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Women HAND in Hand team leaders

gathered in February for a group photo. Front row, from left, Tara Day, Peggy Bierl, Rose Weaver, Darlene Hurn. Back row, from left, Deborah Richmond, Norma Trueman, Sue Walden, Kathy Henderson, Sylvia Miles, Bonnie Lintz. Not pictured: Sheila Jennings, Wendy Duranceau, Denise Baird.

Upper Valley group aims to bring inspiration, hope, friendship, encouragement to women.

Most big ideas smart small. Women HAND in Hand is no exception.

The faith-based group began as a question pondered by a women's ministry team at Day Creek Chapel: What if we were to bring women together to hear a presentation by speaker Kim Meeder?

That "what if" question was answered in September 2012, when 300 women filed into the Sedro-Woolley High School auditorium to listen to Meeder.

Since then, the women of WHIH haven't

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From the editor

Five years. Who'da thunk it?

This issue marks exactly five years of publishing after *your* donations to my fundraising efforts brought the *Concrete Herald* back into a regular publishing schedule. Thank you for your support during these past five years. I hope you will continue to support The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley.

How can you support your hometown newspaper? By picking up a copy and reading it every month. By advertising in it. By encouraging every business you visit to advertise in it. And by telling me what you'd like to see in it.

Speaking of that, there's a local woman who's been pestering me to add an advice column for some time now, so I've decided to do it, beginning with next month's issue. It's a great idea; I just couldn't figure out where I would put it. Well, now I know: the "Smile" page. So look for "Ask Dotty" on that page next month, and feel free to send questions to Dotty at editor@concrete-herald.com.

—J. K. M.



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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Connected to Snohomish County

I feel so connected to those in Oso, Darrington, and Arlington who are struggling daily with the complete devastation and loss of life. Why? As of now, I don't believe I knew anyone that was taken by the slide.

These are our people. They have our accent. They sound just like us. They talk like we do. They are a logging community like ours is. They wear the same kind of clothes we do. They drive the same kind of vehicles we do. They participate in the same activities we do. And they have a very tight-knit and loving community, like we do. We are connected by water and roads and mountains. Many of the first responders are our neighbors and friends. So as they suffer, we suffer with them. The people of Darrington and those helping in the rescue and recovery efforts now drive through my town; there is no other route. Each time a sheriff, search-and-rescue vehicle, aid truck, county, state or federal vehicle, or piece of heavy equipment pass by me on my way to work, the tragedy strikes me even more. My heart hurts. What will that person deal with today? Who will they help? How will they change a life? Please keep them safe. The people of East Snohomish County are our close neighbors. Oso lies almost directly to the south of Lyman, just a small mountain away in the next valley over. This could have happened in our community. It did happen in our community.

If you are like me, you feel helpless. Opening your wallet is wonderful, but when your neighbor is hurting, it doesn't feel like enough. We want to help. We want to reach out.

To the people of East Snohomish County...When the cameras are gone, after those that have lost their lives are

laid to rest, when the world has moved on to the next tragedy, and as you continue to grieve, know that the people of Skagit County will be here to help you, for years to come, if needed. In memory of those lost and missing. Strength be to every single person touched by this tragedy.

Billie Stormont
Lyman

People helping people

Marblemount Bread of Life food bank and Darrington Food Bank have worked together for a number of years. Bread of Life Food Bank received a call from Darrington requesting assistance with food for the community and helping feed mudslide workers. Darrington Food Bank has been cut off from its providers because of the mudslide. As Bread of Life Food Bank director, I went to work contacting my sources.

I thank the Mount Vernon Safeway Store Manager Craig Cristy, Melanie McKeehan from Franz Bakery in Mount Vernon, and Manager John Howe from Food Pavilion in Sedro-Woolley.

Bread of Life is blessed with dedicated drivers, Gregg and Becky Snyder, who have volunteered to pick up and deliver food to the Darrington Food Bank. Thank you Safeway, Franz, and Food Pavilion for your loyal support.

Anyone wanting to contribute to gas

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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

The landslide between Darrington and Oso is on everyone's mind right now, including my own.



I'm encouraged by the Upper Valley's response to the disaster, from the selfless first responders to the emergency services personnel from Rockport, Marblemount, Grasmere, Concrete, Birdsvew, Sedro-Woolley, and elsewhere who traveled to the scene and provided aid to people who had just lived through one of nature's most horrible events.

My mind already is turning to what, specifically, we would do in Concrete if a similar catastrophe occurred. I'm aware of some past studies and major landslide events that have occurred in recent memory, but I plan to dig deeper and learn some specifics about our situation and what steps we'll need to take if the unthinkable should occur.

I plan to meet with Darrington Mayor Dan Rankin this month to see if I can provide any form of support for him. I'll take whatever I learn from him and use it to help strengthen both of our communities. If there's one message that's obvious from the March 22 landslide, it's that we are all in this together. Sports rivalries are entertaining, but when the land slides, we need to pull together.

I'm pleased to see exactly that happening, whether it's fundraising or the grim, muddy work of rescuing those trapped in the flow.

Speaking of fundraising, the out-pouring of financial support for the landslide victims has been astonishing. Albert's Red Apple pulled in \$1,800 in three days by selling yellow ribbons. Birdsvew Brewing Co. held a barbecue fundraiser and gathered \$6,000. Cascade Burgers took in \$440 by setting aside milkshake sales for a day.

You'll see collection jars all over the Upper Valley, including Concrete Liquor Store, Cascade Supply, Annie's Pizza, and more. Please consider a donation for our neighbors.

Concrete Mayor Jason Miller can be reached at goodwords@frontier.com or 360.853.8213.

Commentary

2014 legislative session ends

By Rep. Dan Kristiansen, 39th Dist.

The 2014 legislative session ended just before midnight on March 13. For the first time since 2009, state lawmakers are not facing a special session. The Legislature will not convene again until January 12, 2015.

While the legislative session is over, please remember I'm your state representative year-round. I'm here to listen to your concerns and help you navigate state government.

Below are summaries on some issues from the legislative session. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Supplemental operating budget

The 2013–15 operating budget, which passed in June 2013, appropriated \$33.5 billion. This budget pays for priorities such as K-12 education, higher education, health and human services, corrections, debt service, and other parts of state government.

The 2014 supplemental operating budget, which is a midcourse adjustment to the budget adopted last year, passed on the last day of the legislative session. I voted for it.

Because of our improving state economy, the Legislature had a little more money to work with in the middle of the two-year budget cycle. The supplemental operating budget will increase state spending by about \$155 million, resulting in total appropriations of about \$33.7 billion for 2013–15. It also will leave \$315 million in the ending fund balance.

Of this \$155 million, \$89 million is for maintenance-level adjustments and \$66 million is for policy adjustments. The largest new investments are in the areas of K-12 education, higher education, early learning and child care, health care, and long-term care, mental health, and developmental disabilities.

The supplemental operating budget is not perfect, but it represents compromise and prioritization. It is a more balanced approach than the first proposal that

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PHARMACY SERVICES

“Everything went dark”

Massive landslide claims lives, dams Stillaguamish, closes SR 530

Saturday, March 22 was pretty much like any other morning for Marla Skaglund. At 10:37 a.m. she was going about her business in her home at the base of Skaglund Hill, about 100 feet off State Route 530, when the lights went out.

“I looked outside and could see the wires moving. I thought somebody had hit a pole.”

She heard a sound like wind, then a rumble as if a semi truck were on the highway, idling. Curious, she looked toward the highway and noticed a white pickup stopped in the road. She walked out to the road and looked west along its length.

Then she dialed 911.

In a furious rush, the neighboring Hazel Hill had slid, pushing five million cubic yards of mud and debris into the North Fork Stillaguamish River and over SR 530. Two large slides happened one after another, followed within minutes by 15 smaller slides.

“It sounded like a tornado,” said one witness.

“Everything went dark,” said another of the rushing wall of mud.

The edge of the disaster was only a few hundred feet from Skaglund’s driveway and close to Oso, west of Darrington.

The landslide’s fury was complete. It obliterated houses and barns, tore up chunks of SR 530, and even ripped clothes off the humans who survived its onslaught.

First responders from the Oso Volunteer Fire Department (read a first-hand account on p. 24) told of dangerously deep and unstable mud during their initial rescue attempts. The force of the slide picked up one woman and her baby—still sitting on her couch—and deposited them all in a tree. She survived, as did her baby.

Others weren’t so lucky.

Dozens missing

Initial reports of missing persons shot up to more than 100, a number that fell to 30 by March 29. Total confirmed fatalities by that date were 18, with unconfirmed



On March 22, the eastern slope of Hazel Hill near Oso failed, sending a landslide into the North Fork Stillaguamish River and destroying State Route 530. Mud from the landslide was a mile wide and estimated up to 40 feet deep in areas. *Photo courtesy of WSDOT.*

reports putting the number closer to 26.

Immediately following the slide, Facebook buzzed with concerned family members trying to determine if their loved ones were still alive.

Two of those missing were Steve Harris, 52, and his wife, Theresa DeShazo, of Darrington, who were in a cabin that was destroyed when the mudslide ripped through the area. They are still missing.

Harris is project manager and senior structural engineer at Elliott Bay Design Group, the Seattle-based firm that

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Above: A post-slide view of the hill that gave way March 22 near SR 530 and Oso. *Photo courtesy of WSDOT.*

Below: The North Fork Stillaguamish River dam breach at SR 530. The landslide near Oso on March 22 created the dam. *Photo courtesy of WSDOT.*



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designed the Michael W. Behrens and the Charles W. Heald, the newest ferries in the Port Aransas, Texas, fleet.

Harris’ sister, Robyn Dombroski, who lives in Alaska, said her son, Chris, exchanged texts with Harris on Saturday morning, less than an hour before the slide occurred. Chris Dombroski is stationed at Fort Lewis. Harris wrote that he and his wife were at their cabin and urged Chris to drop by for a visit.

Chris had a conflict in his schedule and didn’t go. When he learned about the mudslide shortly after the texts, he tried repeatedly to call Harris and only got voicemail, Dombroski said, adding that no one has heard from the couple since the mudslide occurred.

Harris was a responsible man who would have contacted his family to let them know he was OK after the mudslide, Dombroski said.

Interviewed on Mon., March 24, Dombroski said her family was holding

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Earth Week in Concrete

Earth Day is April 22 this year, and Concrete is joining the effort to celebrate our planet by hosting Earth Week in Concrete, a variety of events from April 19 to 26. Here’s a list of some of the confirmed activities.

- Sat., April 19: Seed Swap at Marblemount Community Hall, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Fri., April 25: “Earth Care Share”: Community Ideas on How to Care for the Earth, at Concrete Center. Potluck and idea mingling boards at 5 p.m.; panel discussion and public forum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sat., April 26: Earth Jam Poetry Readings, 5b’s Bakery, Concrete; 2 to 4 p.m.
- Thur., April 24: Earth Week Film

- Fest, Concrete Theatre; 6 to 9 p.m.
- Sat., April 26: Eco-Fair, Concrete Center; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tue., April 22: Highway Cleanup with KSVU, mile markers 93–95; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sat., April 26: Recycled Art Contest, Concrete Center; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sat., April 26: Recycled Family Crafts, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More Earth Week events should be added to the line-up; updates will be made to the online version of this article on www.concrete-herald.com and announced on KSVU 90.1 FM.

—J. K. M.

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passed out of the House—a measure I voted against. State lawmakers will need to continue to build on the bipartisan work of the last two years in 2015.

K-12 education

Senate Bill 6552 will redirect a \$97 million appropriation for increased instructional hours to support implementation of a new, 24-credit graduation requirement. This will be distributed to districts through an increase in materials, supplies, and operation costs funding and a reduced class-size allocation for laboratory science in grades 9–12. I supported this legislation and it is expected to be signed into law.

House Bill 2797 would have allowed for \$700 million in bonds, backed by state Lottery revenue, for grants to school districts to construct classrooms for full-day kindergarten and K-3 class-size reduction. School districts would not be required to pass a local levy to match the construction funding. I voted for this legislation, but it died in the Senate.

Losing our “No Child Left Behind” waiver. This bill would have made an adjustment to our state’s teacher and principal evaluation system in order to secure \$38 million in federal funding for programs that support some of our most disadvantaged students. I supported this legislation but, unfortunately, it never moved to the House floor. As a result, our students may lose these critical programs and teachers. This outcome is very unfortunate.

Gun-related measures

Initiative 591 (Protect Our Gun Rights Act) and Initiative 594 (Background Check for Gun Sales and Transfers) did not move forward in the legislative process. Voters will decide their outcomes in November of this year.

House Bill 1840 provides that a person can be ordered not to possess a firearm if a court has issued a protective order that includes a finding that the person represents a credible threat to another person and that explicitly restrains the person from using or threatening to use physical force against another person. I supported this legislation, which had no opposition in the House or Senate, and it is expected to be signed into law.

Rep. Dan Kristiansen serves the 39th District. Reach him at 360.786.7967, dan.kristiansen@leg.wa.gov, or online at www.representativedankristiansen.com. Write to him at 335C Legislative Building, P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504.

—J. K. M.



Dillon

Dillon announces retirement

After more than two decades of public service, Skagit County Commissioner Sharon Dillon has announced she will retire as of Dec. 31.

A Democrat, Dillon, 67, was first elected to the Sedro-Woolley City Council in 1992. She served as Sedro-Woolley mayor from 2000 to 2006, the first woman to do so.

In 2006 Dillon was chosen as the Skagit County Commissioner for District 3, and has served Skagit County ever since.

“It’s been my honor and privilege to serve the people of Skagit County these past eight years as county commissioner, but I’m ready to spend more time with my husband and family, and enjoy retirement,” Dillon said.

Dillon pointed out high spots during her term: “Giving municipalities a say in the solid waste issue by putting together the solid waste governance board. I think that was a springboard toward allowing cities and the county to work together.”

She said one of her greatest challenges was the current water issue. “It’s frustrating for me. When I came in, that issue was there; the county already had spent a lot of money in litigation and gotten nowhere—and still no end in sight for the residents of Skagit County to be able to use their land as they had planned to use it.”

So far, Lisa Janicki and Kevin Loy have stated their intent to run for Dillon’s seat in November.

THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

Have you removed your studded tires?

Better do it quickly. WSDOT says they should have been off by March 31. Unless WSDOT grants a weather-related extension, studded tires are only legal in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31. Under state law, driving with studded tires after March 31 is a traffic infraction and could result in a \$124 ticket. Ouch.

Beginning Sun., April 6, there will be two meetings per week in Concrete for **Narcotics Anonymous**. The meetings will be held Sundays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room at Concrete Resource Center, 45770 Main St., Concrete. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

“I personally attend the Concrete AA meetings and have seen folks show up, fighting addictions, and not come back because of the specific nature of an AA meeting,” said organizer Jenifer Allison. “I am hoping to address this need by starting ‘Concrete Circle of Friends Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous.’”

Allison said her goal, including the three AA meetings already active in Concrete, is to provide five 12-Step meetings in Concrete proper. “Also, if the two AA meetings in Lyman also are included, there will be a 12-Step meeting every night of the week.”

For more information, contact Jenifer Allison at 360.202.3698 or trippinkitten@gmx.com.

Look for “**Ask Dotty,**” an advice column that will make its debut on the “Smile” page in the May 2014 issue of *Concrete Herald*. We’ll need something to start with, so if you have a question for Dotty, e-mail it to editor@concrete-herald.com or send it via snail mail to P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237. And no, “Dotty” is not me.

Want to **donate to landslide victims**, but want to make sure your money stays in the immediate area? Here’s how:

1. In person at the Coastal Community Bank, 45641 State Route 530 NE, Darrington, WA 98241; 360.436.0284
2. Online at www.coastalbank.com; follow the links to the account to which you would like to donate
3. Mail check to Coastal Community Bank, P.O. Box 90, Darrington, WA 98241

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings March 10 and 24. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town’s Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

March 10 regular meeting

- Citizen Joe Wenzinger inquired into the possibility of the town contracting with Sedro-Woolley or Burlington for an additional law enforcement officer, so that the town could have one dedicated officer in town at all times, in addition to the Sheriff’s deputies.

Councilmember Jack Mears stated that the contract with the Sheriff’s Office costs a lot, but having our own police force would cost a lot more. He stated that at one time the town police force was good, but in later years before it was disbanded, the town police force was not cost-effective.

Councilmember Marla Reed stated that this has been discussed many times and the town is currently getting the most for their money by contracting with the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office.

- Town Attorney David Day and Mayor Jason Miller reported on the additions to the proposed fueling station lease with North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum regarding the membership rules and the meetings that took place a few weeks ago to discuss the lease. It was stated that after those meetings and the additions, the lease seemed to be agreeable to the town and the museum. The council voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement.

- *Fire and Life Safety Building:* Town Engineer Cody Hart with Reichhardt & Ebe reported that design is progressing and a lot of items have been worked through. He also reported there will be a public forum this Wed. at 6 p.m. to review and answer any questions from the public regarding this project.

- Hart also reported that he will meet with Stantec tomorrow and get the O&M manual for the wastewater treatment plant started.

- Hart also reported that the town has been preliminarily awarded an additional \$80,000 from the Skagit Council of Governments to complete the final design of the secondary access road project.

March 24 regular meeting

- *Public Safety:* Sgt. Chris Kading stated the calls have been light the last few weeks. He reported they are continuing the investigation at the Eagles Nest to determine where and why there is an influx of transients there. He stated that he is getting good cooperation from the property owner and management.

He also reported they are in the process of issuing a few evictions in the Mill Addition area and are working to get that area cleaned up.

Sgt. Kading also reported there has been increased heroin use in Skagit Valley the last few years, and Concrete and eastern Skagit County are no exception. He stated they will continue to investigate this problem.

- Mayor Miller asked if the town or state have any type of panhandling laws or ordinances. Sgt. Kading stated that if panhandlers impede vehicle or pedestrian traffic, that is against RCW and a citation could be written, but other than that there is not much they can do but make contact with the individuals. He stated there is not any jail booking with these types of occurrences. Day reported that the City of Seattle has wrestled with this issue for many years. He stated that he believes that the Cities of Mount Vernon and Burlington have something in place, but not sure of the extent. He will investigate.

- *Fire and Life Safety Building:* Hart gave an update on some of the environmental documentation for the project that required a confirmation from the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). He stated they could not locate the confirmation letter and it was determined that the DAHP had never issued one. He stated that since it has been some time, this process would need to start over. He stated there may be some timing issues associated with this process since it could take approximately forty-five (45) days to complete. He stated the longer the delay is in this process could also add a slight delay to the actual project.

—Compiled by J. K. M.

