

Business Connections



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Business Spotlight: Brim Tractor Featured Vendor at 57th Annual Home Show

At the young age of 22, Bill Brim became part-owner of his first tractor dealership. Bill and his wife Margaret founded Brim tractor in 1966 in Lynden, Washington. They also had a large impact on the industry as a whole. The Brims brought the first hydraulic-arm Bomford mower from England which revolutionized maintaining roadsides and freeways. In the 1970's Dan's older brothers, Bob, Alan, and Dave computerized the company and marketed their business management software through the company they formed, Dealer Information Systems (DIS Corp), which is still helping to modernize agricultural, construction, truck refrigeration and lift truck dealerships today.

In 1984 Dan Brim returned home from college and joined the family business. In 1988 Alan bought the business from Bill. The business changed family hands one more time

in 1997, when Dan and Teresa bought it from Alan. In 2000, Dan started expanding at a rate of about one new location opening a year.

In February of this year, Brim Tractor acquired Klamath Basin Equipment in Oregon, adding 4 new locations to the Brim Tractor dealership family, totalling 11 locations across Washington and Oregon. "Brim Tractor is growing, but Dan Brim still manages to keep that Mom and Pop feel by being involved in the community," Sales Consultant Kyle Myhre commented. Brim Tractor sponsors the Chehalis Little League, which Myhre's wife has coached for three years.

Brim Tractor carries the newest models from a wide selection of top tractors and accessories with a team of professionals including finance experts, service technicians and experienced parts and sales departments. Some



of the brands include New Holland, Yanmar, Alamo, Bad Boy, Braber Equipment, JCB, Millcreek, Diamond Mowers, Supreme, and Woods. Brim offers a full range of services from equipment sales to warranty repairs. The service department diagnoses, acquires parts, and repairs equipment including those they do not carry so their customers can get back to work. Delivery options are available as well. "It's nice

to have a one-stop shop. The support you can get after the sale is huge." Myhre said.

As a vendor at the 57th Annual Home Show, Brim Tractor is there to answer any questions about their services and the tractors and implements they offer. Brim carries many different types of tractors, including smaller models tailored toward hobby farms and homeowners. About

70-80% of their business is to homeowners, which may be surprising to some. Watch for a new location to open in Yelm with a tentative open date in 2024. Visit Brim Tractor's booth at the Chamber's 57th Annual Home Show at the SouthWest Washington Fairgrounds April 14 & 15 at the Blue Pavilion. Brim Tractor is located at 155 N Hamilton Rd. in Chehalis. Find out more about Brim Tractor at www.brimtractor.com.

Impact of the new Payroll Tax!

The Washington State Legislature is down to the final month. The House is considering legislation that passed the Senate, the Senate is considering legislation that passed the House, both chambers are reconciling legislation through the conference process, and legislation that passed both chambers are being sent to the governor for his signature, or veto. To say the least, there

are a lot of late night, early mornings, and negotiations.

As we approached this last month, I was appreciative of all those who attended the 20th Legislative District virtual town hall. Senate Republican Leader John Braun, Rep. Ed Orcutt, and I welcomed the opportunity to provide an update on the 2023 legislative session. We also greatly valued hearing from folks throughout the 20th District about issues that matter most to them.

The legislative town hall was an expanded version of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce monthly town hall we host for the community.



Rep.
Peter Abbarno

The most common issues we heard from constituents about concerned public safety, homelessness, and the high cost of living – the same kitchen table issues I hear about every week in the community.

Families are struggling to keep up with the high cost of groceries, fuel, education, childcare, and housing. They're also fed up with the chronic failure to address homelessness, hard drug use, and crime. Every year, it seems, Olympia adds more taxes, rules, and regulations – all of which make it harder to succeed. And every year we continually see the same policy failures on public safety and other quality of life issues.

As frustrating as the status quo may be, we can't give up on our state's future. We must continue to fight for our values that will help build stronger communities and stronger families. That begins with making sure you can keep more money to invest in your family.

