COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	County Extension	Presenter(s):	Craig E. Gross
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 13, 2010	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the staff's request to renew the annual agreement between Fayette County and the University of Georgia for the provision of the Cooperative Extension Service and Programs in Fayette County for the period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Background/History/Details:

For decades, the University of Georgia has provided counties in Georgia with a host of services and educational programs through what is commonly known as the Cooperative Extension Service. Originally, the Extension services and programs were centered on the agriculture needs of property owners throughout the state. Over time, those needs have changed and the Extension services and programs have evolved to continue meeting the needs of homeowners and youth relating to issues of agriculture, horticulture, natural resources, and water management. Youth programs are designed to teach leadership, interpersonal, familial, service-based learning, citizenship and overall life skills.

Each year, the County must renew its notification to the University of Georgia that Fayette County wishes to maintain its relationship which provides these services. Also, Fayette County provides some personnel-related funding for the Extension programs to augment UGA's budget and continue a "local" program. Additionally, the county provides office space for the Extension Office. In keeping with the budgetary restrictions, the FY 2011 annual technical services budget for the County Extension to be provided by Fayette County has been reduced to $35,794.27.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Request Board of Commissioners to notify the University of Georgia that Fayette County wishes to enter into an agreement for the continuation of the partnership between Fayette County and the University of Georgia for the Cooperative Extension Office for a period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, and authorization for the Chairman to execute said notification.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding for the contract has been included in the proposed FY 2011 budget. The contract has been altered to meet the guidelines set forth by the County.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Annually
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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May 5, 2010

Mr. Greg Price, District Extension Director
Northwest District Extension
UGA Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street
Flynt Building, Room 227
Griffin, Georgia 30223

Dear Mr. Price,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we wish to renew the agreement between the Fayette County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, for the provision of Extension Programs to our County. The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2010 through June, 2011. An annual budget is attached.

Sincerely,

Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Fayette County, Georgia

County Extension Coordinator — Date

District Extension Director — Date

Associate Dean for Extension- CES, UGA — Date

Dean & Director of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UGA — Date

Vice-President for Public Service & Outreach, UGA — Date

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Fayette County
Board of Commissioners
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

ANNUAL SALARY	
Craig Gross, CEC, 4-H Agent	12,000.00
Vacant ANR Agent	0.00
Jeanette Martin, Secretary	13,419.00
	25,419.00
ANNUAL BENEFITS	
Teacher's Retirement (10.28%)	
Craig Gross, CEC, 4-H Agent	1,233.60
Vacant ANR Agent	0.00
Jeanette Martin, Secretary	1,379.47
	2,613.07
Social Security (7.65%)	
Craig Gross, CEC 4-H Agent	918.00
Vacant ANR Agent	0.00
Jeanette Martin, Secretary	1,026.55
	1,944.55
Health Insurance	
Craig Gross, CEC 4-H Agent	0.00 *
Vacant ANR Agent	0.00
Jeanette Martin, Secretary	5,764.13 *
	5,764.13
Life Insurance	
Craig Gross, CEC, 4-H Agent	18.60
Vacant ANR Agent	0.00
Jeanette Martin, Secretary	34.92
	53.52
Yearly Total	$ 35,794.27

Due to current economic conditions, finances are not available to fully fund the vacant Agent position.
(*) The contract amount for health insurance was also decreased to meet the County budgetary guidelines.

- UGA will disperse all payroll, tax and insurance payments for employees and will bill Fayette County monthly for Fayette County's actual contribution to total.

Please send the bill to the following address:
Mary Holland Finance Director
140 Stonewall Avenue West
Fayetteville, GA 30214

2009
Annual Report

for the

University of Georgia - Fayette County Cooperative Extension

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2009 Fayette County Extension
Annual Report

For over 100 years, the University of Georgia and the County of Fayette County has cooperated to provide Extension education and programming opportunities to the citizens of Fayette County and the surrounding area.

During those 100 years, many changes have occurred: the population has reached over 106,000 and the demographics have changed from a rural agricultural community to what is now considered the "Pearl of Metropolitan Atlanta's Southern Crescent Region."

2009 was a year with many challenges. The nation's economy and the pressures on the federal, state and local governments have affected all entities and the Fayette County Extension Office is without exception.

