

# Chamber of Commerce welcoming many new businesses to Newcastle

## Newcastle Chamber helps city race into the future

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After taking over the directorship of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce in August, Gayla Riddle has decided to put a focus on the Chambers social media presence, and through other forms of media.

“We’re just doing a lot to support small business in Newcastle through our newsletter, our Facebook page, or Instagram page, the Business Spotlight of the Month. We also have Volunteer of the Month. For the Business of the Month, we will show a short clip to feature the business. That can be seen on our social media pages. In August, we were trying to visit all of the members since I was new.”

Riddle said the Chamber and its member businesses find a mutually benefit in working together to encourage the growth in Newcastle.

“I think that, from our members’ perspective, they appreciate the chamber,” Riddle said. “I feel like they’ve been pleased with the way things are going. We have fun promoting them. Newcastle is fast-growing.”

The Newcastle, Blanchard, and Tuttle Chambers have decided to partner up to encourage citizens who are not going to eat or shop in town to try to shop in one of the other two Tri-City communities.

“The point of the chamber partnership is for all of our members to come together for some lighthearted networking,” Riddle said. “And promote kinship

between the three cities. We want people to know that if they’re not going to eat in Newcastle or go shopping there, then to try to keep it in the Tri-City area.”

The chamber has many events it is looking forward to. On April 20, the city will host a bed race, thanks to another community-minded organization. “It will be held the same day as the city’s Easter egg hunt,” Riddle said. “The Blanchard Education Foundation will be sponsoring it and it’s going to be fun.”

“The fourth Friday of every month is our luncheon. The next one is February 26, And will be hosted at first national bank in Blanchard, since they are these monster over the luncheon. The chamber is also putting together a scholarship opportunity for a local youth with a series of fundraisers.”

The Chamber’s goal is to raise \$5,000 and split that among a certain number of students graduating from Newcastle this year. “We give all of the money away,” Riddle said. “April 20 is the City Of Newcastle’s Easter egg event.

It’s a great opportunity too for members to set up a booth or have games to play. They could speak with people about what they do with their business.

“The second Friday of each month at 8 a.m., the chamber hosts a early morning coffee, which provides local business people an opportunity to meet each other in a smaller group.”

Further into the year, the Chamber will host and attend many community events. For more info, find them on Facebook.



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Ruby’s K9 Corral recently had a ribbon-cutting in Newcastle with the Chamber of Commerce. Below, The Heat & Air Guy also held a ribbon-cutting with the chamber in 2018.