As families plan their daily, weekly, and monthly budgets, another issue that is again beginning to take front stage is the state's long-term care payroll tax. My office has received numerous calls and messages in recent weeks about the payroll tax.

In July, the new payroll tax starts being deducted from the paycheck of every W-2 in the State of Washington belonging

to a worker who has not previously found alternative long-term care plans and opted out of the program.

I introduced bi-partisan legislation for the second-year to repeal the program for several reason and for the second-year majority democrats did not even give the policy a hearing. The long-term care payroll tax program is:

Unpopular: In 2019, almost 63% of voters opposed the long-term care payroll tax program on the general election ballot. Subsequently in 2022, more than 475,000 workers opted out of the program. Unfortunately, too many workers either missed the opt-out window or were unable to make alternative plans. For now, if you missed the opportunity to opt-out, your family is stuck paying the new tax.

Unfair: The long-term care payroll tax hurts the families that are least able to pay the new tax. The tax takes \$0.58 per \$100 earned.

A family with a household income of \$60,000 would pay an additional \$348 per year for the program regardless of their ability to pay.

Workers close to retirement earning \$60,000 would also pay an additional \$29 per month even though they won't be eligible for the program.

The program is not portable to another state; therefore, a person retiring in Arizona after



Senator
John Braun



Rep.
Ed Orcutt

contributing to the program for 50 years would not be eligible for any of the benefits and lose all the money they invested.

A spouse contributing to the program for 50 years could not transfer the benefit to a stay-at-home spouse who might need the long-term care.

Inadequate: The long-term care payroll tax program provides only \$36,500 worth of total benefits, regardless of the amount invested in the program. The benefit, even adjusted for inflation, would provide inadequate care and is not a "long-term" solution. Testimony from care providers indicated this could be as short as one to two months of care; not long term as promised.

I believe long-term care planning is important; however, the long-term care payroll tax program is not a solution. It gives workers the false impression that their long-term care is being addressed. That is why I believe we must repeal the long-term care payroll tax, hit the reset button, and work on a real way to incentivize long-term care planning.

I will continue to work on repealing the payroll tax and on policies that ease the financial burden on families seeking more financial security and independent. As always, feel free to reach out to my office with any comments or questions. I can be reached by visiting www.RepresentativePeterAbbarno.com or through E-mail at Peter.Abbarno@Leg.Wa.Gov.

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Cultivating Inclusion

Cultivating Inclusion – Lewis County is Hosting a Career Fair in Partnership with Economic Alliance and sponsored by Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce

Cultivating Inclusion – Lewis County is an organization involving a broad array of community partners dedicated to promoting acceptance and empowerment of Lewis County residents who have intellectual, behavioral and/or physical differences. As part of these efforts, Cultivating Inclusion is hosting the first Inclusive Career Fair on Wednesday, April 26, at Centralia College's TransAlta Commons. The Career Fair is open to the public from 1 to 3 pm, with a lunchtime workshop for employers prior to the event. The Inclusive Career Fair is hosted in partnership with Economic Alliance of Lewis County and sponsored by Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce.

Nicole Miller, Operations Director for the Inclusion Career Fair spearheaded this effort. "I've been to many job fairs with clients where employers have generally been responsive but we thought it would be good to create a more intentional space, especially for



students and young people to learn more about careers and for employers who are out there to find a good fit."

Lisa Davis, Cultivating Inclusion board President, added, "Anytime we talk about employment, it's not strictly about getting or giving a job; it's about getting to know and learn from each other."

All are welcome to attend, with an emphasis on individuals who are neurodiverse, have developmental disabilities or differences, high school students with an IEP or a 504 plan, or anyone who has had difficulty accessing employment through the



Photo by Brittany Voie

Cultivating Inclusion Hiring Campaign - Hannah poses next to a Twin Transit bus she is featured on as part of the 2021 Inclusive Hiring Campaign.

typical application process.

"The Chamber is especially pleased to partner with this project as it dovetails nicely with our June and September hiring events," noted Chamber Director Cynthia Mudge. "This is a great opportunity for employers to broaden and diversify their hiring pool."

