



IN THE NEWS

A Newsletter for Idaho County 4-H Families

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders & Parents:

It's Fair Time! This is your fair newsletter, which contains all the important dates and times for the fair and information on when to turn in books and 4-H projects.

Fair is an exciting and busy time. Remember to thank all the parents, volunteers, leaders and helpers who have worked hard to get you to this point!

Here are a few reminders as we go into fair week:

Don't forget to put the completed *Producer Affidavits* in the market animal record books. Leader Evaluations also need to be filled out, signed, and put in every record book.

If a member makes a mistake on a record book page, extra pages can be printed off the website: idahocounty.org and look for the 4-H clover! Be sure to check out the Idaho County 4-H Rulebook on the website also!

No dogs are allowed on fairgrounds property except for Certified/Licensed Service Dogs, and dogs participating in the dog show. Dogs are not allowed in any livestock areas. Dogs participating in the show are to be on a leash until they enter the arena. After the show they need to leave the fairgrounds.

Attn 4-H Clubs: When you are taking down stall decorations after the fair, please bring large trash bags and place them in the dumpsters so that you are not overflowing the small green trash cans. This will make stall cleanup go much smoother and eliminate trash on the ground. Please also try to remove any staples that you may have put up with your decorations.

All of us at the Extension Office are looking forward to working with you during the Idaho County Fair! The schedule of events for the 2025 Idaho County Fair is on the back of the Green Swing flyer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,



Jill Bruegeman
Idaho County 4-H Program Manager



Somewhere in this barn,
there is a little kid that
wants to be just like you
someday. You owe it to them
to be the BEST you can be.



Attention 4-H members:

Don't forget to nominate the 4-H Leader of your choice for the

Distinguished Service Award.

- We want to honor the leader who has helped you throughout the year and has made your 4-H year successful! Simply scan the QR code below and send us the name of the leader you wish to nominate.



Club Community Service Posters

Every club does a community service project. We want the communities to see what you've done! Simply put pictures on a poster board and explain what you did! Your poster needs to be on a full sheet of poster board (22"x28") so that it will fit in the display area. Enter your poster on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. The top two winning clubs will receive special prizes!

Livestock Days On Feed

Steer

(weighed 3/22/25)
151 days

Swine

(weighed 5/10/25)
102 days

Lambs/Goats

(weighed 6/7/25)
74 days

Sale Order for 2025 will be:

Steers - Sheep - Goats - Hogs

ATTENTION ALL 4-H LEADERS

Every 4-H project needs to have a Leader Evaluation Form filled out and signed by the project leader and the organizational leader. A 4-H project must have all the signatures on the record book and a Leader Evaluation to be judged as a completed project.

ENTERING 4-H PROJECTS

Clothing and Making the Most of Me:

All clothing projects need to be entered Monday August 18th when you come for fashion judging. At registration, your garments and record books will be checked in. **Record books will be turned into the fair office.** Be sure to have a picture of you in your outfit for the photo display card which you can get from your leader or pick up at registration. Don't forget to bring an entire outfit to dress your mannequin. You will only be judged on your project garment, but this keeps our mannequins from "going nude". Every 4-H project needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form. **This includes clover sewing and MMM also.**

4-H Foods and Specialty Projects:

(Including Club Secretary Books, Vet Science Projects & Community Service Posters)

You may enter foods and specialty projects on Tuesday evening, August 19th, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or on Wednesday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the 4-H building. Project labels need to be put on any project items that do not already have your name on them. Project labels will be available when you enter your projects. Every 4-H project needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form.

4-H Animal Record Books:

Rabbit and Dog record books : Due in the Fair Office by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20th. Every record book needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form.

Poultry record books

Poultry record books are due to the fair office by 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday August 20th. Every record book needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form.

Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goat record books:

Leaders are to gather their club's record books, sign them and turn them in to the Fair Office by 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 21st. No books will be accepted that are not signed. Every record book needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form.

Treasurer books:

These will be due November 1st with the club financial summary. This allows the treasurer to put in the income and expenses of the fair. They will be judged then.



