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Inside This Edition:

The October issue of Business Connections is devoted to the upcoming elections in November for local candidates running for city council and port positions. The Chamber is hosting Candidate Debates on Thursday, October 12, from 11:30 - 1:30 at O’Blarney’s, 221 N. Tower, Centralia.

Local Elections Need Local Businesses to be Involved

By Chad Taylor
CEO - The Silver Agency
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I want to shed light on a topic that often doesn’t receive the attention it deserves: the significance of local elections to our vibrant business community right here in Centralia and Chehalis. Our communities are built on the hard work and dedication of local entrepreneurs, and the decisions made by our local elected officials can have a profound impact on their operations. Furthermore, I’d like to highlight the essential role played by our Centralia Chehalis Chamber of Commerce in keeping our business owners informed about upcoming regulations and policies that could shape the future of their enterprises.



Local elections may not always draw the same level of attention as national or state elections, but their importance cannot be overstated. These elections determine the leaders who will directly influence our day-to-day lives, including the rules and regulations that govern our businesses. Whether it’s zoning laws, tax policies, or infrastructure investments, the decisions made at the local level can either facilitate or hinder the growth and success of our local businesses.

Local governments also play a crucial role in fostering a business-friendly environment. They are responsible for issuing permits, regulating land use, and ensuring the safety and health of our community. For business owners, these factors can have a profound impact on their ability to start, expand, or even maintain their operations. That’s why it’s essential for our business

community to actively participate in local elections, ensuring that their voices are heard and their interests are represented.

One organization that serves as a vital bridge between the business community and local government is our Centralia Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber acts as a hub for local businesses, providing valuable resources, networking opportunities, and most importantly, information about upcoming policies and regulations that could affect their operations.

Through seminars, workshops, and advocacy efforts, the Chamber ensures that business owners are well-informed about changes in local ordinances, tax policies, and economic development initiatives. This knowledge empowers our local entrepreneurs to adapt and plan accordingly, ultimately

strengthening the resilience and competitiveness of our business community.

The Chamber acts as a collective voice for the business community, advocating for policies that promote economic growth and sustainability. By working closely with local officials, the Chamber can influence decisions that benefit our local businesses and contribute to the overall prosperity of Centralia and Chehalis and all of Lewis County.

It’s worth noting that our local elections are also an opportunity for business owners themselves to step into leadership roles. Running for local office allows them to directly shape the policies that affect their businesses and contribute to the well-being of our community. Having individuals with firsthand business experience in these roles can lead to more informed and business-

friendly decision-making.

Local elections are of paramount importance to our business community. The outcomes of these elections directly impact the rules, regulations, and policies that govern our local businesses. Through active engagement in the electoral process and support for organizations like the Centralia Chehalis Chamber of Commerce, we can ensure that the voices of our business owners are heard, and our local economy continues to thrive.

As we move forward, let us remember that our communities are only as strong as our local businesses. By working together, staying informed, and actively participating in the democratic process, we can ensure a bright and prosperous future for Centralia, Chehalis, and the entire region.

Why Your Vote Matters

By Peter Abbarno
20th District Rep. R-Centralia

If history is any indication, less than 40% of Washington voters will participate in the November 2023 Elections. In the last local election year, only 38% of Lewis County



voters cast a ballot. Will this year be different? ‘All politics is local’ is a phrase commonly used to emphasize the importance of local issues and local elections. As a former Centralia City Councilmember, I can assure you that casting your ballot this year will have a huge impact on your city, school district, PUD, and Port

elections. How are your local roads? Are your streets safer than 4 years ago? Is your power grid more stable and reliable? Is your port creating jobs and economic development? How is your children’s education? Many of these issues are what I consider “kitchen table” issues. While the media may focus on the ‘big story’ or some fringe issues, Washingtonians are sitting around their tables talking about the price of gas, heating and utility costs, crime in their neighborhoods, and local schools.

