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Several Whatcom County businesses honored at annual banquet

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Scott Walker, president of Walkers Carpet One Floor & Home, was named Whatcom County Business Person of the Year at an awards banquet on Thursday, March 12, in Bellingham.

General contractor Credo Construction of Bellingham received Small Business of the Year honors and Tatango, which offers free group text and voice messaging services, was selected as Business Startup of the Year. Sid Baron was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award. The 23rd-annual awards banquet, presented by Northwest Business Monthly, drew more than 400 people to Bellingham's Lakeway Inn & Conference Center.

The other award finalists were:

Business Person of the Year - Wayne Langei, president/CEO, Whatcom Educational Credit Union; Nancy Steiger, CEO/Chief Mission Officer, St. Joseph Hospital; and Jeff Voltz, general manager, Community Food Co-op.

Small Business of the Year - Chocolate Necessities, Credo Construction, Moka Joe and Net Solutions North America.

Start-up Business of the Year - Bellingham Pasta Co., Haven Design Workshop and Jump Around Fun Zone.

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