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Welcome to Manufacturing Month!

The **Manufacturing Alliance**, a program of the Discover Kalispell Chamber, is proud to invite you to join in celebrating the innovation, quality, and diversity of products made right here in the Flathead Valley.

Throughout October, you'll have the opportunity to take part in exclusive **facility tours and events** hosted by leading local manufacturers and employers.

Manufacturing is a cornerstone of our economy. Our member companies represent a wide-range of companies, producing everything from **semiconductor equipment, timber products, and connected mobile operations centers to firearms components, concrete products, beverages, skincare, building materials and more.**

Manufacturing Month is for everyone. Together, we'll showcase the products built here, explore Montana's role on the national stage, highlight education pathways into manufacturing, and connect the community with the **high-quality, high-paying careers available right now.**

Sign up today and be part of the celebration!



2025 MANUFACTURING EVENTS & TOURS

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APPLIED MATERIALS | Birch Grove

www.appliedmaterials.com | 3850 US Hwy 2 East, Kalispell

Thursday 10/9 2:30pm – **Community Tour** | **Student/Educator Tour**

"CNC Machining in Action"



At the Applied Materials Birch Grove location, we'll be touring the facility with an emphasis on CNC Machining and manufacturing quality. A CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machine is a type of automated machine tool that uses computer technology to control its operations. These highly precise machines can perform a variety of tasks, including cutting, milling, and drilling, and are operated by skilled technicians to create the components utilized by Applied Materials in the construction of their semiconductor equipment.

APPLIED MATERIALS | Main Plant

www.appliedmaterials.com | 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell

Thursday 10/9 4pm – **Student/Educator Tour** | **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**

"Exploring Innovation: Engineering & Assembly"

This tour will be focused on engineering and assembly manufacturing of the semiconductor equipment.

APPLIED MATERIALS | Evergreen

www.appliedmaterials.com | 1370 US 2, Kalispell (Evergreen - former Shopko)

Tuesday 10/21 4pm – **Student/Educator Tour** | **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**

"Inside the Semiconductor Industry: Tour Assembly, Welding & Coating"

We're excited to showcase operations and manufacturing at our Evergreen facility and its place in the Semiconductor Industry Capital Equipment ecosystem. The tour will include a walk-through of our world-class weld shop that builds our frames, tour of our powder coat facility, a look at our warehouse and logistics operation, and visibility into our manufacturing process for the end product.

The oldest manufacturer in Flathead Valley is also Montana's Best Daily Newspaper for the second year in a row!

Thank you to our dedicated staff and their commitment to independent, local journalism.



DAILY INTER LAKE

BIAS BREWING

www.biasbrewing.com | 412 Main Street, Kalispell

Wednesday 10/8 4pm – **Community Tour**

"Community Through Craft Brewing"



Bias Brewing is a brewery, taproom, and restaurant. We make NW inspired ales, sours, seltzers, kombucha, and barrel-aged beers. We self-distribute our products to bars and restaurants in Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Missoula, and Glacier counties. We have 30 employees including brewers, packaging/distribution professionals, and restaurant staff. Our mission is to build community through craft brewing, partnering with nonprofits and creating a welcoming space for all. In 7 years, we have founded events to raise over \$200,000 for nonprofits and performed over 2000 hours of community services. **Must be 21+ to participate in tasting.*

CONVERTING EQUIPMENT INTERNATIONAL (CEI)

www.slitandrewind.com | 5355 US Hwy 2 W, Columbia Falls

Thursday 10/2 3pm – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**

Thursday 10/2 4pm – **Students/Educators Tour**

"Behind the Machines: A Guided Tour of CEI's Manufacturing Process"



CEI is a local company creating machines for label and converting equipment worldwide. Their mission is to manufacture the highest quality equipment in the converting industry through innovation, collaboration, and integrity. CEI employs machinists, mechanical and software engineers, and assemblers. During this tour, CEI will cover their manufacturing process from concept through delivery, including engineering, the machine shop, inventory control, assembly and testing.