Keep track of your council

To have Concrete Town Council agendas and meeting minutes e-mailed to you automatically, e-mail your request to andrea@concretewa.gov or call 360.853.8401. Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Two new Eagle Scouts from Concrete



Concrete Boy Scouts Kevin McLaughlin (left) and Forest Barnedt were awarded Eagle Scout status during a March 22 Court of Honor ceremony at Community Bible Church in Concrete.

To attain the level of Eagle Scout, each completed a service project: McLaughlin worked in the Angele Cupples Community Garden and completed a fence at Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete. Barnedt spearheaded a food drive that collected 636 lbs. of food—enough to feed a family of four for 21 weeks. The sought-after Eagle Scout rank is the highest level a Scout can achieve and also the most difficult; only 1 to 4 percent of Scouts who join the organization attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Coming to Darrington and Sedro-Woolley in April

April 24th ~ 6:30 pm
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Sports



Young fastpitchers look good

By Adam Woodworth, head coach

Concrete’s ladies’ sports teams this year have had their share of youth, and the softball team is no different. Of the 10 returning players, seven are freshman and two are sophomores. The team is filled out with a couple new seniors, a junior who missed last season, and a handful of underclassmen and 8th graders.

With all that potential, the Lions have enough numbers this year to field a JV team and are excited to have the opportunity. Everyone is going to have a chance at significant playing time and be better for it.

Along with the addition of a JV squad, the coaching staff has a new face as well. Assistant Coach Nolan Mailliard makes his coaching debut with the Lady

Lions this season, and brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for the game. Coach Mailliard is also using this opportunity as a business management internship while attending Skagit Valley College.

The Lady Lions this year include returning junior Kelse Cargile, sophomores Katelin Pritchard and Shelby Meacham, and freshmen Brook Barnedt, Tessa Coffell, Sidney Hockett, Iris Nevin, Tate Mathis, Cierra Mulvihill, and Chloe Stidman.

New to the Lions Varsity team this year are senior Emilee Fenley, sophomore Taylor Aldridge, and freshmen Emily Bridge and Vicky Sheahan.

The Lions looked good in their season opener at home against league opponent Orcas. Tessa Coffell recorded the win with 10 strikeouts and two walks. The Lions outscored the Vikings 13–10 to take the game, thanks in part to strong offensive

efforts from Sheahan (1B, 2B, RBI), Aldridge (2-1B, RBI), Nevin (2B, 3 RBI), and Cargile (2-1B, RBI).

The Lady Lions traveled to Mount Vernon to play the Bulldogs JV March 24. Concrete took an early lead and poured it on to win 15–5 in five innings. Pritchard got the win, giving up only two hits while keeping her pitch count low and fighting through some persistent illegal pitch calls. Offensive leaders included Coffell (2-1B), Mathis (3-1B), Hockett (3B, RBI), Cargile (2-1B, 2 RBI), and Pritchard (1B, 3 RBI).

On March 28 the Lady Lions faced nonleague opponent Mt. Baker and suffered their first loss, 26–7. The lions jumped out to an early 6–3 lead in the first inning, thanks to a two-RBI double from Coffell and a timely two-out, RBI single from Meacham. Meacham went on to hit another single and a double, driving in another run in the fifth inning. Mt. Baker dusted off their bats in the third inning and never looked back, tallying 25 hits.

The outlook is very promising for the Lady Lions this season, and a competitive league season is what stands between this team and a playoff berth. You can follow the team’s schedule and progress online at www.nw1a2bathletics.com.



Mailliard



Freshman pitcher Tessa Coffell is strong on the mound this year, notching 10 strikeouts and only two walks during the Lady Lions’ season opener against Orcas Island. She is joined by Katelin Pritchard at the pitching position.



Concrete freshman Chloe Stidman tags an Orcas Island base runner during a steal attempt at the Lady Lions’ home game March 21.



Concrete seniors **Mason Swenson** (left) and **Josh Rogge** and the rest of the Concrete Lions baseball team ganged up on Orcas Island during a March 21 home game against the Vikings, during which the Lions took the win 10–0.



Lions end month 2–3

By Dallas Newby

Hello everyone. Welcome to another year of Concrete Lions Baseball. I hope you are as excited as I am for this year, so let’s get to it.

First I want to introduce the 2014 Concrete Lions team. Our freshmen this year are Tyler Labrousse, Grayson Luttrell, Solomon Holman, James Suit, Tanner Wilson, and Austin Weneker.

Sophomores are Tucker Scollard, Jon Goodwin, Dylan Clark, Seth Shaffer, Jesse Stewart, and Robert Nevin.

We have only two juniors this year: Jordan Kucera and Gibson Fichter.

Last, we have seniors Mason Swenson, Forest Barnedt, Jayden Hopfield, and our team captains Andy Freeman, Josh Rogge, and Dallas Newby. This will be the fifth year these three have played varsity baseball.

So far the Lions have played five games this season. The first game went to extra innings, but was a losing effort as the

Lions lost to Blaine 9–5.

The next bore the same result as the Lions lost to Meridian 14–3.

The Lions were able to bounce back the next game, beating Orcas 10–0.

The next game found the Lions winning against Bush by one run. The Lions scored four runs in the seventh inning to take the lead and win 7–6.

The last game of the month was a tough one for the Lions, going up against a very good Coupeville team. The Lions were shut out for five innings and lost 13–0.

The Lions ended this month with a 2–3 record. Their next game is April 1 against rival La Conner. That is going to be one exciting game. Let’s hope the Lions pull out a win in that important matchup.

Well, that’s all for this month. Until next month, this is Dallas Newby signing off.

Dallas Newby is a senior at Concrete High School.

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Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month are Anjelika Koenig and Brayden Olmstead

Junior Anjelika Koenig wrestled for the Concrete team this year in the 124-lb. class, and made it to Mat Classic—the only Concrete woman to do so. On her way to state, she took 6th at the Sedro-Woolley Tournament on Jan. 4, and brought home a 2nd place medal at the Lady Tiger Tournament at Burlington-Edison on Jan. 18. “She’s a natural,” said Coach David Dellinger. “At tournaments and matches, she gave 100 percent. She recruited girls for the team and worked with the junior high wrestlers too.”

Sophomore wrestler Brayden Olmstead took 4th in state for the 195-lb. class. “All year that kid pulled through for us,” said Dellinger. “He’s the type of kid who didn’t care if he was behind five or 10 points; he came back and won. I saw him down seven points, and he won the match. He was at every turnout and always had good grades. He always wanted to be better and he wasn’t afraid to put the time in.”

Koenig and Olmstead were selected by Concrete Lions Booster Club members based on their leadership, being team players, and demonstrating sportsmanship and character.



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Smaller track team performing well

By Xyomara Ramos

The Concrete track and field team has started the season off on a very different note. In comparison to the large numbers in past years, they have started out with a mere 21 athletes. The team this season is composed of three seniors, six juniors, eight sophomores, and four freshmen.

Returning off of strong performances at state are seniors Christensen (triple jump) and Ramos (high jump), junior Rebecca Torheim (shotput), and sophomores Jasmine Hopfield (100 meter hurdles) and Kevin McLaughlin (3,200 meters).

“We are a young team experience-wise, but the strong leadership and patience amongst the team has helped,” said Coach Vanessa Williams. Leadership from captains Josh Philipsen, Samantha Christensen, and Xyomara Ramos have helped make a very cohesive group, as well as spread a feeling of trustworthiness that the coaches appreciate.

“We are able to tell the kids to go out and do things and trust that they can work on their own and actually get things done,” said Coach Ashleigh Howell.

Because of the small number of athletes, the coaching staff has shrunk too, losing Meghan Parker (distance coach) and Matthew Williams (throw coach). However, Williams and Howell have embraced the change. They have become specialized in coaching more events in order to cover the losses. Although this was presented as a challenge at first, they have found that they are able to spend more time with each athlete, which has been beneficial.

With staff cut in half, they have also found that meets have become harder to run. They are left with fewer hands to help run events during official meets.

Injuries a factor

Some of the challenges that the Lions will face this year are the shifting of events. In previous years, the events have been spread out amongst the athletes, but now, because of the team’s size, there has even been a struggle to generate relay teams, an event in which the Lions have succeeded in the past. This year there are currently no female distance runners on the team either.

In addition to the shifting of events, the Lions have had a few injuries right

off the bat. Along with a few minor cases of shin splints among a few of the athletes, within the first few weeks of practice, Christensen suffered a pulled hamstring and Ramos suffered a sprained knee. However, they were both eligible to compete for the home track meet on March 27.

Despite the size of Lions this season, they are performing extremely well. In the home meet that welcomed Mount Vernon Christian, La Conner, Shoreline Christian, and Grace Academy, both male and female teams placed third overall.

To help clinch the third place spot, freshman Blaine Storms placed fourth with personal records (PRs) in the 400 meters and high jump events.

Junior River Lee took second in shot put with a throw of 36’02”.

State returner McLaughlin took second in the 3,200 meters and fourth in the 1,600 meters.

Junior Clay Nelson took second in triple jump and third in long jump.

Sophomore Josh Gentry topped everything off by taking first in the long jump with a huge PR, jumping 18’02”.

For the girls, sophomore Hopfield took third in the 100 meter hurdles, the 300 meter hurdles, and

javelin.

Junior Torheim took first in shotput, fourth in discus, and first in javelin.

Junior Muriel Troka placed first in discus and second in shotput.

Junior Madeline Corn pulled second in high jump.

Ramos took first in high jump and second place in triple jump.

Christensen took fourth in triple jump.

To secure the ladies’ spot in third place overall, Troka, Corn, Christensen, and Ramos rounded up a first place win in the 4x100 meter relay with a career PR of 58.31 seconds.

The Lions’ next league meet will be April 10, hosted by Mount Vernon Christian at Mount Vernon High School, with events beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Xyomara Ramos is a senior at Concrete High School.



Freshman Blaine Storms goes up and over during the high jump competition at a multi-school track meet hosted by Concrete March 27. Storms placed fourth in the event, in which he notched a personal record.



Concrete junior Muriel Troka puts the shot at the March 27 track meet at Concrete.



Senior Sam Christensen completes the step portion of her triple jump during the home track meet March 27.



Junior River Lee hurls the discus during the March 27 track meet on Concrete’s home turf.

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looked back or slowed down. With a goal of inviting two world-class speakers to town every year, the group last year welcomed author Carol Kent and singer Kathy Troccoli. This year they’ll kick off with LeAnn Hart in April, followed by Jennifer O’Neill in November. For 2015 they’ve already lined up Ruth Graham (Billy Graham’s wife) and Sarah Hill.

What’s the point of their efforts? To find a way to reach women with a gospel message if those women are uncomfortable or not interested in attending church.

“I’m concerned about the women in our community, and thinking that I’d like to bring in some speakers to bring a message of hope and encouragement,” said WHIH Chair Sylvia Miles, who is married to Rick Miles, the retired pastor of Day Creek Chapel.

Hope and encouragement might be just what the doctor ordered on April 24, when the WHIH-sponsored “Hope Inspires” women’s conference begins at Darrington High School. Speaker LeAnn Hart will headline that event at 6:30 p.m., which will be free, said Miles. Any donations collected that night will go toward a slide relief fund, she said.

“This is coming at a time when a community is bone-weary, and it will be free for them,” said Miles. “I hope they come pouring in.”

The conference continues April 25–26 at Sedro-Woolley High School (that portion carries an admission fee; see ad, p. 7).

Opportunity to serve

After the group’s first event, WHIH leadership decided it was about women in general. “We started inviting women from other churches to become involved,” said Miles. “We kept asking, ‘what if?’”

Women HAND in Hand organized itself into team leaders and an advisory board. Current team leaders include Rose Weaver, Prayer; Bonnie Lintz and Peggy Bierl, Refreshments; Darlene Hurn, Hospitality; Tara Day, Secretary and Special Projects; Norma Trueman and Tami Gibbons, Decorating; Sue Walden and Wendy Duranceau, Marketing and Fundraising; Kathy Henderson, Treasurer and Evangelism; Deborah Richmond, Ticketing; Sheila Jennings, Worship Team Leader; and Denise Baird, who overseas



Sylvia Miles serves as chair for Women HAND in Hand.

the fledgling group in Darrington. The advisory board is composed of Miles, Henderson, Walden, Day, Weaver, and Richmond.

“I’m thankful for a team of women who aren’t afraid of hard work,” said Miles. “When we have an opportunity to serve, they do. We don’t have to call and beg; there are always women who are willing to come on board.”

Miles points to a planned April 19 event at the Skagit County Fairgrounds—a tack sale hosted by The Bony Pony. “There are 13 women signed up for concessions work at that sale. They represent five different churches,” she said.

The faith-based group has an obvious agenda—“We exist to help women find God in their story” its promotional brochure proclaims—but its members are anything but heavy-handed.

“We invite women who want to get involved, let them know what we’re doing and how they can get involved,” said Miles.

What are they doing? “Bringing women to a place of being able to openly and honestly confront their needs and know that there’s hope in God,” said Miles.

She points to the Kathy Troccoli event last year, remembering a woman who

said she attended with her daughters and experienced “a tremendous reconciliation” with them. “Another woman connected with Troccoli from the audience. She had breast cancer and has since gotten a clean bill of health. “The encouragement she received that night was intense,” said Miles.

Women HAND in Hand is getting a reputation for executing events professionally. Two churches have committed to supporting the group and its efforts.

But Miles doesn’t let any conversation get bogged down in denominations or even theology. Her attitude reflects the group’s name. “My desire would be that these women would be mentored, continue to draw women from different churches, working together, not against each other. It’s not about me being part of this church or that church; it’s about being part of the family of God—what does that look like? I think we’re accomplishing that hugely. At our last event, there were women there from about 30 different churches. Women on our leadership team are representing about 10 different churches. Our worship team has women from at least three churches. To come together and work together—I think that’s important,” she said.

Get real

Author and speaker Carol Kent came to town last year and shared her heart-wrenching story with a WHIH audience. Kent’s son shot and killed his wife’s ex-husband and was imprisoned in Florida to serve a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Kent had been on the Christian speaking circuit for 25 years when the murder occurred; she thought her credibility was going out the window.

“Before the event, an area woman whose son had committed a similar crime met with Carol for about 20 minutes,” said Miles. “The next day I asked [Kent] how it went. She said, ‘Here’s something I’ve learned: I always used to throw Scriptures at people, and say, “If you would do this ...” and then I’d pray. What I’ve learned is that I can cry with them. And that’s exactly what we did. We cried together.’”

With stories like that already under their belt, Miles said the members of Women HAND in Hand remain driven to reach other women, regardless of their creed.

“We picked a ragtag bunch of women with a vitality for life. Every one of them has a sense that this is important, that we must do this,” she said.

—J. K. M.



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Academics

Academic Achievers



Concrete K-8 School recognized its April academic standouts with awards of achievement. *Front row from left:* Zackerias Hendry-Conrad, Colby Whitford, Anthony Culver, Robert Rushin, Anja Roozen, Andrew Cate, Breanna Coggins, Serifina Orr, Xander Erickson. *Back row from left:* Kylie Clark, Collin Martin, Jasara Taylor-Temple, Marshall Fichter, Shanon Clemons, Kaitlynn Michaud, Cassie Bridge, Elizabeth Buchta, Haley Pressley. *Not pictured:* McKenna Kononen, Rebecca Azure.

PTO update

Concrete K-8 School will host its annual **Science Fair** on Thur., April 10, in the gymnasium. Projects will be on display at 1 p.m. and again from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. that day.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the creative and scientific projects that the students will make. Last year we learned about the amazing abilities of coffee and plant growth. This year has some amazing research projects from classes that are turning into science investigations. Thanks to our sponsors—Concrete PTO, Hampton Lumber, and Mary Janda—for keeping the Concrete Science Fair tradition strong.

For more information about the Science Fair, call the school at 360.853.8145.

Save the date: Concrete PTO is planning a **carnival** for May 17 from 2 to 7 p.m., throughout the halls of Concrete K-8 School. The carnival will be open to the

general public, as well as the students and their families. Designed to be a fundraiser for the PTO, the carnival will include a bouncy house, karaoke, bean bag toss, photo booth, face painting, cake walk, book making, Ping-Pong, and more. The Skagit County Sheriff will be there, as well as our fire department. Concrete Lions Club will cook hamburgers and hot dogs, and offer beverages and popcorn.

Concrete PTO is looking for **photo submissions** for this year’s yearbook.

Parents and other family members are encouraged to upload photos from events or activities involving their Concrete K-8 student at <http://lpx.me/vncu-bcga-4mae/>.

After accessing the site, click on the appropriate folder and click “add images.” If no folder exists for your pictures, add the images to the main file.

Submission of photos does not guarantee publication in the yearbook.

—Sheena Daniels



Concrete High School Band student Jaycelyn Kuipers performs a solo of “Jake’s the Man” during the Concrete Music Department Spring Concert on March 25.



Level 1 Strings/Piano Class members Tyler Kidder and Elizabeth Buchta, both in 6th grade, perform a duet of “Perpetual Motion” during the Concrete Music Department Spring Concert on March 25.



Robotics Team Captain Tanner Wilson (right) and team member Tavish Beals examine the Concrete High School robot during the first of two Regionals competitions at Mount Vernon High School March 14. Reinspection issues prevented the team from competing successfully during this outing, but the team enjoyed greater success at the second Regionals event at Auburn High School March 27–29.

Struggle and success as Robotics team returns

The Concrete High School Robotics team returned this year in smaller numbers, but plenty of heart.

Led by advisor Claus Joens, this year’s team is composed of students Tanner Wilson, William McDaniel, Muriel Troka, and Tavish Beals, all of whom traveled to Mount Vernon High School and Auburn High School for two Regionals competitions in March.

The team has an impressive roster of mentors who have come alongside the students to encourage them as they climb the technology learning curve and work collaborative to achieve their goals. This year’s mentors are Alex Thibert, Judd and Crissie Wilson, Em Beals, Chad Hawkings, Nick Royce (a Janicki engineer), Alex Joens, and Nathan Storms.

After struggling at the Mount Vernon Regionals competition, the team traveled to Auburn High School and “did everything they should have done,” said Claus Joens. “Once they developed a game plan, they rose in the rankings to fifth place.”

Joens said he was pleased with the students’ performance this year. “As one adversity after another came up, they were successful in mitigating most of them.”



Robotics team advisor Claus Joens (right) works quickly with Team Captain Tanner Wilson to repair the Concrete team’s robot during a break in the action March 14.

Concrete High School FBLA team triumphs

By Haley McNealey

Under the leadership of high school teacher and club advisor Claus Joens, Concrete’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) team is going to great lengths to prepare for future success.

FBLA is a competitive club with 215,000 high school members and 11,000 college members nationwide. Members gain critical skills that will help them to excel in their future business ventures and careers, in addition to building connections with their peers that will last a lifetime.

