

## The Progress

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#### April 2009

April 3rd—Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at GameStop, McKinley & Harrison Ave, 12:00P.M.

April 3rd—Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Celebration @ Appliance Depot. 926 S. Arizona (inside Abbey's Furniture building), 5:30 P.M.

April 4th– Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ Starbucks Coffee Co, 3201 Harrison Ave., 9:00 A.M.

April 22nd– Business Card Social @ the Butte Plaza Mall, 3100 Harrison Ave., 5:00 P.M.– 7:00P.M. Hosted by the Butte Plaza Mall & Big Butte Kiwanis.

April 22nd– Beautify Butte Clean Up Campaign @ the Chamber.

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## Southwest Montana All-Star Classic



The 1st Annual Southwest Montana All-Star Classic Basketball Tournament was far beyond a success. The tournament was held at the Montana Tech HPER Complex on the evening of March 18th, 2009. The gym was nearly filled to capacity with two basketball games that provided great entertainment for the fans. The girls' game kicked off the evening with an intense game that was sure to keep the fans on their feet. The boys' game followed with roaring cheers until the final buzzer. Entertainment was second to none with performances by the Dynamic Dance & Tumbling Academy, the Anaconda Band and Drumline, and the Butte High School Cheerleaders who all had spectacular routines. A sincere thank you goes out to all who worked, participated and volunteered. A special thanks to Don Peoples Jr. who was the organizer and chair of this great event, Mark & Susanne Dauenhauer of Papa Murphy's Pizza, and Jim Bennett of Harrington Pepsi Cola. We are already looking forward to next years' Southwest Montana All-Star Classic and hope to see you all there! (See pictures on page 5)





## April Calendar of Events



- ♦ April 1st—Council of Commissioners
- April 1st—Beautify Butte Meeting @ the Chamber (12:00), call for further details.
- ♦ April 1st—Civic Improvement
- ♦ April 7th—Retail Committee
- ♦ April 8th—Council of Commissioners
- ♦ April 9th—Executive Board Meeting
- ♦ April 15th—SBLHA
- ♦ April 15th—Council of Commissioners

- ♦ April 15th—URA
- ♦ April 16th—Board of Directors Meeting
- ♦ April 20th—School Board Meeting
- ♦ April 21st—CVB
- ♦ April 21st -- Advantage Butte
- April 22nd
   Council of Commissioners
- ♦ April 22nd—Ambassadors Meeting
- ♦ April 22nd—Beautify Butte Cleanup Campaign
- ♦ April 29th—Council of Commissioners

#### Butte, MT Fun Fact #4

Did you know that the snowiest day in Butte's history was on October 11, 1911, when Butte was buried under 24 inches of snow that fell in only 24 hours!?

-Butte Trivia by George Everett



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### A Message From Marko...

It's a beautiful day in Butte! This statement is a great lead into this month's message. The Butte Chamber had many successful events during the month of March.

The Class "A" Girls' State Basketball Tournament and the State "AA" Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournaments were very well attended events that were enhanced by the Chamber/Advantage Butte Hospitality Rooms. We received raving reviews by all in attendance and the general consensus by visitors regarding the hospitality rooms were that Butte's are "Second to none." A special thank you to Chairperson Margie Thompson and hospitality committee members Jim Bennett, Jim Clary, Wetona Filius and Bill Melvin for all of their hard work to make Butte hospitality rooms the best in the state.

The Chamber also hosted an evening with the Edmonton Bagpipers on March 15 at the Finlen Hotel. Everyone in attendance had a great time and wanted to know if this could become an annual event. I have good news for all of the people who asked this question.

Preliminary plans are the Chamber and Friends of the Bagpipers are working to make this a reality for 2010. More details will be in future publications.

Finally, the first annual Southwest Montana All Star Basketball Classic played at Montana Tech on March 18 was a success beyond expectations. The gym was almost filled to capacity with two basketball games that provided great entertainment for the fans. Thanks to all who worked, participated and volunteered. A special thanks to Don Peoples Jr. who was the organizer and chair of this great event. Also I would like to take a moment to show my appreciation to all committee members and Montana Tech for the use of their facility.

The All Star Game concluded with a pizza party for all players, the Anaconda High School Band, drill teams, cheerleaders and coaches. The party was hosted and donated by Mark & Susanne Dauenhauer of Papa Murphy's Pizza and Jim Bennett of Harrington Pepsi Cola. Thank you for your support and generosity in making this tournament a

huge success!

Last but not least, it is a beautiful day in Butte and you can help make it even more beautiful by participating in the Beautify Butte Clean-Up Campaign on April 22nd, Earth Day! Call the Chamber for more information!