Attendees will meet with various employers and industry representatives and are encouraged to bring

several copies of their resumes. Volunteers are available throughout the event offering resume advice to attendees.

For details visit CultivatingInclusion.org

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Ferrellgas : Fueling Lewis County and America



Ferrellgas got its start in Chehalis more than 40 years ago by acquiring the Buckeye Gas Products Company and CalGas locations in the area (among many others as well). Matt Sayers has been an account manager with Ferrellgas for more than 22 years. Sayers explained that their customers come from all aspects of life: Residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural. Their services span from home, business, forklift cylinders to propane delivery. "We strive to keep

our business local and we love giving back to the community," stated Sayers. Ferrellgas has donated propane and barbecues to local schools and businesses in the area.

Propane fuels more than just heating homes and cooking. For example, Washington is the largest producer of mint in the country. Mint farmers use propane to dry their crops. Vineyards also use propane for frost prevention. Almost half of the propane industry consumption is used to make



plastic along with many other industrial uses. In 2021, 3.2% of homes in Washington state used propane as their primary energy source, while the United States average was 5%.

Ferrellgas has been a chamber member for more than a decade and is participating in the 57th Annual Home Show on April 14 and 15. They will be present to answer your questions about the benefits of propane heat and if it is a good fit for your home or business. A 500 gallon underground

propane tank will be on display at the show as well. Ferrellgas is located at 2811 Jackson Hwy in Chehalis. Find out more at www.ferrellgas.com.

... Sources:

State Energy Profile Information <https://www.eia.gov/state/data.php?sid=WA>

University of Wisconsin: Facts about Propane <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/KEEP/Documents/Activities/Energy%20Fact%20Sheets/FactsAboutPropane.pdf>

The Roof Doctor Family

After three generations of roofing experience, the Slater family might be the most knowledgeable when it comes to roofing. Ken Slater Sr. founded The Roof Doctor and opened its first location in Olympia in 1959. Ken Jr. began working with his Dad at the age of 10, joined the family business at age 19, and has been leading the company for more than 40 years now. His sisters, Tara Monohan and Briana Slater, help run the company and Ken's son, Shea, is an estimator making the business very much a family endeavor. Gail, the office manager, might as well be a part of the family having worked with Ken Jr. for 40 years.

The Chehalis Roof Doctor location opened in the late 1970s. They now have a total of six locations in Olympia, Chehalis, Tacoma, Shelton, Hoquiam and Longview. What

really sets the Roof Doctor apart from the competition is the longevity and experience the team demonstrates. Customer service is the key standard, and management shepards the crew to each job and makes sure there is a manager on the job site to ensure top quality work. "If customers aren't satisfied, then we aren't done!," explained Ken Jr.

As a long-standing Chamber member, the Roof Doctor works with USDA loans, payment plans and will give you the most cost-effective roof. "We are grateful to be in business for such a long time- Lewis County is the best. I love all my customers. I'd rather be in Lewis County than anywhere else," Slater states. You can find The Roof Doctor participating in the 57th Annual Home Show on April 14 and 15 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. The Roof Doctor



Colton Watts and Shea Slater pose in front of the Chehalis Roof Doctor.



The iconic Roof Doctor logo on the side of a work truck.

is located at 1522 Bishop Rd. in Chehalis. Find out more

about the company at www.theroofdoctor.com.

BIZZBUZZ



WHAT'S THE BUZZ?



Spring Fever at the Centralia Outlets

Think of refreshing hues like whites, creams, and pastels. Incorporate this spring palette into your Easter Sunday outfit, and find dresses, blouses, pants, and accessories at the Centralia Outlets. Find adorable clothes for both boys and girls sizes 0 to 16 at the Children's Place and Gap Factory, while Polo Ralph Lauren carries sizes 0 to 20 for boys and 0 to 16 for girls. Lane Bryant, Chico's, and the DXL Mens Outlet are great options for the grownups in the family. Spring training season is also here. Whether it's a team or individual sport, athletes require sportswear that is practical and comfortable. At New Balance, Nike, and Under Armour you will find all types of apparel including base layers, polos, t-shirts, tanks, shorts, hoodies, and more importantly athletic shoes. Discover the savings on spring apparel as our brands prepare for incoming summer fashion. Also, be on the lookout for final clearance winter clothing as well, living in the PNW means that sometimes we need to be prepared for four different seasons in one day on occasion. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to see the latest arrivals for our brands, and as always save on the brands you love every day at the Centralia Outlets.



