

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **BONNEVILLE COUNTY**

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## 2023 By the Numbers

- 12,897 direct contacts
- 6,294 youth participants
- 127 volunteers
- 10,556 volunteer hours
- \$66,950 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, Sandra Deatherage, Diana Skoy, Marnie Spencer, Donna Whitham, Mark Whitham, Hirsh Mynarcik, Wendy Radford, Catherine Dudley, Karen Foster, Brian Andersen, Matt Jones, Dayna Jones, Bryon Reed, Stan Boyle, Mark Wilson, Steven Boyle, Kristie Ackerman, Phil Browning, Joy Boyle, Sally Tangren, Jody Cornilsen, Molly Brinkerhoff, Jan Prudent, Sherry Glick, Aliece Rasmussen, Gary Lewis, Julie Finup and Vikki Gerdes.

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## 2023 Impact

Online Farm Financial Analysis and Farm Succession and Estate Planning classes debuted in 2023. Farmers and ranchers learned to analyze farm profitability and enhance sustainability for the next generation. The Eastern Idaho Pest Alert newsletter and Idaho Home Garden Tips online classes continue as a source of real-time gardening assistance. Educator Ron Patterson produced 73 educational videos for specific classes and public access on horticulture and agriculture topics. Twenty-seven Master Gardeners donated over 2,600 hours of volunteer service to help promote and maintain a more beautiful and sustainable Bonneville County community.

New wellness topics for 2023 included Dementia Friends information sessions, Embracing Gratitude, Compassion, and Benefits of Volunteering. Programming partnerships remain strong with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Department of Corrections, GEO Reentry Services, Club Inc. transitional housing, Idaho State University Friends for Learning, and the Idaho Department of Labor. New partnerships have been formed with Developmental Workshop, Inc, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Idaho Falls YMCA. The 2nd Annual Volunteer Recruitment Fair was organized and hosted by UI Extension, Bonneville County educators in 2023.

## 4-H in Bonneville County

The positive youth development benefits of 4-H are made possible by caring adult volunteers in the community. Bonneville County 4-H has increased its volunteer base to 97 throughout its 45 clubs. The number of youth participating in 4-H has held steady from the previous year. Youth in Bonneville County have the opportunity to join clubs and learn about everything from livestock to cats, cooking, robotics, sewing, and even shooting sports.

Educator Paige Wray has focused efforts on expanding opportunities in teen leadership, youth partnerships, STEM and volunteer development. With the help of three AmeriCorps volunteers, one grant program coordinator, and \$60,000 in grant funding, the 4-H day camp, in-school and after-school outreach offerings were expanded, resulting in 8,263 direct contacts.

## On the Horizon

Wray will continue to meet the needs of Bonneville County and its youth through positive youth development programs with input from youth and community members involved or invested in helping youth thrive. She will continue to expand opportunities for youth to lead, learn and serve as well as work with more adults to expand the program as a whole.

Patterson will continue to improve asynchronous program offerings.

Blanch will focus on physical and mental health education for wellness programming.