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Inside Business Connections - July:

Numerous organizations work in tandem with one another to support business growth, tourism, education, and recreation in Lewis County. The region is fortunate that it has strong leadership working together to leverage each other's strengths. This month The Chamber's July issue of Business Connections highlights the organizations striving to make our communities thrive:

Economic Alliance of Lewis County, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, Centralia Downtown Association, and Experience Chehalis.

Discover Lewis County Promotes Tourism To Support Economic Development Countywide

By Emily Fitzgerald

There's no shortage of things to do in Lewis County, and Discover Lewis County is working to promote those attractions to tourists as part of its mission to support economic development throughout the county.

"Tourism is economic development because (tourists) bring in money and then they leave, so it's very low infrastructure economic development with a high reward," said Richard DeBolt, executive director of The Economic Alliance of Lewis County, which replaced the Lewis County government as the leader of Discover Lewis County in October.

The program was initially created and funded by Lewis County as an online tourism effort in 2015.

"The county no longer wanted to manage that countywide program, and when we submitted our application, they felt we were a good fit because we're a countywide organization," added Todd Chaput, The Economic Alliance of Lewis County's infrastructure initiatives program manager.

The Economic Alliance of Lewis County officially began a three-year agreement to manage Discover Lewis County in January, with approximately \$180,000 annually in lodging



Discover Lewis County and Arnett Muldrow representatives took a "whirlwind" visit of tourism spots across Lewis County in June and captured these photos, which were submitted by Economic Alliance of Lewis County Infrastructure Initiatives Program Manager Todd Chaput.

tax (LTAC) funds to manage the program, according to Chaput.

"Our priorities were to do greater outreach and really focus on the east county, as we're funded by lodging tax and the majority of our lodging tax comes from the east county," Chaput said.

Lewis County's biggest tourist draws are the Northwest Sports Hub in Centralia and outdoor recreation sites in unincorporated Lewis County, including Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier and Riffe Lake according to Chaput and DeBolt.

"We want to take the people that are coming to the Sports Hub and enhance their visit,

have them stay longer and see more of Lewis County and spend more dollars in our community. Thusly, we want those people that are in the east end ... to come into Centralia or Chehalis and have dinner and shop," DeBolt said.

Discover Lewis County is currently focused on promoting overnight stays in East Lewis County, Chaput said, because that is where most of the LTAC dollars come from.

Another reason for that focus, Chaput said, is Centralia and Chehalis each have their own independent tourism-focused Main Street organizations, while popular tourism spots in East Lewis



County such as Packwood do not.

"We do include some Centralia and Chehalis in all of our strategic planning because we know eventually that's the goal to, not to take over their efforts, but to become more holistic in our approach," Chaput said.

Since taking over Discover
Lewis County in October,
The Economic Alliance of
Lewis County has established
a steering committee for the
program and hosted roundtables
across the county to encourage

community engagement.

Additionally, Discover Lewis County is working with the company Arnett Muldrow to collect tourism data and develop a strategic plan.

"We wanted to find a way to develop a strategic plan that can encompass the whole county and drive the market, so hopefully we'll have some better data when they return with their findings in September," Chaput said.

For more information, visit https://discoverlewiscounty.com/.

Moving Forward, Together

By Peter Abbarno

20th District Rep. R-Centralia

Success on personal and professional levels requires collaboration, partnership, and

communication. As a business owner, I know how important organizations like the Centralia-Chehalis

Chamber of

Commerce are to the success of my business and our community. The information, resources, networking opportunities, and promotion are all important to a small business. But it doesn't stop there.

For the past 8 years, I hosted "Let's Talk About It" on AM1470 KELA radio. Although I no longer host daily,

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I still host "Let's Talk About It, Sunday" on AM1470 KELA and 104.3 KMNT with a focus on highlighting businesses, organizations, and people doing interesting things in our community and beyond. The Chamber recently joined me to discuss all the partnerships that help them with their upcoming 3-on-3 basketball tournament, black Friday bags, Business After Hours events, ribbon cuttings, and chamber forums. You can find the show at www. YourCommunityTalks.com.

There are organizations throughout our region that help provide support for our community. In historic downtown cities, look no further than Main Street organizations like Experience Chehalis and the Centralia Downtown Association. I recent legislative sessions, I have supported

the expansion of the Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax available to local Main Street Organizations. Investing in our historic downtown districts must continue to be part of our community's economic portfolio.

