



MSU Extension Education & Research Improving the Quality of Life

In Prairie County

Serving Our Youth – Through partnership building, the Extension Office has allowed the local after school program to expand. Feedback from teachers and parents both indicate that the program is having significant positive impacts on the youth of the communities. Prairie County also has a vibrant 4-H program in which youth participate in a myriad of project areas.

Protecting Our Rangeland – Noxious Weeds are a serious threat to the 850,000 acres of rangeland. Extension has helped to provide leadership to three different noxious weed issues in the county. Those efforts include sheep grazing of leafy spurge along the Yellowstone and Powder Rivers, control of leafy spurge in the Tri-County area, and the Salt Cedar Task Force.

Improving Our Agricultural Production – Extension is working closely with local farmers and ranchers to help them become more efficient, cost-effective, and profitable. Forage nitrate testing, insect and plant disease diagnostics, and ration balancing are but a few of the areas where Extension assists local producers. Beef Quality Assurance, Environmental Management Systems, and forage production are a few of the educational programs offered during the last year.

Sustaining Our Community – Extension has been working with the Prairie County Economic Development Council to revitalize the local economy. By providing leadership to such efforts as marketing the county to a coal development company, updating the land-use plan, and improving infrastructure at the fairgrounds, Extension is having a positive impact in Prairie County.

Keeping Our Community Beautiful - One of the most frequently used services that Extension offers is assistance with horticulture concerns. Extension provides community members with information on appropriate plant varieties to grow in Eastern Montana, insect and plant disease diagnostics, weed control, fertilization, water management, and soil types.

Prairie County Extension Office is located at 217 West Park in Terry Phone: 406-635-2121



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