

EXTENSION TRENDS: **NEZ PERCE COUNTY**

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2022 By the Numbers

- **1,793** direct contacts
- **679** youth participants
- **74** volunteers
- **4,926** volunteer hours
- **\$64,915** extramural funding

Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Nez Perce County: Tom Conklin, Clint Zenner, Steve Riggers, Maria Garvey, Barb Matteson, Shawn Smith, Carol Thompson, Janis Forsmann, Betty Peters, Colleen Olive, Tim Barker and Lisa Stoddard.

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2022 Impact

Educator Kathee Tiff organized the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) program for the Lewis Clark Early Childhood Program's 80 family advocates, teachers and staff. Eight Extension educators co-taught the eight-hour class at four sites in Lewiston. She also partnered with Lewiston Library Youth Services to teach two 4-H Out of the Box learning labs for homeschool youth. Both classes were successful and will be taught again with plans for teaching additional topics in the spring and summer. Tiff partnered with WSU Extension, Asotin County on the beginning Master Gardener training and worked with the new horticulture associate, eight Advanced Master Gardeners and two Master Gardener Interns to provide 21 Plant Diagnostic Clinics reaching 182 clients. The 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Field Days continue to grow, reaching 95 adults and 155 youth in 2022. Tiff and 4-H Coordinator Judy Floch serve on the planning committee with WSU Extension in Asotin and Whitman counties.

Finkelburg co-authored three publications, gave 12 presentations and facilitated eight activities reaching 910 contacts. He participated in the creation of the Pacific Northwest Herbicide Resistance Initiative to address herbicide resistant weeds. He has taken a leading role in the Extension component of the \$55 million dollar Climate-Smart Commodities grant and obtained \$2,843,054 of external funding retaining \$54,475 spending authority.

Administrative Associate Shawna Hobson held classes on fermenting, dehydrating, food preservation and making sauerkraut. More than 60 pressure canners were tested for safe use and 85 call-in clients were helped with preservation questions.

4-H in Nez Perce County

Nez Perce County 4-H continues to grow with 426 members enrolled in over 500 projects. Sixty-five volunteer leaders oversaw 18 4-H clubs whose members completed more than 480 projects at the county fair. There is now an online auction presence for the market animal sale that also allows for the recognition of buyers through a digital display at the sale. Cameras at three show rings operated by Idaho Forest Group volunteers allow for a livestream of the livestock show. This makes it possible for family members from across the country watch youth show and sell their animals. A grandmother from Texas thanked the Extension office for providing the opportunity for her to watch her granddaughter show a steer.

On the Horizon

Tiff will continue teaching the MHFA course and complete additional training tailored to specific audiences including older adults and public safety employees. She is also completing the requirements for certification in home modification from USC's School of Gerontology and will teach community workshops to help individuals and families remain in their homes safely for as long as possible. She was invited to join the Farm Succession Team to provide a class on families and inheritance and transferring non-titled assets. Tiff will complete training through the Department of Health and Welfare to provide the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias program as part of an Extension team piloting the program throughout the state.

Finkelburg will continue to emphasize crop rotation and diversification strategies to minimize risks and maximize cash crop production potential. He will collaborate with local soil and water conservation districts to evaluate post-harvest weed seed control strategies. He will also continue hosting continuing education events for crop producers and agricultural professionals as well as supporting Master Gardener education efforts and ISDA pesticide license recertification events.