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On August 20, the Clarkston Albertsons re-opened their doors to a brand new atmosphere.

Be sure to check out the new pizza shoppe and delicatessen. With their extensive wine selection, everyone is sure to find exactly what they're looking for. Make a quick escape through one of the six self-checkout lanes. The new lighting and signage makes for a warm environment and the friendly staff is always there to help.

Albertsons may have a new look, but some things never change. Their service is focused on meeting the needs of customers.

Thank you Rory DeLane and the rest of the team at Albertsons!



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noon on Wednesday, September 10

What Recession?



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

It seems that every time I turn on the news or read the paper there is more talk about the nation's slowing economy, lost jobs and how the country is spiraling toward financial ruin. I love being informed, and am grateful to our media experts who keep us aware of what is happening, but sometimes I wonder if the added press just "fans the fire".

As I drive around our valley I see a different picture. I see growth. I feel an energy developing that I haven't felt here before. Businesses like Albertsons, Regence and Basalt Cellars are remodeling, adding employees and building new facilities. Other businesses are starting in the valley or locating here, like Kiwi Air, Bi-Mart and BBQ & Blues. Organizations are forming or redefining themselves to promote tourism and economic development such as Palouse Economic Development Council and Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau.

Whether we want it or not, change IS happening. And I think it is change for the better!

ambassadors in action

THANK YOU!
INLAND METALS
635 5th Street, Clarkston

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

Last month, the Ambassador committee recognized the staff of Inland Metals and for their continued involvement with the 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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LCYP Work on Professional Development Projects

Last month, the Lewis Clark Young Professionals met at Club 301 in Lewiston. Some great ideas for programs, projects, and events came out of a casual brainstorming session.

Also last month, the group went rafting with Barker's River Trips on the Salmon River. It's great to be a part of such a dynamic group that provides professional enhancement, social interaction, all the while, ripping through some major rapids and some serious sunshine!

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 4, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, at the Clarkston Golf & Country Club: Featuring a "golf lesson with a pro" - by the Club's Pro, Doug Phares. Cost will be minimal, based on how many young professionals attend. The fee to the group is \$100, so if 20 people attend (for example), it would only be \$5 each! If you plan on attending, please e-mail Hailey at info@clarkstonchamber.org.

The LCYP are actively brainstorming great professional development projects and opportunities, ranging from co-op advertising programs - to - holding roundtable discussions on business marketing - to - other educational training classes, and fall/winter social events.

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.

memberofthemoth

Congratulations to Avista! Clarkston Chamber's Member of the Month

Avista began its life as the Washington Water Power Co. on the banks of the Spokane River in 1889. The original hydropower generators served electric street lighting and an electric train system in Spokane before branching out to other communities. WWP began serving electricity in Clarkston in the early 1900s, natural gas in 1958 and also operated the water system for several decades in Asotin County before selling it in the 1980s.

Avista has been a member of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years, and currently has 60 employees working in the Lewis-Clark region with construction offices in Grangeville, Orofino, and Clarkston. They also staff a regional call center in Lewiston. Avista is privileged to serve 38,000 electric and 18,700 gas customers in the L-C region and proud that its employees have ranked over 90% customer satisfaction for the past eight years.



Avista has received recognition for environmental stewardship for their protection of natural resources and was recently recognized by Utility Communicators International for their "Every Little Bit" program that gives customers access to energy conservation information at www.everylittlebit.com. Avista has maintained a consistent focus on helping their customers save electricity and natural gas since 1978. Over that time, it is estimated that 130 megawatts have been saved

which is enough power to serve 84,000 homes.

Thank you Avista for your continued investment with the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce! We appreciated everything you do for us!

Vote for Your New Board of Directors!

Ballots Due September 26

Thank you to all the members who provided nominations for our new board members for the upcoming term.

All chamber members will be receiving ballots in the near future...please make sure you cast your vote by filling out your ballot and returning it to the chamber office by **September 26!** New board members will be announced by the end of October.

The Clarkston Chamber would also like to invite all of the board nominees to attend the general membership luncheon on September 10 for a brief introduction!



How Was Your Day?



KRISTIN KEMAK
Executive Director,
Clarkston Chamber

Sometimes it's the little things you do that can make or break your officemates' day. Are you contributing to a positive work environment? The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and the Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau not only share work space, but we also share 40 hours of our week with each other and it is evident that all of us want a wonderful and happy place to work.

It is the little things we do from time to time that bring us back around when we are feeling a little less than excited about our day, and more often than not, it revolves around food. We have had "Princess Lunches," Mexican fiestas, coffee breaks, ice cream treats and even a lunch hour helicopter tour of the Valley. For the most part, these are little things and little things are an important part of the big picture.

