



WASHINGTON COUNTY

EXTENSION  UPDATE

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**More Pesticide
Recertification Classes
Coming in 2021**

The New Year 2021 is arriving faster than we can keep up! But there are many things that we must keep up on an annual basis. One is our applicator’s license!

2020 has been a challenge for applicator recertification with many common venues cancelling or moving online. University of Idaho Extension Washington County held a small seminar series to provide a few credits for local applicators. We handed out a total of 38 ISDA approved credits in four evenings, and while we had small groups, the pro-

gram was considered a success. Some of the topics covered included invasive annual grass updates, grasshopper and cricket control, weed impacts to soil health, invasive tree management, and applications for drones in weed and pest management. We had some happy attendees fill their credits and a few who asked for more classes next year.

To help support our county pesticide applicators and Weed Department, University of Idaho Extension Washington County will be offering more pesticide applicator recertification credits this coming year. Topics will range from weed control, to insects, to pathogens to cover ever category. Topics in the spray gun sights include cover cropping for IPM, weeds on the watch list, loss of farm chemicals, pollinator protection, aquatic weeds, and more!

Classes will be held in Weiser and Cambridge. The first in the series will be held in February, so watch the paper and UI Extension Facebook page for dates and times! We will send out a schedule soon. Call us if you would like to get your name on the mailing/call/email list so we can keep you updated about classes, opportunities, and events.





Z Suite Idaho 4-H Online Record Books

4-H Clubs are starting to meet, so this is the perfect time to begin your record books! But before you begin, follow the steps below to archive your past year books and add your new books for this year! If you need assistance give us a call, we would be glad to help!

1. Log into <https://4h.zsuite.org>
2. Select your profile, click on Record Books in the left pane.
3. Archive all 4-H animal, general, secretary and treasurer record books by clicking on the blue down arrow to the right of each book.
4. DO NOT ARCHIVE your Involvement report, you will add the new 4-H year information into this book.
5. Create a NEW record book for each project you will be taking for the 2020-2021 4-H Year.

Staff Directory

- * **Mary Ridout**—
Extension Educator
- * **Michelle Tate**—*4-H Program Coordinator*
- * **Stephanie Butterfield**—
Customer Service

Idaho 4-H Ambassador Retreat – Save the Date!

February 26-28, 2021

\$60 /per person

Quaker Hill, McCall (tentative)

Register: Jan. 4- Feb. 12

Open to all active, enrolled Idaho 4-H youth who are 13 years (as of Jan. 1) or have completed the 6th grade. Join us for a weekend that will strengthen skills that you can share with your club, community, school, and country! For more information, contact Michelle Tate at mtate@uidaho.edu or 208-414-0415 or <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/ambassadors>

Know Your Government – Save the Date!

Nov.2-Jan. 6 REGISTRATION opens for KYG in 4-H Online. You must be enrolled in the project and have an active status to register.

Feb. 13-15 Know Your Government (KYG) Conference is designed for youth in grades 8 and 9 to learn how government decision making works, and much more! For more information about the KYG Conference, check out the website at: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/events/know-your-government>. If you have questions, contact Donna Gillespie at

donna@uidaho.edu



4-H Survival Club.

By Tony Buthman

The Washington County 4-H Survival Club has started holding training sessions for the 20-21 year. The focus this year will mirror a lot of what the club did last year only better. We learned more ideas to be included for this year so we expect it to be better than our inaugural year.

The goals and objectives target will be to develop skill sets in regards to emergencies, whether they are small or even catastrophic both natural and manmade. The participants will learn the 3's of survival to guide them with priorities for emergency situations and awareness. Discussions will include threats such as weather events, to taking care of ones-self while on an outdoor adventure.

Topics will include Basic First Aid, building a Just in Case Bag, communications, shelter building, fire starting including modern and primitive techniques, harvesting and purifying water for safe consumption, navigation using map and compass, learning knots for everyday use, and using edged tools safely.

There is a group of last year participants that will be honing the skills they learned last year and will assist in teaching to the new participants. Also these participants will leave the program with certification for certain skill sets if they so desire. These participants are to looking to do more hands on application.



Rose Care Workshop Coming in February

By Mary Ridout

"A rose is a rose and was always a rose..." But is it a tea rose, a shrub rose, a modern rose or an old garden rose? Roses are some of the world's best beloved flowers and have a long history as symbols of love, friendship, gratitude, joy, longing, freedom, sacrifice, and remembrance. They play prominent symbolic roles in the world's religions and have been adopted to represent states and nations. In the gray days of February, a rose on Valentine's Day can bring a special promise of spring.

