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## Whatcom County businesses to be honored at awards banquet

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Some of Whatcom County's businesses and entrepreneurs will be honored March 12 at an upcoming awards banquet.

The 23rd-annual Whatcom County Business Person of the Year awards banquet will be presented by Northwest Business Monthly at Bellingham's Lakeway Inn & Conference Center. Finalists for Business Person of the Year, Small Business of the Year and Startup Business of the Year will be honored. Also, Sid Baron, co-founder of general contractor Exxel Pacific, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

A social hour starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 746-0414 by March 10.

Finalists for the awards that will be announced at the March 12 banquet are:

### **Business Person of the Year**

Wayne Langei, president/CEO, Whatcom Educational Credit Union

Nancy Steiger, CEO/Chief Mission Officer, St. Joseph Hospital

Jeff Voltz, general manager, Community Food Co-op

Scott Walker, president, Walkers Carpet One Floor & Home.

### **Small Business of the Year**

Chocolate Necessities

Credo Construction

Moka Joe

Net Solutions North America.

### **Start-up Business of the Year**

Bellingham Pasta Co.

Haven Design Workshop

Jump Around Fun Zone

Tatango.

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