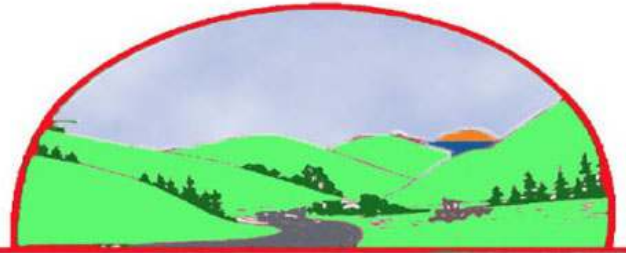


OUR MISSION:

- Preserving the competitive free enterprise system of business.
- Promoting business and community growth and development.



**Grand Mound - Rochester
Chamber of Commerce**

9917 Hwy 12 SW, Rochester

Together We can make a difference



Gene Weaver

NOTE From the PRESIDENT

WHAT AN ELECTION!

As a New Year dawns, the nation is still stunned over the results! Some mad, upset and depressed, others surprised, ecstatic and gratified.

From a standpoint of business and economic growth, we are extremely hopeful for both County and Federal relief from what has seemed to be a decades long effort to strangle small business. The over-the-top push for environmental development and other regulatory rules, has taken a heavy toll on the County and Nation's economic well being!

Some of us are very excited and hopeful as we hear about possible big changes coming when newly elected officials review the many suffocating rules and regulations. Other officials have developed from condescending, expectant winners, into unbelievably vicious losers.

Hopefully the New Year will bring more unity and prosperity to everyone!

Gene

FEATURE BUSINESS

Riley Insurance Agency

Farmers Insurance is owned by Brian Riley. Brian is the Sr. Agent in the office, he and his three employees provide insurance and financial services to their clients.

Riley Insurance is located at 10109 Hwy 12 SW in Rochester and are open 8:30—5:30 Monday thru Friday. They opened in 2006 at their current location. Brian was previously employed by the Lucky Eagle Casino and determined that he wanted to run his own business. At that time there was no insurance office in Rochester, he thought insurance would be a good fit for the community.

Brian says “our service and support of the local community sets us apart”. What he likes best about doing business in this community is that he knows his clients and enjoys seeing them in the local stores and at community events.



Brian and his wife Tara are standing and Jamie and Teresa are seated

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Joining the Chamber is easy and affordable! The annual membership fee is \$60.00. To sign up, mail your name, name of business, mailing address, phone, and e-mail address along with your payment to:

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PO Box 211, Rochester, WA 98579

- 184th Avenue Apartments
- Advanced Drilling LLC
- Amazing Reiki SPA. LLC
- Americool Heating and A/C
- Asphalt-Tech
- Auto Tech Services
- Bailey's IGA
- Bailey's Northwest Property Management
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Riley Insurance
- Chettie's Woodworking, LLC
- Cram-A-Lot Self Storage
- Cindi Whiting - Edward Jones Investments
- Dream Weavers, Inc.
- Edminster Construction
- Enterprise For Equity
- First Choice Storage
- Furniture Maker & Flea Market
- Gate Ranch Golf Club
- Gate City Schoolhouse
- German Cleaning Services
- Grand Mound Beverages
- Grand Mound Shell
- Halls Crystal Flutes
- Hawes Aluminum
- Halpern & Associates
- Hexen Glass Studio
- James L. Prato Insurance
- JJ's Towing
- JNL Stoves & Spas
- JMJ Services Inc.
- Johnson & Johnson Overhead Doors, Inc.
- Key Bank
- Laurel Smith , PS
- Lucky Eagle Casino
- Mariachi
- Methodist Church
- Morgan Family Dental
- Outback RV Park
- Photography by Robin
- Port of Olympia
- PRC Maintenance & Const.
- Rochester Lumber Inc.
- Rochester School District
- Rochester Sun News, Devaul Publishing
- Rochester Water Association
- ROOF Community Services
- Sandstone Distillery*
- Scatter Creek Animal Clinic
- Security State Bank
- Seventh Generation Charters

- Sharer Tools*
- South County Accounting
- South County Licensing *
- Stephen Angove, CPA
- Sto N Go Storage
- Stone Soup Ministries
- The Feed Bin
- Town Center Dental
- Timberland Regional Library
- Truepoint Metal Works
- Umpqua Bank
- VJ's Bargain Barn
- Weaver Investments

* New Members since last newsletter!

There's room on this list for your business!

Not sure if the Chamber is for you?

Decide after you join us for a lunch meeting.

Successful Business Tips

Local Officials Investigating Counterfeit Bills

By Susan DeLaire

The Centralia Police Department has reported counterfeit \$100 bills were passed to Centralia businesses during the week of November 14. Centralia police Sgt. Carl Buster reported Chevron station downtown and the B and D Market on N. Tower Ave. received a couple of counterfeit \$100 bills, believed to be passed by an unidentified Caucasian woman, according to a video provided by one of the businesses.

Buster said the quality of the counterfeit bills was horrible and called them pretty obvious fakes, with punk writing that looks like Chinese writing. According to Buster, businesses should be on the lookout and extra vigilant as counterfeiters target people when they are extremely busy and distracted and less likely to pay close attention. He said they often ask for change for large bills.

Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza said local law enforcement agencies are working with agencies outside Lewis County in an investigation at this time. Buster confirmed an agency north of Centralia received a similar case.

Snaza cautioned businesses to look closely at any large bills, adding these should be easy to spot with different color ink.

Anyone with questions can contact Buster at the Police Department at 360-330-7680, or Snaza at the Lewis County sheriff's office, 360-748-9286.

What your Board of Directors has been doing!

Your Board of Directors has decided to publish the minutes of their meetings and each month's Treasurer's Report on the Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://grandmoundrochesterchamber.com/minutes/> They will be in PDF File format and you will need the Adobe Reader (Your computer should have Adobe Reader installed on it but if it doesn't you can download a free version at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=KSNEY>)

The meeting minutes will be posted after the following month's meeting to allow the Board to approve them

Upcoming

Meetings:

Meetings are held at noon on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Lunch \$10

- **January 4 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Derek Revisky speaking about the Veteran's Hub & another person speaking about the plans for the Hwy 12/Sgt. Road interchange**
- **February 1 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: The Annual report by our non-profits.**



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WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization that connects businesses in order to build a better community.

The major responsibility of a Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the community's economic well-being by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. Our Chamber of Commerce works to ensure the Grand Mound Rochester area has a voice in county and state issues impacting businesses, and supports community events and service organizations.

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