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This August edition focuses on a range of businesses and topics surrounding real estate in Lewis County including property management, careers, commercial loans, and residential title solutions.

T.J. Guyer, Inc., Meets The Challenges of Dual Roles: Balancing Diligence to the Owners and Those of the Tenants

By Emily Fitzgerald

A property management company is, in many ways, exactly what the name conveys: a company that manages the day-to-day operations of a rental property for a property owner.

For T.J. Guyer Inc., a Chehalisbased property management company that oversees rental properties in Lewis, Thurston, Pierce, Grays



T.J. Guyer owner and president

Harbor and Clark counties, property management is about helping ensure renters have safe, quality places to live and work.

"There's two key pieces to property management," T.J. Guyer owner and president Fred Lofgren explained, stating that the first piece is due diligence to the owner for how they want their property to be managed, and the second piece is due diligence to the tenant.

"My job, honestly, is to make sure we protect the home and provide a nice, safe place for the tenant to call home," Lofgren

Lofgren has been employed with T.J. Guyer since 2010, purchasing the company from



T.J. Guyer's office, located at 1646 South Market Boulevard in Chehalis, is photographed in July, 2023.

founders and former owners Thomas and Jude Guyer in

The Guyers started the company in 1984.

In the 10 years he has owned T.J. Guyer, Lofgen has prioritized community engagement for the company in addition to building good relationships with both property owners and tenants.

Of the approximately 2,100 properties T.J. Guyer manages, roughly 1,700 are single family or multi family housing and the remaining 400 are commercial properties rented by businesses.

Commercial properties typically involve a "significant negotiation because it depends on what type of business they

have (and) what their needs are," Lofgren said, adding that business leases are often longterm, ranging from as little as 2 years up to 10 or more.

"You're looking into the future with that tenant for a very long period of time," Lofgren said.

Residential rentals, on the other hand, are typically 6- to 12-month leases.

Both types of rentals have been negatively affected by the current economic climate, Lofgren said, with both property owners and tenants seeing significant cost increases.

"I think it's safe to say that, owners and tenants, this has been a difficult time for them all," he said.



On the owner's side, recent cost increases include property tax insurance, utilities, labor and repair, as supply chain issues have made buying equipment such as a new stove to replace a broken one more expensive.

"At the end of the day, the tenant, they've seen their rents go up significantly," Lofgen said.

While some tenants may see the rent increases as a "money grab," Lofgren said, "The reality is it isn't really a money grab. It's the fact that the costs have gone

up so much."

It's impossible to pass along all of the cost increases to the tenant, Lofgren said, adding that property owners end up "eating a lot of these costs."

"The landlord, a lot of the time, they get beat up on. I think they need to be commended for the willingness to put themselves at risk," Lofgren said.

For more information about T.J. Guyer, visit https://www. tjguyer.com/.

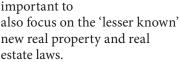
Legislative Issues That Impact Commercial and Residential Property

By Peter Abbarno

20th District Rep. R-Centralia

The Legislature addresses issues big and small; some exciting and others mundane. As the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce focuses

the August Business Connections issue on real estate and property, I thought it would be



Real estate headlines over the past few years focused mostly on large policies that impacted a lot of residential and commercial property owners; like affordable housing and the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act. However, there

were many lesser-known changes made to both residential and commercial property law that deserve the attention of local governments, developers, builders, and the real estate community. Here are some of those "did you know" changes that impact commercial and residential property.

Lewis County, and much of SW Washington, is familiar with the term 'childcare desert'. This year, House Bill 1199 became law, which prohibits certain common interest communities (CIC), homeowners' associations, and condominium communities from prohibiting and unreasonably restricting a licensed family home childcare or licensed child daycare center. An association may require the family home childcare or child day care to meet certain state

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standards, but not prohibit or unreasonably restrict. This will be of particular importance to associations with business restrictions in their rules and bylaws.

Also becoming law was House Bill 1042 prohibiting cities from imposing certain restrictions or requirements on existing building codes for commercial or mixed use. The policy states that beginning no later than six months after its next periodic comprehensive plan update, a city may not impose certain restrictions on existing buildings zoned for commercial or mixed-use, including density, parking, and design standards. In addition, a city may not deny a building permit application for new housing units in an existing building due to the nonconformity of the existing commercial/mixed-use

structure including but not limited to parking, height, and setbacks. As cities begin to plan commercial and mixed uses zones, this will be an important change to consider.

