

BINGHAM COUNTY EXTENSION UPDATE

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Thank You!

BINGHAM COUNTY 4-H LEADERS

Thank you for your time, dedication and support in making the county fair a success for all. Your leadership and encouragement truly make a difference in our community.

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COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE

2025 Calendar

September	16-17	Office Closed for District Meeting
	30	County Fair - youth thank you cards due to Bingham Office to be checked off
October	2-3	Rangeland Fall Forum, Salmon Id register at uidaho.edu/fall-forum
	3	Beginning of NEW 4-H year! Get re-enrolled at 4h.zsuite.org !
	13	Holiday - Office Closed
November	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	27-28	Holiday - Office Closed
December	25-26	Holiday - Office Closed
	29-31	Office Closed

2026 Calendar

January	1	Holiday - Office Closed
	2	Office Closed
	19	Holiday - Office Closed
February	16	Holiday - Office Closed
May	25	Holiday - Office Closed
June	19	Holiday - Office Closed
July	4	Holiday - Office Closed
September	1	Holiday - Office Closed
November	11	Holiday - Office Closed
	26-27	Holiday - Office Closed

Blister Beetle Control in Hay Crops

This year we have received a large number of hay samples come in with high loads of blister beetles. This is a problem due to the toxicity of their dead carcasses to livestock, especially horses when consumed along with the hay. These beetles do not fly or run away as the mower approaches and are crushed dried and baled up with the hay.

This year is also a year of high grasshopper populations. The two populations tend to build together since the immature stages of blister beetles feed on grasshopper eggs. The larvae are insectivores and the adults feed on plants. Adults are attracted to many flowering plants. Therefore, weed control is critical, especially goldenrod, and dandelion. They are in the family Meloidae that produces a blistering agent, cantharidin, which causes skin irritation and is toxic.

There are many kinds of blister beetles. They are generally 1 to 1.5 inches long, with soft bodies, wide heads, and long visible antennae, long legs, and narrow prothorax (which gives the appearance of a “neck”).

Symptoms of toxicity for horses include sores on the tongue and mouth area, depression, colic, sweating, diarrhea, blood in the feces and frequent urination. Cattle can also be affected. The lethal dose could be as low as 30 to 50 blister beetles consumed. Check bales as you feed them. If you find blister beetle carcasses in the bales precautions need to be implemented.

Blister Beetle Control and mitigation:

- Weed control especially dandelions and other flowering plants.
- Cut alfalfa on an earlier schedule

prior to flowering. Blister beetles are attracted to alfalfa flowers.

- Monitor alfalfa fields weekly for adult blister beetles feeding on flowers.
- Scout harvested hay for blister beetle carcasses.
- Read and follow the label of any insecticides you use for control



Dis-infesting your Patio Plants

Most of us have a few plants we put out on the patio during the summer, and then bring inside to live out the cold winter. This is because even though a few of these plants are hardy enough to resist winter kill, the pot (unless buried) will completely freeze and kill the root.

There are a few considerations you should make before you bring any patio plant inside for the winter. The most important consideration is the dis-infestation of your patio plants. Plants that have spent the

summer outside in unprotected pots can easily become infested with many different insects. If you bring them in for the winter, the insects from these pots can migrate to your permanent house plants and cause major damage. The most common infestations are spider mites, thrips, aphids, mealybugs, scale, fungus gnats, and white flies. These insects can spread quickly once transferred inside the home. This is because these insects can feed on a wide range of hosts and have high re-

production rates.

To dis-infest your plants you should first hose off the plants to remove any aphids. Then you can treat your plant with insecticidal soap several times a few days apart. Some plants can be burned with insecticidal soap, so be careful to read the label and follow the directions. Another good idea is to quarantine your patio plants in a separate room for a few weeks. This is just in case you did not completely dis-infest your plants.