Despite reductions in operating funds, donations and the permanent hold on replacing the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent and a 4-H Youth Development program assistant, programming has continued to grow and stabilize over the past year.

It is with great pleasure that the faculty and staff of the University of Georgia – Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office provide this report to summarize the programs and activities conducted during the 2009 calendar year.

Program Summary

Agriculture and Natural Resources 2
4-H Youth Development 8
Other Programming 13
2010 Goals 15

2009 Fayette County Extension Office Faculty and Staff

Natural Resources Program Assistant (29)	Sandy Edwards
4-H Youth Development Program Assistant (29)	Dianne Craig
4-H Youth Development Program Assistant (19)	Andrea McCourtney
4-H Youth Development Program Assistant (19)	Vacant
Office Professional (c)	Jeanette Martin
Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent (c)	Vacant
County Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development Agent (c)	Craig E. Gross

(c) – Fayette County and University of Georgia collaborative employees

(All information is based on the calendar year of January 1 to December 31, 2009.
It does not count each program that expands beyond the year. No double counting of programs in the same year.)

Updated 01/12/2010

Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Fayette County Extension Office's Agriculture and Natural Resources programs include programming not only in the agriculture sector, but also recycling, horticulture, water safety, water planning and management, water quality, youth programs as well as the very popular Master Gardener program.

Even though the program went the whole year without an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent to head up the programs, staff members and some key volunteers took the initiative to make sure that quality base programs were conducted and services for the county citizens were completed.

We have several programs that have been an asset to the county through the drought conditions and has also invited many alternatives during our current economic cycle.

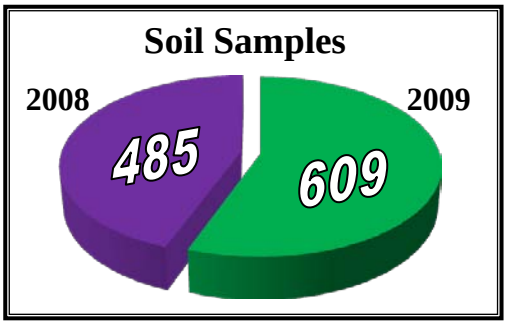
The Agriculture and Natural Resources programs also collaborate well with other county programs and are an integral part of the State's reporting and education system. We have partnered to provide programming in the areas of storm water management, drought management, water use, pesticide safety and certification as well as participating in Earth Day.

Last year, a thorough investigation of the recycling facilities and efforts in Fayette County was conducted and an informative brochure and programming was conducted. This year, the information was updated and shared through the University and the Fayette County website as well as at Earth Day and our educational programs. These efforts help to keep Fayette County a beautiful and clean community and gives access 24 hours a day.

We hope to be able to hire an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent starting in July 2010 so that we can combine and nurture some existing programs and plant seeds for several new programs.

2009 Program Summary

609	Soil Samples
65	Water and Pond Samples
10	Microbiology Samples
5	Well Inspections
9	Private Pesticide Applicator Training



Master Gardener Certification:

Description: The Master Gardener Program in Georgia is a volunteer training program designed to help Extension agents transfer research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public by training home gardeners. Master Gardeners currently are active in many Georgia counties. Through this program, volunteers benefit from the classes and ongoing training and the opportunity to share knowledge with others; the agents and community benefit from the service. Fayette County volunteers attend a structured in-depth training and take two tests during the training to become certified interns. They must then volunteer in the community for 50 hours before they become certified Master Gardeners. Twenty-five of those hours must be volunteering in the Extension Office.

Participant demographics:
Adults: 14

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Multi	Hispanic
14	2	12	11	0	1	0	2	1

Education Series:
Description: Fayette County is very fortunate to have a group of highly educated and interested volunteers in their Master Gardener program. These volunteers work in cooperation with the Fayette County Extension to provide educational programs for youth and adults in the county and surrounding area. These programs are a coordinated effort to try and address and educate the public on timely topics related to agriculture, horticulture and our natural resources.
These educational programs can be classroom type programs, Home Owner education programs, Home Owner Association meetings, lunch and learn programs and plant clinics.
Several of these classes also are utilized as public education programs to help fulfill the County of Fayette County's commitment and obligation for Fayette County's storm water permit. This is submitted to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division as part of the County's 2009 NPDES Annual Report.