The organization seeks to educate students about business procedures and cultivate their interest in becoming innovative leaders in America’s businesses. Competitive events include individual and team presentations, as well as aptitude tests on a multitude of business-related subjects. While other chapters consist of close to one hundred members, Concrete’s team consists of only six highly motivated students, all but one of whom have qualified for at least one event at the State Conference, which will be held in mid-April in Seattle. Based on their performance at the Regional Conference, they hope to succeed in Seattle and have the opportunity to travel to Nashville, Tenn., and compete in the State Conference.

“It would be nice if more people got involved,” said club President Shelby Meacham, who hopes to pursue a career in the music industry. “But I’m happy to see our members this year have shown such dedication.” This is Shelby’s second consecutive year qualifying for the State Conference for her recital of the Creed, a speech about the character and objective of the FBLA organization and its members.

Each member has high hopes for their future occupations. Sophomore Daniel Shaffer plans to be a computer engineer; Brook Barned, the Parliamentarian, hopes to one day save lives as a doctor. Treasurer Kevin McLaughlin dreams of being a trauma flight nurse; Samuel Holbrook, who holds the office of vice

president, would like to contribute to the safety of his community by becoming a police officer. I as secretary am an aspiring writer and editor. Each member emphasizes the skills they have developed through their FBLA experiences, including public speaking, insight into a business perspective, improved communication abilities, and—most importantly, perhaps—working together as a team by making sacrifices and compromising. Meacham and Barned agree that meeting new people with similar interests is exciting.

The team is currently preparing for the State Conference. Meacham is working toward improving her recital of the Creed, Holbrook is perfecting his Job Interview materials, and Shaffer is increasing his efficiency with Microsoft Excel. McLaughlin is collecting material to use in his Healthcare Administration presentation, I have been challenging myself to continually grasp new concepts involving Business Math, and Barned is preparing for the Parliamentary Procedure event she plans to compete in next year.

The club’s advisor, Claus Joens, is looking forward to the next year, which is likely to be teeming with new events, opportunities, and experiences for FBLA members. The team plans to work closely with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller to establish an American Enterprise project for next year’s competition. This project will involve collecting and analyzing data from local economic development initiatives. Joens also is planning to have a member of the club regularly attend Chamber of Commerce meetings and report significant highlights back to other club members for discussion and analysis.

Another exciting new endeavor FBLA members are integrating into their chapter will be interviewing local business owners to understand their responsibilities and celebrate their accomplishments.

Haley McNealey is a sophomore at Concrete High School.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP: Skagit County Cattlemen/Cattlemen is accepting applications for two scholarships of \$600 each. A student applying for this scholarship must be a graduating senior from a Skagit County High School. The student shall be furthering his or her education in a agriculture-related field. The deadline is April 15. Go to www.skagitcountycattlemen.com for an application. For more information, call Gary Knaus at 360.391.7290.



Clear Lake



Army Corps receives \$400,000 to complete Skagit flood protection study

SKAGIT COUNTY — Skagit County officials were notified March 5 that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received \$400,000 to complete the Skagit River General Investigation (GI), a flood risk study for which Skagit County is the local sponsor.

The GI is currently in the feasibility stage, where there is a 50/50 cost share agreement between the Corps and Skagit County. The feasibility phase began in 1997. Due to the complexity of this and other ongoing studies, the Corps initiated a significant effort in 2011 aimed toward improving the performance and execution of its feasibility study delivery.

The Corps examined their nationwide portfolio of 653 feasibility studies; 288 of those were determined inactive. Of the 365 remaining active feasibility studies, 68 had been ongoing for more than 10 years. Only nine of those ongoing studies, including the Skagit River GI, were deemed eligible to be re-scoped.

Under the re-scoping process, the Skagit River GI was the first feasibility study in the country to go through a national planning charrette. This planning exercise was developed under the Corps’ new planning paradigm, referred to as the 3x3x3 rule. Under this concept, all feasibility studies should be completed within three years, for less than \$3 million and involve all three levels of the Corps.

The funding that was recently announced by the county’s federal delegation will allow the federal government to fund its portion of the study through completion under the 3x3x3 rule.

Announcement of the most recent round of Corps funding was made March 5 by U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen and U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene.

“This is very good news,” said Skagit County Interim Public Works Director Dan Berentson. “We’re committed to completing the study on time and under budget. We appreciate the efforts of our federal delegation, who continue to make the case for federal funding.”



HISTORY CORNER

This circa 1919 photo is a panoramic view of Clear Lake Lumber Co., the largest inland mill north of San Francisco. The photo shows the “new mill.” They had two fires previous to that, in 1916 and 1918. This second rebuild was the most modern and up-to-date mill in the country. Between 1,500 and 2,000 men and women were employed here until the company filed bankruptcy in August 1925. That amount of people made up employees at the mill, in the woods, and at the supporting businesses, such as the mercantile and boarding house. For more information about the impact of Clear Lake Lumber Co.—and photos—come to the Woodfest presentation on Sun., April 6, at 1 p.m. at Sedro-Woolley High School.

For more information, contact the Clear Lake Historical Association at clha1987@gmail.com or go to www.clearlakehistoricalassn.org. More historical photos of Clear Lake and the surrounding area can be found at www.washingtonruralheritage.org/cdm/search/collection/clearlake. Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.

The VISIONS Parent Involvement program at Clearlake Elementary School will host its largest fund raiser of the year on Sat., May 3, at 5:30 p.m.

The festivities will take place at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center, located at 703 Pacific Street, Sedro-Woolley. Come and enjoy dinner, silent auction, live auction, raffles, games, dessert dash, music, and more.

Auction proceeds go toward program and educational enrichment, such as music, art, and language instruction, class supplies, books, field trips, campus garden, and providing new technology for students.

For more information, contact Sarah Vermilion at 360.420.2521.



Community Calendar



APRIL

- 1 Ribbon-cutting celebration for PeaceHealth United General Medical Center, main entrance to hospital, noon; public is welcome for refreshments and a brief ceremony
- 1 Opening day for Angele Cupples Community Garden, Concrete; see article, p. 35
- 5 Marblemount Community Hall Spring Clean-up, Marblemount, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; potluck picnic lunch at noon
- 5 Whatcom County Dahlia Society Dahlia Tuber Sale, Bloedel-Donovan Park, Bellingham, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; info at 360.354.4346
- 10 Concrete K-8 School Science Fair, gymnasium, 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; info at 360.853.8145
- 12 Family Freebies (free “yard sale”), 720 Puget Ave., Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; see notice, p. 17; info at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com
- 12 Community Contra Dance, Mansford Grange, Darrington; potluck at 5:30 p.m., dance instruction at 7 p.m., dance at 7:30 p.m.; info at 206.402.8646
- 13 Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept. Easter Egg Hunt, Hamilton Park, 1 p.m.
- 16, 30 Heart to Heart Charity KIDS Club meets; see notice, p. 18
- 19 Holy Clothes on Wheels free clothing distribution, The RIVER Gathering church, 720 PUget Ave., Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; info at 360.661.7538
- 19 Cement City Trail Run, Concrete
- 19 Concrete Lions Easter Egg Hunt, Concrete K-8 School, 1 p.m.
- 19 Marblemount Easter Egg Hunt and Seed Swap, Marblemount Community Hall, 1 to 4 p.m.; info at 360.941.5485
- 19 Ovenell’s Heritage Inn Easter Egg Hunt, 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., 1:30 p.m.; info at 360.853.8494
- 19–26 Earth Week in Concrete, various events and dates; see notice and schedule, p. 6
- 24 Richard Lee “Dick” Harris reads from his latest book of poems, *Alaska & Northwest: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Washington*, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 7 p.m.
- 24 Women HAND in Hand presents “Hope Inspires” Women’s Conference, Darrington High School, 6:30 p.m.; free admission
- 25–26 Women HAND in Hand presents “Hope Inspires” Women’s Conference, Sedro-Woolley High School auditorium; 6:30 p.m. (Friday), 9 a.m. to noon (Saturday); \$10 for either Fri. or Sat.; \$15 for both; see ad, p. 7

MAY

- 2–3 Concrete Lions “White Cane Days,” with donation stations at Albert’s Red Apple and Concrete Post Office
- 3 Live wreath-making class, Concrete K-8 School, 1 p.m.; materials cost \$30; please RSVP to 360.853.8145; info at 360.826.4848 or gsilrus@frontier.com
- 3 VISIONS fundraiser dinner and silent auction, Sedro-Woolley Community Center, 703 Pacific St., Sedro-Woolley, 5:30 p.m.; info at 360.420.2521
- 3 KSVU Benefit Dance, Marblemount Community Hall; potluck dinner at 6 p.m., dance from 7 to 10 p.m.; admission \$6 per person or \$10 per couple
- 7 Kindergarten registration for all Sedro-Woolley School District schools, Cascade Middle School, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 17
- 17 Concrete PTO Carnival, Concrete K-8 School, 2 to 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 12

*Community Calendar is updated daily at www.concrete-herald.com/calendar

Community meetings

Coffee Talk, a casual conversation about Concrete’s transformation, meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m. at Perks Espresso & Deli in Grasmere Village. 360.853.8213.

Community Chat, an informal conversation about projects in Darrington, meets the second Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at Mountain Loop Books and Coffee, 1085 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167

Concrete American Legion Post and Auxiliary meet the second Tue. of each month, Sept. through May, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building. 360.853.8940.

Concrete Chamber of Commerce meets the second Thur. of each month at 8 a.m. Meetings usually are held at Concrete Center in Concrete. 360.466.8754 or concretechamber@mac.com.

Concrete Heritage Museum Board meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com

Concrete Lions Club meets the first and third Wed. of each month, at Annie’s Pizza Station, Concrete. Social at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30.

Concrete Resource Coalition meets the third Thur. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Concrete School District offices (usually in the north room at the eastern end of the building).

Concrete School Board will hold a work session on April 21, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. The board will hold its regular meeting April 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. 360.853.8141.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andreat@concretewa.gov.

Darrington Area Business Assn (DABA) meets the third Wed. of each month, 7 p.m., at Cascade Senior Center, 1115 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167.

Darrington Town Council meets the second Wed. of each month at Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St., at 7 p.m. 360.436.1131 or darrcityhall@glacierview.net.

Forest Park Cemetery District No. 5 meets the second Wed. of each month at the cemetery office on Compton Lane in Concrete, at 8 a.m. 360.708.3656.

Hamilton Town Council meets the second Tue. of each month at Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3027.

Imagine Concrete meets the third Tue. of each month in the Pilots’ Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.

KSVU station info and host training, second Wed. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete K-8 School, 1 to 4 p.m. Call 360.416.7001 to confirm appointment.

Lyman Town Council meets the second Tue. of each month at Lyman Town Hall (Minkler Mansion), 8405 S. Main St., Lyman, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3033 or clerk_lyman@msn.com.

PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Skagit County Chapter, meets the second Monday of each month at The Safe Haven Room, Central United Methodist Church, 1013 Polte Rd. Sedro-Woolley, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. 360.856.4676, www.pflagaskagit.org.

Saukrates Cafe meets the last Wed. of each month at Annie’s Pizza Station in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Conversation topics are posted at Upper Skagit Library and <http://saukratescafe.wordpress.com>.

Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association meets the third Wed. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. 360.424.7243

Sedro-Woolley Town Council meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Metcalf St. 360.855.1661.

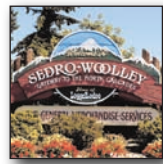
Sedro-Woolley School District Board will meet April 14 at 7 p.m. at the support services building, and April 28 at 7 p.m. at Samish Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the third Thurs. of each month at 5 p.m. Public is welcome. Its April 17 meeting will be held at Birdsvie Brewing Co. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

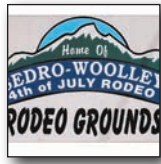


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Sedro-Woolley



Police Chief Doug Wood announces retirement

On May 31, Sedro-Woolley Police Chief Doug Wood will ride off into the sunset of retirement, but he won't be out of sight.

The 32-year veteran of the force said during a March 13 department meeting that his "last act of leadership for the department is to retire early to allow the department to restructure," according to a press release dated that day. Wood is 59.

Wood's retirement will allow for a restructuring that the SWPD hopes eventually will add three new patrol officers and one new community support officer, who will be tasked with code enforcement and animal control. Lieutenant Lin Tucker will step into the chief's seat and leave the lieutenant position vacant; those duties will be shared by three sergeants, said Wood.

The last funding option will be a proposed increase in the utility tax on city utilities. The proposal was discussed during the March 26 City Council meeting, where Wood said it was met with an overall warm reception. If it passes, the SWPD should be able to address its understaffed ranks.



Sedro-Woolley Police Chief Doug Wood (seen here astride "Sam" in 2013) will retire from the force at the end of May.

"Valuable sounding board"

Wood began his career in Sedro-Woolley on Jan. 1, 1982, as a police officer. During his career he held virtually all positions in the department, including chief. Wood was appointed chief by then-Mayor Sharon Dillon in May 2005 and before that served as lieutenant for six years, and sergeant for six years.

"Doug Wood has done an excellent job leading the SWPD, especially through the hard economic times," said Mayor Mike Anderson in a release. "I am going to miss Doug's good advice on issues beyond the police department; he is a valuable sounding board for the community."

Anderson has asked Wood to return to the department as a provisional or reserve officer to help out in the future. "It is a unique chief who can retire one day and pitch in the next as a patrol officer," said Anderson.

—J. K. M.

Name, leadership change for United General

Jim Barnhart named chief administrative officer for PeaceHealth United General Medical Center

A ribbon-cutting ceremony April 1 marked the beginning of an alliance between PeaceHealth Medical Group and what Upper Valley citizens have known for decades as United General Hospital. The facility's new name is PeaceHealth United General Medical Center.

The change is five years in the making. In early 2009, PeaceHealth officials and commissioners of Public Hospital District (PHD) No. 304 met to explore ways that district residents could have local access to specialized, sustainable, and innovative health care. The first step was to establish a PeaceHealth Medical Group specialty clinic on the United General campus. In fall 2011, PHD 304 commissioners and PeaceHealth boards approved an alliance that would ensure District ownership of facilities, with PeaceHealth management of clinical services.

With the new name comes a new face of leadership. Jim Barnhart will serve as chief administrative officer for the hospital effective April 1.

Barnhart, 61, has been with PeaceHealth his entire 34-year career, serving the organization for 10 years at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Ore., and 21 years with Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence, Ore.

"Peace Harbor is very similar to United General in size, scope of services, number of employees, and the more rural



Barnhart

community—that's one of the reasons I'm excited about coming to work here: I really like the smaller communities," said Barnhart. "And my wife and I are from Seattle, so for those reasons, it feels like I'm coming home."

Barnhart said he'll make sure that employees are comfortable and confident in their job security, and continue to develop and expand all services the hospital offers.

—J. K. M.

Holy Clothes on Wheels

Handing out free clothing, shoes, and accessories to anyone in need.

Sat., April 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The RIVER Gathering church, 720 Puget Ave., Suite B, Sedro-Woolley

Donations of clothing and cash are greatly appreciated. Men's and children's clothing is needed in particular. To volunteer, call 360.661.7538.



Seven brand-new Eagle Scouts got some face time with Washington State Senator Kirk Pearson during a unique Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony March 23. All seven scouts received the award that day—the highest honor a Boy Scout can attain. From left, Pearson, Brandon Meyer, Gunnar Fox, Phillip Conijn, Austin Rudy, Ian Lange, Austin Garner, Hector Brandt.

Briefly ...

Yoga and Tai Chi classes will be offered through PeaceHealth United General Medical Center in April.

- Good Morning Yoga: Eight-week class starts Tue., April 1 at 8 a.m. or Thur., April 3 at 8 a.m.; \$70.
- Level Two Yoga: Eight-week class starts Wed., April 2 at 4:30 p.m.; \$70.
- Gentle Yoga: Eight-week class starts Wed., April 2 at 6 p.m.; \$70.
- Level One Tai Chi: Six-week class starts Tue., April 15 at 10 a.m.; \$50.
- Level Two Tai Chi: Six-week class starts Mon., April 14 at 10 a.m. or Tue., April 15 at 6 p.m.; \$50.

Register online at www.unitedgeneral.org or call 360.856.7245.

Heart to Heart Charity will host **Family Freebies** on Sat., April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 720 Puget Ave., Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley. It's like an indoor yard sale, but everything is free. Donations are needed; some restrictions apply. Volunteers also needed. For more information, e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

The River Gathering church will offer a free showing of **"The Passion of the Christ"** on Fri., April 18 at 6 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments provided; bring a pillow and blanket. For more

information, go to www.therivergathering.com.

Heart to Heart Charity will host a two-day **self-defense course** on Fri., April 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sat., April 26 from noon to 4 p.m.

The course will be held at The River Gathering church, 720 Puget Ave., Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley. The class is for females ages 12 to 99 and all fitness levels. Class cost is \$20 per person and includes a T-shirt (Add \$5 for 2x and above sizes) or \$10 without a T-shirt. Class is limited to 14 participants; early registration is encouraged. Registration and more information at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. Payment is required by April 21. Send an e-mail if cost is an issue.

A **Dinner Auction** to support the Visions education program is planned for Sat., May 3, at 5:30 p.m., at Sedro-Woolley Community Center, 715 Pacific St., Sedro-Woolley.

The adults-only event is designed to be a "fancy night out" fundraiser, and includes dinner and auction, rumors of a dessert dash, fabulous company, and conversation for a good cause. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 each, or \$20 at the door.

For more information, search Visions Dinner Auction on Facebook.

Kindergarten registration for all Sedro-Woolley School District schools



Sedro-Woolley High School seniors, from left, Brandi Mason, Rachel Olson, and Miranda Mellor were honored March 22 at the 14th Annual American Association of University Women High School Scholars Awards luncheon and ceremony, held at the Skagit Golf & Country Club in Burlington. Each received a Scholars Recognition Award for academic achievement in one of three subjects. Mason was recognized for excellence in science, Olson in technology, and Mellor in mathematics.

will be May 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cascade Middle School.

Parents or guardians need to bring immunization records and birth certificates to register.

Woolley Fiber Quilters is planning its fifth annual quilt show in downtown Sedro-Woolley, June 6–8. This year's theme is "Blast of Freedom." Annually held in conjunction with the Blast from the Past festival, area quilters display 250-plus quilts and host vendors, a bed-turning, and more.

"The show grows every year," said Judy Johnson, WFQ president. "We invite everyone in the area to enter their quilts and to help with the show. Last year we displayed 289 quilts from 110 exhibitors."

All quilters, including young quilters, are invited to pre-register their quilts with forms available at Cascade Fabrics in Sedro-Woolley. Pre-registration deadline is May 16 and quilt turn-in day is June 3.

For more information, go to www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com.

—J. K. M.

