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PORT OF CENTRALIA
District #2
Julie Shaffley

During her time as Port Commissioner, Julie Shaffley has played a vital role in promoting economic development and expanding job opportunities across the Port of Centralia district.

Under her leadership, the Port has welcomed major employers such as the Stihl Northwest, UNFI, Walmart Commerce Center, and the new Cascade Community Healthcare facility.

These developments have strengthened our local economy and provided hundreds of new jobs for residents.

Additionally, the completion of the I-5 interchange and the arrival of WinCo Foods have improved access, increased commercial activity, and added valuable retail options for the community.

Julie has been a tireless advocate in Olympia, successfully helping to secure over \$9 million in grant funding. These funds have allowed the Port to enhance critical infrastructure while maximizing the value of local tax dollars.

As the owner of Good Health Nutrition Center in Centralia for 35 years, Julie understands firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing small businesses.

Julie remains committed to supporting growth that balances the needs of entrepreneurs, families, and future employers.

With your continued support, Julie will ensure the Port stays focused on job creation,

responsible development, and long-term prosperity for all of Lewis County.
Re-elect Julie Shaffley—
Experience. Honesty. Integrity

Ally Pickard
Ally Pickard for Centralia Port Commissioner - Stop Raising Taxes – Start Serving People

The Port of Centralia is one of our community’s most powerful economic tools, driving job creation and expanding our tax base. I fully support its growth and continued success. But despite decades of expansion, taxpayers are now paying more to the Port than to our public library. That’s not right. The Port was intended to be self-sufficient, yet forty years later it remains dependent on property taxes and those taxes keep climbing every year.

As a long-time public servant with over 15 years of financial management experience, I know how to turn challenges into opportunities. I’m deeply concerned by the Port’s lack of transparency, lack of strategic planning, and questionable financial priorities. Families and seniors on fixed incomes cannot keep bearing the burden of rising taxes while the Port grows wealthier.

I believe we must set a clear timeline for the Port to become self-sufficient and accountable to the people who fund it. My goal is not to slow down success, but to restore pride and trust in an institution that should serve every citizen. Together, we can create a smarter, stronger future. Pick Pickard this November!



Dick’s Cornhole
Dick’s Brewing hosted its 9th annual Cornhole Tournament and Sausage Fest raising more than \$3,600 towards 2026 Rob Fuller Scholarships. Shown here are members of the Sticklin-Brown Funeral Chapel who put together ten teams!



Journey To Aum
Two businesses held a joint Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the grand opening of their shared space. Shown here cutting the ribbon are Madison Creel owner of Journey to Aum Coaching and Jen Kosharek owner of Take Care Massage. 539 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis.



Lightcurve BAH
The August Business After Hours was hosted by Lightcurve at their Centralia office. Lightcurve recently expanded their service to Chehalis bringing another great local option to the county. getlightcurve.com



Applications for the parade are now available!
www.chamberway.com or write
director@chamberway.com



Hub City Supply Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Congratulations to the new Hub City Supply owners Katie and Roger Moore, shown here with their son Garrett. 2510 Sandra Avenue in Centralia.



ToledoTel BAH
This is the awesome staff at ToledoTel who hosted an amazing Business After Hours in September! ToledoTel used the opportunity for a customer appreciation event and to celebrate its expansion into Winlock.



Wheat’s Alaskan RC
Wheat’s Alaskan Camper Service & Restoration celebrated their official opening of a new service center that now works on other RV’s beyond Alaskan Campers. Owner Bryan Wheat (center) has been in the RV repair business for 30 years. 110 Sears Road in Chehalis.

Port centralia approves sale to logistics property company

Centralia, Wash. -The Port of Centralia Commission approved a purchase and sale agreement with Logistics Property Company for 38 acres in its Park I development. The project is expected to bring 761 new jobs to the community.

Logistics Property Company, founded in 2018, is a real estate operating company and investment manager focused on the acquisition, development, and management of modern logistics properties in key North American markets. Headquartered in Chicago, Logistics Property Company owns or has under development 27 million square feet of logistics facilities across 14 U.S. markets. This is the company’s third project in Washington state, following the fully leased Tacoma South and Frederickson ONE developments which total three million square feet across six buildings.

Park I was the Port of Centralia’s first industrial park developed after its founding in 1986. The park’s first tenant was Rogers Machinery, which has operated on Galvin Road since 1990, and it has grown over the decades to comprise 24 tenants including Cascade Community Health, Dick’s Brewing Company, and United Natural Foods, Inc.



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS!

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Rooted in Lewis County

Wednesday, October 1

5 pm

113 W. Maple Street, Centralia

Artizan Nook

Saturday, October 18

Noon

20347 Old Hwy. 99 SW, Centralia

His & Hers Hormone Health & Wellness

Friday, October 24

Noon

1292 S. Markt Blvd., Chehalis

My 2 Scents K9 LLC

Friday, December 5

Noon

585 Leonard Road, Onalaska

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

Candidates Debate

Thursday, October 9

11 – 2 (specifics TBD)

O’Blarney’s at Gibson House

221 N. Tower, Centralia

Trick or Treat Transit!

Friday, October 31

3 – 5 pm

Fairway Center

Park your car and take the bus to downtown Trick or Treating in Centralia and Chehalis!

75th Annual Santa Parade!

Saturday, December 6

11 am

Visit chamberway.com for parade application.

BUSINESS AFER HOURS

OCT: Sticklin-Brown Funeral Chapel

Thursday, October 16

5 – 7 pm

1437 S. Gold St., Centralia

NOV: Chehalis Outfitters

Thursday, November 20

5 – 7 pm

1757 N. National Ave.

DEC : Holiday Member Party & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Chronicle

Thursday, December 18

5 – 7 pm



Schedule a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

The Chamber offers Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies as a free service to members and non-members. It is our way of acknowledging the hard work and investment of time and money to opening, expanding, moving, or re-branding a business.

To learn more or secure a date call 360-748-8885 or email director@chamberway.com