Bingham County Fair Results

ROUND ROBIN

- KAYLEE PRATT - MASTER SHOWMAN
- BAYLEN HALES - RESERVE MASTER SHOWMAN

BEEF

- MADISON WREN - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- ELIZABETH MURDOCK - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- ELIZABETH MURDOCK - GRAND CHAMPION MARKET BEEF
- MAYSA OSWALD - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET BEEF
- JAYLIN WARD - BEST AVERAGE DAILY GAIN - BEEF
- ZEKE WARD - TOP CATTLE CARCASS
- MADISON WREN - CHAMPION BREEDING BEEF
- JAYLIN WARD - RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDING BEEF
- RANCE GIBBS - OVERALL OUTSTANDING BEEF

MEAT GOAT

- PAYTON PHARIS - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- KODI PRATT - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- TAYBREE RASMUSSEN - GRAND CHAMPION MEAT GOAT
- KODI PRATT - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MEAT GOAT
- LIBBY NELSON - GRAND CHAMPION DOE
- KODI PRATT - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE
- KODI PRATT - CHAMPION JR DOE
- SHAY NELSON - RESERVE CHAMPION JR DOE
- LIBBY NELSON - CHAMPION SR DOE
- SHAY NELSON - RESERVE CHAMPION SR DOE

POULTRY

- KYNDL VARGAS - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- EMILIA VARGAS - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- TAWNI TURNER - GRAND CHAMP MARKET PEN
- DONNER FARONI - RESERVE GRAND CHAMP MARKET PEN
- KATELYNN SPONHOLZ - GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING POULTRY
- KYNDL VARGAS - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING POULTRY

RABBIT

- ROYCE LYON - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- KADEN HADLEY - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- MIKA BARNES - GRAND CHAMPION MARKET PEN
- ROYCE LYON - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET PEN
- KHAIDEN EBERT - CHAMPION DOE
- TYREE CRYSTAL - RESERVE CHAMPION DOE
- KADEN HADLEY - CHAMPION BUCK
- MIKA BARNES - RESERVE CHAMPION BUCK

SHEEP

- KAYLEE PRATT - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- KODI PRATT - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- JADE KELLY - GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB
- KYLIN KELLY - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB
- KLARRISSA CHRISTIANSEN - 1ST PLACE COMMERCIAL LAMB
- TATE CHRISTIANSEN - 2ND PLACE COMMERCIAL LAMB
- PAYTON PHARIS - 3RD PLACE COMMERCIAL LAMB
- ELLIE MARTIN - TOP LAMB CARCASS

- KAYLEE PRATT - CHAMPION RAM LAMB
- PAYTON PHARIS - RESERVE CHAMPION RAM LAMB
- KAYLEE PRATT - CHAMPION EWE LAMB
- KODI PRATT - RESERVE CHAMPION EWE LAMB

SWINE

- ELIZABETH BETTIGA - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- PARKER STARK - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- ELIZABETH BETTIGA - GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SWINE
- PARKER STARK - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SWINE
- BROOKLYN CARTER - SWINE CARCASS

DAIRY GOAT

- IZABELLA GRONEMAN - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- ALINA CRAIG - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- IZABELLA GRONEMAN - CHAMPION JR DAIRY GOAT
- DEKLYN GRONEMAN - RESERVE CHAMPION JR DAIRY GOAT
- IZABELLA GRONEMAN - CHAMPION SR DAIRY GOAT
- LILY GRONEMAN - RESERVE CHAMPION SR DAIRY GOAT
- IZABELLA GRONEMAN - GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT
- LILY GRONEMAN - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT

DAIRY CATTLE

- KYZER SWAN - GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- KAYGE SWAN - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SHOWMAN
- SAVANNAH BROWN - GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE
- JOZEE DIAL - RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY FEMALE

DOG

- HADLEY TAYLOR - TOP HANDLER
- RILEY STARK - RESERVE TOP HANDLER
- HADLEY TAYLOR - CHAMPION HIGH SCORING DOG

HORSE

- BAYLEN HALES - TOP HORSE SHOWMAN
- JOSIE WATERS - RESERVE TOP HORSE SHOWMAN
- JOSIE WATERS - SR HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- LILY WOLFLEY - SR HM HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- QUINCIE EDWARDS - INT HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- SHERIDAN WATERS - INT HM HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- GUS EDWARDS - JR HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- HANNAH HALES - JR HM HIGHPOINT HORSEMAN
- CASTEN CARTER - CHAMPION 1ST WRH LEVEL DIVISION

