

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN BOARD

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This update is brought to you two times a month by the Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce. We want to let you know what is happening in the Valley and give you the opportunity to promote what is happening in your business.

Announcements are limited to 40 words and can have a link to your website. Non-profit organizations that are members of the Chamber can submit for free. There will be a \$10 fee per submission for business members. The bulletin board will be emailed on approximately the 1st and the 15th of each month. Announcements must be sent to localinfo@bvchamber.com, three days prior to the bulletin.

Advertise your business and events on www.HamiltonMontana.com. Calendar and forum entries are free. Our top advertising positions are only \$5 a month. Sign up online, or call 381-1069. We also offer quality web design and updates.

The Bitterroot Building Industry Association's 6th Annual Home Expo will be Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. Deadline to reserve a booth is January 11, 2008. Please contact Karen at the BBIA office about booth space - 375-9411 or download the application at www.BBIAMontana.org

South Pacific Wednesday and Thursday, January 2nd and 3rd, 2008 The Hamilton Players will be holding auditions for the musical, South Pacific, January 2nd and 3rd at 7pm at The Hamilton Playhouse, 100 Ricketts Road. Roles are available for approximately 10 women and 17 men and two children age 5-13. Auditioners are asked to dress for movement. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. No experience or preparation is necessary and the public is invited and encouraged to audition. Scripts will be available for check out at Chapter One Book Store in Hamilton. Performance dates are February 15th-17th, 21st -24th and 28th -March 2nd. For more information or to schedule a private audition (due to conflicts only) call Gina at 363-3630 or Vicky at 375-9050.

DON'T FORGET to check out the Wolf Exhibit at the Ravalli County Museum at 205 Bedford Street in Hamilton. This is an exciting and worth while exhibit for all ages. Call 363-3338 for more information.

The Montana Legislature's Water Policy Interim Committee will be hosting a meeting and public hearing in Hamilton on January 15 and 16, 2008, at the Hamilton Fairgrounds, Art Building. The 2007 Legislature specifically created the committee via House Bill No. 304 to address the issue of water permitting in areas with closed basins.

The committee will hear presentations and panel discussions about:

Water marketing; The water rights application process; Montana's water adjudication; The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology case studies; and Draft legislation for the 2009 legislative session.

If you have questions, please call the Water Policy Interim Committee staff at 406-444-9280 or email Joe Kolman at jkolman@mt.gov.

It's time to dust off your putter, put aside the winter blahs and sign up for the Hamilton Soroptimist award-winning Winter Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, February 2, 2008 in downtown Hamilton.

Teams compete for prizes such as best caddyshack score, best traditional score, best costume and the Hole-In-One Pot. Teams of four or five must assign a designated driver and players must be over age 18. Costumes are encouraged. Teams may play with "caddyshack" or traditional rules. Over 15 downtown businesses have designed 18 challenging mini-golf holes for the players entertainment. Entrance fee is \$50 for caddyshack teams and \$75 for traditional teams. All funds raised through the tournament will go to the many organizations and programs supported by Soroptimist of Hamilton including S.A.F.E., free mammograms, women's scholarships and other organizations that support women and girls.

To register a team call Mary Alice Holloway at 381-1335. To donate a prize item, call Pat Murphy at 360-5568.

Sunday January 6th 2008 kicks off the Ravalli County Museum Sunday Series program. This first offering of the season Deer Hide to Buckskin is presented by Scott Cameron, a Hamilton resident who has made the history of Pioneer Montana a life's work. He has learned to recreate and manufacture every sort of implement and piece of ornamentation that was the backbone of a Pioneer's life here in the Bitter Root Valley. This presentation will be a hands on demonstration of how to take a raw deer hide and work it step by step into useable, and or decorative buckskin. Scott will also be able to field questions relating to everyday life in early Montana. Scott has been self-taught for the most part but has also been trained by representatives of the Indian community to make accurate replicas, he has exhibited and presented his craft at presentations throughout the state and at local schools. This is an event that the whole family will be able to enjoy, as well as participate in. There will be a second demonstration and class entitled Deer Hide to Plunder, continuing this exercise, the following Sunday January 13, 2008.

The Sunday Series begins at 2 p.m. Museum hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10-4 Saturday 9-1 and Sundays 1-4. Admission is \$3 per adult \$5 per couple Students 6-18 are \$1. New family admission is \$6. The Museum is located at 205 Bedford St, Hamilton. Call 406-363-3338 for more information or email rcmuseum@qwestoffice.net.

On Wednesday, January 16, 2008 the Bitterroot Valley Chamber is proud to present 'Unleashing Accountability – Extreme Contribution' seminar. It will be held at the Bitterroot River Inn in Hamilton from 5:30 to 8:30. What a great way to start off the new year and give your business a boost for the coming year. Cost is \$45 for chamber members and \$60 for non-members. Call Pat at 363-2400 to register or for more information.

Bitterroot Job Service is sponsoring Information Technology Security Seminar on February 28, 2008 From 8:30-11:00 a.m. at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Conference Room C in Hamilton. Pat Boles will be the presenter. He is the Cyber Protection Officer within the Department of Administration's Information Technology Services Division. Seating will be limited, so call Kathleen at 375-6046 to reserve your space today. Cost is \$25 per person.

The Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a very prosperous 2008!

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