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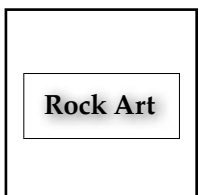
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**6TH STREET THANK YOU**

Check out pictures from the 4th Annual 6th Street Trick or Treat!

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Rock Art

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

Rock Art is hosting this month's Business After Hours on December 11

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## 22nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 4:30 pm

"Miracle on 6th Street"

Sponsored by



This year's theme is "Miracle on 6th Street." Thank you to Avista, our major sponsor! Avista believes in investing in the community in which they live.

Immediately following the parade is the Clarkston Chamber Vernon Park Christmas Lighting Ceremony. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the lighting ceremony. We hope to see everyone at the park to celebrate this joyous occasion!

**Thank You to the Vernon Park Christmas Light Sponsors**

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- Wells Fargo

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the Vernon Park Lighting Ceremony.

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**LUNCH EXCHANGE**



11:30 am on Wednesday, December 10

### What a Crazy Time of Year!



**DAVID WITHAUS**  
President, Clarkston Chamber  
Northwest Media Productions, Inc.

Have you noticed that we are a busy society? We bemoan having too little free time, and yet we all seem to fill every spare moment of each evening and weekend as if we were scheduling life or death meetings at work. And (and maybe it's just me getting older) life seems to get busier every year!

Which gets me to the point of my final president's message: It's the busiest time of the year, and you still make it a point to fill in where needed just a little bit more. You volunteer more of your time. You cinch your belt just a little tighter to make life better for someone else. You say 'Yes' instead of 'No' just a few more times than in a normal month. Well, if no one has told you let me say "Thank You!" You do make a difference!

To the point, I would like to say thank you to our sponsors who give and give, no matter how many times you have already been asked this year. Thank you, Ambassadors and volunteers for attending meeting after meeting, night after night. Mary Lee, not to point you out, but when was the last time you called in sick? Lee Ann, has anyone told you recently that you do a great job? And fellow board members, I appreciate all the time you've given over the last year SO much. Our "1-hour" monthly meetings together have never been shorter than an hour and a half, and yet I have received no threats, not even in jest.

Kristin and Hailey, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the two of you this year especially. With how much has been accomplished in the last year it's hard to believe that Kristin joined our "family" just a little over a year ago, and Hailey just a few months ago. You both have made a huge difference! Thank you for your continued energy, your willingness to try new things, and your ever smiling faces!

And members, thank you for another great year! I can say with confidence that our Chamber will make even more of a difference to our businesses in 2009!

### ambassadors in action

THANK YOU!  
LEWISTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
111 Main St. Suite 120, Lewiston

For your continued investment and belief in the Clarkston Chamber!!

Last month, the Ambassador Committee recognized the staff of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce for their continued involvement with the Clarkston Chamber.

The "Chamber Coffee Break" is a program developed by the members of the Ambassador Committee. A lucky chamber member is randomly selected and delivered fresh coffee and pastries by the Ambassadors on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Special thanks to The Steamery for donating their fantastic coffee!



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# The Lewis Clark Young Professionals Get Cheesy

Last month the Lewis Clark Young Professionals met at The Q Lounge at the Quality Inn & Suites in Clarkston. During the November function, LCYP announced they have started a new blog on the Chamber web site. The blog will update members on upcoming events, group business, and is also a way for members to get advice from other community professionals. Be sure to check it out and see what they are up to.

The new chair of the LCYP is Heather Coddington with Northwest Media Productions. "I'm excited about the upcoming events we have planned," she said. "I think we created a great foundation for the group in our first year, and can't wait to keep expanding."

**Our next two-part social/meeting is Friday, December 5.** For the first part, LCYP members plan on taking Beamers Hells Canyon "Community Action Tour." The tour is one hour and starts at 5:30 pm. Don't forget to take your bag of food to Beamers in order to get your free ticket for this tour! If you can't make it to the tour, don't worry! After the river cruise, LCYP will have a Cheesy Christmas Sweater party at the Quality Inn. Wear your cheesiest Christmas Sweater and join in on the fun! Keep checking the LCYP blog for more information about our December function.

