Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

FEATURED BUSINESS:

Cardinal Glass - An Industry Leader

Since 1962 Cardinal Glass Industries has been in business and today leads the industry in the development and manufacturing of residential glass for windows and doors. Over the past 60 years Cardinal has grown to employ 7,000 employees across 37 manufacturing locations across the United States.

The 600,000 square foot, eco-friendly glass manufacturing plant located in Winlock employs approximately 200 employees to create the 'float glass' that is produced there. Float glass is a sheet of glass made by 'floating' molten glass on a bed of molten metal. This method ensures uniform thickness, and is used to make glass for windows and doors. After the glass is made at the Winlock plant it will either go to Cardinal's TG (Tempered Glass) plant in Chehalis for tempering

or the CG Plant in Tumwater for Coated Glass treatment. The Winlock FG (Float Glass) Plant produces 648 tons of glass per day.

When Cardinal first started investigating building a plant in Winlock there were many mixed feelings and worries about how it would impact the community. Looking back over the past 16 years we can see the positive economic impact that Cardinal Glass has made on the community.

The Executive Director of the Economic Alliance of Lewis County, Richard Debolt, comments that "Cardinal Glass has created hundreds of jobs over the past decade. We are excited to have them as a partner in the community-they support so many local organizations that make us stronger together."

Cardinal has a Philanthropy Committee that employees can join to participate in a variety of community outreach initiatives. Some of those causes are United Way campaigns. McKinney Vento drives that focus on helping homeless teens, including food drives, back to school drive, coat drive, and also supporting local food banks.

The search for employees continues at the Cardinal Glass Plant as the economy continues to make a comeback. Employee safety is of the utmost importance, as well as full body health. Cardinal has a Registered Nurse and an Ergonomic Therapist on site to take the best care of their employees. They also hold several employee social events during the year and have a reduced lunch day where they partner with local restaurants.





Add a competitive starting wage and advancement opportunities to that for a great opportunity for job seekers!

Not only has Cardinal Glass

brought hundreds of jobs to the rural community of Winlock and Evaline, they continue to support the community in a variety of different ways.

"Help Wanted"

By Rep. Peter Abbarno

A "Help Wanted" sign on businesses and employment

websites are all too common these days. The economic pressure on businesses, as well as consumers, is driving the cost of goods higher and severely

driving the cost of goods higher Peter Abbarno and severely disrupting every level of our economy.

Some might look favorably at the unemployment rate hovering below 4%. However, it's a different story for many

Loan Officer

businesses in the Southwest Washington experiencing workforce shortages, supply chain interruptions, and a rise in the cost of doing business.

The unemployment rate is the percentage of the labor force without a job. Unfortunately, the artificially low rate is influenced by the low labor participation rate, which remains around 62%. The labor force participation rate is an estimate of an economy's active workforce.

An excessively low labor participation rate, like 62%, indicates many in the workforce gave up looking for a job, retired early, or decided they are financially better off not working. For some context, the Washington state unemployment rate is 3.9% and the labor participation rate in Washington state is 64%.

Many argue, and I happen to agree, that the low labor

participation rate is primarily caused by newly created or enhanced government programs dis-incentivizing employment. New programs have historically impacted labor participation rates when government benefits outweigh wages.

New programs alone are not the sole cause of current employment problems. There are other contributing factors like the cost and availability of pre-school and daycare; cost of fuel; the continuing impact of vaccine mandates, early retirement of many boomers, and newly created taxes and fees lowering take-home wages.

To help reverse course, the government must control spending and stop passing spending bills like the "Inflation Reduction Act" that does not reduce inflation. Like every family or small business, the government must live within its means and resist the urge to create new programs built upon unsustainable revenue sources.

New and unsustainable state programs play a major role in an employer's decision to create jobs and a person's decision to seek employment. Ultimately, massive new spending bills on programs without sustainable revenue sources require tax increases on small businesses and working families (Long-Term Care Payroll Tax, Paid Family Medical Leave Tax, Capital Gains Income Tax, Gas Tax, Low Carbon Fuel Standards, Cap and Trade) or a diversion of funds from

worthwhile investments (Public Works Board Trust Fund).

