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Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Held July 16th

- August 7th-9th
An Ri Rah Irish Festival
- August 13th-5-7pm
Business Card Social at the 5 Mile Bar
- August 14th
Golf Tourney Payment Deadline
- August 21st-22nd
Big Sky Chicken Wing Ding at the Butte Depot. Call 782-2102 for tickets!
- August 27th
2nd Annual Chamber Digger Classic Golf Tournament at Fairmont. See you on the links!

Approximately 300 people attended the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, July 16. Margie Krsul served as the emcee for the event. Herb Leuprecht, President of Envision Butte, Inc., spoke of the history of this project. It started in July of 2006 and three years later we have a beautiful park setting with a gazebo; restrooms; Norm DeNeal's signature garden with an Irish Design featuring a large Celtic Knot. To enhance the area, period lighting was installed with beautiful "Welcome to Butte" banners and hanging flower baskets. Herb remarked that in just sixty-seven tourist days of 2009 approximately 12,000 tourists have visited the Berkeley Pit.

Further remarks were made by Steve LaRance from Washington Corporation, Tad Dale, V.P. Human Resources from Montana Resources, Butte Silver Bow Chief Executive Paul Babb, Victor Bjornberg from the Montana Office of Tourism, and Chamber Executive Director Marko Lucich.

This project would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the Envision Butte, Inc. Board of Directors which includes, President Herb Leuprecht; Vice President Don Peoples; Secretary- Treasure Marko Lucich; Gary Harrington; Maureen Kenneally; Dan Manson; Bill Markovich; John Sando; Randy Simkins; Dan Steele and Ron Ueland.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the donors who have made this project a reality. Also, we would like to thank the Butte Copper Company for hosting refreshments for the evening and Butte America Music for providing the music.



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August Meetings

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Butte, MT Fun Fact #8
In 1922 Butte mines produced 1,000,000 ounces of silver each month.
-Annual Report Butte Chamber of Commerce, May 1st, 1921 to April 30th, 1922



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A Message From Marko...

As we approach the end of July, it is overwhelming of all of the excitement and festivities that we were privileged to enjoy. The 4th of July parade was a great family event enjoyed by all who attended. Brooks Hanna came through again with a magnificent fireworks display that was witnessed by thousands of people from Butte and surrounding areas.

The second National Folk Festival was held July 10th-12th with approximately 120,000 people in attendance. Every person that I had contact with could not say

enough about how wonderful the event was and how well it was organized.

Evel Knieval Days was a huge success and enjoyed by every one of all ages with addition of many acts that were appealing to the younger crowd. Again, a very well organized event that is very much appreciated.

Most communities would not be able to provide one of these events. It is a true testimonial of the volunteerism and pride that Butte people take in our community. I would like to personally thank each and

every one of you who gave your time and money to allow all of us to enjoy such wonderful events.

We are not done yet! August 7th-9th is the An Ri Rah Irish Festival. Please make every effort to support this great festival and all of the entertainers who will be in our community for this event.

Sincerely,

Marko Lucich

Marko Lucich
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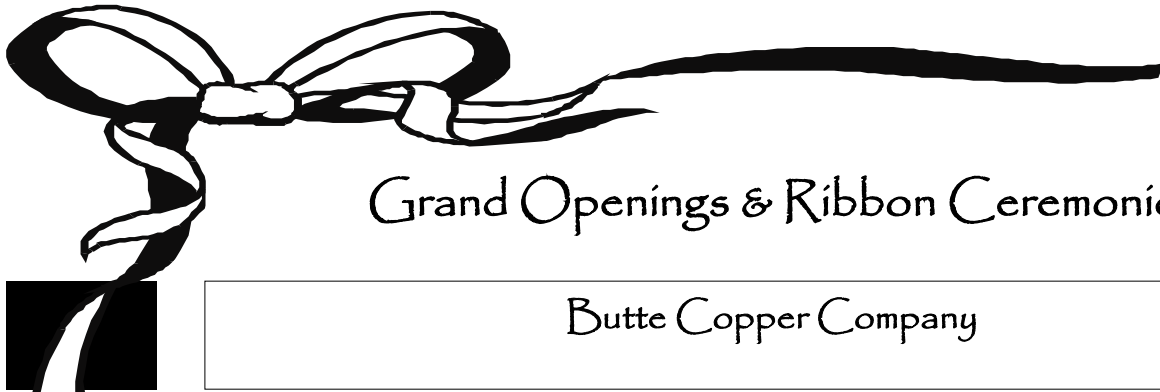
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Grand Openings & Ribbon Ceremonies

Butte Copper Company

A Ribbon Ceremony was held at the Butte Copper Company's Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand location on Thursday, July 16th, 2009. It was a fantastic event with nearly 300 people in attendance. The event was complete with Food and drinks by the Butte War Bonnet Hotel and music by Butte America Music!

