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### Kaleidoscope

Unique training and networking opportunities for nonprofit organizations pertaining to the needs and interests of eastern Montana communities was provided by the Montana Nonprofit Association when they hosted a conference: nonprofit Kaleidoscope/Make Your Mark, June 25 and 26 in Glendive. The highlights began Monday with the Preconference Board Governance Workshop, followed by a welcoming reception at Makoshika State Park in the evening. Tuesday's conference began with keynote speaker: Mary Peterson, Executive Director of Eagle Mount. The day's events included six breakout sessions that focused on matters of nonprofit management and sustainability, and a funder's forum. The conference concluded with keynote speaker Shannon Stober, Owner of Verve Exchange Consulting.

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### Next Board Meeting:

**October 25, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

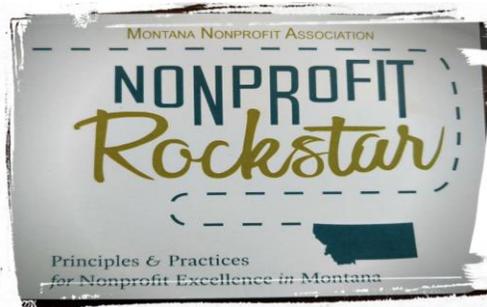
**Wibaux County  
Courthouse  
Wibaux, MT**

### CEDS 2017-2022

An updated planning document, referred to as a "Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy" or CEDS is submitted by the regional economic development district (EDD) every five years. The Economic Development Administration uses the demographic information that is compiled within our CEDS for a basis in administering planning funds for EPEDC. The EPEDC's ability to assist with various projects in the area is shaped through the priorities identified and outlined in the document by communities within our region.

The original CEDS document that was utilized by EPEDC originated in 2006. The EPEDC staff works very hard to create a document that reflects the current needs of Carter, Dawson, Fallon, Prairie, and Wibaux Counties.

CEDS committee members met to update demographic material that was collected throughout the process by obtaining current development information from the five counties. Meeting with city and county members, as well as other vital sources in the communities played a crucial role in developing relevant criteria. It was essential to have active participation from all these communities. This included local elected officials, area business people, local economic development representatives, and private citizens so that accurate material was obtained for the CEDS document.



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New EPEDC Administrative Assistant

Quote of the quarter

### New Administrative Assistant

On June 21, 2017, Shari Robertson joined the EPEDC team as Administrative Assistant to Beth Epley. Mrs. Robertson will be actively involved in assisting the EPEDC in accomplishing projects throughout the five county districts with her office located in the Evelyn Cameron Heritage.

Shari has been an active participant in the community of Terry since she moved from Shelby Montana with her husband and two children in January of 2000. She has operated, owned, and managed a business in both Shelby and Terry with over thirty years' experience. She has experience in coaching, judging, mentoring, chaperoning, and instructing. She was organizer and chairman for the Terry Relay for Life. She believes in being a positive role model that continues to be actively involved in communities and organizations. She is committed to gaining superior knowledge that is effective in planning and implementing progress in community development.

Shari recently graduated with honors from Montana State University Northern with a Bachelor of Art in Community Leadership, minor in Criminal Justice. She believes being involved promotes community development and economic growth. Her professional and personal experiences have developed invaluable skills in understanding the ethical, moral and social responsibilities to think critically and communicate effectively in building alliances. She has a positive nature that enables her to relate to people of all ages, adapt to change, accept direction, and stand up to make a difference in serving the communities. She is passionate about her work and is excited to take on her new role as EPEDC Administrative Assistant.

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make" – Jane Goodall

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 Elkalaka, the City of Glendive, the Town of Plevna,  
the Town of Richey, the Town of Terry, and the Town of Wibaux.



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