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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

“To Make the Best Better”

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Happy Holidays! Hopefully, you enjoyed your time and made the most of school break. The office will be closed January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Also, I will be travelling Jan 19-21 for the State Teen Association Convention Planning Committee meeting in Boise. Feel free to contact me via email or call the office if you need assistance.

Leaders - as you are planning your project meetings, please let me know if you need any help procuring supplies. If I don't have the items in my office, I may be able to purchase them for you to borrow. Also, please remember to renew your leader status (training, background check, dues)! Thank you for all that you do to support the youth in the county!

-Jessie Van Buren

2023-2024 ENROLLMENT

Latah County enrollment for the new 4-H year in ZSuite is open. If you already have a ZSuite account, please do not create a new account.

Enrollment will happen through your existing family account.

Enrollment is not considered COMPLETE until your dues are paid via check, cash, or credit card over the phone:

General Members: \$25

Horse Members: \$30

Leaders: \$5

Family Cap (3+ members): \$75

New this year: Latah County 4-H enrollment (ZSuite submitted & dues paid) will be due March 31 in order to have a project at the Latah County Fair.

Coming soon: Latah County will soon have an online payment platform! A link to pay dues online will be sent out when it becomes available and will be provided in ZSuite.

Be sure to follow *UI Extension 4-H, Latah County* on Facebook to stay up to date on county events and other regional opportunities!



KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

February 17-19, 2024 in Boise

Registration Cost: \$225

Open to youth in grades 8 to 10

(Youth may only attend 2 times unless selected for the Steering Committee)



Mission

Provide youth an opportunity to become knowledgeable about the decision-making process in legislative and judicial branches of government.

Register

- From Dec. 8-Jan. 8
- Online at ZSuite: <https://4h.zsuite.org>
- Pay online at: [4-H Youth Development market place](#)



Youth Leadership

- KYG Conference is planned in partnership with youth and adults.
- Youth in grades 9 and 10 may apply to serve on the planning committee.
- Applications are accepted at Conference.

Accommodations

- **Hyatt Place Downtown** is the Conference Hotel
- Lodging & most meals are included
- Transportation to and from Boise is provided for youth from Northern, Central, and Eastern Idaho.
- Events held at the Boise Centre, Capitol, UI Law Center, Supreme Court, and Ada County Courthouse



More Information

For more information, visit: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/know-your-government>

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Meet the 2024 Latah County 4-H Livestock Ambassadors!



MCKENNA (PUNK) KNOTT

McKenna is a member of the Golden Go-4's 4-H Club and the Moscow FFA Chapter. She has experience showing beef, goat, and swine. Previously, McKenna has helped other youth in the region with showmanship, clipping, halter breaking, and much more. McKenna is looking forward to helping more youth get involved in agriculture before going to college this fall.

SAMANTHA SMITH

Sam is also a member of the Golden Go-4's 4-H Club and the Moscow FFA Chapter. Her expertise includes raising and showing sheep. Sam has helped many youth with their showmanship techniques and selecting their animals. Sam enjoys helping youth gain confidence exhibiting their project.



BELLE ORCUTT

Belle is a member of the Country Kids 4-H Club and her local FFA Chapter. She has extensive knowledge of meat and dairy goat projects. Belle has helped with previous county wide goat project meetings and attended clinics to further her knowledge. Belle wants to be a resource for local youth to learn and improve their goat showmanship techniques.

Livestock Opportunities

Cloverbuds to Corduroy

JANUARY 6 • DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

\$5 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION // \$10 AT THE DOOR

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

- Feed & Nutrition with Cara Shepherd
- Livestock Sessions with Breeders
- Oral Reasons with an Expert
- FARM I.D. QUIZ & SKILLATHON**

3 - 7:30 P.M.

Battle of the Blue Contest Evening

FFA Creed, 4-H Demos, Prepared Speaking, Mock Interview
 \$5/Entry per contest • Ages 9-19
 Must Register by January 1.



Use QR Code to register, all fees are non-refundable.
 Questions? Call or text Alvx at 509-951-4213

Mark your calendars for this year's UI/WSU Youth Livestock Field Days!

- March 9 Beef
- March 23 Swine
- April 6 Sheep/Goat

These are open to all 4-H & FFA youth/adults in the region! Registration information coming soon!

