

# Flathead Business

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● **S AND K ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH LLC** of St. Ignatius won a \$4,847,360 federal contract from the U.S. Air Force Material Command for logistics and technical support to the F-15 Saudi Advanced Deputy Security Program Manager Readiness during the Royal Saudi Air Force deployment to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, for the 2019 Red Flag 19-2 Exercise.

● **FLATHEAD LAKE BREWING CO.**, founded in 2004 in Woods Bay by Greg Johnston, is celebrating its 15th year with a week of special events and a limited-edition brew. In 2006 Flathead Lake Brewing won two World Beer Cup awards, with a bronze for the Peg Leg Porter (now the Painted Rock Porter) and a silver medal for the Mutiny Stout (now the

369' Stout). In 2012, Flathead Lake Brewing acquired the old bowling alley in Bigfork, remodeled it and opened in 2015 with Greg Johnston's daughter, Sandy. In 2018, Flathead Lake Brewing was received the inaugural Sustainabrew award sponsored by the Montana Brewers Association, Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund, and Montana Renewable Energy Association. Flathead Lake Brewing will hold special events during the week of Feb. 11-15 and release a special, limited-edition beer to celebrate 15 years in business. The 15th Anniversary Bière de Garde was brewed with over 100 pounds of locally grown cherries and aged in barrels for six months. For more information, visit [www.flatheadlakebrewing.com](http://www.flatheadlakebrewing.com)

## WOODLANDS

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tial buildings should be completed by October of 2021.

Lund modeled The Woodlands after a line of Minneapolis-St. Paul developments.

"The developer has 12 completed projects that are very similar to this, and they always sell out before they finish," Lund said.

The Minneapolis projects gave him the idea to integrate a sunroom into each Woodlands unit, he said.

"Being a senior, I don't like to sit out on a deck and I don't think I'm unique," he said. "Instead of having a huge deck, we have a sunroom. The living rooms extend out with windows on three sides."

Lund said security is a priority for seniors, and a security guard will be on hand 24 hours a day. Each four-story building will have enclosed and heated parking on the ground floor.

"When you drive in the door shuts and you feel secure," Lund said.

Lance Fahrney, president and sales manager for The Woodlands, said the parking facility wasn't popular with the architects.

"Everyone tried to talk Curt out of enclosed, heated parking — it's a pricey feature — but he drew the line in the sand. He said if you can't make it work with the community center and enclosed parking, we don't have a project."

The builder on the project is Hammerquist Casalegno, with Jackola providing engineering and architecture services. Lund is the primary investor on the project with assistance from Glacier Bank.

**DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS** of the Flathead Valley bolstered Lund's confidence in the viability of The Woodlands.

While the growth rate for the general population of the valley is 1.3 percent annually, the growth rate for those reaching age 55 is 4.3 percent each year and 6.2 percent for those over 65. In 2013, 24 percent of Flathead County's residents were 60 or older and that figure is expected to be around 28 percent by 2020.

Lund also said more than 6,000 homes in the Flathead County currently house people over age 55.

Lund's background in health care, social services and business have helped him turn his dreams for The Woodlands into reality. Before retiring, he served as interim chief executive officer of Kalispell Regional Healthcare and chairman of the board of trustees. He has an extensive history in accounting, construction and business management, including nine years of managing National Flood Services in Kalispell.

In retirement he started ASSIST, a local non-profit that helps improve recovery for socially and physical isolated patients after they leave the hospital, and is involved in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Kids.

The Woodlands sales office is in a historic brick building currently being remodeled on First Avenue East in Kalispell. In the early stages of publicizing The Woodlands, Lund and Fahrney said the project is receiving a warm reception among Evergreen business owners.

"When I've gone to Chamber functions, everyone is amazingly excited about The Woodlands and the impact this is going to have," Fahrney said.

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## Workshop focuses on business finance

A workshop on Understanding Financials will be Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 pm. at the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribe computer training room in the lower level of the Old Tribal Complex in Pablo. The workshop will cover the basics of balance sheets and income statements, plus performance ratios compared to industry standards.

Robert Much will also be available on Feb. 19 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for government contracting counseling assistance.

If you are interested in doing business with the government and want assistance obtaining your SAM registration and registering with SBA's small business website, Much will meet with interested parties at Sovereign Leasing & Finance on Feb. 19-20.

Contact Melinda Charlo at the Indian Preference Office, 675-2700, ext. 1045, to sign up. you may also contact Robert Much at (406) 442-8543 or [rmuch@nadc-nabn.org](mailto:rmuch@nadc-nabn.org) to set up an appointment.

# Boeing hires tens of thousands companywide

By **DOMINIC GATES**  
The Seattle Times (TNS)

Boeing last year added almost 4,000 jobs in Washington state and nearly 9,000 companywide, the aerospace giant's first employment increase in six years.

Those numbers represent the net gains after retirements and other departures. All told, Boeing hired 8,500 workers last year in Washington state, and made about 34,000 hires companywide.

The company released its annual employment figures Thursday. The data shows Boeing has 69,813 employees in the state, up 3,984 from a year ago.

Companywide, Boeing has 150,227 employees, up 8,905 from a year ago.

About 2,000 of those additional employees joined the payroll in October when Boeing completed the acquisition of Miami-based air-plane-parts distributor KLX Aerospace.

This uptick follows five straight years of employment declines. In Washington state, Boeing

shed more than 6,000 jobs in 2017 and more than 7,300 in 2016.

Employment peaked most recently in the fall of 2012, when Boeing had 87,023 employees in Washington state. Even with the 2018 gain, Boeing employs about 17,200 fewer people in the state than it did then.

Companywide, the pattern is similar, though the majority of the job losses over the past five years happened in Washington state.

In the fall of 2012, Boeing employed a total of 175,742 people worldwide. Despite the 2018 gain, its total employment is down more than 25,500 from that peak.

The employment prospects this year look good. Boeing plans to significantly increase production of the 737 in Renton and the 787 in Everett. And manufacturing work on the new 777X in Everett will accelerate as that plane enters flight test ahead of entry into service next year.

And if, as expected, Boeing announces a

go-ahead on a new airplane that will become the 797, that will trigger substantial hiring of engineers over the next few years, with Washington state likely to get the largest jobs boost from that move.

However, the impact of the 797 decision on production jobs depends on where Boeing chooses to build it. It's not certain to be here.

And wherever it's assembled, the 797 produc-

tion line is expected to be the most highly automated in Boeing's history, taking to the next level the automation Boeing has deployed for the 737 MAX and the 777X.

Because of the company's increased use of automation, it's unlikely Boeing will surpass the 2012 employment peak in the years ahead, except through acquisition of other companies.





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## Vice adds to media-layoff trend

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice Media is cutting 250 jobs globally as it seeks to shore up its profitability. It is the latest round of layoffs as the media industry contracts.

The cuts affect about 10 percent of Vice's 2,500 staff, said company spokeswoman Danielle Carrig. But she said Vice plans to add jobs as well in departments including sales and digital news as it focuses on its units with potential for growth.

The media industry has been facing a wave of layoffs as Facebook and Google gobble up the bulk of digital advertising dollars. Digital media company BuzzFeed said last week it is cutting 200 people. Verizon is

cutting about 800 jobs in its media division, which includes Yahoo and HuffPost.

Vice has grown from a Canadian magazine to a global media company.

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