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## From the editor

# Fire and Life Safety Building: A source of pride

Town of Concrete will reach a milestone this month with the completion of its new Fire and Life Safety Building, a \$1.75 million replacement for its current fire hall.

On May 16 at 2 p.m., all of the major players in the success of the project will gather at the new building for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. You'll see elected officials from near and far, as well as the grant writer from Leavenworth whose work landed the town its \$1 million CDBG grant.

On hand too will be former Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson and the town's Fire Chief, Rich Philips, who took the lead and pushed hard for state funding to make the project a reality. I hope you seek out these two and shake their hands. I know I will.

—J. K. M.

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Martin Rd. statements inaccurate

When I read Skagit River System Cooperative Senior Restoration Ecologist Devin Smith's words in last month's *Concrete Herald* regarding the Barnaby Slough Restoration project, I was more than a little fired up. As a lifelong resident of Martin Rd., I was shocked to read that all of Martin Rd. is in danger of being flooded from the Skagit River as having never seen evidence of that or experiencing it on our property, which has been in my family for three generations.

While the northern end of Martin Rd. by the public fishing access is in danger of flooding, as the Skagit River has been eroding that area significantly in the last decade, the statement that all of Martin Rd. is in danger of flooding is not accurate.

The southern end of Martin Rd. is not in danger of being flooded. In fact, even during the 100-year flood of 2003, no water touched the southern end of Martin Rd. Those of us with property on the southern end aren't even required to carry flood insurance. So the only danger of us being flooded is by rerouting the Skagit River into Barnaby Slough.

By rerouting the river, not only will the southern end of Martin Rd. be at risk, but the northern end will now have flood waters hitting them from two directions. The Barnaby Slough Restoration project will in no way mitigate the flood dangers, but only add to them.

The other item not being made clear is all of the studies are only being run by models with a 30 percent flow of the Skagit River. However, the hydraulic engineers admitted that once the river is diverted, they cannot control how much of the river will flow through Barnaby Slough. Nor do their models

take into account the groundwater or existing tributaries already flowing into the Barnaby Slough. This seems sorely incomplete to me with the risk involved.

I cannot understand how a project of this magnitude does not have models being run of all scenarios. If \$19 million can be found to fund this project, surely they can use some of those funds to run a more accurate model of what they're proposing before endangering the lives and homes of residents.

Melissa Norris  
Rockport

### Article choice fuels animosity

Of all the significant regional, national, and international news stories from the outside world that merit attention, why the editor chose to put in an article about the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and their labeling of the Council for American Islamic Relations (CAIR) is anyone's guess. The only guess I can come up with is an attempt to reinforce an ever-too-present notion that an opposing party could never, ever have anything of value to say.

Choosing to run this article did not in any way address the real crux of the issue of the original complaint against Mary

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### Letters policy

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## Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

Give some thought to the **Superior Building** this month. After the March 23 Town Council meeting, it has become clear to me that the council and I are hearing two different views on the building and what should be done with it. I'm working from data collected during the April 2009 Imagine Concrete workshop, when the idea to restore the building was second only in popularity to the community garden.



But during the March 23 meeting, some councilmembers said they're hearing exactly the opposite: "When are we going to tear it down?"

Your elected officials are listening. If you have an opinion either way, we need to know it. Call (853.8401) or leave a note at Town Hall, please.

The March 14 **Imagine Concrete workshop** saw 23 engaged citizens brainstorming and doing a little design work for their ideas surrounding Silo Park. We plan to hold a second workshop at Concrete High School on April 17. We'll give all the feedback from these workshops to Parks Committee Chair Marla Reed for further discussion and analysis.

The **Fire and Life Safety Building** will be completed this month. Fire Chief Rich Philips is chomping at the bit to move the engines into their new home. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility has been confirmed for Sat., May 16, at 2 p.m.

Those of you who've considered **running for public office** should be aware that four Town Council positions will be on the November ballot this year. Filing week for that election will be May 11-15; see p. 5 of this issue for details.

I'm very happy to see an uptick in **attendance at council meetings** lately. This tells me that our residents and area locals care about Concrete's future!

Got a topic you'd like me to address in this column? Let me know.

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

## Lower Baker Dam repairs will bring heavy equipment, helicopters to town

### New grouting will control leakage in rock abutments

Puget Sound Energy will begin a series of three projects at Lower Baker Dam this month that will upgrade and improve operations at the hydroelectric facilities.

Improvements at the dam are scheduled to begin on Mon., April 6. For several months, there will be increased activity around the Lower Baker Dam site, which will include teams of workers, boats on the water, a crane positioned near the dam, and frequent flights by helicopters in the area.

PSE said in a release there are no concerns regarding the integrity of the dam. The first phase of the work will focus on drilling test holes in the dam's rock abutments—the area between the concrete structure and the rock canyon walls—to investigate why leakage occurs and better understand the geology. Crews will then work on grouting in the dam's abutments to address the leakage that historically happens about every 30 years. Grouting is a standard and necessary practice that's widely used to maintain dams. The leakage at the dam occurs naturally through seams in the limestone rock of the canyon walls. The dam itself has a functioning internal drain system.

The grouting project will be completed in 2016. After that work ends, construction starts on floodwall upgrades designed to protect the abutments from the impacts of potential floodwaters. The final phase, starting in 2018 and lasting two years, will involve replacing and modernizing the areas above the water line, such as the dam crest, the piers, spillway gates, and all equipment needed to operate those gates at the dam.

The improvements planned with the Lower Baker Dam Capital Program will last for the 50-year life of the project license with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which PSE received in 2008.

The Lower Baker Dam is a concrete arch dam that was constructed in 1924-25, with additional work done in 1927. It impounds the waters of the Baker River, creating Lake Shannon.

—J. K. M.

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# Future of Superior Building uncertain

As deadline approaches, Imagine Concrete Foundation provides Town Council with options for saving or demolishing the historic landmark.

By Haley McNealey, edited by Katy Tomasulo

Time is running out for the Superior Building.

After several years of efforts by Concrete residents and the Imagine Concrete Foundation to raise money and rally support to save the historic, yet dangerously neglected, structure in Silo Park, the date of no return—Dec. 31, 2015—is approaching and the window of opportunity for rescue is narrowing. Because of this urgency, the Imagine Concrete Foundation presented options and associated costs to the Town Council at its March 23 meeting.

