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### **Housing Conference**

The Eastern Montana Impact Coalition (EMIC) partners were invited to speak at the 2014 Montana Housing Partnership Conference held this May in Miles City. EMIC's presentation, entitled "The Housing View from Eastern Montana," followed Governor Bullock's welcome to conference attendees. In case you missed the conference, a link to EMIC's informative housing presentation can be found at epedc.com by clicking the housing photo located on the site's homepage.

# Next EPEDC Quarterly Board Meeting

Wednesday October 15, 2014 Plevna, MT at the Plevna Community Center 9:30 a.m.

#### **Contact Information**

**Comments or questions?** 

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## **Local Project Updates**

TSEP and DNRC/RRGL construction grant applications were submitted on behalf of both the Town of Terry and the Fallon County Water and Sewer District projects in May. Funding decisions will be made in 2015, when the Montana State Legislature reconvenes. Construction on Plevna's water project has begun.

The EPEDC submitted a request to TransCanada for help funding a security fence around the perimeter of Terry Public School's football field and elementary playground adjacent to the community's main thoroughfare. The company generously awarded the school \$2,500 for the project, which is now complete (pictured above).

A \$5,000 Stockman Bank foundation grant awarded to the "Save Our Pool" group in Terry helped complete current renovations on the town's pool facility. Caulking and new paint helped seal the interior to prevent further leaking.

Also, the EPEDC is assisting with a regional geotourism map project, similar to the Crown of the Continent project, designed to highlight and promote the region within the southeast Yellowstone watershed to the Pryor Mountains and Wyoming/North Dakota borders. The project has been approved to host a VISTA volunteer, under the direction of the Montana Wilderness Association, who will be compiling data for both a physical map and web content for interactive applications.

#### **Rural Employment Opportunities**

Rural Employment Opportunities (REO) has been serving Montana families since 1981. The organization's mission is to promote economic self-sufficiency through employment and training opportunities for unemployed or underemployed individuals. This, in turn, helps local communities meet their workforce development needs by providing skilled workers. REO offers the following services: Career Assessment and Training Assistance, Financial Literacy, Soft Skills Training, Work Experience and Placement, Support Services, and a Matched Savings Program. REO staff members work closely with program participants, helping them determine the best ways to reach personal goals. For every \$1 a Matched Savings Program participant saves REO matches it with \$3, enabling participants to attend college and/or take on-line classes. Participants may choose to attend a vocational, technical, or trade school for short-term job training or enter a work-related college program. REO also offers on-the-job training or worksite experiences for those ready to enter the workforce. If you would like more information about REO's programs, please contact:

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"In every adversity there lies the seed of an equivalent advantage. In every defeat is a lesson showing you how to win the victory next time."

-Robert Collier, author

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The EPEDC serves the following participating counties and municipalities:
Carter County, Dawson County, Fallon County, Prairie County, and Wibaux County,
as well as the City of Baker, the Town of Ekalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.