The group is open to anyone ages 21 – 40. If you are a young professional interested in being part of this dynamic group, please join us the first "Thursday" of the month, or for more information on the group, contact the Chamber office at 758-7712.

## newmembers

**Please extend a warm hand of welcome to the following companies who joined the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. Be a good partner...remember these companies when you do business.**

**RiverCity Investments and Insurance**  
**Michael Ankney**  
**733 5th St. Suite A**  
**Clarkston, WA 99403**  
**509-758-3444**  
**stkbrkr@cablone.net**

RiverCity Investments and Insurance offers a full array of investment and insurance services. Our goal is to understand the unique needs of each client and to work closely with our clients in developing and managing a plan to help them accomplish their financial goals. Mike Ankney is a lifelong valley resident and has been working in the financial services business full time since 1999. All securities business is offered through KMS Financial Services out of Seattle.



Theresa & Warren Benner, **Daily's Bakery**



Sarah Barton, **Canterbury Shoppes**



Will Thompson, **Sprint, Clarkston**

## The Chamber You Need Us to Be



**KRISTIN KEMAK**  
Executive Director,  
Clarkston Chamber

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce is continually striving to become the Chamber you need us to be.

Last month many of you took the time to complete a survey that assisted the Clarkston Chamber Board during our strategic planning session. I am pleased with not only the number of responses we received, but also the constructive and supportive comments you shared. I am including the survey results in the newsletter for you to review. I believe it is important to share the results so you can see the Chamber's strengths and the areas that need improvement.

As the year comes to a close, many changes are taking place. I am losing a couple of fantastic board members, which I am saddened by because I have spent the last year getting to know them and I really value all of the positive things Doug Barton and Curt Johnson have brought to the table. They are rational, clear thinkers whom I have come to admire. I want to thank them for the time and effort they have put in to being active board members, as well as creating an environment for success and growth.

On a positive note, we are getting new board members and I am very excited about working with all of them; Lee Ann Hancock, Troy Ledgerwood, Ginny McGivney and Mike Thomason. We will continue on the path of success and growth with current and new board members and the Clarkston Chamber will continue to become the Chamber you need us to be.

*Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.*  
~Sir Winston Churchill

## Joint Ribbon Cuttings - Clarkston & Lewiston Chambers



**HELLS CANYON VISITOR BUREAU**  
504 Main St. Suite 320, Lewiston

A good time was had by all at the Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, November 6.

**ROGERS TOYOTA SCION**  
2303 16th Ave., Lewiston

The Clarkston and Lewiston Chambers held a joint ribbon cutting for Rogers Toyota Scion's Grand Opening on Thursday, November 13.



## Clarkston Chamber Membership Survey Results

### 1. What are the primary reasons you're a Chamber member?

- 80.8% Support the Community
- 69.2% Networking
- 37.2% Advertising Benefits

### 2. On a scale of 1-10 (with 10 being high), how would you rate the Chamber's overall performance?

- 35.5% 8
- 25% 7
- 14.5% 9

### 3. How would you rate your investment in the Chamber?

- 62.7% A good investment for my business
- 18.7% A break even proposition
- 13.3% Chamber provides an excellent return

### 4. Where should the Chamber focus its efforts in the future?

- 36.8% Creating programs that help members succeed through networking or advertising
- 23.7% Speaking out on behalf of the business community
- 23.7% Creating events/attractions that attract visitors

# Chamber Lunch Exchange: Are You Connecting?

You're invited! As a member of the Clarkston Chamber, you have a standing invitation to come have lunch with fellow chamber members.

Know someone new to the area? Guests are welcome and encouraged! Introduce new employees, supervisors, managers or community group leaders from your business or organization.

As though you'd need more reasons, attending the luncheon provides business advocacy, networking opportunities and member-to-member referrals. You'll get to hear from informative speakers, and don't forget, 50/50 drawings, Ray-isms, door prizes and Bizz Buzz.

There's always something special going on – don't be left out!