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Lyman



Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held a regular monthly meeting on March 11. Following is a summary of that meeting. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.

March 11 regular meeting

- Mark Kitchen gave his water loss report for February. Water loss for March was 25 percent. Kitchen is hoping that the loss will be down close to 20 percent by the end of the year. This is mostly because of the Krohne Meter being calibrated properly. He also said he would like to buy a supply of water parts and have them on hand. A discussion followed about having an emergency parts supplier.
- Kitchen also brought up that he would like to change, delete, or add names

in the emergency response plan to reflect all people or companies that may be used in an emergency. Adding 811 dig, PUD, and other contractors was also discussed.

- *Correspondence:* A letter from USACE authorizing the work on the bank stabilization was discussed, as was a Skagit County Jail Cost Comparison Matrix for Alf Christensen Seed versus Truck City.
- Councilmember Eddie Hills made a motion to accept the ADT quote.
- An executive session was held for 15 minutes.
- Councilmember Mike Couch asked when the cut on Pipeline Rd. would be fixed. Another contractor has done some digging and added cable. Mayor Debra Heinzman directed staff to call and see when PUD would patch the road.

—Compiled from staff notes

Charity news

Heart to Heart Charity is seeking items for its **homeless backpacks and shower kits**. We are in need of gently used but still usable backpacks, duffle bags, etc. to fill with items to distribute to the homeless. Inside each bag we include a blanket or flannel sheet, books, puzzle books, toiletries, towel, washcloth, nonperishable food such as flip-top cans of chili, ravioli, tuna packets, ramen noodles, dry cereal, gum, and water bottles. We seek any items we can put in our bags.

Donations can be left at the office at 720 Puget Ave., Ste. B, in Sedro-Woolley in our donation bin in the hall behind the partition Mon. through Fri. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

For just \$10 the charity will deliver a **Happy Easter basket** to a loved one. Charity representatives will deliver a reusable basket filled with a big box of peeps, a plushy rabbit, jelly beans, and an assortment of candy. Each gift will be delivered with a note with the sender's message. Baskets will be delivered on Sat., April 19. Delivery on Fri., April 18, also is available.

Each basket purchased will help fund the charity's programs, including KIDS Club, homeless backpacks, clothing to those in need, helping children and babies and their families, and baby showers for moms in need.

To order a basket, send an e-mail to hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com for an

order form, or e-mail your name, address, and phone number, plus the name and address of the basket recipient and your special message for the enclosed card.

Baskets can be paid for online at Paypal using the charity's e-mail or can be paid for via check payable to Heart to Heart Charity, P.O. Box 1372, Lyman, WA 98263.

Orders are due by Wed. April 16.

Heart to Heart Charity's **KIDS Club** will meet on Wed., April 16 and 30 at the old Lyman Town Hall behind the fire department from 4 to 5 p.m.

The group will make Easter crafts on April 16 and do a special Earth Day project on April 30. The event is free for children 4 years and older (younger with a parent/guardian present), and all are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to invite their friends.

For more information, e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

Minkler Lake Shrub Planting

Thur., March 26
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gloves and tools provided;
carpool can be arranged from the
Skagit Land Trust office.

RSVP to volunteer@skagitlandtrust.org for
driving directions or carpool info.

Lyman Library tales

Use of the library has been slowly picking up. One of our members had the local radio program say something about the library and I believe it has helped let folks know about us. We welcome all newcomers. Remember, it is run on an honor basis—no cards or sign outs. Just take what you want to read, take care of it, and return it when you are done.

Quilts, quilts, quilts ... We are getting donations of magazines for quilters, and I am going through my collection too. I

—Elaine Kohler



Day Creek



Community notes

Landslide update

Day Creek Chapel Pastor Travis Lohman, Travis Hathaway, Virginia Learned, Donna Pulver, and Kathy Henderson traveled to Darrington March 28 to deliver supplies to aid Landslide victims.

The group dropped off water, clothing, supplies, and food at the community center. They delivered money and gift cards to Darrington Assembly of God church.

More money is needed for gas expenses, because Darrington citizens have to reach I-5 via Concrete—a long drive that some cannot afford. To donate to this cause, write checks payable to Day Creek Chapel, write "Mudslide" in the memo line, and mail the donation to:

Day Creek Chapel
31438 S. Skagit Hwy
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

For more information, call Kathy Henderson at 360.826.3581 or 360.319.4550.

Day Creek's **Firefighters Appreciation Dinner** was held March 20. This year's menu was "Build your Baked Potato and Salad." The fire hall was packed with firefighters, their families, and those who are thankful for their service.

Community Club and Day Creek Chapel Women's Ministries announce the

2nd annual **Pancake, Craft, and Plant Affair**, to be held Sat., May 3, from 7 a.m. to noon. Admission is a suggested donation of \$7. Craft tables are \$15. Raffle items include a load of gravel, a load of wood, and a Murray pedal car. For more information or to get involved, call 360.826.3003.

Day Creek Chapel, now has two newly painted and decorated Sunday School rooms. There is a nursery for kids 0–3, a classroom for kids 4–9, and a classroom for kids 10–14. Come check it out.

The children helped to gather change for our "change drive" and collected \$601. The money will go to Sister Connection, where it will be used to build a new home for a widow in Burundi, Africa.

Save the date: Day Creek Chapel invites you to **Family Camp**, Aug. 1–3 at Mile's Camp Ground. For more information, call 360.840.5978.

The March 8 ladies of Day Creek Community **"Quilt Day"** completed 12 quilt tops. They started five more and passed them on to the "professional quilters" to be backed. They will return to the Day Creek ladies, to bind, wrap, and bless, then will be donated to Pregnancy Choices in Concrete. Plans are being made for a second Quilting Day in mid-summer. These days are for all ladies, (even if you are not a quilter or never sat down to a sewing machine in your life) to come and fellowship and make beautiful creations. Invite your friends. For more information, call Sue Walden at 360.391.1709.

The store is still a vision. The Day Creek Store project is still under way, although the end use might become an auto repair shop.

Women Hand in Hand will present LeAnn Hart as the special guest at its next women's conference, slated for April 25–26. Hart sets priorities as God first, husband second, kids third. Vivacious and talkative, Hart is a country singer who has performed for thousands. Hart and her husband, J.W., a retired bull rider, operate a cattle ranch in Oklahoma. She is a much-loved speaker at women's events, sharing honestly of her struggles and joys.

Any women's ministry group that wants to be involved with **Women Hand in Hand** is encouraged to contact any one of the following:

Sylvia Miles 360.826.3067

Sharon Herring	360.661.5037
Bonnie Lintz	360.856.1385
Sue Walden	360.826.3944
Kathy Henderson	360.826.3581

Donna Pulver and Kathy Henderson, co-directors of **Kingdom Builders**, are back on the road. Along with traveling the roads of Day Creek, meeting community members, and gathering information, they will be available to the community for hospital visits and crisis calls. Kingdom Builders has been out helping those in need right here in Day Creek. For more information, call 360.826.3003, 360.826.3581, or 360.826.3822.

The **Day Creek Walkie Talkies** are up and at 'em. Every day around 7 a.m., there is a group walking the streets of Day Creek. When you see them, wave or honk—or better yet, join them. For more information, call 360.826.4375.

Day Creek Book Club meets at Cedar Springs Lodge on Barben Rd. For more

information, call 360.661.0247.

Garden dirt

- Transplant seedlings to larger pots. Water well; don't wet the leaves.
- Set supports and stakes for plants that grow tall.
- When buds on hardy fuchsias begins to show color, remove dead stems and thin overcrowded canes. Rhododendrons, azaleas, and rosemary need to be cleaned of dead leaves and stems. Lightly top dress with compost and slow-release fertilizer.
- Blue and pink flower hydrangeas produce blooms on old wood, not new.

We are looking for **ideas for the community**—fun events and fundraisers to support the fire hall and get to know the neighbors. If you have an idea, call Donna Pulver 360.826.3003 or Kathy Henderson at 360.826.3581.

—Kathy Henderson

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Left: Expectant Cub Scouts wait during their Pinewood Derby event at Concrete K-8 School on March 22.

Above: Pinewood Derby cars race down the track during the March 22 event. *Photos by Denise DuVarney.*



Left: Concrete freshman Taylor Chassaniol turns on the afterburners during a 100m sprint heat at the Concrete Track team's first and only home meet this season, March 27.



Left: Seth Shaffer, Louie Ketchum, Austin Weneker, and Grayson Luttrell race around the Concrete High School gym with Twizzler licorice sticks in their mouths, breathing only through the small hole in the licorice while holding their noses shut. Why, you ask? Good question. The students were participating in a "Heavy Lungs" exercise, designed to mimic the breathing ability of a heavy smoker. The event was part of a larger "Kick Butts" effort to educate Concrete School District students on the health dangers of smoking.



Above: Concrete K-8 School teacher Ashleigh Howell and her 6th grade students show off the 12th Man flag they received as a gift from Seattle Seahawks General Manager John Schneider. The class received the flag—autographed by Schneider—after they wrote letters to him suggesting where he might put the team's first Lombardi Trophy. Suggestions included letting Russell Wilson bring it with him on school tours (and Concrete should be one of his stops, of course), installing it in the Virginia Mason Athletic Center, including it as part of a monument in the Seattle Center, enshrining it in the Space Needle, or leaving it at CenturyLink Field.



Above: Concrete School District food service staff learned knife skills in a March 7 workshop with United General Hospital chef Chris Johnson (far right) and Farm to School Coordinator Celeste Frisbee (green sweater). By the end of the workshop they had made an excellent sesame coleslaw, which may be featured in upcoming school menus. From left, Marla Reed, Susan Jarmin, Desiree Bauer, Mandi Pfarr, Frisbee, Johnson. *Photo by Marjie Bell.*

March in pictures



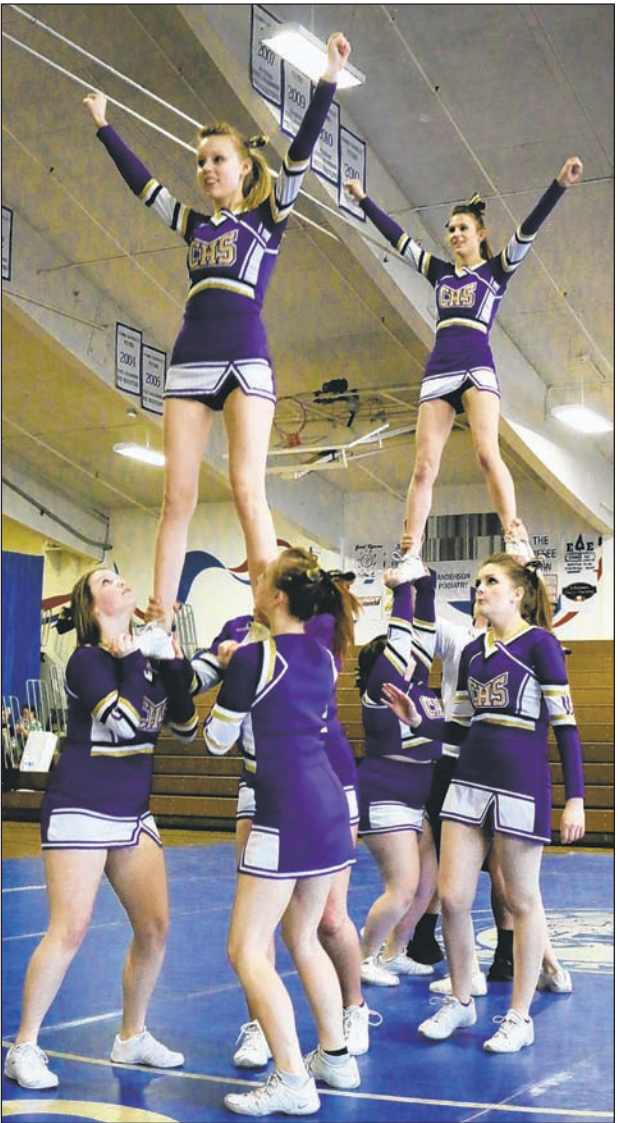
Above: Sierra Mencucci of Oso came to the March 1 Mardi Gras Parade in Concrete dressed eclectically—perfect for the event.



Above: From left, Concrete seniors Morgan Hazel, Kate McLaughlin, and Jacquelynn Frizzell were honored March 22 at the 14th Annual American Association of University Women High School Scholars Awards luncheon and ceremony in Burlington. Each received a Scholars Recognition Award for their academic achievement in one of three subjects. Hazel was recognized for excellence in math, McLaughlin in science, and Frizzell in technology.

Left: Concrete High School cheerleaders represented their school with talent and style during the 2nd Annual 2014 Skagit County Cheer Exhibition at Sedro-Woolley High School March 22. The team's performances included efforts by the full team and a stunt team.

Below: Friends Lois Canright (left) of Rockport and Stephanie Dickie of Seattle ham it up during the Mardi Gras Parade in Concrete March 1. Dickie said she's traveled to Concrete for the Mardi Gras Parade since it started several years ago.





Hamilton



Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Feb. 11. Following is a summary of that meeting.

- Mayor Joan Cromley discussed the PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) with the council. Mayor Cromley explained employee Tom Selin was the only employee who qualifies at this time. Council agreed with implementing the system.
- Resolution 02-14, which extends the provision of RCW 41.48.030 providing Social Security coverage to eligible employees was discussed and passed.
- Mayor Cromley spoke to the council about moving the siren between the post office and Town Hall. Pros and cons of the proposed location were discussed. A letter to residents in the area will be sent for their input.
- Mayor Cromley explained the posters being used to get public input on the playground project. Input is in progress.
- Mayor Cromley announced that Richard Moore has submitted a letter of resignation from council. We will seek letters of interest for the open council position for next month. Council Moore was Mayor Pro-tem; therefore, a new Mayor Pro-tem needs to be appointed. Council McDermott nominated Council Betlam as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Betlam accepted. Motion carried.
- Water Department:* Cas Hancock reported the water loss was 22 percent. She believes the problem is we underestimated the Janicki leak. Hancock stated that it should smooth out next month.
- Fire Department:* Fire Chief Nick Bates reported that the truck has been in for service. Next month the E1

will be here to test the trucks. The Volunteer Fire Department’s annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Sun., April 13 at 1 p.m.

- Street Department:* Mayor Cromley stated that one of things that we have been working on is street signs. We have on loan from WSDOT a retroreflectometer to make sure our

signs meet state standards. Cody Hart from Reichhardt & Ebe will be working on a street sign plan for the Town. Mayor Cromley stated that we are still working to acquire a newer maintenance truck.

—compiled from staff notes

Birdsview buzz

Welcome to April. First off, our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims, families, and friends of the Oso landslide. We at the brewery, along with everyone else, have felt helpless and heartbroken.

Facebook won’t let me access my birthday calendar, so this will be short.

April birthdays	
11	Woody Derycks
12	“Boeing Barry”
14	Jason Voigt
24	Ron Lemon

Sorry about anyone I missed.

Brewery news

Live music this month includes:

5	Mud Flat Walkers
6	Autumn Electric
12	Knut Bell
19	Jesse Taylor
26	April Brews Days (Bellingham, across from Boundary Bay)

We will be closed the following days:

April 20	Easter
May 10–11	Mother’s Day weekend
June 15	Father’s Day
July 4–6	Wedding

Now more than ever, support your local businesses and each other.

—Kris Voigt

Three tips for keeping more of your money during tax season

By Jeff Gorton

Nearly 150 million Americans will file federal income tax returns this year. Many will shell out much more of their hard-earned money than necessary.

Here are three tips for saving money during tax season.

- Credits: Tax credits are usually subtracted dollar for dollar from the actual tax liability and may be utilized when filing for 2013. They include the Child Tax Credit, which allows up to \$1,000 for children younger than 17; the American Opportunity Credit, featuring up to \$2,500 in tax savings per eligible student for tuition costs for four years of post-high-school education; and the Energy-Efficient Home Improvement Tax Credit,

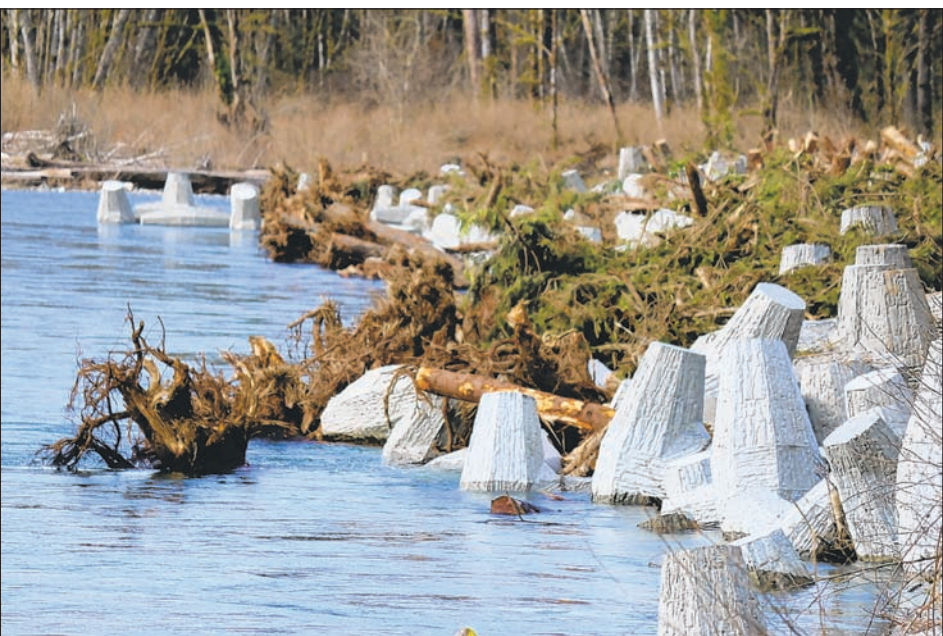
which grants qualifying taxpayers 10 percent of the cost of certain energy-efficient building materials—up to a \$500 lifetime credit.

- Deductions: Like tax credits, deductions have phase-out limits, so you may want to consult with a professional. Deductions are subtracted from your income before your taxes are calculated, which may reduce the amount of money on which you are taxed and, by extension, your eventual tax liability.
- Tax-favored investing: This involves both tax-exempt investments and tax-deferred investments. Tax-exempt investments offer a way to grow your money that’s exempt from federal taxes. Tax-deferred investments include qualified retirement plans and insurance products.

Jeff Gorton is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner, specializing in individual tax and retirement planning.



Rockport



Massive dolosse reached their final resting place in the Skagit River east of milepost 100 in March. WSDOT has combined about 1,000 of these concrete jacks with about 5,000 logs to create an engineered logjam along the shoreline at this point, stabilizing the area and roadway.