Local Realtor Celebrates Major Milestone

Busch Buschlen, local realtor with Chehalis Valley Realty celebrates 53 years in real estate April 15, 2023. This major accolade comes with decades of knowledge and experience. Busch was raised in Michigan, but after marrying the love of his life in May 1962, he and his wife Jan moved West to escape the cold Michigan winters. They moved first to Seattle, then on to California, and lastly Mexico where they taught, traveled, and discovered numerous archaeology sites before returning back to Washington. Upon their return, Busch decided to get his real estate license in April 1970, then welcomed daughter Julie in July 1970. While Busch has traveled to every state in the country and held property in many places, he has called Lewis County home since 1977. In his spare time, Busch enjoys spending time with family, traveling, attending weekly Men's Group Breakfast, playing cards, and catching up with friends. If you would like to congratulate Busch on this achievement or have questions about real estate, feel

free to call the office at 360-740-4222.



The Chronicle

Tourism is an economic engine. If you want a new income stream for your business you need to target tourists this travel session. Mount St. Helens and Mt. Rainier are two of the biggest tourist attractions in Washington State. And, if you fly into Seattle, you have to go through Centralia and Chehalis to get there.

The Chronicle is publishing this year's Southwest Washington Tourism Guide. We are printing more than 30,000 copies and it will be distributed in all 3 of our newspapers (The Chronicle in Centralia, The Nisqually Valley News in Yelm, and The Reflector in Battle Ground) as well as the visitor centers, chamber of commerces, hotels, and rest areas throughout SW Washington. The bottom line; this Tourism Guide is going to influence where people travel to this season and you should be included.

We have a team of very talented graphic designers that can make sample ads for your business if you want to see what it would look like, at no cost, if you think this is an interesting idea.

Please reach out to me at The Chronicle if you want to drive more new customers to your business this year!
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Dawn's Delectables to Celebrate Milestone 10-Year Diamond Anniversary

Woman, Veteran-Owned Dessert & Sandwich Shoppe Will Host Prairie Fire Band
Dawn's Delectables has announced plans to celebrate their upcoming 10th anniversary of operation in historic downtown Centralia. On Tuesday, April 18, Dawn's Delectables will be offering free drip coffee and 10% off eat-in orders all day. Then from 3pm-6pm they will have free cupcakes and dolce fine espresso shots while hosting the well-known Prairie Fire Band. The public is invited to join in festivities all day long.

When Dawn Merchant opened Dawn's Delectables in 2013, the shoppe occupied one space on North Tower Avenue. Since then, Dawn's Delectables has expanded and doubled its building footprint, now occupying an entire ground level of their building located at the intersection of North Tower and Pine Street, next to Pine Street Plaza.

In the past 10 years, Dawn's Delectables has earned countless local awards, including numerous nominations and wins in The Chronicle's "Best of Lewis County," as well as nods in KMNT's "Listener's Choice" event and United

Way's "Chef's Night Out," among other events in the community and region.



Experience Chehalis Hosts Earth Day Community Clean-up on April 22

In celebration of Earth Day, Experience Chehalis is organizing their 2nd Annual Earth Day Community Clean-up on Saturday, April 22 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 trash bags 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. 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 or email info@experiencechehalis.com 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! Find more information at experiencechehalis.com/business/earth-day.



The Growth Roadmap Workshop

Join us as we host a workshop created to create a customized and relevant roadmap for your manufacturing business. The Growth Roadmap Workshop will help your organization and prioritize the growth opportunities in your business so instead of running all over the place trying to fix everything, you can identify and prioritize the areas that will generate the most immediate impact and success.

Happening April 13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Centralia College SWFT Center located at 807 W. Pear St. in Centralia.

