

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN BOARD

October 1, 2007

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.

You won't want to miss our second in a 7 series session of Synchronizing Solutions & Igniting Work Place Performance, brought to you by the Bitterroot Valley Chamber, Ravalli County Economic Development Authority and Job Service Employers Committee. This session deals with Battling the Box Stores. There will be a panel of 4 business owners from other communities that have been confronted with box stores arriving. They will discuss ways to adjust, modify and to sustain your business. The cost is \$45 for Chamber members and \$60 for non-Chamber members. Wendy Sampson will facilitate exchanges of information. This session will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at the Bitterroot River Inn from 5:30 to 8:30. Call Pat at 363-2400 to register for this session. If you are interested in seeing your business thrive, come and listen to what other businesses have done.

The 24th Annual Wine Tasting will be held Friday, October 12 at the Bitterroot River Inn. Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50. Get your tickets today at the Chamber office, Mikesell's or Chapter One. Come enjoy great food, hors d'oeuvres and a wonderful selection of wines and desserts. Also don't forget about the first Scarecrow contest. You must drop off your scarecrows at the Chamber office by Wed., Oct. 10 so we can distribute them. You could win a \$100 Gift Certificate, so start working on yours today! Call 363-2400 if you have any questions.

The 10th Annual Crop Walk will be held on October 14 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is a venture with Church World Service. The goal for this year is to raise \$7,500 and 100 walkers. 25% of the funds raised go to Haven House. Call 363-1213 for more information.

Join as in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, from Oct. 8 thru Oct. 20. Join for only \$25 when you bring proof of a current mammogram or make a contribution of an additional \$25 to the American Cancer Society. Call 363-0393.

Wait Until Dark is a thriller about Susy Hendrix, a blind woman, who is in for the most terrifying night of her life. Wait Until Dark is not recommended for young children because it's SCARY! Show time is Oct. 18-21 and 25-28. Call 375-9050.

Space for Lease: Downtown Hamilton - Retail/Restaurant, 3,500 sq. ft. located at 111 North Second Street. Cathy Evans 406-531-6433

Bitterroot Motel: Monthly or weekly rentals. Furnished units, laundry room, cable & all utilities included. No smoking. No Pets: Cathy Evans 406-363-1142

Billed as the Biggest Bake Sale under the Big Sky, the 28th Annual McIntosh Apple Day, held on the grounds of the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton, MT, recalls the era when the Bitter Root Valley boasted "The largest Apple Orchards in the World!"

On October 13th, step back in history and watch fresh apple juice being squeezed from a press by the Boy Scouts, Apple Butter Bubbling over an Open Fire, Carmel Apples, a day filled with Live Local Music and Mega Raffle.

Mark your calendar on October 13th, from 9:am until 4:00 pm, at the Ravalli County Museum on South 3rd & Bedford Streets in Hamilton. Meet old friends and make new friends under the changing maple trees in front of the Old Courthouse.

For more information call or e-mail the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton, MT, e-mail us at

rcmuseum@cybernet1.com or phone us at (406) 363-3338 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, Thursday through Monday.

Missoula Federal Credit Union's free seminars are now available at their Stevensville branch! For a list of seminar topics and dates, and to register, visit www.missoulafcu.org, or call 523-3300.

Workplace Violence Expert to Train in Hamilton, White Ribbon Week Oct. 5 through 12

"Addressing Domestic Violence in the Workplace," a training for employers and employees with workplace violence expert Johnny Lee, will be held in Hamilton on Thursday, October 11.

The training is from 9am to 4 pm at St. Francis Pastoral Life Center, 411 South Fifth Street. The Workplace Issues Committee of the Ravalli County Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence will host a complimentary lunch, including an opportunity to speak with local survivors and employers about domestic violence in the workplace.

Registration forms are available by e-mailing, coalition@cybernet1.com. For more information, including information on scholarships or sponsorships, please contact Jamie Ogden at 363-2793.

This event appears in conjunction with White Ribbon Week, Oct. 5 through 12. The White Ribbon campaign is a community-wide event to raise awareness about domestic violence in Ravalli County. People can show support by wearing a white ribbon throughout the week. Ribbons are available at S.A.F.E., or can be delivered to your workplace or organization. Call 363-2793 to request ribbons. Wearing a white ribbon signifies your commitment to ending violence against women. Freedom First Mortgage - the Feds just cut interest rates and the time is now if you've been on the sidelines waiting to refinance or buy! Lenders are offering special deals to fit all scenarios. The storm has calmed! Call TODAY 375-0463.

Join us in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. From October 8 – October 20, join Curves for only \$25 when you bring proof of a current mammogram or make a contribution of an additional \$25 to the American Cancer Society. Call 363-0393. <http://www.curves.com>.

We need help from people to field test our latest air purification product! New, small, simple, powerful, quiet and looks good! We need you to plug it in – then tell me, after a week, what you think of it! 360-0956.

Come see the fall colors at the Daly Mansion. Open 7 days a week 10am-3pm (tours on the hour). The Mansion will be closing for the regular season Sunday, Oct. 14th (last day). Look for upcoming events, holidays tours and hours soon. Daly Mansion, 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton MT 363-6004.