- ✓ **Butterflies, Birds and Bees:**
  Participants get to know the benefits of having butterflies, birds and bees around their landscape. Benefits include pollination and insect control. A portion of the program is also dedicated to water resource management (drought control) and also water contamination control with reduction of pesticides and herbicides.

Programs conducted – January 12, March 17, and March 21, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 3

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
53	11	42	46	6	1	0	0

- ✓ **Container Gardening:**
  Utilizing small spaces and your imagination, container gardens can help add color and design elements to anyone's landscape. Participants learned creative and effective ways to grow plants, with a focus on garden vegetables and food sources. Part of the program showcases utilizing rain water storage and control for irrigation purposes

Programs conducted –March 10, May 17, and September 14, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 3

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
77	22	55	67	1	1	0	0

- ✓ **Lawn Care:**
  Learn about diseases and weed control associated with various types of turf grass. Learn how to get the beautiful, full lawn you always wanted while protecting the environment. Participants will learn about timely and accurate herbicide and pesticide application as well as some alternative pest control methods. They will also be given thorough instruction and schedules for efficient and timely irrigation.

Programs conducted – March 10 (*2), and March 17, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 3

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
82	50	32	61	2	1	0	2

- ✓ **Raised Planting Beds**:
  Many people want to garden, but have limitations on mobility or space. This fun and interactive class will teach the basics of raised planter gardens and give design ideas to help everyone enjoy the great outdoors!

Programs conducted – March 7 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
29	4	25	23	4	2	0	0

- ✓ **Rain Barrel Workshops:**
  A rain barrel is a rain water harvesting system that is connected to a downspout from a house or building. By collecting the rainwater, one can save energy, water and money. Rain barrels also help reduce erosion, and storm water runoff as well as increase water quality.
  One program was given directly to students at Booth Middle School and the other was an adult program.

Programs conducted – March 12 and April 11, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 2

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
142	68	74	99	39	3	0	1

- ✓ **Vegetable Gardening:**
  Learn how to grow vegetables using plasticulture from long-time expert and Honorary MG Lester Bray. Benefits include less water, fertilizer and pesticides.

Programs conducted – Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24, and Feb. 28, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 3

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
183	94	89	170	13	0	0	0

- ✓ **Tree Tune Up – The Keys for Success!:**
  Trees provide many benefits in our landscape: beauty, color, shade and erosion control. Learn how to identify problems with your trees, what to do to maintain them and how to properly plant, prune and inspect for healthy and beautiful trees.
  Participants will also learn effective ways for pest management and irrigation – when it is needed.

Programs conducted – Jan. 27, Feb. 21 and March 30, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 3

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
68	29	39	57	10	0	0	0

- ✓ **Healthy Soil, Happy Plants:**
  Looking for a plush lawn that is the talk of the town? Then you need to start at the ground! Participants will learn about soil make up, the do's and don'ts of good soil management and how compaction, water runoff and general maintenance can make or break your lawn.

Programs conducted – Jan. 20, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
21	8	13	19	2	0	0	0

- ✓ **The Sustainable Landscape:**
  What is a sustainable landscape and does it fit in Georgia?
  Come learn about plant selection, landscape design and management that will allow you to have a low maintenance, low input (water, fertilizer and chemical controls) in your landscape.

Programs conducted – Feb. 19, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
25	11	14	24	1	0	0	0

- ✓ **Going Organic – Utilizing Cover Crops and other Strategies:**
  Looking at going green in your landscape and your garden but don't know how to get passed all the fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides? Come learn about successful alternatives that have existed for hundreds of years.

Programs conducted – March 16 and Oct. 22, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 2

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
39	9	30	31	3	5	0	0

- ✓ **Peachtree City Garden Club:**
  Want to reduce your input for your landscape and increase the beauty? This program highlights proper timing for pest control and for irrigation to lower costs and help the environment. The program also talks about rain gardens and utilizing rain as a source of irrigation for plants and the garden.

Programs conducted – Sept. 17, 2009

Participant demographics:

Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
52	4	48	46	4	2	0	0

- ✓ **Septic Tank Maintenance Class:**
  The University of Georgia – Fayette County Cooperative Extension partnered with the Fayette County Environmental Health Department to offer a septic tank maintenance class. Information from the University of Georgia covered items such as proper design, maintenance considerations and wastewater management. Individual planning sessions were also conducted with some clientele.