My questions to you are... How was your day? Are you contributing to a positive environment?

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.
~George Bernard Shaw

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.

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Asotin, WA 99402
509-758-9894
www.rguarchitecture.net



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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 Clarkston Today 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, September 10
noon - 1 pm
Quality Inn and Suites

**Speaker and Sponsor: Angie Titus with
Twin County United Way**



Twin County United Way



**Deb Smith, Hells Canyon
Visitor Bureau**



**Michelle Peters, Hells Canyon
Visitor Bureau**



Bob Tippet, Valley Vision

Thanks! to August's Sponsor and Speakers

We would like to thank Bob Tippet from Valley Vision who sponsored the Clarkston Today breakfast on Aug. 13, 2008. Your wonderful contribution ensured a successful membership meeting!

Bob talked about economic development in the Valley and the many organizations working toward the same goal. Thanks Bob!

Michelle Peters and Deb Smith with the Lewis-Clark Valley Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau were the guest speakers at Clarkston Today.

They shared with members the economic impact tourism has on the LC Valley. Thanks ladies!

Special thanks goes out to the Clarkston High School Cheerleaders for providing us with great enthusiasm to start our day! Go Bantams!

The Idaho Food Bank Needs Your Help!

The "Backpacks for Kids" program is sponsored by the Idaho Food bank Lewiston Facility and has supplied more than 240 backpacks with nutritious food for children at the elementary schools in Asotin, Clarkston, Lewiston, Lapwai, Weippe, Pierce, Orofino, Grangeville and Opportunities Unlimited in Lewiston during the 2007-2008 school year.

This program directly provides food to children in need. Funding for this program is through donations and grants. This is a unique opportunity for you to have a direct impact on children in our community. Each backpack costs \$6.75 to fill with nutritious food each week. In partnership with the local schools and the Idaho Food bank, you can make a difference in the lives of these children.

If you or your business would like additional information on how to help fill these backpacks with food, please contact Chuck Whitman at the Idaho Food bank, 746-2288.



Sport Fishing Nets Big Economic Benefits for Region

Fish and wildlife associated recreation, including wildlife watching, fishing and hunting, is big business in our region. These outdoor pursuits keep cash registers ringing at sporting good stores, bait shops and boat ramps. They also make a substantial contribution to hotels, campgrounds, convenience stores, restaurants, gas stations and other small businesses across the region.

Sport Fishing is a significant part of this big business. Washington ranks first in the Northwest, and eighth in the nation, in spending by sport fishers, which totaled nearly \$864 million in 2007. Sport fishermen in Idaho spent nearly \$400 million.

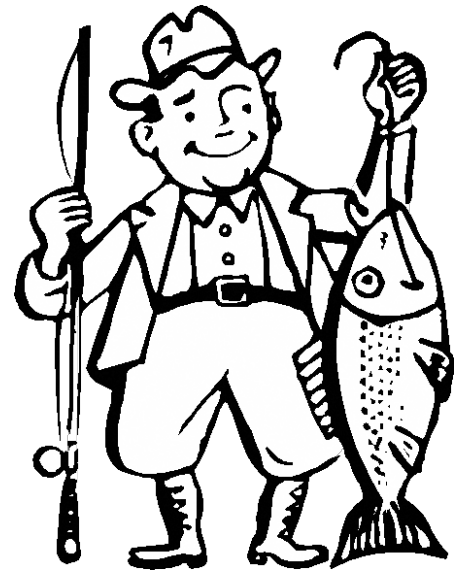
Clearwater and Snake River Steelhead Fishing is an outdoor activity enthusiasts throughout the northwest take part in every year. You too can experience this great fishery with one of the numerous guides that specialize in fishing the lower Hells Canyon area, Hells Canyon and the Clearwater and Salmon Rivers.

The Snake River above Lewiston and Clarkston is well known as one of the better steelhead fishing rivers in the northwest. The month of October is the start of some exceptional fishing around the mouths of the Grande Ronde and Salmon Rivers and lower Hells Canyon area.

The early arriving A-run steelhead is already here showing promise in big numbers with nearly 10,000 steelhead that have already crossed over Lower Granite Dam in mid-August. They tend to be smaller than the big, B-run steelhead that enter the system in late October and November. It is these fish that are the prizes of the Clearwater.

If you have never fished these rivers it is always a good idea to find a good reputable guide and utilize their services. They are in touch with where the fish are and the best way to make your day successful. Without this working knowledge, the rivers can be very stingy in giving up its big, beautiful fish.