- Who should attend?
- Business owners
 - Executives
 - C-suite
 - General Managers
 - Plant Managers
 - Other critical decision makers

Presented by Impact Washington, hosted by Economic Alliance of Lewis County.

To claim your spot: Contact Dolly Tardiff, Economic Alliance of Lewis County

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Lewis County Residential Only Stats for February, 2023:
Total Sold - 59 homes!
Average Sales Price - \$419,668
Percent of List Price Received - 97.9%

The numbers above show that it is still a great time to buy and sell in our area!! Call (360) 520-4810 or visit www.pbthomes.com with any questions regarding these stats, real estate interest, and your home's value!

(All data from Northwest Multiple Listing Service)



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Do you have something lying around your home that could be useful again if only you knew how to repair it?

Join us at the free Repair Fair. Volunteers experienced in repair will be on hand to try to fix items brought in by the public. They will do their best to make repairs.

We are very excited to be offering the first Repair Fair in Lewis County on Earth Day- April 22! It will be at the Swift Center at Centralia College from 10 am to 2 pm. Bring in any small household items, such as:

Chairs and tables
Blenders, coffee makers, lamps, and fans
Cell phones with broken screens
Clothing and curtains, ripped or needing minor alterations
You will need to bring your own replacement parts and materials for specialized repairs, which many are. For more information please call the Lewis County Solid Waste Utility at 360-740-1451 or email swu@lewiscountywa.gov.



WSU Lewis County Master Gardeners

Pre - Registration is required by 3pm on the Thursday before the workshop.

Gardening for Everyone, April 8th, 9am - 4pm, Centralia College - Washington Hall
Pre-registration not required.
Workshops available are as follows:
9 am - 10:30 am Stream Team & Public Outreach, Basic Vegetable Gardening, or Stormwater Management in Centralia.
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Inviting Pest Fighting Pollinators into Your Garden, Roses: Selection, Planning and Care, or Growing Plants Inside a Greenhouse/Polytube.
12:45 pm - 2:15 pm Aerated Static Compost, Identifications of Priority Noxious Weeds and Their Control, or Hoop-houses.

Rose Care and Pruning, April 15th, 10am, Providence Place Demonstration Garden, 350 SE Washington Ave., Chehalis
Care & pruning of rose bushes does not have to be intimidating or difficult. Join us to learn some basic rose care and how to prune for healthier, happier blooms.

Deer Resistant Gardening, April 29th, 10am, Fort Borst Park Demonstration Garden Located by the Historic Borst Home
In this class we will learn how to design a deer resistant garden without fences and what plants to select.

For more information, contact Jason Adams, Program Coordinator, WSU Lewis County Gardeners at 360-740-1216 or Jason.Adams@lewiscountywa.gov



57th Annual Home Show

April 14th & 15th

Hours: Friday - 12pm-7:30pm
Saturday - 10am-5:30pm

Admission: \$5 Adults
\$3 Seniors & Children under 12

Location: SWW Fairgrounds, Blue Pavilion
1909 S. Gold Street

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Rob Fuller Fund is now a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit



The Rob Fuller Scholarship fund was established in honor of long-time Lewis County resident, community business owner, volunteer and philanthropist Rob Fuller. Fuller passed away in 2011 from lung cancer but his legacy of philanthropy, commitment to excellence and passion for community lives on through the Fund. Each year the Chamber awards eligible high school seniors up to \$1000 in scholarship funds with hopes that recipients will continue Rob Fuller’s legacy of love for community and dedication to volunteering and



philanthropic efforts. In 2022 the Chamber Board established the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund as its own 501 (c) 3 non-profit and now has its own board to oversee the activities of the fund. This new designation means that donations to the

fund are now tax deductible ensuring the longevity and stability of the scholarships. Contributions made from now on are tax-deductible and go towards the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund. Visit www.RobFullerFund.org to find out more! To make

a donation to the Rob Fuller Fund simply call (360) 748-8885 with a card payment or mail a check made out to The Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund to 500 NW Chamber of Commerce Way, Chehalis WA 98532.

