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Amtrak Survey Results

We asked you to share your thoughts about the possibility of an Amtrak expansion through Billings.

[Click here to find out the survey results.](#)

Learn more about U.S. Senator Jon Tester's town hall meeting in Bozeman this week regarding the possible restoration of the Amtrak Line through southern Montana:

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Chamber/CVB is now taking applications for Leadership Billings 2010.

With monthly events that include keynote speakers, panel discussions, experimental exercises, problem solving and site visits, participants have an opportunity to:

Gain insight into the local economy;

Explore the city's history;

Interact with business, government & educational leaders;

Build & develop leadership skills;

Concentrate on teambuilding;

Learn more about pressing community issues.

[Apply Today!](#)
Class size is limited

e-NEWS sponsor:

The Impact of Logan Airport in Billings

The benefits of Logan Airport on the local and regional economies are huge. You can view the results of the latest Montana Department of Transportation's Logan Airport economic impact analysis [now](#).

You Spoke! We Listened!

Thursday, June 25th will be an important day for you professionally...

Join the Chamber/CVB and Billings Job Service for the **2009 Educational Seminars** featuring Rebecca Drake. We asked you this month what seminar topics would be most beneficial to you and this is what you chose:

Morning Session:

How To Make A Great First Impression And Immediately Connect With Others

During this three hour workshop you will:

- Decide how you wish others (clients, peers, employees, management) to perceive you
- Discover what it is about your visual image and attitude that causes a positive or negative reaction
- Discover what it is about your voice that causes a positive or negative reaction in others
- Learn skills to think more clearly on your feet and control nervousness
- Learn to speak more concisely, clearly and with more confidence
- Learn to present your ideas, suggestions, and/or proposals in a more professional manner
- Learn how to better connect with others and build rapport more quickly and effectively

Afternoon Session:

Take Control Of Your Life!

During this three hour workshop you will learn how to:

- Create balance between your professional and personal life
- Identify the areas in your life that just aren't working for you
- Set goals to improve the areas of your life that just aren't working for you

June Business After Hours



**Wednesday,
June 10, 2009**

Billings Gazette
Communications
401 N. Broadway

5-7 p.m.
\$5/person
R.S.V.P.
245-4111 or
[e-mail us!](#)

Gazette employees will
host two tours of the
building, including the
new addition, at 5:45
p.m. or 6:20 p.m.

- Utilize the "Magic Tool" that can help you make and implement difficult decisions
- Motivate others to listen to you (and sell people on your ideas)

Affordable Cost:

\$69/person for one session
\$100/person for two sessions
Price includes snacks & beverages

Register today!

Space is limited!
245-4111 or kama@billingschamber.com
Thursday, June 25th, 2009
Hilton Garden Inn, Billings

Who is Rebecca Drake?

A former college professor, Rebecca Drake has designed and presented training and seminars for hundreds of companies, educational institutions, banks and corporations across the country. An accomplished keynote speaker and facilitator, Rebecca is known for her highly energetic and engaging presentation style. Headquartered in Billings, Montana with offices in San Diego, CA, Rebecca Drake and her team of corporate trainers have presented seminars and workshops nationwide. [Learn more...](#)

Take advantage of this chance to connect with the businesses and processes at the root of local agriculture.

2009 Chamber/CVB Ag Tour

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

[Get registered and see the itinerary](#)

or register [NOW](#).

The Billings Chamber/CVB Ag Committee hosts this annual tour so you can learn more about Montana's number one industry. Find out how agriculture affects the local and regional economies and learn how your food gets from a farm or ranch to your plate. Meet new people, make new contacts, and enjoy the beautiful sights of the area in which you live and do business. This tour is for you! [More...](#)

Enjoy food from Beyond Basil and check out the business that prints Montana's largest newspaper.



What's everyone talking about?

Connect 4 Lunch!
Sign Up Today!

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**Congratulations to the 2009 Chamber/CVB Golf
Tournament winning team!**



Beartooth Engineering sponsored this team who will receive four roundtrip tickets to Las Vegas, Nevada courtesy of Allegiant Air.

The Chamber/CVB Annual Golf Tournament was a great success.

[Big Sky State Games
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[BSO's 2009-2010
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for Volunteers](#)

[Billings Parmly Library's
Food for Thought](#)

[American Diabetes
Association's Tour de
Cure](#)

Thank you to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana for their support as a major sponsor of this annual Chamber/CVB event! Many thanks also to The Briarwood, Northwestern Energy, Bresnan, as well as all hole, flight and team sponsors. See you next year!

The Chamber/CVB teams up with the Billings Outlaws!

Chamber/CVB members have a great opportunity to say "THANKS!" to their employees with tickets to a Billings Outlaws game.

On June 6th, the Outlaws will be taking on the Colorado Ice! It was a close game in Colorado when last these teams met and the Ice are looking for some payback! The Outlaws are riding high with one of the best records in the league and their players are mentioned nearly every week in the IFL's "Player of the Week" awards.

We're looking for this game to set an attendance record and to help us make a great showing for the Billings Chamber/CVB, the Outlaws are offering a "Chamber/CVB Member Ticket Pack."

Buy 10 or more tickets for \$8.00 each (a savings of \$20.00 per pack) and you'll have a great way to thank your employees for their dedicated service!

Can't make it to the game on June 6th? These tickets can be redeemed for any home game this year!

To buy your ticket packs, Call 839-9080 Ext. 200 and ask for the "Chamber/CVB Night Special."

Welcome!

The newest Chamber/CVB members

'Partner' On-Call Network

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Billings, MT 59102

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Art Beyond The Palette

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Billings, MT 59105
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In the last e-NEWS issue, the Chamber/CVB announced its anti-recession attitude and many Chamber/CVB members joined us!

Alex,

As you know, I have been saying this same thing for 5 months now. While there are certain business sectors that are showing significant reduction in short term earnings, and a couple of notable large southcentral Montana employers that are significantly challenged, nearly every business person I have spoken with since the first of the year note that business is off a little, but they are pulling back advertising, infrastructure investments and staffing/training "just to be on the safe side". It has been my observation that one of our local strengths, a fairly conservative fiscal nature, is also a potential weakness. I strenuously join you in refusing to be part of a recession / negative mentality.

Michael Marsh

Midland Claims, Inc.

RASE (Recreational & Sports Entertainment)

Billings Motorcycle Club

Alex, I am starting to see that we are going to be just fine, even though I have been telling everyone that already. We lived through the 80's and I have not seen anyone die yet because they were trying. I know one thing those who have the time, ability and/or cash right now have the world at their beck and call.

Thank you,

Douglas Sidwell

D & D Productions, Inc.

We said, "If you would like to join us with an anti-recession mentality and adopt a buck-the-recession attitude, e-mail Alex@billingschamber.com. We'll publish your name and business in an e-NEWS issue to spread the word that you too refuse to be a part of the negatives that can revolve around a recession mentality. " Let us know you're thoughts!



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