We all continue to benefit from the tourism promotion and business recruitment activities of Discover Lewis County, Economic Alliance, White Pass Scenic Byway, museums, and charitable organizations. For many years, the State neglected a statewide tourism strategy and removed essential funding for the infrastructure necessary to build and improve communities. I am happy to report that the State recently made historic investments in both tourism and necessary infrastructure to

As a former Centralia City Councilmember, I stressed the importance of local control and flexibility; both in funding of projects and policies. That same value is shared in my position as your State Representative in the 20th Legislative District; especially as it applies to my role as the ranking member on the House Capital Budget Committee. Washington gets better results from communitybased solutions; community-up is better than Olympia-down. And, those local solutions are better when there is collaboration and cooperation.

Over the past three years, the 20th Legislative District, which stretches from Rainier in Thurston County through Ridgefield in Clark County, benefited from significant capital budget investments; including \$161 million in 2021, \$9.3 million in the 2022 supplemental budget, and \$133 million in 2023. These successful investments might be spent elsewhere if it was not

for the quality planning and partnerships we have.

I recently attended ribbon cuttings for the new pedestrian overpass on the Willapa Hills Trail and city park in Tenino; and toured state funded projects like wastewater treatment plants, fire and public safety facilities, public utility improvements, culverts, bridges, schools, and early learning facilities. These capital budget investments required collaboration with local organizations, local governments, and the State of Washington. They create jobs, improve the quality of life in the community, and help solve problems identified at the local

I am very thankful for the relationships we have in our community that work together to help improve Centralia, Chehalis, and Southwest Washington. Although the legislative session is over, my office works daily on policies and projects throughout the district. Contact my legislative office at www. RepresentativePeterAbbarno. com for more information about my priorities and capital budget programs.

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

Abbarno is the featured speaker for the July 13 Forum with lunch starting at 11:30 and the Forum starting at Noon. The Forum takes place at O'Blarney's at the Gibson House located at 221 N. Tower in Centralia.



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Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce — Promote, Protect, Inform

Chambers are champions of local businesses and often the welcoming face to the communities they serve. The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber is no exception as it provides an active Visitor Center promoting the rich and diverse activities of both its named cities and Lewis County. "Chambers have traditionally been the go-to organization for people planning vacations as well as for those who are looking at relocating or businesses seeking to establish or grow their company," noted Cynthia Mudge, Executive Director for the Chamber.

With nearly 500 members, the Chamber also serves a rich and diverse business community offering marketing services, hiring fairs, consultation, ribbon cuttings, networking, and educational opportunities for its members.

"We strive to actively support our local businesses as well as the community," explained Mudge. The Chamber does this by working in tandem with others such as the ports, cities, and business organizations that have their own unique role in the process of creating an environment where businesses can thrive. Chamber funding primarily comes from its member dues and sponsorships. In addition, Lodging Tax funds from Lewis County, City of Chehalis, and City of Centralia help to support the Visitor Center and tourism activities of the Chamber.

The Chamber regularly coordinates several events including managing the midway point for Seattle-to-Portland (STP) riders at Penny Park to its newly established 3-on-3 basketball tournament scheduled for August 5-6. The



Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies that celebrate the opening, expansion, or change of ownership is a signature program of the Chamber. Shown here is the 2023 Ribbon Cutting for Saddle Bum in Centralia.

Chamber incorporates holiday promotions for a two-month campaign that includes the Santa Parade, now in its 73rd year, organizes the annual Trick or Treat Transit event for families, and spring the Home & Garden Show. In addition, each year through the Rob Fuller

Scholarship Fund, the Chamber gives out \$6,000 to \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors selected through a grant process.

To learn more, plan a trip, or become a member visit www. Chamberway.com or call 360-748-8885.

Centralia Downtown Association Builds Community And Economic Vitality

By Emily Fitzgerald

Economic vitality, historic preservation, community outreach and business promotion are the four pillars the Centralia Downtown Association (CDA) aims to uphold.

One way CDA supports those pillars is by holding events in downtown Centra-

"Between all the different entities of downtown, between the Juice Box and of course the Downtown Festivals Association and Kiddin Around, there's always something happening down here," said CDA Executive Director MacKenzie McGee. "We just try to help work together and try to highlight those other activities too."

CDA also participates in downtown beautification efforts, including maintaining Pine Street Plaza, organizing cleanup events and hanging flower baskets.

"I feel like we're making this cohesive community," McGee said of CDA and partner organizations' efforts.

