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## Special Edition! April 2020 Teresa's Tid Bits.....

I want to send out a huge thanks to my 4-H family for your patience during the COVID-19 outbreak. At the Extension Office, we are trying to keep things running as usual and taking added precautions to keep the spread of this virus minimal. I want to remain positive that things will get back to normal in May, and we will be back on schedule as usual soon!

Leaders, I invite you to use the zoom meetings for your projects during this time. Zoom has a free subscription option that allows for groups up to 100 to meet for 40 minutes. If you need to meet with a larger group or for a longer time you can schedule your meetings through Teresa or Sharla. You will be able to stay connected with other 4-H families and keep up on project meetings. To schedule a meeting through us, simply email us the date and time of your meeting, how long your meeting will last, and the project or topic of the meeting and we will send you a link to share with your 4-H friends. Then when it is your meeting time, you will simply click on the meeting link and you will be able to hold your meetings!

Don't forget that all record books will be electronic this year through ZSuite. If you have not set up a household account for your family, see your 4HOnline page for the instruction pages.

I hope to see you soon!



Teresa Balderrama  
Kootenai/Shoshone County 4-H Program Coordinator



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### **UI Extension Kootenai/ Shoshone 4-H Program**



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If you are at home looking for something to do, check out our county Facebook page! There are new activities to do daily. You may even see some fun contests for our county 4-H Family!



What does Governor Little's Stay at Home order mean for 4-H? It means just that.....Stay at Home!

Our Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Family should use our HEADS and stay smart during this COVID-19 situation. Please take CDC recommendations seriously. Use your HEART to show compassion to your household and community during this time. Find things at home to keep your HANDS busy! Most importantly, keep your HEALTH as your first priority

for your club, your community, your country, and your world.

Clubs should NOT be meeting face to face during this time. The recommendations the Extension Office receives are changing all the time and we will work hard to keep you informed.

Our County Extension Office remains closed at this time. You can still reach us by phone and email as we are all working from home!

## Stay Connected With Zoom

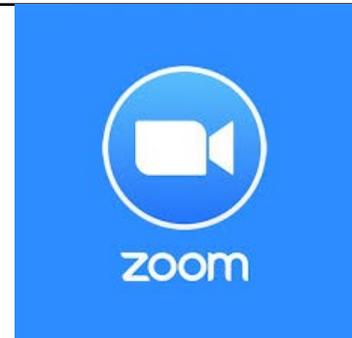
Using ZOOM to host 4-H meetings is very easy! If you would like to host a meeting using ZOOM follow these easy steps:

- Set up a free personal account (for small groups with short meetings)

OR

- Contact Teresa or Sharla with the date, time, length, and topic of your meeting
- Share the link we send you with anyone you want to attend.
- When it is time for your meeting, just click on the link we send you to join!

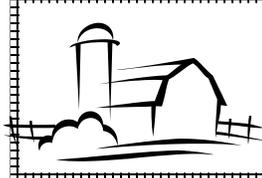
It's that Easy!



### **Virtual Office Hours Tuesday and Thursdays @ 2PM**

We miss you at our office and will be extending an invitation to a zoom session on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 PM. Links to these meetings will be posted on Facebook and emailed to you as well. You can drop into our zoom sessions for a moment or join us for as long as you want. This is an easy way to stay connected!

See you there!



# The Stock Barn



## Spokane Jr Livestock Show has cancelled for 2020

If you have a market animal ready to sell, please send us a photo and we will share it on our County Facebook page!

## 2020 North Idaho State Fair Market Animal Requirements

	Beef	Goat	Sheep	Swine
<b>Minimum Weight</b>	1,000 lbs*	65 lbs	110 lbs	230 lbs
<b>Maximum Weight</b> (Capped weight for Stock Sale)	1,500 lbs	110 lbs	160 lbs	300 lbs
<b>Minimum ADG</b> (to qualify for finals)	N/A	0.25 lbs/day	0.40 lbs/day	1.50 lbs/day

*\* for those members with registered Aberdeen steers, the minimum weight for 75% to pure is 750lbs and for 50% to 74% is 900 lbs.*

### Small Animal Council

April 21st at 6 PM @ ZOOM Only

### Livestock Leaders

The Livestock Leaders next scheduled meeting is **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM.

ZOOM ONLY

## Congratulations To Our Livestock Essay Winners!

**Pig: Caleb Salois**

**Lamb: Addison Jennings**

## State Teen Association Convention



Log on:

**STAC 2020**

Join the Idaho State Teen Association at virtual STAC this June!

Watch your email for more information!

**Introducing  
Online  
Record  
Books!**



**Just in case you haven't heard, we are using  
Zsuite for record books this year!**

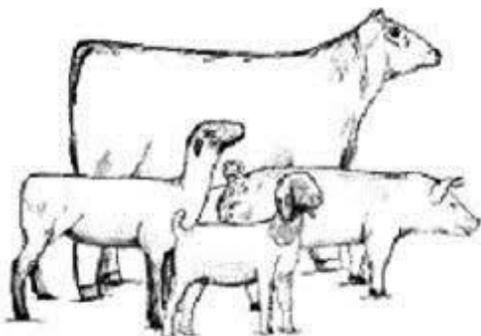
You can check your 4HOnline home page for a tip sheet on how to create Zsuite account and get your record books started. We will also have several Zoom sessions (listed below) for training and Q & A for using your Zsuite account.

April 10th @ 10:00 AM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/958806738>

April 13th @ 5:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/855997298>



Watch the Zsuite  
Calendar for more  
Dates!



**From our State 4-H Director,  
Dr. Jim Lindstrom**

## **Raising a 4-H Livestock Project**

Many UI Extension Educators and 4-H professionals have been receiving questions related to whether 4-H youth should purchase a market animal for the fair this year. A couple of questions include: What if we don't have a fair? What will I do with my animal?

The response to these questions is a question itself. Why are you enrolled in a 4-H livestock project?

- If your child is enrolled in 4-H so they can learn about the effort that goes into raising livestock and producing food animal products, get the animal.
- If your child is in 4-H so they can become a better citizen or learn about goal setting or gain practical leadership skills, get the animal.
- If your child is in 4-H so they can develop a sense of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity, get the animal.
- If your child is in 4-H so they can learn about resilience, determination, and never giving up hope (even in the middle of a pandemic), get the animal.

When a 4-H youth purchases an animal for a 4-H project, they become a livestock producer. Being a livestock producer comes with many risks. Some of those include animal health, increased feed costs, market fluctuation. If you and your youth can't stand the risk involved with livestock ownership, don't purchase an animal.

The agricultural community is powerful. The loyalty and camaraderie among it is bigger than words can describe. Even if we are unable to have fair in the traditional sense, we will do everything possible to ensure the youth have an opportunity to display their work. Whether it's posters or videos, virtual judging's, or even online auctions, we will do our best to save the 4-H experience for the youth. We will work cooperatively with Fair Boards and Sale Committees to help with arrangements for marketing animals. We will not strand youth with a project; instead, we will work right alongside them to figure out where that animal can go. Whether it's taking it to a packer five minutes up the road or loading it on a trailer headed halfway across the U.S., we will do the best job that we can to help youth navigate the "end-game." And lastly, we can guarantee that your child will learn. That, despite limited club meetings or days at the county fair, your child will learn the important things -- the things that matter. They will fill the days of this pandemic with hope as opposed to grief. Your child will develop a relationship with their animal(s) like they never have before, because, quite frankly, it's one of the few things they have left.

Is there a chance their experience will be different this year? Yes.

Much of this information is from many sources and has been published via FaceBook. We have modified the information for UI Extension 4-H Youth Development programs.