As your state representative, but more importantly as a local business owner, husband, and father, I consider these issues on a daily basis. Real Solutions are not always easy. We need leaders that are willing to work on tough issues, communicate, collaborate, and hold steadfast to the values of their community. Sadly, Americans are

struggling because of bad policies and with their faith in our government. A recent Pew Research poll from September 2023 indicated just 4% of adults say the political system is working very well. And, nearly 3 out of 10 voters express unfavorable views of both major political parties. That is likely the reason a majority of Americans continue to support term limits. I have been mentioning ‘kitchen table’ issues for many years. It is the reason I ran in 2015 for the Centralia City Council - to help improve my community for my children so one day they will have the opportunity to live, work, and raise a family here. To work real solutions for the problems working families face every day. Too many politicians would rather fight and call each other names, than find real solutions. Like many of you, we don’t want to constantly hear personal

attacks. We want to hear policy debates, as well as policy collaborations. Today, research finds that 86% of Americans say, “Republicans and Democrats are more focused on fighting each other than on solving problems.” Pew Research found that 66% of Americans say not enough attention is given to local policies and issues. Maybe this is partially the fault of the media and partially the candidates. But, if you are a candidate running in 2023, local voters want to know about local issues and solutions; and want to support candidates that can both represent their values while at the same time find some common ground. This year’s ballot has a lot of great local candidates and I look forward to listening to the debates and conversations. I congratulate every candidate for making the decision to run for public office. It is not easy to put your name, ideas, and reputation on the ballot. I look forward to working with our new and re-elected community leaders and I appreciate their commitment to service. For more information about registering to vote, your ballot, or candidates, visit www.sos.wa.gov. To learn more about the legislative process, getting involved, or sharing your policy ideas, visit my official website at www.RepresentativePeterAbbarno.com. ... Rep. Peter Abbarno represents the 20th Legislative District and is an attorney with Althausen Rayan Abbarno, LLP.

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Meet the Candidates!

Each candidate was asked to submit a statement or biography so that our readers could gain a better understanding of the voices represented for each position. The Chamber did not edit or alter statements received other than assisting candidates with word count.

CITY OF CHEHALIS, POSITION #4 Jody Kyes

Hello my name is Jody Kyes and I have called Lewis County home for the past 30 years. I love our city and care about its future.

Being a managing real estate broker, I have the specific skills and experience in bringing people of opposing sides together to achieve a mutual resolution for all parties. It takes listening, empathy, patience, creativity, and perseverance to accomplish this. These are some of my traits that I can bring to the City Council in representing the people of our 4th District.

If elected to represent you, I will work to ensure that our first responders are adequately supported and respected. There are also many opportunities and challenges that our occurring today in our community. Affordable housing, supporting our local businesses and attracting new business, homelessness, broadband availability at a reasonable price, the list goes on. As your local councilor, I am willing to take on issues like these to ensure that our city continues to be a place to call "home", and to be proud of it.

Karen Laufenberg

No statement or photo provided.

PORT OF CENTRALIA, DISTRICT #3 Dianne Dorey

I have worked with the business community explaining values and taxes. Worked with new businesses as they moved into the community and networked with them as a Chamber Ambassador since 1998. I was honored in 2023 to be given the Chamber Evergreen Award

After 47 years experience working in Lewis County government, my passion and heart is still in my community. As the county assessor I worked with the 65 taxing districts in the county on levies, budgets for taxes and advised them on values. As an employee my jobs included 15 years as a property appraiser. With 24 years as the elected official I managed up to 26 employees and managed a budget of 1.8 million annually.

During my tenure as the Assessor, my fellow Assessors elected me twice as the President of the statewide Assessor Association. I was also elected the Washington Association of County Officials President. Each of these offices required a six year commitment to become President.

With my commitment to the community, my experience and knowledge of the Centralia Port's budgets, taxes and properties, i would be honored to be elected the Port Commissioner.



Jody Kyes

Peter N. Lahmann, Jr.