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DAILY INTER LAKE

www.dailyinterlake.com | 727 East Idaho, Kalispell
Thursday 10/16 4pm – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educator Tour**

“136 Years and Still Printing! See the Press in Action and Meet the Team that Delivers Community Journalism to Your Doorstep”

DAILY INTER LAKE is the Flathead Valley's oldest manufacturer, founded in 1889 - before Kalispell itself was incorporated - and has been writing the first draft of our region's history ever since. For the past two years, the Inter Lake has been named the best newspaper in Montana by the Montana Newspaper Association's annual convention. This is your golden ticket to see our Press in action. Witness the actual printing process complete with the smell of hot ink and the hum of the machines. Leave with a special publication hot off the press. Share in the energy of the largest independent newsroom in Montana. Meet our journalists and production staff ready to share their passion for our mission of community journalism and answer your questions. There's more to the Daily Inter Lake than meets the eye. The Daily Inter Lake team also produces a variety of YouTube shows and video podcasts, publishes seasonal magazines, and serves as a commercial printing hub for other newspaper companies and area businesses. The advertising team helps hundreds of the area's top business with their marketing needs. Join us as we share about how we keep independent, local journalism alive and well in our communities.

DEFIANCE MACHINE

www.defiancemachine.com | 3881 MT Hwy 40 W, Columbia Falls
Monday 10/13 3pm – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**
Monday 10/13 4:30pm – **Student/Educator Tour**

“World-Class Actions – World-Class Careers”

DEFIANCE Defiance Machine is more than a firearms manufacturer with a world-wide reputation for visionary design. They're a manufacturer that is as steeped in precision manufacturing as they are in also creating a great place to work. Join their tour to step onto the shop floor to see where the nation's first-choice in rifle actions are made. You'll be able to see the entire manufacturing process from start to finish, look inside and see the most technologically advanced, top-of-the-line CNC machines as they work while learning how bolt actions are manufactured for complete accuracy. And along the way, you'll learn about Defiance Machine's contributions to our local economy through providing solid careers for many of our community members. *All participants must be US citizens with official ID, have no criminal convictions, and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour.*

F.H. STOLTZE LAND & LUMBER CO.

www.stoltzelumber.com | 600 Halfmoon Rd, Columbia Falls
Thursday 10/23 – **Tour is Part of the Timber Tour**

“Where Tradition Meets Technology: Tour F.H. Stoltze's Halfmoon Facility”



F.H. Stoltze
Land & Lumber

Established in 1912, F.H. Stoltze is the oldest family-owned, continuously operating forest products company in the state of Montana. We use cutting-edge technology coupled with old-fashioned know-how to transform logs into not only lumber, but renewable energy and feed stock for other engineered wood products as well. For over 100 years, Stoltze has meant quality lumber. Sign up for a tour of our Halfmoon sawmill facility in Columbia Falls by registering for this year's Timber Tour (12pm - 5pm on 10/23- includes visit to forest lands). *Note: Minimum age 10 years old. There will be lots of walking/stair climbing on the tour. Attire: No long pieces of clothing, have long hair tied up, wear leather boots, no open-toed shoes.*

GLACIER DISTILLING COMPANY- TOUR AT FLATHEAD LAKE BREWING COMPANY (FLBC)

www.glacierdistilling.com | www.flatheadlakebrewing.com
116 Holt Drive, Suite A, Bigfork

Wednesday 10/22 3pm – **Community Tour**

“Great Whiskey Starts by Making Great Beer”



Montana - Glacier Distilling and Flathead Lake Brewing have teamed up to produce American Single Malt Whiskey made from 100% grown grains. See first-hand how both crafts are intertwined in the world of alcohol production and tour the new distillery addition to the brewery in Bigfork. **Must be 21+ to participate in any tasting.*

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GLACIER PRECAST CONCRETE

www.glacierprecast.com | 175 Alder Drive, Kalispell
Wednesday 10/15 10am & 2pm – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educators Tour**

“Building with Strength: A Behind-the-Scenes Tour”



GLACIER
PRECAST
CONCRETE

Glacier Precast Concrete produces a wide variety of poured concrete products ranging from architectural products, homes, utility buildings, noise walls, well houses, water tanks, and more. Watch their extensive manufacturing process, including batching their own concrete, quality control testing, and pouring day-to-day molds as they manufacture their products during the tour. *Closed-toed shoes required. Please dress for the weather as a portion of this tour is outside.*

INVADER CONCEPTS

www.invaderconcepts.com | 141 Alden Loop, Kalispell
Tuesday 10/14 10:30am – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educators Tour**

“Built Montana Tough – Custom Made for You”



We build custom holsters and tactical/hunting products right here in the Flathead Valley. With an unwavering commitment to quality, craftsmanship, and family values, we produce products that we proudly supply to partners such as law enforcement, firearms enthusiasts, and military personnel who value our products' precision, durability and performance. You'll tour our operation in our brand new 9000 square foot facility in Evergreen and learn about our products and growth.

