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Media Release

Billings Chamber Announces Promotion and New Staff

For Immediate Release

Billings, MT, August 1, 2016: The Billings Chamber of Commerce announces the promotion of one staff member and the addition of three new staff members.

Daniel Brooks takes on the role of Government Affairs Manager, a position connected to local, state and federal public policy. Brooks has been with the Chamber since 2015 as the Member and Visitor Services Assistant. Prior to his employment at the Billings Chamber, Daniel served his country in the United States Marine Corps with a total of three deployments to Iraq. He attained his Bachelor's Degree in political science from MSU and a Master's Degree in International Affairs from Boston University. After working overseas and living on the East Coast, Daniel is thrilled to be home in Montana. Contact Daniel at 406-869-3733 or Daniel@billingschamber.com.

Michele Flanagan began as the Member and Visitor Services Assistant this month. Born and raised in Billings, Flanagan attended two years at MSUB. Prior to joining the Billings Chamber, she worked 18 years in the medical field. The same drive for excellence and forming meaningful relationships built on trust and respect follow her to the Chamber. Flanagan can be reached at Michele@billingschamber.com or (406) 869-3722.

Brenda Maas recently joined the Visit Southeast Montana team as Marketing Manager. She brings more than 20 years of communication experience to the position, most recently as managing editor with the *Billings Gazette's* niche publications department producing the award-winning *Magic* magazine plus *Big Sky Bride* and other specialty publications. Maas earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and freelanced in multiple industries including travel. She will promote tourism for Southeast Montana (one of six tourism regions in the state), lead familiarization tours and oversee the region's collaborative marketing and advertising campaigns. Learn more at www.southeastmontana.com or Visit Southeast Montana on Facebook. Maas can be reached at brenda@southeastmontana.com or (406) 294-5270.

Luke Ashmore has been the Visit Billings Visitor Information Center Assistant since spring 2016. He works closely with the volunteers in the Visitor Information Center to guide visitors to our community. He is Billings born and raised, a West High graduate, and is currently working toward an English degree at MSUB. Ashmore can be reached at 406-869-3737 or VIC@VisitBillings.com.

Marcell Bruski is completing an internship with the Billings Chamber and Visit Billings. She works closely with the events and the convention services teams. Bruski is a Montana native, raised in Ekalaka. Now living in Billings she will be a Senior at Rocky Mountain College pursuing a degree in Business Administration. Bruski can be reached at (406) 245-4111 or intern@billingschamber.com.

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