

Southern Plains 2024 Impact At-A-Glance



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We are working on growing our communities over time. A total of \$1,376,220 was awarded to expand broadband in Thayer County.



The Thayer County Broadband Action Team (BAT) was formed through the Thayer County Economic Development Alliance and the Thayer County Commissioners. Extension Educator Jason Tuller was a member of the BAT. The team reviewed maps and speed tests provided by the Southeast Nebraska Development District. They also requested proposals from local broadband providers to apply for some of the Broadband Bridge grant funding available for unserved and underserved residents, with a match provided by the Thayer County Commissioners. Glenwood Communications worked through the process and applied in 2022, but they were not successful. When the applications opened again in 2023, the team worked with Glenwood once more, and this time they were successful, receiving \$1,376,220.

Programs At-A-Glance

More than 1,600 contacts were made with youth from Pre-K to 12th grade through school enrichment programs in the six schools of Thayer and Nuckolls counties. Topics included entrepreneurship, STEM, agriculture and food, leadership, and healthy living.

93

youth participated in Inventure Day, an entrepreneurial field day for seventh graders.

22

youth, ages 11 to 18, completed the Building Better Babysitters program.

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public libraries in Thayer and Nuckolls counties participated in at least one 4-H Extension program offering.



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