



# Jerauld-Buffalo County 4-H

## 2022 County Impact Snapshot



There are six main pillars in the youth development process—academic, faith/moral, social, life, workforce, and leadership. From a beyond-the-family perspective, schools are entrusted with academics and religious organizations with faith. Within the umbrella of our highly valued *positive youth development* framework, 4-H strengthens youth in the remaining four pillars. Enjoy the 2022 snapshot highlighting how Jerauld-Buffalo County 4-H is developing youth who are **ready for fun, ready for life, ready to work, ready to lead!**



### SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

**Teen Leadership Academy** Program focuses on communication, project creation and development, and career exploration through in-depth training, motivational speakers, and mentorship. Members, Harlee Heim, Carissa Scheel, Mercedes Jones, Kerstynn Heim, Ella Fagerhaug, Teagan Scheel, and Tucker Thompson added several fun and exciting activities to this year's Achievement Day line-up. First included a 4-H Color Run and 3 on 3 Basketball tournament in the Wessington Springs Park. Fifty youth engaged in these activities. Youth organizers found a major sponsor, created a course, and advertised their event. Youth from 5 other communities were welcomed to the event. Entry fees equaled cans of food for the local food pantry. A substantial donation of canned goods was welcomed by food pantry coordinator. TLA members also organized 4-H Youth Ag Olympics. This entertainment was viewed after supper on the last night of Achievement Days. Two TLA youth hosted an "All About Pigs" workshop where youth learned about judging, nutrition, ear notching and identifying swine breeds. Youth enjoyed a pork loin supper too!

### LIFE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

**Jerauld-Buffalo Shooting Sports** continues to grow. The archery program grew in its third year along with other disciplines BB gun, Air Pistol and Air Rifle. Weekly practice dates stayed on Sunday afternoons for 2022, allowing for more youth to participate and avoid other sports conflicts. The shooting sports season runs from January to April. Gun safety at the youth level ensures lasting legacies of South Dakota youth enjoying the outdoors. 28 youth participated within the shooting sports program.

7 members attended the **State 4-H Livestock & Skillathon** competition in Brookings in September. Highlights included Swayzee Dunsmore as overall high beginner and Teagan Scheel as the overall high junior. Youth also represented very well in the livestock Skillathon contest. In January, Abby Kolousek will be representing SD 4-H at the National Hippology Contest in Denver along with Hannah Heezen, Caroline Witte, and Raylee Fagerhaug on the National Horse Judging Team and Carissa Scheel and Harlee Heim on the national Livestock Quiz Bowl team. We are extremely proud of our 4-H youth and the hard work they have put into these competitions!

A new Premier Exhibitor contest was added this year for SD 4-H. Points included showmanship, animals placings and livestock skillathon knowledge. Champion Beginner was Swayzee Dunsmore and Reserve Champion Senior was Carissa Scheel.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Jerauld County 4-H

#### Youth Reach Jerauld

Mastery Members	6
Enrolled Members	97
Outreach Members	37
Total Membership	140
Available County Youth (6-18)	278.5
% of Youth Served	50.3%

#### Volunteer Investment

Certified Volunteers	21
Short-term Helpers	8
Total Volunteers	29
Volunteer Hours	2100
ROI of Volunteer Time	\$34,184

#### Program Benefits

According to a recent survey from Tufts University, 4-H youth are...

- 4x more likely to be involved in community service
- 3x more likely to exercise regularly
- 2x more likely to be civically active
- Less likely to use drugs or alcohol

#### Contact us anytime to learn more about Jerauld County 4-H!

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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

4-Hers were able to participate in youth in action opportunities. Our annual **Top Chef Competition** took place this past summer. Each



youth drew ahead of time for their secret ingredient. On the day of the competition, they prepared recipes for the Burger Battle. Each youth used ground beef provided by a Land O Lakes grant. Youth also participated in fashion review and public presentations at the county and state level.

#### Let's Get Hatching

program inspires future poultry farmers and backyard enthusiasts. 16 WS 3rd graders learned about the poultry industry and hatched a set of eggs with weekly lessons learning about embryology.



One third grade 4-Her took her learning to the next level and exhibited a parts of an egg poster at the SD State Fair.

**Food Fun 4-H** is a new program for 2022. Youth across all four counties were eligible to sign up. 98 participants virtually traveled to Japan, Germany, Greece and Italy. They were supplied recipes and help videos to make delicious cuisine from different areas of the world. Youth were supplied kitchen tools to aid them in cooking with the help of a SD 4-H Leaders Mini Grant.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### Jerauld-Buffalo 4-H Celebrates

100 years in 4-H. Early records date back to 1922 in the county.



It was fun to dig back in the archives to discover all our rich 4-H history and sharing the 4-H story with our community. 4-H is about creating leaders and a leadership highlight includes Harlee Heim's **Vet Science Camp**. Prairie View Veterinary Clinic provided the host site for the two morning sessions for the ages 14 and up, and each session had 8 youth in them. During camp, youth were able to observe a feline spay. During the lab portion of day camp youth were able to dissect a bovine eye, administer vaccines correctly, and suture bananas. Expanding learning opportunities for all ages is important so for the afternoon session twenty-three youth, ages 13-8 joined the fun. These youth learned how to do physical exams, administer vaccine, how to conduct pet first aid, make a total mixed ration, and make dog treats to take home to their pets! "I hope we helped inspire a new group of animal care takers, producers, and veterinarians!" stated Heim. Heim received Reserve Champion in the 4-H Mastery Showcase for her work on this project.



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