



Welcome to Wibaux County

Wibaux County's population has maintained around 1,000 residents in the 890 square miles that compose the county. The major industries include farming and ranching, and some oil production on the county borders. The average income for Wibaux residents is \$40,833. Currently 75 percent of Wibaux County acreage is certified farm and ranch production. Cover crops and pulse crops have been on the rise in production popularity in Wibaux County with a large majority of producers being beef cow/calf operators as well.

With a small community, Wibaux has shown some big changes and continued success. The fairgrounds showcased a new set of covered grandstands in the last few years with many additional improvements to the grounds. The

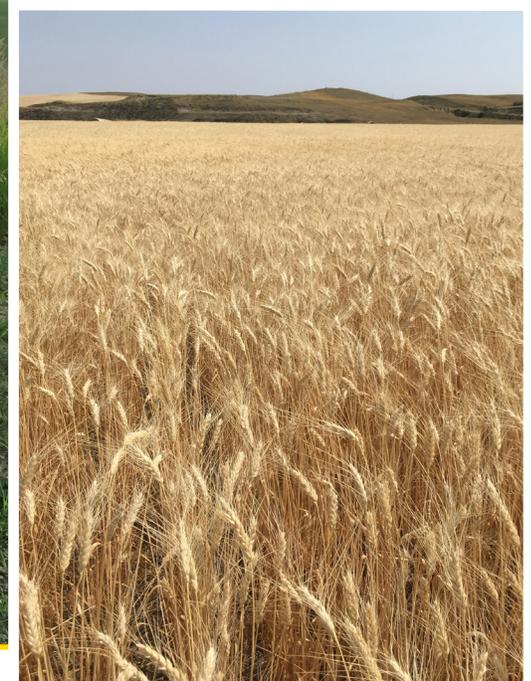
Wibaux fairgrounds host the Wibaux County Fair and numerous other events throughout the year, including community gatherings, birthday parties, weddings, horse shows and more.

The continued success of local wool producers has shown that the MonDak Wool Pool remains an important factor in wool production in Wibaux County. The MonDak Wool Pool contributed 14,735 pounds of wool from eight growers worth \$43,860.

The Wibaux County Weed Board has reported an increase in noxious weed control across the county with assistance from grant money and because of producer's increased awareness and participation.



The beautiful view of green lush land from a country road.



Extension Programs Benefit the Public in a Variety of Ways

Wibaux Health Fair shares 'Pearls of Wisdom' for the past 30 years

The Wibaux Health Fair has been serving Wibaux County and surrounding communities with health-saving testing and informational booths for many years. The 30th anniversary of the Wibaux Health Fair 'Pearls of Wisdom for Better Health' was open for business before the sun came up. The 2018 health fair, held in March, opened its doors to over 525 youth and adults.

The health fair is also a social event. Farmers, ranchers, and retirees welcome the opportunity to visit with friends while enjoying a continental breakfast sponsored by local individuals and businesses. Youth enjoy the hands-on booths and picking up a snack or a free pencil.

With an emphasis on prevention and healthy lifestyles, the health fair is sponsored by MSU Extension in Wibaux County. The fair has grown to serve more than 500 people (in a county with a population of 1,000) with typically over 20 organizations exhibiting their health-related services.

With the cooperation of many volunteers and the local high school, which serves as the location for the fair, this is one of Wibaux's most anticipated annual events.

Trish Olson, Wibaux County Health Nurse, pictured with Loren Szudera of Beach, ND, offered blood sugar testing.



Healthcare in Wibaux consists of a county-owned clinic staffed two days a week by Glendive Medical Center, and two days a week by Fallon Medical Complex.

Nutrition and health education are essential components needed to emphasize the importance of developing healthy lifestyles. Routine medical examinations also play an important role in prevention, as well as early detection.

The Wibaux Health Fair offers complete blood profiles, A1C, anemia panels, Vitamin D, and PSA screening at reduced costs. Other services offered include blood sugar testing, blood pressures, free hearing evaluations, and a wide variety of services for all ages.

The health fair committee consists of Danielle Harper, MSU Extension Agent; Patti Goroski, MSU Extension Administrative/ Program Assistant; Trish Olson, Wibaux County Health Nurse; and Barb Maus, former Wibaux County Health Nurse.

