

# Employee Spotlight Awards



Every day, Lewis County employees demonstrate responsibility, initiative, teamwork, and dedication to public service.

These awards celebrate both individual employees and teams who go above and beyond serving our community with excellence and heart.

# Employee Spotlight Award

Dulce Almanza-Cabrera,  
Juvenile Probation Officer

Juvenile Court

*“She’s a powerhouse of knowledge stepping up both in and out of the courtroom.”*

*“She keeps our building a very well-oiled machine.”*

**Highlights: Leadership, mentorship, reliability, and commitment to teamwork.**



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Wes Anderson,  
County Engineer

Public Works

*“He believes in serving his staff and the people of the county.”*

*“A blessing to work for and with.”*

**Highlights: Compassionate leadership, learning mindset, and positive workplace culture.**



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Michael Mohr,  
Deputy Sheriff  
  
Sheriff's Office

*"Deputy Mohr's investigative skills are exceptional."*

*"He is a role model to fellow employees within the agency."*

**Highlights: Professionalism, independence, excellence in law enforcement.**



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Rocky Lyon,  
Solid Waste Services  
Manager

Public Works

*“His actions saved valuable staff time and strengthened collaboration.”*

*“He reflects strong work ethic and genuine investment in county operations.”*

**Highlights: Initiative, problem-solving, cross-department teamwork.**



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Chelsie Niemczek,  
Chief Deputy  
Coroner

Coroner's Office

*"Chelsie is loved on scene and off."*

*"The best chief in the whole county...  
Chelsie truly cares about people."*

**Highlights: Compassionate  
leadership, transformation, and  
employee well-being.**



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Rudy Rodriguez,  
Budget Analyst 3

Budget/Risk

*“Rudy’s dedication has significantly enhanced efficiency and transparency.”*

*“His commitment to learning and sharing knowledge makes him a true asset.”*

**Highlights: Innovation, collaboration, and strategic financial management.**



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Rachel Lester,  
HR Generalist Sr.

Human Resources

*“Rachel is the glue that has been holding the department together through intense change.”*

*“She demonstrates that she cares immensely for the current and future workforce by communicating effectively and being quick to act.”*

**Highlights: Dependability, care for others, and efficiency.**



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Rieva Lester,  
Clerk of the  
Board

Administration

*“Rieva always goes above and beyond in everything she does.”*

*“We are so lucky to have her on our team.”*

**Highlights: Committed, Hardworking, and Dedicated**



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Chris Lanegan,  
Chief Appraiser

Assessor's Office

*"Chris makes sure his team is treated fairly."*

*"He always keeps his composure and helps in difficult situations."*

**Highlights: Committed, Hardworking,  
and Advocate for his Team**



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Kendra Garrison  
Office Manager

Public Health &  
Social Services

*“Kendra always shows up to work with a positive attitude”*

*“Her disciplined approach to project and fiscal administration, helps to create a safer, healthier, and a thriving community”*

**Highlights: Committed, Hardworking, and Positivity**



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Bryan Hall  
Fiscal Analyst

Public Health &  
Social Services

*“Bryan guided us through an intense and time constraining process, with ease”*

*“He gets answers in a different way, a good different way.”*

**Highlights: Committed, Hardworking, and Innovative**



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Kai Fleming,  
Road Maintenance  
Technician  
Area 3

Public Works

*“Kai placed 1<sup>st</sup> place at the statewide APWA Equipment ROADeo for the Skid Steer”*

“Kai consistently: shows up ready to work hard in providing quality services to our public”

**Highlights: Committed, Hardworking, and Dedicated**



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## Fair & Events Team

- Fionna Velazquez, Fair & Events Manager
- Ashley Hamilton, Fair & Events Coordinator
- Elizabeth Hill, Accounting Analyst
- Violet Barboza, Office Assistant Senior
- Abigail Churchill, Office Assistant,
- Holland Ray, Events Technician

*“They put together a fair in 4 months — and it was outstanding.”*

*“Their positive attitude and teamwork created a better vibe across the fairgrounds.”*

**Highlights: Innovation, collaboration, and community pride.**



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## 911 Communications

Lisa Brockmueller

Liz Casteel

Micaela Cloutier

Eric Connor

Candi Danielson

Abby Guenther

DJ Hammer

Christin Joner

Jasmine Lopez

Lindy Munoz

Jordan Pass

Morgan Pudelko

Michelle Schlecht

Kaylea Smith

Jeanetta Yund

*"They are the backbone of Lewis County 911."*

*"They've given up countless hours for their community."*

**Highlights: Dedication, resilience, and public safety excellence.**



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## Public Works Chipseal Crew

- Chipspreader — Justin DeWitt, Luke Olsen (Colton Brown, backup)
- Fog Seal Supervisor- Luke Brooks
- Distributor — Josh Rogers, Jared Rogers (Luke Lennox, backup)
- Rollers — Tim Boyer, Colby Mitchell, Todd Weaver
- Loader — Cody Husser
- Utility Workers — Brandon Gallagher, Darson Balsemer
- Lead Flagger — Matt Wichert
- Pilot Car — Brandon Barnes
- Low Boy — Todd Weaver, Cody Husser
- Truck Boss — Tyson Drevniak
- Flaggers — Carter Stennick, Dominic Winters
- Truck Drivers — Paul Hodel, Andrew Shedd, Wayne Chase, Lyle Metzenberg, Colton Brown, Scott Hicks, Luke Lennox, Steve Pendleton
- Truck Driver Extras — Kai Fleming, Tylar Barr
- Supervisor — John Link

*“One of the best oiling programs around.”*

*“This crew shows up for each other and for the County every single day, their teamwork and pride make a visible difference in our roads and our community.”*

**Highlights: Work ethic, teamwork, quality service to residents, and pride in public service.**



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# Celebrating the Heart of Lewis County

These stories reflect the very best of  
who we are — dedicated public  
servants making a difference every day.

Thank you for your service and  
commitment to Lewis County!



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