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IN THE NEWS

A Newsletter for Idaho County 4-H Families

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders & Parents:

It's getting closer to fair! Harvest is in full swing already, and fair will be right around the corner. This newsletter contains all the important info for fair this year.

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 will be mailed to the club leaders. Please use the stalls designated for your club. The barns will be open for decorating on Tuesday, August 18th, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Each club needs to bring their own decorating supplies (staple guns, tape, tack, markers etc.). These items will not be available at the Fair office.

Stall Shavings: It looks like the shavings for the animal stalls will possibly be in bags again this year. Note: when cleaning your stall, please only use 1/2 bag per stall.

Goat & Sheep Shows: Goats show first on even years, sheep go first on odd years.

Record Books: 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!

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.

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 at that time.

We are looking forward to watching everyone showcase their projects this year!

Sincerely,

Jill Bruegeman
Idaho County 4-H Program Manager



**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!

ENTERING 4-H PROJECTS**Clothing and Making the Most of Me:**

All clothing projects need to be entered Monday August 17th 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 18th, 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 FASHION SHOW
PRACTICE & JUDGING
Monday, August 17th**

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 17th and the public show on Wednesday the 19th. The schedule for Monday's judging & practice is as follows:

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

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

11:00 a.m. Break for lunch. Lunch is on your own. Bring a sack lunch - no concession stands will be open.

12:00 p.m. 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!!

**PUBLIC FASHION SHOW
Wednesday, August 19th**

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!!



SMALL ANIMAL SHOWS RABBITS, POULTRY & DOGS

The Rabbit Show will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th 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 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th in the Agee Livestock Pavilion.

The Poultry Show will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th 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.

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. Reminder: *"No dogs are allowed on fairgrounds property except for Certified/Licensed Service Dogs, and dogs participating in the dog show."*

4-H Dog Clinic

Kelly Turney, our 4-H dog clinician, will be putting on a dog clinic August 4th at 7:00 P.M. This will be at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School field in Grangeville. Please bring a leash and something to pickup after your dog in case they have an accident in the field.

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.

FAIR PARKING

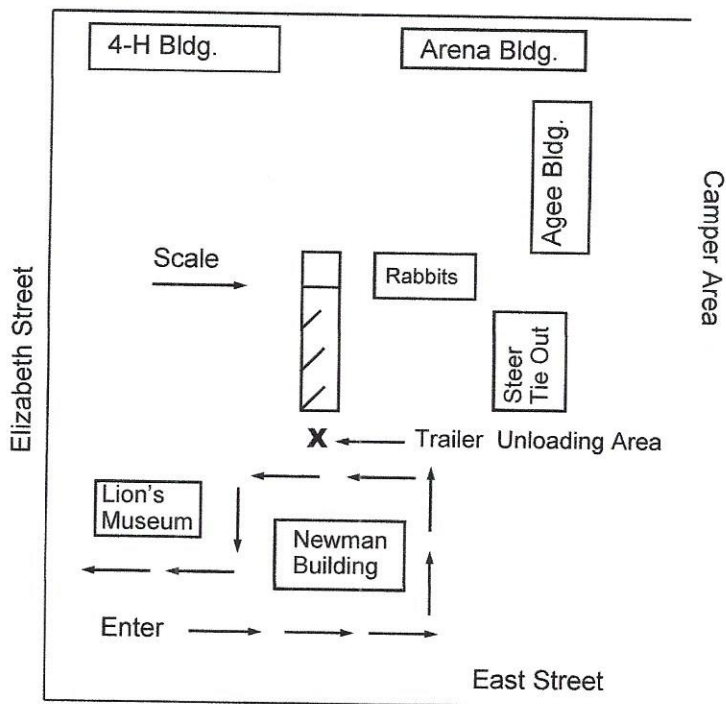
Please don't park any trailers along the street around the fairgrounds. It takes up a lot of room for fair visitors, and the city police said that the trailers sticking out into the roadways were causing issues last year. Please park trailers across the road in the school parking lot.

