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Press Release

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(For the next few weeks we will issue releases to highlight some of the important but not well known county provided services. This is in conjunction with the "You Are Why We're Here" communication campaign.)

UGA Extension Camden County



Woodbine, Ga. (October 28, 2014) – Sometimes the smallest things can have the biggest impact. The University of Georgia (UGA) Extension Camden County office is a perfect example. Tucked away on Georgia Avenue in Woodbine, the efforts of the five people in the office reach far and wide across the county. They are a small part of a much bigger whole.

Extension Agents in county offices state wide develop educational programs on agriculture, environment, community and economic development, family and consumer science, and youth development. There are Extension offices in every county in Georgia except one. Some have all three program areas in addition to support staff and some only have one or two.

Extension Camden County provides service for the county with the 4-H Youth Program and the Agricultural and Natural Resources Program. In the office are extension secretary, Kathy Strickland; Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent, Jessica Warren; 4-H Agent, Amber Bishop; 4-H Program Associate, Robert Castleberry; and Extension VISTA volunteer, Sarah Newby.

4-H Program Associate Amber Bishop; said the 4-H program provides important guidance to community youth. "The 4-H youth development program is assisting youth to develop life skills that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. The aim is to help Camden youth gain a positive self-concept, develop social and decision-making skills, and acquire the knowledge needed for a productive life."

4-H members develop leadership and citizenship skills through individual project work, group activities, community service, and school meetings. 4-H staff begins meeting with youth in their fifth grade classroom and then meets after school with middle and high school and special interest clubs.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Program provides homeowners and the community with information on lawns, gardens, trees, ornamentals, ponds, insects, water quality issues, and other natural resource issues through workshops, programs, and individual consultations. We also work and partner with different organizations within the
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county and state to support events and programs such as school gardens, river cleanups, water quality monitoring events invasive species reduction initiatives and more.

The Extension office fully utilizes resources allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with state and federal funding. Extension programming improves lives by providing lifelong learning opportunities for the people of Camden County. Extension education is completely dependent upon unbiased research-based education in the areas of agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.

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