

Clover Chatter

Iberia Parish 4-H



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4-H Spring Contest Day

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

WHERE: North Lewis Elementary, 604 N. Lewis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

Happy New Year! Our first big event of 2026 is the 4-H Spring Contest Day! 4-H'ers and leaders should make plans to win ribbons and earn points for your club. Mark your calendars and join us at North Lewis on Saturday, February 1st! The general assembly will begin at 9:30am. The Contest Day will include:

- Demonstration Contests
- Bento Box Cookery
- Seafood Cookery
- Parish Pet Show
- Poster Contests



*Detailed contest rules will be discussed at the January Club meetings.

Welcome our new 4-H Agent, Ms. Jana Broussard!

Hello 4-H'ers!

I'm Ms. Jana, and I am so excited to be your new Assistant 4-H Agent for Iberia Parish! I grew up right here in New Iberia and was a 4-H member back in the day, so it feels awesome to be back home working with this amazing program.

I am passionate about getting you involved and helping you find your spark! Whether you are interested in leadership, science, or hands-on projects, I want you to know that 4-H is a welcoming space for everyone to learn, grow, and succeed.

I can't wait to meet you all at our upcoming events and see what we can achieve together this year. Let's make it a great one!



Membership and participation in activities and events are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, veteran status, or disability. If you have a disability that requires special

accommodation for your participation in an activity, please contact us at 337-369-4440

Fall Fun Day Results

Fall Fun Day was held on November 8th at Iberia Middle School. Members competed in the Beef Cookery, Rice Cookery, Bicycle Rodeo, and Archery Contests. We also finished accepting entries for our virtual pumpkin contest on October 31st. Members who placed Grand Champion or 1st Place Overall are listed. Congratulations to all participants!!!

BEEF COOKERY

Beef Grand Champion – Wyatt Armentor, Caneview Elem
Beef Reserve Champion – Kadience Robicheaux, Magnolia Elem
Beef One Dish Meal – Wyatt Armentor, Caneview Elem
Beef Quick & Easy – Cael Prince, Belle Place Elem
Beef Low Calorie – Kadience Robicheaux, Magnolia Elem

RICE COOKERY

Rice Grand & Reserve Champion – Taynslee Holliday, Catholic High
Rice Main Dish – Addilyn Lowe, Magnolia Elem
Rice Side Dish – Taynslee Holliday, Catholic High
Rice Dessert – Taynslee Holliday, Catholic High



BICYCLE RODEO

4th – 6th Grade Division: Payton Delahoussaye, Caneview Elem
7th – 12th Grade Division: Caiden Baudoin, Loreauville High

ARCHERY SHOOTOUT

4th – 6th Grade Division: Elliot Suire, JIRES
7th-12th Grade Division: Gordon Schexnayder, HOTT

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

4th-6th

4-H Spirit – Helen Dugas, Delcambre Elem
Animal – Annie Kate Frederick, Delcambre Elem
Carved – Addilyn Lowe, Magnolia Elem
Physical Activity – Ella Brown, Homeschool Elem
Scientific – Elise Louviere, Loreauville Elem

7th-12th

4-H Spirit – Evan Bourque, HOTT
Animal – Charlie Breland, HOTT
Carved – Zo'Wee Morvant, Delcambre High
Physical Activity – Ramsey White, Loreauville High
Scientific – Tevin Galentine, Anderson Middle

Award Opportunities for 4-H'ers

The 4-H Emerald Achievement Award, 4-H Golden Clover Award, and Senior Honor Cord are prestigious state awards given to a few Louisiana 4-H members. Contact the 4-H Office or your club leader for an award application. Applications are due to the 4-H Office by **January 23, 2026**.

4-H Golden Clover Award: The Louisiana 4-H Golden Clover Award is an award designed to recognize the achievements of junior 4-H members for their project work, leadership, and community service.

Golden Clover Award Requirements:

- Must be under 14 years of age by January 1, 2026.
- Must have at least two years of 4-H club work, including award year.

4-H Emerald Achievement Award: The 4-H Emerald Achievement Award in Louisiana gives recognition to 4-H Club members who have shown outstanding leadership ability in their club and in their parish.

