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### Spring 2016

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Greetings! We had another successful dinner and auction. Thanks to the staff, volunteers, 4-Hers, and all the participants who contributed their time and effort. We had a record crowd and hope to add more participants next year. The assistance from the County Council was crucial to the smooth flow of the event. Entertainment for the event was provided 4-Hers who participated in this years "Share the Fun" at County Events Day. There was great food and entertainment. It was enjoyed by all in attendance. We raised \$9,600.00 to support our 4 -H programs.

The Foundation Board is in the process of working on next year's budget. We were pleased to accept a donation from EverBank today for \$880 to send four young people to camp. This donation came as a result of Doug Webb's connections. If you can assist in other donations for specific events such as camp, county activities, 4-H Legislature, or 4-H University please contact Terri Weaver at the Foundation office and we will follow up for a donation.

We attended the Jaguar's presentation and will be offering tickets again this year. The Foundation makes at least \$10 from each ticket. More information will follow once the details are confirmed.

We are trying to involve more Foundation members in our activities this year so you may be hearing from us soon. We are especially looking for help with the following fund raising efforts: the Spring dinner and auction, the Fair, and selling Jaguar tickets. We can always use volunteer help with day camps and other youth programs at the present time because we have two 4-H agent vacancies. Let us know your area of interest and we will attempt to match you up with opportunities.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** Please renew your membership when it is due and try to recruit new members. The Board also would like to recruit some recent graduates as members.

Perhaps one of you would like to lead an effort to recruit 4-H alumni. Think of the potential for growth there.



*Leslie Allen*

Foundation President

Thank you Everbank for your donation! Four kids received a scholarship and were able to go to Camp Cherry Lake this summer!



# Where Are They Now?

## 4-H Alumni, Gary Hodges

Hello friends, my name is Gary Hodges. It is an honor to share how 4-H has been influential in my life and career. This story begins with the Happy Homers 4-H Club in 1994. At the age of 10, Joy Clarke and Mary Graves made sure everything we needed to be successful was readily available. I can truly say I am a better person today because of their efforts.

Some interests I pursued during my eight year tenure in 4-H included: Horticulture judging, Consumer Choices judging, Aquaculture, Aquariums, Forestry and Sign Language. There are vivid memories of how adrenaline would surge through my body just before a judging competition, public speaking event or talent show. I am very thankful to have experienced getting up and interacting with an audience of peers and adults. It helped awaken necessary skills to be productive in society today. I love to see things grow! It was a grand privilege to serve as the Co-Chairman for the Horticulture exhibit at the Jacksonville Fair from 2002 -2006. So many wonderful memories of prepping the show hall for everyone to bring their favorite plants to share.

Thanks to our many generous donors, I was awarded the James N. Watson scholarship in 2002. I stated at the awards banquet I intended to use the money to pursue a career as a registered nurse. I pledged my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living to serve my community as an RN. I am very proud to say that I achieved this goal in August of 2006, by graduating from Florida State College at Jacksonville with my Associate of Science degree in Nursing. Over the past 10 years, I have served as a nurse at Mayo Clinic, St. Vincent's Medical Center and Memorial Hospital. Today, I serve at Northeast Florida State Hospital in Macclenny as a Senior Registered Nurse Specialist in the medical ward. I would not be where I am today without the benefit of experiencing 4-H. I am able to bring the motto "to make the best better" with me wherever I go and apply it daily.

God blessed and provided an amazing wife, Mary Beth, in June 2008. We had our first child, Bethany Joy in March 2009. 2011 was a hectic year for my family. I enrolled in the RN to BSN program at University of North Florida, which started January 2011. We found out we were pregnant in April. I graduated from the RN -BSN program with Latin Honors at UNF on December 7, 2011. On December 12, 2011, Bryan Jacob was born. That year was very full indeed!

I want to extend sincere gratitude to the precious volunteers who donated time and money for my personal enrichment. It is my hope that each time I interact with others, a little bit of 4-H shows! God Bless.

Making the Best Better,  
Gary Hodges BSN, RN, SRNS  
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# Celebrate Service

The Duval County Extension Office celebrated their 30th annual Volunteer Recognition Program the week of April 10-16, 2016 which was National Volunteer Week.

**The Mayor's Youth Leadership Award went to Victoria Lemmon.** Victoria has been active in 4-H since the age of 9 and her plans are becoming a Veterinarian.

**Martha Adams was awarded 4-H Adult Volunteer.** Martha has been involved with 4-H for over 40 years, has been a club leader, has served on advisory councils, and served on the Duval County 4-H Foundation Board.

