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The Port's New Building!



Port of Benton building located next to the Columbia River in North Richland is open for business.

After six months of construction and remodel of the 23,000 square foot former SAIC building, the Port of Benton moved into its new administration building May 2014. The new facility, designed by ALD Architects, P.S., features large, arching roof spans and many windows that view the Columbia River and Triton Sail. Located on Port of Benton Boulevard the new space provides ample meeting and office space for an efficient and productive workflow.

An additional 10,000 square feet at the south end of the building was remodeled and filled with two new tenants. Iso-Pacific Nuclear Assay Systems, with four employees, offers an advanced and vastly improved technology for volume reduction via radioactive soil segregation at contaminated sites all around the world. Another new tenant, with eight employees, is BNLTech Inc., a contract engineering support and renewable energy services firm, with over 100 years of combined experience working within and supporting complex engineering and consulting projects.

After moving into the new building an additional 10,000 square feet of office space at 3100 George Washington Way

That Place Pub & Eatery Opens

It all started with blowing a wish on a dandelion: to own a pub someday, that moment is represented on the sign on the front of the building.



That Place is located next to GESA Credit Union in the Port of Benton's Richland Innovation Center. It will be the newest place in North Richland to order local beer and wine with a meal.

The pub is a convenient spot for those who work in the research district in North Richland because it's right next to the WSU Tri-Cities Wine Science Center.

"Every place at the bar is going to have a place where customers can plug in their laptops. We are surrounded by scientists and engineers and they will be bringing their laptops. I've worked at Battelle for 16 years, Laura's been there 24 years, Mark 28 years and we know these people, we know our client base," said co-owner Teresa Schott.

That Place can seat approximately 125 people. The business will be hiring 14 people.

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Great Prosser Balloon Rally

The Great Prosser Balloon Rally has been launching colorful balloons since 1989, and this year was no exception. On September 26th through 28th, 22 balloons lifted off and floated over Prosser. A few balloon pilots conducted what's known as a 'splash-n-dash' into the nearby Yakima River next to the bridge just to prove they have the ability to maneuver these large vessels full of hot air. It was a great photo opportunity.

Viewers arrived early as the balloons lifted off into the quiet morning sky. Each balloon has an FAA approved pilot including a few with commercial ratings.



Balloons lifted off into the quiet morning sky over Prosser during the Great Prosser Balloon Rally.

For more information go to:
www.prosserballoonrally.org

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became available for current tenants: InnovaTek, XL SciTech, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Droctel and NW Anthropology for future expansion.

The Port's commissioners and staff had a great 20 years at the 3100 building, and are anticipating the new location as the start of another chapter in the Port's history. The staff is still settling in, adding artwork to the walls and enjoying the new landscaping around the building. We are incredibly excited to be in the new space and look forward to calling this home for the next 20 years.

If you're thinking about starting or expanding your business, space is still available.

For more information contact:
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The Port of Benton's new administration building lobby (above), the port's maintenance staff preparing for new tenant signs and landscaping work (below).



Richland and Prosser Fly-Ins

Richland Fly-In

The Richland Fly-In has served as the summer hot spot for northwest aviators and aviation enthusiasts since 2007.

This summer attendees enjoyed a large variety of antique, modern and experimental airplanes. Other events included a barbecue on Friday night and a pancake breakfast Saturday morning for pilots and the general public.

There were 250 kids between the ages of eight and seventeen who enjoyed free flights. Many of these enthusiastic 'Young Eagles' took their first airplane ride at this annual event staged at the Richland Airport. The Richland Fly-In has played host to a wide-range of aircraft—from a Howard DG8 to a Boeing D-40 to a Chinook helicopter.

Prosser Fly-In

This annual event sponsored by the South Central Washington Experimental Aircraft Association spotlighted various kinds of planes with many different models on display. There were many restored, home-built and experimental planes.

"There was a great turn out this year, the biggest event they have had yet and still growing! Hot as it was, visitors enjoyed looking at airplanes, a snack bar, forums, and an excellent lunch. Life Flight brought a helicopter and the Civil Air Patrol provided aircraft parking guidance," said Paul Furan, president of EAA Chapter 1466.

There were more forums and airplanes followed by a supper of baked salmon or pulled pork. Sunday morning we bid good-bye to the last of the crowd with a sumptuous breakfast and "took down the camp" for another year. We hope you were able to join us and if not, there is always next year!

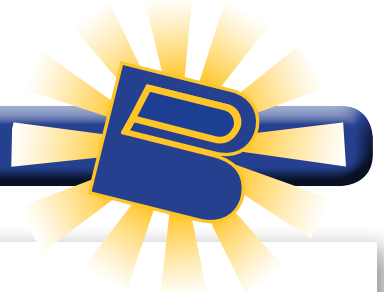


The Prosser Fly-in was enjoyed by kids of all ages. It featured a large variety of antique, modern and experimental planes (above photos)



Spectators enjoyed the event at the Richland Fly-in which included a pancake breakfast and vintage airplanes (photos bottom left and right).





Wingwalker Cafe

Editor: How did you decide to start Wingwalker Cafe?

Kyle: We like the romance of being located at an airport. You can look out the windows and watch the airplanes. The sound of engines has everyone turning to see them arrive or take off. It seemed like a great opportunity to open a restaurant with a theme that was aircraft oriented from the early 1920's to 1940's with that kind of style.