## Preserving history

The original owners of the Superior Building, the Superior Portland Cement Company, endowed the 1920s-era building to the town in 1996 as part of the Silo Park complex. For nearly

20 years, the building received little attention and fell into a state of neglect. However, Imagine Concrete Foundation took interest in the prospect of restoring the deteriorating edifice upon discussion at the first Imagine Concrete workshop in April 2009. When the possibility of restoration was presented to Town Council, it received unanimous support from council members and plans soon began developing. A promising future for the building seemed certain.

Former Mayor Judd Wilson supported the project and, knowing substantial funding eventually would be required, instructed town staff in 2010 and 2011 to earmark \$10,000 per year for restoration. Twice during that time, more than a dozen community members assembled at the building to remove sodden debris that had accumulated in the preceding decades.

In 2011, efforts were made to remove the vestige of a secondary roof, constructed in the 1950s, to reveal the original flat roof.

The town secured a \$7,500 grant for a feasibility study by Seattle architect Larry Johnson to determine whether the building was structurally sound enough to proceed with restoration efforts. The original feasibility study concluded that the building would be beyond the point of restoration if a watertight roof over the flat roof were not constructed by December 2015. The roof, which originally was imagined to match the roof style that had been installed in the 1950s, would cost around \$40,000. According to the Imagine Concrete Foundation's estimates, demolition would cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000.

In January 2012, in the midst of the feasibility study and various community efforts to tidy the building in preparation for restoration, new council members took office, and the project no longer had unanimous support. When Johnson presented results from the study early in the year, three council members voted against accepting the study, putting the brakes on the project's momentum.

Following the vote, the conflicted council transferred responsibility for the project to the Imagine Concrete Foundation, which then began pursuing various routes for establishing funding and gaining community support.

Imagine Concrete Foundation researched grant opportunities from across the nation, but were discouraged to discover difficult stipulations (such as a minimum number of years since the founding of the organization and a minimum amount of capital already possessed) that excluded it from being a candidate for an overwhelming majority of grants. The organization then turned to fundraising, which has yielded only about \$300 in recent years. It also maintains an active Facebook page, "Superior Portland Cement Building," advocating awareness and providing historical relevance accompanied by photographs.

## Council remains undecided

At the March 23 meeting, following a

review of potential routes for the town to choose from, an animated discussion occurred between council members.

"There are two ways of looking at it," Mayor Jason Miller said. "The town can do nothing and pay a lot of money [for demolition] or choose a roofing system by December to avoid inevitable demolition."

"It is a historical focal point even if we don't renovate it," he continued.

Council member Dave Pfeiffer said, "It is an eyesore in front of the new fire station."

Council members expressed concerns about a lack of support for the project from community members and inadequate funds collected by the Imagine Concrete Foundation in recent years.

"I don't want money spent on this," council member Marla Reed said.

"If no one wanted to pursue historical registration in three years and there is no money, I don't see very much support," Pfeiffer stated.

The conversation soon turned to the option of pursuing demolition, an option that likely would be more expensive than the roof-system alternatives.

The council members eventually discussed doing nothing with the building at the present moment. Pfeiffer suggested the building remain as is for the time being, but Mayor Miller advised that because the building is not structurally sound, it would be a liability for the town.

"Put a fence around it and a 'no trespassing' sign," council member Jack Mears then recommended. Both of these measures already are in place.

Mayor Miller described his position on the matter, stating, "It's town property and it's the town's responsibility. It's part of the town's heritage and one of few remaining pieces from [that] era."

Mayor Miller suggested trying another fundraiser to which council member Mike Bartel replied, "I have no problem with a fundraiser. I will help."

"It isn't worth putting \$7,500 into it, in my opinion, even if we got free money," said Mears.

"I would rather save the building," said council member Ginger Kyritsis.

Following the meeting, Mayor Miller expressed his concern over the possible loss of the Superior Building and encouraged like-minded citizens to get involved. "This is the eleventh hour," he said. "Anyone who thinks one of Concrete's last remaining historical structures should be saved from the wrecking ball needs to either write a letter

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and drop it off at Town Hall, drop off a donation to save the building at Town Hall, or both."

## Capital Facilities Plan update under way

The developing Capital Facilities Plan, a chapter of Concrete's Comprehensive Plan, focuses on taking inventory of the town's capital facilities, defined as assets valued at \$3,000 or higher that are identified as having a minimum three-year life span. (Examples of inventory items include buildings, streets, and equipment that are property of the town.)

After town staff identifies and records capital facilities, they will review them to determine necessary improvements, then prioritize those improvements based on cost and urgency. When grant funds become available, the town also can refer to the list and available data to make decisions about where funds should be allocated and establish which projects meet grant criteria.

The Comprehensive Plan is updated every seven years. The town intends to complete its revised Comprehensive Plan by June 2016, but hopes to finalize and

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adopt the current capital facilities chapter within the year. In the past, the capital facilities section has been addressed every two years, but its current update exceeds that timeframe. Because it is such an important tool in budgeting and determining a course of action in any potential project, it is imperative that an updated plan be drafted as soon as possible.

When asked what the approach will be to discovering and implementing strategies for improving the state of the capital facilities, Concrete Town Planner Marianne Manville-Ailles said, "We will continue to plan to be as conservative as we can."

Manville-Ailles said that the most pressing issue for the town to address is establishing a solution to infiltration problems that are causing water to leak into the wastewater treatment plant. This issue was identified and studied closely following an engineering report completed within the last year.

—Haley McNealey

## Filing week for elected officials and candidates: May 11–15

All current elected officials and anyone wishing to run for public office in Skagit County should mark the week of May 11–15 on their calendars. That's the week during which candidates must file their intentions in order to be included on the ballot for the November general election.

Concrete voters will see the proposition to annex the town into the Skagit County Library District on that same ballot; a proposition number will be assigned after all other measures have been submitted, sometime after Aug. 4.

Ballots for the November election will be mailed on Oct. 14.

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See Building, p. 5 The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

## Town of Concrete takes chipping service mobile

Abuse of the dump site for yard waste has compelled Town of Concrete to try a different approach.

