District & State Officer
Donovan Nelson is currently serving as our Northeast Representative for our Stated 4-H Board. Tiger Rupers was just recently elected as Northeast District Senior Board Member. Talk to the 4-H'ers and give them suggestions/ideas to help them make their 4-H leadership roles even better!

Livestock Judging
Congrats to Chase West, placing high individual for the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and achieving Master Status

Hippology
Congrats to our team of Tori Branyon, Tess Branyon and Sophia Merka. They placed 3rd in the State 4-H Hippology Contest!

Project SAFE
Archery, BB and Shotgun have just competed in a variety of matches where individuals earned medals and ranked high! Their State competitions will take place soon! Good luck competitors and we look forward to hearing about more fantastic scores! Take pictures for our Awards Slide Show Presentation!

State Leadership In Action
Parker Varandoo competed in the Senior leadership in Action program with his detailed application and interview. He did an awesome job and placed 5th place for Northeast District!

Upcoming Events: Plan Your Magical Celebrations!

4-H Camp: 4-H camp is reasonably priced experience for many young people. You can learn new skills, overcome homesickness, and make new friends. Georgia 4-H’ers also learn more about healthy lifestyles, financial literacy, and will benefit from the many science based programs and resources available at our 4-H centers throughout the State of Georgia. Read the 4-H flyer given to you today at your 4-H Club meeting or enclosed with this newsletter.

Cloverleaf Camp, July 9 - 13, 2018 Jekyll Island 4-H: The on-center activities at this renovated camp will include weekly classes, sea turtle walks, beach seining, marsh fun, swimming, sports, and competitions between the color groups. Sign up now! Make plans now for the pre-camp meeting on June 26 at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse Annex Conference Room. If we are full, names will be placed on waiting list.

Other Camping Opportunities in the Georgia 4-H summer camping program in 2017 include Marine Resources Camp at Burton 4-H Center on Tybee Island, July 2 - 6, for students who have completed the sixth, seventh, or eighth grades; or Wilderness Challenge Camp at Wahasee 4-H Center, July 2 - 6, for students who have completed the sixth, seventh or eighth grades (Wilderness Challenge campers must be 12-years-old on or before July 2, 2018). High school students may attend Senior Camp at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, July 2 - 6; or, Senior EXTREME Camp, a more primitive camping experience at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, June 11-15 (or both!). Junior Camp, June 11-15 at Fortson 4-H Center. This camping experience will be unmatched this year! Trips all over Atlanta including Stone Mountain, the Aquarium, Atlanta Motor Speedway and having fun on the Fortson Camp Farm! Some registrations may be full so names will be put on waiting list.

Cloverleaf Points: Take this 4-H newsletter home so your parents know what 4-H has to offer. Your goal this year is 90 points earned by April 30, 2018! Keep track of your points in your point pamphlet. This is your record to track points! Complete and clip the part with your parent’s signature - and return to 4-H leaders at next meeting.

Poultry Judging will continue on Wednesdays. If you are interested in learning all about how to candle eggs, tell if a hen has laid an egg recently or even how to shop for chickens to cook, Poultry Judging can be the right event for you. Let us know if transportation is needed from Elementary, MCMS or MCHS. Our competition is May 3, 2018.

Ag Celebration: The Madison County Ag Celebration that is usually planned for April will take place this Fall … keep watching for this event and details.

Awards Program will take place May 20 at the Madison County Board of Education Cafeteria @ 2.

Georgia Key Award: Senior 4-H’ers who want to apply need 500pt. to qualify for this cumulative award with 500 points. Due to 4-H office no later than May 10th.

Dean’s Award: Cumulative award is due to the 4-H office May 15th and excelled in a broad spectrum of activities and experiences over a sustained period of time in one of five areas: Ag and STEM, Citizenship, Communications and the Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, or Leadership.

Summer Classes—All 8th—12th Graders interested in teaching a Summer Class need to pick up an application/set up an appt. right away to prepare lesson-plans, turn in application & attend @ 3:30pm MANDATORY workshop to set dates on & meet no later than Friday, May 4th! 4-H’ers will receive a summer flyer with workshops available and registration will take place beginning May 15th!
Senior Wall Challenge 2018 Graduating Seniors: If you want to make sure that your legacy with 4-H continues even after you graduate. Your name can be placed on 2018 graduate Senior Wall for a fee.

Upcoming Meetings - Cloverleaf Officers, please be sure to keep a schedule handy for your upcoming meetings and be prepared. Middle School Club meeting set for May 14th will include all day Relations Smarts Field trip to Comer Transportation Museum. Details are enclosed! You must complete an online survey no later than May 5th.

