

'Amazing team' gets credit for five years of success

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Five years ago, Angie Beirne couldn't have imagined what the future would hold for her fledgling hair salon.

Now, the stylist and owner of Allyn Hair & Bodyworks is amazed with how far she's come.

"We've accomplished all the goals that we set out to do," Beirne remarked. "I had no idea, none at all that we'd accomplish this so fast. We just have an amazing team, where everybody really supports each other."

Allyn Hair & Bodyworks celebrated its five-year anniversary last month, in the same space that Beirne fell in love with all those years ago.

Beirne has worked on hair since she graduated high school, attending classes at a junior college while going to beauty school and training for her dream job to be a hairstylist.

For several years, Beirne juggled two jobs so that she could maintain her passion of styling hair, but also earn benefits and retirement at a more stable position.

She worked for SeaF-

irst Bank before its merger with Bank of America and for a decade at the McNeil Island Corrections Center, all the while styling hair as an independent contractor.

After she married, her husband, Eric Beirne, encouraged her to simplify her life and follow her passion.

"My husband was really ready for me to do one job," Beirne recalled. "I didn't want to give up hair because it was my love. McNeil was going through a bunch of changes, closing facilities. It looked like my job was going to change. That's when we knew it was time to open a salon."

The Beirnes live in Gig Harbor, and initially, that's where Angie Beirne sought out spaces.

"I looked in Port Orchard, some places in Belfair and of course, Gig Harbor," she said. "The whole time I had a friend who said, you have to check out this space (in Allyn). For some reason, I always put it off. When I finally came to take a look, I knew this was it."

Allyn Hair & Bodyworks opened in 2009, but for the

first two years of the business, Beirne continued to work at McNeil Island.

The salon started with three hairdressers, who continue to lease space at the salon as independent contractors. At the time, the salon also had a masseuse, a spray tan station and tanning beds.

Over time, Beirne and her husband built rooms in the back and renovated to accommodate the growing needs of their business.

In the five years since it opened, Beirne has added three more hairdressers, an esthetician and two nail technicians, with plans to hire a third.

Earlier this year, Beirne also hired two receptionists for the first time. Previously, all of the stylists would chip in time to greet people and answer the phones.

In November, one of the nail technicians also plans to start offering reflexology.



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Angie Beirne, owner and hairstylist at Allyn Hair & Bodyworks, opened her salon five years ago. The business has grown to accommodate six hairstylists, two nail technicians, a masseuse and an esthetician.

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PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5:30pm October 17, 2014, at the Timberland Regional Library located 23081 Washington 3 in Belfair, Washington

2:30pm October 21, 2014, at Mason Transit Authority located at 790 E Johns Prairie Rd in Shelton, Washington

Final comments and adoption of Project 1 will occur at the regular meeting of the MTA Authority Board immediately following the final Public Hearing opportunity on October 21, 2014. Projects 2 & 3 may be adopted, upon budget approval, at the joint meeting of the MTA Authority and Advisory Board on December 16, 2014.

Documentation detailing the proposed service changes will be available via link through the MTA website masontransit.org and hard copy at the MTA business offices on or before October 15, 2014. We welcome your questions and comments on the proposed service changes.



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