
What's New! – Argus acquires Blessing & Associates.

We are extremely pleased to announce the merging of two great insurance agencies. On January 1st, 2000, Argus Insurance took another step in expanding their marketing territory further into Central Washington by purchasing the Blessing & Associates agency in Moses Lake, Washington. Argus now maintains offices in Yakima, Moses Lake, and Ellensburg.



Norm Benson

Blessing & Associates was one of the largest independent insurance agencies in the Columbia Basin. The very qualified and professional staff of Blessing & Associates continues their fine sales and service operation in the same location. The combined strength, relationships, and expertise of the two organizations bode well for their customers at all locations.

Blessing & Associates trace their origins in one form or another back to 1952 when Don Blessing started the Blessing Insurance Agency. This was the same year water first became available to farmers from

the Grand Coulee Dam in the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project.

The agency, as it existed prior to January 1st, represented the absorption of eight other agencies, such as Security & Associates, Bob Coyle Agency, Benson Agency, Moses Lake Insurance Center, and the Hanson, Harmon & Blessing Agency (once a part of the Fred S. James organization).



Clete Hoiness

Two of the former owners of the agency, Norman Benson and Paul Klueber bring their talent and expertise with them to the new organization and customers can contact them at the Moses Lake office. "Norm" began his insurance career with his father at the Benson agency in 1982 and joined the Blessing & Associates organization in 1983. Paul started working for the organization in 1986. Clete Hoiness, son-in-law of Don Blessing, is also an agent at Blessing & Associates and began his insurance career in 1989.



Paul Klueber