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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

"To Make the Best Better"

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Happy Fair Month!! Thank you all for completing your fair registration BEFORE the deadline! August was busy with Horse Show, Dog Show, Cat Show, Fair Fun Fridays, and Fashion Revue. I also helped at the Idaho County Carcass Contest most of last week. This week our office will be busy finalizing fair preparations and judging record books. We will also be closed on September 16 to recover from fair. Also, just a forewarning, I will be traveling to the other fairs quite a bit again this month. With the new Extension Educators and 4-H Coordinators in the area, I will be helping at the Nez Perce County Fair (Sep 18-22) and the Lewis County Fair (Sep 26-28). I will be trying to check my email daily, but if you need a quicker response, you can call Ember or Zoey at the office.

-*Jessie Van Buren*

FAIR EDITION!

Be sure to read this issue of the newsletter for
important details about fair!

YOUTH REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!

Fair requires a lot of hard work, but don't forget to enjoy it! You have an amazing opportunity to showcase your accomplishments, educate the public about your exhibit or animal, and share what being in 4-H means to you. Be sure to check out other exhibits at the fair, visit the carnival and vendors, and introduce yourself to other 4-H and FFA members to make new friends!

PARENTS HELPING AT FAIR

Family members are our biggest fans at fair and play an important role in supporting and guiding youth in 4-H. However, parents should be mindful of how they support their 4-H'ers. If a 4-H'er needs help, encourage them to ask an older youth to lend a hand! Peer learning is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and make new friends! Lastly, as a judge, my largest irritation was when the audience didn't clap and cheer for the exhibitors. Remember your 4-H'er is looking to you to model good sportsmanship, so cheer on **all** the youth during the shows and thank the judges for their time!

RECORD BOOKS

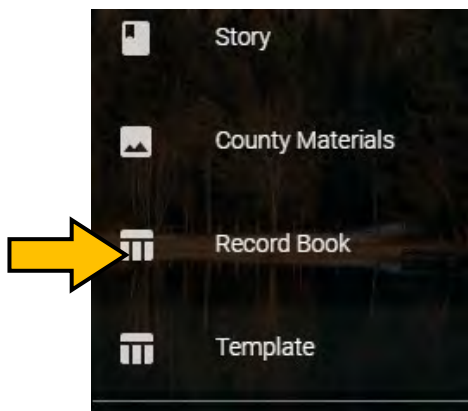
THE BASICS

- ZSuite is Idaho's statewide 4-H record book system.
- Record books should be mostly typed, but can include handwritten sections (i.e. story, income, etc.).
- Record books must be signed to be "complete".
- All project record books include an Involvement Report and may have additional inserts (i.e. Animal Science Skills Checklist, Producer Affidavit).
- Write N/A in any fields that do not apply.
- The 4-H Story is about the total experience, so members may write one story to cover all projects for the year. Include a copy in each record book.
- Remember: what you turn in is how you will be judged.

READY TO PRINT THE FINAL PRODUCT?

Follow the steps below to print your record book:

1. While logged in to ZSuite, open the record book you wish to print.
2. From the black navigation bar on the left side of your screen, select 'Record Book'.



3. Once your record book is open, look for the blue 'Download' button near the top of the page.



4. Click 'Download'. Your record book will download into a PDF that can be printed. DO NOT submit your record book online. If you have problems downloading your book, try removing/reuploading any photos or documents. Another suggestion is trying a different computer.
5. Repeat the steps to print your Involvement Report.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

COMMON QUESTIONS:

- **How do I present my record book?** We recommend presenting your record book in a pocket folder or binder.
- **Are we submitting record books online through ZSuite?** No, print and turn in a hard copy.
- **Where do I find the Involvement Report?** Navigate to the place where you would create a new Record Book. In the project name section, type the words 'Involvement Report'. Make your club and age division selections from the dropdowns. When prompted to select the record book type in the next dropdown, look for Involvement Report. It is included in the list where you select your type of record book.
- **I have been in 4-H for several years already, do I need to start over on my Involvement Report in ZSuite?** No. Keep building on the document you have in progress. Members who are new to 4-H from 2019 forward should use ZSuite to build their Involvement Report. **Don't forget** to include a copy of your Involvement Report in EACH project record book.
- **Who needs a copy of the Animal Science Checklist?** Only large animals need to include the Animal Science Checklist. Small animals need to complete 5 animal science activities relevant to their species, but DO NOT need to include the Animal Science Checklist.

Record Book Due Dates

Clothing & Textiles—record books AND exhibits: Tuesday, September 3, 5:00pm at the Extension Office.

Non-market animal (breeding, pet)—record books are due: Tuesday, September 3, 5:00pm at the Extension Office.

