

HARRINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

Fall Festival Weekend 2019

This year for Fall Festival there is some added energy and excitement with all the activities surrounding the whole weekend. Teeing things off beginning on Friday the 27th is a golf coupon special at the Harrington Golf & Country Club. You may find these coupons on the Harrington website and at local businesses. Later that morning there is the Opera House rummage from 10am - 2pm as well as 9am - 3pm on Saturday the 28th. Tours will also be going on that Saturday at the Opera House from 9am - 3pm as well as at Hotel Lincoln, the Electric Hotel. To cap off the Friday evening, a fundraising event for the new Town Square project will be put on from 6pm - 10pm at the corner of 3rd and Willis St. Harrington alum and 99.9 Coyote Country Spokane radio host Kevin James has donated his special skills to DJ the Street Dance. This fundraiser is free to attend and family friendly with a small farmers market, good food, vendors, a beer garden and much more. Information on how you can donate to the Town Square project will be available, with engraved paver bricks being sold as well as the trees and benches going into the Town Square. Keep in mind that all funds raised will go towards a matching \$30,000 grant received from the Innovia Foundation out of Spokane, a 501c3 charitable organization. Visit the homepage of the Harrington website & click on the Town Square Project for more info.

Wake up early on Saturday morning to enjoy and support the pancake feed from 8am - 10am at Memorial Hall, sponsored by the Harrington FFA. Next is the Huff 'n' Puff Fun Run jumping off at 9am, put on by the Harrington FBLA. Come out and cheer the participants on as they start at the corner of 3rd and Glover St. Making a comeback this year is the Harrington Mudfest put on by the Lincoln County 4x4 club and people are ecstatic about this! Racing starts at 9am behind the school with a break at 11am for the parade. Speaking of the parade... come visit downtown to see all the entries beginning at 11am. Thank you to the Parade coordinator Linda Mielke and our own Fire District #6 for putting the parade on.

Immediately after the parade at 11:30, the Lions Club BBQ at the City Park begins. To go along with the BBQ, they put on a raffle, bingo, games and community organization booths to go along with local vendors selling various items. Across the street from the Mudfest, the Chamber of Commerce hosts a beer garden. Stop by and enjoy the view of the races while you have a refreshing adult beverage. After all the fun is over at the City Park, the Studebaker Garage is putting on its 2nd annual Pinewood Derby from 4-6pm. Stop by the shop in downtown Harrington to check it out. Visit their website www.thestudebakergarage.com for more details. Capping off the day is an Alumni dinner at the Harrington school beginning at 5pm, followed by a No-Host Social Hour up at the clubhouse of the Harrington Golf & Country Club. Friendly reminder..... on Sunday the golf course is closed until 3pm for a tournament. After that the course opens back up and the golf coupons may be used. The Chamber would like thank all the clubs, organizations, businesses and community members who make this Fall Festival weekend possible each and every year. "We love our small town."

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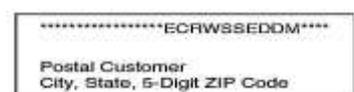
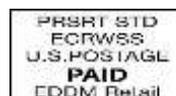
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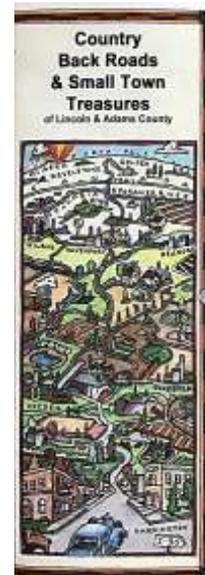
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Country Back Roads & Small Town Treasures

The Chamber is excited to say that the first year of this map highlighting the hidden gems in Lincoln & Adams County was a success, both as a means to promote small town Eastern Washington and as a fundraiser. We partnered with local artist Leslie LePere to come up with the concept and relative artwork with our advertisers who are on the map. The idea was to showcase the country back roads, inspire a planned or spontaneous road trip to explore the greater 509 area. The annual events of the towns/cities represented on the map are displayed on the back with the pertinent information for each. Rural Washington really is a treasure and we wanted a creative and unique way to encourage people to have their own back road adventure. This summer we promoted some Instagram giveaways tied into this map with some of the businesses on it and sent the maps out all over Eastern Washington to get it circulated. We have heard such positive comments on this map/brochure and have started the planning for an updated one in the Spring of 2020. Look for them around Harrington if you haven't already seen them, there is also a digital copy on the Harrington



Harrington Town Square Project - Update

Going into the Fall this year is a change for both the colors of the landscape and an eye sore of a vacant lot in downtown Harrington. Some minor site prep was done back in July with the help of community volunteers but in now is when the real fun starts. Local mason Brandon Foley of Wolf Creek Contracting begins the work on the remnant brick wall. In early October the site excavation and grading for the paver brick walkway, gazebo structure and bathroom will begin. After that the 7 trees for the Town Square will be going into the ground before it gets too cold. At the Street Dance fundraiser on September 27th, these trees will be available for purchase as a donation, along with engraved paver bricks and more. We will have a table with more information on how you can donate, volunteer your time and get involved with the project moving forward into next year. At the time of this newsletter we have raised \$13,820 of the \$30,000 goal we are trying to make by the end of 2019. The challenge grant received from Innovia Foundation out of Spokane is for up to \$30,000 of matching funds, which means if we raise \$30,000 then they will match it for a total of \$60,000 towards the project. For ongoing updates follow the social media pages for the project on Facebook and Instagram @harringtontownsquare. You may also visit the Harrington website and click on the logo for the project to follow along with the progress. This project truly is going to take a community to see it to completion and we thank all who have been involved and all who will by the time we finish it.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12pm. We usually meet at The Post & Office coffee shop downtown. Anyone is welcome to attend and we encourage that. Feel free to stop by sometime and see what being involved in your local Chamber of Commerce is all about.

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Innovia Foundation

Innovia Foundation came to Harrington with KHQ news and interviewed some Harrington residents as part of their annual conference in October. The video they are putting together will highlight rural communities & the grant making commitment that Innovia is all about. Questions asked ranged from what challenges we face here and what generosity has been ignited with this matching gift challenge for the project. At The Post & Office, Justin and Heather Slack, Tim Tipton, Karen Allen, Paula Harrington, Jill Barth and her daughter Sidney Plaskon were interviewed. Members of the Historical Opera House Society, Ellen Evans, Ed Haugan and Billie Herron were also interviewed at the Opera House. Thank you again to the Innovia Foundation for being part of this project!!

