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In McCone County

Efficient Use of Resources

During the past year, Extension agents in eastern Montana have worked to make better use of specialist time and travel dollars by using the Interactive TV Networks available in Montana. McCone County has accessed some of those programs, including a timely presentation on BSE in January and a three-session horticulture series.

Hands-on GPS Training

A hands-on GPS training was held that introduced participants to the use of GPS units. Exercises were held on locating items in the area using given coordinates. Among other benefits, landowners can use the information gleaned from their GPS to map fence lines, weed infestations and other important locations on their operations.

eBay Training

In response to community requests, the Extension Service offered a training to local people on using the eBay auction website. Dawson County Extension Agent Bruce Smith conducted the class, which several participants put to use immediately. Following the training, one individual reported selling an old tractor for over \$2200 by listing the tractor on eBay.

Test Plot Tour

The annual tour of the local spring wheat and durum test plot is a great opportunity for area farmers to see first hand what the newest varieties look like planted next to the varieties they are already using at home. The tour is also an excellent opportunity to get answers to production-related questions.

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