**Wednesday, December 10**

**11:30 am - 1 pm**

**Quality Inn and Suites**

**Chamber/Rotary Christmas Event**

**Featuring: The Clarkston High School Jazz Band and Choir**

## Thanks! to November's Sponsor and Speakers: Tri-State Memorial Hospital Foundation!

We would like to thank Tara Wood with the Tri-State Hospital Foundation for speaking at the Clarkston Lunch Exchange on November 12. We learned about the wonderful events at the Festival of Trees. Thanks again!

In case you missed it, the Clarkston Chamber donated over \$200 to the Idaho Foodbank Turkey Drive.

The Clarkston Chamber would also like to thank the Bizz Buzz table sponsors: Tri-State Memorial Hospital, Inland Cellular, United First Financial, Canterbury Shoppes, WWCC FBLA-PBL, ID Foodbank, and AAA. Your wonderful contribution ensured a successful membership meeting and a fantastic Bizz Buzz!



**Tri-State**  
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL &  
MEDICAL CAMPUS



Tara Wood, **Tri-State Memorial Hospital Foundation**



# Natural Resources Committee News

The special guest Speaker at our September 16, 2008 meeting was Tom Reilly, Forest Supervisor Clearwater and Acting Forest Supervisor of Nez Perce National Forests. Tom gave a very good overview of a variety of important subjects this was both an informative and interesting meeting. Below is a summary of the meeting written by Tom Reilly.

## Vegetation Management on the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests

By Tom Reilly, Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater and Acting Forest Supervisor of the Nez Perce National Forests

I have been Forest Supervisor for a bit over three years on the Clearwater National Forest and only Acting Forest Supervisor on the Nez Perce for a bit over six weeks, since mid-August. Understandably, much of what I will present today stems from my experience on the Clearwater and I am bringing this thinking to the Nez Perce as well.

### The Basis for Vegetation Management Proposals

I like to think of what I refer to as the "Four W's" when I think of vegetation management on the national forests. These four W's include wood, water, wildlife, and WUI (wildland-urban interface). Let me discuss each of these in some detail, and how these W's shape and interact with land management decisions.

**Wood** is an obvious thing to think about when considering vegetation! Historically, the national forests supplied a steady supply of sawlogs to run mills in the Clearwater basin, and with the unique combination of precipitation, ash-soils that hold moisture long into the summer, and a relatively long growing season, the national forests in the basin produce wood fiber with the best of them. We grow much more woody biomass than is removed by harvest, fire, or other agents of change. While our mission is not as directly related to what we produce from the land as it once was, we can and do have the capacity to make wood fiber in all of its various forms available to society as we manage the land for healthy, sustainable forests and watersheds.

**Water** is what sustains us and the lands we manage. Beneficial uses of water are many, including human consumption, agriculture, and habitat for bountiful fisheries and other aquatic species. And of course to many American Indian tribes, fish are sacred and life-sustaining. The challenge we face in the Clearwater basin is that many of our streams do not meet Clean Water Act standards and are in need of restoration. In addition, we have many species of fish listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. We must recognize the critical importance of water and water quality as we consider land management proposals. We must design activities that we do not degrade water quality further and in fact strive to improve the condition and trend of our water quality as we go about our work.

**Wildlife** is an important resource in its own right, and contributes to the quality of life we all enjoy. In fact, the elk herds that historically thrived in the Clearwater basin provided hunting opportunities for generations, beginning with the Nez Perce people and continuing today for all of us. But the once legendary elk herds have declined for a variety of reasons, and several years ago the Forest Service benefited from a number of recommendations of the Elk Collaborative. This Collaborative, formed at the urging of Senator Mike Crapo, encouraged the Forest Service to

use a combination of mechanical treatment (including logging) and fire (both prescribed fire and wildfire managed for resource benefits) to manage vegetation to benefit wildlife, particularly big game such as elk. Using these tools to actively manage vegetation will create diversity in patch size, create openings for food supply, and generally create more favorable conditions for the recovery of elk populations. Of course a side benefit can be wood fiber for public use.

