



The Mayo Clover Leaf



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SVYLSS: Learning while leading

Up-Coming Events

Tuesday, April 2: Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 10:00, 4-H Classroom

Tuesday, April 2, Community Club Meeting, 3:00, 4-H Classroom

Tuesday, April 9 Culinary Club Meeting, **Canceled for Spring Break.**

Tuesday, April 16 : 4-H Anglers Fishing Club Koon Lake

Tuesday April 23: Archery Club Meeting 4-H Classroom.

Wednesday, April 24: Senior Commodity Pick-up, Mayo Community Center

Emily Beach

Raising an animal for a livestock project is a substantial commitment that demands dedication and hard work from start to finish. The process begins with setting up the appropriate environment for the animal, ensuring it has everything it needs to thrive. From secure fencing to proper feeding and bedding arrangements, every detail matters.

Once the animal arrives, the responsibility of caring for it falls on the youth involved in the project. This includes adhering to a feeding schedule designed to promote optimal growth and health. Additionally, extensive training is required to teach the animal how to lead and behave appropriately in the ring, often involving hours of patient work. Regular grooming and maintenance are also essential aspects of raising show animals. This involves washing, conditioning, and clipping to ensure the animal's hair and skin are in prime condition for showtime. All of this hard work culminates in the show ring, where youth proudly showcase their animals before judges. Success in the ring reflects not only the quality of the animal but also the dedication and skill of the youth exhibitors. It's a testament to their commitment to learning about animal industries and their ability to lead their animals to success. They deserve recognition and commendation for their efforts.

The exhibitors at the Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale were involved in all of these aspects of raising livestock and I'm sure they would love to tell you all about their experience. At SVYLSS, 4-H and FFA members exhibit their project throughout the week to put all of that hard work on display. **See highlights from the week inside!**

**SVYLSS
Results and
photos inside!**



2024 SVYLSS Swine Show Results

SHOWMANSHIP	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	Cutter McCormick	Ryliegh Dasher	Quinten McGuire
Intermediate	Kenly Melland	Chloie Raines	Emalea Chancey
Senior	Peyton Ditter	Aubrey Reppert	Jacob Herring

Grand Champion	Peyton Ditter, Lafayette FFA
Reserve Champion	Kerri Ditter, Lafayette FFA
3rd Overall	Clayton Cribbs, Suwannee 4-H
4th Overall	Aubrey Reppert, Suwannee FFA
5th Overall	Kenly Melland, Lafayette FFA

Lighthouse Christian Exhibitors: Back Row (L-R) Micah Bussey, Nathan Boswell, Clara Ward, Kiera Land, Brittany Putnal, Katherine Nemocovic. Front Row (L-R) Elijah Arnold, Kate Simmer-son



Lafayette 4-H Exhibitors: Back Row (L-R) Reese Platt, JR Swinson, Lydia Lyons, Alicia Swinson, Jayda Hendrick. Front (L-R) Keelan Lamb, Albey Broughton, Tinley Jackson.



2024 SVYLSS Steer Show Results

	GRAND	RESERVE	3rd	4th	5th
Feeder	Delaney Deadw- yler, Lafayette FFA	Lafayette Sr. FFA	Rylee Skillman, Lafayette FFA	Jayda Hendrick, Lafayette 4-H	Colton Skinner, Suwannee FFA
Fat	Kenly Melland, Lafayette FFA	Rilee Floyd, Suwannee FFA	Gunnar Soride, Branford 4-H	Luke Adams, Lafayette FFA	Brantlee Ahrens, Suwannee FFA
Homegrown	Luke Adams, Lafayette FFA	Dallas Deadw- yler, Lafayette FFA	Levi Starling, Suwannee FFA		

SHOWMANSHIP	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	Reagan Hillwig, Lafayette 4-H	Gunnar Soride, Branford 4-H	
Intermediate	Rilee Floyd, Suwannee FFA	Kenly Melland, Lafayette FFA	Colton Skinner, Suwannee FFA
Senior	Kati Taylor, Suwannee FFA	Rylee Skillman, Lafayette FFA	Brantlee Ahrens, Suwannee FFA

Average Daily Gain Contest

1st: Suwannee Middle FFA 3.8 lb/day
2nd: Levi Starling 3.3 lb/day
3rd: Colton Skinner 3.2 lb/day



Photo Left: Steer exhibitor siblings, Wyatt and Reagan Hillwig.

Photo Above: Jayda Hendrick with her Steer.

2024 SVYLSS Sheep Show Results

SHOWMANSHIP	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	Lexie Dasher, Branford 4-H	Jayda Hendrick, Lafayette 4-H	
Intermediate	Shondre Jones, Suw. Middle FFA	Kendall Beach, Lafayette FFA	Kayleigh Khoepfer, Branford Middle FFA
Senior	Katie Taylor, Suwannee FFA	Anndelyn Lunch, Suwannee FFA	Molly Hamlin, Lafayette FFA

Breeding Division	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Black Face Ewe	Jayda Hendrick, Lafayette 4-H (558)	Jayda Hendrick, Lafayette 4-H (791)
Black Face Ram	Devontae McQuay, Suwannee FFA	
All Other Breeds Ewe	Molly Hamlin, Lafayette FFA (2305)	Molly Hamlin, Lafayette FFA (0884)
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Division	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Market Lamb	Kendall Beach, Lafayette FFA	Suwannee Sr. FFA

Breeding Supreme Overall	Jayda Hendrick, Lafayette 4-H
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Our very own Jayda Hendrick with her Supreme Overall and Reserve Champion breeding sheep.