The health fair has proven to save community members thousands of dollars in health care costs. It has also saved the lives of those who have been referred to their primary care physician due to an abnormal blood profile or other screening tests.

Because of the information presented, participants are aware that increased physical activity and improved dietary habits are a necessity to prolong their lives. Offering testing at a reduced cost

encourages people to complete their blood work in a timely and cost-effective manner. Incorporating a variety of informative/ hands-on booths provides supplemental information to those attending.

Wibaux County 4-H Inspires Growth

Wibaux County 4-H consists of 58 youth members, 21 adult volunteers, and four active clubs. Although the 4-H program is small in numbers, the members are very active, participating in one to seven projects, averaging three projects per member. The 4-Her's show their enthusiasm for 4-H in their project loads and also by exploring different project interests. Our 4-H members completed a wide variety of 107 projects.

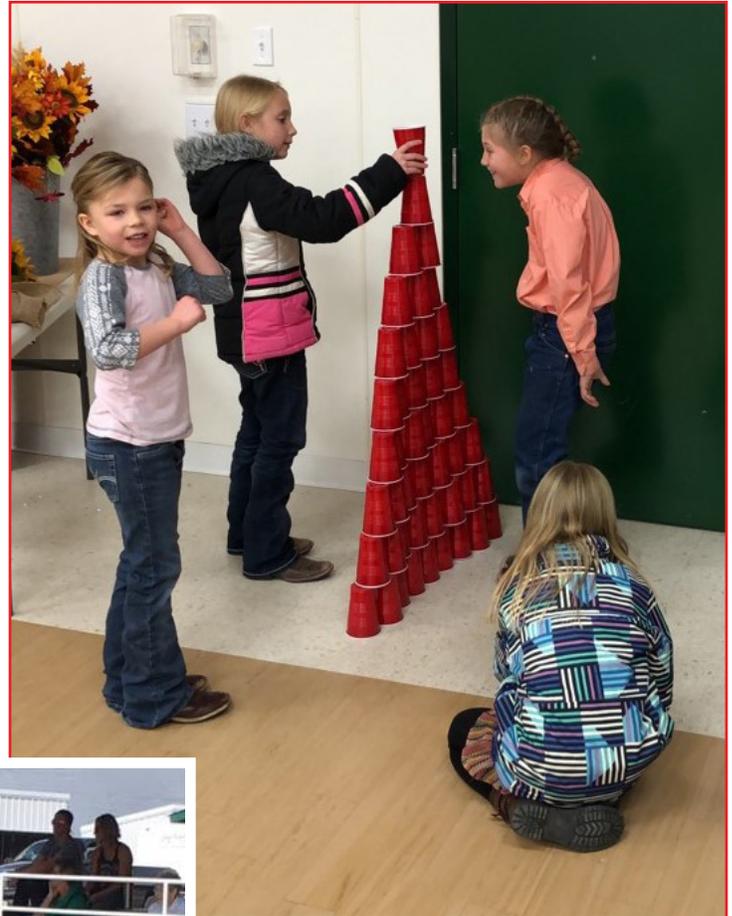
The past year has been busy with numerous 4-H clinics including horse (weekly), livestock feeding, showmanship, poultry, and a few craft workshop days. This year was Wibaux County's turn to co-host the OREO trip (designed for 4-H members in seventh and eighth grade—providing a travel-learning opportunity before 4-H members start attending state 4-H events). There were 56 youth and 14 adults who traveled to Livingston, MT, to experience a wide range of activities from whitewater rafting to touring a vintage blacksmith shop.

With increased interest in the dog project, the need was seen to purchase our own dog agility equipment, rather than borrowing from another county. The members had fun helping put together a dog agility course, building obstacles, painting, and purchasing a few unique pieces.

Archery program membership has grown and became the most popular project in Wibaux County. Within the archery program, hard work and dedicated practices have been proven at regional and

state competitions with members placing in multiple age groups. The growth of state event participation has also increased from Wibaux County 4-H with attendance at 4-H Congress, Rec Lab, and Fall Ambassador Training.

4-H Cloverbuds working on a STEM activity at 4-H Achievement night.



Nicole Rolf evaluates open class goats at the Wibaux County Fair.

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