KETTLE CARE BOTANICALS

www.kettlecare.com | 3575 US Hwy 93 North, Kalispell
Wed 10/1 3pm – **Community Tour** | **Students/Educators Tour**

“Skincare as Nature Intended – Crafted in the Flathead”



Since 1983, Kettle Care Botanicals' mission has been to formulate healthy skincare with ingredients you know and trust. We handcraft cremes and lotions, starting with the whole plant. And we still infuse, press and filter each of our extracts and oil saturation by hand. You don't need a dictionary to understand the natural ingredients on your Kettle Care label. We invite you to have a behind-the-scenes look at our manufacturing philosophy and process.

MONTANA COFFEE TRADERS

www.coffeetraders.com | 5810 US-93, Whitefish
Monday 10/6 10am – **Community Tour**

“Roasting the Best Coffee since 1981”



Since 1981, Montana Coffee Traders has been roasting arabica coffees at our vintage farmhouse landmarked by our iconic chuck wagon just south of Whitefish, Montana. As the Valley has grown to become a bustling destination, Montana Coffee Traders has deepened our roots in the community and our connection to farmers throughout coffee lands. Montana Coffee Traders sources and roasts with the aim of representing the most exquisite coffee beans at their peak of flavor development. Experience the heart of Montana Coffee Traders. Join us inside our Roastery and see where great coffee begins.

MONTANA GLOBAL HEALTH

www.montanaglobalhealth.com | 105 Bando Lane, Kalispell
Wednesday 10/15 3pm – **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Students/Educators Tour**

“Manufacturing with Confidence and Care”



Montana Global Health was formed in 2019 as a privately-owned dietary supplement manufacturer. With over 20+ years of experience in the industry, our mission is to manufacture and supply the highest quality of supplements for our clients. Join our tour to learn more about our manufacturing process.



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Build a solid future with a degree in the trades.



At the FVCC Trades Institute, you'll train with real tools, real deadlines and instructors who've done the work themselves. Whether you're into welding, heavy equipment, HVAC, electronics, surveying or any other program we offer, you will build the skills that employers actually need.

Programs are based on the time it takes to learn the work and step into a real job. From certificates and career credentials you can complete in a few months to a more traditional associate degrees you can master in two years, FVCC Trades Institute offers fast and flexible ways to get trained, get working and start building a future you can be proud of.

Local employers help shape these programs, which means what you learn connects directly to real jobs and careers. Classes are hands-on, career-focused and offered with flexible schedules to fit your life even if you are already working.



"The welding instructors are super thorough and provide one-on-one support—they make class personal. The best part is I don't have to work to go through college because of scholarships, so I can focus on learning and not stressing about affording it."

Haily

Welding and Fabrication



"With support from industry partners and a focus on workforce preparation, our students are well-equipped to connect with local employers and thrive in a rapidly evolving industry."

Chris Sherman
Welding Instructor



WELDING



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"Every single day I get to see something new, whether it's a new place or meeting new people. Getting my license was so worth it to me. This career definitely pays itself back."

Alexie

CDL Lincoln County Campus



"Our program is affordable, and with high demand for drivers, our graduates are quickly hired by local and national companies, ensuring they can start earning right away."

Mike Mulcahy
CDL Instructor

Originally from Dillon, Montana, Abbie grew up working for her father's electrical, HVAC and pump company, where she discovered her passion for HVAC. Abbie has found her strength in working hard and proving her capabilities. She loves the variety of the job.

"I chose FVCC because I can work full-time while attending evening classes. I'll have conversations with others in the industry and build respect based on what I know and can do. I love that. You get to learn something new every day, and the work is always different."

Abbie

HVAC



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Ready to build your future in the trades?

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Electrical | Welding | HVAC | Construction/Building Trades | Heavy Equipment Operator
Advanced Manufacturing: Mills, Lathes & CNC | Culinary Arts & Catering | Fabrication
Firearms Technologies | Surveying | Commercial Driver's License | Plumbing



Thursday, Oct 2 | 5:30-8pm

Prospective students explore potential trades pathways in hands-on career sessions led by FVCC instructors. Parents discover pathways for success in trades info sessions led by FVCC advisors.

