

At \$3.50, High Country Biofuels' product may cost more, but that doesn't stop residents like Katie Mawhinney and her husband from filling up.

It's worth it, she says.

Why?

Because it makes her feel good to break the gasoline dependence. That, and environmentally safer emissions are reasons she doesn't mind paying extra at the pump.

The product is only usable in diesel engine vehicles, according to Co-op President Randy Outland.

While it's not available every day- it may be soon. The co-op is working out a deal with the Habitat for Humanity Restore where a pump will be set up for members. Eventually, the Co-op wants to process its own biofuel. There's plenty of waste oil available to use.

The High Country alone, he said, yields over a thousand gallons of waste oil each week. He hopes to be able to process that waste into a gasoline alternative.

Much of the oil comes from local restaurants.

It's a good time to get in on the action, according to Outland. The next fill-up date is Saturday from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Restore on George Wilson Road in Boone. For more information, visit www.highcountrybiofuels.com

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