

## Quarterly Report June-September 2015

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### Agriculture Programming

- Lauren Hunter received the 2015 Achievement Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during their Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. This award is given to Agents with 10 years or less of service in Extension and have exhibited excellence in field of Extension Education. The award is only presented to 2% of the County Extension Educators in Idaho each year.

- Hunter is a Blaine County Community Food Assessment Team member (CFAT). Hunter's in depth agriculture and food system experience was sought out by the CFAT. CFAT is conducting a community food based survey in which it will analyze the overall quality of food for our community. The knowledge will assist in local programming efforts as well as targeting local food insecurity.

- Idaho Association of County Agriculture Agents held its annual farm tour and meeting in Blaine County. Hunter was able to highlight the unique agriculture assets in Blaine County. Extension Agents as far as Washington travelled to Blaine County to attend the tour. Agents learned about the unique history of the Wood River Valley. Holding the annual tour and meeting in Blaine County provided an opportunity for agents to take home programming ideas and knowledge from Blaine County.

### 4-H Programming

- Blaine County 4-H partnered with the Hunger Coalition to provide activities during *Lunch in the Park* at the Balmoral Park. The partnership enabled 4-H and the Hunger Coalition to engage underserved youth during their lunch time and provide them with a place to be creative while learning. It is estimated there are over 200 plus youth living in Balmoral according the apartment complex manager who conducted a census in 2014. "Number of youth served increased by 72% from last year in large part due to all of the 4-H activities" stated Krista Felton, Summer Food Program Manager with the Hunger Coalition.

- There have been several 4-H events and camps over the summer (Lamb Camp, 4-H Summer Camp, Wildlife Day Camp, Natural Resource Camp, Plant it-Grow it-Eat it, Horse day camps, and more). Camps and day camps give youth an opportunity to learn leadership skills, canning, soil science, animal husbandry, outdoor survival skills, Blaine County history, rangeland management, and healthy living.

- The 2015 Fair was a SUCCESS! 86 market animals were sold with over \$165,000 dollars coming to 4-H Animal Science youth. More details to come.



## 2015 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS

**874**

Countywide number of youth in 4-H Youth Development programs

**253**

Number of youth in 4-H Projects

**494**

Number of youth in afterschool, camps, and school enrichment programs

**85**

Number of 4-H Youth Development Volunteers

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