The past legislative session was filled with some major economic missed opportunities. The most obvious was squandering a \$15 billion surplus without providing small businesses and working families with meaningful tax relief. Another was a new partisan 'Puget Sound' centric transportation budget.

There were also missed opportunities to expand our workforce through economic incentives that could benefit businesses and families.

For example, in Lewis County, Veterans account for over 12% of the population and a much higher percentage if their spouses are included. Last session, I introduced House Bill 1677, that would increase and expand employer tax incentives for hiring veterans and military families. Although the bipartisan legislation passed out of committee unanimously, it was not brought to the House Floor for a vote.

Although HB 1677 was a targeted incentive; generally, Washington must create an environment for businesses to be successful. That starts with reducing regressive taxes like the Business and Occupation (B & O) tax, eliminating overburdensome regulations, and expanding our workforce opportunities.

There were successes that helped move us in the right direction. A success from last legislative session was House

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Bill 1170, which directs the Department of Commerce to support the development of regionally tailored strategies to facilitate the development of manufacturing workforce across the state.

Another success was greater investments in career ready students, community colleges, and CTE. Currently, there is a significant labor market mismatch. The jobs available don't match the skills of the applicants and vice versa. Apprenticeship programs, CTE investments, and community college programs help build and develop a workforce that meets the needs of our economy and businesses.

Lastly, there are few better investments than childcare, pre-school, and kindergarten readiness. Quality early learning programs prepare children for lifetime success and provide the opportunity for families to pursue education and employment opportunities. Supporting early learning programs and funding Early Learning Facilities (ELF) grants helps improve our children's future success and provides opportunities to help lift families out of intergenerational poverty.

The 2023 Legislative
Session will provide additional
opportunities to invest in our
workforce, create a successful
small business environment,
deliver working families
meaningful economic relief,
and invest in early learning
and childcare opportunities.
I will continue to work on
these issues, because small
businesses and working families
can't afford more missed
opportunities.

Peter Abbarno is a State Representative in the 20th Legislative District and attorney with Althauser Rayan Abbarno, LLP in Centralia. Rep. Abbarno services on the House Environment and Energy Committee, House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee, and as the assistant ranking member on the House Capital Budget Committee.





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The Sign of the Times

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs. Unemployment signs. Employers are struggling. Struggling to find the right employees. Struggling to retain the ones they currently employ. One of the solutions available to businesses are staffing agencies.

The Chamber had the opportunity to speak with franchise owner Sam McCrady from Express Employment Professionals. McCrady offered insights into how job placement firms operate. "Most jobs are long term, evaluation-to-hire. We offer a free service to job seekers including job placement into full time positions, not temporary work. We are always fighting for good, competitive wages." explains McCrady.

Ascend Staffing is another great resource in the Centralia-Chehalis area. Their mission statement reads, "Our purpose is to partner with employees, clients and the community to create opportunities for growth and mutual success." Branch Manager Sandra Scotton states, "We care about our employees, and we are really trying to help people. Even if they are homeless. We just want to do good for our community."

Staffing firms like Express and Ascend operate as if they are an extension to their client's Human Resource department. Many employers don't have the time necessary to sift through many resumes and conduct multiple interviews. Using a staffing service lets employers try employees out without the headache if they decide the employee isn't a good fit for the position. They handle sorting through the resumes, the hiring, and the difficult conversations if the job isn't a good fit. Plus, they will work hard to find a new position for that candidate if a job doesn't work out.

One of the biggest challenges is finding employees that care about your business and success.

Finding that 'perfect candidate' is difficult. Hiring the right person with the right qualifications, who wants to work is harder than ever, but that is where job placement agencies can help. With so many more obstacles for businesses to navigate, finding new employees gets easier with the help from employment professionals.

After an employer finds an employee that meets their qualifications, the next step is retaining them. In today's uncertain economy people are looking for the next best thing. Some of the reasons behind that are: Better pay, better benefits, better working conditions, or closer to home.