The Butte Copper Company has been on visitors' "don't miss" lists of things to experience in Butte, MT, for over 35 years, and is a favorite with locals as well. We offer a variety of amazing treasures for shoppers of all ages, though our signature item is copper, and we carry it in many distinct forms. From kitchenware to jewelry, to actual copper mineral samples, we're your one-stop shop for all things copper. We invite you to browse through our store, and if you like what you see, tell a friend about us. Interested in something you don't see here? Please contact us - and if we don't carry it, we'll make every effort to find it for you.

The Butte Copper Company has locations at 3015 Harrison Avenue as well as a seasonal store located at the Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand.

Store Hours:

Harrison Ave. Location:

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm
Sat 10am-7pm
Sun 10am-6pm.

Berkeley Pit Viewing Stand Location:

Mon-Sat 8am-8pm
Sun 9am-6pm



See Copper Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center on next page!

Copper Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center

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Pictured: Marko Lucich & Chamber Ambassadors, Francie Reed & Jane Stover applaud the newly renovated Copper Ridge along with Doug & Nancy Gill, Marc Pryde, Maura Uggetti, Justin Gill, and Beaver Brinkman.



A Ribbon Ceremony was held at the newly renovated Copper Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, July 23rd, 2009. Copper Ridge is a Butte family operated community. Like all Butte families, we cherish our unique heritage and culture that make our community special. The environments we create, the care we provide, and the services we render reflect the love and pride we all share in Butte.

At Copper Ridge we pride ourselves in making our residents comfortable and keeping them at their highest possible potential by employing only the most qualified caregivers.

Our spacious private and semi-private rooms have been newly renovated and offer; flat screen televisions, granite marble countertops, new lighting and new flooring. Our handi-cap accessible bus is used for transportation to both medical and personal appointments as well as to recreational outings.

Sandy Mattioli, our Director of Nursing has over 39 years of experience in nursing and long term care. She has created a well trained and caring nursing staff.

Brenna Anderson is our Director of Social Services and Admissions. She ensures a smooth transition into the resident's new setting and making sure the quality of the resident's life is being met during their stay.

Michelle Bradley, our Occupational Therapist has headed the department for 5 years and brings a wealth of experience with her. Our therapy department provides physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Our new gym is a quality environment for residents to improve to their highest potential as well as is our full occupational therapy area and speech therapy area that is headed by Kristen Daughtry, ST.

We have two dining rooms with restaurant style serving and also a private dining area for family gatherings. Donna Anderson who is our dietary manager has been with us for over 14 years. She provides our residents with a variety of quality meals based on the residents' food preferences.

We have a full activities department with day rooms on each wing. The activities department provides a full range of activities; including outings, special events, and entertainment seven days a week. Suzy Neutgens, our activities director is very energetic and has over 6 years experience working with residents and their interests.

Copper Ridge is dedicated to honoring our past with a new future for Butte families.

July's Social at Harts RV/Fire & Brew

July's Business Card Social was hosted by Harts RV/Fire & Brew on Wednesday, July 15th, 2009. With great attendance, guests were treated to home brewed beer, wine, and root beer as well as barbecued chicken & pork and even barbecued cookies!

Harts RV/Fire & Brew pride themselves in customer satisfaction. They supply Southwest Montana's largest selection of RV parts and accessories. Harts RV has been selling camping trailers in Butte, Montana for over 33 years.

Fire & Brew opened in 1981 as Sharon's, located in the 1800 block on Harrison Ave. The original store sold Schrader Wood Stoves and cleaning supplies, which complemented the founding business, Master Cleaners of Butte. In 1982, realizing that the wood stove business was somewhat seasonal, they incorporated a pet store into the mix and became Sharon's Stoves and Animal Specialties. In 1983 they moved to 1710 Grand Ave. and remained there until 2007. In September of 2002, after 20 years in the pet business, they closed the pet department and replaced it with a homebrew shop. Thus becoming Sharon's Fire and Brew.

