



Welcome to Rosebud-Treasure Counties

Rosebud and Treasure Counties represent a diverse landscape and population. Covering 6,000+ square miles, the two counties include three incorporated cities, Forsyth, Colstrip, and Hysham, along with several additional communities and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

The northern portion of both counties provides wide-open prairies met by the Yellowstone River. The southern portion offers more rugged, pine-covered hills. Farming, ranching, energy development, and railroad make up the majority of the diverse economic drivers. MSU Extension in Rosebud and Treasure Counties is in large part funded by the taxpayers in both counties and your local and financial support is greatly appreciated.



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on and off the court. The impression they left on the younger members is still evident while the younger participants learned and improved their skills. Plus, they were physically active and increased their self-confidence. When asked if this was a good investment, one parent offered a resounding, “YES! This benefits the kids in our community, promoting good behaviors and life lessons.”

Reflecting back on the program, Anderson said, “teaching basketball is not an innovative idea, it’s a little different than what MSU Extension has done traditionally. However, there was an identified need and we created a successful outcome. This is what MSU Extension has been doing for over a hundred years; helping communities meet their own needs with sound solutions.”

Living with Dementia series provides lifeline to local caregivers

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s, and even more stunning, one out of three will die from Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia (according to [CDC? what is source for statistic?]). Living with any debilitating disease is hard. It’s even harder in rural areas, where people tend to feel more isolated and alone.

As people age, more families are filling the role of caregivers. They may be unaware of resources and support available, and set out on the caregiving path alone. Recognizing this, Rosebud County Senior Services, Public Health and MSU Extension teamed up to develop a program focused on education and social support. Living with Dementia became a locally-delivered program with a \$1,000 grant from the Montana Geriatric Education Center.

MSU Extension agent Jennifer Anderson talked about the program’s impact, “the demand and tremendous need for this was immediate. We had an overwhelming response from the community. More so, at each session, people shared how dire their situation was, how isolated they felt and how incredibly grateful they were to hear from others in similar situations and to visit with each other and resource people. It was clear many found a lifeline through this program by leaning on each other and learning about available resources they didn’t know existed prior to the sessions. Once again, this is a great example of how MSU Extension identifies a community’s needs and creates a collaborative environment to offer real solutions. I have no doubt this simple program made a positive impact on many lives.”

Empowering Women In Agriculture

MSU Extension Rosebud-Treasure County agents Jennifer Anderson and Melissa Ashley opened the doors for local women who gathered in Forsyth to participate in the initial Rosebud-Treasure County Annie’s Project series. Annie’s Project is a national nonprofit organization designed to strengthen women’s roles in the modern farm or ranch enterprise.

It was evident that Annie’s Project filled a need after Anderson and Ashley successfully introduced the project to local women at a preliminary planning meeting to gauge interest and brainstorm local topics of interest. The first Rosebud-Treasure Annie’s Project cohort met weekly, where they found themselves in a safe learning environment alongside local agriculture-minded women.

The six-week program aimed to empower and equip women to develop useful skills to become better partners and leaders within their farm or ranch operation. Speakers covered five risk areas: financial, human, legal, marketing and production. Not only did the participants benefit from the expertise of each speaker, they gained knowledge and new practices from discussion amongst each other.

A pre- and post-evaluation was conducted where the need for estate/succession planning within agricultural operations in Rosebud and Treasure Counties became evident. One participant shared that she had made a will because of her involvement in Annie’s Project. Another shared that she had made an appointment with a lawyer to begin their family’s succession plan.

Farming and ranching is a complex business, involving many moving parts and business partners. Annie’s Project helped participants improve skills needed for a sustainable, thriving agricultural operation.



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