General Projects & Cloverbuds—record books are due with your exhibits at check-in: Wednesday, September 11, 3:00–7:00pm at the Events Center at the Fairgrounds.

Market Animal Record Books: Due Sunday, September 15, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm at the Extension mobile office near the Sale Barn. This applies to all market animal species.

Market Animal Members

Complete as much as possible PRIOR to fair. Print what you have done **before** departing for fair. Any remaining details from fair can be written into your record book while on site at the Fairgrounds. Do not forget to include your Bill of Sale/Producer Affidavit and the animal science checklist!

FAIR UPDATES

BARN CLEANING/DECORATING

Decorating may start on Saturday, September 7 or may be completed at any point up to fair time. Battery operated LED lights are acceptable. **Request from Fairground management** - Please be sure to clean up the decorations in your area following the close of the Fair on Sunday!

FAQ: WEIGH-IN

- What should I bring to final weigh-in? Beef animals will need their Brand Inspection. Bill of Sale forms will need to be included in all market animal record books. Please be sure ear tags are clean!
- What happens to underweight animals? Underweight animals stay at the Fair until Sunday evening. They show in an underweight quality class for participation and compete in showmanship like normal.
- Can underweight animals sell? 'For sale' signs for underweight animals can be posted on stalls and/or social media AFTER the livestock auction is completed. Exhibitors that do not sell through the Latah Market Animal Sale can not receive add-ons through the committee.
- How many days on feed? Beef 144 (4/20); Swine 105-103 (5/29-31); Sheep/Goat 65 (7/8)

4-H LEADER & FFA ADVISOR MEETING

A brief meeting for 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors will be on **Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm** at the LMAS lunch tent (between mobile office and Safeway) to handout club/chapter packets and go over a few new fair items.

EXHIBITOR MEETING

Plan on attending an all-animal exhibitor meeting on **Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm** in the sale barn area to catch important information about fair, expectations in the barns, and more!

ANIMAL CARE

The fair is the culmination of all your hard work! Please remember that the expectation to care properly for your animals continues once you arrive at fair.

- Animals must be fed and watered at least 2x per day, and **must** remain until **5:00 pm on Sunday**.
- Animal pens and stalls must be kept clean.
- Animals NOT PROPERLY cared for may be sent home and premiums forfeited.
- Exhibitors NOT PROPERLY caring for their animals may not be allowed to enter future livestock

projects.

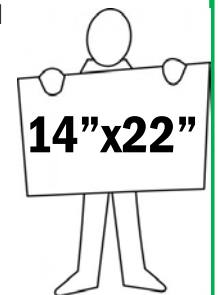
- All animals must be stalled inside each evening by 6:30 pm, unless being exercised or washed.
- All cattle projects are required to have a neck rope on while stalled or in tie-outs. Chains **are not allowed**. One rope must be tied to the rail and one to the cable for safety reasons. If you have any questions about using a neck rope, please contact your Beef or Dairy Leader.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Your animal may be chosen to participate in the judging contest. Ask your Barn Superintendent if you have specific questions. Reminder—livestock 4-H members are **required** to participate in the Livestock Judging Contest in order to be eligible for County Medals. It is optional for Cloverbuds but is a good way to get experience and practice. The contest will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 am. Registration begins at 8:00 am. ****Adult volunteers will be needed to hold animals, collect cards, and lead groups!****

GENERAL 4-H PROJECT CHECK-IN & PICK-UP

All general 4-H projects, with the exception of Sewing (due Sept. 3), will be due on Wednesday, September 11, from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Submit your exhibits and record books at the 4-H table **at the East door of the Middle Room (across from the Ice Rink)**. For those who are completing a poster, please keep your poster size close to 14"x22". General projects will be displayed in the Large Room of the Main Events Center this year. Please return to the 4-H exhibit area to pick up your exhibits (general and non-market animal) on Sunday, September 15, from 5:00pm—7:00pm.



SEWING PROJECTS

Style Review is Thursday, September 12, at the Latah County Fair 5:00-5:30 pm on the Main Stage. Exhibitors—please report to the Events Center by the 4-H exhibits at 4:15 pm so you can change into your outfit for Style Review. You will need to be dressed and ready by 4:45 pm. We will award ribbons based on the results from Fashion Review judging on 8/29, as well as the results from construction judging for **all** sewing projects. Please return to the 4-H exhibit area to pick up your sewing projects on Sunday, September 15, from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm.

September Information

Species	Minimum Weight	Maximum Weight	Days on Feed
Market Beef	1100	1550	144
Stocker Feeder	550	900	144
Swine	240	295	103-105
Sheep	110	150	65
Goat	70	120	65

WEIGHT CHECK IN

If you would like to check the weight of your animal at the Latah County Fairgrounds, please feel free to contact the Extension Office, so we can help coordinate. Scales will be open during Fair Fun Fridays for exhibitors to check weights.