Peter is a lifelong resident of Centralia. Educational background - Graduate of CHS and Centralia College, Bachelor in Business, and an MBA. Peter is currently serving as a Commissioner for the Port of Centralia, the President of the Lewis County Historical Society, Economic Development representative to the PacMtn Workforce Board for Lewis County. He is past Chair of the Washington State Apprenticeship Coordinators Association and past Chair of the Centralia Historic Preservation Commission. He is currently working for the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs as their statewide Apprenticeship Specialist, helping Veterans and Transitioning Service Members find living wage employment when they leave military service. He also serves on the Centralia/Chehalis Career and Technical Education Advisory Board. He also volunteers with and helps to coordinate the Centralia Clean Team.

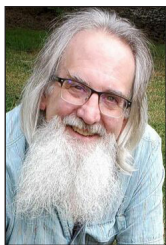


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CITY OF CENTRALIA, POSITIONS #1, #2, & #3

CENTRALIA POSITION #1 Russell Barr

I've lived in Centralia since 1990 and had family here long before then. I'm running for Centralia City council in to serve this city that I love. I don't have ties to local businesses other than trying to shop locally whenever possible, but I view local businesses as a bellwether for the health of many aspects of the local community. As a software engineer, I get to work with complex systems and a city is as complex as anything. I appreciate the people and the many details that keep our city running.



Russell Barr

We are facing tremendous growth in many directions, and city council members have some role in anticipating and managing its effects on citizens and local interests. I want Centralia to continue to be a great place for all of us to live, raise a family and run a business.

Chris Brewer

I'm Chris Brewer, an eight-year Centralia resident. I'm running for City Council because I want to serve my city and help out in any way that I can.

Since I moved to town in 2015, I have built relationships with people from all walks of life, and I understand the diverse needs of our community.

Many people that I have spoken to during my campaign feel overburdened by taxes and overwhelmed by rising costs of living. A diverse and lively economic engine can lighten the financial burden we all carry.



Chris Brewer

By collaborating with local stakeholders in the business community, I will champion and support initiatives that promote sustainable growth and bring more family-wage jobs to Centralia. Economic vitality ties directly to quality of life of our residents, and a vibrant business community is key to our overall wellness.

I support the work of the Chamber, and I stand with our job creators and business owners, from the industries at the Port to businesses downtown owned by our friends and neighbors.

I will be a true friend to the business community and will lend my voice to support sustainable economic growth. Vote Chris Brewer for Position 1 At-Large on November 7.

CENTRALIA POSITION #2 Joyce Barnes

I have always found it a little hard to write about myself but this was the Chambers request so -- I am Joyce Barnes and seeking Centralia City Council Position #2 in November. Four years ago I finished my term and a total of six years that began with the change of government in this city to Council/Manager form. So I am very experienced and know the job well.

I have also served on Planning Commission, Fire Advisory Board, The Airport Board, and joined and lead a group of people to reopen the Veteran's Memorial Pearl Street Pool for the next 25 years, every summer without any salary or compensation, for the children and families of the area with many volunteers.



Joyce Barnes

I believe you need me back on the Council. I don't have an agenda, but care about everyone and everything that is happening in Centralia and Lewis County. I WILL LISTEN AND SERVE YOU WELL. Thank you.

Kelly Smith Johnston

I keep my promises. Four years ago, I pledged:

To improve cooperation between the City and our economic development partners. Today, our partnerships are strong and effective, supporting small business and developing the clean energy economy.

To set policies that encourage people to live here. I led the Lewis County Housing Summit and worked to address the housing issue. Today, we have a healthy housing pipeline with more than 700 units planned of all types of housing – transitional to full market rate. The new emergency shelter will be more accessible and effective for people in need, while also located away from downtown.

To create opportunities for people to engage their City leaders. Today, grassroots organizations are thriving. We have students on our Parks Board and frequent public comment at our meetings.