Effective March 12, the town switched to a mobile service, with Public Works staff bringing the chipper to homeowners on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, as weather and work load allows.

The town will charge a flat fee of \$10 per in-town resident, per appointment, and \$15 per appointment for residents who live in the urban growth area. The service is for residential properties only and is not intended for commercial or land-clearing use.

To request a visit from the chipper, residents should call Town Hall at

See Chipping, p. 6




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# Earth Week in Concrete

There will be plenty of ways to make the world a slightly better place during this year's Earth Week celebration, April 19–25, sponsored by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. The event features presentations, demonstrations, guided walks, and highway cleanups. Other activities include a 5k run, poetry reading, recycled art show, and a documentary about dirt (see schedule, below, and ad, p. 40).

"Everyone is invited to participate in this all-volunteer effort," said Valerie Stafford, president of the Concrete Chamber. "It's a chance to connect with like-minded people and keep our community a clean, green place to live, work, and play."

## Earth Week activities

### Sat., April 18

- Cement City Trail Run, 8:30 a.m., Concrete High School  
cementcitytrailrun@gmail.com

### April 19–25

- Hatchery tours, Marblemount Fish Hatchery, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
360.336.0172  
education@skagitfisheries.org

### Mon., April 20

- Highway cleanup, milepost 87–89  
360.853.8784

### Tue., April 21

- Highway cleanup, milepost 93–95  
360.853.7255
- "Dirt: The Movie," 7 p.m., Concrete Theatre, admission by donation  
360.941.0403  
www.concrete-theatre.com

### Wed., April 22: Earth Day

- Earth Day Walk & Talk, start at Concrete Theatre at 7 a.m., rain or shine. 360.466.8754  
www.ensemblefitnesscoaching.com

### Thur., April 23

- "The Plight of Birds," presented by Karen Ulvestad, 7 p.m., Concrete Theatre; admission by donation  
360.941.0403  
www.concrete-theatre.com

### Sat., April 25

- Recycled Craft Fun for Families, Upper Skagit Library; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Recycled Art Show, noon to 3 p.m., Concrete Center. Entries can be

- dropped off starting at 10 a.m. Prizes for adult and youth winners.
- Seed/plant Swap and composting demonstrations, noon to 2 p.m., Angele Cupples Community Garden
- Recycling the Tough Stuff (CFLs, fluorescent tubes, TVs, computer monitors and peripherals, batteries, printer cartridges), free drop-off at Silo Park parking area, noon to 2 p.m.
- Poetry Reading and Poetry Book Swap, Upper Skagit Library, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
- Deadline for submissions: April 18.
- Spring Planting Party, Utopia Conservation Area (5 min. east of Sedro-Woolley). RSVP to 360.336.0172, ext. 304 or education@skagitfisheries.org. More information at www.skagitfisheries.org/2015/03/earth-day-at-utopia.

For more details about Earth Week activities, contact the Chamber at 360.853.8784 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.

—Valerie Stafford

## THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

The Concrete Resource Coalition will host a **Youth Mental Health First Aid training** on Thur., April 2, in the Concrete High School Commons from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch provided). The aim of the eight-hour course is to equip participants with the knowledge to help youth in crisis or youth experiencing a mental health challenge.

Registration is required for this free training. To register, go to www.concretresourcecoalition.com and follow the registration link on the home page, or call 360.854.7173.

Mark your calendar for this year's **Cement City Trail Run**, hosted by Concrete Lions Booster Club on Sat., April 18, at 8:30 a.m. For more information and a link to register, find the event on Facebook.

The Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) is sponsoring an **April Poetry Contest** in celebration of National Poetry Month. The aim is to inspire awareness and practice of creative writing among all ages. The theme of the contest is "The Landscape of My Life," and a requirement

is to write in the style of "concrete poetry."

Skagit County residents are eligible to participate. There are three categories: child, teen, and adult. April will include a month-long Poetry Book Exchange and a Poetry Reading Event of the winning entries on April 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the library. Entries will be accepted from April 1 to April 18. Deadline is April 18 at 3 p.m. View and download the Submission Guidelines and Contest Entry Form at www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us. Hard copies of the guidelines are available at the Upper Skagit Library.

For more information, contact Cora Thomas at cthomas@upperskagit.lib.wa.us or 360.853.7939.

**Your opinion is wanted!** If you are a resident of eastern Skagit County, North Cascades National Park and North Cascades Institute asks you to complete a short online survey describing your experiences with outdoor recreation and outdoor opportunities for youth in the Upper Skagit Valley. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ConcreteOutdoorEducationZJDBZYK>

Your response will help inform future outreach and outdoor education for youth in Concrete. The survey is conducted by Americorps VISTA Outreach Specialist Katie Griffith in conjunction with North Cascades National Park and North Cascades Institute.

**County Commissioner Lisa Janicki** has announced her schedule for her time at the East County Resource Center in Concrete. Look for her on the first and second Fridays of each month, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (or later, by appointment). It's a good idea to set an appointment if you need to see her; call the center at 360.853.8767 or 360.853.7009.

On March 11, the state **Senate moved to approve a measure** introduced by Sens. Kirk Pearson and Barbara Bailey to help save landowners whose water access has been lost as a result of Department of Ecology rule changes. Pearson partnered with Bailey to pass the measure allowing permit-exempt well access for many landowners in the Skagit River Basin.

A 2006 rule change by the Department of Ecology allowed many landowners to proceed with plans to utilize property in the Skagit River Basin until 2013 when the State Supreme Court invalidated the changes. Pearson's bill would allow permit-exempt wells to be utilized, provided they are not demonstrated to reduce or impair water levels and flows.

Senate Bill 5407 went to the House for consideration.

## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on March 9 and 23.*

*The following is a summary of those two meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at [www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php](http://www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php).*

### March 9 regular council meeting

- Public Safety:** Deputy Morgan stated that few alarming or unusual events were reported. A juvenile stole a sign, but it was eventually returned and the guilty party identified. No arrests were made.
- The Sherriff's Office was asked to interview a potential suspect in an attempted child abduction in Spokane, but the investigation concluded that the accused was no longer a Concrete resident and has no connection to the crime.
- Deputy also reported that there have been 11 calls for service since the February incident report. He stated that several of the calls have come from one individual in town who is known for repeated 911 calls for

unfounded complaints that are not pursued.

