



# Flaming Gorge Area Chamber of Commerce News Flash

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## April Chamber Meeting is Critical!

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 is a critical meeting for the Flaming Gorge Area Chamber of Commerce and its members.

The UBATC will be in attendance and will be talking about the Custom Fit program and how it can help your business with staff and owner training. Several different opportunities are coming up that could be beneficial to your business, so come and get the details.

The Tri County Health Department will be there to talk about what they are doing to prepare for pandemic flu outbreak and how you might be able to participate and help your employees and their families in the instance of a pandemic flu outbreak.

Natalie Muth a Forest Service Invasive Species Biologist will be on hand to share some information about the Zebra Mussels and other aquatic hitch hikers.

Marketing efforts for this summer's drive campaign will be discussed along with the various events scheduled around the area for the next few months.

Your membership and participation are needed at this time of rising gas prices and struggling economy. We all need to work together to make this a place where people want to come and spend their time and hard earned money. Make their stay in our area memorable in a great way that they will share with friends!

## Customer Service Training

Tina and Brian have been working on setting up some Customer Service Training before the summer season gets roaring. The more people that participate the lower the cost. Come to the meeting on April 23rd to put in your two cents worth on what the training should encompass and when it should be held.

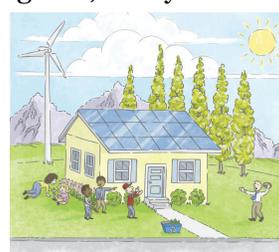


Custom Fit, the County and perhaps the Chamber working together can keep the price reasonable.

## Affordable Housing Training

Housing is a big issue to employers as prices just seem to keep going up and options are becoming more and more limited. A workshop on planning for affordable housing will be held at Western Park in Vernal on May 1st, from 6 to 8 pm.

You have to preregister, so if you're interested please contact Brian Raymond at Daggett County at (435) 784-3218 ext. 134.



## Calendar of Events April/May 2008

Chamber Meeting— Flaming Gorge Resort at 1:00 pm	23
Economic Development Board Mtg - 6:00 pm	12
Utah Tourism Conference in Salt Lake	May 12-14
Villa Fishing Derby	17 & 18
Chamber Meeting—at 1:00 pm	28
Tourism Tax Advisory Board - 3:00 pm	28
Manila 50th Anniversary Celebration-7pm at Manila City Hall	June 13
Manila Festival, Jr. Rodeo, Free Fishing Day, Kid's Derby	14

“Do your work. Not just your work and no more, but a little more for the lavishing's sake—that little more which is worth all the rest. And if you suffer, as you must, and if you doubt, as you must, do your work. Put your heart into it, and the sky will clear. Then out of your very doubt and suffering will be born the supreme joy of life.” Dean Briggs by Earl Nightingale on Tape 6 of *Lead the Field*

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The Chamber of Commerce works with Daggett County to promote and advertise the Flaming Gorge area, the activities, and businesses in and around Daggett County.

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## Business, Travel & Tourism News

The new **Flaming Gorge Country** brochures are now available, as well as Flaming Gorge Country tear off maps. The **2008 Dinosaurland Travel Guides** will be available soon. Come to the meeting on April 23rd to get your copies or contact Brian at the Courthouse to get copies of any of these brochures for your business.

The **Flaming Gorge Freedom Festival** will be held on July 5th this year in Dutch John. Fireworks will be back and a concert before the fireworks. Come out and enjoy the fun! Car Show at the Flaming Gorge Resort is scheduled for the July 3rd!

Another **Business Conference** is slated for early October. If you have any speakers or subjects you would like to be educated about contact Brian Raymond @ (435) 784-3218 ext. 134. You can also call Brian if you would like to help plan and organize this event or just want more information. We are also working on a selling on E-bay program for the fall, so contact Brian if

your interested!

The **2008 Tower Rock Run** has moved to August 16th, 2008. Ginny Peterson is heading up this year's race! [www.towerrockrun.com](http://www.towerrockrun.com)

### New Minimum Wage in Effect

The Fair Labor Standards Act was changed last year to set a new minimum Wage and it will change again on July 24th, 2008. The current wage is \$5.85 and the new wage will be \$6.55. For more information go to: <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/faq/esa/flsa/001.htm>.

### Affordable Housing Program

Despite the recent bad publicity the Affordable Housing program continues. The two houses under construction will be finished in early April. One house is still available and the other is under contract. The houses are not just for jailers, but for any qualified person or family. The County has two more lots to build on in Harper's Landing, but are still trying to determine the best way to proceed after the changes in jailer to inmate ratios. See the website at: [www.daggettcountry.org/](http://www.daggettcountry.org/)

### Chamber membership is not just for business owners!

While the Chamber membership is often thought of as a business owner organization, there is plenty of room for those who are hoping to some day open their own business or who are working for a local company that just want to get involved and help out. In fact you don't even have to have a job or business, just the desire to help out and do something for the community. Marketing,

communications, special events are all areas where people can help out!

Come to our next meeting on the 23rd of April and see how you can get involved.



### Sundance Resort Selected by National Geographic Traveler Magazine

The editors of National Geographic Traveler magazine have selected the Sundance Resort to be included in the first annual Stay List. The list debuts in the April 2008 edition...[and] includes the top 150 properties in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean that exemplify authenticity and a sense of place.

The award takes note of hotels with location –inspired architecture,

ambience and amenities, eco-stewardship and an ethic of giving back to the community..."

Are we creating a sense of place in our organizations? Are we creating ambience that people will want to return to? Are we providing the amenities that our customers want or just trying to survive, which is a major milestone in itself?

Let's work hard to keep people coming back!