place."

Walter also hosts the television shows "Garden Sense" on the DIY Network and "Gardening in Georgia", found on GPTV. He writes a weekly column of garden tips and questions & answers for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Home & Garden section, and has co-authored a number of books, as well. Also of interest: Walter will serve as host of the 2007 Georgia 4-H Legacy Ball, as another gesture of his support of the Georgia 4-H program.



Walter Reeves believes in giving back to the 4-H program.

If you would like to show your appreciation for someone who has made a difference, call the Georgia 4-H Foundation at (706)542-8914, or visit [www.georgia4hfoundation.org](http://www.georgia4hfoundation.org), and give to 4-H in his or her honor or memory.



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