



*"It's the day after Thanksgiving and all through the house*

*A lot of creatures are shopping, with or without spouse.*

*The shoppers are out buying locally with care,*

*In hopes that Economic Recovery, soon will be here.*

*The business owners are dressed in their Christmas-time Reds*

*While visions of a good Christmas season dance in their heads..."*

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Remember tomorrow is officially "Shop Small Business" day. Support local and small businesses by taking your business their way every day! It's good for providing local choices and keeps our hard-earned money local.

### **Quote of the Week:**

The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for. - Zig Ziglar

### **Happenings this week:**

**Tonight:** Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6pm at George Washington Park next to Centralia Timberland library. Bring the whole family for this fun event!



**Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Pacific Northwest Chamber Orchestra will begin its 11th season of free classical music performances Monday at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre with its annual Family Concert. The program starts at 7:30.

The kid-friendly evening will feature Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty Waltz," Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," music from Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" and a medley of Vince Guaraldi's score from "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Westminster Bell Choir Concert, here at The Gathering Place at 6:30 p.m. Come listen to the music of the season!

**Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Lyecum to Focus on Female Heroes in the Media. From Wonder Woman to Buffy Summers, Emma Peel to Sydney Bristow, Charlie's Angels to the Powerpuff Girls, superwomen are more than just love interests or sidekicks who stand by their men. In the 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, Lyceum presentation at Centralia College, pop-culture historian Jennifer K. Stuller will talk about how the female hero in modern mythology has broken through the boys' club barrier of tradition.



**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** The 64th Annual Chehalis Santa Parade will be on Saturday, December 7th starting at 11 a.m. in downtown Chehalis. Bring the kids for all the fun, candy and Santa at this year's "It's A Frosty Christmas" parade!

**Weather:** Snow is in the air for the first part of next week! The Old Farmer's Almanac says snow is definitely expected for the last half of December with a



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“snowstorm” predicted for the period of December 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Maybe a real White Christmas this year?