Sincerely,

#### Marko Lucich

Marko Lucich



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# Grand Openings & Ribbon Ceremonies

#### Mining City Hardware & Lumber

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Friday, March 20th, 2009 at Mining City Hardware and Lumber. The Ribbon Ceremony was attended by the Chamber's Executive Director, Marko Lucich, Marketing Director, Alysha Jeffery, Shelly Jones of Butte-Silver Bow, and Chamber Ambassadors, Diane Curnow, Sandi Seccomb, and Kay Duncan. The new store will be open seven days a week and is located behind Wal\*Mart at 3934 Wynne.



Duncan. Bottom Left: Mining City Hardware &

Lumber's wide variety of gardening supplies! Stop in and see their selection today.

Top Right: A view from the back of the store displaying the variety of merchandise.

Bottom Right: The Montana Made Gift Shop has everything from your school colored candy and goat's milk lotion to artwork by local artists!

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## "A Night with The Bagpipers"



"A Night with The Bag Pipers" was held on Sunday, March 15th, 2009 at the Copper Bowl Lounge in the Finlen Hotel. The Chamber fundraiser was a success beyond expectations. The night began with conversation, hors D'ouevres, and refreshments as the Edmonton Police Service paraded through the audience playing their pipes and drums. Twenty five members of The EPS Pipe and Drum Band entertained the crowd with traditional songs as well as a special birthday song for Chamber President, Chuck Uggetti! The EPS Pipe and Drum Band members travel to Butte each year to participate in our St. Patrick's Day Festivities and will be making this Chamber of Commerce fundraiser an annual event! For more information and pictures please visit www.epspipeband.ca/Butte.htm



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#### Southwest Montana All-Star Classic Snapshots



Photography by Joe Vukovich

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### Starbucks Coffee Co.

COFFEE/FOOD/BAKERY/GIFT SHOP Michael Kane 3201 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701 Ph:(406) 494-4952 www.starbucks.com

#### Montana Club

RESTAURANTS Kevin Fabatz 3540 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701 Ph: (406) 494-1400 www.montanaclub.com

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#### Unique Lighting & Home Décor Hosts March Business Card Social

#### If it's Good Times You Seek, Socialize With Unique!

Dawned with 6 foot Subway sandwiches, homemade candy, chips, and various drink flavors, D.J., Kellie, and Shawn of Unique Lighting & Home Décor welcomed fellow Chamber Members, L.E.A.D. participants, Lead Networking Members, and customers from all over Southwest Montana to March's Business Card Social and Unique's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party.

This month's Business Card Social was enjoyed by floods of people celebrating a locally owned business's mark of two successful years in such a delicate economy. The citizens of Butte have really stood by its neighbors when much of the country has been frantically struggling. It was evident on the night of the social that when we support each other we can make sure to push forward together.

The following is a letter written from Unique Lighting & Home Décor to fellow business owners and managers after reflecting on the March Business Card Social:

Dear Chamber and Chamber Members,

Pictured Left to Right: Arnie Locke, D.J. Wonnacott, & Kellie Gribben of Unique Lighting & Home Décor.

When we opened in March of 2007 we never would have been able to guess that the last two years would have led us down the path it has. We didn't realize that we were opening more than just a business. We opened a door to new friendships, fellowships, and connections.

We have met so many great people beginning the first day of looking into starting Unique Lighting & Home Decor when we met Henry and Colleen Klobucar, our landlords. Henry, Colleen, and their family have been so helpful and supportive during some great times and even some very difficult times.

We could not believe the support our neighboring businesses had for us when we opened! Red Line Sports, Domino's, the Derby, Copper Kettle Chocolates & Gems and so many others welcomed us into the neighborhood with open arms.

Marko Lucich, Chamber Staff, Sarah DeMoney, Sam Collier, and Brad Killgore have all supplied us with great weapons of networking. It was through the Chamber, L.E.A.D., and the Lead Networking Group, that we gained strength in times of distress via stories of other business owners during their hard times. Aside from the amazing contacts we've made, these groups sometimes seemed more like a support therapy group than anything else.

And there have been those people like Joe McClafferty and Tami O'Connell who have helped us market products and services. Joe has worked with us on selling the Montana Tech lamps and Tami gave us a second location to display our products, in the Stix and Stones showroom at 926 S. Arizona.

These are only a few people of many who have helped us survive the last two years. It is people like all of you that make Butte and Southwest Montana the greatest place on Earth to live and to do business. Without all of the support that each of you give us we wouldn't have been able to be where we are today.

Here's to another great two years, thank you for attending our Business Card Social, and thank you all even more for your support!