Swine Record Book			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	Colby Misinec	Cutter McCormick	Quinten McGuire
Intermediate	Wyatt Watson	Kimberly Tanner	Colton Skinner
Senior	Jack Peterson	Gracie Swindell	Emma Soride



Steer Record Book			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Junior	Gunnar Soride		
Intermediate	Colton Skinner	Rilee Floyd	Regan Hillwig
Senior	Kati Taylor	Luke Adams	Brantlee Ahrens



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Junior	Lexie Dasher		
Senior	Anndelyn Lundy	Jordan Chauncey	Courtney Taylor



Agriculture and Weather Report

Emily Beach

March brought us average rainfall amounts which proved to be beneficial for grass greening and crops in the ground. You will notice ground being broken around the county as corn is being planted for grain and silage and peanuts will be planted soon. For home vegetable gardening, consider getting beans, corn, cucumbers, okra, sweet potatoes, squash, and tomatoes planted soon. The middle of April proves to be a good time to fertilize lawns to bring on that growth that will shade out weeds and assist in that beautiful green color.

March Rainfall Totals (in)			
	2024	2023	2022
Cooks Hammock	4.4	3.1	9.18
Mallory Swamp	4.22	2.48	12.27
Midway Tower	4.81	4.73	9.43

4-H Senior Commodity Program

Lafayette 4-H is proud to partner with Feeding Florida to bring much needed commodities to the senior citizens of Lafayette County! Many volunteers help make this possible from the team at Second Harvest of Big Bend to local youth and adults in Lafayette County. To ensure the commodity distribution runs as smooth as possible, there are a few things to remember (there have been some changes):

- Please plan to pick up your commodities on the day scheduled for distribution from 1:00-4:00 at the Mayo Community Center.
- If you will be unable to pick-up commodities, please contact the extension office if you are making alternative plans to receive the commodities so we can work with you.
- Commodities not picked up on the day scheduled for distribution will be given out on a first come first serve basis.
- The Lafayette County Extension Office does not stock remaining commodities or serve as a day-to-day food bank.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	April 24	1:00pm – 4:00pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	May 29	1:00pm – 4:00pm
<u>Wednesday</u>	June 26	1:00pm – 4:00pm

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Lafayette County Peanut Production Meeting

Emily Beach

On March 5 producers gathered at the Mayo Community Center to hear from UF specialists concerning updates and information from the research being done in peanut production. The first hour of the meeting was an opportunity for pesticide license holders in Florida to receive a continuing education unit (CEU) towards their license and then dinner was provided by Mayo Ag Sales and Florida Peanut Federation for the attendees. After dinner, Jonathan Crain spoke about cost-share opportunities and important updates from the Suwannee River Water Management District. We then heard from, Dr. Kevin Athearn provided market history and outlook on the commodity and the factors that impact profitability. Dr. Barry Tillman then spoke to the group about peanut varieties that have been proven to be disease resistant as well as high-yielding through various trials on-farm as well as at UF research facilities. Dr. Nicholas Dufault discussed plant disease management for peanuts and offered a great deal of information about choosing the appropriate spray program to minimize negative impacts from fungi and disease pressure during the growing season. Dr. Sudeep Sidhu ended the evening by sharing his data from research on split potassium applications during the season to increase yields and encourage vigor.

Attendance at these types of meetings prove that producers are doing everything possible to stay informed with current industry information in order to produce food in the most affordable yet abundant way. The conversations that farmers have with one another and specialists prove to be invaluable time and time again.



Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club: Learning Basic Cooking Skills on a Budget

Shawn Jackson

Members of the Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club gathered for their March meeting, focused on mastering basic cooking techniques while staying mindful of budget constraints. In a practical session, they learned how to prepare fried eggs, fried bologna, and grilled cheese sandwiches. The meeting began with a tutorial on frying eggs, covering topics such as achieving the desired doneness and flipping without breaking the yolk. Participants then moved on to frying bologna slices, exploring simple yet satisfying culinary options.

A highlight of the session was a demonstration of a member's special recipe – "egg in a hole." This involved creating a hole in a slice of bread and cooking an egg in the center, offering a unique twist to a classic breakfast dish.

Overall, the Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club members gained practical skills and insights into budget-friendly cooking, equipping them with the knowledge to create delicious meals with minimal ingredients and resources.



Photo Above: Kurt Sanders demonstrates how to make "egg in a hole"

Home School & Community Clubs

Emily Beach

This month Homeschool and Community Club met on the first Tuesday of the month where we discussed how to properly care for chicks when raising them for layer production and the Chick Chain. The members also had a fun Easter craft making bunnies out of pretzels, white chocolate, and M&Ms. The members also ended the meeting by helping lay sod in front of the 4-H building after discussing when sod is a good choice and how to care for it along with other spring plants.



Photos Above: 4-H members learning about the different types of sod used in North Florida Landscaping. 4-H member Wyatt Creel plants sod at 4-H Classroom.