

Quarterly Report Oct - Dec 2023

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Extension Programming and Metrics:

In October, there was a farmer in the Bellevue Triangle area who was in need of some extra hands to help clear his potato field. Our administrative specialist, Becka, went out there for a few hours to help pick potatoes and got the word out through our facebook page (UI Extension 4-H, Blaine County) so other members of the community could come out to help and get to take home their own potatoes too.

Grant Loomis, Extension Educator, has also included his total metrics through various programs and conferences he has been a part of for Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023:

| Race Group | | Ethnic Group | | Gender Group | | Age Group | |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------|------|--------------|-----|-----------|------|
| American Indian | 4 | Hispanic | 147 | Male | 903 | Adult | 1328 |
| Asian/Pacific Is. | 23 | Non-Hispanic | 765 | Female | 559 | Youth | 140 |
| Black | 5 | | | | | | |
| Caucasian | 1262 | | | | | | |
| Other | 124 | | | | | | |
| Contact Hours | | Event Totals for Adult + Youth | | | | | |
| Total | 273.5 | Total | 1468 | | | | |



Programs such as his collaboration with UI Barley Agronomy Specialist Dr. Jared Spackman for a barley field trail in Bellevue Triangle, his work with the board game "Pest Friends" where he and his colleague Jason Thomas from Minidoka County want to better educate educators and the public on improvement practices in pest and weed control for crops. Grant has also led an activity called Real Colors where 4-H youth and adults can better learn about themselves and their fellow peers and the way each color type interacts and communicates with one another based on their predominant color type.

We have had a lot of engagement with our office that we have reported from Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023. Listed on the right are the total number of adults and youth who have engaged with our office over this last year whether through teaching, programs at the office, or day to day engagement with the Blaine County public:

| Totals for Extension Office from Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023 | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Gardening/Plant & Insect ID | Male Adult | Female Adult | Total Adults |
| | 25 | 40 | 65 |
| | Youth | M Youth | F Youth |
| | 30 | 5 | 25 |
| Soil Sampling | Male Adult | Female Adult | Total Adults |
| | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| 4-H | Male Adult | Female Adult | Total Adults |
| | 10 | 35 | 45 |
| | Youth | M Youth | F Youth |
| | 421 | 195 | 226 |

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Extension 4-H Metrics

It has been a busy summer for our 4H program. Our gardening project had 10 participants, embryology had 20 kids, leather crafting had the most participants at 31 youth, rocketry had 23, baking had 21, and crafting had 10. There were 40 participants who showed up for Livestock Education Day where the kids would inject clementines with dye to mimic how to give shots to their animals. The Wildlife Day Camp had 21 kids show up and the All Things Wild Overnight Camp had 56. The feedback on these projects and camps was very positive and we saw an increase in the number of kids who participate in these projects compared to last year.



| Blaine County 4-H Metrics | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| # of Youth | 555 |
| # of Volunteers | 15 |
| # Volunteer Hrs | 24 |
| # Direct Contacts | 602 |

Our office also worked with the Blaine County Fair Board and the Blaine County Market Animal Sales Committee for a successful fair. The U.S. Forest Service also partnered with us for the seventh year in a row to offer “Adventure Quest” summer day camp at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Adventure Quest provides fun recreational pursuits combined with learning about the natural environment. “All Things Wild” is another four-day residential 4-H summer camp. The focus of this camp was hunter skills workshops which incorporated history, ethics, conservation, wildlife management, laws and regulations, survival, camping, orienteering, environment, and shooting skills in the disciplines of rifle, shotgun, and archery.

Chandra Vaughan, Assoc. Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development, has included her total metrics through her various programs for Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023:

| Race Group | | Ethnic Group | | Gender Group | | Age Group | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| American Indian | 2 | Hispanic | 54 | Male | 227 | Adult | 47 |
| Asian/Pacific Is. | 3 | Non-Hispanic | 443 | Female | 375 | Youth | 555 |
| Black | 1 | | | | | | |
| Caucasian | 488 | | | | | | |
| Other | 39 | | | | | | |
| Contact Hours | | Event Totals | | | | | |
| Total | 238 | Total | 16 | | | | |

Blaine County After School 4-H Programming and Day Camps had a very successful year and we look forward to growing the programming by offering new and exciting programs in the years to come. Blaine County Extension is gearing up for the new 4-H year with market animal weigh-ins and 4-H projects. We hope to grow the new meat goat program that started this year and also continue to grow FCS 4-H projects in Blaine County. We also anticipate getting Master Gardening course classes available to interested members of our Blaine County community.