Health Management Leading up to Fair

In these last several weeks prior to fair, it is critical to continue being diligent in monitoring 4-H Project Animal's health status. At this phase of production, animals should have received all necessary vaccines already. For those regularly administering parasite control products, be aware of the withdrawal time indicated on the product label and discontinue use as indicated. The same is expected for feed additives that also have a withdrawal. Should an animal become ill at this time, continue to work with your veterinarian to properly administer necessary treatment. Please refer to the Idaho County 4-H Rulebook, page 10-11: All exhibitors will advise the Extension Office in writing of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal in the 7 days prior to the fair. Failure to report this information accurately may result in severe penalties and/or disqualification. All medications administered to animals enrolled in a market class must meet their labeled withdrawal date by the date and time of the market animal sale. All livestock must meet the following health requirements:

- All animals must be free of any evidence of clinical disease.
- All animals entered are subject to inspection at the fairgrounds by the Extension Staff, Fair Board, and/or the Veterinarian during that species weigh-in/check-in.
- Any animal that has evidence of disease, including but not limited to, coughing, excessive oral or nasal discharge, open sores, lameness, hernia, diarrhea or external parasites, may be isolated for further examination or entry may be refused. In all cases, the decision of the Extension Staff, and/or Veterinarian will prevail.

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

Out of town reservations-

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

Local area reservations:

Below is the QR code for making local reservations. This will be turned on August 3rd. The first 30 reservations will receive a confirmation email from Alecia. Anyone after that will get a wall space. The wall space is free to camp. Parking is open from 6am-9am on Saturday, August 15th. If you miss your time you miss out, and the spot goes to the next form 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.

- 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 \$100 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 20th. 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.

Camping is restricted to one RV/Camper spot per exhibiting family. No spots available for extended family.

Turn off lights and keep the camping area quiet between 10 pm and 5 am. Keep the camper area clean. Adults must accompany minors in the campers overnight. 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.

Any exhibiting family that does not adhere to these guidelines will be notified and will not be allowed to camp in the campground the following year.

· 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. Contact Fair Board member, Alecia Hagen at aleciahagen@gmail.com for camping questions.

HERDSMANDSHIP 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.





Important Animal Info for Fair

Livestock Days On Feed

Steer

(weighed 3/21/26)

151 days

Swine

(weighed 5/9/26)

102 days

Lambs/Goats

(weighed 6/10/26)

70 days

Sale Order for 2026 will be:

Hogs - Steers - Goats - Sheep

4-H Animal Record Books:

Rabbit and Dog record books : Due in the Fair Office by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th. 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 19th. 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 20th. No books will be accepted that are not signed. Every record book needs to have a completed Leader Evaluation Form.

MARKET LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN TIMES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th

6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

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6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

SCALE CLOSES AT 8:00 A.M. & P.M.

Livestock Scale

As a reminder, the livestock scale at the fairgrounds is off limits. It is only to be used for official weigh-ins. Do not play on or around the scale. Please be respectful of the buildings, fencing and equipment.

Sheep Shearing:

August 8th at the Fairgrounds (sheep barn) 8:00 A.M.
Hank Little charges \$15.00/head

4-H Animal Costume Contest

7:00 pm Thursday August 20th

- 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!

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.

Producer Affidavits

Don't forget that every market animal must have a completed producer affidavit in the record book. This year: please put the producer affidavit in the record book behind the front cover page. The judges need to take this out of every record book, so that we can send them with the floor buyers. Please don't have them in a plastic sleeve, so that they can easily be pulled out.



'Thank You' Policy

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

We can all agree that 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!





2026 Idaho County Fair Schedule



Wednesday August 19th

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN

8:30 a.m. - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY opening
2026 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

9:00 a.m. – 4-H RABBIT SHOW, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

11:00 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 20th

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

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

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

5:00 p.m. - LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN CHAMPION 4-H SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

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

Friday August 21st

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 GOAT & SHEEP QUALITY JUDGING, Vernon Agee Livestock Pavilion

5:00 p.m. – Idaho County Community Choir performance

6:30 p.m. - ROYALTY EVENING - Introduction of Royalty Candidates and 2027 Royalty Crowning, Arena Building

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

Following Royalty Crowning - 10:00 p.m. – 29th ANNUAL GREEN SWING DANCE, sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors, Agee Building

Saturday, August 22nd

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



THE IDAHO COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

SYMPRESS HENRY BETHANY HALEE KENDALL KANE DYLAN SOPHIA ANNALEIGH NADIA



INVITE YOU TO THE



29TH ANNUAL

GREEN SWING DANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT AUGUST 24

After Royalty Crowning until 10:00 PM



IDAHO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

In the Agee Building

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*:

- 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 17th at the Fair Office. For questions contact the Extension Office at 208-983-2667.