In April of 2007 Sharon's Fire & Brew joined forces with Jake & Jeri Hart of Harts RV in their building at 5200 Harrison Ave. . Dropping the Sharon's from their name, they are now--Fire & Brew. With a newly built, warm and inviting fireplace showroom, with 14 live burning units, Fire & Brew is living up to its slogan, we can really "Relax By the Fire and Enjoy a Homebrew" and we invite you to join us!

Top: Jeri Hart, Jake Hart, Kate Sharon, Dan Sharon


Center: Marko Lucich, Yvonne & Bob Leipheimer, Virginia Karlsen, & Herb Leuprecht

Bottom Left: Gary Jones and Todd Tregidga


Bottom Right: Pauline Debarathy and Greg Gollehon smile for the camera at the Harts RV/Fire & Brew Business Card Social.



Business of the Month



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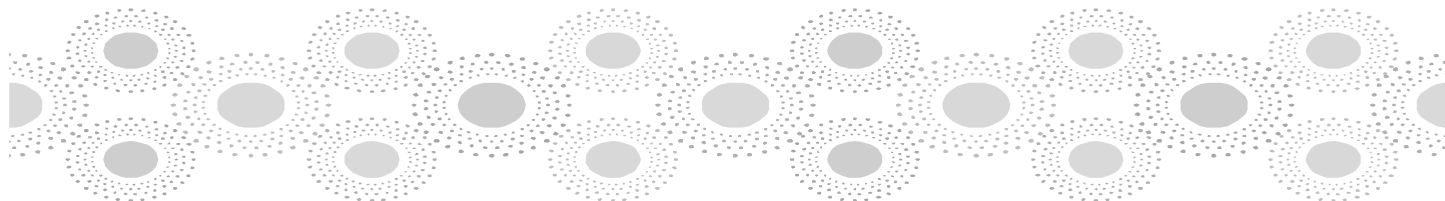
Effective August 1, 2009 a new policy will take effect regarding Advertisements/ Inserts in the Chamber Newsletter. In order to have your Advertisements/Inserts placed in “The Progress”, they must be received at the Chamber office by the 20th day of the preceding month that you want your Advertisement/Insert placed in “The Progress”. All Advertisements/Inserts must have “paid advertisement” at the bottom of the page of your ad. Everything that is submitted to the Chamber must be approved by the Executive Director before it will appear in “The Progress”. If you have any questions, please contact Marko Lucich at 723-3177.

Reception Held for New Superintendent of Schools

On Tuesday July 14th, 2009 a reception was held at the home of Bill and Sidni Markovich for our new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Linda Reksten. Mike Johnson, Vice President of Education and Industry for the Butte Chamber of Commerce organized this great event. Approximately, forty people were in attendance to welcome our new Superintendent. Mike Johnson presented Dr. Reksten with a Butte cutting board.

The beautiful home and setting along with a wide variety of refreshments and great company made this a perfect evening. We would like to wish Dr. Reksten good luck in her new position and welcome you to the community of Butte!

We would also like thank Sidni and Bill Markovich for opening their beautiful new home that provided such a magnificent setting for this event.



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Business Trends June 2009

	MONTH/YEAR June 2008	MONTH/YEAR June 2009	% CHANGE
CONSTRUCTION	5,236,887.27	641,410.69	-87.8%
Year to Date	22,979,078.84	1,737,909.67	-92.4%
WATER	13,472	13,540	0.5%
EMPLOYMENT			
Unemployment Rate	4.40	6.10	38.6%
Number Employed	17,174	16,729	-2.6%
Number Unemployed	797	1,094	37.3%
Total Labor Force	17,971	17,823	-0.8%
MAIL			
Tourism Requests	775	144	-81.4%
General Information	2	7	250.0%
AIRLINE PASSENGERS			
Boarding	2,829	2,384	-15.7%
Deplanings	2,710	2,173	-19.8%



ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS CLINICS

2009

Presentations from the following agencies:

Dept. of Labor & Industry

Wage & Hour

WorkSafeMT/Safety

Human Rights

Unemployment Insurance Tax

Workforce Services Division -
Employer Services & Federal Tax Credits

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Dept. of Revenue

- Withholding Tax

MT. BEAR Program

- Financing
- Marketing - Global & Domestic
- Accounting

Clinic Schedule:

Registration

7:30 to 8:00

Opening Remarks & Agency

Presentations

8:00 - 5:00

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SLIGHTLY FROM CITY TO CITY**

The Assistance for Business Clinics are developed to assist NEW and ESTABLISHED employers, accountants, bookkeepers and lawyers in constructing a proactive approach to prevent unnecessary claims and/or charges by providing updated reporting of state withholding, Unemployment Tax requirements, minimum wage laws, overtime laws, civil rights laws and federal tax incentives.

