EXTENSION TRENDS: *LEMHI COUNTY*

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2022 By the Numbers

- **2,540** direct contacts
- **1,468** youth participants
- **112** volunteers
- **2,398** volunteer hours
- **$24,808** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who inform the work we do for UI Extension in Lemhi County: Lynn Bowerman, Mark Brown, Jeff Burch, Sara Chaplin, Katie & Tristan & Keelan Cooper, Sherry Elrod, Amy Fealko, Barb Fisher, April Heath, Melody Kauer, Kim Kesl, Shane Matson, Kim Murphy, Rene Meyer, Tori O'Neal, Amalia Phillips, Beth Rackham, Rosana Reith, Kate Yeater, Trey & Whitney Sapp, Maggie Seaberg, Marnie Spencer, Jeff & Marii Stratter, Brett Barsalou, Merrill Beyeler, Kim Brown, Ed Palmer, Jill Patton, Bobbi Eby, Susy Avery, Shawna Troughton, Ruth Young, Amber Pace, Mallori Wing, Sherri Miller, Leah Madsen, Jake Zollinger, Tom & Carrie Whitson, Caleb & Brittany Wallace, Rick Snyder, Jen Smith, Katie Slavin, Kevin Ramsey, Bruce Mulkey, Frances Mueller, Myriam Mualem, Mike Kossler, Erin Barrett and Paul Fisher.

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2022 Impact

Educator Katie McFarland worked with the Salmon Drug Free youth to offer two alternative activities to drinking attracting 85 youth. She also taught two youth leadership classes with the group and helped open a Teen Center in the community. A total of $4,000 in sponsorship money and $3,700 from a DFY grant was raised to host Family Fun Night with 750 in attendance.

In fall 2021, Educator Shannon Williams was contacted by young producers expressing an interest in fall calving. Winter School was planned, so she decided to take another approach to delivering the information needed. She contacted two well-respected ranchers in the county who were already fall calving and asked them if they would share what they had learned with those interested. The format would be a discussion around the conference room table, no technology, no PowerPoint, just sitting and chatting. The goal for the evening was to have a minimum of five people attend but a total of 14 were in attendance. Three of the producers are transitioning to fall calving.

4-H in Lemhi County

Lemhi County 4-H made use of a Think, Make, Create (TMC) Trailer in 2022. This trailer made it possible to bring STEM to varied places throughout the county. In the two months the trailer was in the county, it was utilized in Leadore School District, the Salmon School Garden, 4-H Shooting Sports Camp, 4-H Camp in Alpine, Wyoming, and various other programs throughout the county. The trailer is now being housed in Lemhi County and will be used in conjunction with many different partners including Computer Zen, Salmon Public Library, Salmon School District, and other varied partners. This trailer makes it possible for youth in our rural community to receive fun and involved STEM education where they are.

On the Horizon

At the Extension Advisory meeting, it was suggested that family programming, where the entire family could learn together, be offered. While in the very beginning stages of planning, the idea is being worked on to host a field to fork workshop in April or May. Topics would include meal planning, learning to grow what is in the meal plan and then ways to cook and preserve those items. Workshops would be formatted for both youth and adults to have fun and learn together.

Lemhi County is excited to join UI Extension programs across the state to strengthen the digital economy for county residents with the new Digital Economy Program (DEP). DEP's mission is to reduce the digital divide, allowing the benefits of digitalization to extend to all Idahoans, so no one is left behind, nor left offline, in the growing digital economy. The program provides learning opportunities for Idahoans focused on basic digital skills, retraining for remote work, and helping entrepreneurs and business owners access new markets and expand their sales using online venues.