**WUI**, or wildland-urban interface, is short hand for the complex task of performing hazardous fuels reduction and creating defensible space in and around municipal watersheds (the source of public drinking water) and communities. This issue has been the subject of much public debate, and in after the 2000 fire season the President, in collaboration with federal, state, and municipal governments and fire protection organizations, directed the development of the National Fire Plan. This Plan called for a much more aggressive reduction of hazardous fuels to achieve conditions less likely to support large scale, catastrophic fires. In 2004, the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) passed Congress, building on the National Fire Plan. The HFRA called for communities to develop "community protection plans" that defined areas where fuels reduction should be a priority. In the Clearwater basin, all of our counties have completed these Plans, and the Forest Service is using this information to locate and design vegetation management projects that achieve this fuels reduction objective.

Collectively, the four Ws will provide a sound basis to guide vegetation project location and design for years to come. An outcome of these projects of course is local employment, wood fiber, and healthy, sustainable forests and watersheds for future generations.

So, how does this translate to timber outputs, a subject of great interest to many in the Clearwater basin? The variation in timber sold is based on funding, organizational capacity, and the ability to navigate thru potential appeals and litigation.

### Fire Activity, both Prescribed and Wildfire

It seems it wouldn't be late summer or fall without at least some smoke in the air. Of course private land agricultural activities contribute some of this smoke, and the national forests in the vicinity contribute some as well. You may have noticed that there was much less smoke this year than years past.

The 2008 fire season was abnormally light, especially considering the past few years activity and the 10 year averages.

The Clearwater basin national forests are by far the most fire-active in the northern Rockies. The combination of natural ignitions from summer lightning storms, heavy fuels conditions, and long, hot, dry summers combine to produce conditions conducive to wildfire starts. Depending on values at risk, weather conditions, firefighter and public safety, and available resources, we suppress fires with an average 97% success rate. Depending on the year, the few fires we can't suppress safely become large and prolonged. In some cases, if a fire is burning in an area where we can use natural topographic breaks to contain the fire, we use modified suppression tactics. And in other circumstances, if fuels, weather, and resources permit, and if it is in an approved area, we may manage natural wildfires to achieve resource benefits. And in still other circumstances, we may ignite fires at a time and place where we can control the outcome, once again to achieve the resource benefits envisioned in the Elk Collaborative recommendations and in the National Fire Plan.

For further information or to join the Natural Resources Committee contact Jerry Klemm 743-5450 or email at hgklemm@cableone.net

# Clarkston Education Foundation Awarded Mini-Grants

The Clarkston Education Foundation recently awarded three mini-grants to Clarkston schools.

## 2008 CEF School Mini-Grant

*\$750 Tim Weber of Highland Elementary*

Tim will purchase an Activboard and software with this grant money. He also received matching money from Highland PTA to complete the purchase. All 5th and 6th grade students will be able to use this interactive whiteboard. The students will be able to create visual strategies or tactile approaches to gain higher level thinking skills to master learning objectives.



Tim Weber, **Highland Elementary School**

*\$450 Liane Hill of Highland Elementary*

Liane will purchase 30 pairs of headphones for the computer lab. All 321 students at Highland Elementary will be able to use these. The headphones reduce distractions and increase beneficial learning time in the computer lab.



Liane Hill, **Highland Elementary School**

## 2008 CEF Setlow Science Mini-Grant

*\$1000 Jay Snook of Clarkston High School*

Jay will purchase materials necessary for his physics and chemistry students to prepare for the WSU "Imagine Tomorrow" competition. The question the students will answer is "How Would You Power Your Future?" The best teams from CHS will compete in May at WSU for prize money. Good Luck Bantams!



Jay Snook, **Clarkston High School**

## LEWIS CLARK CENTER FOR THE ARTS & HISTORY

415 Main Street, Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 792-2243

### Gallery Hours

Monday - Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm

### Permanent Exhibits

- 200th Birthday of Abraham Lincoln and his relationship to Idaho
- Chinese at the Confluence: Lewiston's Beuk Aie Temple

## VALLEY ART CENTER

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(509) 758-8331

## LEWISTON CIVIC THEATRE

805 6th Avenue  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
(208) 746-3401

### Peter Pan

**December 4 - 21**

Directed by Fred Dole. Join Peter and the Darlings and fly away for the holidays!

## Lincoln Middle School Career Fair

**January 26-27, 2009**

**9:30 - 11:30 am**

The Clarkston Education Foundation will hold their 4th Annual Career Fair in January and all 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend.