The next four years, I pledge to make Centralia Strong. I will invest in strong families, strong

partnerships, strong economy, built upon a commitment to a safe and secure community. As a fellow business owner, I appreciate how vital business is to the overall health of our community and will continue to create the environment where business can thrive.

CENTRALIA POSITION #3

Adrianna Garibay

Adrianna is passionate about Centralia and committed to retaining our small town values while also planning for anticipated growth. Keys to creating a healthy community includes ensuring safe public spaces, supporting our schools, and our law enforcement officers, and developing family-wage jobs.

Currently, Adrianna is employed as the Hispanic Community Administrator for St. Joseph's Church. She has previous construction and business experience as a manager for GT Roofing. She is also a former translator for Edison Elementary and Centralia School District. In the community, Adrianna has been a peer support translator and is a strong parent and compassionate leader.



Adrianna Garibay

Originally from Michoacan, Mexico, Adrianna is passionate about connecting the community at-large and the Hispanic community. Adrianna brings a fresh perspective and enthusiasm for making new civic-minded connections in the City of Centralia.

Learn more about what makes Adrianna Garibay the right choice for Centralia at VoteGaribay.com or Facebook. com/VoteGaribay.

Kylie Sexsmith

Being an elected leader means always keeping your ear to the ground, in which I will do.

It is extremely important to listen to small business owners, as they are the pulse of our communities. Retaining and gaining thriving businesses in our town, means keeping taxes close to home.

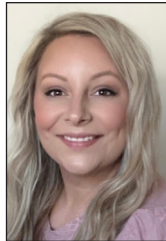
Those taxes end up paying for community improvements and create a local circuit, benefiting our entire city.

To do that, we must always know what it is our business owners love, any ideas they may have and how we can offer more of that.

It's equally beneficial to know and understand what they feel they're missing, frustrated with or have reservations about, to determine how we can be of more support.

I will focus on doing just that, as well as making sure to provide support in keeping the area of their storefronts warm and inviting, clean and safe for both them and their customers.

I look forward to being a liaison between our business owners and their dreams, assisting in bringing them to fruition.




Kylie Sexsmith



Kelly Smith
Johnston



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ARTrails Thanks Our Community

ARTrail Artists are filled with gratitude for our local community and our Sponsors, Patrons, Friends and Advertisers after this successful year. We could not have done this without you.

We had fantastic attendance at our Studios this year as our visitors watched art being made and bought lots of ART! We were especially pleased to see so many visitors from outside of Lewis County.

Lewis County and the Cities of Centralia and Chehalis have generously supported the vision and activities of ARTrails over the last 21 years. We thank them, as well as other communities over Lewis County, for their support of the arts. We look forward to our continuing and evolving relationships.

We also thank the many volunteers and businesses who have contributed to our annual events and our success over the past years. Their ongoing support has been a major factor in our success.

Additional information is available at our website: ARTrailsofSWW.org



Bearcat's Come Home in October

The Chehalis School District invites Bearcat alumni or all years to come on home for this year's Homecoming football game 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Bearcat Stadium. Help us cheer on the Bearcats as they battle the Prairie High School Falcons. While you're at Bearcat Stadium, make sure to stop by the Bearcat Connect alumni tent and enjoy some free treats and sign up for a chance to win prizes. If you haven't yet, please join the Bearcat Connect alumni network at bearcatconnect.com where you can reconnect with old classmates, meet Bearcats of every generation, be in the know about alumni events and even sign up to be a mentor to the next generation of Bearcats.



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Best Life Massage

As the leaves begin to change color and the air turns crisp, autumn presents a perfect opportunity to make positive changes in your life. This season, often associated with transformation, can serve as a powerful metaphor for personal growth and development.

Autumn is a time of transition, a period between the warmth of summer and the chill of winter. It's a reminder that change is a natural part of life. Just as the trees shed their leaves to prepare for a new growth, we too can let go of old habits, thoughts, and behaviors that no longer serve us, making room for new, healthier ones.