2023-24 LATAH COUNTY

BEEF MEETINGS

NOV 19	WINTER WITH YOUR CALF - 3:00 PM KNOTT RESIDENCE, 2945 CLYDE RD, MOSCOW
DEC 17	COW CRAZY CHRISTMAS
JAN 17	CATTLE DISEASES
FEB	MEATS JUDGING
MAR	RUMINANTS AND NUTRITION
APR 7	SPRING SHED & SHOW
MAY 1-4	SPOKANE JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW
JUNE	GENETICS & PREGNANCY TESTING
JULY	ADVANCED CLIPPING AND FITTING
AUG	SHOWMANSHIP

We are excited to invite all Latah County 4-H and FFA Members to the county wide beef series. Each topic is selected to enhance member learning and opportunities in their 4-H and FFA beef project(s)

Contact: Mauri & Punk Knott mauriknott@gmail.com or SheilAnne Smith ssheilanne@gmail.com



LATAH COUNTY Swine Project

NOV 15	6:00 PM	ANIMAL SELECTION & RESERVATION	UI PAVILION ALEC VINYARD
JAN 17	6:00 PM	4-H SWINE 101	LATAH CO. FAIRGROUNDS ALEXIS BIASOTT DR. LAUREN CHRISTENSEN
MAR	TBD	UI SWINE FIELD DAY	
MAY	TBD	FEED & NUTRITION HOW TO MAKE YOUR PIG A PUPPY	CARA SHEPARD
JUN	TBD	CARCASSES & COOK OUTS	UI MEAT LAB JAMES NASADOS
JUL	TBD	SHOWTIME	

We are excited to invite all Latah County 4-H and FFA Members to the county wide swine series. Each topic is selected to enhance member learning and opportunities in their 4-H and FFA swine project(s)

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Livestock Opportunities

CHIP GILLIAM MEMORIAL PROGRAM

In 1997 the Chip Gilliam Memorial Fund was established to help Latah County youth by providing financial assistance for their 4-H and FFA market animal projects. Loan applications are due to the Fair Office by **March 31**. Applicants must be Latah County 4-H or FFA members and have approval from their 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. A link to the application can be found [here](#).

2024 BEEF SCHOOLS

JANUARY 9 & 16 OR JANUARY 10 & 17

Join UI Extension for the 2024 Beef Schools offered over two weeks at two locations in Northern Idaho. Events are free and dinner is provided. *Sponsored by the U of I Department of Animal, Veterinary and Food Sciences, Idaho County Farm Bureau and Clearwater-Lewis County Farm Bureau.*

WEEK 1 TOPICS:

- Feed ingredient sampling, testing and interpreting results - Meranda Small, UI Extension
- Nutritional needs of the cow - Don Llewellyn, WSU Extension Livestock Specialist

WEEK 2 TOPICS:

- Economics of feeding and ingredients - Tim Bodine, NW Research Nutritionist
- Mineral supplementation - Crystal White, CHS Nutrition and Feed Consultant

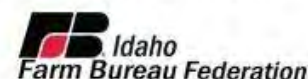
DATES & LOCATIONS:

JAN. 9 & 16 | 1424 MAIN ST. BYP., LEWISTON | 5:30-8 p.m.

JAN. 10 & 17 | 108 GRANGEVILLE TRUCK RTE., GRANGEVILLE | 5:30-8 p.m.

REGISTER BY JAN. 5

208-983-2667 OR MSMALL@UIDAHO.EDU



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO REQUIRE ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR COMMUNICATION OF PROGRAM INFORMATION OR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS NEED TO CONTACT MERANDA SMALL BY JANUARY 4 AT 320 W MAIN STREET, GRANGEVILLE, ID 83530, PHONE 208-983-2667.

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Speech Contest for Youth ages 5-18

Winners will be announced at our Annual Meeting February 24, 2024 CSI Evergreen Bldg Twin Falls, Idaho



This contest is open to youth ages 5-18, residing in Idaho.

Age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, ages 11-13, ages 14-18

Ages; 5-7: one to three minutes.

Ages; 8-10: three to five minutes.

Ages; 11-13: three to five minutes.

Ages; 14-18: five to seven minutes.

Entries may be submitted between January 1, 2024, and February 15, 2024

Youth must submit an unlisted YouTube URL of their speech with a video.

Online entry form submitted with required signatures.

