

# Chamber News

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## Flathead County Cost-of-Living Figures For First Quarter 2008 Released

Information released by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce revealed that Flathead County cost-of-living is 1.4% above the national average.

The Flathead County cost-of-living index measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures. It is based on 59 items, for which prices are collected quarterly by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce throughout Flathead County. Local data is combined with information from 292 other communities to create the ACCRA Cost of Living Index. ACCRA is the national association of community and economic research professionals. Other Montana areas participating in the survey include Bozeman and Missoula. The ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index for the Kalispell area during the first quarter of

2008 is as follows (average of 293 urban areas = 100):

Composite	101.4
Grocery	108.5
Housing	101.0
Utilities	94.4
Transportation	97.9
Health Care	105.7
Miscellaneous	101.8

Composite Index for Other Communities

Bozeman, MT	106.3
Missoula, MT	104.1
Idaho Falls, ID	89.5
Twin Falls, ID	92.9
Spokane, WA	92.5
Cheyenne, WY	100.5



## Chamber Snapshot

### Visitor's Center Information Requests:

	March '08	YTD
Phone calls	639	1787
Walk-ins	1194	465

### VACATION

Packets	8	19
Inquiries	82	262

### RELOCATION

Packets	0	8
Basic Relo	17	79
Phone Book	0	6

### Chamber Website Activity:

Unique Visits	42,537
Total Visitors & Info Requests	45,163

## At a Glance

### » LUNCHEON/NOON

Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell  
20 North Main  
"County Commissioner Forum"

### » UNWIND

Tuesday June 3, 2008  
at the new home of  
Eisinger Chevrolet & Cadillac  
and Eisinger Honda  
2565 Hwy 93 N, Kalispell  
from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

### » UNWIND

Wednesday, June 18  
at Insured Titles  
120 1st Ave. W, Kalispell  
from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

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## Get In Contact

Call Bridgette to find out how you can benefit from all the activity on the chamber of commerce website 406.758.2801. ■

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# Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

The central mission of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce is the cultivation and development of entrepreneurs and communities through the spirit of enterprise.

## New Members

Please welcome these new members with your business.

### Bill's Superheat

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Bill's Superheat is a premier heating and cooling dealer, sales and service. Our goal is 100% satisfaction!

### Flathead Lake Winery

Paddy Fleming ~ Owner  
29 Golden Eagle Street  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
Email: paddyfleming@hotmail.com  
Website: www.flatheadlakewinery.com



Flathead Lake Winery, established in 2002 by 5th generation Montanans, makes hand crafted, small batch, speciality wines including the original and the only real huckleberry wine, Glacier Park Huckleberry Wine. They are also credited with a Montana grown Gewerztraminer, a Montana grown Pinot Noir, Flathead Lake Cherry Wine, Montana Pioneer Pear Wine, Big Sky Country Currant Wine, Mission Valley Apple Wine, Paradise Peach Wine, Lewistown Chokecherry Wine, and Flathead Lake White Cherry Wine. Recently, Flathead Lake Winery announced plans to move their wine making process from a rented facility in Ronan, to the North Fork of the Flathead. Flathead Lake Winery's wines are distributed by George's Distributing of Helena and can be purchased locally at Super 1, Rosauers, Withey's, Markus Foods, Kalispell Wine and Liquors, and Columbia Falls Wine and Liquors. For more information call 406-387-WINO or go online to www.flatheadlakewinery.com.

### Kalispell Classical Dance

Crissy Tuning ~ Owner  
1087 US Hwy 2 W, Kalispell, MT 59901  
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Kalispell Classical Dance is a year-round professional dance school directed by former professional ballet dancer Crissy Tuning. Mrs. Tuning is a full member of the prestigious Royal Academy of Dance in good standing and offers student's 12 years of teaching

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# New Members

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experience with major ballet school's across the country. Kalispell Classical Dance School specializes in teaching classical ballet to student's ages 3 through adult and offers classes in the styles of tap, jazz, and conditioning. Student's are given professional caliber training based upon the respected RAD syllabus in an upbeat, nurturing environment. Several performance opportunities are offered to student's including the popular full length family favorite 'The Nutcracker Ballet' held at The Whitefish Central School Auditorium in December with professional guest artists. Student's also are given the chance to perform throughout the community at benefits, in parades, and if desired take part in dance competitions. The school is located in The Westbrook Square Shopping Center by Sears and Chinatown. For more information and to reserve a place in class call (406) 314-1477 or visit the school website at [www.kalispellclassicaldance.com](http://www.kalispellclassicaldance.com)