- Council discussed the addition of an electronic school zone system in the Superior Avenue/SR 20 intersection. Cody Hart presented potential areas for cutting costs and confirmed a contribution from the school district in support of the project.
- Mayor Jason Miller reported that he'd had a meeting with Janice Marlega of Reichhardt & Ebe today to discuss items regarding the secondary access project design. He stated that because of state and federal regulations, they needed to make some changes. He stated there will now be two 11-foot travel lanes with a 2-foot shoulder on each side, plus a 10-foot-wide, two-way bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the western edge of the roadway. He also said that the on-street parking had been removed. He said they will remove any sewer design items for now until this area is added into the Capital Facilities Plan.
- Council identified a possible open position to replace an employee. Starting wages were discussed, and it was confirmed that multiple interested applicants had contacted

Town Hall.

### March 23 regular meeting

- After a short presentation from representatives from the Port of Skagit, council members voted to pass a resolution of support for Janicki Industries' plan to establish biotech research centers and a manufacturing site on a portion of the Northern State Hospital property in Sedro-Woolley. The manufacturing facility will produce omniprocessors, which turn sewer waste into clean drinking water. Neighboring communities also have expressed approval of the plan.
- Sgt. Chris Kading informed the council of significant reports, including a report that a gun may have been present on the high school campus and complaints about juveniles smoking in the Silo Park area.
- The school zone system at the Superior Avenue/SR 20 intersection was further discussed, with emphasis on budget options to fund the project. A motion to approve the project passed with only one council member expressing opposition. The crossing

system is part of the larger project, which will extend the sidewalk on Superior Ave. North down to SR 20, and include ADA-compliant ramps to the sidewalk.

- Council reviewed options and recommendations from Imagine Concrete Foundation regarding the future of the Superior Building. Council agreed to ICF launching a last-ditch fundraising effort to put a roof on the building and halt its deterioration, while simultaneously soliciting proposals for demolition of the building. For more information, see the article on p. 4.
- Concrete will mark Earth Week April 19–25 with activities throughout town.

—Haley McNealey, J. K. M.

## Keep track of your council

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## Chipping, cont. from p. 5

360.853.8401 and give their name, address, and phone number, as well as direction whether they want to keep the chips or have them hauled away.

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The new service is in response to abuse of the unstaffed chipping site on the east side of the Superior Building, where town staff consistently found material that could not be chipped, such as stumps, blackberry brambles, shrubs, landscaping material, concrete, construction debris, nails, screws, rocks, and more.

Under the new system, no piles will be chipped if they contain any of the above items or other material that cannot be chipped.

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—J. K. M.

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# Sports



## Baseball team a source of pride for coach

## Track team a bit light in number

By Jason Miller

Sixteen athletes turned out for the first day of track practice in March—a little thin in quantity, but full of promise.

Junior Josh Gentry looks good on the long and triple jump runway, said new assistant coach Melisha Krieger. “I think he has really good potential to go to State again this year,” she said.

Krieger also named junior Jasmine Hopfield in the 100m hurdles and sophomore Blaine Storms in the 400m as probable State contenders. Hopfield has traveled to State for the past two years in that event. “Blaine is a great 400m runner,” said Krieger. “He’ll do the mile this year too.”

The team has traveled to two meets and hosted one meet so far this season. March 19 they went to La Conner for a multi-school meet. On March 21 they were at Seattle Academy for a nonleague invitational that included a pole vault relay (Google it and get ready to laugh). The team ended March by hosting a NW 1A/2B league meet on March 25.



**Concrete track athletes traveled to La Conner** March 19 for a multi-school meet against La Conner, Cedar Park Christian, Friday Harbor, Mount Vernon Christian, and Shoreline Christian. **Above:** Junior Josh Gentry sails high in the long jump. **Left:** Sarah Lamb puts the shot. **Below:** Dawson Bass focuses on the finish line during the 100m sprint.

## New track coaches

Two new coaches have joined the Concrete High School Track team.

Concrete High School graduate **Melisha Krieger** (2010) is training to take over as head coach next year. Krieger competed in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 4x200m relay during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and went to State in the events during her freshman and sophomore years. “Track was the best part of school for me, so I want to give back,” said Krieger.



Krieger



Miller

Concrete Mayor **Jason Miller** (Lynden, 1985) will serve as assistant coach this year and next, giving what time he can to the team. He was a sprinter, long jumper, triple jumper, and sprint relay competitor in high school and college, and went to State in the triple jump during his junior year in high school.

The Concrete dugout has a new head coach, who said he’s excited about this season’s prospects.

Randy Sweeney took over the lead role from Jim Newby, who retired last year. Josh Fichter will continue as assistant coach; he’s also the head coach for the JV squad.

Sweeney said he’s excited about this year’s team. “We’ve got a great bunch of young guys,” he said. “And you couldn’t ask for a better leader than Gibson Fichter. He acts like a captain’s supposed to—our hardest-working guy and probably our best player.”

Sweeney said the younger players show great promise, with noticeable daily improvement. “That’s really exciting for us as coaches, too, to see these kids picking it up and applying it on the field.”

This year’s starting lineup puts senior Fichter on the mound, with Dylan Clark, Jon Goodwin, and Grayson Luttrell in the bullpen. Sweeney said the infield looks solid, although he’s had some trouble getting a player settled at first base.

The team’s record as of March 29 stood at 1–1 in league and overall play.

The Lions opened the season with an away win over Darrington, 2–0. “Gibson threw a wonderful ball game, but even more impressive was the defense behind him,” said Sweeney. “They made all the plays; they did a super job. Great showing at the bat, too, especially Solomon Holman and Clark.”

A March 25 rainout at Bush pushed the Lions back home to face Friday Harbor on March 27. Concrete jumped to a quick lead, fell behind, caught up again and took the game into extra innings before losing 9–6.

“I wondered how our inexperienced kids were going to react to a mature ball club,” said Sweeney. “I was so proud of our players. They were able to show themselves they are able to play with anybody.”