Entries must be submitted online to idahopigs@gmail.com

Speech Topics

- How can youth showing pigs be the best advocates for the pork industry?
- How to prevent swine diseases as you navigate through the summer showing pigs at shows?
- How can the experience of raising pigs prepare me for my future?
- Why put pork on your fork?

Official Rules and Entry Forms can be requested by email.

idahopigs@gmail.com

Idaho State Department of Agriculture:

- A case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was confirmed in Latah County.
- Poultry owners should reinforce biosecurity measures for their flocks and prevent wild waterfowl from interacting with domestic birds. People that spend time in areas with high waterfowl traffic should also take precautions, as they (especially their shoes) could become contaminated and spread back onto their property.
- Preventative measures include: limiting the number of people who interact with your birds, washing hands before and after handling the birds, and having dedicated clothing and tools for each flock.

For questions, contact ISDA at 208-332-8500 or info@isda.idaho.gov.

Other Opportunities

DONATIONS NEEDED

Joe Stanley is planning a computer science workshop for this spring that will include dissecting computers, so we are needing donations of old computers (working or not)! Thank you in advance!



CLOVERBUDS

To foster the development of life skills essential to the cognitive, social, emotional and physical growth of youth 5 to 7 years old.

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITY SERIES

Mark your calendars for 2023-2024 dates!

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:30pm-7:30pm, Latah County Fairgrounds

Leaders and teens in the county will offer three activities for Cloverbud youth that are tailored to the season (fall, winter, spring). Siblings are more than welcome to participate! Dinner for the participants and volunteers will be provided!

Cloverbuds is designed for younger 4-H members ages 5-7. It is focused on non-competitive, cooperative learning. Cloverbuds can exhibit a small animal (rabbit, poultry, cavy, pet goat) or a static exhibit. Activities completed during this series can be submitted as a static exhibit.



LATAH COUNTY 4-H

Model Horse Show

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Latah County Fairgrounds – Large Room

Show begins at 1:00pm

(doors open for setup at 11:00am)

To request reasonable accommodations, please contact Latah County Extension at 200 S. Almon St, Ste 201, Moscow, ID 83843, latah@uidaho.edu, or 208-883-2267 at least two weeks prior to the event.

What is a Model Horse Show?

- A model horse show is like a regular horse show, but for model horses, such as Breyers.
- Horses are to be entered in classes based on size, action, and theme.
- Horses will be judged by condition, conformation, and quality.

*NOTE: Minimum of 10 exhibitor entries must be received to hold show. Exhibitors must register by deadline. Entries at the door will only be accepted if minimum number of entries have been met.

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2024

Registration Fee

- \$5/class
- \$20 for the day
- \$50 for families of 3 or more

Please make checks payable to Latah County Horse Leaders. All proceeds support the Latah County 4-H Horse program.

****Open to youth ages 5-18****

For more information or to join 4-H:

Contact Jessie Van Buren at Latah County Extension
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2024 4-H Dates to Remember

January 9, 16	Lewiston Community Center	UI Winter Beef School (Regional)
January 17	Latah County Fairgrounds	Swine - Project 101 (County)
January 17	Latah County Fairgrounds	Beef - Diseases (County)
January 22	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
February 7	Latah County Fairgrounds	Cloverbud Activity Night (County)
February 17-19	Boise	Know Your Government (State)
February 24	Lewiston High School	Super Saturday (Regional)
February 25	Latah County Fairgrounds	Model Horse Show (County)
February 26	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leader Training—ZSuite (County)
March 9	Asotin County Fairgrounds	Beef Field Day (Regional)
March 23	Latah County Fairgrounds	Swine Field Day (Regional)
March 25	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
March 31	Extension Office	Enrollment DUE (County)
March 31	Jim Logan, Fairgrounds	Chip Gilliam Applications DUE (County)
April 6	UI Campus, Moscow	Sheep/Goat Field Day (Regional)
April 22	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leader Training (County)
May 8	Latah County Fairgrounds	Cloverbud Activity Night (County)
May 28	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
June 24-27	UI Campus, Moscow	State Teen Association Convention (State)
July 22	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
August 26	Latah County Fairgrounds	Pre-Fair Parent/Leader/Advisor Meeting (County)
September 11-15	Latah County Fairgrounds	FAIR! (County)
September 23	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)