Do you wish you knew more about roses and how to care for them? With all the mystique surrounding roses, they can be a little intimidating but are some of the most rewarding flowers to love and care for! Would you like to learn more about roses and at the same time provide service and beauty to our community? Let's take a break from winter and step outside for a little early gardening and some community service.

The Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser contains over 400 roses,



some likely over a century old. Our cemetery groundskeepers do a magnificent job, but they could use some help! University of Idaho Extension Washington County and the Washing-

ton County Master Gardeners are stepping forward to assist and offer a service-learning rose pruning day this coming February at the Hillcrest Cemetery on 215 E Indianhead Rd, Weiser. This event is open to anyone who loves roses, would like to learn, or would just like to help the community.



This service-learning event will feature three training workshop sessions, a chance to better and beautify our community, and hot cocoa and coffee to fuel the effort. Come by and learn about the different types of roses, rose selection for our region, how to prune the different types of roses, and about the tools and materials needed to do the job. Take home rose care info and, with a bit of elbow grease, an exciting prize! Tools and gloves will be available, or you are welcome to bring your own. Drop by for a session or plan to come for the whole event!

Oil your pruning tools and limber up your gardening gloves. Watch for a date and time as we get closer. We will be putting out notices and advertising soon! Please call Extension if you have questions or would like more details. RSVP if you would like to participate, so we can get a head count for the event! We hope to see many of you there!

Insect Identification

The Idaho Insect Identification is a free service provided by entomologists working with University of Idaho Extension and University of Idaho's Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Nematology. This service is meant to help you identify insects, arachnids or other arthropods throughout Idaho. It can be found at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/insect-id>.



You can also bring your insects or photos to our office at 116 W. Idaho Street in Weiser for help with identification. We have publications and educational materials that may help with your insect questions as well.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 25

NEW YEAR'S DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 1

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 18

NEW LEADER TRAINING

Wednesday, January 20, 5:30 pm (Extension Office) RSVP by January 13. Class size is limited.

4-H LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 25, 6pm (Extension Office)

PRESIDENTS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 15

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

February 13-15—Hybrid Conference

4-H AMBASSADOR RETREAT

February 26-28

ROSE CARE WORKSHOP

February (Date TBA) (Hillcrest Cemetery)

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

February (Date TBA) (Weiser and Cambridge)

4-H ENROLLMENTS DUE

March 1

University of Idaho Extension
Washington County in Weiser, Idaho
is accepting applications for the
position of
4-H Program Assistant.

- ❖ 19.5 hours a week, year-round. (Without benefits.)
- ❖ Coordinates, develops and markets hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for youth.
- ❖ Requires high school diploma and background check. Requires basic computer skills, and the ability to work well and communicate effectively with our team, youth, and the community. Bilingual in Spanish is a plus.
- ❖ Previous experience in 4-H, Extension or other Youth Development programming is desired.
- ❖ Applications and a full job description are available at <http://co.washington.id.us/Jobs.aspx> Position open until filled. For more information call (208) 414-0415.



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Stop by Mon-Fri - 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at
116 W. Idaho St, Weiser, ID 83672.

You can reach us by **phone** at 208-414-0415,
or via **E-mail** at Washington@uidaho.edu.

We are **on-line** at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/county/washington>.

We also have a **Facebook** page dedicated to 4-H at "Washington County 4-H in Idaho" and a page dedicated to Extension information at "UI Extension, Washington County".

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You're a 4-H leader, now what? Come join us for this hands on training where you will learn the basics of managing your club, county deadlines, planning your club activities, policies & procedures, filling out the new 4-H record books etc. **Each new leader is required to attend a new leader orientation.**



New Leader Orientation

Date: **Wednesday, January 20, 2021**
Time: **5:30—8:30 P.M.**
Location: UI Extension, Washington Co.
116 W. Idaho St., Weiser, ID

Dinner will be served!

RSVP to Michelle
Phone: 208-414-0415
E-mail: mtate@uidaho.edu
RSVP DEADLINE: January 13, 2021

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, those requesting reasonable accommodations need to contact our office. The date before the date you plan to attend at 116 W. Idaho St., Weiser, ID 83672.