4-H FASHION SHOW PRACTICE & JUDGING Monday, August 18th

As in previous years the 4-H Fashion Show Judging & Practice will be held on Monday of fair week. All 4-Hers who plan to participate in this year's 4-H Fashion Show must attend both the judging & practice session on Monday the 18th and the public show on Wednesday the 20th. The schedule for Monday's judging & practice is as follows:

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY'S SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR*****

9:00—9:30 a.m. Check in— fair office, turn in record books.

9:30 a.m. Modeling Practice & fashion Show Run-through.

11:00 a.m. Change into outfits

11:15—12:30 a.m. Judging

12:30—1:00 p.m. Break for lunch. Lunch is on your own. Bring a sack lunch - no concession stands will be open. We recommend bringing an apron or something to wear over your outfit so you don't spill your lunch on it!

1:00 p.m. Continue judging.

Models may leave after they have finished judging and have their mannequins dressed.

4-Hers need to bring and model their completed outfits for the judging.

As usual, this will be a long day for all of us. We accomplish a lot in a very short time period. It is essential that 4-Hers plan on staying for the entire time!!



4-H Fashion Show!

PUBLIC FASHION SHOW Wednesday, August 20th

We will follow the same procedure as previous years for the fashion show.

The 4-H Building will be open to the public from 4:00 to 6:15 p.m. after judging is completed. At 6:15 p.m. the 4-H Building will be closed so that all **FEMALE** models can change their clothes in that building. **MALE** models may remove their clothing projects at 6:00 p.m. and change in the Arena Building bathroom. Girls can take their curling irons, makeup, etc. to the dressing room and continue to get ready there.

After the fashion show, you will need to immediately return to the 4-H building to put your clothing display back, just as you found it. Please, look around and pick up all items you brought with you, like curling irons, mirrors, and hair brushes.

We will re-open the 4-H Building at 8:30 p.m. for public viewing, or as soon as all clothes are back and ready for display. We want the building to look great!!

4-H Animal Costume Contest is back again this year!

7:00 pm Thursday

- Must be a 4-H or FFA Member, and use your own animal.
- Dress yourself and animal in theme of the fair
- After showing your animal you must immediately return it to its stall.
- Open to dogs, horses, rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, cattle & pigs.
- Judged on theme, creativity, effort & handler matching the animal.
- Entry forms available at the 4-H office, must be turned in by 5:00 pm on Thursday.
- Cash awards for the top three entries!

Sheep Shearing:

August 16th at the Fairgrounds Beginning at 8:00 A.M.

Rock Hunt!

There are painted rocks that will be hidden throughout the Fairgrounds. If you find a painted rock, take it to the 4-H Snack Bar for a special treat.



SMALL ANIMAL SHOWS RABBITS, POULTRY & DOGS

The Rabbit Show will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20th in the Agee Livestock Pavilion. Because of the hot weather, members are encouraged to take their rabbits home at the end of the show unless they are camping on the grounds.

The Dog Show will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20th in the Agee Livestock Pavilion.

The Poultry Show will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20th in the Agee Livestock Pavilion. Because of the hot weather, members are encouraged to take poultry animals home at the end of the show unless they are camping on the grounds. If your bird is staying on the fairgrounds we recommend bringing some sort of mat or board for your animal cage, so they don't get sore feet.

4-H members showing rabbits and poultry will be in the show ring for a Fitting & Showing Class with oldest members showing first. Quality judging will take place at the cage.

Rabbit and Dog Record Books need to be turned into the Fair Office by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20th. Poultry books are due the same day by 1:00 P.M. (Before the show)

Livestock Reminders:

Cattle project members need to remember that cattle have to be tied in the barn with two ropes, a halter and a neck rope. This is required and will cut down on the number of animals getting loose, especially at night. You may want to have volunteers from your club take turns at night checking the animals to make sure they stay tied and their stalls are clean and safe.

Attention hog project leaders! Each livestock club is asked to assign a parent or other volunteer to help weigh in the club's hog projects on Wednesday at the Fair. The volunteer needs to be strong enough to push pigs into the scale. **It is not the responsibility of the weigh in crew to push pigs into the scale and on into the hog barn.** This is the parents or club's responsibility. In years past, too many kids and pigs were just dropped off with no help getting them weighed. Please, the weigh in crew needs your help. Also, please make sure the pigs are clean when they arrive to be weighed.