Reserve your spot now for one-hour sessions (5:45-6:45pm and 7-8pm) to get a taste of what your future could hold.

Want to network? Local industry reps will be available from 5:30-8pm—no reservation needed.



fvcc.edu/trades

Meet Participating Local Businesses

Ace Heating & Air

Big Sky Electric

Copper Mountain Builders

Defiance Machine

Nomad GCS

Plumb-Rite Plumbing

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As one of the few colleges in the country with a gunsmithing degree program, FVCC provided Aiden with the specialized education he was looking for right here in his hometown. Excelling in high school, Aiden became familiar with the college through the Running Start program during his senior year.



"I was unique in the fact that I had already chosen my major by the time I came to FVCC. All the instructors are so welcoming and value the one-on-one connection to learning, and that's a large reason why I chose to come here."

Aiden

Firearms and Industrial Machine Technology



fvcc.edu/trades

Average salaries are for the state of Montana as of August 2025. Information provided by Modern Campus Pathways, which uses data provided by Lightcast.



Commercial Driver's License

8 weeks

Average Salary | \$51,944

Culinary Arts and Catering

5 semesters

Average Salary | \$42,640

Electrical Apprentice

Average Salary | \$60,419

Electrical Technology

2-4 semesters

Average Salary | \$60,419

Electronics Technician

1-4 semesters

Average Salary | \$75,840

Firearms Technologies

2-4 semesters

Average Salary | \$42,158

Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration

4 semesters

Average Salary | \$56,088

Heavy Equipment Operator

2 semesters

Average Salary | \$71,603

Industrial Machine Technology

2-4 semesters

Average Salary | \$42,308

Plumbing Apprentice

Average Salary | \$64,765

Surveying

4 semesters

Average Salary | \$63,298

Welding and Fabrication Technology

2-4 semesters

Average Salary | \$46,570

MONTANA LOG HOMES

www.montanaloghomes.com | 3250 US 93 S, Kalispell

Friday 10/3 3pm - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**

"Built by Hand, Built to Last: Inside the Art of Montana Log Homes"



Montana Log Homes has been handcrafting custom log homes since 1975. Our commitment to provide the highest quality custom log home is reflected in our mission statement... not to be the biggest log home company, but to be the best. Each Montana Log Home is individually crafted by our skilled log smiths using chainsaws and traditional hand tools. Large diameter, dead standing, Lodgepole Pine, Engelmann Spruce or Western Red Cedar full-length logs are selected from prime timber stands in the northwest USA and then hand peeled, cut and carved. Join our tour to learn how we craft the finest log homes!

MOUNTAIN MEADOW HERBS

www.mmherbs.com | 1019 Hard Rock Road, Somers

Tuesday 10/7 3pm - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Students/Educators Tour**

"Rooted in Health & Tradition: Manufacturing Natural Products that Change Lives"



With a mission to provide pure, natural products that change lives, Mountain Meadow Herbs has perfected its manufacturing process - providing high quality supplements - every time. We manufacture more than 40 proprietary blends and formulas made of fresh, pure, herbal extracts to support overall health. At our manufacturing facility in Somers, you can get a behind-the-scenes tour and see first-hand how we create our products from start to finish.

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NOMAD GCS

www.nomadgcs.com | 5414 US Hwy 2 West, Columbia Falls

Tuesdays 10/14 & 10/28 3pm - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educators Tour**

"See the Coolest Thing Made in Montana!"



NOMADGCS

Step inside Nomad GCS for an in-depth tour of where we build the **"Coolest Thing Made in Montana."** Join us for a rare, behind-the-scenes look at how we design and manufacture cutting-edge Connected Mobile Operations Centers (CMOCs). Our Engineer to Order (ETO) approach means we don't force customers into a box; we design the box around their unique needs. Discover the entire production process, from initial design to final creation, and learn what makes our work a true Montana original. Since 2002, our founders have grown Nomad from a leaky barn to a state-of-the-art facility, and with a team of over 400 engineers, craftspeople, and tech experts, we've shipped hundreds of specialty vehicles and connectivity solutions worldwide. We can't wait to show you around.

