

WALLA WALLA VALLEY BUSINESS NEWS



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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Accessible Walla Walla Tours

Accessible Walla Walla Tours offers accessible and general public wine and cultural tours across the Walla Walla Valley, shuttle services for handicapped people, and special event planning for people with differing needs.

Their brewery tour is a great alternative to a wine tour. And, for those that would prefer to skip the alcohol all together, enjoy a cultural tour of the valley with stops like Crockett Road Lavender Farm, Walla Walla Cheese Company and Frazier Farmstead Museum.

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Accessible Walla Walla Tours is on a Mission to make the region a more accessible place!

RIBBON CUTTING First Day of the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days

On Wednesday, August 30th at 11:00 am fairgoers were welcomed at the main gate by fairground staff and board members to celebrate opening day. Before the gates opened, Arlene Alen, President & CEO of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber and Greg Lybeck, General Manager of the Walla Walla Fairgrounds provided opening remarks, followed by a ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by Fair & Rodeo Royalty, Queen Madison and Princess Meadow.

The fair runs through Sunday, September 3rd with plenty of activities, entertainment, exhibits, food, the parade and more still happening!



Learn More About:

- Member of the Month
- Business After Hours
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Golf Tournament

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS Whitman College



Tuesday, September 12
5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Sherwood House
1107 Alvarado Ter.
Walla Walla

Join us for this very exciting opportunity to gather at the Sherwood House, the residence of the President of Whitman College. Our September Business After Hours will be hosted by Whitman College and offer attendees the chance to meet President Bolton along with other College leadership.

Whether you are a member or not, come network in the garden with fellow valley professionals at this free to attend open house style event!

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Put your local knowledge to use or get hands on experience

Volunteer

The Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, representing over 450 businesses and serving as a Visitors Center for the Valley is seeking to grow its volunteer program.

Do you have 2-4 hours a week to share your knowledge of our community or to learn more about it? This might be your opportunity. Flexible hours, great wi-fi, free coffee/tea, off street parking, Great team environment.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities call the Chamber at 509.525.0850 or email info@wwwchamber.com.

Intern

Put those business classes to work, obtain real business experience assisting the CEO & team at the Walla Walla Valley Chamber with administrative experiences, events and business roundtables for a busy organization. Flexible schedule, unpaid Internship Opportunity. Learn how Chambers and Visitor Centers run and be involved in all aspects of this community facing, engaged, nonprofit association which has been serving the Walla Walla Valley for almost 125 years. We are now "Growing the Next-Gen of Walla Walla Business"- join us and help build our Community.

To learn more about internships email ceo@wwwchamber.com.



Clark Arias Physical Therapy

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According to Mike Clark, co-owner of Clark Arias Physical Therapy, the best thing about doing business in Walla Walla is the people. The first group of people that brings Mike joy is his patients. In a town the size of Walla Walla they have the pleasure of treating people from all walks of life. "Everyone has a story, from the 80-year-old Vietnam Veteran that wants to talk about his experiences to the 16-year-old girl that wants to talk about school or her soccer game" Mike recalls. He loves the fact that Clark Arias gets to share in their successes and help them build their confidence—might be walking, going up and down stairs, playing soccer or other sports.

Mike says the other thing he loves about doing business in Walla Walla is the great people that they have working at Clark Arias Physical Therapy. He says they are a group of people who love Walla Walla just like me and my co-owner George Arias. Mike and his staff love Walla Walla and are dedicated to making Walla Walla a great place to live and feel strongly that "The more thankfulness the more joy we have to share".



All Trades Bookkeeping & Services

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It was the beginning of something great when Lyannae Larson took her relationships with Walla Walla people in the construction business to a new level by starting All Trades Bookkeeping & Services in 2016.

