

EXTENSION TRENDS: **BONNEVILLE COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **14,106** direct contacts
- **5,315** youth participants
- **103** volunteers
- **4,103** volunteer hours
- **\$110,725** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Bonneville County: Kathy Duplessis, Danae Schoenborn, Diane Skoy, Marnie Spencer, Donna Whitham, Mark Whitham, Wendy Radford, Catherine Dudley, Karen Foster, Brian Andersen, Matt Jones, Dayna Jones, Bryon Reed, Stan Boyle, Mark Wilson, Steven Boyle, Wendy Horman, Joy Boyle, Heather Rutledge, Emily Fitzpatrick, Cassie Adams, Cassie Humrickhouse, Molly Brinkerhoff, Jan Prudent, Sherry Glick, Aliece Rasmussen, Vikki Gerdes and Linda Beckstead.

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2022 Impact

The QuickBooks for Farming and Ranching class debuted online in 2022. Farmers and ranchers got assistance with setting up their financial records from the comfort of their own home. The weekly Eastern Idaho Pest Alert Newsletter (April-Oct.) expanded its reach and information to area gardeners. Educator Ron Patterson continued the Idaho Home Garden tips class as a source of real-time, emerging issues assistance to local gardeners with semi-monthly (Feb.-Oct.) online classes. The Idaho Master Gardener classes in Bonneville County were all offered online with hands-on labs during the growing season. Thirty Master Gardeners completed their training.

Health and wellness was a focus of family and consumer sciences programming in Bonneville County. Participation in regularly scheduled virtual fitness programs increased. Educator Leslee Blanch provided new wellness topics to the community, including gluten-free/plant-based cooking demonstrations, American Red Cross Healthy for Life series, Dealing with Difficult People, and Carbohydrate Control: A Healthy Eating Pattern. New community partnerships were formed with the Department of Corrections, GEO Reentry Services Connection and Intervention Station, Club Inc. transitional housing, and YMCA. Wellness classes were provided to the Department of Labor, Idaho State University Friends for Learning, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center outpatients, and youth and special-needs programs.

4-H in Bonneville County

The 4-H program in Bonneville County has a strong volunteer base that is growing every year. This makes it possible to include and involve more youth and project areas throughout the county. Educator Paige Wray provides opportunities for volunteers to learn how to get started and best practices for working with youth and running a 4-H club in quarterly volunteer trainings. Teen leadership and STEM, including animal science, have been a big focus for the 4-H program this year. With the help of three AmeriCorps volunteers and three community grant program coordinators, Bonneville County 4-H expanded its day camp, in school, afterschool, and outreach offerings to reach new audiences. 4-H youth were given hands-on experiences such as learning about and practicing artificial insemination, coding a Lego robot and using science in the kitchen.

On the Horizon

Wray will continue to meet the needs of Bonneville County and its youth through quality programming in STEM, teen leadership and healthy living throughout the coming year.

Patterson will work with Extension specialists to develop a farm business management program for online delivery. This program will grant access to local producers at times when a strictly local class will not be large enough to justify.