PIONEERING TODAY

Spring foraging nettles

By Melissa K. Norris

Early spring weather must have been a welcome respite to the pioneers. The first fresh food they’d had in months and to see something leafy and green, if not a bit, well, stinging.

Stinging nettles are an incredible plant and truly amazing. It helps with allergies; stops internal and external bleeding (always important to me with my daughter’s blood clotting disease); tones the uterus and helps with ovarian cysts; helps anemia and mucus congestion; aids water retention, purifies blood; works on the liver, stomach lining, intestinal lining, and gall bladder; and is packed with vitamins and minerals. Who knew a pesky stinging nettle leaf could deliver all this?

So foraging you shall go. Be sure to wear gloves and protective clothing, like long sleeves and pants. Nettles are best when harvested young, before they go to seed.

Always harvest leaves where there’s no worry of chemicals or weed spray, a.k.a., not next to a busy roadway or any

roadway that’s maintained by the county or government; it’s most likely been sprayed or has pollution from motor vehicles.

Rinse off nettle leaves. Lay out to dry on an absorbent towel.

You can make nettle leaf tea two ways. The first is with fresh or dried leaves. Put a cup of fresh leaves in a Mason jar. Pour boiling water over it. Cover and let sit overnight. Strain and drink a cup at a time over the next two days. Store it in the fridge.

The second way is with dried leaves, and how I make mine when the weather is cold. Put about two teaspoons of dried leaves in a tea strainer. Pour boiling water over it and let it steep for 10 to 15 minutes. Drink. I like a cup in the morning and a cup in the evening.

There are several ways to prepare nettle leaves to eat as well. You can sauté the leaves in garlic and butter. I happen to think a bit of bacon would be awesome, because everything is better with bacon, right? The leaves can be steamed or used in dishes as you would spinach.

And don’t worry: Once cooked or dried, they don’t sting you while eating. Now go get some nettles!

Find Melissa K. Norris online at www.melissaknorris.com.

Familiar faces from Rockport made the March 1 Mardi Gras Parade in Concrete an extra-special occasion in spite of cold, wet snow. At right, John “Wizard” Bromet kicks high in celebration while carrying a variation on his signature sign (that’s “peace” in Spanish). Below, a colorful (and waterproof) Christie Fairchild plugs the Upper Valley’s community radio station KSVU with her mascot, Kipper.





Darrington



In his own words

First responder to a disaster

By Mike Blankenship, as told to Marla Skaglund

I was the first responder on scene of the Oso mudslide disaster. This is my story, my shock, my disbelief, my heartbroken sorrow.

It was a normal Saturday morning. I was drinking coffee and planning the rest of my day. My pager goes off; I read it, and it says flooding with barn in middle of the road. What?

I report to the station. Being the first one there, I notify Snopac that station 37 is on the air. I debate with myself to take the rescue rig or the Engine. I opt for the engine because my pager says “flooding” and I think ladders may come in handy.

Steve comes through the door and I explain to him my choice and tell him to get in. I don’t put on my bunker gear cause my pager says flooding and bunker gear is not good around water. I notify Snopac that engine 37 is en route with two responders.

I put the engine in gear and pull out of the station and onto Hwy. 530 headed east toward Darrington. I drive approximately four miles, reach Skaglund Hill, and start heading down the hill on the other side. To my disbelief I see a house in the middle of the road, surrounded by broken trees, mud, water, and other floating debris.

I can’t believe my eyes. I notify Snopac that I am on scene, but forget to give them a short report because I can’t believe my own eyes and what I am seeing! I practice, I drill, and practice some more, but I can’t get reality to set in on this call.

I get out of the engine and don’t even know where to begin on this call. My chief says, “get your bunker gear on.”

I put my bunker gear on, get on the radio, and start asking Snopac for additional resources—a helicopter being the first thing that comes to mind—this is a disaster; bring it all! I walk down Hwy. 530 away from my engine about 100 feet to the edge of the mud and debris. Steve and my chief then approach the edge of

the devastation, we all look at each other in disbelief, and say, “Let’s go.” We know what we gotta do: help people! We start out into the water, mud, and debris, and get about 30 feet out and realize we have to stay on top of the floating debris, which doesn’t want to float with our weight on it.

It gets really slow, moving really quick for us. We decide to withdraw and I tell the chief I’m going for the chain saw. I walk back off the debris to my engine and grab the saw, thinking it may be the best tool in my arsenal for these conditions. I leave my engine and head back to the edge of the debris.

I reach the edge, looking for the best path through this horrible tragedy. Looking for a path, I think I hear something, so I tell my partners, “Be quiet, I think I hear something.”

We all are silent; then I hear it again. I know that sound: It’s a baby crying. I look at my chief and say, “I’m going!”

I start back into the mud, making up my path as I go, staying on top of logs and floating debris like a wall off of someone’s house, a roof off a barn, another floating log—then I slip and go into three feet of mud. I start looking around and yelling for survivors, hoping for a response, then I hear the baby’s cry again, a sound that is all so familiar. I look around to see my next step and it’s another log, then a piece of dry dirt mound, then another log.

I reach a point where it’s mud all around me, and I know it’s over my head. I start looking around at my options and see some metal roofing. Knowing that I’ll sink in mud if I step into it, I grab some metal roofing, lay it on the mud, and walk another 15 feet to the end of the metal I just laid down. We had found and made a way to get through the mud! We started laying down more sheets of metal, plywood, even used a piece of carpet at one point to support us on top of the mud.

Then I hear my baby’s cry again. I’m



The March 22 Landslide near Oso will take months to clean up. Photo by Marla Skaglund.

close. I jump off a dirt mound onto a roof or wall that is upside down with the rafters showing, which is floating on top of the mud. Then I hear a woman’s cry for help over the baby crying. I look to the east where Hwy. 530 is covered with five feet of mud and see a mother 10 feet up a tree, holding a baby. She is pinned against the tree by a couch that she had been sitting on when the mudslide occurred. At this point she was about 20 feet from us. We looked around and found some plywood and some other debris to throw on top of the mud so we could make it to her and her baby. We get to her; she hands us her baby and I tell Steve to check the baby out to see if it needs medical attention. He says the baby looks OK and we hand the baby off to followers so we can attend to its mother.

Our first rescue, the baby, is just six months old. I never hear or see the baby again. We then address the mother, a 25-year-old female named Amanda, who we found out later had been watching YouTube videos when the Landslide hit. She asks us for help and says she’s stuck. She is lying on her back on the couch and tells me her feet are stuck. I climb the debris, which is a bunch of broken

and snapped logs, a hot water tank, and the power wires that used to be overhead attached to a pole. I ask her a bunch of questions as I look to see how I am going to free this mother from this tree and couch. I look at her legs and can’t see them from the knees down. I pull a little on each leg to see if I can free her, but their pinned pretty good.

I start pulling the couch apart with my hands, ripping the fabric. I still can’t see her feet and realize I’ve pulled all the fabric off the couch and nothing but a wood and metal frame left. I realize at this point that my chain saw is gonna get used.

A civilian who was with us in this rescue assured me he was good with a chain saw. I explained to Amanda what we had to do and she said go for it.

Then the sound of a helicopter in the distance: music to our ears! I covered Amanda’s face with my coat so the debris from the chain saw didn’t get in her eyes. The chain saw started, and the board pinning her was cut. We then pulled on her legs and got her free from the smashed couch. Her injuries were not good, but survivable. We got her onto a backboard

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Blankenship, cont. from p. 24

and I looked at her injuries closer. Broken arm, two broken ankles, a big gash in her foot, and a cut right above her eye. My chief was flagging down the chopper while I talked to Amanda and told her she was going for a helicopter ride.

They hovered over us and dropped a medical tech down, and we packaged Amanda for an airlift. The cable came down, we attached it to Amanda, and away she went.

We then looked in the distance, farther east, where houses and Hwy. 530 used to be. We could see nothing but mud and dirt for approximately one mile. Where did it all go? I told my chief what I saw—he was below me because I was 15 feet up on the debris, trying to see if there was anybody else we could save or help.

We decided to pull out and regroup. We made our way back to our engine. When we got off the mud and back to our engine, we noticed the water was starting to rise.

We decided to move to higher ground and get a better view. When we reached higher ground, we looked around and noticed the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River was no longer flowing, and Steelhead Drive was completely gone. It was all gone with no warning.

Names and families started rolling into our heads. Now all we can do is search and pray.

Mike Blankenship is a volunteer firefighter with the Oso Volunteer Fire Department.



Photo courtesy of the U.S. National Guard

The littlest survivor

Blankenship’s account is one of many stories of loss from the mudslide. Readers who would like to help Amanda Skorjanc and her baby, Duke, may go here to contribute:

www.gofundme.com/7szpsc

April at the Darrington Library

Children’s programs

- Reading is Magic, with Louie Fox (magic show), Wed., April 2; 2 p.m.
- Spring Spectacular: Worlds of Costumes, Thur., April 3, 2 p.m.; ages 5 and up
- Ready Readers Preschool Storytime, Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; 9:30 a.m.; caregiver required.
- Baby & Me Storytime, Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; 9:30 a.m.; caregiver required.
- LEGO Club, Thursdays, April 3 and 17; 3 to 4 p.m., K through 5th grade.
- Spring Spectacular: Treasure Island, presented by Last Leaf Productions, Fri., April 4; 2 p.m.

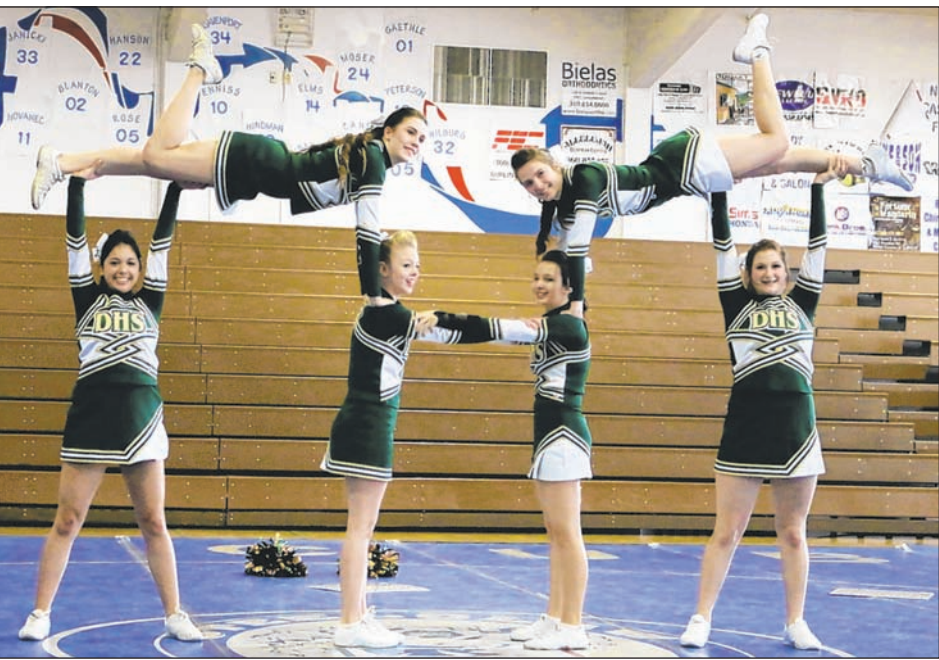
All ages programs

- Spring Community Band, Mondays, April 14, 21, 28; 6 to 8 p.m.; pre-registration required.

Adult programs

- Bibliophiles: *Pearl Buck in China*, by Hilary Spurling, Wed., April 2, 6:30 p.m.
- Beginning Guitar for Adults, Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 30; 12:30 p.m.; pre-registration required.
- Intermediate Guitar for Adults, Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 23, 30; 12:30 p.m., pre-registration required.

For more information, go to www.sno-isle.org?ID=1194 or call 360.436.1600. —Bryan Stratton, branch manager



While the earth moved near their hometown, Darrington High School cheerleaders brought smiles and applause in Sedro-Woolley during the 2nd Annual 2014 Skagit County Cheer Exhibition March 22. The young women performed as a team and also put their stunt group and mascot routine on the floor. Coaches Helen Ross and Tifany Richardson managed the group, which included Amy Buchanan, Elesha Forrest, Lauren Kitz, Lea Dirscherl, Reyna Emerson, Shelby Stafford, and Trinadie Wagner.

Untitled

For the volunteers who selflessly have donated their time to help our little town

In a sleepy little valley there was such a roar
A slide in a size we had never seen before
The next thing that happened brought me to tears
Men, women, and children showing up as volunteers
Not to be heroes or to make amends
Just relentlessly searching for our families and friends
Now we hear the roar of saws and machines
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Marblemount



Spring Fever brings April events

By Christie Fairchild

With nettles emerging, chorus frogs singing, and the first trilliums blooming, spring has sprung upriver and the Marblemount Community Hall is gearing up for numerous activities.

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 5 will find friends and neighbors gathering for the annual Spring Cleanup at the hall and grounds. All are more than welcome, but please bring your own work gloves and dress for whatever weather we get. The cleanup will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a potluck picnic lunch at noon.

Easter Egg Hunt/Seed Swap

An Easter Egg Hunt and Seed Swap should bring joy to many on Sat., April 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. For more

information, call Amanda Martin at 360.941.5485.

KSVU benefit dance

Looking ahead, KSVU's annual spring benefit dance will be held on Sat., May 3, from 7 to 10 p.m., with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Come shake off those winter blahs with the great music of Jumbled Pie and Bare Feet. Admission is \$6 per person or \$10 per couple.

Community Market returns

The Marblemount Community Market will return to the hall grounds in June and run on the second Sunday of each month from noon to 4 p.m., through September. Look for locally grown produce, baked goods, handmade arts and crafts, and more. Details will follow.

Spring flooding, mudslides already a reality

By Krista Salinas

It's officially spring. The sun may be starting to show itself, but we've now officially broken our record for rainfall in March and there remains the potential of heavy rainfall and rapid snowmelt that could cause flooding.

Warmer temperatures can cause snowmelt, which can produce large amounts of runoff. When the ground is still frozen, the water cannot be absorbed into the ground. It runs off the surface of the land and into lakes, rivers, and creeks, which may cause flooding.

This can also cause mudslides as the devastating March 22 slide between Oso and Darrington that wreaked havoc on lives, property, and roadways. If you come upon a mudslide over the road, or one that is nearing the road, it's always best to keep your distance and not drive through it.

The same goes for water over the roadway. Did you know that it only takes six inches of moving water to knock you off your feet and only two feet of water to sweep an SUV off the roadway? You cannot see below the mud or water to make sure the road has not eroded away, either, or if there are rocks or logs that

your car will not make it over. These types of hazards on the roadway are especially dangerous at night.

During rain storms, slow down and make sure you are aware of your surroundings. In rainy conditions the roadways become more like Slip'N Slides. Those may be fun in your backyard, but not on the roadway while in your car.

If you find yourself stranded in your car because of impassable roadways, it's always good to have emergency supplies for you, your family, and your pets. You should have two separate kits in your car: a vehicle safety kit and a personal survival kit.

Your vehicle safety kit should include a flashlight, headlamp, light sticks, maps, matches, road flares, shovel, batteries, and any other items you deem necessary. Duct tape is also another favorite in our area; it fixes everything.

For your personal survival kit, you should have at a minimum, blankets, a first aid kit, food, water, whistle, pet supplies, warm clothes, boots, and items to keep your mind busy and off the fact that you are stranded in your car. This is especially true for children. Bring games and books to help keep them occupied and happy.

For more extensive lists of items for your kits, go to www.emd.wa.gov and www.ready.gov.

Krista Salinas is administrative coordinator for Skagit County Department of Emergency Management.

Gas for Darrington-area folks

A fund administered by City of Darrington has been established to help Darrington citizens pay for gas during the slide disaster. Checks should be payable to Darrington Mudslide Fund (write "GAS" on the memo line) and mailed to:

**Darrington Mudslide Fund
PO Box 90
Darrington, WA 98241**



Newhalem



North Cascades Highway clearing work begins

If weather cooperates, scenic roadway could be open in six weeks.

TWISP — The effort to reopen the North Cascades Highway began on Mon., March 31. Despite the heavy late-season snowfall, those responsible for the annual reopening effort are optimistic that State Route 20 could be open by early May.

"Last year it took us less than four weeks to clear the highway, but this year there's twice as much snow at the summit," said Avalanche Control Supervisor Mike Stanford. "It's likely to take closer to the usual six weeks to reopen this year."

On Tue., March 11, Washington State Department of Transportation avalanche-control specialists and maintenance technicians toured the North Cascades Highway from the Early Winters information center near Mazama to Washington Pass via snow cat. Along the

way they stopped to measure snow depths at two dozen sites. Snow at the summit of Washington Pass measured almost 10 feet, which is twice the depth of last year. Snow on the highway below the Liberty Bell avalanche chutes averaged 35 feet deep. Crews observed conditions similar to those they encountered in 2011, when it took approximately six weeks to clear and reopen the highway.

WSDOT closed the highway for the winter on Dec. 3, 2013. The highway typically reopens between mid-April and early May each year. Pass opening and closure history is online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Traffic/Passes/NorthCascades/closurehistory.htm.

To keep up to date on crews progress as they clear the highway drivers can sign up for e-mail updates online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/emailupdates.

wa.gov/emailupdates.

General info on the pass is posted online at www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/northcascades.

The WSDOT Flickr photo album is here: www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157642267729715.

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Seniors



Coffee Break

Dog's best friend
By Patrick Kennedy

You see them leading and exercising their seniors on leashes all over town. They make sure they walk fast and the path ahead of them is safe. They sniff every tree to make sure it isn't going to fall on them or isn't emitting poisonous vapors. They check the grass along the sidewalk for enemy creatures such as cockroaches, icky worms, or, the worst, any wild pet cat that will steal food, or maybe a quick pet, and run home. Many dogs have been known to lift a leg and wet a fire hydrant to dampen any potential fire that may spring from it or even a tree to make sure it's getting enough hydration.

And if by chance another senior on a leash happens to be coming from the opposite direction, the dog will growl and make sure that other team alters its path and walks around them, even into the street.

What is really exciting to watch is a dog at an off-leash park. The dog turns the senior loose to sit on a bench, then runs around in the grass like a World Cup soccer player looking for other players

and an invisible ball that is always there to be nosed or tapped with a paw. Other dogs play the game like it has been organized. All the seniors ring the park on benches, cheering and grunting, and waiting for their dog to take them home.

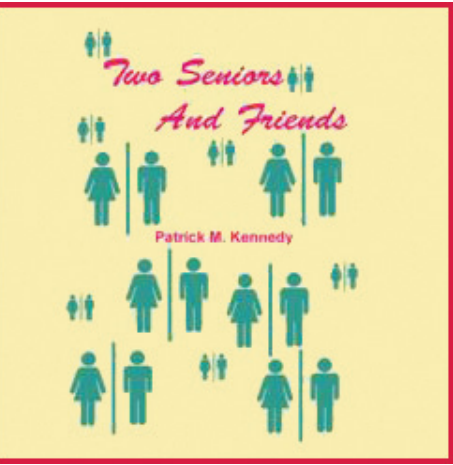
Home is where the scene changes. The senior takes charge and dictates where the dog will sit or lie—or not—what and when he will eat, and when he is allowed outside to lead the way for the senior.