CEF encourages the businesses of the Lewis-Clark Valley to participate in this event to showcase the different career paths available to Clarkston middle school students.

Last year, over 440 students were able to talk to the over 70 businesses who participated.

*If your business is interested in participating, register for the Career Fair at [www.clarkstoneeducationfoundation.org](http://www.clarkstoneeducationfoundation.org) under "Events."*

*The deadline to register your business is January 9, 2009.*

# The Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau opens a second location in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley

By Michelle Peters, President & CEO, Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau

The Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau opened an additional office on the second level of Towne Square at Fifth and Main streets in downtown Lewiston. The Bureau will retain its office at Fifth and Bridge streets it shares with the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. Both serve as visitor information centers where travelers can pick up brochures detailing recreational opportunities throughout the Inland Northwest.

The Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau recently completed a new visitor guide that includes information for Lewiston, Clarkston and Asotin, including listings of attractions, outfitters, hotels and restaurants.

The expansion to Towne Square is a result of the newly formed valley-wide Visitor Bureau. We combined efforts to attract visitors by altering the existing Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau that has been in existence since 2000. The organization formerly was only funded through lodging tax revenues collected by the City of Clarkston and Asotin County. We currently have temporary funding on the Idaho side and are working on creating an Auditorium District in Lewiston to create permanent funding.

I would like to thank all of our existing and new Board Members for all of their hard work and dedication to making the Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau the success that it is today.

- Devon Gustafson-President of the Board – Walla Walla Community College
- Pat Morrison-Vice President – Sycamore Street Grill
- Ella Dilling-Treasurer – Best Western Rivertree Inn
- Linda Reser-Secretary – Costco Wholesale
- Bill Bonson –Snake Dancer Excursions
- Dustin Aherin – River Odyssey West
- Laurie Wilson – Red Lion Hotel
- Kip Kemak – Hells Gate State Park
- Randy Krall – Camp, Cabin & Home
- Tobe Finch – Happy Day Catering
- Garry Bush –Ex-Officio – City of Lewiston
- Kathleen Warren – Ex-Officio – City of Clarkston
- Don Brown – Ex-Officio- Asotin County Commissioner



## Wal-Mart Breaks Ground in Clarkston

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce was happy to help celebrate the Wal-Mart Groundbreaking Ceremony! A special thank you goes out to Mike McElhatton with Digital Arts Photography for the photos!



## Veteran's Day Celebration

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce was happy to be a part of the Veteran's Day celebration on Nov. 11 at the "I Am an American Memorial" in Lewiston.



## member to member discount

One of the many benefits of Clarkston Chamber membership is cost savings and networking through member-to-member special offers. The Program features discounted rates on products and services from Chamber members, for Chamber members. When you take advantage of these valuable products and services, you're supporting your fellow members and your Chamber.

If you are a member of the Clarkston Chamber and are interested in offering discounts to fellow chamber members, please contact Hailey Feider at 758-7712 or [haileyf@clarkstonchamber.org](mailto:haileyf@clarkstonchamber.org) for more information.

### OFFERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

#### CHURCH

##### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

840 10th St, Clarkston  
509-758-2943

First Christian Church in Clarkston has space available for rent to any group. Our schedule is fairly open as of now. The cost to Chamber members will be \$25/meeting and \$35/meeting if the kitchen is used. We have a fully functioning kitchen and a nursery, no worker provided. Also we are available for weddings for \$350 for the building.

#### BED & BREAKFAST

##### THE CHURCHYARD INN

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509-229-3200  
[cji@inlandnet.com](mailto:cji@inlandnet.com)

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##### DJ MOBILE MUSIC

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[darcynelly@yahoo.com](mailto:darcynelly@yahoo.com)

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#### MORTGAGE COMPANIES

##### COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS

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Countrywide Mortgage will waive the appraisal fee (up to \$450) on purchase loans to all Clarkston Chamber members and their employees.

##### MANN MORTGAGE

247 Thain Rd # 204, Lewiston  
208-743-1005  
[Heather.tippin@mannmortgage.com](mailto:Heather.tippin@mannmortgage.com)

Mann Mortgage will waive the \$400 processing fee for all Chamber members, employees and their families.

