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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

“To Make the Best Better”

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and have plans over the next few weeks to reconnect with family and friends to celebrate the things you are most grateful for. Many of us may find this holiday season looks different and requires more careful planning. In a year with more than its fair share of uncertainty, there is always a silver lining—this is a great time to create new traditions with your family, learn a new skill, or pick up a hobby!

While the next few weeks tend to be a quieter time of year for 4-H, use your holiday break to outline your goals for the year, explore potential new project areas, and identify new leadership opportunities. Let our office know if you have ideas or questions about a specific opportunity or project. If you are a teen, don't forget about upcoming statewide events, like Know Your Government, which will be delivered in a hybrid format on President's Day weekend (more on pg. 3) and stay tuned for new dates TBA on the Northern District Ambassador Retreat.

As 2020 draws to a close, know that I am grateful for each of you and the resiliency you have shown this year. You should be proud of your creativity, adaptability, and growth as 4-H members and leaders. You didn't hesitate to overcome the obstacles of this year, and you are better prepared for tackling tough challenges in the future—that is something worth celebrating! Wishing each one of you a healthy and happy holiday season!

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COVID-19 & 4-H PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

ANNEX ACCESS RESTRICTED



Starting Monday, December 7, access to the Latah County Annex building is by appointment only.

If you need to visit Latah County Extension in-person, please contact us in advance to setup an appointment at 208-883-2267 & call us when you arrive so we can let you in. Building policy requires face coverings for entry.

RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERING SIZE

Idaho is currently in Stage 2 of the Idaho Rebounds Plan in response to COVID-19:

- Gatherings of more than 10 people are **prohibited**.
- Any groups of 10 or fewer must adhere to physical distancing and sanitation protocol: Wash hands with soap and water for 20+ seconds; Cover coughs and sneezes; Regularly clean high-

touch surfaces and avoid shaking hands; Stay home if you are sick; Wear a face covering in public.

- The emergency health order for the City of Moscow requiring face coverings and physical distancing of 6' remains in effect.

This statewide order is in effect until further notice. Please do your part to keep you, your family, and your community healthy so 4-H can resume group activities of more than 10 people in the weeks to come.

Leaders, if your club has an upcoming meeting, **do not assume** you will be able to meet in person. Make a plan now for an alternative or virtual meeting format. We highly recommend maintaining your meeting schedule and make modifications to your meeting format, rather than canceling.

GENERAL 4-H NEWS

Holiday Office Closures: The Extension office will be closed Dec. 21-25 and Dec. 31–Jan. 1.



ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

It's time to enroll! Reminder: you are not considered a 4-H member until you complete enrollment through 4-H Online. Mark your calendar each fall—enrollment is completed annually.

***SYSTEM UPDATE:** 4-H Online was updated to version 2.0 in October. You will see a new look and feel when you enroll this year.

- Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Login to your 4-H Online account with your existing credentials. Do not create a new account if you are a returning member or leader.
- With the 2.0 upgrade, you may be asked to reset your password.
- Update your contact information.
- Update your project list! This helps us plan for fair each year. Be sure to add any new projects to your profile and drop any projects you are no longer doing.
- **ACTIVATE your enrollment by paying your dues via check, cash, or credit card over the phone:**

General Members: \$25

Horse Members: \$30

Leaders: \$5

Family Cap (3+ members): \$75

***Members are not covered by 4-H accident insurance until dues are paid!**

Need help? Stop by the Extension office and we will walk you through the process, or visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/4honline/help> for step-by-step guides and a video tutorial.



4-H RESOURCES, DOCUMENTS & RECORDS

The new 4-H year is a great time to review all the resources available to 4-H families. Check out the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development website for more! <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records>

A few things to make note of on the above website:

- **Idaho 4-H Policies & Procedures**—the most current version is Oct. 1, 2020–Sept. 30, 2022. It is the responsibility of all members, leaders, and parents/guardians to follow these policies and procedures.
- **Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook**—not sure what is required of your specific project? Use the project requirement handbook throughout the year to answer your questions!
- Club documents & resources—annual plan templates, financial summary forms, Parliamentary Procedure, officer handbooks, etc.
- Information for major statewide events such as STAC, KYG, Ambassadors, National 4-H Congress, and more!

HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE

- ✓ Check your email regularly. Email is the quickest and most efficient way to reach 4-H families. Not sure who to expect emails from?
 - 1) 4-H Online bulk email list serve
 - 2) UI Extension 4-H Educator, Sara Fluer
 - 3) Your 4-H club and project leaders
- ✓ Keep your project list up to date in 4-H Online. Much of our communication is project-based. If you haven't enrolled in a certain project, you will not receive updates from the Extension office and may miss information from your leader(s).
- ✓ Read the 4-H Newsletter. Find previous editions on our website: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/latah/4-h>
- ✓ Follow [Latah County 4-H](#) on Facebook.



LATAH COUNTY AWARDS

The 2019-2020 Latah County Awards Slideshow was emailed out county wide to families mid-November. It is also available online for viewing at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/latah/4-h/forms>. Scroll down past the Scholarships and Awards heading to find it.

Leaders from these clubs have a box at the Extension office with their awards and market animal record books:

Fix Ridge, Genesee Livestock, Golden Go-4's, Junior Farmers, Moscow Mustangs, Mountain View Swine.

AMBASSADOR RETREAT POSTPONED

The Ambassador Steering Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the Northern District Ambassador Retreat originally scheduled for January 16-18, 2021. New dates TBA.

Please visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/ambassador-retreats> for more information on the District Retreats.



KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT (KYG)

Registration open in 4-H Online November 20-January 6. Members must be enrolled and in good standing (dues paid) at the county level before applying for this event.

KYG is offered for 8th and 9th grade 4 H youth interested in learning more about how government works. This year, the 2021 KYG Conference will be a *hybrid format*. Steering Committee youth will be hosting the conference from Boise, ID. Youth delegates and chaperones will join from their homes via Zoom on Feb. 13 and travel to a face-to-face district location on Feb. 14 for committee hearings and mock trials. Delegates and chaperones are required to attend both days.

Northern District Site: Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort, 37915 F Nukwalqw Street, Worley, ID. Delegates and chaperones are required to provide their own transportation to and from the district location.

Face coverings, social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing will be required. Registration fee \$25.00 (includes t-shirt, lunch and breaks at the district activity on 2/14). For more information: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/know-your-government>



4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2020-2021

4-H College Scholarships are available for 4-H youth who plan to attend post-secondary institutions in Idaho. Please review the information on the scholarships available and how to apply by visiting our 4-H Scholarships page at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/scholarships>. Applications are due **December 15**.

Reminder: High School Senior FAFSA application for college opens October 1. Be sure to complete it as soon as possible as many schools use that information for awarding scholarships in early January. Contact your local High School Counselor for information.

If you have questions about 4-H college scholarships, please contact the UI Extension 4-H Youth Development office at 208-885-6321 or fourh@uidaho.edu.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

Reminder that as you select animal projects for the year that all animal projects, large livestock and small animals, require ownership and/or providing primary care for a specific number of days. Plan ahead and make sure you have your animals secured well in advance.

Days of possession are set at the state level. Refer to the [Idaho Project Requirements Handbook](#) for more information.

- 150 days—Market Beef
- 100 days—Market Swine
- 70 days – Market Goat and Market Sheep
- 90 days—Llama/Alpaca, Breeding Beef, Pullets/Laying Hens, Family Flock, Cat, Cavy, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Breeding meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Pack Goat, Pet Goat, Horse, Breeding Rabbit, Pet Rabbit, Breeding Sheep.
- 60 days—Pocket Pet
- 8 weeks—Market Broiler and Market Rabbit

LEADER'S CORNER

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H LEADERS

4-H Leaders are essential to a healthy and sustainable 4-H program not only at the club and project level, but also at the county level. Play a larger role in providing input and ideas that enhance the 4-H program, get involved with fundraising, event coordination, and more. We need certified 4-H leaders willing to serve in the roles listed below. Consider taking your service to 4-H a step further!

Livestock Market Animal Sale (LMAS) Committee

- 4-H Leader's Council Representative (3-year term)
- 4-H Livestock Leader Representative (3-year term)

The next scheduled LMAS meeting is February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Contact any current member of LMAS for more information.

Latah County Leader's Council: Vice President (3-year term serving as Vice President, President, Past President) If you are interested in Vice President or would like to discuss the opportunity further, please contact me at sfluer@uidaho.edu or 208-883-2267. Nominations and elections for this position will occur at the January 25, 2021 Leader's Council meeting.

Latah County Fair Board: There is a vacancy on the Fair Board. Applicants do not need to be 4-H leaders to be considered. Submit a letter of interest to the Latah County Commissioners.

LEADER TRAINING

Returning leaders, to maintain your certification for the 2020-2021 4-H year, you must:

- Enroll in the new 4-H year in 4-H Online.
- Complete the Protecting Minors Training— it can be done in 4-H Online during enrollment. It takes less than 20 minutes and automatically records the date completed.
- We recommend a minimum of 2 additional hours of continuing education related to 4-H, youth development, or your project area. Some ideas:
 - * CALS Speaker Series—[Temple Grandin](#) lecture. Found on UI website.
 - * [Stewards of Children](#)—offered through Gritman Medical Center. We will reimburse you the cost of the class if you provide proof of attendance.
 - * Super Saturday Leader Training in collaboration with Clearwater, Nez Perce, Idaho and Lewis Counties—TBA Spring 2021.
 - * Stay tuned for additional opportunities throughout the year!

Upcoming meetings for Horse Leaders, Livestock Leaders, & Leader's Council:

- **January 25**
- **March 22**
- **May 24**
- **July 26**
- **September 27**

Meetings will be held at the Latah County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted. Groups meet as follows:

- Horse Leaders—5:30 pm
- Livestock Leaders—6:00 pm
- Leaders Council—6:30 pm

4-H CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6—KYG Registration closes in 4-H Online
- ~~16-18—Northern District Ambassador Retreat~~ **Ambassador Retreat Postponed.**
- 18—Holiday, Latah County Extension closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 25—Leader's Council Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 13-15—Know Your Government Conference
- 15—Holiday, Latah County Extension closed—President's Day
- 21—Model Horse Show

MARCH

- 6—Horse Bowl
- 22—Leader's Council Meeting

APRIL

- 15—Horse Identification Sheets Due
- TBA—Market Beef Tagging/Weigh-in

MAY

- 24—Leader's Council Meeting
- 31—Holiday, Latah County Extension closed—Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1—Market Swine Possession Deadline
- 15—UI Dairy Cattle lease forms due to Extension office
- TBA—State Teen Association Convention (STAC)

JULY

- 5—Holiday, Latah County Extension closed—Independence Day (observed)
- TBA—Market Sheep and Goat Tagging/Weigh-In
- 24—Latah County Horse Show
- 26—Leader's Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 6—Holiday, Latah County Extension closed—Labor Day
- 16-19—Latah County Fair