Dogs can help with the loneliness from a deceased spouse. They give a reason to get up in the morning and wonderfully provide someone to chat with throughout the day. The added perks are some exercise and reduced blood pressure as well.

How does a dog choose a senior? Many times the role is at first reversed for a time and the senior does the choosing. Depending upon the age of a dog, its needs are similar to that of a new baby, a spouse, or an elderly person. A dog needs food, shelter, exercise, grooming, health care, and companionship. Some dogs need less, some dogs need more, but each and every dog requires at least these things from the new partner. A new dog must remember this: A new senior is a long-term permanent choice for the dog.

Dogs find that seniors come in all sorts of ages, personalities, habits, quirks, and health idiosyncrasies. Of course, dogs also come in all sizes, hair colors, lengths, appetites, and enthusiasms. Getting a friendly match is just a throw of the dice, no bones about it.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of Two Seniors and Friends. Find it at www.funwithretirement.com.



Way Back When

80 years ago

April 26, 1934: “Bits O’ Blarney,” a melodious and clever operetta, is to be presented by the high school glee club on Fri., May 4, under the direction of Harold M. Hill, and is now fast approaching perfection in rehearsals.

As the name indicates, the scene is laid in Ireland at the country home of Mike O’Noole. The plot is based on the biggest problem of youth—love—and some of the events which so often prevent its path from being smooth.

The music is among the best ever written for high school use. Every solo and chorus is a beautiful melody, and the simple and charming songs are the type at which the local glee club is at its best. The leading solos are sung by Adrienne Thompson, other soloists being Irma Ely, Ward Gates, Athlene D’Amico, and Ray Prater. Lyle Buchanan, Adelle Roller, and Laura D’Amico complete the cast in speaking parts.

Several clever dance numbers are being developed under the direction of Miss Huestis.

70 years ago

April 27, 1944: Reorganization of the schools in the Upper Skagit district won a decisive victory with a 176–37 vote for the reorganization plan Saturday.

Public hearings had been held for several weeks before the election, where the pros and cons of establishing a unified district were discussed. As a result of

these meetings, the vote in the small districts was in favor of the reorganization and the Concrete vote, which was expected to be in favor of the plan, was not needed to put over the project.

Within the next few weeks, the districts will be set up by County Superintendent Vern Leidle and the new board will take over. The new board of education will be elected by the members of the school boards now functioning and will be composed of one representative from each board.

60 years ago

April 1, 1954: The colorful career of Richard Henry Lee “Dick” Buller came to a close at his home in Marblemount last Friday, when he was unable to fight off the last of a series of strokes that had plagued him for the past year.

Buller knew the Upper Skagit Valley as intimately as anyone who has ever lived here and came by his knowledge rightfully, since he came to Marblemount with his mother in 1889 as a young boy, and grew up with the country through its lusty gold rush days, the boom-time logging, and development of industries of the present day.

He was an active booster of the Cascade Highway all his life and can be credited with founding the first booster club, as well as reviving several times the lagging enthusiasm for completing the highway across Cascade Pass. A whimsical writer and fine storyteller, he wrote many articles for *Concrete Herald* in past years. His last was a brief story on the founding of Marblemount.

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Concrete Center April 2014 Activities

Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch served Tue. – Fri., noon

Mondays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
Noon Coffee Bar
Noon Birthday party, 4/28
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage
12:30 p.m. Leap of Faith, 4/22

Wednesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
10:30 a.m. Advisory Board mtg., 4/9
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage
12:30 p.m. White Elephant Bingo, 4/9, 30

Thursdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
10:15 a.m. Income tax assistance
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage
12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 4/10, 24

Fridays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles,
Watercolors
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Dominoes, Skip Bo,
Cribbage

Foot Care

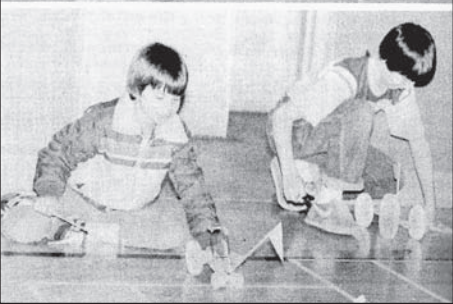
Until further notice, Foot Care is not being offered at Concrete Center.
For foot care, call Sedro-Woolley Senior Center at 360.855.1531.

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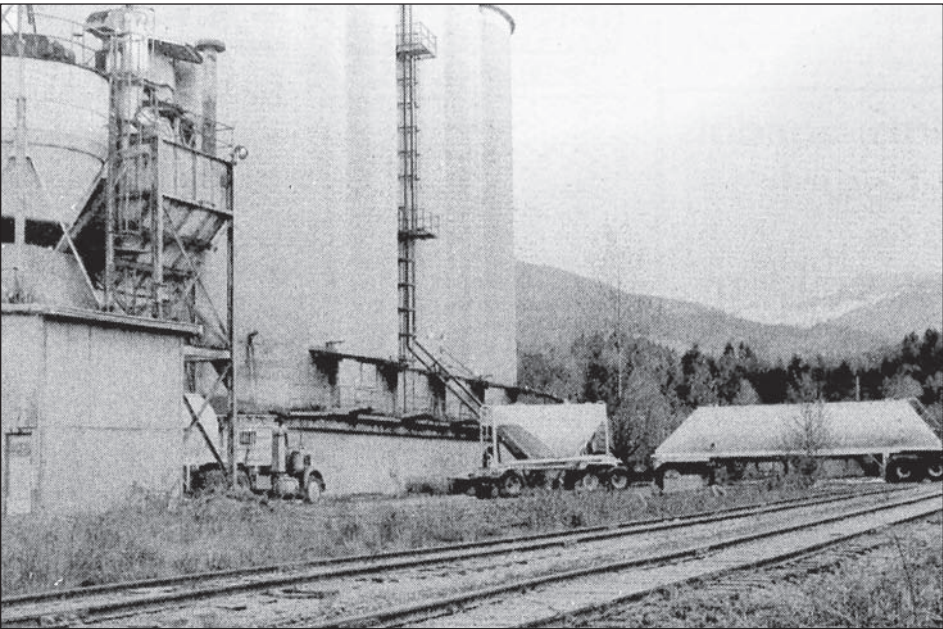
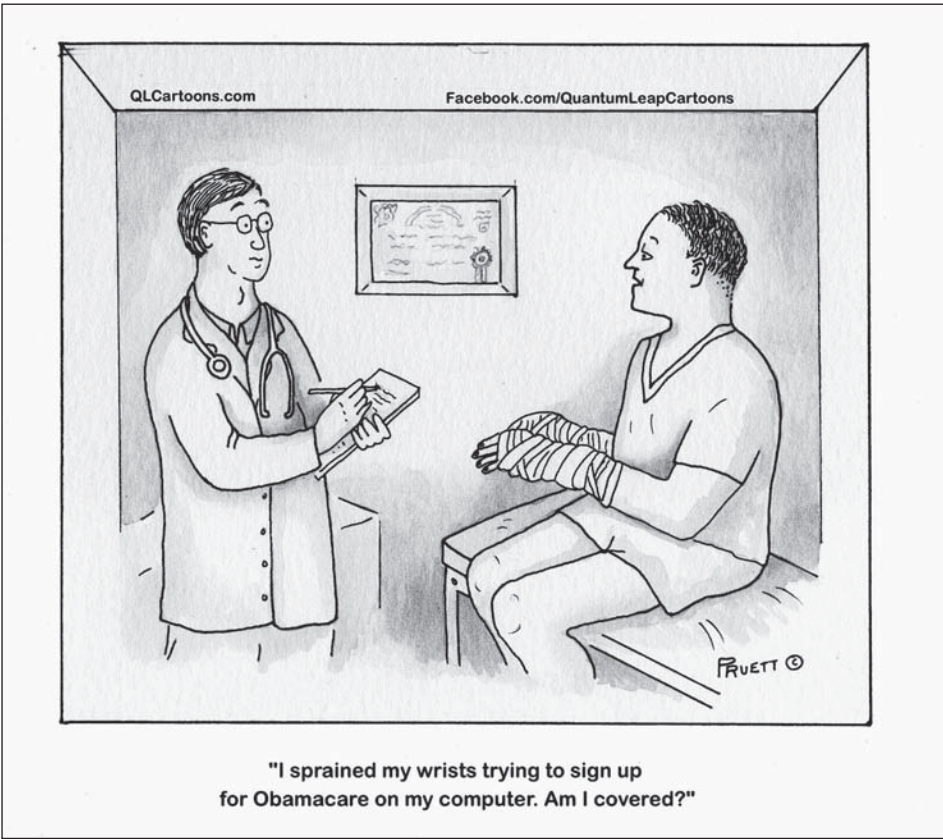
50 years ago

April 30, 1964: Planning of the State Parks and Recreation Committee includes a new state park in the Upper Valley. At a meeting in Olympia Monday, the board made a request that a 160-acre site on the Cascade River about two miles above Marblemount be set aside for future park development by the park board.

—Compiled from archives



30 years ago: Darrington Elementary School students participated in first-round competitions in a creative thinking contest held in March 1984 and shown in these photos from the April 12, 1984, issue of *Concrete Herald*. In the top photo, the teams try to work through a nonverbal exercise while seeking to “rescue the princess.” In the photo above, the task is to create a vehicle powered by a mousetrap. Winning teams journeyed to Conway for a competition that included several other schools in the Gifted Education Co-op.
Archive photo by Laura Faulkner.



30 years ago: Trucks unload pozzolan, or fly ash, from coal-fired steam electrical generation plants, into the old cement silos on the west end of Concrete, in this photo from the April 19, 1984, issue of *Concrete Herald*. The fly ash is pumped up pipes on the side of the silo through a bag house to filter out dust. The product was being stored for future sale to cement customers in Canada, but some controversy arose regarding whether the storage process was as “dust-free” as it should have been. Archive photo by Anne Bussiére.

Obituaries

Doris Jean Prisel, 86, passed away March 3, 2014, at her family's home in Concrete.

Doris was born on April 6, 1927, in Royal Oak, Mich., to Peter and Mary (Snively) Plant. Doris was preceded in death by Ralph, her husband of 67 years, and her beloved dog Sophie.



Doris moved to Concrete in 1980 and soon became very involved in the community. She belonged to the Concrete Rebekah Lodge #226 for more than 25 years. She was past Noble Grand and served two terms as president of the Washington State Rebekah Assembly. During this time it was said, "If anyone is looking for Doris, she can usually be found driving her brand-new shiny red car, taking a friend to town or to the doctor, or helping anyone with myriad errands." She was quoted saying, "I eat, sleep, drink, and love Rebekah's." She was thankful for her Rebekah sisters and cherished their friendships. She also was a member of the Birdsvew Grange and Concrete Garden Club for many years.

Soon after moving to Concrete, Doris began attending Community Bible Church of Concrete. She loved her church family and was thankful for all their support over the years. Doris was an avid player of dominoes, loved getting together with friends once a week at the Concrete Center, and loved to tease everyone with her favorite mantra, "I'm going to win this game!"

Prior to moving to Concrete, Doris and family moved from Michigan to California twice, then in 1959 moved to Alaska and homesteaded in Juneau for 10 years. After moving to Concrete, Doris' husband spearheaded the first annual Concrete Fly-In at the

local airport. Doris and her Rebekah sisters were busy every year selling Fly-In T-shirts at this annual event, which still continues today.

Doris is survived by her daughters Judi Meek and her husband Ken of Kirkland, Wash.; Sue Behey and her husband Dan of Concrete; grandchildren Lisa, Scott, Mandy, and Timm; great-granddaughters Paige, Dana, and Anna; loving sister Pauline Bauer of Perrysburg, Ohio; and dear friend Shirley Poe of Concrete.

A memorial service celebrating Doris' life will be held on April 5, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 45672 Limestone Street/P.O. Box 88, Concrete, WA 98237, with Pastor Rob Thomas officiating. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the service.

Memorials are suggested to Community Bible Church of Concrete or a charity of your choice.

Margaret Ann Hoffman passed away peacefully on March 2, 2014, at home with her family by her side. She was born in Acme, Wash., on March 24, 1929.

In 1946 she married the love of her life, Jim Hoffman, also of Acme. They spent 40 years in Concrete raising their family, which was the most important thing in her life. She was most proud of being the matriarch of five generations.



Margaret is survived by her children: Cheryl Hollingsworth, Pamela (Larry) Schroder, Tina Hascoolidge, and Edwin (Shannon) Hoffman; grandchildren Amy, Adina, Larry, James, Mandy, Eric, Cherrish, Chad, Brandon, and Samantha; great-grandchildren Michael, Heather, Samuel, Maggie,

Jamie, Timothy, Gracey, Marley, Alexis, and Nykki; and great-great-grandchildren Christian and Kaylin. She also is survived by her brother Jim Smith and her devoted sister Judith Smith.

Margaret was preceded in death by husband Melvin "Jim" Hoffman, son Timothy Hoffman, parents Elmer and Doris Smith, sister Jeannette Engholm, and brother Roy Smith.

At Margaret's request there will be no memorial services. Donations can be made in her honor to Hospice of the Northwest.

Eugene Gordon Miller, a longtime Lynden resident, passed away March 6, 2014, at age 91.

He worked as a carpenter and farmer in addition to being an active minister of Jehovah's Witnesses.

A memorial service was held March 15 at 4 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 892 W. Wiser Lake Rd., Ferndale.



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Sunday School lesson

The longest wait

By Chris Anderson

As human beings we love to celebrate! Birthdays, promotions, graduations, and holidays—especially Christmas and Easter—we like them all. As Easter approaches I often wonder what makes that celebration so special. We talk about it being the Resurrection of our Lord. When you think about it, don't we confess and say we believe that Jesus was God in human form? The whole basis of Christian faith is that God is the creator of everything and the creator of life itself. When we truly have that in mind, bringing back life to a person doesn't seem such a great miracle after all. Jesus had done it at least three times already!

But as we remember what it is that happens just before Easter, we can see the most miraculous act of all. God, who created life and has power to do anything, chose to join his creation and then make the sacrifice that demonstrates how very much He loves us. He loves us enough to go through extreme suffering and death. Now that really is a miracle!

Where was the hope in Jesus' death? Joseph of Aramathea was a rich and powerful man of the day. He was not able to protect his friend. He could argue with Pilate, but the best he could do was provide the place for Jesus' burial. Joseph could take the body and place it in his own private tomb, but he could not stop

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

March 5

A couple got into a domestic assault situation while parked at a rest area near milepost 100 on Hwy. 20 west of Marblemount. The fight was witnessed by two DOT employees. A WSP trooper arrived before the deputy and developed probable cause to arrest the female. The female was booked into jail by the trooper.

March 7

A Hamilton youngster stole his dad's pocketknife. The man was adamant that his son be arrested and taken to juvenile detention. The deputy will speak to the youngster's probation officer and see if this is the appropriate response.

March 8

Deputies are investigating a burglary during which several guns were taken. It appears the subjects broke into a Rockport residence through a window. Anyone

Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

The Skagit County Sheriff has released the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnap offender's presence.

Frank, Cleland Eugene

Age: 67
Race: W Sex: M
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 180
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Address: 5xx Noble Ave., Hamilton

A Level 2 sex offender, Frank was convicted of two counts of first-degree child molestation in Skagit County. His victims were females between the ages of 3 and 13, who were known to him.

Frank is not wanted by the police at this time. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass registered sex or kidnap offenders is a punishable offense and also will result in the removal of the online notification resource.



The RIVER Gathering
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Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m.
Tue. potluck/study: 6 p.m.
Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m.
Last Fri./mo. potluck/games: 6 p.m.
www.facebook.com/therivergathering
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Sun. service: 10 a.m.
Sun. eve. Bible study: 5 p.m.

Wildwood Chapel
41382 SR 20, Concrete
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
Bible studies: Call for times
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Worship directory

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45734 Main St., Concrete; 853.8042
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
Tue.: Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Wed.: Adult Bible study, 6 p.m.
Thur.: Women's Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
Bruce Martin, pastor

North Cascade Community Church
59850 SR 20, Marblemount
360.873.2504 // www.mmag.net
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m.
Thur.: Men's meeting, 8 a.m.
Thur.: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Dave Nichols, pastor
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Covenant Community Covenant Church
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360.856.1023 // covenant@wavecable.com
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Sun. worship: 11 a.m.
Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies
Tim Hedberg, pastor

Free Methodist Day Creek Chapel
31438 S. Skagit Hwy, Sedro-Woolley
Office 360.826.3696
Sun.: 9:15 a.m. prayer svc, 10 a.m. worship
Tue.: Women's Bible study, 9:30 a.m.
Thur.: Bible study at Louise's complex, Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
Fri.: Women's Bible Study at Kathy's in Day Creek, 8 a.m.

Methodist Central United Methodist Church
1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley
360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com
<http://centralumcsw.org>
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m.
Marilyn Kallshian, pastor

Presbyterian Mount Baker Presbyterian Church
45705 Main St., P.O. Box 246, Concrete
Church 360.853.8585; office 360.595.0446
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Tom Ross, pastor

Lutheran Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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Chris Anderson, pastor

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360.708.4764
Dolores Elliott, pastor

Community Bible Church
45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511

Sergeant's corner

Hiking

By Chris Kading



With the sun showing itself a lot more lately, people will be starting to get out of their houses and out enjoying our area. Hiking can be a fun family activity, but you need to make sure you are prepared. People think they will be fine with just a light jacket and a water bottle while hiking, but if you get lost or injured, you may have to stay in the woods a lot longer than you planned.

There are several things you should do before setting off on a hike. First and foremost is to know the area you are hiking in and what types of supplies you will need. If you're going to be walking for any significant distance or away from the general public, use caution. Always bring your cell phone, even if you think

a fence and attack her goats. At least one of the goats was injured and the SCSO Animal Control Officer is following up the investigation.

Birdsvew Volunteer Fire Dept. and deputies responded to a house fire on NE Cape Horn Rd. near Birdsvew. There were no injuries and the Red Cross is assisting the resident.

March 17

A deputy responded to a one-car accident on Utopia Rd. near Lyman. Sometime during the night, a car had run through a fence. The damage was minor. The property owner and car owner exchanged information. No tickets were issued.

March 18

Deputies checked on a bonfire in the backyard of a house on Mill Ave. in Concrete. The partygoers denied having a bonfire despite the smoldering ruins. One man was arrested on unrelated warrants and booked into jail.

