



## KALISPELL CHAMBER NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019

### JANUARY LUNCHEON: THE KALISPELL BUSINESS AGENDA

Tuesday, January 15 | 11:45am - 1:15pm | Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell | \$20

Join us for lunch as we discuss the upcoming Kalispell Business Agenda. We'll briefly review the successes from the past year before sharing our strategic initiatives and what we'll be focusing on in 2019 to grow our community. Attend the program and you'll be the first to know the business agenda for Kalispell, our calendar of events for the year, how you can get involved with the chamber, and what changes are in store for you, our members!

\$20/member, \$25 non-member, includes lunch. Anyone not interested in eating lunch may watch the program from the back of the room at no cost. Please register by 5:00pm on Friday, January 7 by [clicking here](#) or contacting us at (406) 758-2803.

#### 2019 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1. Promote an active and vibrant downtown
2. Grow Kalispell as a regional trade center
3. Build on infrastructure momentum
4. Accelerate non-resident tourism growth
5. Strengthen manufacturing and innovation



### BBER ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SEMINAR: FACING THE CHALLENGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

February 12 | 8:00am - 1:00pm | Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell | \$90

During this informative, half-day seminar Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) economists from The University of Montana will present national, state, and local economic forecasts for Kalispell and industry experts will give their outlook for Montana's important sectors including tourism, healthcare, real estate, housing, agriculture,

manufacturing, energy, and forest products. [Click here to register.](#)

The Bureau of Business and Economic Research has been providing information about Montana's state and local economies for 70 years. Located at the University of Montana, the bureau is the research and public service branch of the College of Business.

### IN THE NEWS



*Kalispell Gets Funding for Bypass Conversion, Daily Inter Lake*

*Kalispell gets \$12.7M Federal Grant to Expand Highway 93 Bypass, MTPR*

*Kalispell Chamber Applauds Grant to Expand Southern End of Kalispell Bypass, KPAX*

*Kalispell Bypass Receives Federal Funds to Expand Foy's Section to Four Lanes, Flathead Beacon*

# DON'T GET LEFT OUT OF THE OFFICIAL FLATHEAD VALLEY MAP AND THE KALISPELL VISITOR GUIDE!

In the Flathead Valley tourism region, travel and tourism is a **\$600 million industry**. By being a part of the Flathead Valley Map or our Kalispell Visitor Guide, you will have access to highly targeted travel and tourism markets. Here at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitor Bureau we are excited about the opportunities that our new and improved map and guide offers.

All active Kalispell Chamber of Commerce members as of January 31st will be included with a text listing in the Visitor Guide Directory. We work with the Daily Inter Lake on ad placements for this publication of ours. If you are interested in ad space, please contact the Daily Inter Lake for more information at (406) 458-4410.



## Visitor Guide Features

- 50+ pages
- Formatted ads
- Standard directory listing for active chamber members
- Tips on where to eat, sleep, and play throughout Northwest Montana
- Electronic version of Visitor Guide available on [discoverkalispell.com](http://discoverkalispell.com)

## Flathead Valley Map Features

- 26" x 39" two-sided folding map with city streets
- Includes Kalispell, Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Evergreen, Lakeside, Somers, and Whitefish
- Ad sizes include 1.5x3, 3x3, 3x5, and full page 3x8, starting at just \$200
- New streets and highways updated annually
- 10,000 full-color, high-quality maps printed and distributed annually

## The Visitors Guide and the Flathead Valley Map are distributed to:

Both U.S. and international visitors, lodging accommodations, Northwest Montana visitors centers and surrounding area chambers of commerce, attractions and museums, real estate brokerages, car rental businesses, Glacier Park International Airport, and more...

For more information on either of these publications, please contact Krista Borgardt our Membership Development Manager at [k.borgardt@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:k.borgardt@kalispellchamber.com) or (406) 758-5054. We look forward to helping you take advantage of this great opportunity and look forward to seeing you in our upcoming publications.



