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Special points of interest:

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- "My Ag Hero"
- Upcoming Programs

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New ANR Agent

A little bit about me: I moved here from Central Texas, where I have lived for the majority of my life. I grew up breeding and raising pigs and goats, riding horses, and competing in both 4-H and FFA. After high school I went off to Tarleton State University, a sister school to Texas A&M, where I graduated with both my Bachelors and Masters Degrees. In my undergrad I studied Animal Science with a science concentration. During that time I was a part of the Tarleton State Livestock Judging Team. We traveled all over the nation studying livestock; from frozen over feedlots in Colorado, to climate controlled swine barns in Oklahoma. After I graduated with my Bachelors, I worked for a summer in the panhandle of Texas for Texas Farms, which was then the largest commercial swine operation in the

state. I returned back to Tarleton State University that next fall for my graduate degree. The first year of my Masters I taught Meat Science for the Animal Science program, helped run the university's custom meat slaughtering facility, and was the assistant coach for their Collegiate Meat Judging Team. In my second year of grad school, I studied agriculture and consumer sciences and completed my thesis over student retention of information over an agricultural topic.

My passion for the agriculture industry started at a very young age. I did not grow up on a farm or ranch; we did breed and raise some animals, but nothing major. What really kick-started my drive to pursue a career in the agriculture industry, was my local 4-H program.



Hailey Robinson
Upson/Lamar ANR
Extension Agent

Newsletter Update

The Upson/Lamar Farmer will be published the last Friday of every month. The content will cover what has happened in the pervious month, as well as, what to look forward to, coming up.

Newsletters will be mailed out to subscribers, linked to the website, and availa-

ble in each county's office. If you would like to subscribe to our newsletter, please fill out the subscription form located on either the Upson or Lamar County website. Those links can be found on page 4.

We will be revamping the websites over the next

month. Keep an eye out for format changes, new updates, and upcoming events.



Mr. Albert Belmont Graham

“Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness.”

— Thomas Jefferson



The Hoke Smith Building on UGA's Athens Campus

My Ag Hero

There are many men and women that I look up to in the agriculture industry from big name livestock producers, to small town dairy farmers; but the one I want to highlight this week is Mr. Albert Belmont Graham. I am sure many of you are thinking “I have no idea who that is,” but you will be surprised to know that you probably have heard of one of his many accomplishments.

In January 1902, Mr. Graham founded the “Boy’s and Girl’s Agricultural Club” which, with the help of Ohio State University, turned into what is now

known as the 4-H program. Graham’s original reasoning behind creating his program was to teach boys and girls about harvesting corn, planting gardens, testing soil samples, tying knots and identifying weeds and insects. It then turned into an established agricultural organization, through Extension, in 1916. Now the program has spread to all fifty states, as well as, over eighty countries around the world.

4-H has activities ranging from showing livestock projects, to shotgun teams, to even public speaking

events, and everything in-between. The program literally has something for anybody and everybody. I have met countless of individuals that have or are even still participating in the organization. 4-H is not just for youth, there are so many volunteer and leadership opportunities within the program for adults.

If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities in either county, please contact that county’s extension office. Contact information for each office is located on Page 4.

Food for Thought

Food 4 Thought (F4T) is a new program that will begin the 23rd of April and will be an evening program where specialists will present a given topic.

The idea is to have topics discussed that are relevant to the producers of both Upson and Lamar counties. There will be sponsorship opportunities for individuals that would like to promote their company

and products. A meal will be provided at each F4T for a small entrance fee of five dollars.

The discussion topic this time is “Weed Control Update for Pastures and Hayfields.” Patrick McCullough (Crop and Soil Sciences) will cover integrated management strategies for controlling summer weeds, problem weed control, prevention strategies for inva-

sive species in pastures and hayfields, along with recent development in herbicide resistance in Georgia.

The program will be hosted in the Upson County Extension Classroom beginning at 6:30pm. Please RSVP :

Upson County Ext Office
by
Monday, April 16th
(706)647-8989

Lunch ‘n Learn

This program is designed for the community. In these sessions we will discuss different homeowner topics, as well as, teach different techniques.

During the **Lunch ‘N Learn (LNL)** a Specialist or Agent will present various agricultural topics. A meal will be

provided for a small fee of five dollars per person.

This first LNL will be hosted at the Barnesville Lamar County Library from 10:30am to 12:20 pm. Bob Westerfield (Horticulture) will come give a presentation over preparing your home

garden for the season, and possible pests and weeds to keep an eye out for.

Please RSVP :

Lamar County Ext Office
by
Wednesday, April 11th
(770) 358-5163

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				2018 GCA Convention and Beef Expo		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Lunch 'N Learn 10:30a-1230p Lamar	17	18	19 Sheep & Goat Short Course Monroe	20	21
22	23 Food 4 Thought 6:30p-8:30p Upson	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Upcoming Events

The second weekend of April is the Georgia Cattleman's Association Convention and Beef Expo. It will be located at the fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. The convention schedule and registration can be found on their website:

www.georgiacattlemen.org

Monroe County is hosting a Sheep and Goat Short Course on April 19th from 8:30am to 2pm. The cost will be \$20 with lunch and materials provided. Contact the Monroe County Extension Office if interest-

ed. The event flyer is located on both the Upson and Lamar websites.

(478)994-7014

Between Upson and Lamar, we have two programs that will be hosted during the month of April. Each program is not only open to individuals in the counties but also anyone in surrounding counties.

This *Food 4 Thought* is designed for individuals that are wanting to learn about weed control for pasture and hayfields, and offers

pesticide credit for attendees.

This *Lunch 'N Learn* is designed for individuals interested in gaining knowledge about home gardening.

Please remember to RSVP to events and programs you plan on attending by the scheduled deadline. The deadlines are set in order to ensure enough food for all attendees.

We look forward to seeing everyone at each event this month!



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What is UGA Extension?

Through county offices throughout the state, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offers reliable information and programs in the areas of agriculture, food, families, the environment and 4-H youth development. Let us help you learn, grow and do more!

<http://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/upson.html>
or
<http://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/lamar.html>

AG Comic of the Month