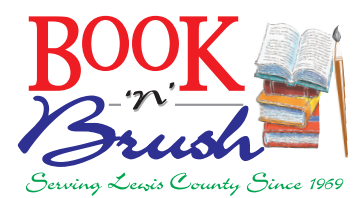
If Autumn inspires you to prioritize your physical and mental health, massage is a fantastic way to do that. I'm Leah, owner and Licensed Massage Therapist at Best Life Massage at 1611 N National in Chehalis. I would love to help you on your journey to better health.

I have openings available as soon as next week. Please look for me on Google or Facebook or call me at 360-506-7185 to book your appointment. I'm going to embrace the spirit of autumn, and use it as a catalyst for positive transformation.

What changes do you want to make? What do you want to achieve?

Book 'n' Brush - Art Class opportunities and time to Pre-order Holiday Chehalis Mints orders

Current art classes include Drawing with instructor Ian Ricker and Oil & Acrylic with Thelma Hauge. Sign-ups are being taken for future Calligraphy classes with Kristen Doty and future Watercolor classes with Jesse Ericksen. Chehalis Mints: We are taking Holiday (Thanksgiving & and Christmas) Pre-orders for Chehalis Mints. The cut-off Date is October 15. Pre-orders are a really good idea since the demand for Chehalis Mints increases as the Holidays approach, but the supply goes quickly if people haven't planned ahead. How to register for classes or order Chehalis Mints: Email booknbrush@gmail.com - In the Subject line put the "Art Class you are interested in" or "Chehalis Mints - Pre-Order". Very important you provide your phone # and name. If you have questions - please tell us that in your email. - Thank you for showing interest in what we are trying to provide. Any and all feedback or suggestions are welcomed. - David Hartz - W: 360-748-6221



Experience Chehalis Offers Small-Event Micro Grant

Experience Chehalis has announced a new grant program to provide matching funds to downtown business owners who host an event at their business within downtown Chehalis. Experience Chehalis works to support and foster the health and viability of our business community, and the Small Event Micro-Grant aims to encourage businesses to initiate events to increase commerce and visitors to downtown Chehalis.

The grant provides a 75 percent match, up to \$500 per business for approved costs including supplies and marketing/promotion, excluding alcohol. Applications will be accepted for as long as funding is available through December 31, 2023. Grant awards will be first-come, first-served, and based on available funding. Applications will be reviewed and



CC celebrates new CDL location and trucks

Centralia College's Commercial Driver License (CDL) program celebrated its two new dedicated trucks and a new driving range on Wednesday. The new site of the CDL classes is off of North Pearl Street in Centralia. The long-term lease agreement is a huge development for the program, which has been running two full cohorts of students per quarter for the last several quarters. (The CDL program previously borrowed trucks from the Diesel Technology program.) The trucks and the lease are funded by a grant from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. A third truck will be coming soon. Also on Wednesday, the CDL program recognized Rayonier Forest Products in Chehalis for its support. A donation to the CC Foundation from Rayonier was used to fund GPS systems in the new trucks.

awarded by Experience Chehalis and applications are being accepted now.

The grant program follows the similar application process of Experience Chehalis's other grant programs, which have seen great success with over 50 awards to date. "Activities and events play a large role in creating a fun and vital downtown experience. This grant will be a new opportunity for us to provide support to our downtown businesses," said Annalee Tobey, executive director.

Complete program requirements, guidelines and the application are available on the Experience Chehalis website at experiencechehalis.com/small-event-micro-grant. Please direct questions to Experience Chehalis at info@experiencechehalis.com.

Evexia IV Nutrition and Wellness Open House

This is a night you won't want to miss! On Thursday October 12th from 5pm-7pm we are having our much anticipated Open House. Come party with us and enjoy drawings, deals and hors d'oeuvres. We will offer special event only deals, raffle prizes, and giveaways. For our current clients, bring a friend and you will get an extra entry to win a complimentary microneedling face session (\$250 value). The amazing Carly from Cartessa will be onsite to answer all your laser questions, and Sarah from Alastin Skin Care Line will also be onsite.