#### WATER - BOTTLED & BULK

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15% discount for Clarkston Chamber members seeking leadership and organization development consulting and facilitation services, including: annual Retreat Facilitation, Communication Audits, Leadership Training and Organization Program analysis & design.

#### PEST MANAGEMENT

##### SUN PEST MANAGEMENT

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#### CLEANING SERVICES

##### EXECUTIVE CLEANING SERVICES

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# 31

It is very easy to participate in this day. Dust off that seldom worn pair of brown shoes and put them on your feet. Brown boots, loafers or any other brown-colored footwear will do. Don't tiptoe around. Wear them wherever you go!

In case you didn't know, the sock color of the day is ... brown.

Wear Brown Shoes Day was likely created by someone who was tired of wearing the same old black shoes. Or perhaps, it was the dress code theme of a school day event.

# Thank You for the 6th Street Trick or Treat!

Price Right Real Estate would like to thank everyone who participated in Clarkston's 4th Annual 6th Street Trick or Treat. Rain or shine...Clarkston knows how to have a good time!



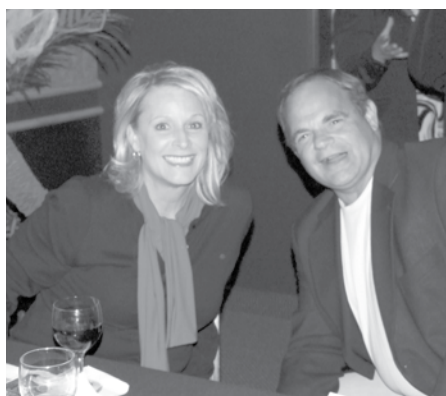
## Hells Gate State Park's Haunted Hayride a Great Success!

On October 25th more than 250 people showed up ready for a good scare at Hells Gate State Park's first ever Haunted Hayride. A good scare is exactly what they got thanks to our volunteers who were willing to costume-up and brave the cold. We raised \$136 for the Idaho Foodbank and their Backpacks for Kids Program. Everybody who attended should pat themselves on the back for providing 17 backpacks for kids in need during these financially turbulent times. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and services to make this event a success: J&M Reiner Construction, KLEW, Jim Nelly at Big Country Radio and K-Hits, Rosauers, Lewiston and Clarkston Chambers of Commerce, Primeland Cooperatives and Garry Bush. Also, thank you to all of our monsters who made it both frightening and fun: John Hancock, Richard Stover and Riley, Garrison, Atreyu, Riley, Gary Kemak, Kristin Kemak, Kacey Elben, Eric Elben, Samantha Elben, Kaden Elben, Jock Pring, Chris Haddon, Mari Hizey, Richard Hizey, Monique McKenzie and Brittany Mayton. I'm already looking forward to next year's bigger and better Hayride with another wagon and more ghosts and goblins.



Kip Kemak  
Park Ranger  
Hells Gate State Park

# Thanks! Quality Inn & Suites for hosting the Business After Hours on October 23!



# decemberschedule

## Mix Business and Pleasure!

Network with your current of potential business associates at this month's Business After Hours.

Bring plenty of business cards, enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Join us at this FREE event for all Chamber members and their employees!

## ROCK ART

Thursday, December 11, 2008  
5 - 7 pm



904 6th Street,  
Clarkston

Don't miss the "We've Got Gas" drawing!

1628 Main St.  
Lewiston, ID  
83501

(208) 743-2922  
Fax: (208) 743-7930

THANK YOU! Your membership in the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce is a symbol of confidence in the work of the chamber and its volunteers. We sincerely thank our members who renewed their membership for their ongoing support.

