



BRAG BOARD

Burke County's own 4-H'er, **Michaela Pollex** was elected to serve on the Southeast GA 4-H Board of Directors! She was elected in February and began her year of service in June. She is an 8th grader at BCMS. Congrats and good luck Michaela!

Jennifer McDaniel, a senior at EBA, represented GA 4-H and Burke County this summer at the Citizenship Washington Focus conference in Washington D.C. Jennifer spent a week touring the capital and learning about our nation's history with other Georgia 4-H'ers. Congrats Jennifer!

On May 20, twenty-six Burke County 4-H members enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Adventure Crossing Amusement Park in Augusta. The trip was a reward for the hard work they put in to prepare for competition at Cloverleaf Project Achievement in March. **Derrick Dixon, Jennifer McDaniel, and Michaela Pollex** served as teen leaders for the trip.

Meridith Franks was selected to represent Georgia at the National Youth Dairy Conference in Wisconsin this fall. Congratulations Meridith!

Burke County 4-H members had a great time at **4-H Camp** this summer! 37 members experienced 4-H camp this year. Cloverleaf campers attended Rock Eagle, while Junior Camp was held at Camp Fortson near Atlanta. At Rock Eagle, campers canoed, hiked, sailed, and watched the famous Rock Eagle pageant. Junior campers visited Stone Mountain, White Water, and Atlanta Motor Speedway. Don't let others have all of the fun next summer – be sure to sign up for camp!

The Junior and Senior 4-H Forestry Teams competed in the District contest on Aug. 31st. Both the Junior Team and Senior Team earned 1st place!!! The Senior Team will compete at the state contest in September. High individual in the Junior contest was **Lelan Eberly**, 2nd was **Kristen VanDeRyt**, and 3rd was **Michaela Pollex**. Other team members were **Louisa Shepherd, Taylor Mizelle, Marcus Dixon, Amanda Durant, and Kendall Eberly**. High individual in the Senior contest was **Jennifer McDaniel**, 2nd was **Kitty Shepherd**, and 3rd was **Brenden Eberly**. Other team members were **Cynthia Eberly, Jessica Dixon, and Bryce Dillard**. Congrats Forestry Teams and good luck to the Senior Team!



The Connection



Burke County 4-H Newsletter

September 2011

Welcome to Burke County 4-H!

My Next Meeting Is:

Meet Ms. Heather!



Hi everyone! I am very excited to be Burke County's new 4-H Extension Agent! I just graduated from UGA (Go Dawgs!)

and moved to Burke County in August. 4-H was a big part of my life for many years in Oconee County where I grew up, and I want to give you many exciting opportunities to get involved and succeed. I hope you will join 4-H and get in involved in club meetings, camp, competitions, and lots more! I look forward to meeting and working with everyone! Get ready for a great year in 4-H!

- Ms. Heather

Keep up with us online! Check out our website at:

www.ugaextension.com/burke

Check Out the "I Am Georgia 4-H" video campaign at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/iamgeorgia4h>



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Find us at the Burke County Office Park. Come in the back door, and we're on the left!

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What's Happening?



4-H Club Officer's Training

All newly elected officers are invited to attend officer training. We will focus on leadership and instruct officers on their duties for the year. Training will be from 3:30 – 5:00 at the Extension Office.

Seniors: Tuesday, Sept. 20th

7th and 8th grade: Wed. Sept. 21st

5th and 6th grade: Thurs. Sept. 22nd

Consumer Judging

Do you love to shop? Consumer Judging team members learn to be wise shoppers and make smart decisions. There will be two orientation practices, **Sept. 6 and 7**, for anyone interested in being on the team. The area contest will be held on **Nov. 14**. All practices meet at the 4-H Office from 3:30 to 5:00.

4-H Day at GSU Football Game

Georgia Southern University in Statesboro is hosting a 4-H Family Fun Day during the GSU vs. Chattanooga football game. The game is on **October 8, 2011** at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 with a choice of either grass or bleacher seats. If you would like to attend, please call the 4-H Office and place your order by **Friday, Sept. 23rd**.

I have read my child's 4-H
Connection newsletter:

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Georgia National Fair in Perry!

The Georgia National Fair in Perry is not just for livestock shows – there are many 4-H contests! Enter a mini-booth, compete in the Family Scarecrow contest, Homemade Ice Cream Contest, Public Speaking contest or variety show, and many, many more! Visit www.georgianationalfair.com/files/2011/08/4-H.pdf for details or call office at 706-554-2119 and to sign up today!

Dairy and Beef Show Team

If you are interested in showing a dairy heifer this year, please contact the 4-H office. We are gearing up for fall shows but will start getting ready for the spring shows very soon. We would love to have you – and no experience is necessary!

Celebrate National 4-H Week! October 3 – 7, 2011

National 4-H Week is almost here! Help us celebrate this great organization by participating in our 4-H Week celebration activities. Each class 4-H club is invited to enter the National 4-H Week contest. Each class can create a display or advertisement to place around town. Displays will be judged based on general appearance, visibility, content, and creativity. Entry forms must be submitted and displays must be up no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 30**. Judging will occur during 4-H Week. There will be a monetary prize for teachers and a fun trip for the winning class!



Community Corner



September Community Service

Collect Pop-Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Bring your tabs to the 4-H office, or take them to your classroom to earn points for your 4-H Club.

FarmFest

If you eat, sleep, shop, or even play outside, agriculture is a part of your life! FarmFest is an annual event in Waynesboro and this year FarmFest will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 17**. Come out for a day of fun and support 4-H in the cow patty BINGO contest!

Burke County Fair Mini-Booths

Pick a topic, any topic...and make a mini-booth! Choose anything you like, create a display for the fair, and compete for prize money! If you are interested, call the 4-H office at 706-554-2119 for more information and to sign up by **Friday, Sept 23rd**. We will be holding a mini-booth workshop for participants on **Thursday, September 29th**.

Important Dates for 2011-2012

Sept 17:	Burke County FarmFest
Oct 3-7:	National 4-H Week
Oct 6-16:	GA National Fair
Oct 11-15:	Burke County Fair
Nov 4-5:	Jr. Conference
Dec 10-11:	Fall Forum
Jan 9:	Portfolios Due!!!
Feb 3-5:	Jr/Sr District Project Achievement
Feb 22-26:	GA State Livestock Show – Perry
Mar 24:	Cloverleaf Project Achievement