For employers who are finding it difficult to staff and/ or retain employees, it may be time to re-evaluate what is being offered:

- Is the benefit package competitive?
- Is the starting wage a livable wage?
- Is there room for growth and advancement in the company? Are you offering a sign-on, or
- referral bonus?

 Are you offering additional work perks, such as a gas card
- Are working hours flexible for family and personal reasons?

for your employees?

All these things come into consideration when a job seeker is exploring their employment options.

In the current world of frustrated business owners, and job seekers alike, a mutual service to turn to is our local staffing firms. They are on the job forefront and working hard to overcome the many obstacles facing both employers and job seekers today. For a list of employment and human resource services visit the Chamber website to view its member directory or call (360) 748-8885 to have a copy mailed.

Lewis County Fall Job Fair Sept 27

The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber is hosting the Lewis County Fall Job Fair on September 27. This is where job seekers can connect with Businesses looking to hire right now. The event is sponsored by Washington State Department Children, Youth & Family Services, who is also one of the employers attending. This is a great opportunity for employers and job seekers to meet in person and find out more about each other, jobs available, and the companies hiring locally. There will be a variety of different kinds of businesses represented including restaurants, warehouses, manufacturing, and offices, including six businesses from the Outlet Mall.

The Chamber recognizes the challenges that both employers and job seekers are facing in this economy and want to help continue to build a better Lewis County. If you are searching for a job, or a business interested in participating, this event is for you.

Fall Job Fair
Tuesday, September 27
Noon - 4:00 pm
Outlet Mall
Exit #82 off I-5
2000 Haviland Street
Centralia

Contact: (360) 748-8885 thechamber@chamberway.com www.chamberway.com

Good Health Nutrition Center Offers Sage Business Advice

Beginning the journey as a new business owner takes nothing short of a leap of faith, especially in today's uncertain economy. Not only do you need to do the research to see if there is a need to fill for the community with your business, but you will also need to be flexible and able to pivot if the market demands it. One of the most important parts of being a business owner is getting involved in the community.

With over 32 years of owning a successful business, Julie Shaffley is an expert in this subject. Shaffley owns Good Health Nutrition Center and has provided the community with vitamins, supplements, bulk herbs and spices, organic groceries, skin care and exceptional customer service over the years. You may not find a nicer, more devoted and enthusiastic store owner than Shaffley.

After finishing college in Minnesota, Shaffley was offered a job managing a health food store in Olympia. She ended up loving the business, science, and community of the health food industry. In 1990 Shaffley made her love a reality by purchasing Lottie's Health Food in Centralia and not long after renamed her store 'Good Health Nutrition Center.' Since then they have moved down a few store fronts and expanded but the mission remains the same: Health and

Wellness for Everyone! A long standing challenge plaguing many larger stores managing and understanding their large inventory of products. Ensuring employees have enough product knowledge to answer customer questions is a key to success. Good Health Nutrition Center strives to provide information and scientific studies to back their products and offers a 100% unconditional money back guarantee to its customers.

Shaffley and her Husband wanted to have a career that gave them pleasure in helping people - it is where their passion lies. They feel the key to entrepreneurship is passion "You spend so much of your time working, you have to find what brings you happiness, and go after it. Time goes by so quickly." explains Shaffley. "Find your passion and go for it, and don't be afraid to fail." Over the years Shaffley's customers have built a trust with Good Health Nutrition Center. "It's an honor watching families and people grow and helping them with their health, and being a part of this growing community and seeing it prosper." Shaffley says.

Shaffley credits her store's success to the surrounding community's support over the years. She states "I love what I do and I love the community. It's been wonderful to see how the community embraces

new businesses. Centralia and Chehalis come together when times are good and bad." We asked Shaffley to share some advice for business owners, and it really all comes back to the community. "You have to get involved in the community, whether it's a service or business club, volunteer organization,

or your local Chamber of

The Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote business, protect the Lewis County business environment and inform the public of all the wonderful resources available in the community. Joining the Chamber means joining a network of like-minded people, whom you can learn from and all support each other in a common goal. Shaffley commented, "The Chamber is the heartbeat of local business. I feel it is vital to get to know your community and your customers. You serve your customers. They don't serve you, you serve them. You have got to support the community that supports you and get involved."