Fichter



**Above: Concrete senior pitcher Gibson Fichter** stands and delivers during a March 24 away game with the Darrington Loggers.

**Below right: Lion Randall Beacham** gets a nice cut during the March 24 Darrington game. The Loggers kept the game close, but Concrete eked out a 2–0 win.

## New head coach

The high school baseball team has a new head coach, but not a new face.

**Randy Sweeney** held the assistant coach position under former head coach Jim Newby for 15 years.

Sweeney, 55, grew up in a baseball family. “It’s a family affair; it’s in my blood; it’s genetic,” he said. “I’ve been on ballfields since the day I was born.” Sweeney said his coaching style doesn’t differ drastically from Newby’s. “I’m not changing a lot of things; you don’t fix what’s not broken. But I might spend a little more time drilling on the fundamentals.”



Sweeney

## Athletes of the Month



### Athletes of the Month are Madeline Corn and Dylan Clark

Madeline Corn is a senior wrestler who competed in the 125-lb. weight class in this her second year on the mats. Corn took her game all the way to the State tournament. “It’s really impressive to get to state in only her second year,” said Coach John Koenig. “But it’s because she works as hard, if not harder, than every boy in the room.” A team captain, Corn also took home the team award for Most Inspirational wrestler at the end of the season.

Senior basketball player Dylan Clark, a 6-ft. post/swing player, was named among the top five players in the NW1A/2B League by league coaches in early March. Clark finished his season with 16.4 points per game, placing him among the county’s scoring leaders. Clark scored in double figures in every game except one, and scored more than 20 points per game in five of those games. “Dylan carried the Lions as they battled league leaders La Conner and Friday Harbor in the district playoffs,” said Head Coach Paul Bianchini.

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



## Join the Concrete Lions Booster Club

Current members of the Concrete Lions Booster Club invite you to join them in support of all Concrete extracurricular programs. The club has been around since 1977, when it was formed to promote Concrete programs and upgrade athletic facilities. Since its inception, the club has:

- Built the baseball and softball fields, dugouts, backstops, grandstands, and concession stands
- Participated in the building of the all-weather track
- Built the visitors’ grandstand and other upgrades in the football stadium
- Built the weight room used by athletes, students, and community members
- Participated in the building of numerous other district facilities, including sidewalks,

- playfields, landscaping, etc.
- Raised money for all district programs through the Cement City Trail Run, birthday calendar, advertising signs, and other projects

The Club also is responsible for Athlete of the Month and Athlete of the Year awards, sports trophies for all programs, the booster’s scholarship, and support of other activities as needs arise.

Many of the original members’ children have long since grown and there is a real need for parents of current athletes and extracurricular programs to participate if the club is going to continue to provide the services and support that is needed.

There are many ways to help—big and small—but your help is needed. For more information, contact a current member, Athletic Director Karl Kerstetter, club President Jim Newby, or football coach Ron Rood.



—J. K. M.



# Fastpitchers eye the prize

By Adam Woodworth, head coach

Another season of Concrete Lions Softball is well under way. Last season this team missed the state tournament by only a couple runs, being beaten 12-11 by Tacoma Baptist in the bi-district tournament. This season, nearly all of that team returns with another year of experience and maturity, along with the belief and expectation of making it to the state tournament.

To get there, the Lions will look to returning pitchers Katelin Pritchard and Tessa Coffell to lead the way. As with any softball team, a key factor is pitching, and this team is fortunate to have two excellent starters. The other end of the battery is strong as well in returning catchers Chloe Stidman and Iris Nevin. Behind quality pitching, the Lions return all of their defensive starters, and defense will be a point of emphasis for this young group.

As for offense, the squad boasts some of the best hitters in Skagit County, and the Lions will look for big things top to bottom from their lineup. Around the power hitting duo of Nevin and Stidman, consistent production from Pritchard, Taylor Aldridge, Tate Mathis, Sidney Hockett, Coffell, Emily Bridge, Victoria Sheahan, and the Lions' only senior, co-captain Kelse Cargile, will be crucial in developing the confidence of this group for the tournament play at state.

The Lions opened their season with a jamboree in La Conner March 16. Three innings against La Conner and Orcas each showed off some of the strengths of the squad, and although no official score was kept, the Lions split the games with a loss to the Braves and win over the Vikings.

Next Concrete traveled to Darrington

for a Varsity/JV doubleheader. Coffell took the start and tallied up nine strikeouts over her six innings. The Lions jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on back-to-back-to-back singles from Nevin, Stidman, and Aldridge.

Darrington came out swinging in their half of the first inning and took the lead 3-1, never looking back. The Lions threatened in the fifth, scoring Bridge after singles from Coffell, Bridge, and Pritchard, but failed to take the lead, leaving the bases loaded to end the threat. Darrington again answered, scoring one in their half of the fifth inning and three in the sixth, winning the game 7-2.

On March 27 Concrete hosted Friday Harbor for a league and nonleague doubleheader. Pritchard pitched for the Lions in the league matchup and racked up five strikeouts. Things looked a little shaky in the Wolverines' half of the first inning after a lead-off single followed by a throwing error that put Friday Harbor runners at the corners with no outs, but then the true colors of the Lion defense began to shine. The runner at third was trapped in a designed play and tagged out in a pickle, then Nevin dove to her right, catching a line drive, and doubled up the runner at first with a strong throw.

Pitching and defense cruised through the next couple of innings before Concrete grabbed five runs in the bottom of the third on a single from Nevin and a grand slam from Stidman, her first home run of the season.

After that the Concrete bats quieted down and the Wolverines woke up. Friday Harbor got on the board with eight runs in the fourth, added four in the fifth and two in the sixth before a final solo shot



**Above:** Katelin Pritchard beats a bungled throw home for a run against Orcas Island during Jamboree play in La Conner on March 16.

from Nevin in the Lions half of the sixth. Friday Harbor won the game 13-6.

The second game saw more of the same from Friday Harbor, swinging the bats hard and scoring two in the first, four in the third, and two in the fourth on 10 total hits. Concrete wasn't completely deflated from the first loss, however, and battled with two runs coming in the second off a single from Victoria Sheahan. Three more Lions crossed the plate in the third on a monstrous home run from Stidman, but that would be all Concrete could muster, falling 8-5. Coffell added three more strikeouts in the loss.