This summer, CDA is hosting Music in the Park every second Saturday through September, a Christmas in July Block Party and a Founders Day celebration the second Saturday in August.

On July 4, the CDA hosted a Summerfest celebration in partnership with the City of Centralia, Centralia College and the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

In addition to grants and donations for specific projects, CDA receives funding through the state's Main Street tax credit incentive



program, which allows those that pay Business & Occupation or Public Utility Tax to receive 75% credit for private contributions given to certain downtown organizations.

"It's a great way to keep

your taxes local, rather than just sending it all to the Capitol," McGee said.

For more information on CDA and upcoming activities, visit www.facebook.com/CentraliaDowntownAssociation.

Experience Chehalis Continues Enacting New Strategic Plan For Community Development

By Emily Fitzgerald

Experience Chehalis works to cultivate relationships and celebrate community with the goal of building a prosperous, vibrant and inclusive community.

The organization, originally called the Chehalis Community Renaissance Team, started in 2009 after Chehalis City Council approved a strategic plan including projects and initiatives focused on community building, economic development, quality design, traffic, parking and downtown development, according to its website.

After going through a comprehensive rebranding process, the Chehalis Community Renaissance Team changed its name to Experience Chehalis in March 2022.

The change, which was part of a new strategic plan for 2020-2025, brought a new logo and name for the

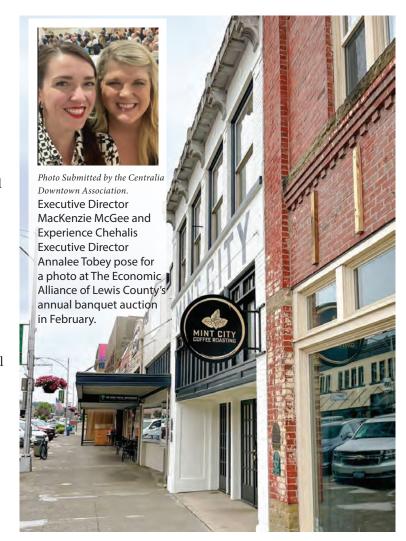
organization but did not change its goals of promoting small business economic development, community beautification, promotion and downtown development.

Other goals outlined in the strategic plan include enhancing programs and services, diversifying funding sources to be less reliant on B&O tax revenue, and cultivating civic pride, according to Experience Chehalis.

"Collaboration will be vital to the success of this plan," Experience Chehalis states on its website. "Initiatives were developed through a community visioning process and executing them will require a community effort."

The plan can be read in full online at https:// experiencechehalis.com/ business/strategic-plan/.

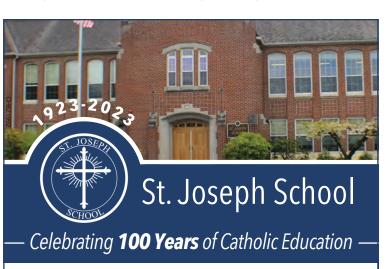
Experience Chehalis stays busy year-round with cleanup and beautification efforts, business promotion, grant programs and activity



planning intended to get people engaged in downtown Chehalis.

Coming up, Experience Chehalis is hosting the

annual summer celebration, ChehalisFest, on July 29. Information about that event can be found online at www. facebook.com/ChehalisFest.



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The Historic Centralia Train Depot will show each artist's finest work in a gallery setting from September 16th-24th. The Gala will be held here on September 15 from 5:00 - 7:30. This gallery show is FREE and open to the public from 10:00 - 5:00.

The Open Studio Tour Guides will be available in July at local businesses, libraries, and the Chamber of Commerce. These Guides show the artists' work and have a map to all our artists' show location. We, the artists, look forward to seeing you in September!

Blue Skies Drones

In recent years, drones have soared to new heights, revolutionizing various industries and transforming the way we live. These unmanned systems have evolved from mere remote-controlled toys to powerful tools that provide endless possibilities across numerous sectors. From agriculture and delivery services to filmmaking and searchand-rescue operations, drones have proven their worth by enhancing efficiency, safety, and convenience in unimaginable ways.

One of the key advantages of drones is their versatility. Equipped with high-resolution cameras and sensors, they can capture stunning aerial footage, conduct surveillance, and monitor infrastructure. Additionally, drones have found applications in agriculture, helping farmers optimize crop yield through remote sensing and precision spraying techniques. Moreover, their ability to access hard-to-reach areas makes them invaluable in disaster management and search-and-rescue missions, saving lives in critical situations.

