



MSU Extension Education & Research Improving the Quality of Life

In Rosebud/Treasure Counties

Food Safety - Approximately 180 people in the Rosebud/Treasure County area have participated in the ServSafe program aimed at educating those in the food service industry about the safe handling and preparation of served foods. Course participants include high school students, hospital employees, and restaurant owners and staff. Food safety education is recognized as a contributing factor in the decline of food-borne illness on a national scale.

4-H Exchange Club - The exchange club completed a two year program with Niagara County New York this past summer. As hosts the group toured Yellowstone Park with their New York visitors. All youth participants were responsible for raising \$1,000 each to cover trip expenses. In addition to spending time with their host family in Niagara County, a major highlight included a stay in New York City where they visited such sights as the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero. The Exchange Club has been active in Rosebud-Treasure County for over twenty years and has been instrumental in exposing local youth to different cultures and areas of the U.S.

Financial Calculator Class - In cooperation with the local community education program, the Extension Office has been offering financial calculator classes. These classes teach people that financial calculators are a simple tool that helps in financial decision making. The class is also responsible for helping participants understand basic financial concepts such as interest and time value of money.

Who Get's Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate - Held in conjunction with community events, senior citizen groups, and other organizations, this program helps people understand the sensitive issues associated with personal property in estate planning. Approximately 50 individuals have attended the workshop. Most have went on to request additional information relative to estate planning. A follow-up presentation by family economist, Marsha Goetting will be conducted in January

Market Animal Quality Assurance - In the past year, 45 youth in Rosebud/Treasure County 4-H program have participated in the Market Animal Quality Assurance Program. This program teaches 4-H youth about the need to produce a quality product for the consumer and to do it in an ethical and responsible manner.

Nitrate Quik Test - 30 forage samples were tested for the presence of nitrates. About half the samples were sent in for further testing. This simple procedure helps producers decide if further testing is necessary and educates producers about the dangers of nitrates in forages and appropriate methods to manage these forages.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training - The Rosebud/Treasure County Office manages the education of approximately 150 licensed private pesticide applicators in the two-county area. Through this program, producers learn to use pesticides safely, economically, and efficiently.

Rosebud/Treasure County Extension Office is located at the Courthouse in Forsyth Phone: 406-346-7320



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Non-Fat Dry Milk Program – 94 cattle producers were educated about the most efficient use of non-fat dry milk offered through a government program. As a result, producers could make the best possible use of their dry milk allotment.

Redland Memorial Livestock Judging - Each year, the Extension Office helps to host the Redland Memorial Livestock Judging. Annually over 150 4-H and FFA participants from across the state come and spend the morning participating in workshops and the afternoon in an actual contest. The MSU Livestock Judging Team assists by conducting the workshops and the contest.

New Ag Agent - In March, Janna Kincheloe joined the MSU Extension Staff as the new Rosebud/Treasure County Extension Agent.