



The Mayo Clover Leaf



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Up-Coming Events

Tuesday November 5, Home-school 4-H Club, 10:00 AM 4-H classroom

Tuesday November 5, Clover Buds, Community Club Meeting, 3:00 PM 4-H Classroom

Friday November 8, Lafayette County Livestock Judging Contest, 9:00

Tuesday November 12, Culinary Club. 3:00 PM 4-H Classroom

Tuesday November 19, Anglers Club Meeting. 3:00 (Contact office for location)

Wednesday November 20, 4-H Senior Commodity Pickup 1:30-4:30

Thursday November 21, Forest Management and Wildfire Mitigation Workshop. Lafayette County Extension Office 9:00

Saturday November 23, SVYLSS Livestock tag and weigh-in

Agriculture and Weather Report

Emily Beach

Rainfall is definitely not where we would want it to be for being able to get vegetables planted or cover crops started but the dry

period has offered an opportunity for a successful harvest season after a few months of unfavorable conditions. Peanuts, hay, and other forage crops have been harvested through the county and cotton harvest is underway. Often times cooler temperatures are complementary to the drier conditions but we have experienced a variety of temperatures over the last month and it appears as though that trend of fluctuating temperatures will continue. This fluctuation is important if you are planning to overseed your lawn with rye or apply a preemergent herbicide for winter weeds. Ryegrasses should be planted when daytime temperatures are consistently in the low to mid 70 degree range. Preemergent herbicides should be applied with nighttime temperatures are 55-60 degrees for several days. It looks like the middle of the month may offer us those more consistent temperatures so it is best to be patient and wait for that. Ryegrass also needs adequate amounts of watering so if you choose to have some winter color, be sure to water the seeds in 10-20 minutes a day until germination and then at least ¼ inch per day for two to three weeks after.

Beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, collards, kale, mustard, onions, and turnips are all great choices for a winter garden and can be planted at any time. One consideration is to plant seeds at staggered times to have a productive garden all winter long. If you have garden land that isn't being used this winter, consider planting a cover crop to prevent soil erosion, control weeds, and recycle and restore nutrients.

October Rainfall Totals (in)			
	2024	2023	2022
Cooks Hammock	1.19	3	.63
Mallory Swamp	1.58	2.92	.24
Midway Tower	1.13	2.59	.27

LES Kindergarteners have the complete Fall Experience

By Emily Beach



On Tuesday, October 22 Mr. Jackson went to the LES Kindergarten classes to teach the kids all about pumpkins: how they grow, what they need to grow, and why they are important. Mr. Jackson then introduced his unique way of carving Jack-o-Lanterns which involves a drill with lots of flying pumpkin and many giggles from the Kindergartners!

Then on Thursday, October 24, both of the agents spent the day at the North Florida Research and Education Center-Suwannee Valley with those same LES Kindergartners and other students from other schools teaching them about fall commodities. We talked about the different kinds of pumpkins and reviewed their life cycle then the students were able to pick a pumpkin from the patch to take home.

The students also learned about peanut production and all about the peanut industry. At the final station, they made their way through a forage maze learning about different topics from 4-H to various fall commodities.



Above: Emily Beach speaks to local kindergarteners about growing pumpkins and Shawn Jackson talks to kids and parents about forages grown in the maze.

October Meeting of the 4-H Archery Club: A Day of Fun and New Skills

Shawn Jackson

The 4-H Archery Club had an exciting meeting this October, bringing together members of all ages and skill levels. From beginners to more experienced archers, everyone came ready to practice their shooting skills and learn something new.

In addition to honing their archery techniques, the youth had a blast trying out hatchet throwing. It was a great opportunity for members to build their confidence and accuracy in a fun, safe environment. This month, the club introduced a new activity: knife throwing! But there was no need to worry—youth followed the same strict safety guidelines as with archery and hatchet throwing. The knives used were old but high-quality butter knives, ensuring safety while still allowing for a fun learning experience.

The combination of archery, hatchet throwing, and knife throwing made for a memorable meeting filled with laughter, camaraderie, and skill development. The 4-H Archery Club continues to foster teamwork and responsibility while teaching valuable outdoor skills.

Overall, October was a fantastic month for the club, showcasing both fun activities and a strong focus on safety. Members are already looking forward to what next month will bring!

Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club Meeting: Pancake Fun!

Shawn Jackson

On October 8th, the Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club gathered for a delicious and fun-filled meeting focused on pancake making. The event kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance to both the American flag and the 4-H flag, fostering a sense of community and teamwork among the young chefs.

Members were excited to work with electric griddles, showcasing their culinary skills as they whipped up a variety of pancake creations. Some opted for classic plain pancakes, while others got creative with blueberry and chocolate chip variations. The enticing aromas filled the room, making everyone eager to taste the results of their hard work.

