

# Jr. Leader Newsline

Lafayette Parish 4-H



## Join Junior Leaders- New Incentives!

It's not too late to join the Lafayette Junior Leader Club. We will hold three drawings for gift cards during the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, criteria are as follows:

- Drawing 1- \$20.00 gift card to Raising Cane's for a current junior leader who brings a friend to the meeting that is eligible to join the Junior Leaders club (must be a current 4-H member in Lafayette parish in grades 8-12).
- Drawing 2- \$20.00 gift card to Chick-fil-a for all potential members who attend their first Junior Leader meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Drawing 3- \$10 gift card to Andy's Frozen Custard to all 4-H members present at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## Christmas Party

By Claire Harrington

Our December Junior Leader meeting will be on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at the 4-H Office. We are having our annual Christmas Party. You are invited to wear Pajama PANTS and a t-shirt (no tank tops) or a onesie. If you choose not to wear pajama PANTS, you can wear normal Jr. Leader attire. (no running shorts). We will be playing a Christmas game at the December meeting. If you would like to participate, please bring a \$10 gift card wrapped in a new pair of socks (can be festive socks but must be NEW). We will also be decorating Christmas cookies at the meeting.

## December 2021

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## Dates to Remember:

- December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Jr. Leader Meeting
- December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Awards Due
- December 17<sup>th</sup>** \_ Cookie Entries Due
- December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Portfolio Workshop
- January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jr. Leader Officer Meeting
- January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Jr. Leader Meeting

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## Lafayette Jr. Leader Officer Team

**President:** Annaclaire Zerangue  
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**Vice President:** Claire Harrington  
**Secretary:** Isabella Couvillion  
**Treasurer:** Tucker Dufrene  
**Reporter:** Adam Long  
**Program Leaders:** Laila Horton  
Grace Martin

## Lafayette 4-H Agents:

*Paul Bongarzone*

*Nicole Gerard*

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## Cookie Decorating Contest

By Annaclaire Zerangue

The annual Lafayette Parish 4-H Christmas Cookie Contest is coming right around the corner!

As always, the categories are:

- -Prettiest Christmas Cookie
- -Most Unusual Christmas Cookie
- -Most 4-H Spirit Christmas Cookie

If you are interested in participating in this year's contest you will need to:

1. Home bake and decorate the cookies
2. Take a well lit, overhead image of the cookies
3. Email the picture to [NGerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:NGerard@agcenter.lsu.edu)
4. Include your name, grade, school/club, and category that the cookie is in in the email

**All entries are due: December 17th at midnight!**

Each 4-Her is welcome to enter one cookie in each category, store bought cookies are not acceptable, and a cookie cannot be entered in more than one category.

We can't wait to see all the festive, delicious submissions you all will send in!



## Operation Christmas Cheer

By Laila Horton

What began as a community service project for my home city of Youngsville has grown, and I am recruiting the help of the Lafayette Junior Leader club to get things finished up for delivery to some very deserving people. If you have any Christmas cards that you would like to contribute (store-bought or homemade), bring them to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and we will add them to what has already been collected. We will be signing the cards and placing them in envelopes along with a candy cane donated by the Youngsville Rotary Club. The cards will then be delivered to local nursing home residents to help spread Holiday Cheer during the season.

## Reminder: Award Applications Due Soon

The following award applications were sent to select grade levels of 4-H members. They are as follows:

**Golden Clover:** 7th Grade and 8th Grade

**Emerald Achievement:** 11th Grade and 12th Grade

**Honor Cord:** 12th Grade

These award applications are due **December 15th, 2021** to the Lafayette 4-H Office. Details can be found on the applications.

## Clovers Coping

Ms. Ann Broussard with Louisiana Spirit will be joining us this month to present a lesson on general skills to aid in coping with difficult circumstances. Through activities, members will relate to each other and share experiences and feelings surrounding the events of 2020-2021; namely, hurricane Laura, Covid-19, the ice storm, and in some areas very severe flooding.

## Portfolio Workshop

By Shaohannah Martin

New Years is around the corner which means setting goals and striving to achieve them. But you know what else is right around the corner? Project books! December is a good month to work on some of the pages towards the front of the book. If you haven't started already now's a good time to. Remember to keep your record book neat and clean and decorate it if you wish. Pictures are always a good idea and remember you could win prizes such as trips and cash if you complete and turn them in.

If you need help completing your record book there are two Portfolio Workshops available on Tuesday, December 21. The first session is for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade members from 9:00-11:00am and the second session is for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from 2:00-4:00pm. If you're attending you should bring your record book and RSVP Mrs. Nicole at [ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu) by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Jr. Leaders are welcome to volunteer at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade workshop for a leadership opportunity.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday and see YOU next month!

# Livestock Updates

By Grace Martin

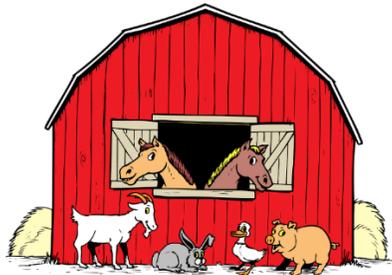
The Lafayette Parish 4-H Livestock Show is coming around the corner.

Livestock show entry forms were due last month. We hope you got yours in on time! If not, call the 4-H Office immediately.

Upcoming activities include:

- Premier Exhibitor Written Exam and Skill-A-Thon: December 20th, schedule your time with the 4-H office.
- Lafayette Parish Livestock Show: January 19th to January 22nd.
- Acadiana District Livestock Show: January 25th to January 29th.
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show: February 13th to

All 4-H members are welcome to come and observe the livestock shows. Both the parish and district livestock shows will occur at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, LA. The state show will be held at the Lamar Dixon Center in Gonzalez, LA.



# Goal Setting for the New Year

By Isabella Couvillion

At our December monthly Jr. Leader Meeting, Isabella Couvillion presented information about Goals. We discussed different types of goals and how to achieve them. She explained to the group about the importance of setting goals and achieving them. Isabella led the group in an activity called 2 Stars and a Wish. This activity showed the group how easy it is to make a list to assist in their goal making. With the end of the year quickly approaching, now is the perfect time to begin assessing the status of your current goals and setting ones for the new year!