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Issue #7

*Working to make a strong viable community to live, work and play.*

**Dawson County Economic Development Council (DCEDC) is working to develop workforce and economic opportunities, in addition to assisting small businesses with retention and expansion. Call to schedule a meeting, 406-377-7792.**



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**Local Option  
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**Are you reading and hearing about the push to encourage Montana Legislatures to allow communities the opportunity to implement a local option tax?**

The **LOCAL OPTION** is up to a three percent sales tax for specific community projects that goes away when the project is completed. It could be enacted by cities and towns across Montana, but only if residents vote to use it. The **LOCAL OPTION** is tied to specific projects that are meaningful to your community. Whether it's attracting tourists or keeping and attracting talented people, it's about making your town more competitive today and for future generations.

**Learn more ... <http://actmt.org/how-it-works/>**



Webb Brown  
President and CEO



DCEDC had the opportunity to meet with Webb during a community meeting hosted at the Glendive Chamber of Commerce in September.

The Montana Chamber of Commerce works closely with *small businesses and economic development organizations* to help ensure Montana has a healthy business climate.



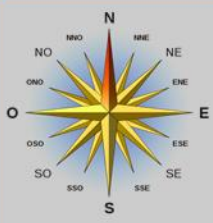
**"Art Outside the Box"**



"Art Outside the Box" is a public art beautification program designed to transform common traffic control utility boxes in Glendive, into distinctive works of art, creating a more vibrant, attractive cityscape. The program celebrates local artists and their photographs, acts as a deterrent to graffiti, and involves community residents in contributing to the beautification of the city.

Dawson County Tourism Business Investment District (TBID) lodging tax dollars were used to support this beautification project. This year one more location has been identified for "Art Outside the Box". Watch for the artwork to be placed at the intersection of Highway 16 and Towne Street.

**Montana Business Navigator**



The Montana Business Navigator is here to create an easy-to-use environment where Montana's businesses can find the requirements and tools they need to own and operate a business in Montana. The Business Navigator contains a wealth of resources and information organized in a step-by-step process so you can plan, start, operate, and expand your business in Montana. Whether your business is just an idea, a startup, or an established business we have gathered the tools to help you succeed.



Imagine tourism as the second largest industry next to agriculture in eastern Montana! Makoshika State Park has so much potential with the addition of potable water into the park.

You could enjoy a zip line, equestrian rides, guided tours, food vendors, mountain bike trail races and a new campground with potable water! DCEDC, Friends of Makoshika, Glendive Chamber, Montana State Parks, City of Glendive and others are working to make this a reality.

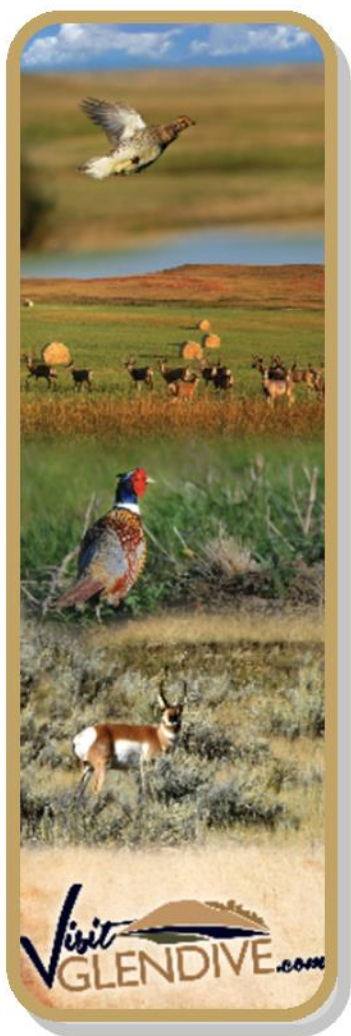
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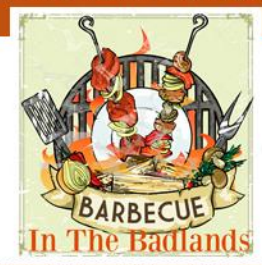
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**Dawson County Fair Grounds  
October 8th—2:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Glendive Chamber (406) 377-5601**



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