

Business digest

The **Yellowstone Valley Chapter of Society of Human Resource Management** monthly meeting is scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana. The luncheon topic is "Identity Theft — Latest Trends and Techniques and What Is Being Done To Curtail This Problem," presented by Mike Boyette, vice president and corporate security officer of First Interstate Bank. The cost is \$17 check or cash, or \$18 using PayPal online. RSVP to ysyoung@yellowstonesurgerycenter.com by noon on Friday, April 9.

Connect Telephone & Computer Group, an industry leader in unified communications, is offering advanced on-demand communications technology training to customers. The region's small to mid-sized companies are now able to enhance their technical knowledge at no cost by receiving Convergence Technologies Training and Certification.

CTT provides students with a solid understanding of voice, video and data technologies, while focusing on the day-to-day knowledge of convergence technologies. CTT is an extensive program with 13 modules composed of 30 sessions that can be spread over a period of several weeks.

For information, contact Matt Duray, president, at 869-8950 or mduray@theconnectgroup.com.

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EagleRider Billings is relocating inside Beartooth Harley-Davidson at 6900 South Frontage Road. The partnership is officially under way with EagleRider Billings ready to provide a rental fleet through Beartooth Harley-Davidson on April 15.

For more information, visit www.beartoothharley.com.

Two new publications on grain marketing are now available from Montana State University Extension publications. Both publications are free.

The "Futures Hedge (Short Hedge)" publication introduces readers to using futures at national commodity exchanges. Advantages and disadvantages of using futures are discussed in this publication. Readers are also offered scenarios in which this grain marketing option would be a valuable tool.

Both publications are MontGuides and are available online at <http://msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/MT200919AG.pdf> and <http://msuextension.org/publications/AgandNaturalResources/MT201001AG.pdf>.

These two publications can also be ordered from MSU Extension Publications at 406-994-3273, or at orderpubs@montana.edu. Contact: Alice Schaefer, publications coordinator, 406-994-3273. For more information, contact Mark Major at 406-466-2491 or mbmajor@montana.edu.

This year's **Montana Livestock Forum and Nutrition Conference** will address misinformation, innuendo and anti-meat agendas that have plagued the agriculture industry in the past year, said organizer and Extension Beef Specialist John Pateron at Montana State University.

The conference, titled "Challenge for Agriculture: Reclaiming the High Ground," will be held April 6 and 7 in the ballrooms of the Strand Union Building on the MSU campus. That is a different location from previous years.

The cost to attend both days of the conference is \$70. The price for attending one day only is \$50 for Tuesday and \$25 for Wednesday. Parking permits are required on the MSU campus. They cost \$2.50 per day.

To register, call 406-994-3414, send an e-mail to anitag@montana.edu or mail a check to Anita Gray, 221 Linfield Hall, MSU, P.O. Box 172820, Bozeman, MT, 59717.

Big Sky Economic Development Authority will present a free introductory workshop about the grant-seeking process from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Big Sky EDA conference center located on the first floor of Granite Tower, 222 N. 32nd St. While there is no fee to attend, preregistration for the grants workshops is required and seating is limited to 25 attendees per session. Call Mary Lou at 256-6871, ext. 100, to reserve a place on or before Tuesday, April 13.