Emerald Achievement Award Requirements:

- Must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2026.
- Must have 3 years of 4-H club work including award year.
- Must have completed one year of active Junior Leadership work excluding award year.

Senior Honor Cords: The Honor Cord award recognizes 4-H members who are graduating seniors.

Senior Honor Cord Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled 4-H member in good standing.
- Must be a graduating senior.
- Must have been enrolled in 4-H for 3 years of their high school career.
- Must have participated in at least one state-level 4-H program in the past 3 years or demonstrated exemplary parish- level program involvement.

Senior Scholarships

The Louisiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship application for 2024 is available for seniors to complete. Senior 4-H members should submit scholarship applications by **Friday, February 20, 2026**. Contact the Iberia 4-H Office for more details.



Spring Livestock Show Season is Here!

The Iberia Parish 4-H Livestock Show is scheduled for January 16-17, 2026, at the SugArena in New Iberia. This show will feature swine, beef, dairy, goat and sheep species. Exhibitors have worked very hard to prepare their projects for the Spring Livestock Show. We wish them the best of luck this season!

The Acadiana District Livestock Show will take place on January 27-31, 2026, at Blackham Coliseum Complex in Lafayette, LA. This is a qualifying show for the LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show.

The LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show will take place in Gonzales, LA on February 14-21, 2026, at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center.

Iberia Parish 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show

The 2026 Parish Poultry and Rabbit Show is scheduled for Friday, February 13th at the SugArena. The State Rabbit Show is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, February 19-20, 2026 at Lamar Dixon. Contact Ms. Patrice at pcahee@agcenter.lsu.edu for entry paperwork and information. All poultry and rabbit exhibitors should have their animals entered into the 4-H Online system.

***Health papers are required for all exhibition poultry and rabbits

4-H Broiler Project Workshop # 2

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Learn how to select your best birds and prepare broilers to show. Please DO NOT bring birds to this workshop. All 4-H'ers showing broilers at the Spring Livestock Show are encouraged to participate.



4-H Rabbit Workshop

WHEN: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:30pm

There will be a rabbit workshop at the 4-H Office for all 4-H'ers interested in showing a rabbit at the Parish Rabbit Show. You will learn about proper care and how to prepare your rabbit for the show.

Junior Leader Club Membership

WHO: 4-H members in grades 7th-12th.

WHEN: January 22nd at 5:30pm in the Iberia Parish 4-H Office

WHAT: Serving as a Junior Leader is an honor, opportunity and a responsibility. By being a Junior Leader, you can:

- Develop your leadership skills
- Become a leader in your community
- Volunteer to help better the 4-H program and community.

You will develop your abilities to plan, organize and facilitate events and activities, all while having fun and making lifelong friends! Club membership dues are \$5.

4-H University

4-H University is an opportunity available to all 4-H'ers who are in 8th-12th grades. You will spend a week on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, stay in the dormitories just like college students, and attend competitions! 4-H University is scheduled for June 23-26, 2026.



Why attend 4-H U? Representing IBERIA PARISH in an unforgettable experience! 4-H'ers from all 64 parishes gather on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge, so you will be able to meet new people and make new friends!

Dates to Remember

January 2026

- 7: Premier Exhibitor Contest at Iberia 4-H Office
- 8: Broiler Pickup
- 16-17: Parish Livestock Show @ SugArena**
- 19: MLK Day – 4-H Office Closed
- 20: Broiler Workshop
- 21: Rabbit Workshop
- 22: Golden Clover, Emerald Achievement Award, Honor Cord Submissions Due**
- 22: Junior Leader Meeting @ 5:30pm**
- 27-31: Acadiana District Livestock Show

February 2026

- 7: Spring Contest Day**
- 12: Junior Leader Meeting @ 5:30pm**
- 13: Parish Poultry & Rabbit Show**
- 14-21: LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show
- 17: Mardi Gras – Office Closed
- 27: Senior Scholarships Due

March 2026

- 6-8: Junior Leadership Conference
- 7: Parish Archery Match
- 9: Area Cookery Contest
- 21-22: Southern Regional Archery Match