With expertise in marketing, business assistance, business education, and lobbying, the Chamber:

- Helps small businesses grow and succeed.
- Attracts new business, conventions, and tourism by working with other local agencies, constantly seeking to broaden our tax base and strengthen our economy.
- Creates and maintains a climate for business growth and strong quality of life – Protecting and Informing the Business Community.
- Serves as a business advocate in city, state, local, and national government affairs.
- Provides credibility for your business through association.
- Members receive a free alphabetical, categorical, searchable listing in the Chamber's online Business Directory.

If you would like to learn more about what the Chamber can do for you feel free to reach out to us (360) 748-8885 or email us at thechamber@chamberway.com.

Volunteer Spotlight: Christine Brower

Those who know Christine Brower attest that she is the nicest, most caring person around. Her



smile is contagious and the care she shows towards the community is second to none. Chamber Office Manager Chris Demus added, "She is guaranteed to be there. Christine is such a loyal and dependable volunteer." Demus adds that, "We at the Chamber are so grateful to her for her service over the last 19 years."

Brower grew up in Rochester and moved to the Chehalis area when she got married. She has 17 years experience in banking and for the past four years has worked for Dynamic Collections. Brower first became involved with the Chamber of Commerce in 2003 as an Ambassador through her job in banking. Since then she served as Ambassador President for two terms. Her commitments go beyond Chamber activities. Brower also served on the Board of Directors for Arbor Health Foundation for the Morton Hospital.

"I love to choose local and support our community, it's important to be a good example to my kids." states Brower. She has three kids and two bonus kids giving her a busy home with two girls and three boys ranging in age from six to 20.

A favorite memory of
Brower's is volunteering for the
Seattle to Portland Rider Event.
The Chamber organizes Penny
Park operations annually in July.
"STP brings people into our
community, which helps local
businesses thrive." commented
Brower.

The best part about volunteering for Brower is networking and feeling connected on a home-town level. "Being an Ambassador is about getting more people involved and stepping out of

their box." commented Brower.
"You are never too young or
old to help at the Chamber.
Every little thing helps add up
to the end result. You don't
have to commit to every event,
you can choose your level of
involvement."

Volunteering with the Chamber of Commerce is a valuable opportunity to give back to your community, network with other business owners and citizens while supporting and encouraging local businesses in our area. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the chamber at (360) 748-8885 or email thechamber@chamberway.com.

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



ARTrails

ARTrails 20th Annual Open Studio Tour is the 3rd and 4th weekend of September (17 &18, and 24-25) when 34 artists will be showing their art. Through the annual open studio tour, ARTrails provides an opportunity for the public to meet the artists in their studio/workplace and to observe work in progress. Take a drive through the region's historic communities and wander the back roads of Lewis County. Along the way drop in to watch artists at work and help us celebrate ARTrails 20th year. You are invited to join this year's ARTrails artists and enthusiasts for the Gala Opening Reception to be held on Friday September 16th from 5pm to 7:30 pm at the Centralia's Historic Train Depot. It is a wonderful way to meet the artists and view the ARTrails Exhibition Gallery. Of course, the Historic Centralia Train Depot will be showing each artist's very best piece of the year. The depot will be an art gallery from September 17-25 from 10am to 5pm. Drop in to admire the finest art in

Lewis County. Watch for ARTrails signs and arrows along our roads directing you to the different studios. Use the complimentary Studio Guide (free around town) which has a map to the locations or use your GPS or QR code reader. Finally, enhance your ARTrails experience by downloading our "Making the Most of your ARTrails Experience" from our website www.artrailsofsww.org under the tab 'Studio Tour'.

