

West Feliciana Clover Bulletin

August 2025



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1; Enrollment Begins

We are still working with our leaders to get the dates for all the clubs. Please watch your emails if you are a returning member for updates. If you are new to our programming, we will be sending the information out through the schools.

September 2025

4; Sewing Kickoff Meeting –
5:30PM - 4-H Office
11; Rabbit Club Meeting – 5PM
25; Junior Leader Kickoff Meeting –
5:00PM – 4-H Office
30; Shotgun Kickoff – Time & Place
TBD

October 2025

2; Horse Club – 5:30PM – Camp
Marydale

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 starts on August 1, 2025!

Our project clubs have separate fees and are listed in the descriptions below.

ENROLLMENT & FEE PAYMENTS

To enroll your child in 4-H please complete the West Feliciana Enrollment form. Please make sure that you fill the form out completely. If you have questions, please contact our office at 225-635-3614.

Enrollment & project club fees can be paid by cash or check. General enrollment fees are due when your enrollment form is turned in. Please do not turn project fees in for Livestock Club, Mission Nutrition, Sewing, Archery, or Shotgun until a deadline has been set. Fees and enrollment forms can be turned into your child's school, School Club Leader, or the 4-H Office (there is a list below this paragraph of who to turn your fees into at the school). Please write separate checks payable to WF 4-H for all clubs. For example, my child is joining 4-H, the Jr. Leader Club, and Rabbit Club: I will write a check for \$10.00 for the general club fees, a check for \$25.00 for Jr. Leader Club, and a check for \$10.00 for Rabbit Club. Also, if you send your child's payment to school, please place it in an envelope with your child's name & 4-H on the outside. No school or leader will be responsible for loose money.

Who do you turn in your enrollment and fees to at your school?

Bains Elementary – Mrs. Brittney Johnson

WFMS – Office

WFHS – Mrs. Deleana Buffalo

Parkview Flex – Mrs. Pam Smith

Please note that General enrollment dues must be paid to be considered a 4-H Member and Project Club dues must be paid to be considered a Project Club member.

PROJECT CLUBS

West Feliciana 4-H has a lot of project clubs to offer! These project clubs are all volunteer lead. If you know anyone who is interested in leading or helping with a project club, please contact our office! We can offer all these clubs to our 4-H members because of our wonderful volunteers.

FELICIANA LIVESTOCK CLUB (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

The Livestock Club is gearing up for the show year!

Please keep an eye on your emails for updates. If you are interested in showing, please contact the 4-H Office.

Validation Deadlines:

August 8, 2025 – Steers

November 10, 2025 - Beef & Dairy Commercial Heifers, Market lambs & Commercial Ewes, Market Goats & Commercial Does

December 1, 2025 - Market & Commercial Hogs

Possession Deadlines:

November 10, 2025 - Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy Breeding, and Exhibition Poultry

November 17, 2025 – Miniature Cattle

December 1, 2025 – Swine Breeding & Exhibition Poultry

Rules and dues on what the club requires to join the club will be put out by Feliciana Livestock Club. Please watch your email for the 1st meeting date.

RABBIT CLUB (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

A 4-H rabbit project can be a fun, engaging, rewarding experience. This project can be successful in urban or rural areas and is ideal for those with limited space. Rabbits can be raised for pleasure or profit. You can have them as pets, show them, or raise them for their meat, fur, or fertilizer. Many 4-H members and adults enjoy showing their rabbits at fairs and rabbit shows. In today's world, urbanization and less space are becoming more commonplace. The rabbit project gives youth a way to become involved in the livestock project with limited money and space. This rabbit project encompasses all the same things other livestock projects do by allowing youth in Louisiana to learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills through hands-on-learning opportunities. Rabbit project participants gain independence, responsibility, and knowledge of the production of agriculture and sciences through livestock projects.

Dues - \$20

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

The purpose of the 4-H Horse Project is to enable youth to develop life skills and develop knowledge about horses and the horse industry. Horse project life skills can include leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, responsibility, and compassion for animals and people. You do not have to own a horse to join The Horse Club. All who love horses are welcome. If you would like to join the horse club, you can come to the first meeting or contact the 4-H Office for more information.