Sincerely with gratitude,

D.J. Wonnacott, Kellie Gribben, and Shawn Gribben

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Top Left: Betty Kissock starts the night out right with a glass of wine and a cozy corner seat as the clock strikes 6:00 at March's Business Card Social! Betty was the WINNER of the Business Card Drawing with a prize of \$20.00 in Unique Lighting Bucks!!!

Top Right: Janel Morgan, Sherry Bradanini & Marko Lucich, enjoy themselves during Unique Lighting & Home Décor's Business Card Social!

Bottom Right: Unique Lighting & Home Décor has a variety of merchandise from lighting, floral arrangements, wine racks, wall art, and much more! Stop in and check it out for all of your home decorating needs!

Bottom Left: Unique Lighting & Home Décor draws a big crowd for their 2nd Anniversary Sale & Social!



The Butte Chamber of
Commerce would like to
wish our Past President,
Linda Guptill a very Happy
Retirement! Thank you for
everything you have done for
us at the Chamber! We wish
you the best in all of your
future endeavors!



#### Business Updates???

Have you updated your business information recently? To ensure our accuracy in our website listing, mailings, and publications please contact our Marketing & Membership Department with any business changes you may have! Email your updated business information to: marketing@buttechamber.org or call the Chamber office at 723-3177.



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## Spring has Sprung at the Butte Chamber of Commerce



Top Left: Chamber Ambassador Diane Curnow poses with an EPS Pipe and Drum Band Member.

Top Middle: Chamber Ambassador, Francie Reed enjoys "A Night with the Bagpipers" as she spends the evening with family & friends.

Top Right: Marsha & Shad Foster pose for a picture as the Bagpipers prepare to play their second round of music!

Bottom Left: The Bagpipers play a special birthday song for Chamber President, Chuck Uggetti!
Bottom Right: Chamber Volunteer Myrtle Gamroth and her sister Shirley have front row seats at the Chamber's "A Night with the Bagpipers".









Chamber Ambassadors and Volunteers surround themselves with family & friends for the Chamber's "A Night with the Bagpipers" Fundraiser!



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Ever







Left: Marketing & Membership Director, Alysha Jeffery and Chamber Board Member and Ambassador, Marsha Foster set up a booth at the Butte Plaza Mall's Wedding Fair. The trolley was a big hit for the brides-to-be! Our year-round trolley is perfect for your Special Event. Call us at (406) 723-3177 to reserve it for your special day! Seats up to 26 people, alcohol prohibited.

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## Business of the Month



At Brenda's Florist we are committed to quality and service. Our 100% Guarantee is our personal commitment to creating long term relationships with our customers. Your satisfaction is our Number One priority, not just because it's our job, but because we care. Brenda's has a wide variety of home décor, floral arrangements, candles, gifts and so much more! We choose the freshest, highest quality flowers and our shop has a professional, caring, & qualified staff to serve all your floral and home decorating needs. Call or stop in today!











## Birthday Spot Light!!!





Happy Birthday Chuck Uggetti! ~From all of us at the Chamber



School District #1 Education Fair

The Butte Plaza Mall will host the 2009 School District #1 Education Fair, April 20th through May 2nd, 2009. Displays will include writing, art, and science projects by students from all of our local schools. For more information please contact Alana at (406) 494-3362.











## Reinvesting In Our Chamber for 2009...

2 Bar Lazy H Campground

360 Networks A & M Fire and Safety A & S Metals A to Z Mini Storage A-1 Ambulance

Abbey's Furniture Showcase

Acadia Montana Ace Hardware Advanced Dermatology American Federal Savings Bank Amherst Animal Hospital Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co., P.C.

Ann Laszlo Apex Realty Appliance Depot ARC Electric Auto Magic Baker Auto Balanced Care Bank of Butte

Beaverhead/Deerlodge Forest Belmont Senior Center Benjamin News

Benny's Power Toys, LLC Bentley Construction Berger Appraisal Service, Inc.

Bert Mooney Airport Berube, Dan

BCD Travel

Best Western Butte Plaza Inn Better Business Bureau Big Brothers & Sisters of Butte Big Sky Diagnostic Imaging

Big Sky Living (Waterford on Elizabeth Warren)

Big Sky Optical

Big Sky Repertory Theatre Bob Ward & Sons **Bock Insurance** Bookey Consulting, Inc. Books & Books Bowman Appliance Boy Scouts of America Boyd Taylor CPA Brenda's Florist

Bresnan Communications

Brooks Hanna

BSB Chief Executive, Paul Babb

BSW, Inc. Burke Partners Butori Collision Butte Board of Realtors

Butte Broadcasting - KBOW/KOPR/KGLM/

KANA

Butte Center for the Performing Arts

Butte Civic Center

Butte Community FCU Butte Convalescent Center Butte Copper Company

Butte Country Club Butte Days Inn

Butte Glass

Butte Historical Society Butte Job Service Butte MT KOA

Butte Les Schwab Tire Center Butte Local Development Corp.