AMSOIL

Many of you ask, "What is AMSOIL?" It is a 100% synthetic lubricant. It started in 1972. AMSOIL is developed in a lab! Everything inherently wrong with motor oil has been engineered out of AMSOIL. Everything from the base oils to the additive packets are synthetic. You say, "I already use synthetic oil!" That may not actually be true! A lawsuit in the 1990's between Mobile One and Castrol resulted in a judge allowing oil companies to call 'highly refined' petroleum oil a "synthetic." That is like calling a highly refined cotton material, nylon!! The result of the lawsuit opened the door to every oil company to call 'their' oil a synthetic. I describe the difference between AMSOIL and other brands by taking three empty jars and putting bb's inside one, crushed rock in another, and crushed rock with a small handful of bb's in the third. Now turn them on their sides and rotate them. AMSOIL is like the bb's, flowing smoothly, petroleum oil is like the crushed rock clumping together, and other synthetics are like the third, flowing slightly better. More in the next article! Call me at

Cascade Community Healthcare

360-304-8595! Mike

Cascade Community Healthcare has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Behavioral Health Care and Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of

quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Cascade Community Healthcare underwent a rigorous, announced onsite review on June 6th and 7th. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Behavioral Health and Ambulatory Health Care

standards spanning several areas including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, and rights and responsibilities of the individual.

We are extremely proud to have achieved this incredible milestone in our journey toward becoming the premier behavioral health agency in Lewis County. We have expanded our service array-and operate under a "no wrong door" policy; meaning whatever the need is, mental health, substance use, or primary care, we have the capacity and infrastructure to serve those who come to us. We believe in whole person care and

that's exactly what we will do. Accreditation has been a goal for Cascade Community Healthcare for some time now; becoming a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center - Expansion Grantee was a milestone step in attaining this accreditation!

For more information, please visit The Joint Commission website.



Centralia Outlets

Labor Day Sale! Centralia Outlets Labor Day Sale is here with a weekend of sales and end-of-summer Savings! Shopping for school clothes? Stock up with everything you need at Aeropostale,

Children's Place, Gap Factory, Polo Ralph Lauren, and Volcom. Don't miss the incredible deals at the Coach, Hanes Brands, Eddie Bauer, and Lane

Bryant outlets. Look for worldfamous wool blankets and Southwestern décor at Pendleton. For huge savings come to Centralia Outlets for the big Labor Day sale! Stores are open Labor Day 10 am to 7 pm.



Chehalis Livestock Market September online equipment sale is quickly approaching!

Delivery Schedule: Our crew will be in the yard to help you unload 8 am to 4 pm on the following days: Thursday, September 1st. **No deliveries Friday, September 2nd thru Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day weekend.**

More delivery dates for tractors, vehicles, trailers, farm implements

and quality farm supplies: Tuesday, September 6th thru Thursday, September 8th. More delivery options are available by appointment. Please call and we will try and work with you: 360-748-3191. If you have a question whether or not we will accept an item, please call ahead. Online bidding will begin Wednesday, September 14th, the auction begins closing at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 21st. You can register and bid at www.clmauctions.hibid.com Preview items in person Saturday &



Experience Chehalis Launches Chehalis Clean Team

Clean streets, roadways, parks and walkways are important to a thriving and welcoming community. It is with this intent that Experience Chehalis launches the Chehalis Clean Team. The new program will address the growing concern of litter and unwanted trash in public spaces and encourage community participation to assist in keeping Chehalis clean. Safety vests and litter pickers/claws can be borrowed from the Lewis County Historical Museum and Veterans Memorial Museum, who have partnered in this community effort. Trash bags are also available at the two museums, provided by Lewis County Solid Waste. Volunteers will also be provided a safety information sheet on best practices for litter pickup and must sign a safety liability waiver to borrow supplies. Once litter bags have been filled, the City of Chehalis Facilities Department will dispose of the bags. Volunteers can call the city at 360-748-0271 x6 and leave a message including name, phone number, location of bags, and number of bags

Take action and join the Chehalis Clean Team Facebook page for more information and to report progress as we keep Chehalis beautiful!

filled. The city crew will be picking

up bags twice a week on Mondays and

Fridays.



