

# Selah

Chamber of Commerce

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing that economic development and community cohesiveness is an ongoing process. The mission of the Selah Chamber of Commerce is to promote business development, community awareness and activities. Our goal is develop the business core of Selah as a valuable commodity in Yakima County.

## GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, October 23**  
**Pastime Burger & Brew**  
**11:30 - 1:00**

### Speaker

**Randy Beehler**  
**City of Yakima**

**Community Relations Manager**

### Spotlight Business

**Edward Jones**  
**Brooke Finch**

**No Host Lunch**  
**11:30 - 12:00**  
**12:00 -1:00 Meeting**

**50/50 Drawing**

**\$1 Each or 6 tickets /\$5.00**

**Be sure to bring your business card  
for the Business Spotlight Drawing.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, November 14**  
**Solarity Credit Union**  
**12:00 -1:00**



## SELAH'S CITY ADMINISTRATOR



David earned an economics degree from Brigham Young University in 1989, and earned a master's in public administration from the University of Colorado in 1995. David is married with six children, ranging in age from 5 to 24.

David worked for the city of Chehalis, Washington as the Administrative Services Director from 1995 to 2003 and for Moffat County in Colorado as the Assistant to the County Commissioners from 1993 to 1995.

He has 13 years total experience working for local governments and spent seven years as an insurance agent in Utah before coming to work for San Juan County in 2010. David's most recent job was Deputy Director of Administration for San Juan County, Washington for nearly two years, during which time he dealt with finances, union negotiations and risk management for the island area of 16,000 residents.

While working for San Juan County, he developed a plan that reduced employee benefit costs while maintaining similar benefits, saving San Juan County \$500,000 annually. His negotiations with unions have never gone to arbitration and contract agreements were often reached ahead of deadlines. San Juan County has a total budget of \$50 million, which he assisted with developing each year.

David is excited to live and work in the City of Selah. He said "Selah will be a wonderful place to raise a family!"

## *Cowgirl Up for a Cure!*

**Friday, October 12, 2012**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman to Woman Show**  
**Cowgirl Up For A Cure**

As your 2012 chair for the Cowgirl Up For A Cure event, I must say that I am thrilled with the turnout we had! There are so many great things to talk about I don't know how I can mention them all in this article! There was a delicious dinner from Sweet Beez Café, lovely line dancers, a fantastic fashion show from Cowgirl Bling, a MAGNIFICENT Master of Ceremonies-Brian Harris, AWESOME vendors, lots of cowgirls in attendance for the event, and last but not least a brilliant committee that worked very hard to accomplish such a successful event. Several days have passed since the event and I can't stop thinking about how much fun the event was AND that I can't wait for next year's event. A portion of the event's proceeds will be donated to Washington Hematology & Oncology to help someone in need for breast cancer screenings/patient services. Thank-you so much to everyone who was involved and took part in Cowgirl Up For A Cure this year. I am honored to have been able to work with such an amazing group of people from our Selah community. Thank-you again and I hope to see you in 2013.

**Chelsea Thorne**

**Selah Chamber of Commerce  
Board Members  
2012 / 2013**

Executive Board

President - Gay Parker, Capitol Theatre

1st Vice President - Brooke Finch, Edward Jones

2nd Vice President - Chelsea Thorne, Banner Bank

Treasurer - Janet Engle, US Bank

Secretary - Jean Brown

Board Members

Eric Skoien, Les Schwab Tire

Mike Reese, Sentinel Computers

Rick Hayes, Appointed City of Selah

Darrell O'Steen - Appointed Yakima Training Center

Jeff Hagler, City of Selah Tourism

Lisa Bertelsen, Selah's Wednesday Market

Tracy Jewett, Beltone Hearing

Chris Scacco, Appointed Selah School District

Shawnee Olson, Associate Member

**Chamber General Meetings / Pastime Meeting  
Room / 11:30 Lunch / 12:00 -1:00 Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23

**Tuesday, November 27**

December - No General

**Tuesday, January 22**

Tuesday, February 26

**Tuesday, March 26**

Tuesday, April 23

**Tuesday, May 28**

Tuesday, June 25

If there is a change in location members will be notified by email.

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Dear Selah Chamber Members,

Fall is definitely in the air and with that, all the activities that come with the changing of the seasons. It's time to rake some leaves, watch some football, and start working on those Halloween costumes! The Selah Community has been the host of several fun and fabulous events already this fall.



First on the list is Tree Top's Skewered Apple BBQ Championships held on September 8 & 9. What a major enterprise and Tree Top made it seem so easy! This event attracted BBQ talent from all over the nation and is a qualifier for several national competitions. It is also one of the largest contests held in the Northwest with 70 teams participating. Treetop provided prizes to the BBQ champions and donated some of the proceeds to the Yakima Valley Museum, Junior Achievement of WA and the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association. I think Tree Top deserves a huge round of applause!!

Second on the list is the Army Base Race Half Marathon held on September 15. This race is in its second year and participation saw a major surge this year. The run began with a military cannon blast and ended at Carlon Park with lots of cheering spectators looking on. Thank you Yakima Training Center for organizing such a great event!



Third on the list is the Selah Chamber's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman to Woman event. Please read the article in this newsletter to find out how much fun was **really** had by all. I would like to personally thank all the volunteers and local businesses who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

It's events like these that bring people to Selah to spend money and frequent our businesses! Who can argue with that?

Sincerely,

Gay L. Parker  
Selah Chamber President



## Military Corner

Greetings from the Yakima Training Center. I'd like to first thank the many organizations, businesses, groups, and individuals throughout the Yakima Valley for all your support and efforts you provide to the Armed Forces. This support and your many efforts and activities are often not well noticed or publicized, but I want to ensure you all that it is meaningful and appreciated.

The last few months have been very busy for the Training Center as we hosted our annual Japanese Ground Security and Defense Forces partners, facilitated units from Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Hawaii, Canada, Washington Army National Guard and Reserves, as well as various federal, state, and local agencies in training, the YTC staff have not faltered in their mission to provide ranges, training areas, and facilities to support the training units. As many have noticed, the increase in aviation platforms throughout the Yakima Valley, shows our current unit training of the JBLM Combat Aviation Brigade. This is the largest aviation training exercise for YTC in the last decade and will continue throughout the next couple of months.

R. DARRELL O'STEEN, JR.  
LTC, AR  
CDR, Yakima Training Center

## 5TH ANNUAL BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



## Halloween Party Selah Civic Center Wednesday, October 31 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sponsored by Harvest Community Church

## WE ARE MOVING!



Sweet Beez Café will be moving to the old Mining Company building! (Across the street from their current location) Be watching for them to be in their new home by the first week of November! Congratulations to Sweet Beez Café on their new home!

### Selah Chamber Committees

Member Relations - Lead, Mike Reese, Chris Scacco, Eric Skoien, Lisa Bertelsen, Shawnee Olson

Government Affairs - Jeff Hagler, Chris Scacco, LTC Darrell O'Steen, Chief Rick Hayes

Community Events - Lead, Chelsea Thorne, Rick Hayes, Gay Parker, Jean Brown, Shawnee Olson

Business After Hours - Lead, Janet Engle

Woman to Woman - Lead, Chelsea Thorne Friday, October 12, Cowgirl Up for a Cause

Business Trick or Treat - Lead, Lisa Bertelsen Wednesday, October 31

Christmas Lighting Contest - Lead, Tracy Jewett

Potato Feed - Lead, Brooke Finch Friday, May 17th

If you are interested in helping on any events please contact the Chamber office 698-7303.



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