STALL DECORATING

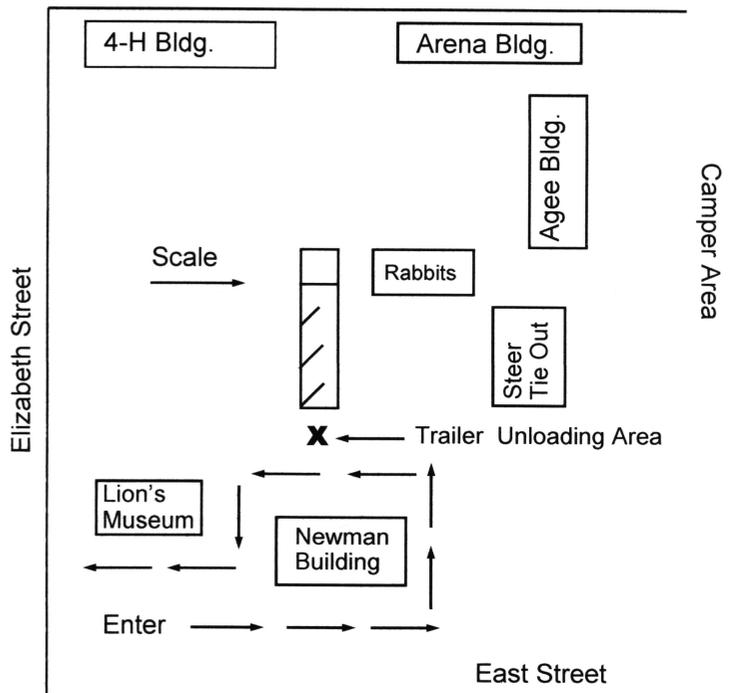
Stall assignments were made for all beef, swine, sheep and goat projects. A listing will be posted at the Fair office, in the livestock barn and a copy has been mailed to the club leaders. Please use the stalls designated for your club.

The barns will be open for decorating on Tuesday, August 19th, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Each club needs to bring their own decorating supplies (staple guns, tape, tack, etc.). These items will not be available at the Fair office.

**MARKET LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN TIMES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th
6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.
&
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SCALE CLOSSES AT 8:00 A.M. & P.M.**

LIVESTOCK UNLOADING AREA



****Please leave space for the trailers to exit the scale and get back onto the street! This sometimes gets into a jam, which halts the unloading process.
****Please don't park on the street where the trailers pull out so that they have room to make the corner. ****



FAIR CAMPING AREA

- There will be space reservations available **only** for the people who live in the outermost areas of the County, i.e. Elk City, Riggins and White Bird, Kooskia, Kamiah. **Contact Fair Board member, Alecia Hagen at aleciahagen@gmail.com to make a reservation.** All other spaces are taken on a first come first serve basis.
- Gates will open **beginning Saturday, August 16th at 6:00—7:00 a.m.** Please do not block residential driveways when you are waiting in line. There will be marked spaces to show how the campers should be angled when parked. If everyone follows the correct angle there will be more space for everyone and it will be much easier for everyone to park and pull out when ready to leave. Money will not be collected on Saturday when gates open. Spaces can only be held by a camper or vehicle. (no signs or chairs)
- Each post has water and electric hook-ups for 4 campers. You need to bring your own hose and your own electrical cord.
- There are no hookups for sewage in the camping area, however, an RV dump is located just outside the camp area entrance.
- There will be a \$50 fee for each camper. This is a one time fee for using the space through the entire week of the Fair. Payment is due to the Fair Office Thursday August 21st. An envelope will be provided at each camp site, complete all the information on the envelope, enclose payment, and turn it into the fair office. Make checks out to Idaho County Fair Board.
- A tent area is available in the old baseball field area.
- Please remember to drive slowly and carefully when you are in the camping area. Tents beside campers can be difficult to see after dark and always watch for small children playing in the area.
- Do not block roadways, emergency vehicles need to be able to come and go!