Let's Play Something

Are you ready for an adventure? The magical world of Dungeons and Dragons has arrived in our store and is ready to enchant your imagination. We have everything a new player needs to begin their journey or to expand an ongoing campaign. Some of our items include dice, a players handbook, dungeon master's guide, an essentials kit, plus more! If you've been invited to a birthday party, we've got you covered with a one stop shop. We have a wide selection of products so you're bound to find the perfect gift. We also offer FREE year-round gift wrapping, in addition to latex balloons and birthday cards for sale. If you'd like to bring in your own

balloons, we would be happy to blow those up for a small charge.

As the colder days inch closer, it's time to start thinking about stocking up on games, puzzles, and toys, to keep everyone happy. We have games for all ages and puzzles that range from 2 pieces to 3,000 pieces.

We're located at 109 N. Tower Ave in Downtown Centralia and if you have any questions, please call us at (360) 669 - 5982 or message us on Facebook.

Red Cross

National Preparedness Month: Red Cross Urges Everyone to Get Ready Now for Emergencies

People everywhere are feeling the impacts of climate change with more frequent and intense weather events threatening our communities. September is National Preparedness Month and the American Red Cross South Puget Sound and Olympics Chapter urges everyone to get ready for these emergencies now.

Three simple steps can help to keep your family safe during disasters — 1) Get a Kit. 2)

Make a Plan. 3) Be Informed. Build your emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, a flashlight and a battery-powered radio. Also include a first aid kit, medications, supplies for infants or pets, a multi-purpose tool and personal hygiene items. And don't forget to add copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, and blankets.

Plan what to do in case you are separated from your family during an emergency and what to do if you have to evacuate. Make sure to coordinate your plan with your child's school, your work and your community's emergency plans.

Stay informed by finding out what emergency situations may occur where you live, work and go to school, how local officials will contact you during a disaster and how you will get important information, such as evacuation orders. You can learn more by visiting redcross.org/prepare.

Title Guaranty Co. of **Lewis County**

Please join Title Guaranty on Wednesday, September 7th from

2:30 - 5 pm for a public open house / end of summer celebration. We will have an onsite ice cream truck where we will be treating all to free ice cream, raffles, and good company! Bring your family, bring your friends and come see us at 200

Lewis County Master Gardeners

NW Pacific Avenue in Chehalis.

LEWIS COUNTY MASTER **GARDENERS 2022** FALL PLANT SALE **COMING SOON!!!**

Saturday, September 17th, 9am-4pm. Location: Borst Park, Lewis County Master Gardeners Greenhouse. There will be hundreds and

hundreds of plants to choose from, including; perennials, shrubs, trees, bushes and MUCH, MUCH MORE—all grown by Lewis County Master Gardeners. Also for sale; Bat houses, Mason Bee houses and other "critter" items, for the local pollinators and native animals! All handmade by Lewis County Master Gardeners.

SEED SAVING CLASS:

Saturday, September 10th, 10am at Borst Park, Master Gardener's Demo Garden.

GARDENING FOR **EVERYONE CLASSES:**

Saturday, October 8th, 2022, classes taught by Lewis County Master Gardeners. More information on location, topics, and class times coming soon.

PLANTING GARLIC AT THE SALSA GARDEN:

Saturday, October 22nd, 10am, at Borst Park, Master Gardener's Demo Garden. Pre-registered for all classes at:

https://extension.wsu.edu/Lewis/ events/

Or call; 360-740-1212. WSU Lewis County Master Gardener Training open to anyone interested in gardening, landscaping, environmental stewardship and has a willingness to make a positive impact in their community. Contact Jason. Adams@lewiscountywa.gov or the WSU Lewis County Extension Office at; 360-740-1214

PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION TRAINING

"Conflict Management and Basic Mediator Training (BMT)"

If you have an interest in improving your

conflict resolution skills, mediation is a powerful and highly effective tool that is used world-wide groups like **♦Community Leaders ♦Legal Professionals ♦Managers ♦**Teachers

Those who mediate conflict between individuals

are impartial, understanding and attentive; Helping people communicate more clearly, sort out misunderstandings and explore possible resolutions in a safe space.

