



## Lafayette 4-H Members Learn Cake Decorating skills in Virtual Camp

Lafayette 4-H recently had an opportunity to learn cake decorating skills with a virtual cake class from Jackie Jackson. The cake decorating tutorial video has been posted on the Lafayette 4-H YouTube channel for all 4-Hers and public. Jackson demonstrated basic “icing piping skills” including making flowers, cake borders and other decorating



techniques. Jackson said she learned most of her skills as a teenager and young adult while working in the bakery at Publix. Jackson also had a small cake baking business prior to becoming a kindergarten teacher at Lafayette Elementary School. Youth were able to purchase piping bags and tips from the Lafayette County Extension for five dollars.

## Local Extension Agents Work Recognized Internationally

Lafayette County Extension Agent Chris Vann along with Dr. Matthew Vann, North Carolina State University Extension, Dr. J. Michael Moore, University of Georgia, Keith Wynn, Hamilton County Extension Agent, IFAS and Dee Broughton, Multi County Agent IFAS, have been invited to share tobacco research knowledge with the Cooperation Centre For Scientific Research Relative To Tobacco (CORESTA) annual meeting to be held this October in Austria. CORESTA is an association founded in 1956, ruled by French law, the purpose being to promote international cooperation in scientific research relative to tobacco and its derived products. The work of this group of agents have previously been recognized when they were asked to share an abstract on “Tobacco Production in the Suwannee Valley Region” which had been presented at the Tobacco Workers Conference in Louisville Kentucky in the fall of 2019 and received award winning recognition from the University of Florida in 2019. Due to the COVID Pandemic, the conference has been moved to an online format. Vann is excited to have an opportunity to share tobacco production practices from this area on an international level. Approximately 1,200 acres of tobacco are grown in the Suwannee Valley Region with about 50 acres of that being grown in Lafayette County.

## Plan Now to Plant Fall Peas

Southern peas, also known as cowpeas, back-eye peas, crowder peas, acre peas and cream peas are some of the varieties. Southern peas thrive in hot weather tolerate drought well and do very well for a late summer planting. In fact, many feel that fall peas are easier to manage and have less insect problems than those planted earlier. Most late summer planted peas can be harvested 60-80 days after planting. Planting by mid-August should avoid any potential for cold injury. Southern peas are very sensitive to frost and freezing temperatures. Plant peas up to 1 inch deep and 3-4 inches apart. Fertilize sparingly 2-3 pounds of 5-10-15 per 100 ft of row. Over fertilization can increase vine growth and reduce yield. Cow pea curculios can cause major damage by stinging and feeding on pods. Chemical control may be needed to manage pest. A few of the old-time gardeners say to plant peas when the signs are in the arm and the damage from insects will be less. Not sure if this works but you might want to give it a try!

## Census Bureau Specialist Answers 4-H Council Questions

Jennifer Pyle, North Florida Partnership Specialist of the US Census Bureau, recently visited the Lafayette County Extension Service to answer questions from the 4-H County Council. Although the council members were not allowed to have a face to face interview with Pyle, she was able to answer questions provided to her by video. According to Pyle, some of the best questions she is asked come from kids and teens. Here are questions that were asked by Lafayette County Council members and a brief summary of Pyle's answers.

**When is the last day to self-report your census survey?** The last day to respond before Census takers go door to door is July 31.

**How do census results impact rural communities?** Every community is different. Rural communities have different needs than urban areas. Identifying the population in rural areas helps ensure the specific needs of that population is met.

**Is every census survey the same?** Yes, all questions are the same.

**How does a person know if someone who comes to their home is an actual census taker and not an imposter?** A census worker should have an official census ID as well as another form of identification.

**How do the results of the census impact government representation on the state and federal level?** Representation in the House of Representatives in Washington as well as the State House and Senate are based on population. Therefore, each state can gain or lose representatives to the House of Representatives in Washington DC every ten years, depending upon their Census result. This is also the way we determine how many electoral votes each state has.

**How do the census numbers impact local education dollars?** Many of the Federal programs which are Federally funded such as free lunch programs, pre-K programs, even sports programs are based on certain demographics. The demographics from your local census help determine how Federal dollars are allocated. That's just one example.

**Are the answers provided to the census available to the public?** No. The results are not available for 72 years

## Little Libraries Bring Books to Rural Communities in Lafayette County

After much planning and hard work, the Lafayette 4-H council has completed a project of placing three small neighborhood libraries in rural areas of Lafayette County. These are miniature libraries that have been placed at the first, third, and fourth district community centers and are full of free books. Anyone can take a book from the library, and then either return it when they are finished or add a new book to the collection. This project started well before the pandemic when teachers and 4-H council members came up with a plan to provide a free library to kids that live away from town don't have the convenience of having a traditional library in their community. Teachers at Lafayette Elementary School helped in making donations to the libraries. LES teacher, Jessica Gainey, agreed to help with supplying and maintaining the libraries. Not only is it a goal of Lafayette 4-H to promote reading and literacy, but also develop community bonds between adults and children. This project will allow adults and children to interact in their neighborhood as well as cultivate working relationships between the Lafayette 4-H and community leaders.



Top Left: Tori Newman puts finishing touches on a 4-H Clover on one of the libraries. Top Right: Lydia Gainey with a library that has been placed at the third district community center and stocked with books. Left: Seth Chandler, Cason Driver and Davis Jackson are proud of this patriotic Library they painted.

## Grape Creamsicles

Dairy Foods are Packed with Nutrients and Flavor!  
Grow strong bones, muscles and teeth while  
enjoying this tasty treat.

Prep time: 5 min  
Cook time: 10 min

Ingredients:

Servings: 5

- 1 cup grape juice
- 1 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt

### Preparation:

1. Place the grape juice and yogurt into a blender.
2. Pulse until completely mixed.
3. Pour the mixture into a popsicle mold.
4. Freeze for at least 3 hours until popsicles are completely solid.
5. Run hot water over the popsicle mold to release the popsicles.
6. Enjoy!

*Recipe provided by Izabella Toledo, Ph.D. Regional Dairy Extension Specialist UF/ Extension, North East District*

## Senior Commodity Pick-Up Dates

Date	Time
June 24, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
July 29, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
August 26, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
September 30, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
October 28, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
November 18, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
December 16, 2020	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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.

## 4-H Members honor Local Law Enforcement

Lafayette County Law Enforcement Officers were recently honored by Lafayette County 4-H members and Clover Buds Holland, Miles, and Emilee Elizabeth Jackson with a Reese's Cake. The brothers and sister felt it was important that they show their appreciation to the officers and Miles made the choice of honoring them with the Reese's cake. Holland helped his mom prepare the cake while Emilee Elizabeth help decorate the cake that consisted of three layers with peanut butter cream frosting between layers and topped with crumbled Reese's cups. Along with a cake, the brothers and sister made cards thanking them for his service and dedication to the community and kids at LES.



Above left: Officer Condy enjoys the first slice of Reese's Cake given to officers as an appreciation gift. Above right: Emilee Elizabeth Jackson mixes a peanut butter cream icing.