Any record books this year that include a growth chart will receive 2 bonus points!

Beef: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/uidaho-responsive/files/extension/4-h/projects/market-beef-growth-chart-72110.pdf?rev=d862eab74d394404b7b2df1fd8c19ed1>

Swine: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/uidaho-responsive/files/extension/4-h/projects/market-swine-growth-chart.pdf?rev=1501ffffad9c409da3dbe7e29b33c0db>

Sheep: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/uidaho-responsive/files/extension/4-h/projects/market-sheep-growth-chart.pdf?rev=37b3455aeb9042cab68e4a335209c9c3>

Goat: <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/uidaho-responsive/files/extension/4-h/projects/market-goat-growth-chart.pdf?rev=1704df4dcbe248af9b11c5935675006c>

ADULT SHOWMANSHIP JACKPOT

FRIDAY
FOLLOWING
SHOWMANSHIP FINALS
TIME TO BE DETERMINED

SHEEP, GOATS, BEEF, PIGS

\$10 AN ANIMAL

MUST GET PERMISSION FROM LIVESTOCK OWNER

NO USE OF GRAND OR RES CHAMPION SHOWMANSHIP ANIMALS

FUNDRAISER FOR JR FARMERS 4-H CLUB

From LMAS:

Please help us secure "runners" for the sale! This duty rotates among communities and Potlatch/Kendrick are the lucky winners this year.

What is a runner? A runner takes the documents from the auction table to the buyer for their signature and also runs documents to the LMAS shed.

It requires that students are tactful (like don't interrupt a buyer who is bidding), respectful (THANK buyers!) and ready to engage with buyers and the public. A smile and appropriate dress are also required ;)

Andrew Saralecos- Past LMAS President, will be in charge of orienting and organizing these students, please ask students to report 5-10 minutes prior to their shift and make sure to be "released" at the end.

I have 7 student slots for each of the 1-hour time frames. Please have students use first and last names as well as the club or entity they are representing in the comments section of the sign-up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA4A62CA4FAC07-51144132-sale>

Please let us know if you have any questions!

September Information



FREE Equine Clinic

A Hands-On Workshop on Nutrition and First Aid

Come learn from local Veterinarians and Lane Howe, a Purina sales specialist.

WHEN: OCTOBER 8TH 6 PM AT INTERMOUNTAIN FEED

- ★ DINNER PROVIDED
- ★ DOOR PRIZES
- ★ EXCLUSIVE DEALS

COME LEARN HOW TO EARN A FREE BAG OF PURINA HORSE FEED!

WIN ME!



THE FIRST 50 RSVPs ARE ENTERED TO WIN A BUCKET, WITH EXTRA GOODIES!



HOW TO RSVP:
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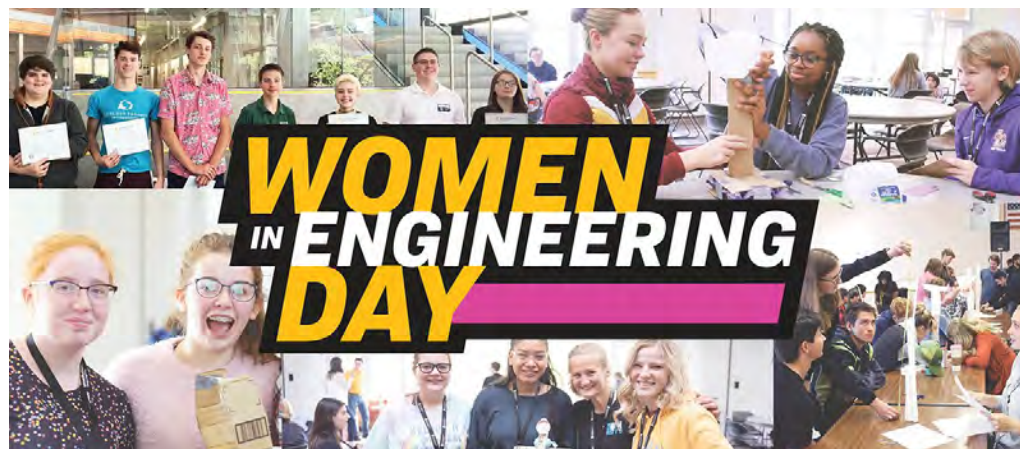
“First Timers” Pre-Fair Meeting



Join the Fair Director for a Grounds Tour,
Explanations of What/When/Where/Why,
Questions & Answers,
and all other details about FAIR!

Friday, September 6th
6pm to 7pm

University of Idaho Information



[Women in Engineering Day](#) is Saturday, September 28.