Programs conducted – Aug. 13, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
47	24	23	38	8	1	0	2

- ✓ **Rainwater Harvesting Program:**
  Rainwater harvesting has had increased emphasis since the beginning of this most recent drought. The University of Georgia partnered with several other Universities to provide an in-depth, "train the trainer" program. Emphasis was placed on proper design, construction, planning and assembly of rainwater systems. Future plans are to combine this knowledge with some programs to be hosted at the Old Courthouse in Fayette County

Programs conducted – June 6, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 1

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
8	5	3	6	2	0	0	1

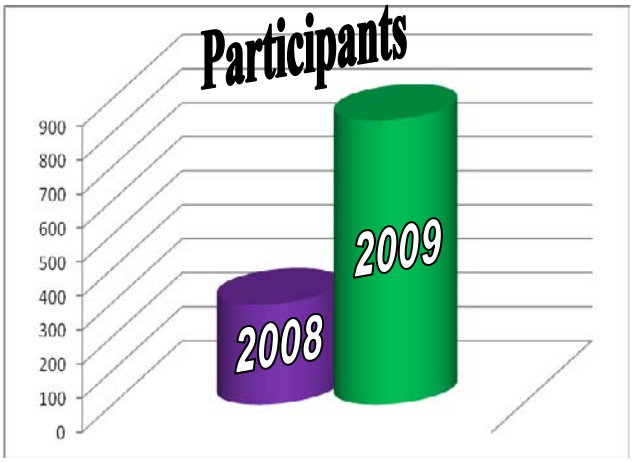
- ✓ **Gardening with Seniors:**
  Growing older does not mean that we have to stop what we like to do. Two sessions will be held to help give freedom back to our aging population. "Gardening with Arthritis" and "Pass-A-Long Plants". Don't miss them.

Programs conducted – June 24 and July 8, 2009
Participant demographics:
Session provided: 2

Total	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
10	2	8	8	2	0	0	0

Total Scope of Education Programs:

Year	Programs	Participants
2008	20	295
2009	27	836



Plant Clinics:

Do you need to know about drought resistant plants? Deer resistant plants? A disease or insect on your plants? Pests that are eating your shrubs or vegetables. Fayette County Master Gardeners provided educational topics and consultation to local participants. They answered questions concerning: diagnosis of pests, topics on plants, shrubs, vegetables, water conservation and disease control.

Participant demographics were not kept as the style and function of the programs did not allow for sign in and demographic collection.

Programs were conducted at various businesses in Fayetteville, and Peachtree City including Lowes, Home Depot, Pike's, Wal-Mart and Andy's Nursery

Session provided: 13

Master Gardener's Garden Tour:

The Master Gardener's Garden Tour is a fun and hands-on educational experience that allows participants to view various landscape designs, get ideas and ask the garden owners questions. Master Gardeners are also available at the various locations to answer questions about plant care, pest control and many other topics that the participants have.

Total participants in 2009: 251

Fayette County Master Gardeners "Value to the County"

Fayette County Master Gardener
<u>Program and Project Summary:</u>

14	Newly Trained Master Gardeners
95	Returning Master Gardeners
7,467	Volunteer Hours by Master Gardeners
$145,531.83	Value of volunteering from Master Gardeners
9,091	Total Number of Persons Contacted by Master Gar
33,992	Total Miles Driven by Master Gardeners in volunteering roles.
26,011	Total Pounds of Produce from Plant A Row (P.A.R.) Garden
$222,831.99	Total value to Fayette County from Fayette County Master Gardeners

The Fayette County Master Gardeners went through a major reorganization to help their programming efforts and to increase their visibility in the County. In 2008, they created the Fayette Master Gardener Association. The association has educational activities and programs every month.

4-H Youth Development

The Fayette County Extension Office provides youth programming that influences many youth in the county and the surrounding area. The 2009 calendar year started with partnerships in seven of the county's public schools, two private schools and three home school families. Additional planning and communications with school leaders has allowed us to add two more county public schools and one more private school to our monthly programs. Our in-school enrichment programs are designed to be a supplemental curriculum program to the school's and helps to reinforce the Georgia Performance Standards. Many studies have shown improved test scores when the Georgia 4-H curriculum is partnered with the school's programs.