PROOF RESEARCH

www.proofresearch.com | 10 Western Village Lane, Columbia Falls

Monday 10/20 2pm - **Community Tour** | **Students & Educators Tour**

"Redefining the Future of Firearms"



PROOF Research is a science-based company that has brought together the finest minds, experience, and innovations in the industry to produce game-changing stainless steel rifle barrels, carbon fiber barrels, and complete rifle systems that are more durable and accurate than anything on the market. Step inside PROOF's manufacturing facility to see the entire process of making barrels, carbon fiber stocks, and complete rifles before visiting their 100-meter indoor test facility. *Each participant must be a US citizen with official ID and must complete a non-disclosure agreement prior to the tour. Closed-toed shoes are required; no photography.*

SACRED WATERS BREWING COMPANY

www.sacredwatersbrewing.com | 3250 Hwy 2 East, Kalispell

Wednesday 10/1 3pm - **Community Tour**

"Heritage Built in the Wild"



Open and operating since November 2018, Sacred Waters Brewing Company is a celebration of wild places and good people. It's a reflection of everyone's special place outside, everyone's Sacred Waters. During this tour of the brewhouse, you'll get an overview of how our beer is made and see the ingredients and equipment that make it happen. We love showing people the process behind our locally handcrafted beer! *Must be 21+ to participate in a beer tasting.*

WESTERN BUILDING CENTER - BUILDING COMPONENTS

www.westernbuildingcenter.com | 2021 13th St. W, Columbia Falls

Tuesday 10/14 12pm - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour**

"WBC Building Components Help Make Dream Homes Fast, Reliably, and Efficiently"



With our state-of-the-art software and equipment, our engineers and workers pre-fabricate walls, roofs, and floors in our 23,900 sq. ft. factory and then deliver the whole panelized home to your building site. Almost any truss can be designed to meet specific needs, engineered to the highest standards. Join this tour to learn more about our process!

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WEYERHAEUSER - MDF PLANT (COLUMBIA FALLS)

www.weyerhaeuser.com | 105 Mills Drive, Columbia Falls

10/28 10am - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educators Tour**

"Stronger by Design: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Weyerhaeuser MDF in Action"



Weyerhaeuser

Visitors will tour the largest Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) plant under one roof in North America which showcases state of the art technology and Weyerhaeuser's dedicated workforce. The plant uses residual wood fiber which is refined and processed into engineered wood products used across North America. These include specialty products in niche markets such as architectural doors, cabinets, engineered wood flooring, store fixtures, and office furniture. At Weyerhaeuser MDF, teams work to reliably lead the industry in safety, quality, service, and financial results, while developing their people and supporting local communities. Employees serve on local advisory committees for Weyerhaeuser's Giving Fund and development funding priorities with four focus areas to support and meet unique needs in local communities. *Closed toe shoes required. No loose-fitting clothing.*

WEYERHAEUSER - PLYWOOD & LUMBER PLANT (KALISPELL)

www.weyerhaeuser.com | 75 Sunset Drive, Kalispell

10/29 10am - **Community Tour** | **Job Seeker Tour** | **Student/Educators Tour**

"Behind the Boards: A Guided Tour of Plywood & Lumber Production"

Visitors will tour both the Plywood and Lumber plants, which showcase unique products with exceptionally aesthetic qualities and Weyerhaeuser's dedicated workforce. Mainly Douglas fir and Western larch are used at Weyerhaeuser due to their ability to produce fine grain and smooth faces. This Kalispell plant manufactures plywood products to various grades, dimensions, and performance standards appropriate for a wide range of customer end-uses, while the lumber plant manufactures solid sawn studs, available in various lengths to domestic markets coast-to-coast. *Closed-toed shoes are required; no loose-fitting clothing.*

Celebrating 125 Years

Thank you to our employees and everyone in the Flathead Valley community for helping us reach this milestone!

We're growing our team and are proud to offer a range of exciting career opportunities in Kalispell and Columbia Falls that provide benefits such as two weeks of vacation, 11 paid holidays, gainsharing, medical, dental, HSA, life insurance, parental leave and 401(k).

Join our team:
weyerhaeuser.com/careers



FLATHEAD TIMBER TOUR

Thursday, October 23rd, 12pm – 5pm

Community Tour | Students & Educators Tour | Job Seekers Tour

The Flathead Timber Tour is held annually during Montana Forest Products Week. The purpose of the Timber Tour is to invite the Flathead Valley community to learn about the value and importance of natural resources to our economy and quality of life.