10 Different Scholarships Available for local High School Students

The Chamber is excited to announce there are 10 different scholarships available to high school students from Centralia, Chehalis and Adna. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$1000 and are awarded at the annual Rob Fuller Scholarship Luncheon honoring the top 25 students from Centralia and Chehalis.

Each scholarship has different application criteria, so there may be more than one available to your student. Area businesses have graciously donated the funds for these scholarships to help students achieve their goals and to inspire them to give back to their community.

Application Deadline is 4 pm April 28, at the Chamber office. Scholarships available:

The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce 2023 Rob Fuller Scholarship

Available to all children or grandchildren of current Chamber Members that are seniors at W.F. West and Centralia High School.

The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce 2023 Olivia Mitchell Scholarship

Available to Adna High School Seniors.

The 2023 Althausen Rayan Abbarno, LLP Cheyllyn Collinsworth Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from W.F. West and Centralia High School based on their interest in a teaching career.

The 2023 Boys and Girls Club Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from WF West and Centralia High School.

The 2023 Centralia Community Foundation Education Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating seniors from Centralia High School based on their desire to go into the field of education.

The 2023 Rainier Connect STEM Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from WF West and Centralia High School based on their educational experience with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The 2023 Title Guaranty Company of Lewis County Citizenship Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from W.F. West and Centralia High School based on their demonstration of citizenship.

The 2023 TwinStar Credit Union Business Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship

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The 2023 Valley View Health Center Nursing Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from W.F.

West and Centralia High School based on their intent to seek a degree as a Registered Nurse.

The 2023 Visiting Nurses Foundation Scholarship

Available to all 2023 graduating Seniors from W.F. West and Centralia High School based on their intent to seek a degree as a Registered Nurse.

Visit www.RobFullerFund.org for applications and more information

To donate or to sponsor the Rob Fuller Scholarship Luncheon email thechamber@chamberway.com or call 360-748-8885.

Thank you Rainier Connect and KELA / KMNT for being our event sponsors!

Scholarship applications must be received by 4 pm on April 28, 2023. Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce - 500 NW Chamber of Commerce Way - Chehalis, WA 98532

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Noon

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Monthly Forum

Thursday, April 13

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11:30 am at
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Eisenberg promotes
infrastructure and housing
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a deputy prosecuting attorney
for the county for over ten
years, he transitioned from
Chief Civil Deputy to a
housing and infrastructure
focus beginning in 2021. In
his current role, he spearheads
the Lewis County Housing
Initiative, a multistep,
multi-department plan to
increase the affordability and
availability of housing, as well
as working on non-housing
infrastructure projects such
as broadband promotion and
water stewardship.

57th Annual Home Show

Friday, April 14 & 15
Friday 12 pm - 7:30 pm

Blue Pavilion at SW
Washington Fairgrounds
1909 S. Gold Street, Centralia

Business After Hours

Thursday, April 20
5 pm - 7 pm

Sticklin Funeral Chapel
1437 S Gold St, Centralia

Inclusive Career Fair

Wednesday, April 26
1 pm to 3 pm

Centralia College’s
TransAlta Commons
600 Centralia College Blvd,
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District 20
Legislative Update

Zoom-in on the last update of
the legislative session!
Thursday, April 27
7:30 am

Members are automatically
emailed the Zoom link
or email
director@chamberway.com
to get connected
Special thanks to
Senator John Braun and
Representatives Ed Orcutt
and Peter Abbarno.

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Centralia Point Assisted Living and Memory Care Ribbon Cutting
On Thursday, March 2, Centralia Point Assisted Living and Memory Care celebrated their newly renovated facility with a ribbon-cutting! Visit Centralia Point at 2010 Cooks Hill Rd. in Centralia. Find out more about Centralia Point at www.centraliapointalmc.com.



McFiler’s Chehalis Theater Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting
On Friday, March 3, McFiler’s Chehalis Theater celebrated their grand opening of their renovated 1923 theater with a ribbon-cutting! Find out more about McFiler’s Chehalis Theater at www.mcfilerschehalistheater.com.

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