- EMMETT CARTER - HM 1ST WRH LEVEL DIVISION
- PIERCE HALES - CHAMPION 2ND WRH LEVEL DIVISION
- REVA CARTER - HM 2ND WRH LEVEL DIVISION
- ELI CARTER - CHAMPION 3RD WRH LEVEL DIVISION
- ELIZABETH MURDOCK - HM 3RD WRH LEVEL DIVISION

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- JAYLIN WARD - TOP SR LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL
- ELIZABETH MURDOCK - RESERVE SR LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL
- AVALIE THOMSON - TOP INT LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL
- ZADE WARD - RESERVE INT LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL
- EMMA WARD - TOP JR LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL
- CALLIE CARTER - RESERVE JR LIVESTOCK JUDGING INDIVIDUAL

DEMONSTRATIONS

- KLARRISSA CHRISTIANSEN - TOP SR LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATION

- QUINCIE EDWARDS - TOP INT LIVE-STOCK DEMONSTRATION
- GUS EDWARDS - TOP JR LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATION
- TYREE CRYSTAL - TOP OVERALL DEMONSTRATOR
- ANNIE STEWART - TOP SR DEMONSTRATOR
- TYREE CRYSTAL - TOP INT DEMONSTRATOR
- TESS CHRISTIANSEN - TOP JR DEMONSTRATOR

NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS

- TAWNI TURNER - TOP OVERALL CLOTHING/SEWING PROJECT
- TESS CHRISTIANSEN - TOP OVERALL FOOD/NUTRITION PROJECT
- SOPHIA PONZO - TOP MACRAME PROJECT
- PYPER POULSON - TOP ELEMENTARY PROJECT
- ASHLYN WEST - TOP HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT
- SHAY NELSON - OUTSTANDING TEEN LEADERSHIP PROJECT



ON THE HORIZON FOR IDAHO RANGELANDS

Oct. 2 and 3, 2025
Salmon, ID
 Nancy M. Cummings Research,
 Extension and Education Center

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Opening - *Carrying the Legacy: Ranching, Community and the Next Generation* with Tori O'Neal

Panel Discussions - *Drones on the Range*

Panel Discussions - *Challenges of Virtual Fencing*

Closing - *Translating Virtual to Physical: Using Digital Tools for Real World Engagement* with Tip Hudson

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Social Hour and Dinner

Friday, Oct. 3, 2025

8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Novel Approaches to Restoration, Drone Show, Virtual Fencing Show

12:00 p.m.

Program End

REGISTER AT: UIDAHO.EDU/FALL-FORUM



ALPINE CAMP FUNDRAISER

FUNDS WILL BE USED TOWARDS
 NEW BATHROOM'S AND TO
 REPLACE/REPAIR THE CABIN ROOFS

FUNDS CAN BE SENT TO: ALPINE 4-H CAMP INC.
 561 W ONEIDA ST, PRESTON, ID 83263

YOU CAN PAY BY ZEPHY THROUGH THE QR CODE OR
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALPINE 4-H CAMP

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CALL THE BINGHAM COUNTY 4-H OFFICE
 AT (208) 785-8060

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UPCOMING DAY CAMPS

ALL DAY CAMPS ARE LOCATED AT THE OFFICE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

You MUST be completely enrolled on 4h.zsuite.org and have enrollment fees paid at the office PRIOR to being added to any day camp lists.

Registration for day camps are **NOW** on 4h.zsuite.org in the events sections of your family profile. **Register online. Limited space!**

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO DAY CAMP IN ORDER TO ATTEND!

We are able to accept cards over the phone or at office with a \$3 service fee.

**Our day Camps will begin again in the new 4-H year.
Please watch for day camp updates!**

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