2021 Impact

UI Extension, Clark County offers most 4-H classes free of charge to youth in the area. With the decreasing budget at the school many elective programs have been cut. Office staff collaborate with the Clark County School District and city library to give youth opportunities to learn new skills and to be involved during the summer months. The 4-H program gives them a chance to explore other interests they may have, and always strive to do the best they can.

After a brief hiatus due to COVID-19, agricultural education was held in-person in Clark County in 2021. Agricultural producers and the public were invited to learn more about forages and beef production through UI Extension. Educator Joseph Sagers was also involved with research being conducted throughout eastern Idaho focused primarily on rangeland management, forages, cereal grains and alternative crops to provide data applicable to Clark County producers. A total of 14 presentations were planned and conducted (four in-person, six web-based synchronous and four web-based asynchronous); three engagement/facilitation activities were held; additional education was provided through four newsletter articles and 43 newspaper articles; 792 (63 minority) direct contacts were reported, including 547 teaching and 245 engagement contacts; and 2,040,000 indirect contacts were reached.

4-H in Clark County

4-H classes were well attended in 2021 and the livestock program has a lot of new faces. The arts with mosaics, paints, and rug making programs were expanded, shooting sports and rocketry are always a big hit, and the sewing classes offered were full every day.

On the Horizon

The 4-H program in Clark County has been approved for an IYS Building Program Capacity grant with the University of Idaho which will bring new supplies, equipment and an AmeriCorps member to the county. Classes for summer 2022 have doubled to expand the curriculum offered. The 4-H program is also working towards setting up an archery club for after school and investigating activities to offer on one or two Fridays every month targeting sciences in the lower grades.