

OUR MISSION:

- Preserving the competitive free enterprise system of business.
- Promoting business and community growth and development.



Gene Weaver

NOTE from the PRESIDENT

AN EXCITING NEW CHALLENGE!

In case you haven't heard, Thurston County has served notice of intent to close down use of the Rochester Community Clothing Bank. The old Double wide mobile doesn't meet required use standards.

Several of our Directors, inspired by Shawna Bruce, have volunteered to coordinate our Chamber taking the lead in a community effort to raise funds and construct a new building for the clothing bank.

We have taken on and accomplished some amazing projects the last couple of years, but this one is by far the most ambitious test of our abilities!

Stay tuned for more information and how we can all use our talents to help out.

Gene

New Chamber Office

The Grand Mound-Rochester Chamber of Commerce now has a home!

We are located in the Dream Weavers Real Estate Office at 9917 Hwy 12 in downtown Rochester. Contact information for member business and general Chamber information is available.

BOARD MEMBERS...

- Gene Weaver, President
- Kim Fry, Vice President
- Amy Howlett, Secretary
- Shaun Baker, Treasurer
- Dick Bailey, Member-at-large
- Shawna Bruce, Member-at-large
- Ron Grant, Member-at-large
- Bill Liddle, Member-at-large
- Bill Zimmerman, Membership Chaiman



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Together We can make a difference

FEATURE BUSINESS

Chettie White

Chettie's Woodworking, LLC

Chettie White started wood working many years ago doing projects for friends and relatives. They repeatedly suggested that he go into business, so in 2001 he acquired a business license and opened up shop. He worked the business part time, while working his full time job for a few years. When the orders grew he decided to take his woodworking business full time and has been busy ever since. As the business continues to grow, through referrals and advertising, he will need to hire employees.

Chettie believes that offering one of a kind, high end, quality work with custom stains and tints at a fair price really sets his work apart from what you buy readymade.

Chettie likes the small town feel of our community and enjoys being able to give back. He gives his time and his wares to several community organizations. He is the President of Swede Hall and has served on the planning committee for Swede Day for several years.

Business Name: Chettie's Woodworking LLC

Services: Custom furniture, cabinets, butcher block countertops, entertainment centers, cabinet re-facing, furniture refinishing and beautiful cutting boards. If you can imagine it, he can build it.

Location: 5939 184th Ln SW Rochester

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or by appointment.



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Joining the Chamber is easy and affordable! The annual membership fee is \$60.00. To sign up, mail your name, name of business, mailing address, phone, and e-mail address along with your payment to:

Grand Mound Rochester
Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 211, Rochester, WA 98579

- 184th Avenue Apartments
- Advanced Drilling
- Americool Heating and A/C
- Asphalt-Tech
- Bailey's IGA
- Bailey's Northwest Property Management
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Riley Insurance
- Chettie's Woodworking, LLC
- Cindi Whiting - Edward Jones Investments
- Dream Weavers, Inc.
- Edminster Construction
- First Choice Self Storage
- Gate Ranch Golf Club
- Grand Mound Beverages
- Grand Mound Licensing
- Hall Crystal Flutes
- Hawes Gutters
- Hexen Glass Studio
- Hinkle Homes, Inc.
- James L. Prato Insurance
- Jay's Fruit Stand
- JJ's Towing
- JMJ Accounting Services
- JNL Stoves
- Johnson & Johnson Overhead doors, Inc.
- Junction Sports Bar & Grill

- Kay Crookshanks Investment Advisor
- Key Bank
- Law Office of Laurel Smith
- Lucky Eagle Casino
- Mariachi Mexican Restaurant
- Morgan Family Dental
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Outback RV Park
- Photography by Robin
- Port of Olympia
- PRC Maintenance and Construction
- Rick's Kustom Kars
- Rochester Lumber
- Rochester School District
- Rochester Sun News
- Rochester United Methodist Church
- ROOF Community Services
- Scatter Creek Animal Clinic
- Security State Bank
- Stephen Angove, CPA
- Sto N Go Storage
- Sterling Bank
- Timberland Regional Library
- Umpqua Bank
- VJ's Bargain Barn
- Weaver Investments

There's room on this list for your business!

Not sure if the Chamber is for you?

Decide after you join us for a lunch meeting.

Successful Business **SPECIAL Article**

The Benefits of Shopping and Buying Locally

By Jeff Milchen

In the smallest towns, bustling cities, and everything in between, more citizens lament losing a sense of community and local character. Meanwhile, national chains and on-line mega-stores continue gaining market and pushing independent businesses to margins in many sectors. This trend is considered symptomatic of our loss of community orientation, but could it also be a primary cause? And what are the economic costs to our communities as absentee-owned corporations displace locally-owned businesses?

Of course, we usually choose to do businesses where we perceive the best value for our time and money. But in an age where we're bombarded with thousands of corporate advertisements daily, perceptions may differ widely from reality. The unrelenting emphasis on cheapness above all other values leads many people to overlook the values independent businesses provide us, both personally and in our communities.

The disappearance of local businesses leaves a social and economic void that is palpable and real even when it goes unmeasured, and a community's quality of life changes in ways that macroeconomics is slow to measure (or ignores completely) *(to be continued)*

Report: Grand Mound/Rochester Business Survey Walkabout

TYPE OF COMPANY

47.6%	Corporation
33.3%	Sole Proprietor
9.5%	LLC
4.8%	Franchise
4.8%	Nonprofit

63.2% ARE FAMILY OWNED

LIFE CYCLE OF COMPANY

47.6%	Maturing
33.3%	Growing
14.3%	Emerging
4.8%	Declining

(To be continued next Issue)

WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization that connects businesses in order to build a better community.

The major responsibility of a Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the community's economic well-being by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. Our Chamber of Commerce works to ensure the Grand Mound Rochester area has a voice in county and state issues impacting businesses, and supports community events and service organizations.

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Upcoming Meetings:

Meetings are held at noon on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Lunch \$10

- Sept 3—Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Steven Drew, Thurston County Assessor
- Oct 1 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Unknown at this time.