Dues \$20

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

The 4-H Junior Leader experience provides members with the opportunity to gain experience about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. Junior Leaders help with 4-H events and assume more challenging leadership roles. Junior Leaders may assist with specific community projects or with more general 4-H activities and events. 4-H Junior Leaders are also at the fore-front and heart of 4-H's service-learning projects, and this is one of the important aspects of the club. 4-H members are eligible to be in the Junior Leader Project Club if they are in 8th-12th grade! If you would like to be a Jr. Leader, you can come to the first meeting or contact the 4-H Office for more information.

Dues \$20

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

The Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports program encompasses the initiative goals of volunteer leadership, capacity building for youth and families, and the environmental stewardship with commitments from the Louisiana State University AgCenter. The disciplines are modeled after the National 4-H shooting Sports Program and are administered by nationally certified state leaders consisting of extension personnel and volunteers. The mission of the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Program is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes so that they may become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

West Feliciana Parish 4-H currently offers two disciplines- Shotgun and Archery! If you would like to join Shotgun or Archery, you must attend our kickoff meeting. Please keep in mind that some practices will overlap for Archery and Shotgun. Most if not all practices are on Sunday afternoons.

Participants must be 9 years old by January 1, 2026, to participate in Shooting Sports.

Dues - \$40 per discipline.

SEWING CLUB (GRADES 4TH – 12TH)

Sewing is a service and art that has been lost to most of our modern-day society. The 4-H Youth Development Program strives to teach youth skills in belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery. This is accomplished through three focus areas called mission mandates: Citizenship; Healthy Living; and Science, Engineering, and Technology. Through the sewing project, youth are exposed to all these mandates as sewing is naturally a part of healthy living, it encompasses set, and they also learn citizenship skills through the Service Projects that they do. At our sewing club meetings, we have different skill level groups that meet, and we learn how to work the machines, learn patterns, and do many different projects to get a well-rounded sewing experience! If you would like to join our sewing group, there is form that you will need to fill out and pay dues, which will help with supplies and refreshments.

Sewing Kickoff Meeting is Thursday September 4, 2025. The kickoff meeting is mandatory for those interested in participating even if you have been a participant in the past.

Dues - \$20

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

Layne Langley, Area Nutrition & Community Health Agent, is the Project Leader for the club.

All 4-H'ers are welcome to join regardless of their skill level. The club will meet from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Extension Office on some third and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The first meeting will be on September 23. There will not be a meeting in December. Enrollment for this club will open on September 2, 2025, on a first come first serve basis. The deadline to register to join this club is **September 9, 2025**.

The club will be limited to 25 4-H'ers.

Dues \$20

HORTICULTURE CLUB (GRADES 7TH – 12TH)

Do you live and breathe plants? Does growing your own food, flowers and spending time outdoors interest you? Horticulture involves the science and art of cultivating flowers, fruits, vegetables or ornamental plants in a garden, orchard, or nursery. The 4-H horticulture project helps you discover the magic of plants, whether for food, contests, or pure enjoyment. Come join our ANR agent, Jessie Hoover, for this brand-new adventure. Open to 7th through 12th graders, Horticulture Club will be a journey to learn all about plants!

Dues \$10

ENROLLMENT DRIVE

Attention all returning 4-H members! Earn points for recruiting new members to West Feliciana 4-H. We will be hosting an enrollment drive from August 6, 2025, until October 6, 2025, with top members winning a t-shirt each month. At the end of October an overall recruiter award will be awarded to the member who recruited the most new 4-H members.

Rules: You must be enrolled in the current fiscal year in West Feliciana 4-H and have paid your dues. The member you recruit must be a brand-new member in West Feliciana's 4-H program. There is a spot on the enrollment card for the new member to list who recruited them.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact us. Our contact information is below under Other Information.

OTHER INFORMATION

Communication is sent via email through 4-H Online. The email address it comes from is 4HOnline-Louisiana 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 no longer have the ability to have 4-H Online text our members that we sent an email so please check your email as this is the only way to communicate to all our 4-H members at one time.

Our Office Contact information is the following:

Office Phone: 225-635-3614

4-H Agent, Katlin's Email: klucas@agcenter.lsu.edu

Administrative Coordinator, Randi's Email: rpabin@agcenter.lsu.edu

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