[Registration](#) is now open until September 15!

Explore how your existing skills and creative mindset can help you become a successful engineer or computer scientist! Women in Engineering (WIE) Day is a free workshop for 5th through 12th grade students designed to help you learn how engineers work together to help people, solve problems, and change the world.

From UI AVS Dept:

The University of Idaho offers AVS 110 Science of Animal Husbandry (3 credits) as a Dual Credit Course through the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance (IDLA). AVS 110 goes over the fundamental concepts of animal husbandry and its foundation in the science of animal production; introduction to the technical subject matter of animal production. This course counts towards University of Idaho AVS-PreVet, Production, Business, and Dairy Science degrees.

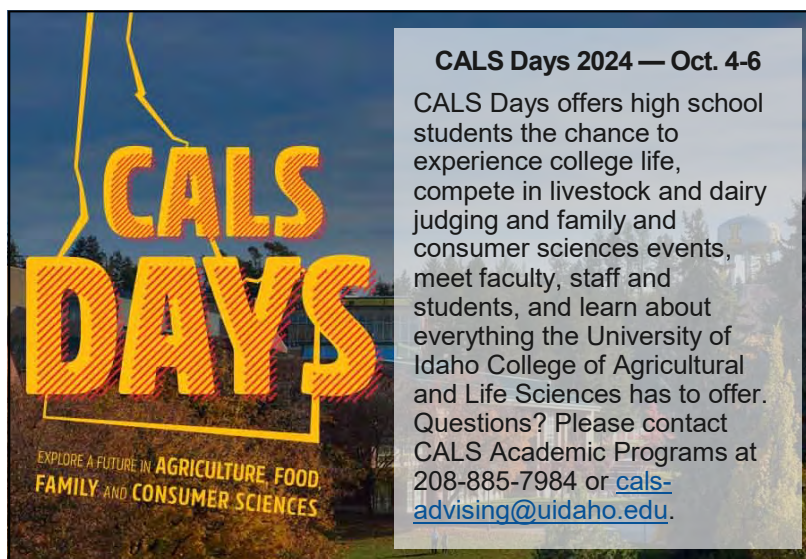
University of Idaho Dual Credit home page: <https://www.uidaho.edu/academics/dual-credit>

IDLA courses, search for **Dual Credit Science of Animal Husbandry (U of I)** on this link: <https://idla.org/courses/course-schedule/>

Please share this information with anyone who may know a high school student in the state of Idaho. Last year 90 students completed the course. This course counts towards their animal science degree. When they come to campus they will take the lab portion of the course (AVS 110L). We have several students in our program currently that completed this course the first year it was offered.

Kind Regards,

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[CALS Days registration](#) is now open until September 27! Each student planning to attend will be able to register for themselves using the above URL link or the link posted on the [CALS Days](#) website. We ask that all parents/teachers/advisors in attendance also complete a registration form. A schedule for the weekend, price package breakdowns, workshop descriptions, and other helpful information can be found at the website as well.

2024 4-H Dates to Remember

September 11	Latah County Fairgrounds	General projects & books DUE (County)
September 11	Latah County Fairgrounds	Market animal weigh-in and small animal check-in
September 11-15	Latah County Fairgrounds	FAIR! (County)
September 15	Latah County Fairgrounds	Market animal books DUE (County)
September 23	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
October 4-6	Cascade	4-H iLEAD Summit (State)
October 4-6	University of Idaho	UI CALS Days (Regional)
Mid-October	ZSuite	2024-2025 Enrollment Opens
October 15	Extension Office	Club financial reporting DUE (County)
October 25	Extension Office	Year End Award Applications DUE (County)
October 28	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leader Training—Project Requirements & ZSuite (County)
November 10	Latah County Fairgrounds	Awards Night (County)
November 25	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)

CLUB FINANCIAL AUDITS

All club leaders can expect to receive information in late September regarding annual club financial reports. They are due by **October 15**. This is a process completed annually and is required if clubs are to remain in good standing and enroll members each year.

Club leaders need to complete the following documents:

1. Annual Financial Summary
2. Annual Financial Audit Committee Certification
3. Financial Audit Form Checklist
4. Civil Rights Engagement Report

PLUS - a copy of your club's most recent bank statement.

PHOTO UPLOAD!

Joe Stanley has kindly created a website for all of you to upload/download photos from throughout the 4-H year. Please submit any photos you have to **Idaho 4-H Photos** (<https://photos.idaho4h.org/county/Latah>) by October 25 to be included in the Award's Night slideshow.

You can view photos here: <https://albums.idaho4h.org/gallery#GUqGBqt-ZjfAOIA5A44nIqNE>.

Thank you, Joe!!