Another great source is your local tackle shops if you are fishing on your own. They get daily reports from the anglers and have the best tackle and gear for our region. So get out there and fish!



Spaghetti Feed Fund-raiser a Success!

The Spaghetti Feed Fund-raiser for Phoenix Broyles Jose' was an amazing event!

As a result of your generosity, we were able to walk into Wasem's the following Monday and order a special walker for Phoenix. We expect him to be up running around within a week and a half!

Special thanks to Bishop's Bistro for the donation of sauce and pasta and Albertsons for donating the bread. Also, the generous donation of time and money from the Clarkston Chamber, Chip Wahlberg, Melody Acey, Lynn Worle, Beth Larson, Blake Harrington, Nicki Broyles and Bill Scharnhorst.

Our family was extremely touched by the response of the community, friends and family and will be forever grateful.

Robyn Broyles, Greg Jose' and Phoenix

Oktoberfest is a two-week festival held in Munich, Germany. While it is a giant world festival in Germany, Oktoberfest celebrations are held around the world during this time. So if you can't get to Germany, you can participate in a local event.

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It's time to eat, drink and be merry. Each year, the Oktoberfest is opened as the mayor of Munich taps a keg of beer. There is even a special brew made, aptly called the "Oktoberfest beer".

Oktoberfest is not just a celebration of beer. It is a huge festival with lots of food, music, dancing, rides and carnival booths. These festivals also celebrate the rich heritage of the German people.

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(208) 746-3401

Today is "Ask a Stupid Question Day." It's your opportunity to speak up and ask all those questions you were afraid to

ask. All those questions that you've been holding back, afraid to ask, well today is the day to unload them.

This may be a stupid question, but I will ask it anyway ... Teachers say there is no such thing as a stupid question. Or that no question is too stupid to ask. If this is true, then why do your classmates laugh when you ask a question? But if you have a question, there's no better place to ask than in the classroom.

Teachers created this day in the 1980s to try to get kids to ask more questions in the classroom.

Today's Quote: "Stupid is as stupid does."
- Forrest Gump

Movie of the Day: "Dumb and Dumber"

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Sun Festival Thanks!

The Clarkston Chamber would like to thank **Albertsons** and **Costco** for their generous donations to the Dollar for Dogs fund-raiser at the Sun Festival Cool Ride Cruise!

The Chamber would also like to thank **Mary Lee Frazier, Tami Randall and Renee Olsen** for taking the time out to help with the event. Your contribution ensured great success on this fun-filled day!

Don't Miss the Last Farmers Market of 2008!

September 27, 2008 is your last chance to check out Clarkston's Farmers Market

Every Saturday, June thru September

8 am - 12 pm

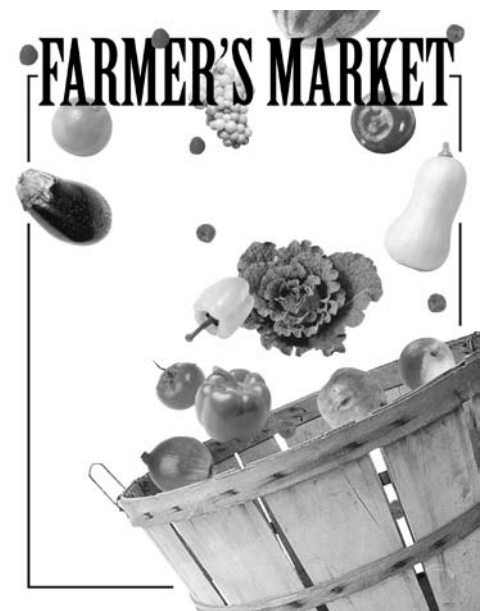
Located in the Twin River Bank parking lot at 5th and Sycamore Street in Clarkston.

The Clarkston Downtown Farmers Market is an open-air market where people can meet, shop and enjoy a day in Clarkston. Come and see all the items that will be available from different vendors. There will be fruits, produce, herbs, baked goods, cut flowers, wood furniture, handmade jewelry, quilting, homemade soaps and bath salts. No one is allowed to resale anything. There's something for everyone!

The goal of the farmers market is to provide great quality fresh fruits & vegetables to hard working families, low income families, low income seniors, and any families with small children

In 2005, it was the 1st year for State programs. Senior Nutrition checks for \$2 were accepted. In 2006, the Farmers Market began accepting WIC \$2 checks and this year, they will accept the DSHS Food Stamp Program Quest Debit cards. We are the only farmers market to offer all 3 programs for our community.

