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## Saw Safety

As fall weather approaches, the sounds of chainsaws can be heard buzzing. Operating a chainsaw is inherently dangerous. The chain moves at 55-60 miles per hour, or about 88 feet per second. The teeth on the chain are designed not to cut but to remove material. Accidental contact with chainsaws often results in serious injuries to operators. Cuts are not the only hazard a saw user must avoid. Saw operators are often struck by falling limbs and trunks as the tree moves and shifts while it's cut. Even when the tree is on the ground, danger lurks in wood under tension. A chainsaw operator has three lines of defense: education, good technique, and personal protective equipment (PPE). When the first two fail, PPE can save your life. Saw operators should wear head protection, eye protection, hearing protection, chainsaw chaps or pants, and suitable footwear. Be safe this season!

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### *Common Testing Services*

SOIL TEST- \$8  
BASIC WATER- \$24  
EXPANDED WATER- \$64  
TOTAL BACTERIA/ E. COLI- \$46  
FORAGE- \$25  
RADON IN WATER- \$40  
HOME CLOSING KIT- \$95  
RADON IN HOME (AIR)- \$15



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# New Intern Joins Extension Team

By Madison Riggins

Madison Riggins is a senior at Pike County High School and will be interning at the Pike County Extension office in Zebulon, GA. She grew up in Pike County, Georgia and has always had a passion for agriculture. Madison is the Vice President of Growing Leaders for PCHS FFA and enjoys participating in several CDEs (Career Development Events) through FFA including floral design, floriculture, and poultry judging. Other extracurricular activities Madison is involved in include Photography Club, National Honors Society, Science National Honors Society, and piano lessons. She was in the PCHS STEM Program which allowed her to take basic agriculture, general horticulture, and nursery and landscape.

The STEM Program has opened numerous opportunities for Madison, especially when it comes to UGA. Madison's connection to the UGA began this past summer; she participated in the Young Scholars Program at UGA's Griffin campus where she learned about disease resistance on wheat and working in the lab. She continues her journey with the Griffin campus this semester working with Dr. Dario Chavez in the horticulture department.

For fun, Madison enjoys floriculture, floral design, and photography because it allows her to be creative and make things beautiful. It is important to her to show others the beauty around them through these activities as well as agriculture. Once Madison graduates, she plans on attending Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College to further her knowledge in horticulture. She is super excited to serve as an intern at the Pike County Extension office and can't wait to learn more about agriculture.

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Please be on the lookout for future articles by Madison as she shares her passion for horticulture and continues the Extension mission of building a better Georgia from the ground up.



**Artificial Insemination Workshop brings true hands-on opportunity for cattle producers.**

## Is A.I. the Right Choice?

Artificial insemination brings about numerous challenges to cattle producers, but those challenges and extra expenses do come with rewards. Join the Monroe and Pike County Extension offices as they offer a true hands-on workshop teaching the ins and outs of A.I.

Caldwell Farm and Land LLC. will be hosting the event at their farm in Concord on September 19, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The program topics will include:

- Artificial Insemination Process
- Preparing cattle for Artificial Insemination
- Equipment
- Frequent AI Problems
- Hands-On Sections
  - Practice on reproductive tracts
  - Preparing semen straws
  - Testing semen viability
  - Insemination of live cattle

Due to the hands-on nature of this program, space is limited to 15 participants. Please contact Monroe County Extension to reserve your spot by calling 478.994.7014 or emailing [crbenn@uga.edu](mailto:crbenn@uga.edu)

## Fall Vegetable Gardening

As summer vegetables like corn and beans stop bearing, it's time for home gardeners to start preparing fall gardens for cool-season vegetables. If you have a summer vegetable garden, chop up these plants with your lawn mower and incorporate them along with a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10 into your garden with a tiller. You also may want to have your soil tested through the Pike County Extension office to determine how much fertilizer and lime to add if any is needed.

In Georgia, it can be very challenging to get cool-season vegetables through the end of summer. There is a delicate balance between starting them early enough to allow them to mature (50 to 60 days) before a hard frost and getting them through the end of a hot, dry summer.

Most vegetables can be purchased as ready-to-transplant seedlings from garden centers if you don't want to start from seeds.

Be sure to keep a sharp eye out for pest problems such as insects, diseases, and weeds because they will continue to flourish in warm temperatures and high humidity. A layer of newspaper and mulch placed between rows can prevent a lot of weed problems and help conserve soil moisture.

September Garden To Do List:

- Plant or transplant the following: beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collards, lettuce, mustard, onions, radishes, spinach and turnips.
- Refurbish mulch to control weeds, and start adding leaves and other materials for the compost pile. Store your manure under cover to prevent leaching of nutrients.
- Water deeply and thoroughly to prevent drought stress. Pay special attention to new transplants.
- Harvest mature green peppers and tomatoes before frost gets them — it may not come until November, but be ready.
- Harvest herbs and dry them in a cool, dry place.

If you have any questions about your fall garden, please contact the Pike County Extension office.



Pike County Extension teams with SlowExposures to showcase young photographers and the rural south.

# Young Photographers Capture the Rural South

SlowExposures has teamed up with Pike County Extension Agent, Brooklyne Wassel, to celebrate young photographers and the rural south. The Young Photographer's portion of the show will be on display September 19-22, 2019 at the Strickland Building in Concord.

This unique show gives youth in all grade levels an opportunity to capture the world around them, submit their works for free, and proudly be on display with no cost to them. While focusing on the rural nature of the south, students are able to highlight why communities like Pike County are so special.

Be sure to come out to support our young photographers during this year's show, and contact Brooklyne Wassel with any ideas you may have on making next year even better for those who enjoy looking through a lens.

# Dates to Remember

## Within Pike County

9/13 - DEADLINE TO PULL SOUTHEASTERN HAY CONTEST SAMPLES

9/19 - ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WORKSHOP

9/25 - HONEY BEE ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

10/19-20 - CONCORD JUBILEE- STOP BY OUR BOOTH

10/24 - LUNCH AND LEARN: YEAR-ROUND COLOR IN YOUR LANDSCAPE

11/2 - ADOPT-A-STREAM TRAINING

11/12 - BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

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## Other Extension Events

9/16 - LUNCH AND LEARN: GEORGIA'S INVASIVE SPECIES (SPALDING)

9/16 - LUNCH AND LEARN (LAMAR)

9/24 - BACKYARD FLOCKS (SPALDING)

9/27 - EXTENSION HOLIDAY DIY- HALLOWEEN (UPSON-LAMAR)

10/3-13 - GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR (PERRY)

10/15-17 - SUNBELT AG EXPO (MOULTRIE)

10/29 - BEEKEEPING UPDATE (MERIWETHER)

11/4 - LUNCH AND LEARN (LAMAR)

11/7 - BUILDING BETTER BEEF (MERIWETHER)

11/16 - SHEEP AND GOAT FIELD DAY (PEACH)

11/20 - IRRIGATION WORKSHOP (SPALDING)

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