West Feliciana
Clover Bulletin
October 2026

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4-11: National 4-H Week
4: Pumpkin Decorating Contest Starts
5: Sewing Club 3:30 PM
5: Feliciana Livestock Club/YQCA Mandatory Training 5:30 PM
7: Rabbit Health Check 5:00 PM
10: Bunny Boo Nanaza- All Day
11: Modified Trap Shotgun Practice – 2- 5pm
14: Sewing Club – 3:30 PM
14: Wildlife/Wetlands Workshop 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
14: Horse Club – 4-H Livestock Barn @5:30 PM
18: Archery Practice- 1- 4:30 PM
19: Pumpkin Decorating Contest Ends
19: Sewing Club – 3:30 PM
20: Junior Leaders 5:30 PM
25: Modified Trap Shotgun Practice 2-5PM
26: Sewing Club – 3:30 PM
27: Mission Nutrition 5:30 PM
28: Fall Fundraiser Due

November

2: Sewing Club 3:30 PM
3-4: Southeast Region Challenge Camp
4: Validation Day 1- 3:30 to 6:30 PM – 4-H Office
5: Rabbit Club 5:30 PM
8: Shotgun Practice- 2- 5pm
9: Sewing Club 3:30 PM
10: Junior Leaders- 5:30 PM
11: Horse Club- 5:30 @ Camp Marydale
12: Discovery Co-Op 1:00 PM
16: Sewing Club – 3:30 PM
14: Horse Club – 4-H Livestock Barn @5:30 PM
16: Sewing Club – 3:30 PM
24- Esports Workshop 9:30 to 11:30 am
24- Validation Day 2- 4-H Livestock Barn 3:30 to 6:30 PM
27: Mission Nutrition- 5:30 PM
29: Shotgun Practice 2-5pm
30: Sewing Club 3:30 PM

WELCOME TO 4-H

Whether you are a new member in West Feliciana 4-H or a returning member, we are glad to have you! 4-H is for YOU, and the more you take part, the more you will enjoy it!

4-H offers you lots of activities and your monthly newsletter is how you will learn about all the exciting opportunities. So read it, take it home, show it to your parents, and keep it as a reminder. In this newsletter, you will learn about each of the project clubs that we are currently offering.

General enrollment dues for 4-H are $10.00 for the year. Enrollment is open

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October is National 4-H Week, celebrated October 4-10, and this year's theme, "Beyond Ready," highlights how 4-H prepares youth for life through hands-on learning, leadership, and service. Here in West Feliciana Parish, our 4-H members are building confidence, resilience, and lifelong skills through projects in livestock, shooting sports, sewing, healthy living, STEM, leadership, and community service, helping them become truly Beyond Ready for whatever the future holds.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK DAILY THEMES

Monday, October 5 - Go Green Day
Wear your favorite green clothing or accessories and show your 4-H pride as we celebrate being
Tuesday - Learn by Doing Day
Celebrate the hands-on experiences that make 4-H unique and help youth build skills for the future.
Wednesday - Share Your 4-H Story Day
Highlight a favorite 4-H memory, accomplishment, or experience that has helped you grow.
Thursday, October 8 - Thankful Thursday
Recognize the volunteers, educators, mentors, and supporters who make a difference in the lives of 4-H youth.
Friday - Service & Leadership Day
Celebrate the ways 4-H members make a positive impact in their schools and communities.
Saturday - 4-H Community Day
Invite friends and family to learn more about 4-H and the opportunities available to youth.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Fall is here, and it's time to get creative! West Feliciana 4-H is excited to announce our Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest, open now through October 19. Youth are invited to decorate a pumpkin using any theme, design, or decorating technique and submit a photo of their creation through our online entry form. The winning pumpkins will be featured on the West Feliciana 4-H social media pages, and winners will receive certificates of recognition at their November club meetings. Whether your design is spooky, silly, festive, or completely unique, we can't wait to see your creativity shine!

Ready to enter? Submit your pumpkin photos by October 19 using the contest entry form: https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bBMpUZYfKz2YSF0

2026 WEST FELICIANA PARISH 4-H FALL FUNDRAISER

It's time for the annual West Feliciana 4-H Sweet Potato and Pecan Fundraiser! Members are now taking orders for Louisiana-grown sweet potatoes from Garber Farms and a variety of delicious pecans from Pointe Coupee Pecan Company, just in time for Thanksgiving. Order forms will be available through 4-H Online broadcast email, at club meetings, and at the West Feliciana 4-H Office. All orders must be prepaid and submitted directly to the West Feliciana 4-H Office by October 28, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Funds raised support local 4-H programs, scholarships, educational activities, transportation to events, and member incentives and awards. Plus, prizes will be awarded to our top sellers, so start taking orders today!