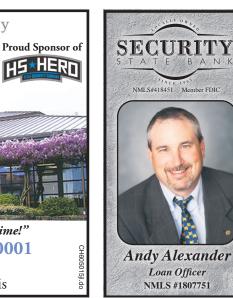
Water bottle refilling stations are becoming more common around traditional drinking fountains. House Bill 1085 requires any construction after July 2026 where a drinking fountain is required under the Building Code to also require a bottle filling station. The bottle filling station can be a stand-alone station or part of the drinking fountain already required under the Building Code.

The Washington Supreme Court recently held in Commencement Bank v. Epic Solutions, Inc., that the lien priority statute only applies to construction loans and liens as opposed to being generally

applicable to mortgages and deeds of trust. The court found that the placement of the lien priority statute in the chapter pertaining to mechanics' liens indicates that the Legislature intended the provisions to apply only to construction loans. As a result of House Bill 1420, a new section is added to the chapter on foreclosure of mortgages and liens to provide that a mortgage or deed of trust has priority to all liens, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other encumbrances that have not been recorded before the recording of the mortgage or deed of trust. Rules that were in place prior to the Supreme Court decision are being codified into a broader applicable statute. The "first in time, first in right" principle will be more broadly established and would not have to rely on the courts to go to common law interpretations where there is a dispute regarding lien priorities.

For more information about new laws and proposed legislation, visit my legislative website at www. RepresentativePeterAbbarno. com

Rep. Peter Abbarno represents the 20th Legislative District and is an attorney with Althauser Rayan Abbarno, LLP.



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Security State Bank Supports Local Businesses With Commercial Loan Program

By Emily Fitzgerald

With 120 years in business and 11 branches throughout Lewis, Pacific, South Thurston and Grays Harbor counties, Security State Bank offers a wide variety of services for the communities it serves.

One of those services that provided key support to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic was the commercial loan program, which handles loans for businesses "from the beginning to the end," said Amy Howlett, vice president and commercial loan officer at Security State Bank.

"We service all the customers that come in for business loans, anything from acquisitions, real estate, construction, lines of credits,

equipment, I mean, you name it," said Howlett

Even when the Commercial Loan Department's Chehalis office was closed during the pandemic, staff were able to meet clients at the curb to help them with loans to keep their businesses afloat.

"The bank has been here for so many years and it's awesome to be able to make a difference here in our communities, especially when it gets hard, like during the shutdowns and so on," Howlett said.

Security State Bank prides itself at being a community bank that offers services to fill a wide variety of needs within the community and prioritizes building relationships with its customer base and the community as a whole.



Amy Howlett, vice president and commercial loan officer at Security State Bank, smiles for a photo in her Chehalis office.

"Being there, working together in that relationship, being in the community where they can walk in and face-toface have that discussion if they want, or quick phone call and access us, I think there's a huge value in that," Howlett said.

For more information, visit https://www.ssbwa.com/.

Title Guaranty Helps Make Buying, Selling and Refinancing Homes Easy

By Emily Fitzgerald

Buying, selling and refinancing homes are complicated processes that can be difficult for the average person to handle on their own, which is where title and escrow companies like Title Guaranty come in.

Established in 1959, Title Guaranty is a full-service title and real estate settlement provider based in Chehalis with a mission to make the closing process as easy as possible for its clients.

"We work with people who are buying, selling, refinancing their homes," said Tile Guaranty co-manager Jessi Cox.

Title Guaranty also has close relationships with the people who work with those buying, selling or refinancing their homes, Cox said, including mortgage officers, lenders and real estate agents.

"We also offer customer service. So if somebody wants to come into our office and look back on the record of their properties, we can help them do that or if they have questions concerning boundary lines and whatnot, we can help them figure that out," Cox said.

Cox and fellow manager Janelle Elliott have co-managed Title Guaranty since October of 2020.

In addition to their commitment to their clients, Title Guaranty's staff have a commitment to the community they work in.

"The staff and Title Guaranty as a company is very community oriented," Cox said, "Everybody here enjoys pitching in to give back to the community."