- Campers at the Fairgrounds may park **only one vehicle by their campsite.** Emergency vehicles (fire/ambulance) need to have room to access the camper area. If more than one vehicle is parked next to an RV, they will be asked to move. Extra vehicles may be parked at the school parking lot.
- Campers parked next to the fence across the street from the city park should not park vehicles on the street. The street area needs to be open for Fair visitor parking. Extra vehicles may be parked at the school parking lot.
- The Fair Board has done a great job developing our camper area. We are very fortunate to have such a nice facility. If you are using this area, be courteous of those camping around you and respect everyone's property.

HERDSMANSHIP AT THE FAIR

We cannot wait to see all the fun decorations this year in the animal barns. Each club does such a wonderful and creative job with this!

Remember that our communities, friends, and families will be traveling to the fair to see all the exciting exhibits. Your clubs will want you to keep your animal stalls looking clean, neat and tidy. People will be walking through the animal barns and we want them as nice as possible. Keep feed and supplies put away so that other animals can't get into it, or pull it down into pens. It can be dangerous to your animals if they get into food that isn't theirs. Keep an eye on each others animals, watch for sick animals, tangled animals or animals that may be out of water. Please don't sit on, or play with other members animals. ***Please be courteous to people traveling through the barns as you maneuver your shovels and wheelbarrows through the tight walkways. Dump soiled shavings in the appropriate area, and help each other keep our barns looking great! If you see garbage laying around please pick it up; together we can keep our fairgrounds looking sharp!

Also, please remember that no animals are allowed in the concession and vending booth area or at the camper sites. All animals should remain in their appropriate stall or pen areas.





2025 Idaho County Fair Schedule



Wednesday August 20th

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Livestock Weigh-In

8:30 a.m. - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY opening
2025 Idaho County Fair

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - ENTER 4-H FAMILY &
CONSUMER SCIENCE AND 4-H SPECIALTY
PROJECTS, 4-H Building

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - ENTER OPEN CLASS
EXHIBITS, Open Class Building

9:30 a.m. – 4-H RABBIT SHOW, Vernon Agee Livestock
Pavilion

9:30 a.m. – 4-H DOG SHOW, Vernon Agee Livestock
Pavilion

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - JUDGE 4-H EXHIBITS,
BUILDING CLOSED DURING JUDGING

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - JUDGE OPEN CLASS
EXHIBITS, BUILDING CLOSED DURING JUDGING

1:00 p.m. - 4-H POULTRY SHOW, Vernon Agee
Livestock Pavilion

SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN CHAMPION 4-H
SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST AT CONCLUSION OF ALL
FITTING & SHOWING JUDGING

1:30 p.m. – PIGTAIL CONTEST, Arena Building

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - ENTER AND WEIGH IN 4-H
LIVESTOCK

7:00 p.m. - 4-H FASHION SHOW
Presentation of all 4-H Home Economics & Specialty
Projects awards, Arena Building

Thursday August 21st

8:30 a.m. - 4-H/FFA BEEF & SWINE FITTING &
SHOWING, Vern Agee Livestock Pavilion

1:00 p.m. - 4-H/FFA SHEEP & GOAT FITTING &
SHOWING, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

1:00 p.m. – Old Time Fiddlers, Outdoor Stage Area

4:00 p.m. - LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN
CHAMPION 4-H SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

7:00 p.m. – 4-H Animal Costume Contest

Friday August 22nd

8:00 a.m. - 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING
CONTEST, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

9:30 a.m. – 4-H/FFA BEEF & SWINE QUALITY
JUDGING, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

1:00 p.m. – 4-H/FFA SHEEP & GOAT QUALITY
JUDGING, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

6:30 p.m. - ROYALTY EVENING - Introduction of
Royalty Candidates and 2026 Royalty Crowning, Arena
Building

7:00 p.m. – B-Sides, Outdoor Stage Area

Following Royalty Crowning - 10:00 p.m. – 28th
ANNUAL GREEN SWING DANCE, sponsored by the
4-H Ambassadors, Agee Building

Saturday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m. - IDAHO COUNTY FAIR PARADE, Main
Street

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – IDAHO/LEWIS COUNTY
CATTLEMEN'S BEEF BBQ

Noon - 4-H LIVESTOCK AWARDS, Vernon Agee
Livestock Pavilion

1:00 p.m. - 4-H/FFA MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE,
Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Spinning demonstration, Open
Class Building

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - ALL EXHIBITS MAY BE
CHECKED OUT - Present Claim Check



28th Annual



Green Swing Dance



Friday Night - August 22
Following Royalty Crowning—10:00 p.m.