If you would like information on being a vendor, please contact the Clarkston Chamber at (509) 758-7712 or Doug Renggli, Market Manager at (509) 552-9179.



Natural Resources Committee News

Special guest speaker at our July 15, 2008 meeting was Greg Graham Chief, Planning Branch Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District Greg traveled here from Walla Walla to give us an update on the Programmatic Sediment Management Plan, Lower Monumental Navigation Lock Rehab and Lower Snake River Fish Issues.

Below are some of the highlights of these issues:

Snake River Programmatic Sediment Management Plan

Problem is the large sediment accumulation near the mouth of the Clearwater River the Corps objective is to develop an effective and efficient plan to manage sediment and reduce dredging requirements some of the alternative measures being discussed are sediment source reduction, in-river sediment management and system management that may include raising the levee system dikes.

Funding has also been an issue with a total estimated cost of \$17 million the president's budget for FY 09 is \$6.7 Million.

Activities for FY 08 has been Biological data collection, water quality data collection, sediment transport data collection, probable maximum flood analysis, initiate sediment yield analysis and regional coordination with the EPA, USFS, Tribes and others.

Activities for 2009 will include some of the above along with movable bed modeling and initiate EIS preparation.

Issues are, monitoring the need for interm dredging, maintaining adequate funding, assuring that the EIS is comprehensive and defensible and understanding and documenting the impacts of raising the levee on local communities.

Lower Monumental Lock Rehab

Problem is extensive cracking of the downstream gate the rehab report was approved September 2006 the recommended plan calls for a 3 year implementation at a cost of \$28 million funding for fiscal year 2008 was \$0 FY 09 Presidents budget has \$1.6 million for design work FY 09 House report has \$3.2 million also for design work, FY 2010 needs to have \$11 million.

This is a very important issue and needs to be accomplished as soon as possible to maintain the barge and recreational traffic flow for our communities and region.

Don't Miss Out on these Exclusive Events! Join the Club!

Become a social member at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club and get access to exclusive events, fine dining, pool access for the entire family and five rounds of golf. Social memberships are only \$25 a month (with a \$25 initiation fee) and include your spouse and children.

Events coming up this fall and winter include:

- Dinner Theatre - **Bullshot Crummond** October 18 and 19. This comedy stage play, directed by Tom Hennigan, parodies the British pulp hero Bulldog Drummond. The play concerns a pre-WWII plot by the dastardly Count Otto Von Brunno and his ambiguous relation Lenya Von Brunno to ruin the international diamond market by kidnapping Professor Rupert Fenton.

- Wine Tasting and Member Art Show – November 15
- Children's Christmas Party with Santa – December 7
- New Years' Eve Party – December 31
- Ladies Bunko – 2nd Tuesday night of every month starting in September

Call 758-2546 today to sign up, or visit our web site at www.ClarkstonGolfAndCountryClub.com.

This day celebrates the creation of the Fortune Cookie.

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It's pretty clear that the Fortune Cookie did not originate in China. Rather, it was invented in California. There appears to be some uncertainty over who invented it.

Some historical references suggest it was Makoto Hagiwara who invented the fortune cookie at the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco in 1914.

Others believe that David Jung, founder of the Hong Kong Noodle Company, was the first to make fortune cookies in the Los Angeles in the 1920s.

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 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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Heather.tippin@mannmortgage.com

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Be Late For Something Day is a great day to be a procrastinator. If you are among the millions of us who never seem to be able to stay on schedule, then you will certainly enjoy today.

Being late for something is a common occurrence. It's caused by a whole host of reasons. Some are intentionally. Some are not. Fall behind schedule early in the day today, and you will be late for everything that follows. Doctors and lawyers are notoriously late for something ... their appointment with you! It's proper to be "fashionably late" for parties.

Important Note: We hope you thoroughly enjoy and participate in this day. But, whatever you do, don't be late for dinner!

It is easy and natural to enjoy this special day. All you have to do is be late for something. That's easy for procrastinators, and perhaps, easy for you!

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Fraud Tip for Small Business Owners

One of the most serious threats to the success of a small business is employee theft. Misplaced trust, lax hiring and supervision, and a failure to implement basic financial controls can lead to an environment that is ripe for internal theft and fraud. Small business owners can help protect their businesses by following these eight recommendations.

1. Create a positive work environment.

A positive work environment encourages employees to follow established policies and procedures, and act in the best interests of the organization. Fair employment practices, written job descriptions, clear organizational structure, comprehensive policies and procedures, open lines of communication, and employee recognition will help reduce the likelihood of internal fraud and theft.