The business is involved in



Title Guaranty co-managers Jessi Cox and Janelle Elliot smile for a photo inside the business' Chehalis office in July, 2023.

donating to charities, fundraisers, athletics and scholarships, in addition to a successful annual backpack drive, Cox and

Elliott said.

For more information on Title Guaranty, visit https:// titlegco.com/.

Finding Passion in Real Estate

The Paula Burrows Team Brokered by eXp Realty

While the housing market may be normalizing, home sales in Lewis County continue closing at a steady rate. The Paula Burrows Team at eXp Realty recently secured \$2.2 million in contracts. Real estate can be both a lucrative and fulfilling career as it has been for Paula Burrows. She began her real estate career in 2007 and in 2019 she launched The Paula Burrows Team in hopes of helping others learn more about the industry. When she aligned her team with eXp Realty in 2021, she was excited about the opportunities available with the first-ever cloud-based brokerage in the world. Burrows is the managing broker for her team of agents which currently consists of 8 brokers and four administrative support staff. Burrows and her team have a passion for assisting both entry-level and high-end prospects in finding their ideal home as buyers and ensuring sellers successfully sell their homes.

Burrow's real passion, however, is mentoring and encouraging careers in the real estate industry. "Real estate is a great avenue to build financial wealth and can be a rewarding career," explained Burrows. "I love providing guidance and training for others interested in real estate." To succeed, though, she adds that it is a job people must feel excited about. It is a great career for those that need flexible hours, "But agents still must be available," she cautioned, so hours worked may often be in the evening and on weekends.

When asked if now is a good time to consider a career in selling homes, she said with confidence, "Anytime is a good time to get into real estate." Burrows should know. She began her career at a time when the real estate market tumbled, enjoyed affluent years as recovery gained momentum, and launched her team just prior to the pandemic, so she has experienced real estate at its best and at its worst.



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Rep. Peter Abbarno - Update

Peter Abbarno, District 20 Representative, was the featured speaker for the July Business After Hours. He provided a recap of the 2023 legislative session, including an update regarding the WA Cares Fund – a new longterm care payroll tax that began last month. Since this tax directly impacts both employers and employees it has become an unpopular bill with *62.92% voting to repeal it in November 2019. During

the 2023 session, Abbarno put forward House Bill 1011 to repeal this new tax. Unfortunately, the bill did not receive a hearing. For those wanting more information and updates visit Abbarno's website at peterabbarno. houserepublicans.wa.gov/

*Advisory Vote No. 20. November 5, 2019. results. vote.wa.gov/results/20191105/ advisory-votes-advisory-voteno-20.html

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ARTrails Guides Now Available

Look for our FREE Studio Guides in local merchants' shops, libraries, the Chamber of Commerce, and other locations around our towns. These beautiful Guides have

the new maps to the FREE artists' studios that will be on the Studio Tour.

The artists are now busy working on their art to show at their studios. ARTrails is gearing up for its 21st Annual Juried ARTrails Studio Tour on September 16th & 17th and September 23rd & 24th.

Get ready for a road trip! Gather a carload of friends, share the gas, find your favorite pieces of art, and discover Southwest Washington. Following the Studio guide map will take you all over beautiful Southwest Washington, through the region's historic communities and meandering along back roads.

Centralia Open Bible Church and The Potter's House

Announce First Annual Clay Fest This is an event for the whole family. Come join us for the Clay Fest on Saturday, September 2nd from 10am to 5pm @ Centralia Open Bible Church/The Potter's House at 902 Alder Street Centralia, WA 98531. This will be an annual mostly outdoor event in cooperation with Jan Nontell's vision to help develop Centralia as an arts district. Clay Fest offers the opportunity to view and purchase a wide variety of pottery; from traditional to sculpture by local artists.

There will be a potter's wheel and hand building demonstrations by regional clay artists (my bio and site www.dangoddard.com). Jan Nontell with ARTrails will be there as well. I am a veteran ceramic artist, potter, sculptor, and also the new pastor at the Open Bible Church. We will be renaming the church and already have the DBA "The Potter's House" and launch that on that Saturday. We will also launch ongoing free Potter's Wheel/Clay Classes for the community as an arts community outreach. The signup will be at the Clay Fest. We are retrofitting the church shop as the clay shop. There will be 7 potter's wheels, a large electric kiln, slab roller, and lots of clay tools and equipment that will be a part of this arts community outreach primarily funded by donations. The first lesson is entirely free after that students will be responsible for paying for clay, firing, and glaze.

