Lafayette 4-H Enjoy “Rise and Shine” Virtual 4-H Camp

The Lafayette County 4-H began its’ online Summer Camp on June 1 and it will go through July 31. With the recent demand for online learning that has flooded the homes of youth and caused much online learning fatigue, the Lafayette County Extension Service has gone to great length to provide a fun, relaxing yet educational virtual camp packed with crafts, stem activities and field trips. The twenty-minute online camp “4-H Rise and Shine” is delivered to youth on the YouTube Channel Lafayette County 4-H weekdays at 9:00 AM but can be watched at a time that is most convenient kids and parents. 4-Hers pick up daily prepared craft kits every two weeks from the extension office.

Thus far, 50 local youth are actively participating in the virtual camp. Response from parents and 4-H members have been positive with parents saying their kids are eagerly waking up in the morning to tune into an episode of “Rise and Shine” ready to participate in craft demonstrations and enjoy virtual tours of businesses, parks and unique places.

Senior Commodity Pick-Up Dates and Times

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Curb Side Pick-Up

The Extension Service will continue to provide drive by pick-up to ensure the safety of our local Seniors. If you have questions, please contact the Lafayette County Extension Service at 294-1279.
Lafayette 4-H Promotes Census Awareness with You Tube Video

The United States federal government does a national census every ten years. The Lafayette Extension Service was recently contacted by Jennifer Pyle of the U.S. Census Bureau and asked to assist in publicizing the need for the citizens of Lafayette County to complete the 2020 Census. Due to 4-H youth not being allowed to participate in face-to-face activities, members videoed clips of themselves explaining the purpose and importance of completing the census. The short video even compared the response rate of Lafayette County and other North Florida Counties. Although Lafayette County remains well below the state average for census response, charts comparing the county response rate before and after the videos release on Facebook and YouTube show a visible increase. Lafayette County Extension Service also gave out Census hand fans and information at the May senior commodity distribution.

The 4-H census awareness video can be seen on the local extension service YouTube channel Lafayette County 4-H.

Above Left to Right: Adam Scugila holds a sign encouraging local citizens to register for census. Easton Power explains the importance of completing the census. Miley McCray uses a graph to illustrate Lafayette County’s response in comparison to other North Florida Counties.

Graph on the Left from May 2 compared to the June 2 graph shows the response rate for North Florida Counties. Lafayette County ranks well below the state average response rate.
Lafayette 4-H Honors Fallen Soldiers

Lafayette 4-H recently honored the memory of US Servicemen in a video tribute. The video began with a statement of appreciation to Americans who served and those who lost their lives fighting in war. After a brief clip of the poem “Flanders Field”, 4-Hers Liam Boatright, Kendal Beech, and Cruz read a portion of the poem followed by a scene with a field of poppies growing and the American Flag blowing over the Lafayette County Courthouse.

The poem “In Flanders Fields” written by Canadian soldier John McCrae in 1915 mentions the poppy as a common flower at burial sites. In 1920, the American Legion adopted the poppy as the United States’ national emblem of Remembrance. Today this flower continues to be a symbol of lives lost.

This tribute can be viewed on YouTube at Lafayette County 4-H.

4-H participates in Online Embryology

Youth in Lafayette County 4-H recently had the opportunity to participate in a virtual embryology project. 4-H Agent Shawn Jackson led the twenty-one day project that started with putting eggs in an incubator, following daily development of the embryo by candling eggs and diagrams of the stages of development. The project ended with the hatching of chicks. Participants had the opportunity to learn important terminology relevant to embryology as well as the conditions required to hatch healthy chicks.
Area Youth Receive Chicks and begin Chick-Chain Program

Twenty-two Lafayette County Youth received baby chicks on May 21, marking the beginning of their experience in the 4-H Chic-Chain Program. Members and Clover Buds were able to choose between Rhode Island Red chicks, Silver Laced Wyandotte chicks, and Barred Rock chicks or a combination of the three. This breed of chick was chosen for its reputation for being a quality laying hen well suited for conditions in this region. Each member is starting with six chicks. Participants had recently participated in an online zoom meeting to learn how to properly care for and raise chicks into becoming healthy laying hens. This training taught how to build a brooder to keep baby chicks warm, a coup to keep chickens safe and choosing appropriate feed. These 4-H members will be parting in a chic-chain youth show in October 2020.

Anistyn and Eli Bass  Lanae Colson  Emily and Miles Jackson  Haven Richardson

Derby Jackson  Saren Walker  Holland Jackson  Lexi Rehberg

Anna Walker  Kerrington Galbraith  Sofia Burak  Ellie, Maggie, Libbie, Sidney, Kellen