Community Mediation Center offers basic mediation training for individuals interested in becoming mediators or integrating mediation skills into current work positions and everyday life.

This 40-hour training satisfies initial requirements for becoming a Certified Mediator in regard to: ➤ Washington State RCWs ➤ Resolution Washington

> Monday September 19th - Saturday October 1st, 2022 Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. & Saturdays. 8:30a.m.-5:30 p.m.

> > - Cost Per Person \$465

Register at communitymediationcenters.org For questions, email officeccrc@gmail.com

Send 200 words (or less) to marketing@chamberway.com. A photo or logo gets even greater visibility!



Member Update

We encourage you to patronize Chamber members.

These are the businesses that are committed to their customers and their community.

Many donate, volunteer, and support our local non-profits, schools, and community activities. Our 2022 Member Directory is available in the office or we can email a link.

August New Members

Hub City Vape The Refined Man II **Set Free NW**

Washington Trucking School

Renewing Members

American Family Insurance-Kevin Wasson Agency

Benny Sandrini Construction, Inc.

Best Western PLUS Park Place Inn & Suites Burgerville

Association

Business Resource Center, Inc.

Centralia Downtown

Centralia Pet Resort, Inc.

Centralia Square **Grand Ballroom** and Hotel

Chehalis Outfitters

Coldwell Banker Voetberg Real Estate Inc.

Comp-Prime Computers

Economic Alliance of Lewis County Gemini Events

Grand Mound Mobile Home & RV Park

Greater Lewis County

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Dick's Brewing: Keeping Tradition Alive

Beer has been uniting humans since 7000 B.C. According to the World History Encyclopedia, the first beer was brewed by the Ancient Chinese around this time, known as "kui." Across the globe, you will find different kinds of specialty beer, exclusive to regional areas and cultures.

Centralia is home to one of the locally owned premier craft breweries in the Pacific Northwest, Dick's Brewing. If you are new to Dick's Brewing, they also own a deli named Northwest Sausage and Deli, and you may be wonderingwhich came first, the brews or the sausage?

Before there was Dick's Brewing, there was a little slaughterhouse and meat wrapping business named Dick's Meats. Brewery owner Julie Pendleton explains that her dad, Dick Young, started Dick's Meats after he graduated from high school, with the company located just across the street from Maple Lane School in Rochester. Eight years later Young opened Northwest Sausage and Deli on October 28, 1983, with the help of the whole family.

The very next year Young built from scratch a three beerbarrel brew house, which is still used today as a pilot system for new beers. During this time Young started creating recipes in the back of the deli. By 1992 the beers became so popular they exceeded production limits for home brewers. Two years later Dick's Brewing officially opened its doors, and to this day are still crafting Dick's signature brew, "Dick Danger."

Dick's Brewing moved to its current location in 2008 and a year later opened the tasting room to the public for a tour

and a pint. In 2009 founder Dick Young died suddenly, but his dream lives on. His daughter Julie Pendleton took over the brewery, as well as managing the Deli location.

Julie and her husband Dave Pendleton continue to keep her Dad's dream alive by honoring his recipes and by keeping the beer flowing and the sausage curing. Dick's Brewing and Northwest Sausage & Deli were featured on Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives on the Food Network in September of 2021, which was an affirmation of the quality of their products and the popularity of their beer and meats.

The community really rallied around Dick's Brewing and Northwest Sausage and Deli when Covid-19 hit. The brewery got shut down, but the deli stayed open and they sold beer and food to go. Julie stated, "We wouldn't be here without the community supporting us." As the economy continues to improve Julie does need a few more employees to help at the

If you visit the Brewery on a Friday or Saturday from 3 - 7 you will find that Dick's Brewing is a popular hangout spot for locals. The tasting room has won 'Best Place for a Pint' four years in a row! Community is everything to Dick's 'Brew Crew', and they are involved in many community events, whether it's sponsoring events or holding their own events in their taproom space. Events like Meat Bingo, bands, paint and sip classes and even soap making! The biggest event coming up in September is Dick's Brewing Annual Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest on the 17th. This will be the fifth year holding the tournament. Cornhole is

gaining popularity, and this tournament was the first of its kind in the area. Dick's also has a Cornhole League you can join called Dick's Brewing Cornhole Club, which helps raise money for the Centralia Community Foundation. The upcoming Cornhole Tournament will benefit the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Rob Fuller Scholarship Foundation.