Editor: When do you plan to open?

Kyle: Our official opening date will be early October. We are working really hard to open the doors in late September. We will try and have a grand opening in November.

Editor: What types of food will you be offering?

Kyle: We will be doing an American breakfast and lunch with bacon, eggs, any way you want them, and traditional sandwiches.

Editor: Who will be the main cook or chef in this effort?

Kyle: Logan Carr will be the executive chef. He will have his kitchen staff and servers who will come to the table to take your orders.

Editor: Will you have any of your beer available?

Kyle: Yes, we do have a beer and wine license so we will be serving bottled beer and wine. I will eventually have draft beer if I open in the evenings for dinners. The one special beer in a bottle we hope to feature is a Wingwalker brand which is brewed by Genesee Brewing company. I will not have draft beer available during the first opening. I am, however, the brewery manager at Shrub Steppe Smokehouse Brewery located at the TEC building in Richland and



Wingwalker cafe is located at the Richland Airport under the air traffic control tower.

we will eventually have our beer offered up, possibly with clever aircraft names.

Editor: How many people will you have working here?

Kyle: We are planning for about five to eight people. Chef Logan will be full time and everyone else will be part time to start. Logan is hiring all the restaurant staff.

Editor: How many people can you accommodate in the new restaurant?

Kyle: The total capacity will be in the mid-fifties. We have two seating areas: one in front called the Airfield, which will seat about 40 people, and the other area is called The Cafe which will hold around 20 people. There will also be outdoor seating, weather permitting. You can walk by that area as you go to the front door that's on the right of the building and stop to admire whichever planes are close by at the moment, and possibly chat with a pilot coming through the gate.

Editor: What are the days and hours you will be open?

Kyle: We plan to open Monday

through Friday around 5:00 a.m. and stop serving lunch by 2:00 p.m. Saturday we will open, but not until later in the morning, probably 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. range.

Editor: What is the number one thing we should try that you recommend on the menu?

Kyle: I would say the specials we have every day and one of the specials will be what Chef Logan calls a Flight to Cuba, a Cuban sandwich with all the fixins. We are going to try to push our aircraft theme with in-flight specials, layovers and various exotic locales. We will also have the regular dishes which will be classic American food like burgers and fries. Some of the specials will be promoted to the menu if they become popular enough. So if you see the Monte Cristo sandwich on the lunch menu, you definitely want to get that.

For more information:
www.wingwalkercafe.com
(509) 943-8788

Blue Flame Releases New Brands of Spirits

Blue Flame Spirits expanded their business this summer by launching new brands with up and coming distilleries. They have introduced three new brands: 12 Spirits, Caliber Whiskey, and Moonshine Zombie Whiskey. They also held a bottling event that showcased 12 Spirits, a Seattle football-themed line of spirits.

They are producing vodka, gin, whiskey, brandy, and grappa made from 100% locally grown grains. Wheat, rye, corn, and barley are used to produce hand crafted small batch spirits. Representatives from Blue Flame Spirits, Port of Benton, Hanford Area Economic Investment Committee, and Benton-Franklin Council of Governments were in attendance at this bottling event held in the Prosser Wine and Food Park.

Blue Flame Spirits 12 Spirits vodka first tasting was held at Richland and Kennewick Mid-Columbia Wine & Spirits this summer during the Tri-Cities Water Follies. They also had a booth in the Budweiser tent during Water Follies. They gave away t-shirts and other free prizes during this event.



Commissioner Roy Keck applying a 12 Spirits label to a bottle of gin at the bottling event in Prosser.



For more information on Blue Flame Spirits contact:
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Calendar of Events

Commission Meeting	Port Administration Building	October 8th
Grow Manufacturing	Pasco TRAC	October 15th
Commission Budget Workshop	Port Administration Building	October 28th
Commission Meeting	Port Administration Building	November 5th
Veterans Day	Port Office Closed	November 11th

Commission meetings are open to the public and held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Port of Benton Administration Conference Room, 3250 Port of Benton Boulevard, Richland, WA. March and September Commission meetings are held at the Walter Clore Wine & Culinary Center, 2140 Wine Country Road, Prosser, Washington.

PORT KUDOS CORNER: 25 Years of Service

Congratulations to Scott D. Keller, PPM, who joined the Port of Benton as assistant manager in 1989. Scott grew up in Billings, Montana, went to college on a basketball scholarship and graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a degree in economics. In 2002, he became Executive Director of the Port and in 2011 he received his Professional Port Manager Certification (PPM). His 25 years of service is a legacy which will be hard to beat.

One of Scott's greatest assets is his unique leadership style. His ability to encourage everyone to shine at what they do and give full credit when credit is due may seem old school, but there is never a doubt that Scott's word is his bond.

Scott's loyalty has been an inspiration to all of us at the Port. The staff appreciates your selfless service and friendship for so many years. Your work has brought many laurels to the Port. It's your willingness to think innovatively with dedication and a caring attitude that has enabled the Port to achieve success with its many projects.

Keep up the good work and we wish you success in the years to come!



Happy Silver Anniversary Scott D. Keller, PPM, Executive Director of the Port of Benton.

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