



The Mayo Clover Leaf



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Up-Coming Events

Tuesday, February 6: Home School 4-H Club Meeting, 10:00, 4-H Classroom

Tuesday, February 6: Community Club Meeting, 3:00, 4-H Classroom

Tuesday, Feb 13: Culinary Club Meeting, 3:00, 4-H Classroom

Tuesday, Feb 20: 4-H Anglers Fishing Club, 3:00, Pickett Lake

Tuesday Feb 27: Archery Club Meeting 4-H Classroom.

Wednesday, Feb 28: Senior Commodity Pick-up, Mayo Community Center

March 18-21: Suwannee Valley Livestock Show and Sale

SVYLSS Quickly Approaching!

The Suwannee Valley Youth Livestock Show and Sale is scheduled for March 18-22, 2024. Exhibitors need to be planning out letters to go out to potential buyers and keeping receipts and records for the record book. We have record books printed at the office if you need to come by and get one. Be sure to pay attention to weight, skin and hair, and overall health. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us.

Here is the schedule:

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| Record Book Due | March 8, 2024 by 5:00 pm to your local extension office |
| Swine Weigh-In | March 18, 2024 at 8:00-10:00 am |
| Swine Showmanship | March 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm |
| Steer Weigh-in | March 19, 2024 at 9:00-11:00 am |
| Swine Show | March 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm |
| Sheep Check-In | March 20, 2024 at 9:00-10:00 am |
| Steer Show | March 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm |
| Sheep Show | March 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm |
| Sale | March 22, 2024 at 9:00 am |

***Registration at 8:30 and Buyer's Dinner immediately following at the

Weather and Agriculture Report

The rainfall has slowed down as compared to December but has still been sufficient and higher than the last couple of years for January. This is encouraging for winter forages, cover crops, and plants and trees that are making it through the winter.

| January Rainfall Totals (in) | | | |
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| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Cooks Hammock | 3.87 | 2.83 | 1.74 |
| Mallory Swamp | 4.39 | 2.85 | 1.58 |
| Midway Tower | 5.1 | 2.65 | 1.65 |

The only thing that should be pruned in February is roses. Be sure to hold off on everything else to encourage recovery from the cold damage. After pruning roses, be sure to fertilize and apply a fresh layer of mulch and this should encourage blooms in around 8-9 weeks. Also, fertilize citrus and pecan trees. February is the month for planting potatoes so be sure to get your area ready and get those seed in the ground. Lastly, it looks like after this weekend dips down in temperature, the 10 days following should be above 65° which is perfect weather for applying a pre-emergent (NOT a "weed and feed") herbicide on your lawn for preventing those warm season weeds. If you have questions about what weed killer is recommended for your specific lawn, feel free to contact me at elbeach@ufl.edu or (386)294-1279.

Pearson Returns Home to Complete Internship

Lafayette County Extension welcomes Morgan Pearson home as he completes his spring internship at the extension office in Mayo. Morgan is a lifelong resident of Lafayette County and grew up on his family's cattle farm in Lafayette County. Morgan is currently a student at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) and will have earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Studies after completing his internship. Morgan has been assisting the extension office with agriculture and 4-H youth development programs since starting his internship last month. Morgan plans to continue working in the agriculture field upon earning his degree.



Morgan Pearson, ABAC University student, Lafayette County Native and 4-H Alumni

Anglers enjoy touring Bass Assassin

Shawn Jackson
Inclement weather prompted a change of plans for the 4-H Anglers Club, relocating their January meeting to Bass Assassin Lures in Mayo. Despite frigid temperatures and rain, Mrs. Audra Rutherford provided the club with a tour, offering insights into the intricate process of crafting artificial bait. The 4-Hers discovered the complexity and knowledge required in bait production, particularly in creating diverse colors and glitter combinations for rubber worms. The visit also unveiled interesting bait names, such as the popular "electric chicken" for saltwater fishing. The club expressed gratitude to Mrs. Audra Rutherford and the Bass Assassin team for a delightful, educational, and fun day.

Photos right: Anglers 4-H Club touring Bass Assassin Lures in Mayo.



4-H Archery Club Enjoys Exciting Meeting with Archery and Hatchet Throwing

Shawn Jackson

The 4-H Archery Club gathered for an exhilarating meeting on Tuesday, January 16, bringing together approximately 15 enthusiastic kids ready for an action-packed session. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to hone their archery skills and try their hand at the thrilling activity of hatchet throwing.

The archery practice session allowed participants to refine their techniques under the guidance of experienced instructors. From mastering the fundamentals of stance to perfecting their aim, the young archers embraced the chance to enhance their marksmanship in a supportive and engaging environment. The atmosphere was filled with cheers and camaraderie as the club members shared tips and encouragement with one another.

Adding an extra element of excitement, the meeting also featured hatchet throwing—an activity that combined precision and strength. Under careful supervision and with a focus on safety, the participants took turns testing their aim and coordination in this unique and adventurous pursuit.

The gathering not only provided an opportunity for skill development but also fostered a sense of community among the young members. Friendships were strengthened as they shared experiences, triumphs, and challenges in the world of archery and hatchet throwing.

Parents and guardians, witnessing the dedication and joy exhibited by the young archers, expressed appreciation for the 4-H Archery Club's commitment to providing a well-rounded and engaging experience. The club looks forward to future meetings, where more exciting activities await, promoting skill development, teamwork, and lasting friendships among its members.



Save the Date!

The annual Lafayette County Peanut Production Meeting will be held March 5, 2024 at the Mayo Community Center. An optional Core training will start at 5:00pm and then dinner and the meeting will start at 6:00pm. 2 Private and Ag Row Crop CEUs will be available. Dinner is being sponsored by Mayo Ag Services and the Florida Peanut Federation.

Please let Emily know if you plan to attend!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
TOXIC ROUND-UP
LAFAYETTE COUNTY!

(9 AM – 3 PM)
SAT, FEB. 10, 2024
Mayo Community Center
176 SW COMMUNITY CIRCLE,
MAYO, FL 32066

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The banner features images of various hazardous household items including electronics, a broken television, a propane tank, a gas can, and a battery.

REGISTER NOW

Call us at 386-294-1021

SPRING GARDEN FOR BEGINNERS

Come join us to learn how to start your Spring Garden! Bring along your favorite seeds and plants to exchange. Participants will get first pick of the Spring seed library for spring 2024!



Lafayette County Public Library

Tuesday, February 13th
6 - 7 PM



TIMBER PRODUCTION MEETING

Please join us for an informative meeting that will address topics including:

- Programs for reforestation and management by Florida Forest Service, NRCS, and FSA.
- Timberland clean-up programs from Hurricane Idalia
- Pine Straw Outlook
- Variety Selection

THURSDAY; FEBRUARY 15, 2024
10:00 AM

Lafayette County Community Center
150 SW Community Circle ~ Mayo, FL 32066
Call Emily Beach with any questions 294-1279



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