Lyannae emphasized that they are not the typical 9 to 5 bookkeepers as they are known for providing services you might not usually find with a business of this type. It is not uncommon for Lyannae to help a business get all the required licenses and permits and assist them in working through the maze of bureaucracies faced by a start-up business. "It is a small community, and we make a difference in the little guy's businesses" Lyannae stated and further shared how great it is to see the growth and possibilities for a new business that we were a part of making happen.

As Lyannae put it "We found our people" and the attention they pay new business journey is paramount. When asked about what kinds of business start-up things they do not do, Lyannae said "If we don't know or don't have it, we will find it. A job is not your life" and All Trades Bookkeeping & Services helps businesses so that they have time for their life.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Every month, we'll pose a new question to several local businesses, and this month, we're starting the conversation with the following question:

What is it about doing business in Walla Walla that brings you the most joy?



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WWV CHAMBER FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

The WWVC has a Foundation that will be celebrating its 25th year in 2024. This Foundation has only been utilized a few times within its history and we are planning to remedy that in celebration and for the going forward.

The Chamber, through its Foundation, is creating a Community Development Fund that will serve our entrepreneur community throughout the Walla Walla Valley. This program is funded by donations and grant funding to supplement and grow this program which will have three grant cycles annually. Grants will be primarily for singular startups and 1-3 and 1-5 small business and be focused initially on marketing and programmatic enhancement.

Small grants of \$2000 -\$4,000 can make the difference in a start-up seeking to launch a website and/or social campaign, hire a consultant, design, and implement new signage or packaging for their products or equipment to enhance their production or programs. These grants are not designed for operations, however, may be combined with another grant for nonoperational purposes.

We will be engaging with our Community Partners for their input and assistance with various components of this program including, but not limited to the Downtown Association, BMAC, The Port of Walla Walla and WorkSource.

OFFICE SPACE

Need to elevate your work environment to a quiet friendly downtown setting?

Think about a rare upcoming opening for a private lockable office space for 1-2 in the Chamber of Commerce. You will enjoy uninterrupted Wi-Fi connectivity, off-street shaded parking, 24/7 access with facility security, copier usage, kitchen & Keurig, board room with/AV available for meetings and walk to your favorite shops and restaurants. \$850/annual lease.

Call the Chamber Office for additional details 509.525.0850.

QUESTION CONTINUED



The Star Project

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When asked the question, “What is it about doing business in Walla Walla that gives you the most joy?” Linda Scott, Executive Director of the STAR Project had a very long list including “Being a part of the lives of people who are making positive changes for themselves, their families and ultimately the community”.

Key for STAR is the COMMUNITY, the individuals, businesses, landlords, donors who help STAR and its five (5) staff members provide foundational support to individuals being released from incarceration. The wrap-around services like housing support, case management and employment/education provide the essential support necessary for successful integration into the community as productive, contributing members.

“It is essential that our work is collaborative, everyone has a part to play in our community and the better we work together the more impact we have” Linda said.



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FINANCIAL

Kim McDaniels, an owner of Krivoshein McDaniels Financial, takes a lot of pride in working in the Walla Walla community. Their investment management service model allows and encourages them to develop strong relationships with their clients. “Our clients are those individuals, families, and business owners in our community. As we work with them and work hard for them to achieve their financial and business goals, it is so rewarding to see them succeed and our community succeed”, Kim stated.

Kim conveyed that working through the goals with clients takes time, patience, and a lot of meetings and phone calls. Achieving financial goals often looks like little wins along the way, but it is a pleasure for Krivoshein McDaniels Financial to be a part of that. Kim shared that “as someone who works and lives in this community, I especially enjoy supporting other local businesses”.

Krivoshein Financial knows the time, love and effort that goes into making a small business survive and thrive and they make every effort to support that dream. As Kim put it “The more we can do to support our community the more opportunities we will have to see our citizens succeed and enjoy this special town”.



Harvust

Riley Clubb
<https://www.harvust.com/>



HARVUST

In talking to Riley Clubb, co-owner of HARVUST, everything about Walla Walla brings him joy. Harvust helps farms streamline key human resources tasks easily and efficiently. According to Riley, everyone from the farm CEO to the migrant farmworker uses Harvust.