## Citslinc International, Inc

Leo Liu ~ President  
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## Discovery Map International

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# Ribbon Cuttings



Ford Construction



Forest Service



Flathead Beacon



Farm Credit Services

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# May Renewals

## 10 Plus Years

Able Body Shop  
Aero Inn  
Alpine Auction Services Inc  
American Homestead Mortgage  
Benavides & Co, PC  
Carol Nelson Design Inc  
Ciao Interiors  
Coins & Carats Inc  
Corental Property Management Inc  
Corporate Express  
Corral West Ranchwear  
De Pratu Ford  
Dental Distinctions, PC  
Dr Peter Nelson DMD  
Eisinger Honda  
ERA Lambros Real Estate  
Evergreen Art Center  
First American Title Company of Montana  
Flathead Building Association  
Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency  
Glacier Cross Inc  
Glacier Pines RV Park

H & R Block  
Hooper's Garden Center  
Interior Outfitting by Draperies Plus  
Jackola Engineering & Architecture PC  
Johnson Berg McEvoy & Bostock  
Kalispell Auto Parts (NAPA)  
Kari Dodge Chrysler Plymouth Hyundai  
Montana Mortgage Company  
Ogle & Worm  
Pizza Hut  
Radioactive  
Sears Authorized Retail Dealer  
State Farm Insurance  
Susan Schmid CPA PC

## 5 to 9 Years

Alpine Lighting Center  
Best Western White Oak Grand Hotel & Business Center  
Payne Financial Group  
Toggerly Inc  
Byte Savvy, LLC  
Intermountain Mortgage

Stahlberg & Sutherland PC  
Interstate Alarm Co Inc

## 1 to 4 Years

Abundance, Inc  
Bigfork Web Development  
Lodge at Whitefish Lake  
Montana West Realty  
Rocky Mountain Super Vac  
Starkeeper Lodge  
The Healing Sun  
Fastsigns  
Robert Peccia & Associates  
Whitefish Credit Union  
A Full Life Agency  
Larc Enterprises  
LaSalle RV Park LLC  
Montana Ace Hardware  
Avery Building Company  
Flathead Care-Safe & Drug Free School Consortium

# Ribbon Cuttings

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Eisinger Chevrolet/Cadillac



Red Eagle Aviation



# UNWIND

*May 6, 2008*

Thank you to Gil, all the staff and the Board of Directors of the Museum at Central School for a great UNWIND on May 6, 2008. If you haven't had visited the Museum recently, be sure to stop by and see the new exhibits.



Winners of the door-prizes were: Kim Crowley, Flathead County Library-Wildlife Portfolio; Rochelle Fantino, Wells Fargo Bank-Downtown Kalispell-Wildlife Portfolio; Tony Veseth, Farm Bureau Financial Services-Looking Back Book; Monya McCully, West One Bank-Looking Back Book. Bob Lopp of Prudential Financial won the Split the Pot. ●

# UNWIND

*May 21, 2008*

Many thanks to Sherri Gerek and her staff at the Hilton Garden Inn for a wonderful UNWIND on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Tasty appetizers were served by 'roaming' wait staff as attendees mingled and enjoyed the festive surroundings.

Winners of the door-prizes were:

Dave Rindal, UBS-Blue Canyon Basket; Bruce Tulloch, Montana Land & Home-Backpack Picnic Pack; Jody Thornburg, West One Bank-Backpack Picnic Pack. Pam Kennedy, City of Kalispell won the Split the Pot. ●



# Chamber Calendar June 2008

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	2 Leadership Flathead Meeting 3:00 - 5:00pm	3 Unwind Eisinger Chevrolet and Cadillac/Eisinger Honda 5:00pm - 6:30pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Kalispell Downtown Association 12:00pm - 1:30pm	11 Agri-Business Committee 7:00am - 8:00am  Ambassador Meeting 4:00pm - 5:00pm	12	13	14
15  <b>Father's Day</b>	16	17 Executive Board Meeting 7:30am - 8:30am Community Luncheon at the Red Lion~ 11:45am - 1pm Flathead Community Foundation ~ 4-5pm	18 Transportation Committee 4:00pm - 5:00pm  Unwind Insured Titles 5:00pm - 6:30pm	19 Super Host Reading 8:30am - 12:30pm	20	21
22	23	24 Board Meeting 7:00am - 8:00am	25	26	27	28
29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>Watch for these events in July</b></p> <p>July 4: Fourth of July Parade ~ Starts at 10:00am Chamber of Commerce Office Closed</p> </div>				<p>All Meetings are at The Chamber unless otherwise stated.</p>