Come out and enjoy the beauty of what Washington clay artists have to offer.



Centralia Outlets New Brands Opening at the

Centralia Outlets!

We are happy to announce Columbia Sportswear will soon be opening a new location at the Centralia Outlets. Visit our website and sign up for our emails to get future scoops! Back to School shopping starts now! Even if you are not in school, it's a great time to find new fall-style inspirations to add to your wardrobe rotation. Find great layering pieces like polos, button-ups, sweaters, and cardigans to mix and match at Polo Ralph Lauren Clearance, Gap Factory, and Aéropostale. Ward off upcoming cooler temperatures with new denim, flannel, and jackets at

Pendleton, Volcom, and the Eddie Bauer Outlets. For sportier looks, shop for leggings, hoodies, tees, and shoes at the Nike Clearance Store, New Balance, Hanes Brands Outlet, and Under Armour. Shop The Children's Place for back-toschool children's essentials like backpacks, school uniforms, shoes, and clothing.

Don't forget to accessorize your style with fun jewelry, hair clips, makeup, and more from Claire's. Shop the Centralia Outlets and save BIG on the Name Brands you love. Visit our website at www. centraliaoutlets.com or follow us on social media to get inside peeks at what's new in the stores.



Chehalis United Methodist Church

United Methodist Church is excited to announce the celebrations of animal appreciation and the love for each other.

The first event will be located at the Veteran's Memorial Museum and will be held on Sept 30th, 2023, from 10-4. This is a free family fun event about the animals that enrich our lives. There will be a blessings booth, vendors, pet adoptions, parades, free pet photos, and much,

much more. Join us and share our love for all of God's creatures. Next on November 3 and 4 at the church, located 16 S. Market Blvd., in Chehalis, we will be hosting Mint City Market and The Best Bake Sale ever. This is our annual Bazaar with our favorite crafters and artisans all in one place for you. Let

us help you find that one special gift, to show someone you love them. Remember to check the bake sale for pies, cookies, and cinnamon rolls. All great ideas to show appreciation and affection to someone special in your life.

As always, our doors are open every Sunday for church and the office is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10am to 3pm. Come in to visit for a coffee, a chat, or a great sermon!

The Evergreen Playhouse Announces 64th Season!

The Evergreen Playhouse has two invitations for you this month! We are excited to announce our 64th season for 2023-2024 We open in October with Murder on the Orient Express, followed by James and the Giant Peach, Almost Maine, Nunsense, Noises off and The

Addams Family Musical. Have you ever thought about performing onstage? We invite all aspiring thespians to come to our General Auditions for all of the above shows, August 14th & 15th 6:30-8:30 pm.

Get more information and sign up for a slot on our website: EVERGREENPLAYHOUSE.COM/ **AUDITIONS**

We also invite your business to become a Sponsor partner. Each level of sponsorship offers advertising in all of our playbills and posters for the season, as well as complimentary tickets to use or share as an incentive gift for your employees or customers. Sponsorship ranges from \$150.00 - \$2000.00, a range to fit every budget. Reach a new demographic in a creative way! For further information go to

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Health & Hope Medical Outreach Annual Fundraiser

An Evening of Music Featuring Ted Vigil's Tribute to John Denver Friday, August 11 from 5:00 - 8:3 pm, \$25 Owl & Olive, 4680 State Route 6, Chehalis

This is an evening listening to great music in a beautiful setting all while raising funds for Health & Hope Medical Outreach providing patient advocacy, hope, respect, and quality care in a Christ centered environment.

Lewis County Seniors Announce 2nd Annual Poker Run

Lewis County Seniors is excited to announce the 2nd annual Poker Run. This event will be on September 16th, 2023.

The Poker Run consists of participants visiting all of Lewis County Seniors locations, including the thrift store. Each location will have themed activities, finger foods, as well as a raffle basket. Individual sites will compete for best theme, decorations, and costumes; as well as most tickets sold. The event will end at Twin Cities Senior Center where we will host a bar-b-que, silent auction, draw raffle winners and have a fun after party.