2. Implement internal controls.

- ~ Separation of duties. No employee should be responsible for both recording and processing a transaction.
- ~ Access controls. Access to physical and financial assets and information, as well as accounting systems, should be restricted to authorized employees.
- ~ Authorization controls. Develop and implement policies to determine how financial transactions are initiated, authorized, recorded, and reviewed. Internal controls will reduce opportunities for fraud.

3. Hire honest people.

Of course, this is the goal of every company, and is easier said than done. Preemployment background checks are an excellent way to cut down on hiring dishonest employees.

4. Educate your employees.

You need to inform your employees about your policies and procedures related to fraud, the internal controls in place to prevent fraud, the organization's code of conduct and ethics policies, and how violations of these policies will be disciplined.

5. Implement an anonymous reporting system.

Every organization should provide a confidential reporting system for employees, vendors, and customers to anonymously report any violations of policies and procedures. Promote and encourage the use of the reporting system whenever possible.

6. Perform regular - and irregular - audits.

Every company should have regular assessments, but random, unannounced financial audits and fraud assessments can help identify new vulnerabilities, and measure the effectiveness of existing controls.

7. Investigate every incident.

A thorough and prompt investigation of policy and procedure violations, allegations of fraud, or warning signs of fraud will give you the facts you need to make informed decisions and reduce losses.

8. Lead by example.

Senior management and business owners set the example for the organization's employees. A cavalier attitude toward rules and regulations by management will soon be reflected in the attitude of employees. Every employee - regardless of position - should be held accountable for their actions.

Courtesy of Baker Street Investigations, Inc.
509-751-2555



Turn off all news broadcasts. Today is "No News is Good News Day". We all could use a little good news.

No radio broadcasts. No television broadcasts. And heaven forbid ... avoid the newspaper at all costs. Your local fish wrapper is always filled with bad news. The news media thrives on bad news. Take a day off from all the bad news.

Happy "No News is Good News Day"!

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Thanks! Snake River Canyon Lodge for hosting Business After Hours on July 24!



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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!

RESULTS REALTY

Thursday, September 25, 2008
5 - 7 pm

Results Realty

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83501



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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

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509-758-8510

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6 - 10 Year Members

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1 - 5 Year Members

Idaho Food Bank
208-746-2288

Willow Center for Grieving Children
208-791-7192

Meyers-Folsom Dental Clinic
509-758-5011

Pacific Empire Communications
208-743-6564

Mick McClure Honda
208-743-6596

Signcrafters Inc.
208-798-7446

Deranleau's Appliance Video Audio
208-743-8432

Licensing, Etc.
509-758-7761

Asotin Co. Family Aquatic Center
509-758-0110

Countrywide Home Loans
208-743-0549

Hells Canyon RV Resort
509-758-6963

Hells Gate State Park
208-799-5015

Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza
509-758-7272

2008 Business After Hours Schedule

Business After Hours is held on Thursdays unless otherwise stated.

September 25	Results Realty
October 23	Quality Inn & Suites
November 13	Re/Max Executive (tentative)
December 11	Rock Art

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE COMPANIES WHEN YOU DO BUSINESS!

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St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

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Tami Randall, Alliance Title and Escrow - 2009
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Don Montgomery, Waddell & Reed - 2010
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Renee' Olsen, Lewis Clark State College - 2010

Lynn "Pip" Ausman, Asotin County Wheatgrowers - 2010

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY Chamber Office Closed	2	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewis Clark Young Professionals, Clarkston Golf & Country Club, 5:30 pm 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassadors Committee, Station 3, 12:30 pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm
7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee, Clarkston Golf & Country Club, 12 pm 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Exchange, Quality Inn & Suites, 12 pm 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewis Clark Young Professionals, Clarkston Golf & Country Club, 5:30 pm 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business After Hours, Results Realty, 5-7 pm 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm
14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources Committee, Hazel's Good Eats, 7 am 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting, Quality Inn & Suites, 12 pm 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer's Market, 5th and Sycamore, 8 am - 12 pm
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LABOR DAY
Monday, September 1
Chamber Office Closed

LUNCHEXCHANGE
Wednesday, September 10
Quality Inn & Suites
12 pm

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Thursday, September 25
Results Realty
5-7 pm

publicmeetings

City Council
Every 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 pm
At City Hall

County Commissioners
Every 1st, 2nd & 4th Monday, 9 am
Every 3rd Monday, 7 am
At Annex Building, Asotin

Asotin County PUD Commissioners
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Asotin Co. PUD Conference Room

Port of Clarkston
Every 2nd Thursday, 1 pm
Port of Clarkston Office

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