## FLATHEAD AREA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

## ESPRESSO YOURSELF - CAREER GOAL SETTING

Wednesday, January 16 | 8:00-9:00am | Kalispell Chamber Conference Room

When you think of your goals for 2019, do they include your career? Where do you want to be in five years? What will you be doing and what steps will you take in order to get there? Kickoff the new year and discover ways to map out your career goals for 2019 and beyond.

LC Staffing, our discussion host, is an employment agency that matches top talent with Montana employers. With offices in Kalispell, Missoula and Bozeman, LC Staffing's mission is to move people forward in full-time and rewarding career opportunities throughout Montana.

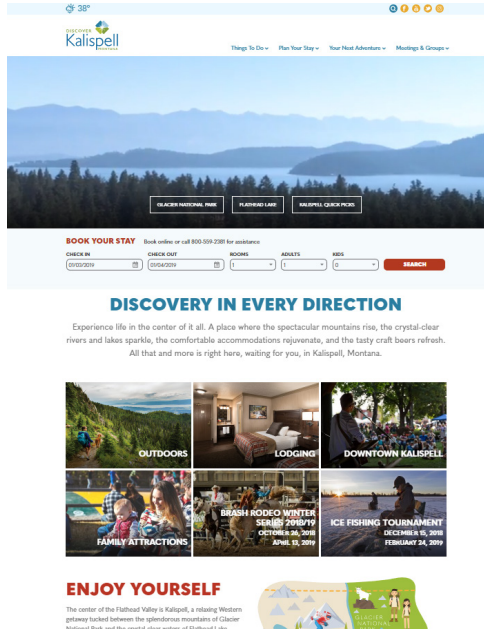
If you are a young professional between the ages of 21-39, please consider attending this exciting event and becoming a member of Flathead Area Young Professionals. Employees of Kalispell Chamber members receive a free annual membership to FAYP, or membership is just \$50/year. Contact [fayp@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:fayp@kalispellchamber.com) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 12-14**  
**HILTON GARDEN INN**  
**HOSTED BY FAYP**

**MONTANA**  
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
**SUMMIT 2019**  
**KALISPELL**



# KALISPELL CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU



## DISCOVER KALISPELL LAUNCHES NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE

Our Convention and Visitor Bureau recently launched an all-new, redesigned website that was created by Flathead Beacon Productions. The newly designed and enhanced site launches several new trip planning tools, vibrant photography, a destination video, and interactive mapping. The site also has a direct booking engine, which will enable visitors to seamlessly book a room at a Kalispell hotel. [Click here to see for yourself.](#)

## KALISPELL'S MONTANA MEETING MINUTE, WINTER

When you plan a winter meeting in Kalispell, your attendees will find themselves in the middle of a snowy paradise. With the Winter edition of our meetings and conventions newsletter, learn about group activities available here, team building opportunities, and featured hotel properties. [Click here to read more.](#)

## KALISPELL LEADERSHIP FLATHEAD

### LEADERSHIP FLATHEAD EXPLORES LOCAL EDUCATION

Passion and conviction- qualities our local educators displayed during December presentations from public school, private school and homeschool professionals. Our own community college encourages students to pursue concurrent enrollment and gives the opportunity to receive college credit before graduation. Our high schools partner with FVCC to offer an impressive selection of certificates and degrees that rival experiences available at larger institutions. Students no longer need to leave our valley to receive a superior education.

Simultaneously, there are number of fantastic continuing education and specific training programs available to continuously train our area workforce. The Kalispell Job Service, FVCC, and private businesses are constantly addressing the business needs by designing programs and training to match skills with current jobs, and methods such as work-based learning, internships, and apprenticeships are becoming increasingly available. As a community, we must continue to foster strong connections between schools and businesses and develop a constantly learning workforce.

