Farewell and Thank You
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It is never hard to find something to write about when dealing with agriculture or horticulture here in McDuffie County. Yet in this week’s article I want to turn my attention to something a little different. McDuffie County for the last two years has been extremely fortunate to have two very dedicated women working here in the Extension Office. Jessica Eubank and Stephanie Spear have developed a thriving 4-H program that has had a positive influence on the youth here in the community.

Jessica is the 4-H and Family Consumer Science Agent and has transformed the 4-H program, which has been dormant for several years, into active and robust program for County youth. Her dedication and strong work ethic has the 4-H program back into the County School system as well as Briarwood. She has been instrumental in establishing the poultry judging team and getting the SAFE shotgun team going. That is not to mention programs such as Junior Leaders and Cloverleaf programs that have continue to grow under her leadership. Her commitment to the 4-H program has been beyond commendable.

Let’s not forget her role as a Family Consumer Science Agent. Jessica has done several Cooking for a Life Time Cancer Cooking Schools for local residents along with several ServSafe programs for local food establishments. While serving both roles, she has
had programs for youth teaching them sewing and food preservation. She was also promoting a wellness program here in the County.

Stephanie has been just as impressive. She is our part-time 4-H Program Assistant and her contribution to the 4-H Program has been unbelievable. She has been Jessica’s right hand person thru this tremendous growth period. Under Stephanie’s leadership, the SAFE BB team was started and has tripled in numbers. She has accompanied our 4-H Cloverleaf youth to camp and this year even took our junior campers to Jekyll Island the following week. I said that Stephanie was our part-time assistant but believe me her commitment to the Extension Office has been beyond full time. Stephanie has been willing to help any way she can to make this office more successful.

The reason I am writing this is to inform everyone that both Jessica and Stephanie are resigning to take on new opportunities. Both have decided to pursue teaching positions in our area. I personally want to thank both of them for their hard work and commitment to the Extension Office and our community. So if you have a chance to see or talk with either of these ladies please tell them how much you appreciate what they did and wish them the best in their new venture. They have done a tremendous job and will be missed by us here in the office and the Community.