Idaho County Fair Grounds
Agee Building



Hosted By The Idaho County 4-H Ambassadors



Sypress Lillianne Bethany Mikayla Rachel Kane Dylan Sophia Evelyn Alanna



FRIENDS OF 4-H AWARDS

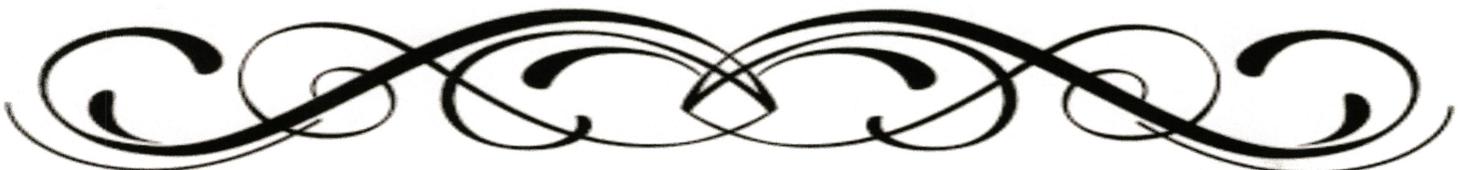
The Friends of 4-H Fund was established in 1996 to recognize outstanding achievement in Family & Consumer Science projects. Through generous donations from friends of the 4-H program, we have been able to give these lifetime achievement awards to very deserving 4-H members.

- 4-Hers who are enrolled in their 5th year or more of clothing construction projects, and will be entering at least their sophomore year in high school, are eligible to compete for the Clothing Creativity Award. This year's winner will receive a sewing machine.
- 4-Hers who are in their 5th year or more of foods projects and will be entering at least their sophomore year in high school, are eligible for the Foods Award. The winner will receive an upright mixer.
- 4-Hers who are in their 5th year or more of Making the Most of Me, and will be entering at least their sophomore year in high school are eligible for the Making the Most of Me Award. The winner will receive a set of luggage.

New this year:

- 4-Hers who are in their 5th year or more of a woodworking or welding project and will be entering at least their sophomore year in high school, are eligible for the Outstanding Construction Award. The winner will receive a drill tool set.

Applications for the awards are available at the Extension Office. All applications are due on Monday, August 18th at the Fair Office. For questions contact the Extension Office at 208-983-2667.





Reminder: The same 'Thank You' policy is happening
again this year!

The Fair Sale cannot happen without our livestock
buyers, be sure to thank them!

Our livestock buyers are not receiving thank you notes from all of our 4-H members. We can all agree it's very important the buyers are recognized for their generous support of the 4-H Program.

The market livestock checks will not be mailed to each 4-H member. Checks will be available to be picked up at the Idaho County Extension Office. Here's how it will work:

- The Sale Clerk will have the buyer information to the Extension office approximately 2 weeks after the sale. We will forward the information to all of our 4-H Club Organizational Leaders.
- 4-H members will bring an addressed thank you note/letter for the buyer of their animal to the Idaho County Extension Office and we will give you the check.
- Any 4-H member with added support money also needs to bring in a thank you note/letter for those businesses or individuals.
- 4-H members with animals purchased by a Booster Club will write one thank you note/letter to the Booster Club Chairperson.
- 4-H members who prefer to send a thank you note before the checks are ready can bring it to our office anytime and we will mail the check when it comes to the office.
- 4-H members who prefer to make a treat and deliver their thank you note/letter to the buyer in person are encouraged to do so!! Simply snap a photo of yourself with your buyer when the delivery is made and bring it in to collect your check.
- It's a tradition for some 4-H members to put a thank you in the local paper. That's a great way to publicly acknowledge your buyer; however, the buyer may not see the paper. A written thank you is still required.
- A thank you note/letter can be written now. There's no need to wait! Have it ready to go and after the Fair all you'll need to do is address the envelope.

Our community is very generous in supporting the 4-H Livestock Sale. Let's show them how much we appreciate their support!

