

Technology comes and goes but we will soon say goodbye to a familiar entertainment box. Technology seems to change quicker than I can keep up – with one recent exception. – The VCR (Video Cassette Recorder) and VHS tapes. A couple years ago I realized that most of the movies we were purchasing were on DVD, while we still clung to our favorite VHS tapes. In an effort to rightsize we decided to clear out the VHS tapes and make that old VCR obsolete. (This meant one less machine blinking the wrong time at us from our entertainment center!)

I made a list of the VHS movies we just couldn't live without and over several months went in search of DVD replacements. It was a real feeling of accomplishment when the last VHS tape went out the door. Should I confess right here and now that we still have the VCR boxed up in the garage “just in case”. After today, out it goes!

What started this thought for me today was reading an article on the National Public Radio website about the VCR coming to an end. Literally, the only remaining company that produces VCR's is no longer producing them as of this August. At their peak production they were making 15 million VCRs each year. Last year they only produced 750,000 so the time has come. Click [HERE](#) to see this interesting article.

If you need to recycle your VCR, the local Goodwill store is a recycling site. They will also take your old VHS tapes as well. Just another way to downsize and resize to retirement living in Stillwaters Estates!

Quote of the Week:

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality.

To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

– R. Buckminster Fuller

Happenings this week:

Sunday, July 24th: There will be a **Community Peace Rally** to support our local law enforcement on Sunday, July 24th, at 5:30pm, at *Washington Park* in Centralia. Speakers include the Centralia Chief of Police. Call 360-748-1886 for more information.

Next Week: Chehalis Fest is Saturday, July 30th in downtown Chehalis. Enjoy a pancake breakfast and a hot dog lunch with live music at the *Lewis County Historical Museum*. Bethel Church is sponsoring a Kid Zone with inflatables and face painting. Chehalis Fest will feature Rally Cross at the Port of Chehalis, free young Eagle Flights for ages 8-17 at the Chehalis Airport, and a car show on Chehalis Avenue. Look for the KITI/Live 95 Classic Trans AM! Find our more about the event on the Chehalis Fest Facebook page.



Weather:

Glorious Sunny weather is forecast for Sunday the 24th through the end of the month! Enjoy!