

# EXTENSION TRENDS: **PAYETTE COUNTY**

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## 2023 By the Numbers

- **3,972** direct contacts
- **416** youth participants
- **72** volunteers
- **8,640** volunteer hours
- **\$658,018** extramural funding

## Our Advisory Council

Special thanks to our volunteers who help shape programming and inform the work we do for UI Extension in Payette County: Barbara Brody, Danny Gabiola, Mike Partin, Gayle Van Weerdhuizen and Tom Allmaras.

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## 2023 Impact

Educator Joey Peutz provides leadership and support for four major Extension programs: Eat Smart Idaho, Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching and Engagement (EXCITE), 4-H Youth Development and Well Connected Communities. For these programs she conducted 27 workshops/conferences/courses, one synchronous and 10 asynchronous webinars, and made 23 teaching presentations. Over 260 adults and 1,092 youth completed the six-week Eat Smart Idaho class with >88% showing improvement in at least one dietary indicator. She continues to provide leadership and support for the community health coalition working group PCHAT (Payette County Health Action Team). For EXCITE Activity 2 and Implementation 3, 20 mobile vaccine clinics were conducted following Extension's innovative 3-step educational model, and four 8-hour Poverty Competency trainings were taught to 38 staff from eight departments and service sectors.

Peutz develops print resources and uses technology in outreach efforts. The Market Fresh in a SNAP!, a colorful no-cook recipe book for in-season Idaho produce, was developed and distributed at farmers markets and Extension programs. A final 2023 highlight was an increase of new volunteers, including 4-H organizational leaders, 4-H project leaders and community volunteers. The additional help means that county programs can continue to grow.

## 4-H in Payette County

One of the highlights of the Payette County 4-H program in 2023 was the addition of FaithAnn Hynek as the new 4-H Youth Development Coordinator in May. She has been a great addition to the team and has many ideas, some of which she has already put into motion. In June Payette County hosted a 4-H fun day program. Youth from around the county joined together to learn about cake decorating, animal feed rations, preparing for fair and doing a science experiment (DNA of a strawberry). The day ended with a live auction where youth got to experience what it was like to bid on various STEM, animal and creative items.

Another highlight of the year was a robotics day camp that was held in July. An older 4-H member helped plan and execute this camp as his leadership project for the year. There was an outstanding impact among the attendees as most of the youth had never done any coding on the computer before, so it was worthwhile to expose them to experiential learning they may not get elsewhere. It was also great to watch an older member step out of their comfort zone and share something they are passionate about with others. Payette County also held a fall festival in October. This event was used both as a recruiting event for the community as well as a leadership opportunity for many of the members.

## On the Horizon

The UI Extension, Payette County office will be hosting the first Tri-County Master Gardener training with representation from Payette, Washington and Gem counties.