Madison County 4-H Superlatives: The applications for Gold, Silver, & Bronze Superlatives are available at the 4-H office. Tally your years worth of activities on the application checklist to earn points totaling each level award. May 10th is deadline for award.

Madison County Cloverleaf 4-H Reward Trip - Teachers, Parents, Cloverleaf 4-Hers, and Potential Teen Leader and Adult Volunteers: Thursday, May 10th will be our date for the upcoming reward trip.

Accounts at 4-H Office – Please make sure you are doing your part to pay your account for 4-H. Our budget is tight and we need your help to make sure we are able to offer all our programs by doing your part to pay up your 4-H accounts monthly.

Pop Tabs/ Cans/ Bottles: We are still collecting pop tabs, bottles and soda cans. You can drop off your pop tops, bottles & cans at school club meeting or at the 4-H office. Just put pop tabs in a quart size Ziploc bag for 5 points or a gallon size—four quart-size bags for 10 points for Cloverleaf 4-Hers. Put cans / bottles in grocery bag for 5 points. Get your friends and family involved.

Horse Equestrian Drill Team - Interested members call the 4-H Office for details. They meet on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. The 12-member team has been set but they still need interested members to help with props, costumes, music, etc.

Teen Leader Training - Plan to take part in the Summer County Club Teen Leader Training on May 26th. This is for rising 7th - 12th graders who have not been certified as a teen leader. This training usually does not take very long: 9:30am-12:30 or 1:00pm with lunch afterwards included for $10.

Escape the Space – Escape the Space for area counties will take place on May 25th around 2:00. We will join Oglethorpe County and have fun looking for clues and ESCAPING for only $26.00.

Friday Fun Day will be at Wahsega 4-H Center, Friday and Saturday, June 1 – 2, 2018. The cost is $35.00 which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Tubing is optional for $5.00. Sign up by May 15th!

4-H Youth and Adult Photo Contest! There’s still time to enter the 4-H Photo Contest and earn 5 points! 1st Take pictures. That’s the big rule of the contest—you have to be the photographer. 2nd Have your pictures developed or print out picture on photo paper. 3rd Decide which pictures you will enter. You can only enter up to 6. Bring them to the 4-H Office or club meeting no later than April 30th to get credit for your 4-H Cloverleaf Points. Winners will be announced in June.

Ronald McDonald: Ronald McDonald House & Children’s Hospital’s charities give back to so many families that have family members in Children’s Hospital. Don’t forget to help them if at all possible. Donate new or unused coloring books up until April 30th. Clayton Adam’s family will transport books to the Egleston Children’s Hospital, Piedmont, and St. Mary’s Hospital & the Ronald McDonald House Remember; get your friends, neighbors, and family involved! Drop these off at the 4-H office!

Robotics - We will continue to meet on Tuesdays at Old High Schools / Foothills Building from 3:00 – 5:00 Join our group as a rising 8th – 12th grader during the summer as we build on robots, learn coding, and much more. Two fun fundraisers are coming up for July 13th and a November Maze.

“Undeniably Dairy – How Do You ❤️ Your Dairy?” June Dairy Month poster contest sponsored by The Dairy Alliance. This year, all posters will be judged virtually. 4-Hers will submit their posters to the county by the county deadline. All 4-H’ers who submitted posters should be entered into 4-H event registration by June 1, 2018. Photos of all posters should then be entered via the Qualitrax link (https://ugeorgia.qualitrax.com/file/form/57a547f5f6paYKKF) on the entry form by May 22nd to the 4-H office/school. You could win up to $100 card.

State Congress Winner’s Workshop - A fantastic winner’s workshop will take place on May 28th for State Congress competitors. Leah Scarborough, Ian Foster and Kaylie Goldman need to plan on taking part. We will leave the 4-H office at 8:00am.

Camp Scholarships - Action, Inc, has a limited number of scholarships available for low-income families. For more information and requirements to qualify, call the 4-H Office at 706-795-2281.

State 4-H Council – 6th - 12th graders may participate in the fun-filled State 4-H Council at Rock Eagle June 22 – 24. The State 4-H Officers have planned an exciting event filled with workshops, the Iron Clover, Clovers and Co., and the annual 4-H Citizenship Ceremony. This annual meeting hosts multiple events, competitions, and trainings throughout the weekend for youth and adults. The cost is an incredible $90.00 for the three day experience.