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Dear Business Owner/Manager:

Farmers State Bank is pleased to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bitterroot Business Conference. We have teamed-up with The Montana Radio Company, Montana Community Development Corporation and Ravalli County Economic Development Authority to bring this event to you at no cost. We'll gather on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at that St. Francis Pastoral Life Center in Hamilton (411 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street). Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. As always, we will have complimentary coffee, tea, water, juice, soda, fruit and pastries for your enjoyment.

This year's agenda is full and fast-paced. Our featured speakers will be:

- Rena Carlson – US Small Business Administration
- Kim Maines, Dan Johnson & Heather Handeland – USDA
- Dave Glaser – Montana Community Development Corporation
- Julie Foster – Ravalli County Economic Development Authority
- Linda Onestinghel – Business Development Manager, Lending Solutions, Profit Stars
- Larry Swanson – Center for the Rocky Mountain West

All of these speakers will present information vital to any business that is looking to understand today's market and how to seize opportunities. Loan programs available through Farmers State Bank and our many partners will be highlighted. Larry Swanson will dissect our regional and national economy. We hope you'll arrive prepared to learn and to leave poised for growth.

We're very excited to have a keynote speaker this year to finish the conference. Sarah Calhoun, founder and owner of Red Ants Pants, based in White Sulphur Springs, MT will share her story with us and give us an inside look at how she's founded and grown this innovative company.

Seating is limited and reserved first come, first served. Please call Cheryl Busa at 642-2264 to get your name on the list and reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Cordially,

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