**4-H Teen Leader was given to Joshua Daniels.** Joshua has been involved in 4-H for 11 years and is President of his club, the Duval Diplomats and a member of the Duval 4-H Exchange Club. He has been involved in the County Council for the last three years and currently serves as the Secretary. These are just a few highlights of Joshua's 4-H career to date thus far

**George Corey was awarded the Friend of Extension award.** George is a native and lifelong resident of Jacksonville. He has served on numerous boards, but most notably the Central Civitan Club, where he held every office and traveled extensively representing his club. A variety of awards have been given to George representing his life and dedication to service. He has been a wonderful supporter of Duval County 4-H for more than 30 years and has been on the board since 2005. In 2008, he and his wife established the George and Elizabeth Endowment, rounding out his outstanding 4-H career by being inducted into the Florida 4-H Hall of Fame on August 1, 2013.



## **2016 Foundation Scholarships**

Each year the Duval County 4-H Foundation awards two \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving 4-Hers. One of the scholarships is named the Tom Braddock Scholarship, and the other is called the James Watson Scholarship.



Tom Braddock was a Cooperative Extension Director, as well as a Founder of the Duval County 4-H Foundation.

James Watson was the Cooperative Extension Director prior to Tom Braddock. He had a weekly radio show titled "Good Morning Neighbor" and was also a founding member of the 4-H Foundation.

The **James Watson Scholarship** goes to Courtney Toelle. Courtney is an Art History Major at the University of Central Florida. She was an active 4-H member, participating in livestock and poultry judging, Fashion Revue and Share - the - Fun. Volunteering at the Munch Wagon and sweeping during the fair, were also some of her activities. Courtney has also modeled for the state - level Fashion Revue Exhibition the past two years and placed fourth at the state Share the Fun.

The **Tom Braddock Scholarship** goes to Brooke Feltman. Brooke has been a member of the Mandarin Mounties for three years, and served as the clubs Vice President and Treasurer. Her favorite project was learning how to care for horses. She has also participated in her school parade where they decorated their own float and showed 4-H pride, cooking projects and weekly school clean - ups. Brooke's future plans are to attend the University of Florida, volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and become an Architect.





Order your tickets today from the Foundation to see the Jags play the Denver Bronco's on December 4, 2016. During 4-H Day, we will have a special tailgate party to celebrate and watch the game together in seating section 412. All tickets cost \$40.00 if purchased through the Duval County 4-H Foundation. Checks should be made out to Duval County 4-H Foundation. Please spread the word to all your friends and family members. This is a major fundraising opportunity for Duval County 4-H! For more information call Terri Weaver at (904)255-7450. If you would like to see the Jags play in other home games go to [http://npc.nonprofitctr.org/shell/jaguars\\_tickets.asp?msid=1110](http://npc.nonprofitctr.org/shell/jaguars_tickets.asp?msid=1110) so 4-H will still reap the benefits!

*The Jacksonville City Council passed Resolution 2016-220-A on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 Honoring and Commending Thomas A. Braddock for his lifelong dedication to Agriculture in Duval County as well as being inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame.*



# You make a difference in the lives of 4-H youth & adult volunteers

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## Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar



**June 9, 2016 @ 5:30 PM**  
**Fundraising & Membership  
Committee Meeting**



**June 23, 2016 @ 12:00 PM**  
**Endowment Committee Meeting**



**June 23, 2016**  
**1:00 PM Executive & Personnel  
Committee Meeting**



**July 21, 2016 @ 5:30 PM**  
**3rd Quarter Board Meeting**



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Terri Weaver in the Foundation Office, or e-mail  
her at [Tweaver@coj.net](mailto:Tweaver@coj.net) and let her know.**

## Duval County 4-H Foundation Shirts

Call the Office at (904) 255-7450 and ask for Terri Weaver to order yours now! Women's white collared shirts are \$31.00 and Men's white polo shirts are \$27.00 with Duval County 4-H Foundation embroidered on it.

The **Benefactor** is published 4 times a year for the members of the Duval County 4-H Foundation. When you have finished reading this newsletter please pass it along to someone you know may be interested in helping the youth of our community.

This program is jointly sponsored by the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service, Nick Place, Dean; City of Jacksonville, Lenny Curry, Mayor; and the Duval County Extension Service, Mike Sweat, Director.

## 2015-2016 Members

### **BENEFACTOR**

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## **ESTABLISHED ENDOWMENTS**

### **Clover Club Founders**

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Irene C. Hudgins Memorial *est. 08/2000*  
Marilyn & Joseph Halusky *est. 08/2000*  
William L. Watson *est. 08/2000*  
Tom & Mary Braddock *est. 09/2000*  
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### **Green Clover Club**

Irene C. Hudgins Memorial *est. 07/1999*  
Evangel B. Cooksey *est. 11/2001*  
Glover/Atkinson *est. 12/2002*  
The Modesky Family *est. 10/2003*  
William. F. Sheffield *est. 10/2003*  
Fred Benson Miller Family *est. 08/2005*  
Baxter E. Luther Family *est. 08/2007*  
Duval County Farm Bureau *est. 10/2007*  
George & Elizabeth Corey *est. 04/2008*  
Duval County Cattlemen’s Association *est. 10/2009*  
Englewood H.C.E. Club *est. 01/2009*  
Duval Family & Consumer Sciences *est. 01/2010*  
Valerie McBride Ansell *est. 12/2014*  
Homer & Emerita Webb *est. 5/2015*

