



MSU Extension Education & Research Improving the Quality of Life

In Daniels County

Summer Programming for Teachers

For the past five years, local educators in grades K-12 have been given the opportunity to attend continuing education classes that focus on curriculum that can be used in their classroom. The workshops are approved for OPI credits, undergraduate and graduate credits. This enables teachers to keep their teaching certification current without having to leave their communities. Another positive result of the classes being held in local communities is the financial savings due to the fact the teachers do not have to travel several hundred miles, pay for room and board and be away from their families. This is also a cooperative effort among Daniels, Sheridan and Roosevelt County Extension offices.

Youth Financial Awareness

Students in grades 8 and 9 are involved in learning how to make financial decisions using various tools and working through hands-on activities. Financial Champions was taught to 8th and 9th graders in the Scobey School, with a follow-up session using a financial calculator. Local lending institutions have helped finance manuals for Financial Champions and handheld calculators.

Financial Risk Management for Ag Families

Families in rural Montana have limited access to updated information on estate planning, tools for making financial decisions and understanding the importance for an in-depth financial report on their farming enterprise. Through three classes designed to address the financial risk ag families and others face every day, participants in several Northeast Montana communities now have a better understanding of those risks and some of the actions they should take to prevent future problems.

Noxious Weeds

Landowners and producers are becoming more aware of noxious weeds and the problems they can cause not only on rangeland, but in CRP and cropland. Several grants have been received to increase public awareness and cost-share the expense to treat some infestations. Currently there is an effort to address a new noxious weed by listing it on the county list and joining forces with adjacent counties to combat the problem. There is also a project under way to study organically approved methods to control the noxious weeds, field bindweed and Canada thistle on organically certified fields.

Lewis & Clark Fitness/Nutrition Challenge

A grant was received by the Extension office to purchase 60 pedometers to use in a project with the Scobey 5th and 6th grade students. The goals of The Lewis and Clark Fitness Challenge are: To motivate children, teachers and families to eat well and be active while learning more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition through Montana, and to improve the fitness levels of children in Montana. The in-school activities are a short-term impact of the program, but the truly important impact is what can happen at home. A healthy lifestyle is not just for school days, but is a 365-days-a-year proposition.

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