### IN THE NEWS



*Legislators Anticipate Medicaid Expansion Will Continue, Daily Inter Lake*  
*Legislators Prepare for Heated Session, Flathead Beacon*

*American Airlines Announces New Service to Kalispell, ABC FOX Montana*

*American Airlines Adds New Flight to Kalispell, KECI NBC Montana*

*American Airlines Coming to Glacier Park International Airport, KPAX*

*American Service to Kalispell with New Flights, Daily Inter Lake*

*American Airlines to Add Flights to Dallas, Chicago at GPIA, Flathead Beacon*

# KALISPELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING PARTNERS FOR ART PROGRAM INSTALLATIONS

In the spring of last year, Kalispell Public Schools partnered elementary art programs with local businesses across the Flathead to host displays of art created by students. Art pieces generally reflected principles of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) from kindergarten through fifth grade levels and were displayed at Ceres Bakery, Rocky Mountain Bank, the Kalispell Chamber Visitor Center, and Glacier Park International Airport.

This year, schools are again looking to partner with local businesses to show off student successes. If you're interested, please email [k.lufkin@kalispellchamber.com](mailto:k.lufkin@kalispellchamber.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THINKING THURSDAY: ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES IMPACTING YOUR ORGANIZATION

**Thursday, January 17 | 8:30 - 10:00am | Kalispell Chamber Conference Room**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study is the most advanced longitudinal research to date linking childhood adversity to many types of negative health and social outcomes in adulthood including anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and other common chronic health conditions. Conducted by the Center for Disease Control, this ground-breaking study cuts across all demographic lines linking the emotional experiences of children to subsequent adult well-being across many dimensions. Across the nation, an estimated 25% of adults are impacted.

How do ACEs impact your employees, coworkers, and clients? Learning about ACEs and gaining a full understanding of the lifelong implications can be transformative for your leadership team in better understanding your workforce.

In this January installment of our Thinking Thursday seminars, Intermountain CEO Jim FitzGerald will provide an overview of the ACEs Study and describe the benefit of becoming a trauma-informed organization that supports those who are struggling. This event is free. Space is limited to the first 35 people who [register here](#).

## 2019 IMPORTANT EVENTS

### Luncheons

January 15  
February 19  
March 26  
May 21  
June 18  
August 27  
September 19  
October 15

### UNWINDs

February 12  
March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
July 9  
September 10  
October 8

### Thinking Thursday

January 17  
February 21  
March 21  
May 16  
June 20  
September 19  
October 17

### Misc.

BBER Economic Outlook Seminar  
Montana Indoor Soccer Championships, March 15-17  
St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 17  
Montana Spartan Race, May 4-5  
ABC Clinic, May 7  
Fourth of July Parade, July 4  
NWMT Fair & Rodeo Parade, August 16  
Market Livestock Sale, August 17  
Manufacturing Day, October 4  
115 Annual Banquet & Auction, November 14

## JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

### 30 YEARS

- LaSalle Equine Clinic, PLLC
- Immanuel Lutheran Communities

### 20 YEARS

- North Valley Hospital

### 15 YEARS

- Glacier Symphony, Orchestra & Chorale

### 10 YEARS

- Herron Insurance
- Kalispell Farmers Market
- Pro Clean Carway LLC

### 5 YEARS

- Fairbridge Inn & Suites

### 1 YEAR

- Wendy's of Evergreen
- A-Team Moving & Storage
- Global-Research & Development LTD.
- Bias Brewing
- Granite Peak Wealth Advisors
- InnSpace Projects LP (InnSpace)
- American Financial Services, Inc.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



# Frosty

## the BREWFEST

Downtown Kalispell

January 19th, 2019

2pm - 6pm



### Admission

Adults \$20

*includes commemorative ceramic campfire mug  
and 4 tickets good for one 6oz beer each*

Kids 13-18 \$5

Kids 12 and under FREE

hosted by Valley Bank of Kalispell



41 3rd Street W

Kalispell, MT 59901

### Events

Kids "Dash for Cash"  
Fatbike "slowbike" Race

### Music

Smart Alex  
Jameson and The Sordid Seeds

*look for the heated tent in  
Valley Bank's parking lot!*

beer from Kalispell's  
5 craft breweries



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*Downtown Kalispell's premier winter fundraiser brewfest!*

Proceeds from this event benefit the Kalispell Downtown Association and the Flathead Community Foundation