|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Lewis County  **Youth Mentorship Program**  **April 2024** | The new Lewis County Youth Mentorship Program Logo was drawn by: Carmen Tavarez of Centralia, WA as voted on by Lewis County employees. Carmen’s drawing was voted on and chosen from among over 60 entries by Lewis County youth, Congratulations Carmen. | |
| Inside This Issue  Flower accent icon PG. 1  Welcome to Lewis County Youth Mentorship Program  Flower accent icon PG. 2  Upcoming Events and Trainings  Flower accent icon PG. 5  Community and News |
| "A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you." — Bob Proctor | Flower accent icon, larger Lewis County Youth mentorship**Mission Statement**Our mission is to inspire youth through meaningful relationships to make positive choices that will build resiliency, encourage growth, and enable them to pursue a successful future.**Vision Statement** Our vision is a Lewis County where every youth is supported, encouraged and empowered to reach their full potential through purposeful connections with caring adults. | |
| Upcoming Events and Trainings | | |
| Flower accent icon on second page Upcoming events in Lewis COuntyParticipants of Lions Fishing Derby  Lions Fishing Derby Fort Borst Park Historic downtown centralia  April  **5th Fri and 6th Sat**  3rd Annual Spring Fling at The Loft @ The Loft  Apr 5 @ 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  **Meet Fossil Team PDX @ Hands On Children's Museum in Olympia**  **Apr 5 @ 10:30 am – 4:00 pm**  Nevermind (Nirvana Tribute) and Jar of Flies (Alice in Chains Tribute)  McFiler’s, Chehalis Theater @ 8:00pm  [APRIL](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-13-2023/)  [6th Sat](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-13-2023/)  Up-Potting for Healthier Plants with Lewis County Master Gardeners @ Greenhouse at Fort Borst Demo Gardens @ 10:00 am  Lewis County Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet is coming up on April 6-7.  SW WA Fairgrounds, 2555 N. National Ave, Chehalis, WA  [APRIL](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-14-2023/)  [12th Fri and 13](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-14-2023/)[th](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-14-2023/) [Sat](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-14-2023/)  Annual Home and Garden Show, SW Washington Fairgrounds  APRIL  14th Sun  Hope For Tomorrow Dessert Fundraier  APRIL  20th Sat  Free Entrance Day at Mount Rainier National Park  Fee-free days at national parks offer an incredible opportunity for nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers to explore the natural wonders of the United States without any admission fees.  In celebration of Earth Day, Experience Chehalis is organizing an Earth Day Community Clean-up on Saturday, April 20 from 10 am – 2 pm.  The public is invited to come downtown and join in the activities. Volunteers can check in at the Lewis County Historical Museum and choose from a list of activities including weeding and wiping off benches to sweeping downtown and collecting litter in areas throughout Chehalis. To make it a little more fun, Experience Chehalis will offer raffle tickets in exchange for bags of litter returned.  Stop by for a trash bag at the Lewis County Historical Museum, and for each bag of litter picked up in Chehalis, volunteers will receive a raffle ticket towards downtown gift certificates and Earth Day-themed art by local artists. The drawing will take place at 2 pm and entrants need not be present to win. Experience Chehalis asks volunteers to call 360-345-1738 to register.  Those who register by April 10th will receive a free Experience Chehalis Earth Day t-shirt.  On the day of the event, please visit the museum to check-in.  Participate for an hour or the whole event.  For high school students, this can be a great opportunity to gain a few more volunteer hours.  [APRIL](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-23-2023/)  [21](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-23-2023/)[st](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-23-2023/) [Fri](https://www.lewistalk.com/centralia-events-calendar/action~oneday/exact_date~3-23-2023/)  High Tunnel Gardening: Community Learning with Farmer Burke, High tunnels are incredibly useful in our climate for extending your growing season. They require some special attention as well. Learn what you need to grow in your own high tunnel! Held at Olequa Farm: 1785 Ferrier Road, Winlock Classes are $10 and nobody is turned away for lack of funds. Family and kid pricing available. Please reach out if you need a scholarship.  APRIL  27th Sat  Join us for a weekend of engaging Revolutionary War era military demonstrations, fife and drum music, and 18th century living history camp on the grounds of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, WA. Entertaining and educational activities for the whole family!  Learn how an 18th century cannon is fired- then see it happen!  Watch the infantry regiments drill and fire their muskets!  Study 18th century replica maps with the HMS Chatham.  Talk with Patriot and Loyalist civilians in camp.  Listen to battle-ready songs of the Columbia Fife & Drum.  See how life was lived in the Revolutionary War Era.  Donations are appreciated. Free parking and restrooms are available. Handicap accessible grounds. Homeschool groups welcome. Families and children encouraged. Veterans Memorial Museum, Chehalis WA | | |
| Upcoming trainings **Stewards of Children®** The Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County (YAC) is a partner in prevention organization with [Darkness to Light](https://www.d2l.org/), a leader in child sexual abuse prevention education, research, and advocacy.  The Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County, Twin City Rotary Club, and United Way of Lewis County are hosting Stewards of Children® trainings.  The trainings are **FREE** prevention trainings provided by the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-informed program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.  To learn more about or to register for the Stewards of Children® trainings provided by the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County,  **MAY 10, 2023**   |  | | --- | | Resources  Lewis County Food Bank Coalition  750 SW 21st St  Chehalis, WA  (360) 330-1519  Lewis County Gospel Mission Food Pantry - Food Distribution Center  72 SW Chehalis Ave  Chehalis, WA  (360) 996-4474  Greater Chehalis Food Bank  750 SW 21st St  Chehalis, WA  (360) 748-1226  Gods Portion Food Bank  1025 F. St  Centralia, WA  Hub City Mission Food Pantry - Food Distribution Center  416 N Tower Ave  Centralia, WA  (360) 748-0119  Salvation Army-Centralia - Food Distribution Center  303 N. Gold  Centralia, WA  (360) 736-4339  Gather Church Food Bank and Meal Program - Food Distribution Center  408 W. main St  Centralia, WA  (360) 827-0264  Winlock-Vader Food Bank  503 NE 1st St  Winlock, WA  (360) 785-2185  Somma Food Bank  144 Wilcox Rd  Salkum, WA  (360) 985-7211  Toledo Food Bank - Food Distribution Center  130 2nd St N., Toledo, WA  (360) 978-4305  Winlock Vader Food Bank  203 NE 1st St  Winlock, WA  (360)785-6399 | | | |
| Helping one person might not change the world. But it could change the world for one person. | | Flower accent icon on third page Community AND nEWS Chehalis-Centralia Railroad to resume weekend excursions beginning April 6    **Mineral Lake’s 31st annual fishing derby scheduled for end of April, tickets on sale on April 26**    **Mossyrock Grange offering area residents free tax return filing help this weekend and in April** |
|  | | |