The fifth graders in our in-school program make up the majority of our Cloverleaf 4-H. Other Cloverleaf members attend other county schools or are sixth graders that were involved in last year's programs.

These participants as well as our Junior and Senior 4-H'ers participate in numerous area, district and state events and community programs.

These programs are an asset to the county and to the school's youth, but they are also used as companion programming for Fayette County's Storm Water Management Plan and their grant initiative.

We have been fortunate in Fayette County to also have two "specialty" clubs.

> We have a very active Horse Club that hosts educational programs, horse shows and judging events throughout the year. Members from the Horse Club have continued the proud Fayette County 4-H tradition by placing second in the State 4-H Horse Judging and third in the State Horse Quiz Bowl. Horse club members have been actively planning more programs and continued participating in 2010.
>
> Our 4-H S.A.F.E. Shotgun program provides an avenue for youth to participate in area, state and national events, and it develops leadership, responsibility, goal setting and team building – all in a fun environment. The program also produced the State AIM Championship team last year.
>
> The 4-H S.A.F.E. Shotgun program has just undergone some major organizational changes designed to have more youth leadership and involvement in decision making. These efforts are designed to help teach the leaders of tomorrow – today.

The end of 2009 will be a beginning for a new specialty club in Fayette County 4-H. The Fayette County 4-H Rifle Club will begin taking members and start their educational efforts in January 2010. The club and leadership have worked very hard to provide another fun and safe avenue for shooting education. This program will focus on youth from fifth to eighth grade and will eventual expand to allow older youth in the program.

Goals for 2010 will be to obtain resources that would allow for programming to the Fayette County Middle Schools. Currently two schools have shown indicated their willingness to participate in a science based program and in a financial management program.

Fayette County 4-H In Action!

5th Grade In-School Enrichment Programs:

Mean, Miserable, Menacing Microbes:

Description/Lesson Overview: In this lesson students will be introduced to microorganisms through demonstrations of how germs (microorganisms) spread. Students will also discover the harmful effects of microorganisms if proper hand-washing techniques and food preparation are not followed.

Goal: The student will make a real life connection with how microorganisms are spread. The student will be made aware of the harmful effects of microorganisms on our bodies.

Georgia Performance Standards:

S5L4. Students will relate how microorganisms benefit or harm larger organisms.

Plant Classification:

Description/Lesson Overview: In this lesson students will learn to classify plants based on plant category, leaf type, leaf arrangement, leaf shape, and root type. The lesson engages the learner through small group, hands on classification of plant material.

Goal: Students be engaged in a hands on experience in classification of plant material and generalize to real life experience.

Georgia Performance Standards:

S5L1 Students will classify organisms into groups and relate how they determined the groups with how and why scientist uses classification.

Inherited Plant Traits:

Description/Lesson Overview: An interactive lesson designed to give students an opportunity to simulate plant genetics through a hands on activity. This lesson provides students an opportunity to understand that the traits passed from the parent organisms to their offspring may possess variations of these traits that may help or hinder survival in a given environment.

Goal: Students will have an opportunity to use supporting evidence to show that traits are transferred from a parent organism and that those traits that an offspring receives from a parent may not always be visible.

Georgia Performance Standards:

S5L2 Students will recognize that offspring can resemble parents in inherited traits and learned behaviors.

Poison Pump:

Description/Lesson Overview: A killer has swept through the streets of London; hundreds are dead! Would you believe that an accomplice to this crime is something you use every day? Through a series of clues, students solve a mystery to discover that water can also produce negative effects for people.

Goal: Students should analyze and interpret data (clues), leading them to understand that water is a shared resource and can spread diseases.

Georgia Performance Standards:

2 S5CS1 Students will be aware of the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness and skepticism in science and will exhibit these traits in their own efforts to understand how the world works.

S5CS4 Students will use ideas of system, model, change and scale in exploring scientific and technological matters.

Youth Development Summer Opportunities Promotion
Description/Lesson Overview: Youth are introduced to the numerous summer programs that Georgia 4-H and the Fayette County Extension Office conduct.

