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Troup County Extension Welcomes New 4-H Youth Development Agent

Troup County, Ga. December 12, 2019 – Troup County is pleased to welcome Laura Mirarchi as new 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent, effective January 1, 2020.

As 4-H Extension Agent, she will be responsible for managing Troup County's 4-H program through providing educational initiatives for youth in 4-H club meetings, coordinating local youth activities, and preparing youth for projects and events, as well as utilizing the expertise of advisory groups, community leaders, public officials, and local representatives to analyze data, identify needs, and assist in developing educational programs. She is very excited to begin the role and to assess the needs of the community in order to provide exceptional opportunities for youth programming through livestock and environmental education, "I am looking forward to establishing a relationship with the community through networking with local leaders, connecting with the school system, and bringing excitement to 4-H activities," said Mirarchi.

Before accepting the position with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Mirarchi served as the Director of Environmental Education at Callaway Resort & Gardens, where she designed, supervised, and evaluated educational programs which supported the organization's mission of conservation education, as well as developed donor relationships to secure funding for educational programming needs. She also served as a Manager at Birds of Prey, where she was instrumental in developing and implementing school programs for Pre-K-12 students, as well as collaborating with community members regarding a wide scope of land stewardship projects.

Mirarchi graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Science and a Master of Education Degree in Secondary Science. She is a lifelong resident of Opelika with plans to relocate to Troup County by spring 2020. She enjoys hiking, birding, and reading.

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