Butte Pathology, LLC Butte Plaza Mall Butte Portal

Butte Produce & Supply Butte Rescue Mission

Butte Silver Bow Business Development Center Butte Silver Bow County Attorney (Eileen Joyce)

Butte Silver Bow Law Enforcement Butte Vigilante Rodeo & Saddle Club

Butte Weekly C.C.C.S., Inc.

C.M. Ackerman Productions

Career Futures Carpet Mill Outlet Cellular One Cellular Plus CitiFinancial

Clean & Dry Laundromat

Columbus Plaza/Highland View Manor

Comfort Inn

Community Coordinated Child Care

Community Health Center Conlin's Furniture

Consumer Credit Counseling Cooneys Locksmith & Security

Copper City Wireless

Copper Ridge Health & Rehabilitation

Corette, Pohlman, Kebe

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Courtney, Michael J. Creative Illusions Critelli Couriers Custom Floors DA Davidson

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Ed Tech FCU Eddy's Motel

Empire Office Machines

Erb, Beverly

Evans Transfer & Storage Fairmont Chalets

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Fairmont RV Park Farmers Insurance Fickler Oil Co., Inc.

Finlen Hotel First Citizens Bank First National Bank Fleming & O'Leary

Foster, Marsha Fox Alarm

Front Street Market Front Street Station G & G Distributing, Inc. Gallows Frame, LLP Gem Mountain Glacier Bank

Golden Sunlight Mines Granite Mountain Bank Great Divide Realty Great Harvest Grief Support, LLC H & H Contracting

H & R Block Income Tax Service

Hampton Inn

Harrington Pepsi Cola Bottling

Harrington Surgical

Harrington's Floor & Window Coverings

Harrison Ave. Realty

Headwaters RC&D Area, Inc.

Henningsen, Vucurovich & Richardson PC

Hertz Rent-A-Car Highland Hearing Hoffman R & M Services Hoggatt Enterprises, Inc. Holiday Inn Express Homestake Lodge Homestead Real Estate

Human Resource Council (HRC) Hunter Brothers Construction Ingenium Data Technics, Inc.

Insty Prints Java Junction IC Penny Jeffery Contracting Iim Gilman Excavating, Inc. Joe Shoemaker/New York Life

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#### Reinvesting ... (continued)

Joe's Pasty Shop K & K Roofing Keenan Jewelers Kestle & Assoc. Kissock Realty Kleen King KMBR/KAAR KWYB-ABC 18 KXLF TV Laurel Staples

Lee's Office City

Leo McCarthy Insurance Agency, Inc.

Leskovar Motor, Inc. Lisac's Tri-Stop & Casino

Lucky Lil's Lydia's Supper Club MacDonald Auto Repair, Inc. MacKenzie River Pizza Co. Mahugh Fire & Safety, LLC Main Stope Gallery Mainstreet Uptown Butte

Markovich Construction & Real Estate

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Montana Club Montana Orthopedics Montana Resources

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Montana Tech Foundation Morris Marketing

Morrison-Maierle Motel 6

MSE

NCAT Neary Appraisal Service

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Northwest Noodles & Wraps

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Poore, Roth & Robinson, P.C. Pork Chop John's Sandwich Shop

Port of Montana Porter Block, Inc. PP & L Montana Prigge & Otten, P.C. Pro Shredders

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Starbucks Coffee Co.

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Subway

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Sweet Palace Inc.

SYSCO Food Services

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The Candle Boutique The Insurance Exchange The Montana Standard The StoneFly Shop The Tax Shop The UPS Store

The Werks Construction, Inc. Thompson Distributing, Inc. Thread It Ink

Thriftway Super Stops

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UBC

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United Blood Services

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## Business Trends February 2009

	MONTH/YEAR February 2008	MONTH/YEAR February 2009	% CHANGE
CONSTRUCTION Year to Date	427,781.04 1,182,982.43	37,203.20 1,124,775.19	-91.3% -4.9%
WATER	13,450	13,522	0.5%
EMPLOYMENT			
Unemployment Rate	4.10	6.10	48.8%
Number Employed	16,235	16,417	1.1%
Number Unemployed	690	1,068	54.8%
Total Labor Force	16,925	17,485	3.3%
MAIL			
Tourism Requests	60	21	-65.0%
General Information	6	7	16.7%
AIRLINE PASSENGERS			
Boarding	2,564	1,563	-39.0%
Deplanings	2,273	1,450	-36.2%