City	Date	Location	Sponsor	Fee
Livingston	April 23	Livingston Depot Cntr.	Job Service (JSEC)	\$40
Kalispell	May 6	Red Lion Hotel	Chamber of Commerce	\$50
Hamilton	May 7	Hamilton Elks Lodge	Chamber of Commerce	\$35/40*
Billings	May 27	MSU Downtown Campus	MSU - Billings	\$45
Bozeman	June 3	Best Western Gran Tree	Chamber of Commerce	\$40/55*
Wolf Point	June 16	Senior Cntr. - Conf. Rm.	Chamber of Commerce	\$30
Glendive	June 17	Yellowstone River Inn	Chamber of Commerce	\$30/40*
Miles City	June 18	Montana Room	Chamber of Commerce	\$30
Shelby	June 24	Marias River Electric	Chamber of Commerce	\$25/30*
Havre	June 25	MSU Northern-Student Union Bldg.	Chamber of Commerce	\$30
Helena	Sept. 2	Red Lion Colonial	Chamber of Commerce	\$50
Butte	Sept. 10	War Bonnet Inn	Chamber of Commerce	\$40
Lewistown	Sept. 23	Harry's On the Hill	Lewistown Chamber/JSEC	\$35/30**
Great Falls	Sept. 24	CM Russell Museum	Chamber of Commerce	\$45/55*
Polson	October 7	Lake Cnty Health Dept.	Job Service (JSEC)	\$40/35**
Missoula	October 8	Quality Inn	Chamber of Commerce	\$40/55*

Registration fees are set by the local sponsor to cover facility costs, including lunch. For more information or to register, please contact your local sponsor. Enrollment may be limited, so please respond as soon as possible. Send your registration form and check payable to your local sponsor at least two weeks prior to the clinic. Sponsor addresses are listed on the back. *Higher prices indicated are for participants that are not current chamber members and ** are for 2 or more attending participants. **If special accommodations are needed notify local sponsor**

Registration Form - Assistance for Business Clinics

Name of Business _____ Phone Number _____
 Address _____ Town/Zip _____
 # & Name(s) of those attending _____

**Check if needing CPE (9.0 hrs.) or CLE (unknown at this time) credits.



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The Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce will be presenting incoming students at Montana Tech with welcoming packets which will contain information and discounts from Butte area retailers to promote their products and services. If you are interested in having your business represented, please complete this questionnaire and return it to the **Butte Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee no later than August 10th**.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Authorized By: _____

Products/Services that you would like to promote to incoming students:

Do you honor the "Digger Discount" of up to 15% for students presenting their student ID?

Yes

No

If you would like to offer a discount coupon to incoming students, please provide approximately 500 coupons to be inserted into the welcoming packets.

If you have marketing literature promoting your business that you would like to include in the welcoming packets, **please provide 500 copies to the Butte Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee for insertion by August 10th**.

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FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE - TEAM ENTRY FORM

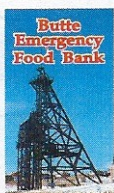
Date/Time: Saturday, August 29, 2009 10 a.m. Shotgun Start.
 Place: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Golf Course Exit #211, I-90, 15 miles west of Butte.
 Entry Fee \$35 per person + 16-20 lb. frozen turkey (or \$50 per person) **Payment due with Entry Form.**
 Entry Fee includes golf, cart and lunch.
Register Today - Tournament limited to the first 120 prepaid players.
 Format: Four person scramble. If you do not have 4 people, you will be placed with others to create a team.
 Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams, long drive, and closest to pin.
 Tees: Men play from the white tees & women from the red tees.
 Weather: Tournament will be held rain, snow, or shine

Name	Entry Fee with 16-20 lb. Frozen Turkey (Please circle payment option)	Entry Fee without Frozen Turkey (Please circle payment option)	Make checks Payable to: Butte Emergency Food Bank 1019 E. Second St. Butte, MT 59701 Phone: 406-782-3814 Email: buttefoodbankmt@yahoo.com Tax ID# 81-0469563
Player 1	\$35 + Turkey	\$50.00	
Player 2	\$35 + Turkey	\$50.00	
Player 3	\$35 + Turkey	\$50.00	
Player 4	\$35 + Turkey	\$50.00	
	\$140 + 4 Turkeys	\$200.00	\$

Golfer			
Address		Email Address	
City, State, Zip		Phone Number	

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