March 20

An increase in noise near Lyman Elementary School may be the result of some new visitors. The SCSO has received reports of Bandido motorcycle club members coming to town. Bandido club members are subject to the rules of the road like every other citizen. Please report any reckless driving, suspicious activity, or excessive noise to the SCSO.

Deputies responded to a report of a white van possibly shooting at elk on

you may not have service where you're going. It's always a good idea to bring a backpack with basic items: water, food, extra clothes, a whistle, first aid kit, flashlight, headlamp, extra batteries, and a fire starter.

You also should let people know where you are going and when you should arrive back home. Have a plan in place with a friend, so that if you do not check back in with them, they will know to call the authorities to let them know that you may be missing.

Every year there are more than 40 search-and-rescue calls in Skagit County for lost or injured hikers. If you find yourself lost, stay where you are and turn your cell phone on, but try to conserve your battery. If you hear whistles or voice calls, respond to them.

Be prepared while enjoying the great outdoors.

Chris Kading is sergeant for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office East County Detachment in Concrete.

Pinelli Rd. near Hamilton. The caller heard a rifle shot and saw the van rapidly leaving the area. WDFW and deputies are following up on leads.

An employee at Loggers Landing in Concrete called to report a theft. A small item was stolen and recovered. The parent of the suspect and the business owner agreed to a settlement in lieu of prosecution. I foresee a lot of lawn mowing in someone's future.

Three men were involved in an incident that could have resulted in a serious crash. Two men were driving on Hwy. 20 near Marblemount when they approached a house belonging to a subject with whom they're having a dispute. That subject grabbed a piece of firewood as they drove by and appeared as if he was going to throw it into their windshield. This caused the truck to swerve into oncoming traffic on a blind corner. I wish being dumb was a crime. Deputies are looking at possible charges against "Paul Bunyan." As I've said on several occasions, there's much more to this story.

March 21

A caller from Walders Rd. near Hamilton reported a prowler in his basement. Upon arrival the deputies located no prowler, but there was indication that rats had been making a racket. A big mean cat may solve his prowler issues in the future.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading

Lions ROAR

The Concrete Lions Club is sending out our **thoughts and prayers** for all of those affected by the devastation in the Oso, Darrington, and Arlington areas. Included are all the volunteers from our area that have spent many hours helping out.

In March the members have been busy with meetings, projects, and the annual **Corned Beef Feed**. There were more than 80 attendees from our club and other local clubs. Club members would like to thank all the local merchants and individuals that contributed items that were given as door prizes, raffled, and auctioned off at the Corned Beef Feed.

The Lions Club annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Sat., April 19, at 1 p.m. at Concrete K-8 School. The Easter Bunny will hide loads of eggs for all to find.

From May 2–3, donation stations will

be set up at Albert’s Red Apple and the Concrete Post Office for **“White Cane Days.”** Please stop by and learn more about the Lions Club and the help that can be given to those who are visually impaired.

The Lions Club has access to **medical equipment**, such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, and commodes, that can be loaned out to help those in need. Please contact any Lions Club member and we will do our best to help you out.

The **April meetings** will be on the 2nd and 16th in the front room at Annie’s Pizza Station. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group that gathers there around 6 p.m. to eat and socialize before the meeting starts. All existing members mark your calendar. For those interested in becoming a member, submitting a request, or just want to see what we are about, please feel free to stop in.

—Connie Smithhart

Concrete Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

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At the Upper Skagit Library

Billy Collins, e. e. cummings, Wendell Berry, Andrea Weiser, Mary Oliver, Theodore Roethke, Richard Lee Harris—what do these names have in common? You can find their books of poetry on our shelves here at the Upper Skagit Library! And as April is **National Poetry Month**, we’d like to point you in their direction.

In that theme, **Richard Lee “Dick” Harris** will read from his latest book of poems, *Alaska & Northwest: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Washington*, on Thur., April 24, at 7 p.m. Help us welcome him back to his old hometown for a reading.

Another event this month is **Earth Day**. Various events will be happening around Concrete the fourth week in April, including drop-in Arts & Crafts at your library on Sat., April 26.

Recycle reminder! Friends of the Upper Skagit Library has a box at the library to collect inkjet cartridges, cell phones, and small electronics for recycling. Visit the Planet Green Recycle Web site for more information: www.planetgreenrecycle.com.

Also, thanks to the Friends of the Upper Skagit Library, when you stop by the library to use a public computer, you’ll notice that each station has its own set of

new, quality **headphones**. The Friends purchased these for us (you!), along with a projection screen and an interactive globe.

World Book Night U.S. is a celebration of books and reading held on April 23, when 25,000 passionate volunteers across America give a total of half a million books within their communities to those who don’t regularly read or who might not have access to printed books. World Book Night is, literally, a way of spreading the love of reading person to person, hand to hand. The Upper Skagit Library is participating again this year and will pass out the book *Where’d You Go, Bernadette*, by Maria Semple. Check back on our Facebook page for more details as the day draws near.

We continue to offer **Storytime!** On the first Saturday of the month through June, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., families with young children are invited to join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft.

Need an extension on your taxes? Stop by the library and pick up an extension form in addition to any other tax forms you might need.

The next **board meeting** will be April 17, at 5 p.m. at the Birdsvew Brewery. Thanks for supporting your local library.

—Brooke Pederson, director

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

The Concrete Heritage Museum is closed for the season. Until next Memorial Day weekend, you can **make an appointment** to visit the museum or do research in our library; just call Robin at 360.826.3075. **Monthly meetings** are held year-round on the third Wednesday each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public.

Our **Easter Bake Sale** will be held Fri., April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until sold out) at Albert’s Red Apple Market.

Signup sheets will be available next

month for duty at **Bow Hill Rest Area Coffee & Cookie Sale**, July 4 through 7. Can you help with this museum fundraiser? We would be pleased to have you.

New museum Web site
Our new home on the Internet is at www.concreteheritagemuseum.org. Our new e-mail address is concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com.

—Dan Royal

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the crucifixion.

Nicodemus was a “teacher of the Jews.” He knew all the rules, but he could only insist that the body be in the ground before the beginning of the Sabbath. No time for the emotions and feelings of loss. Jesus was dead.

Jesus’ last words to those around him and to us were, “It is finished!” With that the whole creation was changed.

Before we celebrate Easter or the Resurrection Morning this year, let each of us remember what happens three days earlier. That is the true miracle. We see them take the body of a friend down from a cross. We watch as they carry the thin, emaciated body with the 75 pounds of spices to the newly hewn and donated cave, where it is quickly anointed with the spices and oil. We see friends and family shed tears as they lay Jesus in the tomb and seal it. There is no Lazarus event. The death is real. The pain is for this man who only loved others and did good. As the tomb is sealed, we are reminded that Jesus will never be seen again. Then the sun sets

and Sabbath begins.

We cannot understand what hopelessness is unless we travel that road with them. After the burial we also must wait. Our faith informs us what is supposed to happen, but even we have our doubts. We wait with a hope that comes from what happens next. We wait. Three days seems such a long time before we can even go back to the tomb and finish the work of embalming the body. We wait, having lost all hope, knowing that there was no life in the body we placed in that tomb. We wait, for what Paul Harvey used to call, “The rest of the Story.”

Chris Anderson is pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church in Concrete.

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Banned from Mountain Time Zone

My name is Kenneth Snipps and I need your help.

I have been banned from the Mountain Time Zone by the Department of Weights & Measures because I questioned the truthfulness of Mountain Time. Therefore, I cannot travel to or through the Mountain Time Zone on weekends and alternate Wednesdays. The ban will be in effect until warmer temperatures warrant a change.

The science behind the Mountain Time Zone is fascinating. My neighbor Mr. Biggs explained it to me while he was siphoning heating oil out of my tank.

It’s the mountains themselves that cause the problems. Their jagged peaks cause disruptions in the flow of time—just like they mess up AM radio transmissions.

These disruptions in time can cause time drifts by as much as one hour and 15 minutes from the actual time. Consequently, in the Mountain Time Zone, there are three 12 o’clocks: 12 a.m., 12 p.m., and 12 noon.

So I would like to know, how do people in the Mountain Time Zone even keep up

with the rest of the world? Do they wear multiple watches? Take special pills? Use positive reinforcement? I need to know soon because I am headed to the Mountain Time Zone once the ban is lifted.

Please let me know because I am in the Eastern Time Zone and we gladly obey the laws of Daylight Savings Time. Seriously.

*Kenneth Snipps
Forestville, Connecticut*

Editor’s note: Kenneth Snipps is a small man with glasses. He blogs at www.kennethsnipps.com.

The Upper Skagit Library must find a new home.

The process of accomplishing this goal has begun. Please contact the library if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, or if you would like to help.

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Out & About



Skagit County

County hires EMS director

MOUNT VERNON — Lynden resident Mark Raaka will become Skagit County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) director effective April 14.

Raaka will provide administrative oversight to all areas of Skagit County's EMS delivery system, with an initial assignment to lead in development of the structure of that system.

Raaka is a 2003 graduate of Central Washington University, with a Bachelor of Science — Paramedic degree. He earned a Master of Science in Health Services — Emergency Services Management degree from George Washington University in 2013, and he is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree

from Washington State University.

Raaka's career began in 2000, at which time he served as a reserve firefighter/paramedic for the City of Ellensburg Fire Department. He also served as a firefighter paramedic in Ephrata.

In August 2003 Raaka was employed in Yakima as a paramedic/paramedic preceptor for Advanced Life Systems (ALS).

Raaka was named interim Paramedic Program Director at Central Washington University, where he served from September 2007 to June 2008 before successfully recruiting a permanent director.

Raaka served most recently as Medic Operations Manager for Kittitas Valley Healthcare, where he was responsible for all day-to-day operations of the ambulance service. Duties ranged from staff selection, training, and scheduling to oversight of budget.

—Emilie Carrillo

Ellensburg

Fly Fishing Fair comes to town May 3–4

The Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Board and fair committee will host a Fly Fishing Fair May 3–4 in Ellensburg.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. It will be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center on the Kittitas County Fair grounds in Ellensburg.

The fair will showcase a variety of tying, casting, and learning events. Free seminars will be given and may include fishing the Upper Columbia, steelhead fishing in Washington, or bass fishing in your backyard. Along with the seminars, there will be workshops for various fees on casting, from beginning to expert including classes designed for women.

A free American Federation of Fly Fishers Nine Hole Casting Course will be available for competition and general knowledge.

Private lessons with a Certified Casting Instructor will be available for a fee.

About 100 tiers will tie flies both days. Vendors also will be available, offering tying materials, rods, reels, lines, and a full spectrum of items needed for fly fishing that attendees can try out and buy.

Admission to the fair is free for Federation of Fly Fishers members and youth under 16; nonmembers admission is \$5.

Mount Vernon

Earth Day planting and invasive species removal

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEH), in partnership with Mount Vernon City Parks and the Fish America Foundation, will host a volunteer work party for Earth Day 2014, on Sat., April 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place at Edgewater Park in Mount

Vernon, both along the Skagit River and an adjacent side channel called Edgewater Slough.

Event volunteer activities will include planting native trees and shrubs, removal of invasive plant species, garbage removal, and education about vegetation and fish use in the Skagit watershed.

These activities are suitable for all ages, and equipment will be provided as needed.

Advance registration and carpooling are strongly encouraged.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Melanie Anderson at 360.770.7391 or wcc@skagitfisheries.org.

La Conner

Dredging funded for south end of Swinomish Channel

LA CONNER — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers work plan for fiscal year 2014 includes \$920,000 to dredge the south end of the Swinomish Channel, federal officials announced in March.

Corps officials are working on environmental documentation for the project and hope to start work in fall 2014, said John Hicks, chief of the Navigation Section at the Seattle District, Army Corps of Engineers. "We are now in high gear to get this done," Hicks added.

A survey of sedimentation in the Swinomish Channel, completed in December 2013, found that shoaling has occurred in several spots at the south end of the channel since the last round of dredging was completed the previous January. The channel remains in good condition north of Hole-in-the-Wall.

The channel, first dredged more than a century ago, extends through former sloughs and portions of the Skagit and Samish River delta deposits. Because of heavy sedimentation, the channel must be dredged at least every three years to maintain navigable depths for commercial and recreational vessels.

The Port of Skagit, which owns and operates the La Conner Marina, is an active participant in the ongoing effort to ensure the channel remains a navigable waterway.



Home & Garden



Put your grocery bill on a diet

By Toni House

This year we'll pay more than ever for dinner. Food prices jumped a whopping four to five percent in 2013 and are expected to continue rising in 2014, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But you can have your chocolate cake and eat it too. It takes savvy shopping. You can have great everyday meals and special-occasion feasts and trim the household budget with planning, patience, and grocery shopping "guardrails" to keep your cart in line.

- Be patient. Wait for good deals. Save pricier purchases for double coupon days. If you're planning for a special occasion or celebration, save now so you can splurge a bit later. The more you rush, the less you save.
- Be detail-oriented. There is a lot of fine print involved in being a savvy shopper, from expiration dates to special offers to asterisks. Know exactly when a coupon expires, how much it's for, how much more it will be worth on double coupon days, and whether or not it's worth the price in the first place.
- Plan ahead. Plan a menu for at least three meals in advance, combined with leftovers. That should give you five days or more of meals, depending on the meal. This puts you in control of your shopping list, not the other way around. Instead of always playing catch-up, replacing what you've run out of, you buy only when it's on the menu. The same goes for cereal, yogurt, bananas, fresh herbs and spices, etc.
- Instead of making expensive foods (meat) the centerpiece of each meal, design menus that use the most expensive foods less often. For instance, from now on at least twice a week, try using meat as more of a filler than a main dish. Instead of making spaghetti with meat balls, or sausage, or chicken breasts, make spaghetti with a meat sauce of ground turkey, ground sausage, or ground chicken breakfast sausage.

- At the grocery store, buy only what you can eat. That means no paper plates, toilet paper, plastic cups, Army men, toothbrushes, jar candles, greeting cards. Grocery store prices for nonfood items are higher than you'll pay almost anywhere else, so make a hard-and-fast rule and stick to it.
- Do use coupons, but only for products you actually need. Let's say you just bought twice as many hot dog buns as you needed last week and now you've run across a two-for-one coupon for more hot dog buns. Do you really have room in your freezer for all those buns?

You are the leader of your family unit, not just at home but at the grocery store. Your new quest to become a savvy shopper might meet with some resistance at first. Take the bull by the horns and lead the family in the right direction.

Toni House has a bachelor's in accounting and a master's in business administration and was most recently the senior consultant and owner of an accounting firm.

WSU Skagit County Master Gardeners present: "Everyone can grow vegetables" class series

When: Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28; 6 p.m.
Where: Mount Vernon City Library
315 Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon
Cost: FREE

From gardening in containers on a balcony to planting in rows and beds, everyone can learn how to cultivate fresh vegetables.

- April 7: "Preparing raised beds and containers for planting," with David Buchan and Gloria Ellsworth
- April 14: "Choosing vegetable varieties/Planting seeds and starts," with Valerie Rose
- April 21: "Know your bugs," with Virgene Link
- April 28: Integrated Pest Management, with Virgene Link

No registration required. For more information, call 360.428.4270, ext. 0.

Garden Patch

By Gladys Silrus

Spring is here! Candytuft, basket-of-gold, primroses, can be planted now for a splash of color in your spring garden.

Bulb tips

As spring-bulb blooms die, make sure you clip flowering stems as close to the ground as possible; wait about three weeks after flowers are done blooming. Let the leaves die gradually; they're building food reserves to support next year's blooms. You can add perennials to help hide the yellowing foliage, such as phlox, daylilies, geranium, or anise hyssop.

Now is a good time to create a container garden, stuffing it with forced spring bulbs, mingle columbine or wallflowers between bulbs to extend the pot's bloom season. After they are done blooming, you can tuck any perennial bulbs, columbine, and wallflower into a planting bed.

Seed

April is a great month to sow cool-season crops, seeds like radishes, peas, carrots, onion sets, potatoes, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower, to name a few.

Salad greens tips

Sow lettuce green seeds weekly to ensure a long salad harvest season. It is still too early to set seedlings of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants into your garden; wait until the soil is workable. A good way to test if soil is workable is to scoop a big handful and squeeze it. If the soil stays in a ball it is too wet; if it crumbles it is ready.

Herbs

You can plan seedlings of chives, oregano, parsley, rosemary, and mint as soon as the soil is workable.

Dividing perennials

Now is the time to divide perennials that aren't spring bloomers. If their leaves are knee high, you can cut them back by half. Two perennials you should wait on are bearded iris (divide in late summer), and peonies, which rarely need to be divided. If they need it, it's best to do it

in early fall. You can tell when they need dividing if they aren't growing well, you want more plants, if the growing spot has grown shady, or they aren't blooming. Make sure you don't plant them too deep or they won't bloom: Keep the crown of the plant only about an inch below the soil surface.

Weeds

What can I say about them? Pull, pull, pull. If you like using weed killer, apply a pre-emergent weed killer in early April. Remember this type interferes with seed germination, so don't use it anywhere you plan to plant seeds.

Watch for aphids on young perennial growth. Blast aphids off with a strong spray of water. They're not nimble enough to assemble and regroup, so this should control them.

Keep in mind future generations. After all danger of frost is past, plant tender summer bulbs like gladiolas, cannas, dahlias, and tuberous begonias. Get a jump on the growing season by planting these bulbs into black nursery pots and setting them in a sunny spot. Spring sun will warm the pots and soil within, and you'll have a happy plant ready to transplant. Protect shoots if a freeze is predicted.

Slugs

If you haven't been controlling the slugs, now is the time to apply slug bait (always follow label directions) and handpick early to control the population.

Make a live wreath

We are having another live wreath class on Sat., May 3, at 1 p.m. at Concrete K-8 School. If anyone is interested it will cost \$30 and everything is included. Let me know if you plan to attend so I can plan accordingly. If you made a wreath last year and it needs sprucing up, bring it. For more information, contact Lisa Fenley at 360.853.8145, or me at 360.826.4848 or gsilrus@frontier.com. Happy Gardening!

Got a gardening question? Send it to Gladys for an answer! Call her at 360.826.4848, or write to her at gsilrus@frontier.com or 42002 Pine St., Concrete, WA 98237.

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“One of the most baffling paradoxes in this modern civilization is the labor strike, which none of the workers want, but for which they all vote.”
“If you have had any hopes of getting in the last word with a woman, give up. Statistics prove that they live longer, and probably just for that reason.”