The legacy that Dick Young left is one of hearty food, great beer and a sense of community love and fellowship that extends far beyond the products made. Dick's dream lives on through his businesses and through everyone who enjoys his recipes at Dick's Brewing and Northwest Sausage and Deli.

Dick's Brewing Company tasting room is located at 3516 Galvin Road, Centralia, and is open Fridays and Saturdays, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Find Dick's Beer on the web at www.dicksbeer.com or call (800) 586-7760. The Northwest Sausage & Deli is located at 5945 North Prather Road, Centralia. For more information, go to www. nwsausage.com or call (360) 736-7760.

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DOORS OPEN AT 1PM | BAGS START FLYING AT 2PM | 21+ EVENT \$40 PER TEAM Registration forms available at Dick's Brewing Co.



+ NW Sausage & Deli

The Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund

\$50 PER TEAM



Upcoming Events No September Chamber Forum

Business After Hours 3rd Thursday of each month 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Business After Hours with ToledoTel

Come to the September Business AfterHours at ToledoTel on Thursday, September 15. Bonanza BBQ will be providing the food, and drinks will be served. Business After Hours are great opportunities to get out and meet other professionals in our community. Get your weekend started early and join us for this networking event filled with drinks, snacks, and fun! See you there!

> Location: 183 Plomondon Rd, Toledo

Lewis County Fall Hiring Fair

The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber is hosting the Lewis County Fall Hiring Fair on September 27 where job seekers can connect with Businesses looking to hire right now.

Tables are still available for Employers wanting to participate. The Chamber recognizes the challenges that both employers and job seekers are facing in this economy and want to help continue to build a better Lewis County. If you are searching for a job, or interested in other opportunities, this event is for you. If you would like to participate as an employer or have questions please call us at 360-748-8885.

Thanks to Our August Forum Speaker, Maureen Harkcom!

Maureen is the Membership Chairman and the past President of the Lewis County Farm Bureau and she updated us on the latest from the agriculture community in Lewis County. She identified many misconceptions surrounding the Agriculture industry, struggles that our farmers face and also how we can help support our agriculture industry. We can support our local farmers by staying in tune with the legislative regulations and helping to educate our representatives on how these regulations affect farmers' livelihood. Additionally, Chamber members wanting to support agriculture can join Farm Bureau as a Business Member, if they do not qualify as a voting member, which helps to get legislators and others to listen to our voice. For information, contact Maureen Harkcom at 360-515-6129 or maureen.harkcom@gmail.com





Thank You to All Who Attended **Our Business After Hours!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Jimmie's at the Cove for Centralia Pharmacy's Business After Hours in August! And thank you to Courtney and Will from Centralia Pharmacy for being our hosts for the evening. The flight coffee drinks from Jimmie's were so fun and the food from Fuller's Shop-N-Kart was delicious! Business After Hours are great opportunities to get out and meet other professionals in our community, be sure to join us for September's Business AfterHours at ToledoTel on September 15th.





Lucky N Lawless Ribbon Cutting

Lucky N Lawless celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Friday, August 26. The community came out to show its support of the new bakery. "The most fun is growing with the community," explained Kaiser. "This community has been awesome!"

Owner Pam Kaiser's baking inspiration comes primarily from her Great-Grandma, for which the bakery is named after. "All my recipes are Great-Grandmas, who homesteaded in Montana," noted Kaiser. "In all our photos of her she is holding a shotgun and is wearing the perfect hat," and so Great-Grandma's memory is now immortalized in the name Lucky N Lawless.

Lucky N Lawless offers retail, wholesale, and custom products. While cookies are central to her bakery, Kaiser also does pies, scones, quickbreads, and ring cakes, among other items.

Lucky N Lawless is located at 1608 S. Gold Street.





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