**Above:** Tessa Coffell delivers a scorching pitch to an Orcas batter during the March 17 Jamboree in La Conner. The Lions got the win over the Vikings, after falling to La Conner in the previous game.

**Sports schedules:**  
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## WRESTLING AWARDS

**Letters:** Cole Meacham, Riley Fichter, David Swain, Louie Ketchum, Blaine Storms, Donovan Dellinger, Donnie Olmstead, Randall Beacham, Jesse Stewart, Brayden Olmstead, Robert Nevin, River Lee, Gibson Fichter, Madeline Corn, Anjelika Koenig, Becky Azure. **Team Captains:** Madeline Corn, Donovan Dellinger, Donnie Olmstead. **Most Improved:** Jesse Stewart. **Most Inspirational:** Madeline Corn. **Gordy Evans Memorial Award:** Donnie Olmstead. **Mark Richmond Get'er Done Award:** Donovan Dellinger. **Manager:** Jasmine Hopfield.

# Iron & Wood

Marblemount craftsman John Janda builds homes for heirlooms, birds, and pirate treasure.

It all started in 1956. John Janda was 7 years old and watching Walt Disney movies like "Treasure Island." The images of pirates and treasure chests "left an indelible mark in my mind," says Janda, who started drawing 3-D pictures of the chests and kept the dream alive for years.

Fast forward to 1973. Janda and his newlywed wife, Mary, were living in Bellingham, and the dream still burned in his mind.

"I had a bunch of free oak, so I decided I would make a pirate's chest from it," says Janda. He holed up in his garage and, using a bench grinder, limited tools, and nails for rivets, hammered out the first chest, a small one. His friends liked it, so he made a couple more—one for his father and one for his mother-in-law. His brother bought a fourth one.

In the mid-1980s, Janda started developing ideas and machinery for larger versions of the pirate's chest—trunk-sized works of art that he could produce more efficiently. Now 66, Janda has hit his stride with the trunks, having perfected their assembly by building any jig and modifying any tool to suit his needs.

Step into Janda's Marblemount shop and you'll be met first by wood—lots of it. He handcrafts luxurious yet rustic benches, tables, birdhouses, bird feeders, and, of course, the pirate's chests. Partial and finished products line tables. Wheeled carts hold pieces of the whole: birdhouse roofs and bodies. Bench and table legs are stacked in the spaces beneath workbench countertops, awaiting assembly. Birdhouses and bird feeders hang from the ceiling. A thin layer of sawdust coats everything.

An adjoining room holds all the equipment he needs to bend and shape iron to form the metal components he uses on the pirate's chests and birdhouses. He points out the many jigs he built himself to save time and energy, get just the right bend, create just the right hinge. A ponderous work table punctured with

square holes dominates the long, narrow space. "That thing must weigh 3,000 pounds," says Janda.

The effect of the two spaces—iron and wood—is almost overwhelming. Janda is an inventor who tinkers with almost every tool he owns to make it work exactly the way he needs it to. If it won't, he builds the tool himself. Case in point: an adjustable lathe that telescopes out to accept material almost 7 feet long.

Janda looks around the shop. "I would call this a superhobby," he grins.

## Iron in the blood

His talent for iron and wood come naturally. Janda is a third-generation ironworker, of Czech stock. His grandfather was a locksmith whose brother was a blacksmith. They came to the U.S. from Prague in the 1890s. Janda's father, James, was a carpenter and builder.

Janda has channeled that bloodline into Janda Enterprises LLC ([www.jandaworks.com](http://www.jandaworks.com)), which turns out heirloom-quality furnishings and fine carpentry. With their five kids grown and gone, Janda is finding himself drawn back into the building game (he built the couple's house in the mid-1990s).

Slow down? No way. Janda's passion is flowing in his veins, and it needs an outlet.

"I love to use my talents and skills to leave behind something that's heirloom quality, that people will appreciate, knowing someone cares about their work. I like to do work that is valued, and I like to keep it unique and personable," he says.

—J. K. M.

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**Above:** John Janda discusses one of his newer creations, a "light house" birdhouse that includes four copper cups for tea lights.

**Right:** Detail of the Log Line brand, part of the Janda Enterprises business.



**Below:** Janda shows the pattern anvil he uses to mold straps of metal at exactly the right angles so they enfold his large pirate's chests perfectly.



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# Academics



**Concrete Elementary students** were honored March 27 at a "Character Assembly," during which children from each grade level were recognized for their interpretations of what the concept of "perseverance" means to them. *Front row, from left:* Halee Dickerman, Oblio Thorn, Aiden Young, Joey Devries, Owen Poolos, James Lockrem, Breanna Coggins, Victor Gallegos. *Back row, from left:* Anthony Culver, Payton Dickinson, Mariah LaBounty, Raylee Ward, Sean French, Lee Reigel. *Not pictured:* Kayleann Kohnke.

## Briefly ...

Concrete Resource Coalition, in partnership with United General District 304, is offering the **Family Matters Program** free to families in Concrete School District who have children ages 11–15. Family Matters is a parenting program designed to increase family communication and prevent and reduce teen tobacco and alcohol use. The program will run during April and May and be led by Linda Joens.

Family Matters is an 8-week phone- and mail-based program. Every two weeks, a packet is mailed to participants, with check-in calls with the program leader taking place between packets. The first 12 families to register and complete the program will receive a \$20 gift card.

To register or for more information, go to [www.concreteresourcecoalition.com/parenting](http://www.concreteresourcecoalition.com/parenting), call 360.854.7173, or send an

e-mail to [alyssa.pavitt@unitedgeneral.org](mailto:alyssa.pavitt@unitedgeneral.org).

To learn more about Concrete Resource Coalition and the programs it provides, go to [www.concreteresourcecoalition.com](http://www.concreteresourcecoalition.com).

Concrete Summer Learning Adventures has announced **four openings for internship positions**. Interns will help oversee the summer day camp for Concrete Elementary students, which runs from July 6 to Aug. 6. Three camp counselor interns and one kitchen intern are needed. A mandatory training session for staff and interns will be held in June. Interns will earn a \$300 stipend.