—June 24, 1954

“The moon blotted out the sun for a few minutes in parts of the country yesterday. The phenomena was not noticed in the Upper Valley, absence of the sun becoming quite a normal condition.”
“Now that most other killers of mankind have been combatted by charity drive contributions, we suggest a foundation for the cure of the No. 1 disease of motorists: heavy throttle foot.”
“We always knew cigarettes would become a problem. Now it is the choice of dying for a smoke or dying from smoking.”
“The man with money to burn has little trouble picking up a hot number to start the blaze.”

—July 1, 1954

“We need a few more small-town men in government. Fellows who have learned that to get along with neighbors best, you mind your own business, offer help only when needed, be sparing with advice, lend sympathy instead of money, be friendly but know enough to go home before wearing out your welcome. It is the same with next door neighbors as with nations, and as a nation we are the world’s worst neighbor.”
“Everyone likes to hear gossip. It offers such a free reign for the teller and such a wide field for the imagination—and if you don’t like the story, you can tell it your own way to the next person.”
“Fame is a fickle thing. A man noted for how much he accomplished will be forgotten long before the girl made famous by how little she wore.”
“You don’t have to be wrong all the time. A little mistake now and then will

keep everyone thinking you are never right.”
—July 8, 1954

“For the average logger, the present strike is being conducted with all the intelligence, logic, and reasoning of the nut who liked to hit himself on the head with a hammer because it felt so good when he quit.”
“New weapons are replacing the need for social security. Soon we can combat planning for the future by eliminating the future entirely.”
“It doesn’t take long for the ambitious to discover that the quickest way to amass a fortune is always illegal.”

—July 15, 1954

“With the ever-growing number of successful lawsuits over stupid accidents, it seems the quickest way to find riches these days is to stumble into a generous jury.”

—July 22, 1954

“Kids may be long in learning to talk, but they are even longer in learning to stop occasionally. The ones who never learn are sent to Congress.”
“We wish folks would stop calling up to report seeing a strange object in the sky. That’s the sun!”

—July 29, 1954

“Flying saucers are ‘Vikings’ from outer space, says a German rocket expert. Don’t tell us they have Scandinavians out there too!”
“Ike has signed a bill making it easier for people to buy homes. Next we’ll need some legislation making it easier to pay for them.”
“The main difference between a threat and a promise is the first is usually glossed over while the latter is being forgotten.”

—July 29, 1954

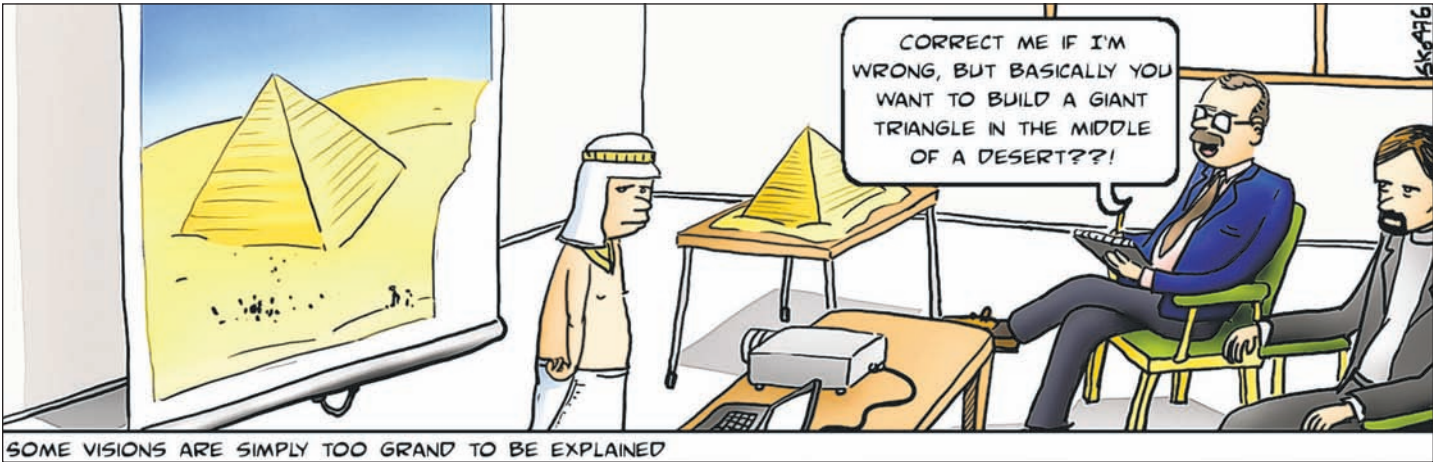
Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



Crossword: “Copping an attitude”

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
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Across

- 1. Graphical user interface feature
- 5. Latke ingredient
- 11. Attain
- 14. Game name
- 15. Trash container
- 16. Old Tokyo
- 17. Restrain
- 18. Calkins
- 19. Inflamed
- 20. Not extreme
- 23. Like old records
- 24. Choppers
- 25. Yellowfin, e.g.
- 28. 1995 hurricane
- 32. Its symbol is an omega
- 35. Present
- 38. Cartoon art
- 39. Taking drastic measures
- 42. Hitchcockian
- 43. Like some colonies
- 44. Harvester
- 45. First place?
- 46. Cargo boat type
- 48. Cherokee and Wrangler
- 53. Foreign currency

Down

- 1. SALT concern
- 2. Demand
- 3. Best
- 4. “You ____ bother!”
- 5. Clip
- 6. Capital on a fjord
- 7. Grand ____
- 8. Decrease
- 9. Church donation
- 10. Attack
- 11. “My ____!”
- 12. It comes to mind
- 13. Sarah’s husband
- 21. Potter

- 22. River of Lyon
- 26. Excluding
- 27. Asian buffalo
- 29. Cotton fabric
- 30. Grace period?
- 31. In case
- 32. Double curve
- 33. Worked the soil
- 34. Slough
- 36. Mushroom you can eat
- 37. Departure
- 38. Historian Toynbee
- 40. Soldier of fortune
- 41. Black gunk
- 47. Alate
- 49. Just beat
- 50. Gush
- 51. Reverent
- 52. Like a snicker
- 54. “____ or not...”
- 55. In reserve
- 56. Give away
- 57. Bank
- 58. Lothario’s look
- 59. Bucks
- 60. Start with while
- 61. Telephone button

Sudoku

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

		3	4					
4	2				1			
6	1	8		7			9	
	3	4		5			7	6
	7		3		8		1	
9	8			6		5	4	
	6			3		4	2	9
			9			8	7	
				4	6			

*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 38.

Funny as Facebook

The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in March.

- “It is amazing how much you can get done in the morning carrying a baby chicken around. Although she did fall into the washing machine—by the way, chicks float. SCIENCE! I’ve named this one Kragle for her adhesiveness.”
- “The only thing that says ‘let the good times roll’ more than boxed wine is boxed wine served in Tupperware! Classy, you got nothin’ on us.”
- “When girls get their hair done at Jack in the Box ...”
- “Ed’s on the roof with a huge squirt gun filled with ammonia. A new weapon in his ongoing battle with the pigeons!”
- “Laughing so hard that I’m crying. Whoever said old people weren’t useful hadn’t met my in-laws.”
- “Potty training was going so well until Vashti just got stung by a yellow jacket while sitting on her potty.”
- “Lovely. I just managed to melt a plastic lid on to a hot burner on the stove. This is clearly a sign that I am not meant to get up and cook breakfast on the weekends. Who am I to ignore such obvious warnings from the universe? From this day forward, only cold cereal shall be consumed for breakfast ...”
- “It will never get old belting out the lyrics to Misty Mountain Cold or screeching ‘gollum, gollum!’ when I get paid in sleepy smiles and a whispered ‘love you mom.’”
- “I came home today to find Sean teaching Rowan how to wash dishes while Brandon provided theme music on his acoustic guitar.”
- “Today is the 14th birthday of my Super Speedy Airplane. I have fond memories of him at two years old chasing fireflies in the back yard, covered head to toe in watermelon juice or the day he spilled the entire 50-lb. bag of dog food on my freshly cleaned floor. I didn’t know back then what was more important, the clean floor or the adorable little boy trying to clean it up piece by piece. I know the answer now.”

Landslide relief opportunities

Want to help? Here’s how.

- Coastal Community Bank in Darrington has four different accounts that people can donate to for Landslide relief.
1. Recreation Education Foundation (REF) Account for food and clothing only for relief victims.
 2. American Red Cross food/water, clothing, medicine, shelter (specified for this relief effort and local community after admin/distribution costs).
 3. North Counties Relief Fund (can be used for anything needed by those relief victims/families).
 4. Account specifically for the family of Julie Cuntz, a Coastal Community Bank employee of the Darrington Branch who lost her home and all vehicles in the slide.
- Ways to give:**
- In person at the Coastal Community Bank: 45641 State Route 530 NE, Darrington, WA 98241; 360.436.0284
 - Online at www.coastalbank.com and follow the links to the account to which you would like to donate
 - By check mailed to Coastal Community Bank, P.O. Box 90, Darrington, WA 98241
 - By online banking as a deposit to Coastal Community Bank REF account ending in 2246; American Red Cross account ending in 3032; or to North Counties Family Services Relief Fund account ending in 3038. Call the bank for the Julie Cuntz account number.
 - Donations can also be given through the Darrington Family Support and Resource Center, 1075 Fir St., Darrington, WA 98241; 360.436.0308
 - KING5 is partnering with Red Cross to support the community. Donations can be given to Northwest Response: Landslide Relief at any U.S. Bank Branch or online at www.redcross.org/cm/kingnwc-nub
 - Donate nonperishable items at the old truss company building, 1311 SR 530
 - To donate gas money specifically, send a check payable to Darrington Mudslide Fund (write “Gas” in the memo line) to:
Darrington Mudslide Fund
P.O. Box 90
Darrington, WA 98241
This is a fund administered by the City of Darrington.
 - Day Creek Chapel will continue to collect donations and bring them over for gas money. Checks should be payable to Day Creek Chapel and mailed to:
31438 S. Skagit Hwy
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
For more information, call 360.826.3581 or 360.319.4550
 - A list of fundraisers will be posted on www.concrete-herald.com

Be aware!
The Better Business Bureau, Washington Attorney General, and Secretary of State have issued a warning for charity scams in the wake of the landslide. Watch out for:

- Solicitors requesting immediate donations.
- Make sure the charities are qualified to provide the type of disaster relief that is necessary.
- Avoid cash donations. Write a check directly to the charity not the fundraiser.
- Never give out credit card numbers over the phone.
- Be wary of “new” charities with unverifiable background information.
- Watch out for solicitations from fake “victim” or memorial social media accounts.
- Be watchful for charities that have sympathetic sounding names or names similar to legitimate charities.
- Contact potential charities directly. For more information on finding legitimate charities, go to www.bbb.org/us/charity-reviews or www.sos.wa.gov/charities.

Landslide, cont. from p. 5

out hope that Harris and his wife have managed to stay alive and simply hadn’t been found yet by rescuers.

“Hope is there, but it’s a search and rescue mission,” she said. “The longer the search goes, the lower the odds that someone will survive.”

Worse, search and rescue efforts were suspended on March 24 because conditions appeared to be too dangerous for emergency workers to venture into.

Community response

First responders from all over Snohomish and Skagit counties poured into the devastated area. The National Guard was summoned within days, as were FEMA and Red Cross representatives.

Fundraisers started popping up like mushrooms in the Upper Skagit Valley. Collection jars encouraged visitors to area businesses to dig deep. Skaglund, a *Concrete Herald* contributor, is compiling a list of benefit concerts that stretch halfway into 2014. Within one week, however, a variety of benefits and other fundraising efforts had been brainstormed and executed, including:

- Concerts at Birdsview Brewing Co. in Birdsview, which raised \$6,000 in one day.
- Yellow commemorative ribbon sales at Albert’s Red Apple Market in Grasmere—the brainchild of employees Cheryl Prier and Deb Lahr—which pulled in \$1,800 during its first three days and will continue into mid-April.
- Concrete resident Judd Wilson stayed up all night on March 29 cooking his famous barbecue, then traveled with his wife, Crissie, to Darrington

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on March 30 to feed responders and volunteers.

Meanwhile, the search for survivors continues, with rain an on-again, off-again presence, making the scene alternate between soupy, quicksand-like slop and pavement-hard mud. Rescue and corpse-sniffing dogs continue to work the area and were given a two-day reprieve March 30–31.

On a more hopeful note, videos of small victories have been making the online rounds. One such video showed the moment searchers uncovered Buddy, a chocolate Lab who’d been trapped under rubble and buried in mud, but was still alive and quite relieved to see his human rescuers.

And that woman and her baby who spent several terrifying minutes high in a tree? Word came on March 30 that the landslide’s tiniest survivor was in intensive care, but improving. His 25-year-old mother was in satisfactory condition.

Looking ahead

Officials have stated that recovery operations will take months. A temporary road is under construction along Skaglund’s property, but it will be used for emergency vehicles only. State Route 530 remained closed as of March 31.

Darrington and Oso residents already are mindful of the weeks ahead, after the devastation of the event fades from the public’s mind and media attention drops off, when the real work toward recovery begins. Already, some Darrington residents have left town for good, unable to face the financial strain.

Jason Miller and reporter Dan Parker with Port Aransas South Jetty wrote this article.

Crossword solution, from p. 37

1	I	C	O	N	5	P	O	T	A	T	O	11	H	I	T
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68	B	Y	E	69	D	E	S	E	R	70	D	Y	E	R	

Sudoku solution, from p. 37

7	5	3	4	9	2	1	6	8
4	2	9	6	8	1	7	3	5
6	1	8	5	7	3	2	9	4
1	3	4	2	5	9	8	7	6
5	7	6	3	4	8	9	1	2
9	8	2	1	6	7	5	4	3
8	6	1	7	3	5	4	2	9
2	4	5	9	1	6	3	8	7
3	9	7	8	2	4	6	5	1

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WEEKEND MOVIE SCHEDULE:
Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 4 and 6:30 p.m.
TIX: \$7 gen admission, \$9 balcony, \$6 over 65/under 12
24-hour MovieLine: 360.941.0403
www.concrete-theatre.com

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Daycare provider needed. Odd hours. Wed. graveyard shift, Sat.-Sun. swing shift. Background check required. 360.941.3316 or 360.399.1922.

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Campground Host. PSE is looking for a Campground Host for our Kulshan Campground and day-use area. This campground host position will support the campground operation and provide a valuable point of contact for visitors in the campground, with an emphasis on customer service and safety. The Campground Host will be supplied with a RV campsite, sewer hook-up or septic service, water hook-up and 30-amp electrical service. Gain the energy to do great things through a career with Puget Sound Energy! PSE offers a highly competitive compensation. PSE is an Equal Opportunity employer. We encourage persons of diverse backgrounds to apply. Read more about these opportunities and apply online to ad #71616 at PSE.com/careers.

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Reporter, contract position. *Concrete Herald* seeks a competent writer to cover Concrete town government on a monthly basis, beginning ASAP. Compensation will be based on attendance at all Town Council meetings, plus production of two articles per monthly issue. Interested persons should send resume, two journalism samples, and letter of interest to editor@concrete-herald.com. For more information on this position, call 360.853.8213 or e-mail editor@concrete-herald.com.

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Town of Concrete will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter at the Concrete Town Hall, located at 45672 Main Street.

The purpose of this meeting is to offer citizens a chance to view and comment on the Scope of Work for the Town of Concrete’s Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

This meeting will be limited to the discussion, questions, and answers on this project only. No action will be taken at this meeting.

Town of Concrete
Andrea Fichter, Clerk-Treasurer
45672 Main Street / P.O. Box 39
Concrete, WA 98237
(360) 853-8401 / FAX (360) 853-8002

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Town of Concrete Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Zoning Changes to Address Non-Commercial Greenhouses in the Public Lands District
April 17, 2014
7:00 PM

PROJECT INFORMATION
Date of Public Hearing: April 17, 2014
Applicant: Town of Concrete
Project contact: Town Planner
Project description: Amend Town of Concrete Zoning Code to allow non-commercial greenhouses in the Public Lands District.
Location: Townwide

Environmental determination:
April XX, 2014

FILES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
The proposed zoning code changes will be available on April 1, 2014 for public review and may be requested at Town Hall, 45672 Main Street, P.O. Box 39, Concrete, Washington, 98273. Copies of the proposed zoning code sections and information are available at 15 cents per page.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
The purpose of this notice is to provide public notification of the Public Hearing scheduled before the Town Planning Commission on April 17, 2014 at Town Hall, at 7:00 PM or soon thereafter. Any person may attend the Town Planning Commission Public Hearing and comment on the proposed zoning changes. Public comments will be accepted until 7:00 PM on April 17, 2014. Comments may be mailed or faxed to the following address:

Town of Concrete
Planning Department
45672 Main Street
P.O. Box 39
Concrete, WA 98237
Fax (360) 853-8002, Attn: Planning Department

Recommendations from the Public Hearing held by the Town of Concrete Planning Commission shall be made to the Town of Concrete Town Council. The Concrete Town Council shall review these recommendations at their April 21, 2014 Town Council meeting beginning at 7:00 PM, held at 45672 Main Street, Concrete, WA 98237. A final decision of the Town Council on the proposed zoning changes may be made during this meeting. The public is encouraged to attend or send written comments to the Town Council as well.

DECISION AND APPEALS

The decision of the Town Council shall be final subject to the right to appeal to the Superior Court. You may request a copy of the decision and information about your appeal rights by calling the Town of Concrete at (360) 853-8401.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION & PROPOSED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DATE: April 1, 2014
APPLICATION NAME/NUMBER: Zoning Code Amendment--Greenhouses, LU14-003
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed is a non-project action to change the Zoning Code (CMC Chapter 19.40.020) to allow non-commercial greenhouses in the Public Lands District.
PROJECT LOCATION: The proposal applies throughout the Town of Concrete.
APPLICANT/PROPONENT: Town of Concrete
CONTACT PERSON FOR COMMENTS: Marianne Manville-Ailles, Town Planner
Town of Concrete
PO Box 39
Concrete, WA 98237
(360) 853-8401
townplanner@concretewa.gov

OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS): As the Lead Agency, the Town of Concrete has determined that significant environmental impacts are unlikely to result from the proposed non-project action. Therefore, as permitted under the RCW 43.21C.110, the Town of Concrete is using the Optional DNS process to give notice that a DNS is likely to be issued. Comment periods for this proposed action and the proposed DNS are integrated into a single comment period. There will be no comment period following the

issuance of the Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). A 10-day appeal period will follow the issuance of the DNS.

Comments on this Notice must be submitted, in writing no later than April 15, 2014. Comments should be as specific as possible. Any person may comment on the application and request a copy of the decision once it is made. Questions about this proposal and requests for additional notification should be directed to the contact person listed herein. Any person who submits written comments will automatically become a ‘party of record’ and will be notified of any decision made regarding this proposal.

The application and materials submitted by the applicant are available for review at Town Hall.

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