Georgia Barrier Islands:
Description/Lesson Overview: In this lesson students learn the dynamics of barrier islands and locate the barrier islands. Causes of erosion will be discussed through examination of the current state of Jekyll Island.
Goal: Exploration of Georgia's barrier islands with emphasis on Jekyll Island and the consequences of beach erosion.
Georgia Performance Standards:
S5E1 Students identify Earth's surface features caused by constructive and destructive processes.
GA 4-H Core Value: Environment
Objectives: The learner will:

- Define barrier islands and locate Georgia's barrier islands on a map
- Describe the processes of erosion and accretion
- Describe the formation of sand dunes
- Explain the importance of sand dunes
- Identify sea oats and explain their importance

Community Service:
Projects (not a complete list):

- Lt. Dan Fund – raised funds for injured soldier – Lt. Dan Berschinski
- Trail Ride and Horse Show for St. Jude's Hospital
- Collecting Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House
- Share the Warmth (collected hats, gloves and mittens for needy families and children).
- Christian City Store (clean-up and restock shelves, organization and customer service)
- Rivers Alive – Lake Clean-up Participants
- Cards for the Soldiers (Holiday Card Campaign)
- Kroger Customer Cabin Campaign
- Sam's School (assist teachers and program assistants in school)
- Fayette Montessori School assistance

Hours:

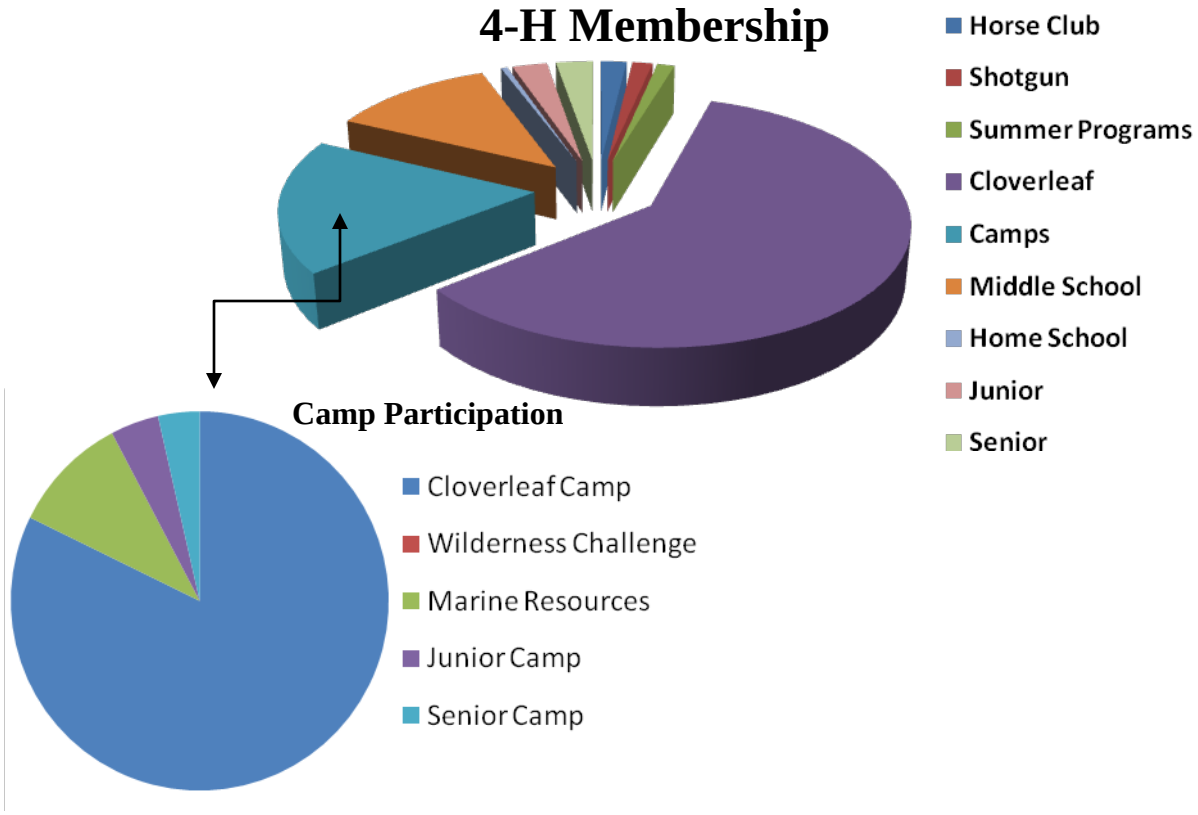
- Each month the Fayette County 4-H'ers and the volunteers provide hundreds of hours of community service in the county and area on several projects. Unfortunately, we do not currently have an accurate method for tracking all the volunteer work that is done through our youth development programs. We are the process of setting goals for 2010 that will allow us to continue to achieve in helping the community and being a viable asset.