This year participants on the Timber Tour will learn about forest management, from harvest to production, during a tour of F.H. Stoltze's Columbia Falls lumber mill followed by a visit to an active Weyerhaeuser logging operation. Founded in 1912, F.H. Stoltze is the oldest family-owned sawmill in Montana. On your tour you will witness our random length Sawmill processing logs into lumber from 6' to 20' in length and up to 12" in width. The tour will also see the Planer Mill which has an auto grader featuring A.I. Also, Stoltze has the only Cogeneration plant in Montana. Using renewable wood energy, we are able to dry our lumber, heat our sawmill and put enough energy back on to the grid to power 2500 homes per day.

Participants will trace the product back from mill to the forest. Foresters will present on current and projected forest conditions, as well as active forest management objectives and sustainable harvest. They will visit an active site, discuss history and the advancing technology of mills, programs available, and how they as landowners can play a role in improving forest health while supporting local wood products industry.

Participants will board a school bus that will depart from the Kalispell Chamber. Tour participants should bring snacks and water, wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, have no loose clothes, and be dressed for the weather. To register for this tour, please visit <https://business.kalispellchamber.com/mfgtours> or contact the Kalispell Chamber at 406-758-2803. Pre-registration is required, and tour is limited to 38 people.



Weyerhaeuser



F.H. Stoltze
Land & Lumber

DAILY INTER LAKE UNWIND

Business After Hours with the Daily Inter Lake
Tuesday, October 14th, 5:00 – 6:30pm
727 East Idaho, Kalispell

The Daily Inter Lake is the Flathead Valley's oldest manufacturer, founded in 1889 - before Kalispell itself was incorporated - and has been writing the first draft of our region's history ever since. For the past two years, the Inter Lake has been named the best newspaper in Montana by the Montana Newspaper Association's annual convention. As part of Hagadone Media Montana, the Daily Inter Lake and seven weekly newspapers - including the Whitefish Pilot, Hungry Horse News, Bigfork Eagle, The Western News, Lake County Leader, Clark Fork Valley Press, and Mineral Independent - make up the largest independent newsroom in the state. The Daily Inter Lake team also produces a variety of YouTube shows and video podcasts, publishes seasonal magazines, and serves as a commercial printing hub for other newspaper companies and area businesses.

The advertising team helps hundreds of the area's top businesses with their marketing needs. Join us at the UNWIND to discover what's new, exciting, and developing at the Daily Inter Lake and Hagadone Media Montana!

Register to attend the UNWIND at:

<https://business.kalispellchamber.com/chamber-calendar>
or call 406-758-2803

KALISPELL CHAMBER MANUFACTURING LUNCHEON
Tuesday, October 21st at Flathead Valley Community College,
Arts & Technology Building | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Join the Kalispell Chamber as we shine a spotlight on the Flathead Valley's robust and vital manufacturing industry. October is Manufacturing Month! \$30 for Kalispell Chamber members/\$40 for non-members.

Register at: [KalispellChamber.com](https://business.kalispellchamber.com) and select the October 21st event on the Chamber Calendar or call 406-758-2803.

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FLATHEAD VALLEY MANUFACTURING SYMPOSIUM
Tuesday, October 21st at Flathead Valley Community College,
Arts & Technology Building | 8:00am – 11:00am

FLATHEAD VALLEY MANUFACTURERS — THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!

Mark your calendar for the Flathead Valley Manufacturing Symposium, where local manufacturers connect, collaborate, and gain insights on key industry issues. Hear from expert presenters including the Montana Department of Commerce, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, ABS Legal, State Economist Amy Watson, Flathead Valley Community College, and more. Topics will focus on manufacturing resources, challenges and opportunities shaping the future of manufacturing in our region. Don't miss this opportunity to network with peers and gather practical takeaways for your business.

Register to attend this information-packed event at: <https://business.kalispellchamber.com/chamber-calendar> or contact Jenn Cronk at j.cronk@kalispellchamber.com or 406-758-2801.

COFFEE CONNECT
Friday, October 10th | 8am – 9am

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HOSTED BY FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT THE TRADES INSTITUTE
Coffee Connect is the Flathead Valley's premier networking and relationship-building business meeting. We grow business relationships, promote doing business locally, exchange connections, and support each other. At this Coffee Connect we'll learn about FVCC's Trades Institute and programs. Optional Trades Institute tours will be available at the conclusion of the coffee connect. Register at: <https://business.kalispellchamber.com/chamber-calendar/>