In answer to our question Riley stated he is truly grateful to have grown up in Walla Walla, with its rich community, history, and unique way of life. Often, he takes a break from computer work to cycle around Bennington Lake. His daily trip into nature is a highlight of the day. Riley says, “Life here feels more grounded and present than other places”. He feels that there is a special charm in Walla Walla’s small-town vibe, where the possibility of a familiar face and a friendly smile is right around the corner. On top of that he thinks Walla Walla has an intriguing history of innovation, most recently demonstrated by the people who built the world class wineries and restaurants around town. “Walla Walla might be a small spot on the map, but it takes up a big place in my heart, and I can’t see myself living anywhere else”, Riley said.



WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Warrior Expo
Career & Internship Networking Event

October 19
11 am - 2 pm

Calling all employers hiring for full-time, part-time, temporary and internship positions! This event is open to all students and community members and is a great opportunity to network with the local workforce and fill open positions within your organization. Registration for the career fair will go live in early September. If you have questions, please call (509) 207-2426 or email careerservices@wwcc.edu!



WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS

Annual Parade in Historic Downtown
Walla Walla

September 2
10 am

This year's Parade Marshals are Dick and Mary Hanson and we are thrilled to honor their commitment to the Walla Walla community. Saturday's fair will also include Bi-Mart Day and performances by Storm Rider and American Mile. The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days Rodeo Legends will be honored during Saturday night's rodeo.



FORT WALLA WALLA

ATHS Annual Walla Walla Truck Show

September 16
10 am - 4:30 pm

Fort Walla Walla Museum welcomes back the American Truck Historical Society for its annual large-scale car and truck show, organized by the Blue Mountain Chapter of the ATHS. Forty to fifty vehicles, including farm trucks, pickups, and semis, are expected to be on display along with small engines, tractors, and other transportation items. Incorporated in 1971, the American Truck Historical Society was formed to preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers. An annual convention has been held each year since 1972 with a public antique truck show added in 1980.

BLUE MOUNTAIN POWERSPORTS

Welcome to Blue Mountain Powersports, Walla Walla's destination for golf cart sales and service! We offer E-Z-GO and Cushman golf carts, new and pre-owned. We are committed to providing you with the ultimate golf car ownership experience in the region and beyond. From the purchasing process to customization, maintenance, and repairs, our professionally trained and certified team will provide you with the best experience and care. Whether you need a cart for your neighborhood, property, vineyard, or course, Blue Mountain Powersports is here to help you find the cart and accessories that will best fit your needs."



GESA CREDIT UNION

Gesa, a community-focused credit union, announced it will donate a total of \$50,000 as part of its continued partnership with Food Lifeline and Second Harvest this Hunger Action Month. During the month of September, all three organizations will work together to raise awareness about food insecurity and mobilize the public to take action on a devastating issue in the Northwest: hunger.



BAKER BOYER BANK



Baker Boyer has been named one of the nation's top-performing community banks by American Banker magazine.

This is the 16th consecutive year the bank has been recognized by the financial services publication on the "Top 200 Publicly Traded Community Banks" list.

"Baker Boyer is honored to be included once again by American Banker among the top 200 community banks in the country," Baker Boyer President and CEO Mark Kajita said. "A strong local bank is critical to a thriving community. This distinction is an affirmation of Baker Boyer's team, commitment and culture."

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

CHAMBER EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 7 | 12:00 pm
Business Classic Golf Tournament
Veteran's Memorial Golf Course

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Wonderful Women Wednesday at Henry Earl Estate Wines
- Stump Trivia Quiz: Wednesdays at Big House Brew Pub

LOCAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Living History with Fort Walla Walla

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- VFW- Bingo (9/4 & 9/5)



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2023 VISIONARY MEMBERS