### **Silver Clover Club**

Tom & Mary Braddock *est. 12/2000*  
Christine C. Semler *est. 06/2004*  
Hogan-Southside F. C. E. Club *est. 06/2004*  
Kathleen Hunt Summersill *est. 06/2004*  
Naomi P. Duffy *est. 06/2004*  
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James Harvey Hornsby Memorial *est. 04/2005*  
Haas Endowment *est. 07/2010*

### **Gold Clover Club**

Aubrey M. & Christine P. Daniel *est. 01/2006*

### **Ruby Clover Club**

Calvin & Eleanor Veas *est. 11/2001*  
James N. Watson *est. 12/2003*  
Chet & Vi Whittaker Memorial *est. 06/2010*

### **The Legacy Society**

“Leaving a legacy for the next 4-H generation”  
Tom & Mary Braddock  
Lee & Mike Holifield  
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# We meet our mission with your support!

## **Special Event Donors**

### **Junior Master Gardener Donations**

Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville  
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### **Congress Scholarship Donations**

Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville

### **Legislature Scholarship Donations**

The Ansell Boys  
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### **Camp Cherry Lake Scholarship Donations**

Duval 4-H County Council  
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Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville

### **Dinner and Auction Item Donor Recognition**

Action Graphix, Alhambra Dinner Theatre, Allen Nathan Chiropractic, Alligator Farm, Beltway Animal Hospital, Bennett's Ace Hardware, Brick Restaurant, Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant, Cason Studios, Cedar Hills Animal Hospital, Conservation Center @ White Oak, Cookie BoKay, Costco, Earthworks, Fowler Accounting Service, Furniture and More, Gatons Barbeque, Gore's Nursery, Hall's Nursery, Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, Jacksonville Golf & Country Club, Jacksonville Sun's, Jacksonville Symphony, Jacksonville Zoo, The Jaguars, Maple Street Biscuits, Marineland, Medieval Times, Mellow Mushroom, Moe's, MOJO Smokehouse, MOSH, North Florida Feed & Farm Supply, Red Train Tour, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, St. Augustine Lighthouse, Standard Feed & Seed, Starbucks on Blanding, Ted's Montana Grill, The Bookmark, The Loop, The Mudville Grill, The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café, Thrasher- Horne Center, Theatre Jacksonville, The Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Southern Tree Farm, Sparkle On Nails, Toby's Barbecue, Tree Hill, Tractor Supply, Trad's Garden Center, Vicker's Auto Repair, Vicki's Hair Salon, Walt Disney World, Whitey's Fish Camp, Wyndham Vacation Resort, Zoe's Kitchen

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### **Special Thanks**

Randy Kerr - Auctioneer

### **Food Provided By:**

Carrabba's Italian Grill of Mandarin

### **Munch Wagon Fundraiser**

AA Bottled Gas, Dr. Howard Acree Jr., George Corey, J.B. Coxwell, Doug Webb, Everbank, Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, Webbco Hood Cleaning, Sawyer Bottled Gas, Ross Processing, Sam's Club

The Duval County 4-H Foundation meets it's mission through memberships, fundraisers, endowment investments and grants. This money is directly invested in 4-H youth programs in Duval County.

Each year Duval County 4-H serves approximately 8500 local youth through school enrichment, traditional clubs, and summer camp programs. Students, clubs, leaders and volunteers utilize 4-H academic study materials and complete hands-on projects in subjects such as: horticulture, animal sciences, technology, public speaking & leadership, citizenship & volunteerism, health, nutrition and home economics.

Without you we would not be able to have such an impact on our community.

## **INVEST TODAY AND BECOME A MEMBER**

### **Levels of Membership:**

Benefactor - \$1,000 & above  
Donor - \$500 - \$999  
Patron - \$250 - \$499  
Sponsor - \$100 - \$249  
Supporter - \$50 - \$99  
Friend - \$25 - \$49  
Associate - \$1 - \$24

### **Why do we need Endowments?**

Our Endowments demonstrate that we have made a long - term commitment to our mission. It provides an additional and enduring source of annual income. Endowment earnings can be used each year to help fund operations, programs and unanticipated needs.

<b>ENDOWMENT GIVING LEVELS</b>	
Green Clover	\$5,000 – \$9,999
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Gold Clover	\$15,000 – \$24,999
Ruby Clover	\$25,000 - \$49,999
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Start building an Endowment with a pledge to donate a minimum of \$5,000 over a period of 5 years. When the donation reaches \$5,000 it will be recognized at the Green Clover level and you will be able to name the Endowment. The Endowment will be recognized in the month and year that it reaches \$5,000. You can continually add to your endowment and when it reaches the next level it will be recognized at that level.

Take advantage of this opportunity **NOW** to support our 4-H youth!

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