The integration of drones into industries has led to significant economic benefits. Delivery services, for instance, have witnessed a transformation with the introduction of drone delivery, allowing for faster and more efficient transportation of goods. In sectors such as construction and infrastructure, drones enable accurate surveying and inspection, reducing costs and improving project timelines.

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My summer calendar is open for the Class of 2024, once the dates are gone they are gone! I am also taking inquiries for Family & Elopements! I am available for travel, fees will apply. Please reach out to me with any questions & take a look at my website for even more information.

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Rainier Eye Opens

Dr. Mary Ferris and Dr. Angela Loeb are excited to announce their private practice Rainier Eye opens on June 19th. This fresh, new optometry clinic with a Pacific Northwest theme features an optical filled with unique, quality frames from independent designers. Focusing on local brands, staff, and services, Rainier Eye serves patients of all ages.

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RAINIER EYE

Rock River Events Announces "Flivvers at the River"

Rock to River Events partners with Gambler 500, HooptieX.com, Veterans Memorial Museum, and East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce to bring "Flivvers at the River" to Randle, WA. This event is the new home of HooptieX dirt track car racing and the Gambler 500 "Run Gifford Run" poker rally run.

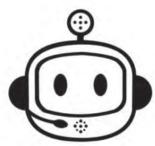
It will be held August 5 & 6 at Milepost 114.5 on Hwy 12. The Rally Run is 8am-6pm on Saturday. HooptieX track racing is Sat & Sun from 8am-6pm.

There will be live music by "Camp 1 Road" on Saturday evening. There will be concessions and a beer garden both days. Breakfast will be available on Sunday morning. Spectator

on Sunday morning. Spectator admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids/veterans/seniors. Weekend camping is available for \$20. This is a benefit for the Veterans Memorial Museum of Chehalis.

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color, caring for and pruning
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ornamental.

Propagation with Softwood Cuttings, July 29th, 10am, Toledo Elementary School Greenhouse, 311 S 6th St, Toledo

Hands-on class using softwood cuttings. Each attendee will receive both the book Cuttings Through the Year (given at registration and needs to be read prior to class) and a cuttings box. Cost per attendee is \$40 to cover materials and is due when registering. Each attendee is expected to bring their own hand clippers and samples for propagation appropriate in July (details in book).

Class emphasis is the hands-on aspects of which cuttings when, preparation of cuttings, making your own cutting medium, growing conditions, and transplanting cutting into pots or the ground. Each attendee should finish with a variety of cutting starts to grow at home.

For more information, contact Jason Adams, Program Coordinator, WSU Lewis County Gardeners at 360-740-1216 or Jason.Adams@ lewiscountywa.gov



WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composters

SAVE THE DATE for our next Repair and Sustainability Fair, scheduled for this fall on September 23rd at Centralia College. A big thank you to our experienced fixers and sponsors, Windermere Centralia Real Estate Services, Department of Ecology and Zero Waste Washington. We are only limited in what we can fix by the skills of our volunteers. If you have repair skills or want to be involved, contact Jason Adams at jason.adams@lewiscountywa.gov. or 360-740-1216 for questions or on being a Master Recycler Composter volunteer!

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Ragamuffin Ranch

Saddle Bum Western Store

Summit Center for Child Development

Torino Cyclone

LOCAL PEOPLE—LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Rainier Eye & Vision Opens in Chehalis

Another new business is opening in Chehalis and is planning its Ribbon Cutting for Friday, July 28. This is a great opportunity to explore their beautiful clinic and showroom. They offer fullscope optometry for all ages including urgent eye care. "We will fit you in should you need urgent care," said Dr. Mary Ferris, co-owner of Rainier Eye & Vision

with Dr. Angela Loeb. Their products not only include a range of eyeglasses but also solutions for low vision or the visually impaired, which can dramatically improve daily life for those patients and eye-care customers. To attend the open house and ribbon cutting go to 145 S. Market Boulevard on July 28 with activities starting at 4. Visit RainierEye.com for more information.



Dr. Mary Ferris, OD, FAAO, and Dr. Angela Loeb, OD, co-owners of Rainier Eye & Vision invite you to celebrate their grand opening on July 28

Grand Reopening of Nature Nurture Farmacy!