Concrete High School students are eligible to apply. The Summer Learning Adventures program takes place at Concrete schools, North Cascades National Park, and field trips to various locations.

For full CSLA Internship descriptions and applications, send an e-mail to [katie\\_griffith@partner.nps.gov](mailto:katie_griffith@partner.nps.gov). Applications

will also be available from Concrete High School counselors. Applications are due by May 1.

North Cascade Eye Associates has announced its 13th annual **North Cascade Eye Associates PS Excellence in Education Scholarship**. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a senior in high school from the Eye Associates' service area who desires to pursue an education in the medical field. The goal is to encourage students who want to be medical receptionists, coders, or administrators, as well as doctors, nurses, or medical technicians.

Applications are available at the local high schools; at the North Cascade Eye Associates locations in Sedro-Woolley, Stanwood, and Mount Vernon; and online at [www.ncascade.com/events](http://www.ncascade.com/events).

The completed application is due by May 1. For more information, call 360.416.6735.

## YD update

"March Madness" is one of my favorite times of year. The top 68 teams in the country will be whittled down to one by the end of the day on April 6. This is where you can watch young men at their absolute best and at their horrific worst. Competition, and sometimes life in general, brings that out in all of us.

Helen Keller said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

When I watch the March Madness games, I see character being built. I can say the same for every team that I have ever coached, and I can say the same for the students of Concrete High School. I encourage the students not to sit idle, but to live out loud.

Sometimes we get to see their hearts. Sometimes they are broken, sometimes they have experienced failure or rejection, and sometimes they have suffered greatly. Where are they as a result of these things? Who are they? Their character is put on display, it is tested, and when you have someone to talk to, it is strengthened.

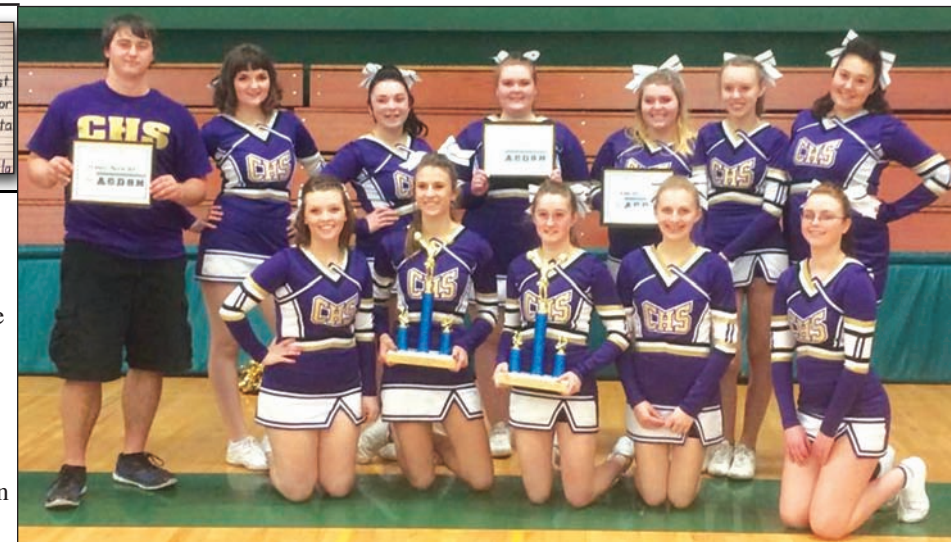
As Concrete Youth Dynamics Staff, we do not have all of life's answers. But we are here for the young people of the Upper Skagit Valley. We are here to listen. We are here to encourage. We are here to pray. We are here to inspire. We are here to help our high school students try to make sense of it all.

Keller had what it took. She had faith. The same faith Hebrews 11:1 shows us: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Our young people can't always see what God has planned for them, but giving them hope for a better tomorrow is the least we can do.

This is also our prayer as we approach our 30-Hour Famine in April. We are raising funds to help other kids in Third World countries that have been ravaged by hunger and poverty.

If you would like more information about the 30-Hour Famine or about Concrete YD in general, call us at 360.630.6063.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink, directors



**Concrete High School cheerleaders** traveled to Mount Vernon March 21 to compete in the Third Annual Skagit County High Schools Cheerleader Exhibition. The Lion crew brought home the Spirit Award, plus first place in the Mascot Skit category and third place in Large Stunt Group. *Photo by Tracie Meacham.*



**Concrete High School seniors Haley McNealey (left), Muriel Troka, and Kelse Cargile (not pictured)** were honored March 21 at the 15th Annual American Association of University Women High School Scholars Awards luncheon and ceremony in Burlington. Each received a Scholars Recognition Award for her academic achievement in one of three subjects. Troka was recognized for excellence in science, Cargile in math, and McNealey in technology. *Photo by Jill McNealey.*

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# Clear Lake



## Community Calendar



### APRIL

- 2 Youth Mental Health First Aid training, Concrete High School Commons, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 3 Concrete Heritage Museum Good Friday Bake Sale, Albert's Red Apple, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 32; info at 360.853.7743
- 3 Easter Egg Hunt at Country Meadow Village, 1501 Collins Rd., Sedro-Woolley, 2 p.m.; see notice, p. 17; info at 360.856.0404
- 4 "Free Day" at Rockport State Park; see notice, p. 23
- 4 Occupy Skagit gathering at Howard Miller Steelhead Park, Rockport, 9 a.m.; see article, p. 23
- 4 Seed Swap and Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 4 Concrete Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, Concrete Elementary School, 1 p.m.
- 4 Easter Egg Hunt at Ovenell's Heritage Inn, 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., 1:30 p.m.; prizes and fun for all ages; info at 360.853.8494
- 4 Darrington Community Dance, Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington; potluck at 5:30 p.m., dance instruction at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7 p.m.; \$7 suggested donation for admission; see notice, p. 25; info at 206.402.8646
- 11-12 Woodfest, Cascade Middle School, Sedro-Woolley; see article, p. 17, and ad, p. 5
- 12 Chowder for the Children of Lyman Elementary, Lyman Elementary School, Lyman, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 18
- 17 Silo Park Workshop for 7th through 12th graders, CHS Commons room during lunch breaks; look for sign-up sheet and additional info in high school office beginning April 6; info at goodwords@frontier.com or 360.853.8213
- 18 Cement City Trail Run, 8:30 a.m.; info on Facebook
- 19-25 Earth Week in Concrete, various activities and locations; see article, p. 6 and ad, p. 40
- 22 "Free Day" at Rockport State Park; see notice, p. 23
- 23 "Hope Loves" Women's Conference sponsored by WOMEN HAND in hand, Darrington High School, 6:30 p.m., \$15 admission; see ad, p. 5; info at 360.853.3066
- 24-25 "Hope Loves" Women's Conference sponsored by WOMEN HAND in hand, Sedro-Woolley High School, 6:30 p.m. (Fri.) and 9 a.m. to noon (Sat.), \$15 or \$20 admission; see ad, p. 5; info at 360.853.3066