4-H'ers 5th through 12th Grade

830	5th Grade students (In-school Enrichment Classes in Nine Fayette County Public Schools)
39	Private School
7	Other Cloverleaf (members at large)
7	Home School 4-H'ers (program dropped due to budget and participation number)
178	Middle School Program (partnership with Booth and Whitewater Middle Schools)
38	Junior 4-H'ers (grades 6-8)
40	Senior 4-H'ers (grades 9-12)
28	Horse Club Members (grades 5-12)
22	Shotgun Club Members (grades 6-12)
139	Rock Eagle Camp (grades 5 and 6)
7	Junior Camp (grades 7-8)
17	Marine Resources Camp (grades 7 and 8)
6	Senior Camp (grades 9 to 12)
19	Summer Survivor (summer programs not including camp
1,377	Total 4-H'ers involved in all programs (some numbers include duplicates for programs)

Adult Volunteers

7	5th Grade In-school Enrichment Classes
3	Home School Volunteers (2 Leaders and 6 Parents)
5	Parent Volunteers for Junior and Senior Classes
21	Certified Master Gardeners (focus on youth development work)
14	Horse Club Volunteers
11	Shotgun Club Volunteer Leaders and Parents
9	Summer Camp Program Volunteers
79	Volunteers (representing Thousands of Hours of Volunteer Service)



Leadership Development:

4-H Officer Training:

139	5th grade 4-H Officers (President, 1st and 2nd Vice President and Secretary)
13	Junior/Senior Club Officers
5	Horse Club Officers
7	Shotgun Club Officers
164	Total 4-H'ers elected and trained as officers

Leadership Training:

4	Fall Forum
0	Junior Conference
0	Junior Rally
2	State Congress
6	State Council
34	Monthly Class or Club Meetings with Officer Leadership 7 monthly meeting for 31 School programs plus 10 monthly meetings for 3 Clubs = 1,124 opportunities)
1,136	Total Leadership Opportunities for 4-H'ers in 2009

District Project Achievement: (language arts development and presentation)

8	Senior 4-H Participants (grades 9-12)
6	Junior Participants (grades 7-8)
14	Cloverleaf Participants (grades 5-6)
28	4-H'ers involved in district level presentations

Other Area and State Programs:

362	Fayette County Block Party – "Welcome Back to School" Program
3	Certified Shotgun Leaders Trained
2	State and Nationally Certified Shotgun Leader – provided state training 4 times
9	State Horse Quiz Bowl Participants
11	State Horse Judging Participants
6	State Horse Show Participants
14	State 4-H Shotgun Participants
57	Area Shotgun Participants (includes various events)
458	Participants in area and state 4-H events

Other Programming Efforts

Fayette County Extension's base programming includes 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture and Natural Resources, but the Fayette County Extension Office participates and collaborates with numerous organizations and groups to provide additional programming. Some of those efforts include:

- Partnering with the Fayette County Schools
  Three projects are underway to help build relationships and programming with the Fayette County Schools. Those projects include:
  - Resource Book – Informing schools about Fayette County Extension and our programs.
  - Soils Lab – an interactive program with a middle school to help enrich their science class.
  - Water Education – we are working to partner with a middle school to help design and implement a community garden/education program. These programs will focus on building from the Soils Lab and will also focus on water management and utilization.
  - We were recognized as a "Partner in education" by the Fayette County Schools planning commission.

