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The cloudy weather seems to be hanging over us this week- heavy, humid and cooler than a normal week. I think we are about to move into hotter weather and maybe finally summer. I really look forward to the sunshine so I am anxiously awaiting this annual event!

I was reading an article about weather this week and found a fun little chart that lists 100 plus ways to conserve water. Saving a little water each month is good for the planet and for the pocketbook. Just one example of savings is to shorten your daily shower by one minute and you save 150 gallons of water a month! Click [HERE](#) to see the many different and clever ways to save water.

As we look forward to the sunshine of summer it's good to be reminded to stay hydrated (drink at least 8 to 10 glasses of water a day, wear sunscreen when you go outdoors for any length of time and try to do any outside work in the cool of the morning and avoid the heat of the afternoon.

One last thing about the warmer weather to come. I have learned from experience to make sure my heating system and heat pump are in good condition. Last year, on the 4th of July and during a heatwave our heat pump decided to stop working. 90 degrees in the house is not something I want to experience again! Had I been faithful in getting my annual checkups for the system that wouldn't have happened. We have several very good local companies that can provide you with the heating maintenance service needed. Call the office if you need referral information.

Quote of the Week:

The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain. ~Henry Wadsworth

Longfellow



Happenings this Week:

This weekend is the Seattle to Portland Bike Ride. Riders will begin riding into town Saturday morning, coming from Bucoda through Pearl Street to Centralia College. About 8000 riders stay in Centralia and Chehalis overnight and then take off for Portland early Sunday morning.

Then, according to the route map on their website, bikers will head out on Mellen Street, come under “our” freeway overpass (exit 81), then head out on the Airport Road, turn right to go past the Riverside Golf Course, thru downtown Chehalis, then head out to Napavine by Stan Hedwall Park and south.

For those looking to lend a helping hand to the bikers coming through the area, there is no deadline to sign up to volunteer.

“I encourage everyone to get out, cheer on the riders, and volunteer if you can,” says Alicia Bull, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. To volunteer, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (360) 748-8885.

Weather: Cloudy and mid 70’s through next Wednesday and then we should see more sun and warming daytime temperatures. Enjoy the brightening weather!