Registration is open for our second annual Poker Run. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies, no host BBQ at Twin Cities senior center at the end of the run. You can get a card at each center and the thrift store. Possibly 7 cards and you pick the best five for your hand. All proceeds go to support Lewis County Seniors programs. A

501 3 c nonprofit. This is a great Family Fun event driving across our beautiful county. Each site will have themed food and activities. Every entry will receive a Dash plaque. Join us to have a fun-filled day and help our seniors all at the same time.

Nature Nurture Farmacy Offers Enchanted Herbal Evening at Alucinor Farms

Join Nature Nurture for an Enchanted Herbal Evening at Alucinor Farms on Saturday, August 26th to Support their Community Health Center.

This magical event will be full of delicious herbal cocktails and mocktails, tasty food from local farmers and chefs, music, games, fun, and a sense of community.

Plus, alpacas! All tickets and sponsorships support the non-profit mission of building community health through herbal medicine, sustainable food cultivation, and empowering education. Reaching the goal of \$20,000 will allow

Nature Nurture Farmacy several things. It will allow Nature Nurture to continue partnering with other practitioners in downtown Chehalis. To grow the Community Access Program (which offers a sliding

scale for health care services for those in need) and to start a scholarship fund for nutrition classes, which feature produce from local farmers.

Nature Nurture Farmacy is also seeking prizes for a raffle, silent auction, and a live auction. If you are interested or if you would like additional information, please call or email.

Contact: info@ naturenurturefarmacy.org or 360-996-4387 Website:

www.naturenurturefarmacy.org Event site: bit.ly/EHE2023



The Paula Burrows Team Lewis County Update

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Lewis County Residential Only Stats (Jan 2022 - Nov 2022):

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One tip for selecting a color is to get a sample from your local paint store you might be thinking of and paint small areas on many different walls to see what the natural light and the artificial light does to the color throughout the day.

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The little sub shop that began in 1981, still has the same bold ideas that we had in the beginning. We believe that your food should taste great and that we should use only the highest quality ingredients to create your perfect lunch. You can also get them delivered while supplies last. MMMM...TOASTY

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Rainier Eye & Vision: More Than Meets the Eye!

Dr. Mary Ferris and Dr. Angela Loeb opened Rainier Eye on June 19th located at 145 S. Market Blvd, just south of downtown Chehalis. It's

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the newest addition to eye health professionals in Lewis County. Their

practice is open to people of all ages and features technology to make the experience comfortable and comprehensive for patients. "We believe that patients should not only be comfortable but have access to tools that help us preserve their eye

health," said Dr. Ferris. "Eye exams are more important than most people realize. When examining the retina, your doctor can see brain tissue, your vascular system at work, and indicators of auto-immune disease." Rainier Eye has digital retinal

imaging to help our patients understand their eye health and how it contributes to their overall health. Conditions like diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, lupus, and even brain tumors can be

detected with this imaging." Drs. Loeb and Ferris encourage residents to come by and see the new facility.

'We're here to support the community

with additional eye health resources and create a welcoming environment that meets the needs of each patient," said Dr.

Loeb. "We look forward to getting to know our new neighbors and being part of the growing healthcare network and, most importantly, be a great resource for eye care in Lewis County."

Appointments can be scheduled at www.RainierEye.com or by calling us at 360-506-5544.



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the Historic Borst Home. Creating a Food Forest on August 19th @ 10am, Salkum Demonstration Garden at the Salkum Timberland Library. Learn how to grow a Food Forest! Combine fruit trees, shrubs, berries and perennial fruits and $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$

vegetables following Mother Nature's designs. You will have a greater variety of food in a smaller space than a standard backyard garden or orchard.

Plant Care in a Greenhouse/Poly tunnel on August 26th @ 10am, Fort Borst Park Demonstration Garden Located by the Historic Borst Home. Learn the tricks for basic set-up and maintenance of a greenhouse or poly tunnel to grow plants year round. Workshop includes a tour of the Master Gardener Greenhouse at Borst Park in Centralia.