- Effective Communication
  Today's fast paced world makes it harder to conduct effective programs and to communicate to potential new target audiences as well as effectively and efficiently communicate with existing partners. New and updated communication efforts include:
  - Updated Fayette County's Extension website
  - Maintained and utilized University of Georgia – Fayette County website
  - Created an interactive web calendar for Extension and 4-H events.
  - Created and implemented a web based calendar to highlight Master Gardeners events
  - Utilized Facebook® Main Page for Fayette County 4-H. We currently have 53 fans and have had a lot of interest generated from this project.
  - Implemented a web based scheduling system to help plan and organize programming and development meetings within the office staff and with all program collaborators. This system has helped to improve attendance and involvement in program planning.
  - Updated and utilized text message service to communicate with Senior 4-H Members
  - Updated several volunteer forms for web orientation and use.
  - Created and utilizing ListServ applications for:
    - Fayette County Master Gardeners
    - Fayette County Master Gardeners Interns
    - Fayette County 4-H
    - Fayette County 4-H Rifle Club
    - Fayette County 4-H Shotgun Club

- Fayette County Block Party
  2009 marked the first of what we hope is an annual event – the Fayette County Block Party. Members from our 4-H program and leaders from the community developed, organized and conducted a "welcome Back to School" and "Last Blast of Summer" party for families. The event was located at the Fayette County Administrative Complex Centennial Park.
  The event was designed as a family event to encourage family participation and involvement in activities throughout the year.
  We had over 300 people attend.

- The Old Courthouse Landscape Plan

  Collaborating government and private industries to update and maintain the Old Fayette County Courthouse landscape. Through program planning and county involvement, the trees located at the Old Courthouse have been inspected, pruned and removed where needed. Diseased and overgrown plants and shrubs have been removed or pruned. New sod has been laid, the lighting has been updated and the whole landscape has been made safer and has improved the maintainability.

  Fayette County Cooperative Extension was involved in writing three grants. They included the Urban Tree Legacy Grant, the Kellogg Foundation and State of Georgia 319 Grant. Two of the grants were awarded to the project and, in 2009; we received funds from the Urban Tree Legacy Grant. Those funds were used to prune and remove trees in the landscape.

  Collaborating partners include:

  - Fayette County Engineering
  - Fayette County Building and Maintenance
  - Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
  - Main Street Fayetteville
  - The Old Courthouse Art Show
  - Innovative Irrigation
  - Thom's Trees
  - Andy's Nursery
  - Nearly Native Nursery
  - The University of Georgia
  - Fayette County Master Gardeners
  - Fayette County Extension Office

- Fayette County Extension Advisory Planning Board

  Nineteen business, community and youth leaders have joined together as an Advisory Board to help the Fayette County Extension efficiently provide for the needs of Fayette County. The members have gone through an extensive needs assessment and will be planning projects and events for the upcoming year to address some of these needs.

  The goals of the group are to:

  - Assist in the Needs Assessment Process, including identifying problems and laying the groundwork for our programming efforts.
  - Assist in developing educational plans for selected issues and topics.
  - Assist in the evaluation process and help determine changes to improve programs and their impact.
  - Assist in securing additional resources to help improve Fayette County Cooperative Extension program outreach.

Fayette County Cooperative Extension Goals for 2010

1. Continue to develop and utilize the Extension Advisory Board to develop and provide cutting edge programs for Fayette County citizens.
2. Expand collaborative efforts within the county including other service organizations, youth based groups, civic organizations, government and private industry.
3. Continue development of external sources for resources.
4. Develop and utilize an effective evaluation and review system to improve services and programming for our clientele.
5. Investigate and utilize an effective marketing plan for all projects and programs in Fayette County Extension.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

1. Obtain resources to hire an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent
2. Continue to foster and build the Fayette County Master Gardener program.
3. Reinforce the services offered by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and their value to clients.
4. Develop programs to assist citizens in garden and landscape production, maintenance and utilization.
5. Develop and reinforce ties with agriculture producers in Fayette County.

4-H Youth Development

1. Increase school participation and Extension presence in one grade school and two middle schools.
2. Acquire resources to fund an additional Program Assistant to coordinate and present middle school programs.
3. Increase Cloverleaf youth participation by 20% in events outside of the county (add an additional three participants in project achievement).
4. Increase participation by Junior and Senior 4-H'ers by 15% outside the county (add an additional two members attending state events).
5. Increase Junior and Senior Membership in the county program by five Junior members and eight Senior members.
6. Increase active adult certified volunteers by five.
7. Collaborate for a Family Fun Fair.

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