Shop the Centralia Outlets for Fall Savings!

The Centralia Outlets boasts a large number of exceptional and unique brand names that offer quality products directly to consumers at discounted savings. Polo Ralph Lauren Clearance, one of two in the U.S., offers consumers 40% off the entire store on closeout and previous seasons' home decor, apparel, footwear, and more. Under Armour Clearance House is one of four in the U.S. The entire store is \$50 and under packed with performance apparel, footwear, and gear. Bath & Body Works Outlet, is the only one found in the Northwest. This brand is a great go-to for gifts and goodies at a discount, from fresh fragrances to soothing skin care, and candles. Nike Clearance Store is the largest and one of two here in Washington state. Find Nike footwear, apparel, and accessories from this and previous seasons at the best prices for the entire family.

The Centralia Outlets now boasts the largest, and first of its kind, Columbia Sportswear Clearance Store. Columbia has been a global leader in outdoor apparel, footwear, and equipment since 1938. Jockey brings more clearance

apparel directly to this location. Jockey carries a full range of products, from intimate apparel to active, lifestyle, and casualwear. Visit www.centraliaoutlets.com for more information.



Rainier Eye Myopia Control:

What is it and how can it help your children and grandchildren? Myopia is another name for nearsightedness. As nearsighted children grow, their eyes grow longer, and it is common for their glasses prescription to get worse year after year. Myopia Control is a treatment option that can slow or stop the progression of nearsightedness in children.

The doctors at Rainier Eye have over 24 years of cumulative experience at helping children through myopia control. Myopia control is not a cure, but by slowing its progression we can keep children from developing debilitating high levels of myopia and associated sight-threatening problems later in life.

If your child wears glasses or contacts for nearsightedness and you want to know what options exist to help them, please call our office or go online to www.RainierEye.com to schedule an appointment with Dr. Angela Loeb or Dr. Mary Ferris. We want to help them see their best!



Evergreen Playhouse 64th season

The Evergreen Playhouse proudly opens our 64th season with MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS By Agatha Christie, Ken Ludwig Directed by Nathan Crummett October 13-29, 2023 Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to

identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. www.evergreenplayhouse.com for tickets and performance dates Adults \$15.00/ Students & Seniors \$12.00 Pay what you can performance October 19t



Upcoming United Methodist Events

Chehalis United Methodist is at it again. We have a Blood Drive coming up on Friday September 29, 2023, AT 10:00 am to 3:00pm. This is our second for the year come give your blood to a great cause, it might be your neighbor or relative that is saved.

PAWchella 2023 is gearing up to be the best one yet we have five (5) different rescues, including spiders, cats, alpacas, dogs, and reptiles. Come and see the vendors that are getting ready to be there just for you. We will be at the Veteran Memorial Museum on Sept 30th, 2023, at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You just might find your new best friend.

Don't forget November 3 and 4 at church located 16 S Market Blvd, Chehalis, WA, 98532 we will be hosting Mint City Market and The Best Bake Sale ever. Cinnamon Rolls, pies, crafts, Christmas shopping, need I say more.

As always, our doors are open every Sunday for church and the office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 10–3. Come visit for a coffee, a chat during the week, or a great Sunday!

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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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Annual Member BBQ

The Chamber had a full house at its annual Member BBQ. The food provided by Lucky Eagle Casino & Hotel was fantastic chicken and pulled pork with apple-slaw, baked beans, potato salad, and more! Dick's Brewing hosted the event. We raised \$295 for the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund. Thank you to The Refined Man and Best Life Massage for their contributions to the raffle!



Cornhole Tournament & Sausage Fest Raises \$3,679 for Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund

Dick's Brewing hosted another exciting Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest on September 9. Dick's has been putting this event together since 2017 to raise funds for a variety of non-profits. Funds are raised through tournament

fees and a spectacular raffle. They've recently focused their efforts on assisting the Rob Fuller Scholarship Fund which strives to raise \$10,000 annually to benefit Centralia and Chehalis students.