Pre-Registration is required by 3pm on the Thursday before the workshop. For more information, contact Jason Adams, Program Coordinator, WSU Lewis County Gardeners at 360-740-1216 or Jason.Adams@ lewiscountywa.gov



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Be-YOU-Tiful Boutique Celebrates Opening with Ribbon Cutting August 25

Downtown Chehalis has been looking more Be-YOU-Tiful since June with the soft opening of a new storefront: Be-YOU-Tiful Boutique at 535 N. Market Boulevard. The official grand opening with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony takes place Friday, August 25, at Noon, and the public is invited to join the celebration. The boutique offers clothes for infants through adults and sizes extra small through 4x, creating an experience where moms, daughters, and granddaughters of any age

can shop together.

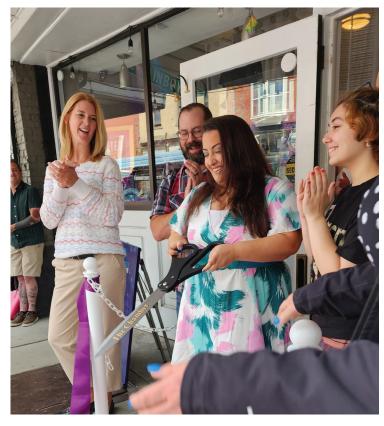
The focus for Be-YOU-Tiful Boutique is cute, fashionable, comfortable, and affordable clothes in all sizes. "We encourage customers to let us know if there are items they would love to see us carry," said Atkinson. For example, a customer mentioned they had difficulty finding nice slacks, so Atkinson now carries a few lines to meet this need. One of the many great advantages of shopping local is this type of customized service.



Rachael & Peter Atkinson, owners of Be-YOU-Tiful Boutique.

Vintage Vault 33 Officially Opens with a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony August 11**

Centralia welcomes another new business to its downtown on Friday, August 11 with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Noon. Come meet owners Carrie Cusano and Manuel Ontiveros. It's a great day to explore all they have to offer! Located at 327 N. Tower, Centralia.s



Centralia Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston applauded Zap Master Electrology owner Stephanie Fields as she cut the official ribbon for their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 25.

Zap Master Electrology Celebrating with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 25

Zap Master Electrology celebrated the successful opening of its electrology school and salon by having the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The ceremony took place Tuesday, July 25, at Noon. Zap Master is located at 108 N. Tower Avenue in Centralia. Visit thezapmaster.com to learn more!



Chehalis Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting August 8

The Chamber is excited to participate in the upcoming and long-awaited Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Chehalis Pharmacy! The event takes place on Tuesday, August 8, at noon. The general public is encouraged to help them celebrate by attending. Located at 422 S. Market Blvd.



STP Welcomed Riders at Penny Park

We had a terrific team of Volunteers for the 2023 Seattle-To-Portland (STP) event on July 15. A special shout out to our wonderful Mayor Tony Ketchum and City Counselor Kate McDougall who both spent the entire day with us volunteering with luggage and other details. Mayor Ketchum even stopped by early Sunday morning to assist with the final cleanup! There were 5400 cycilsts in total. Those riders who stopped by Penny Park are often heading straight to Portland to complete 200+ miles and they all appreciate the hospitality shown by Chehalis and Centralia.



UPCOMING Chamber Events

3-on-3 Streetball **Tournament!**

Saturday/Sunday August 5 & 6 starting at 8 am Pacific Avenue, Chehalis

Monthly Forum

Summer Break! No Forum in August. Thursday, September 14, 11:30 am for the Member BBQ at Dick's Brewing!

Business After Hours

Summer Break! No BAH in August.

See you at Toledo Tel Thursday, September 21 @ 5 pm

August **Ribbon Cuttings**

A great and fun way to support local businesses is by attending their Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies!

Tuesday, August 8, Noon Chehalis Pharmacy 422 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis

Friday, August 11, Noon Vintage Vault 33 327 N. Tower, Centralia

Thursday, August 24, 5:30 pm Micheala Voeller Agency 883 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis

Friday, August 25, Noon Be-YOU-Tiful Boutique 535 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis



Lewis County Young Professionals Monthly Network Night

Thursday, August 10 5:30 - 7:30 pm Riverside Golf Club & Bistro 1451 NW Airport Rd, Chehalis

The Garage **Hair Salon Ribbon Cutting**

The Chamber is thrilled to be part of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for The Garage Hair Salon located across the street from Penny Park at 1270 SW William in Chehalis. Shown here is owner Kindra Engler with her fabulous staff at the July 19 Ribbon Cutting.



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