SOUTHEAST REGION CHALLENGE CAMP

Challenge Camp is just around the corner, and registration is now open in 4-H Online! The camp will be held November 3-4, 2026, at the Lion King Retreat Center in Amite, Louisiana, and is open to 7th and 8th grade 4-H members. Campers will enjoy exciting activities such as a night hike, arts and crafts, board games, music, dancing, and s'mores while building leadership skills and making new friends from across the Southeast Region. The cost is $60 per participant, which includes meals, activities, and a camp t-shirt. Registration closes October 13, so don't wait to secure your spot for this fun and memorable 4-H experience!

SADDLE UP THE PONIES: THE HORSE CLUB (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

Horse Club members have an exciting educational meeting planned for October 14 at the 4-H Livestock Barn. Dr. Graves will be joining us to discuss equine dentistry and nutrition, including a live horse teeth floating demonstration. Members will also participate in a pre-purchase exam simulation, where they will learn how to evaluate a horse and gain valuable knowledge about responsible horse ownership and best management practices. This hands-on meeting will help 4-H'ers develop practical skills and confidence when considering the purchase and care of a horse

Meeting: October 14, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

WEST FELICIANA JR. LEADERS (GRADES 8TH – 12TH)

Junior Leaders are continuing their leadership journey this month with a meeting focused on planning an upcoming service project, participating in a fun Halloween-themed activity, and developing skills that will help them become stronger leaders in their schools and communities. We are excited to see our Junior Leaders grow, serve, and make a positive impact throughout the year!

Meeting: October 20, 2026 – 5:30 PM

IS SHOOTING SPORTS FOR YOU? (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

West Feliciana 4-H Shooting Sports continues to help youth develop safe firearm handling practices, environmental stewardship, and lifelong skills through the Archery and Shotgun disciplines. Archery members will meet on October 18 from 1:00-4:30 PM, and Shotgun practices will be held on October 10 and October 25 from 2-5pm. Please refer to your email for practice details and remember to RSVP by the Wednesday prior to each Shotgun practice. You must enroll in 4-H Online and turn in all consents before practicing!

SEWING CLUB (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

Our Sewing Club members are busy building their sewing skills through hands-on lessons and creative projects! October classes will continue for our beginner, intermediate, and advanced sewists, giving youth the opportunity to practice new techniques and gain confidence behind the sewing machine. We are excited to see the progress our members are making as they work toward completing their projects and developing lifelong sewing skills. Please refer to your class schedule email for meeting dates and times. If you cannot locate your schedule, please contact klucas@agcenter.lsu.edu for assistance.

HORTICULTURE CLUB (GRADES 7TH – 12TH)

Horticulture Club is perfect for youth who love plants, gardening, and growing food. Members explore the science and art of cultivating flowers, fruits, vegetables, and ornamentals while learning from ANR Agent Jessie Hoover.

Meeting Date: TBD

MISSION NUTRITION (COOKING CLUB-GRADES 4TH -12TH)

The Mission Nutrition Club is off to a great start! Members recently explored Louisiana's Harvest of the Month by learning about tomatoes and cucumbers through hands-on activities and taste tests. At our next meeting on October 27, youth will discover the many nutritional benefits and uses of Louisiana-grown sweet potatoes while participating in fun food preparation and nutrition education activities. Mission Nutrition continues to help 4-H'ers increase their knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment of Louisiana agricultural products while promoting healthy eating habits.
Meeting Date: October 27, 2026 @ 5:30 PM at the 4-H Office

FELICIANA LIVESTOCK CLUB (GRADE 4-12)

At this month's meeting, youth will complete their YQCA certification and learn about important requirements and expectations for exhibiting livestock. We look forward to helping our exhibitors prepare for a successful year in the show ring.
Meeting Date: October 5, 2026 @ 6pm

RABBIT CLUB (GRADES 4-12)

ue to the Bunny Boo-Nanza Rabbit Show, there will be no Rabbit Club meeting in October. We encourage all members and families to join us for Bunny Boo-Nanza on October 10, where 4-H members from across Louisiana will spend the day competing, learning, and celebrating all things rabbits. As a reminder, entries were due on September 28th and there will be no day of entries. Rabbit Club meetings will resume on November 5, and we look forward to seeing everyone then for another fun and educational meeting. Good luck to all of our exhibitors, and thank you for helping make Bunny Boo-Nanza a success!

Meeting: November 5th, 2026- 5:30 PM activities, and a camp t-shirt. Registration closes October 13, so don't wait to secure your spot for this fun and memorable 4-H experience!

OTHER INFORMATION

Communication is sent via email through 4-H Online. The email address it comes from is 4HOnline-Lousiaiana 4-H. If you find you are not receiving notifications, please check your junk folder. If you are still having trouble after that please contact our office.

Please note new this year we also be piloting using the BAND app for general 4-H Updates and to help everyone stay more informed. To get BAND, you can download the app from the app store and follow this link:

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Best Wishes!! Katlin Lucas Gordon, 4-H Agent