ToledoTel Hosted September BAH

Each September ToledoTel hosts a Business After Hours at their shop in Toledo. Chamber board and staff were especially pleased to attend as ToledoTel is not only a steadfast supporter and member of the Chamber but are now also a vendor! They replaced the Chamber's phone system as part of a project to bring fiber internet to its offices. ToledoTel and Rainier Connect were a great team that has fully upgraded the Chamber's communications. Shown here is ToledoTel Engineer Aaron Nelson welcoming staff and guests to the BAH.

RIBBON CUTTINGS & MORE!



40th Anniversary for Dick's NW Sausage & Deli

The October Business After Hours is hosted by Dick's Northwest Sausage & Deli as part of their month-long 40th Anniversary celebrations! Be sure to "like" their Facebook page to stay updated about anniversary specials and raffles. The BAH is Thursday, October 19 from 5 to 7 pm at 5945 Prather Rd SW, Centralia. Their Facebook page is at facebook.com/DicksNWSausage. Shown here are Julie and Dave Pendleton with their daughter, Madison McGregor (left).



Boo!

Trick or Treat Transit!

Twin Transit offers four stops:
Fairway Center Shopping Mall in Centralia
Pine Street Plaza on North Railroad Avenue in downtown Centralia
Chamberway at Twin City Town Center Shopping Mall in Chehalis
Lewis County Historical Museum in downtown Chehalis



Allure Medical Aesthetics

The Chamber helped Allure Medical Aesthetics with the grand opening of their services in Morton by hosting a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Allure is located inside Veronicutz at 218 Main Avenue. Shown here is owner RN Alexis Chambers with supporters excited to help her celebrate!



Interstate Honda

The Chamber enthusiastically hosted a Ribbon ribbon-cutting ceremony for Interstate Honda on September 21. Shown here is their management team with Chehalis City Counselor Katie McDougall and Chamber Ambassador Cara Legg assisting. President John Csernotta and his wife Lynn have curated a great team of employees.



Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Northwest Home Team

An energetic and enthusiastic team of staff and brokers celebrated the completion of their transition of new owners and re-branding from the former Realty World to Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate. Owners Steve Poulos, Matt Brady, and Jessica Poulos are shown here (front center) with their team at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 6.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Monthly Forum	October Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies	Other Events
Candidate Debates! Thursday, October 12, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm O'Blarney's at Gibson House 221 N Tower Ave, Centralia	Wednesday, October 11 at Noon Assured Hospice & Palliative Care 1815 Cooks Hill Rd, Centralia	Lewis County Young Professionals Monthly Network Night Thursday, October 12 5:30 – 7:30 pm Newaukum Golf Club 153 Newaukum Golf Dr, Chehalis
Business After Hours Thursday, October 19, 5:00 – 7:00 pm Dick's Northwest Sausage and Deli 40th Anniversary Celebration! 221 N Tower Ave, Centralia	Friday, October 13 at Noon Aarons 1355 NW Louisiana, Chehalis	The Future of Work Summit Tuesday, October 24 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Great Wolf Lodge 20500 Old Hwy. 99 SW, Centralia
	Tuesday, October 24 at Noon Green Health Services 409 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis	Attention Business Professionals, Students, & Educators: Expo, Networking, Keynote Speaker, Breakout Sessions
	Wednesday, November 8 at 4:30 pm Fuller Designs + 3! 1111 Kresky Ave., Centralia Fuller Design, Waymaker Developments, LLC, Evolution Health, and On Top Roofing.	



Fuller Designs Ribbon Cutting Celebrates New Building

Four companies are celebrating a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 8, at 4:30 pm celebrating the completion of a new building at 1111 Kresky Avenue by Fuller Designs. Their former building at 1101 is now the home of On Top Roofing. The public is invited to stop by for the festivities as Fuller Designs, Waymaker Developments, LLC, Evolution Health, and On Top Roofing celebrate their new digs!