**11 - 25 Year Members**

**Kings Thrones**  
800-525-5351

**Western Printing**  
208-798-7402

**Leer Construction**  
509-758-3075

**State Farm Insurance – Shauna Besaw**  
509-758-0800

**3 B's Moving & Storage**  
509-751-1964

**Rooster's Landing**  
509-751-0155

**Hells Canyon Resort & Marina**  
509-758-6963

**Lewiston Printing**  
208-746-0439

**6 - 10 Year Members**

**Valley Vision**  
208-799-9083

**DeMeyere Clinic**  
509-758-1102

**1 - 5 Year Members**

**Subterranean Data Services**  
208-746-2188

**Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Associates – Sandra Ankney**  
208-305-4223

**Courtesy Rent-to-Own**  
208-746-2716

**Cornerstone Interiors**  
208-746-0442

**Hells Canyon Marine**  
509-751-1800

**Jerry Klemm**  
208-743-5450

**Assist 2 Sell**  
208-798-7822

**December 31**

Unlucky Day is December 31. We sincerely hope it's not unlucky for you, though it is sure to be unlucky for some. It seems fitting that Unlucky Day is the last day of the year. You get the chance to get all of the bad things out of the way, so the next year will be happy, healthy and prosperous.

**Business After Hours Schedule**

*Business After Hours is held on Thursdays unless otherwise stated.*

**December 11**                      Rock Art

**January 22**                        Sterling Savings Bank

Stop by Clarkston Chamber's Business After Hours every month and check out these local businesses.

**The 2009 Business After Hours schedule is filling up! Call the Clarkston Chamber today at 758-7712 to reserve your spot!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE COMPANIES WHEN YOU DO BUSINESS!**

**CLARKSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADERSHIP AND STAFF MEMBERS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - OFFICERS**

**David Witthaus, President - 2008**  
Northwest Media Productions

**Kathy Brown, First Vice President - 2008**  
Twin River National Bank

**Robyn Broyles, Second Vice President - 2008**  
ReMax Executives

**Doug Barton, Past President - 2008**  
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DIRECTORS**

Mary Lee Frazier, Clarkston Heights Market - 2009  
Doug Higgins, Individual - 2009  
Curt Johnson, Quality Inn and Suites - 2008  
Joyce Keefer, Price Right Real Estate - 2010  
Wanda Keefer, Port of Clarkston - 2009  
Tami Randall, Alliance Title and Escrow - 2009  
Bill Snyder, Bruneel Tire Factory - 2008  
Don Montgomery, Waddell & Reed - 2010  
Bret Wilson, Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Associates - 2010  
Renee' Olsen, Lewis Clark State College - 2010

Lynn "Pip" Ausman, Asotin County Wheatgrowers - 2010

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**Kristin Kemak, Executive Director**  
kriskemak@clarkstonchamber.org

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 • Access member discounts and services to save money  
 • Learn what's happening in the Chamber and our community  
 • Learn what's happening in the legislature and how it will impact your company  
 • Take political action to protect your interests  
**Get started online today.**

**schedule of events**

**22ND ANNUAL LIGHTED**

**CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Saturday, December 6  
 Downtown Clarkston  
 4:30 pm

**CHAMBER/ROTARY CHRISTMAS**

**LUNCH EXCHANGE**

Wednesday, December 10  
 Quality Inn & Suites  
 11:30 am

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

Thursday, December 11  
 Rock Art  
 5 - 7 pm

**public meetings**

**City Council**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
 At City Hall

**County Commissioners**

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 9 am  
 Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 am  
 At Annex Building, Asotin

**Asotin County PUD Commissioners**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 5:30 pm  
 Asotin Co. PUD Conference Room

**Port of Clarkston**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 1 pm  
 Port of Clarkston Office

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambassadors Committee, Quality Inn &amp; Suites, Columbia River Room, 12:30 pm</li> <li>"Community Action Tour 2008," 5:30 pm</li> <li>LCYP Christmas Party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22nd Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, Downtown Clarkston, 4:30 pm</li> </ul>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee, Tomato Bros., 12 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chamber/Rotary Christmas Lunch Exchange, Quality Inn &amp; Suites, 11:30 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chamber/Rotary Christmas Lunch Exchange, Quality Inn &amp; Suites, 11:30 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business After Hours, Rock Art, 5-7 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23rd Annual Christmas Connection, St. Vincent de Paul, Clarkston, 9:30 am - 2 pm</li> </ul>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart of Clarkston Meeting, Price Right Real Estate, 5:30 pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural Resources Committee, Hazel's Good Eats, 7 am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Directors Meeting, Tomato Bros., 12 pm</li> </ul>			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS</b> Chamber Office Closed</p>		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JANUARY</b></p>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10