After a successful cooking session, club members sat down to enjoy their delicious pancakes drizzled with syrup, sharing laughs and stories. The meeting was not only about learning cooking techniques but also about building friendships and fostering a love for culinary arts.

Overall, the Lafayette 4-H Culinary Club meeting was a delightful blend of teamwork, creativity, and, of course, tasty pancakes!

Take care of Lawn Burweed Now!

By Emily Beach

Lawn Burweed has probably already made its emergence in lawns but it can be controlled and burs can be stopped if you take action now. The burs in this pesky weed are not produced until the spring but once they are there, they can not be controlled. So, the key to treatment is to spray and herbicide now that will make walking across your lawn barefoot next summer an enjoyable experience instead of a painful one. There are several effective post-emergent herbicides for burweed like Atrazine (not safe for Zoysia or Bahiagrass), Metsulfuron (not safe for Bahiagrass or ornamentals) as well as 3-way formulations like Dicamba, Mecoprop, and 2, 4-D or Thien carbazon, iodosulfuron, and Dicamba (not safe for Bahiagrass). All of these options are more effective with a follow-up application 10 to 14 days after the first application. Be sure to read the label of your herbicide of choice prior to application. If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out.



Lawn Burweed pictured above. Photo credit: LSU Ag Center, Louisiana Home Lawn Series



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2024 AG IRRIGATION EXPO

NOVEMBER 14, 2024 **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

The UF, UGA, IFAS County Extension agents throughout the region and other partners are working together to provide this hands-on opportunity

8202 COUNTY ROAD 417, LIVE OAK, FL 32060

For inquiries and registration for this 2024 Irrigation Expo you can directly contact this contact. Bob Hochmuth (BOBHUCH@UFL.EDU) or Jay Capasso (JCAPASSO@UFL.EDU)

REGISTER NOW!

[HTTPS://SVAEC.IFAS.UFL.EDU](https://svaec.ifas.ufl.edu) 386-362-1725

2025 SVYLSS COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 24-28, 2025

Online Registration Deadline	Sunday; November 17, 2024 at 10:00 pm
Entry Fee Deadline	Sunday; November 17, 2024 at 10:00 pm
Premise ID Form Deadline	Wednesday; November 20, 2024 at 10:00 pm
Initial Tag-In/Weigh-In	Saturday; November 23, 2024 at 8:30 am
MANDATORY Parent/Exhibitor Meeting	TBA sometime around Jan/Feb
Record Book Due	March 17, 2025 by 5:00 pm (at Extension Office) ***Record Books only apply to Market Animals***
Swine Weigh-In	March 24, 2025 at 8:00-10:00 am
Swine Showmanship	March 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Steer Weigh-in	March 25, 2025 at 9:00-11:00 am
Swine Show	March 25, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Sheep Check-In (Breeding & Market)	March 26, 2025 at 9:00-10:00 am
Steer Show	March 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Sheep Show (Breeding & Market)	March 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Sale	March 28, 2025 at 9:00 am

Please join us for a
**Forest Management
 &
 Wildfire Mitigation
 Workshop**
 with a fire demonstration 



hosted by UF/IFAS Lafayette Co. Extension and Florida Forest Service

**Thursday; November 21, 2024
 9:00am-Noon
 at the Lafayette County
 Extension Office**

****lunch will be provided****

Topics addressed will be: forestry herbicide selection and timing (1 Private Applicator/Forestry CEU awarded) as well as planning for, performing, and benefits of prescribed burning.

Please call 294-1279 or email elbeach@ufl.edu to register.



**Lafayette County Livestock
 Judging Contest
 Friday, November 8**



4-H Senior Commodities



Lafayette County seniors 60+

Day	Date	Time
Wed	November 20, 2024	1:00pm – 4:00pm
Wed	December 18, 2024	1:00pm – 4:00pm

Get your chance to win the

4-H Build It Camp Tiny House!

Suggested donation of \$5.00 per chance is appreciated. See a 4-H member or stop by the Extension Office.

Limited quantities
FALL SEEDS 2024

- Beet, Detroit Dark Red
- Broccoli, Green Sprouting Calabrese
- Cabbage, Golden Acre
- Carrot, Chantenay Red Core
- Cauliflower, Snowball Y Improved
- Collard, Georgia Southern
- Kale, Lacinato
- Lettuce, Parris Island
- Radish, Cherry Belle
- Rutabaga, American Purple Top
- Spinach, Bloomsdale
- Turnip, Purple Top White Globe

All are open-pollinated

Save Your Seeds!

4-H Meeting Bus Riders:

For safety purposes, parents should call the office the previous day or morning of meetings to be sure there are no schedule changes and so all youth are accounted for.

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UF IFAS Extension Lafayette County 4-H.

IFAS Extension is an equal opportunity Institution. We encourage all races, religions and ethnicities to attend our summer programs. There are scholarships available for minority and underprivileged children. Please contact our office for more information.