Five years ago, Nature Nurture Farmacy was officially formed as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit occupying a small space behind the library in Chehalis. That all changed with the Grand Reopening at its new downtown location. More room means more services, expanded products, and greater visibility. Executive Director and Founder Dr. Alicia Spalding was on hand with her staff and fans to officiate the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony provided by The Chamber. "It has been a whirlwind move that began the last weekend of April and opened May 1," enthused Spalding. They now have three times the space allowing them to expand products such as offering 40 herbs to 75, adding two mental health counselors,



Nature Nurture Farmacy is located at 403 N. Market Blvd. #1., Chehalis Open Tuesday – Thursday 10 – 5 • Friday 10 – 3. • NatureNurtureFarmacy.org

"We were bursting at the seams in the old space," noted Spalding. Now there is more room for educational services and the Healing Heart Massage. in addition to what has already been added.

Spalding is a licensed naturopathic doctor specializing in herbal medicine, hydrotherapy, and mind-body

connection. Her vision is to see Nature Nurture Farmacy become a model providing health and wellness services for future efforts in every county.

Zap Master Electrology Opens School & Services

Zap Master owner Stephanie Shields combines her passion for teaching with her twenty-plus years of experience in electrology through her newly opened school and shop in Centralia. Shields left Arizona in January where she had been working for the family electrology business the past two decades to start her new venture. While Zap Master offers professional electrology services by trained and certified professionals, Shields also runs an apprenticeship program with student sessions starting the first of each month and practicals starting the 15th of each month. Depending on the amount of time individual students



Zap Master is located at 108 N. Tower in Centralia. Visit thezapmaster.com to learn more.

devote to their studies, training is typically completed in six months. Shields is celebrating successfully

opening her electrology school on Tuesday, July 25, at Noon. and salon by having the Centralia-Chehalis provide a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about the school and services.

UPCOMING Chamber Events

Monthly Forum

Thursday, July 13 11:30 lunch served,

Noon Forum begins

O'Blarney's at Gibson House 221 North Tower, Centralia Speaker: District 20 State

Representative Peter Abbarno

Business After Hours July BAH

Thursday, July 13

5 - 7 pm

Visiting Nurses Foundation Fundraiser at Riverside Golf Club 1451 NW Airport Rd, Chehalis

July Ribbon Cuttings

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

Wednesday, July 19, Noon

The Garage Hair Lounge, 1270 SW William, Chehalis (directly across from Penny Park)

Tuesday, July 25, Noon

Zap Master Electrology, 108 N. Tower, Centralia

Friday, July 28, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Rainier Eye & Vision, 145 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis Grand Opening is 4:00 - 6:00 pm; Ribbon Cutting is at 4:30 pm

Special Events

Seattle-To-Portland Ride (STP) Saturday / Sunday,

July 15 / 16

Volunteers sought to assist with the Midway Stop at Penny Park.

3-on-3 Streetball!

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The Garage Hair Lounge Offers Luxurious Experience

Tucked neatly across the street from Penny Park in Chehalis, the Garage Hair Lounge offers a full range of hair and spa services in an elegant 6500-foot facility. Specializing in providing the best in customer service, The Garage offers a personalized luxurious experience including a full range of hair service, aesthetics, nail care, skin care, injectables, infusions, fillers, Botox, and massage therapy. Owner Kindra Engler is committed to using vegan product lines from local and regional sources wherever possible. To celebrate their official opening a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is taking place Wednesday, July 19, at Noon.



1270 SW William in Chehalis. Visit thegaragehairlounge.com for details and scheduling.

Rep. Peter Abbarno is Featured Speaker at July Forum

The July Chamber Forum features District 20 state representative Peter Abbarno as its speaker. Abbarno is providing an update from the recent Legislative session. Throughout the Legislative process District 20 elected officials Senator John Braun, Representative Ed Orcutt, and Representative Peter Abbarno, hosted monthly Zoom sessions for Chamber members providing updates about what they were working on and the progress of key pieces of legislation. The Chamber appreciates the time they invested in keeping members informed and hearing what is important to those they serve.

The Forum is a monthly program of The Chamber. July takes place Thursday, July 13, at O'Blarney's in Centralia. Lunch begins at 11:30 with the program starting at noon. Lunch is \$17. There is a sitting fee of \$5 for those attending just for the program.

O'Blarney's at Gibson House 221 N. Tower, Centralia

July Menu Roasted Chicken Breast Cilantro lime rice Steamed veggies Lite Dessert Coffee, Lemonade, Hot and Iced Tea

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