### MAY

- 1-2 White Cane Days donation stations at Red Apple and Concrete Post Office
- 2 Have a Heart Run (10k and 5k runs, 2k walk), Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon; info at www.haveaheart.run.org
- 2 Blast Open the Pass fundraiser for KSVU, Marblemount Community Hall; dinner at 6 p.m., dance at 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; info at 722.6077
- 4 Marblemount Community Hall Open House and Board Elections at the hall; dessert potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 16 Community Pancake Feed and Craft & Garden Sale, Day Creek, 7 a.m. to noon; admission \$7 per person suggested donation or \$20 for family of four or more; see notice, p. 19
- 16 Bay View Women's Run & Walk, Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, Bay View, registration from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; info at 360.708.7273, 360.707.0258, or info@bayviewwomensrun.com
- 16 Concrete Fire and Life Safety Building ribbon-cutting ceremony, 2 p.m., info at 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov

\*Community Calendar is updated daily at [www.concrete-herald.com/calendar](http://www.concrete-herald.com/calendar)

## HISTORY CORNER

The above photo shows the Clear Lake Club Room circa 1895. The building functioned as a saloon until 1906. It became the Leeper & Adams Drug Store around 1917 until 1925, then Olive Chambers purchased the property and operated a restaurant and bakery there. Beginning in 1951, Jim and Esther Becraft had a drug store at the site. Eldred and Evelyn Loop purchased the property in 1953,

and it became Evelyn's Tavern. The building is now under new management and is again open for business as Evelyn's Tavern. Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.

If you have old photos of Clear Lake and/or Day Creek, please contact historian Deanna Ammons at 360.856.6798.

—Deanna Ammons, historian  
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## Community meetings

**Coffee Talk** with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at 5b's Bakery in Concrete. 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 workshop on April 27, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on April 30, at 6 p.m., in the 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 andrea@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.

**Mansford Grange** meets the first Tue. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Mansford Grange Hall, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington. 360.436.0711.

**Marblemount Community Hall board and staff** meet the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2048 or 360.853.8388.

**Paranormal Discussion Group** meets the last Wed. of each month at Birdview Brewing Co., at 2 p.m. This month's meeting, however, will be Feb. 21. 360.630.5143.

**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 for regular meetings on April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Support Services Bldg., and April 27 at 7 p.m. at Samish Elementary. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

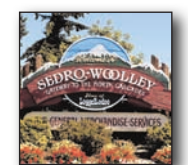
**Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center Board** meets the second Tue. of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere. Open to the public. sauksister@frontier.com or www.skagiteagle.org.

**Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board** meets the second Thurs. of each month at 5 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

## Area Easter Egg Hunts

- **Country Meadow Village**, 1501 Collins Rd., Sedro-Woolley. Fri., April 3, 2 p.m. 360.856.0404.
- **Concrete Lions Club**, Concrete Elementary School, Concrete. Sat., April 4, 1 p.m.
- **Ovenell's Heritage Inn**, 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., Concrete. Sat., April 4, 1:30 p.m. 360.853.8494.





# Sedro-Woolley



## Easter Egg Hunt at Country Meadow Village



Submitted photo.

Country Meadow Village will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Fri., April 3, at 2 p.m.

The hunt will be held at the Country Meadow community, 1501 Collins Rd., Sedro-Woolley. Kids up to age 10 are invited, plus parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Candy-filled eggs will be placed by the Easter Bunny (and helpers) for the kids to hunt in the facility's two courtyards. Afterward, attendees may enjoy Country Meadow's famous homemade cookies and punch.

The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 360.856.0404.

## Lion Dow marks 55 years

Lions Club International Multiple District 19 Governor Al Stobbart of British Columbia was in town March 16 to recognize Sedro-Woolley Lion Wilfrid Dow for 55 years of service to his community.

Stobbart and Denny Stobbart, his wife, attended the Sedro-Woolley Lions Club meeting at Cascade Pasta and Pizza. They made the trip to honor Dow and other members of the club for their service.

Dow became a Lion in 1960 at age 31 and has held all offices within the club, as well as being Zone Chairman from 1964–1965. He has received a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Distinguished Service award from the club.

Stobbart shared a message originating from the Sts'ailes Tribe that Lions are all from "One Heart and One Mind"

in service to their communities. He recognized Lion Kae Lea Hartman with the Club Excellence pin for her year as president of the Sedro-Woolley Lions Club, from 2013–2014.

Also honored that evening were four other Sedro-Woolley Lions, for a total of 135 years of service to the community. Recognition chevron pins were given to Lions Marc Torset, Lloyd Brown, and Zone Chairperson Rose Torset for 25 years of service each, and Dow.

The Sedro-Woolley Lions, member of Lions Clubs International, was chartered in 1937 and serves the community of the Sedro-Woolley School District.

—Carol Torset



Lions Club Multiple District 19 Governor Al Stobbart (white shirt), from Sasquatch Lions Club in Deroche, B.C., presents Sedro-Woolley Lions President Marc Torset and Zone Chairperson Rose Torset with awards of recognition for 25 years each of service to their community as Sedro-Woolley Lions. At far left is Denny Stobbart, Al Stobbart's wife. Submitted photo.

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## Briefly ...

The **River Gathering Church**, located at 720 Puget Ave. Ste. B, in Sedro-Woolley, is having a free Game Night on Fri., April 24, at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend. Finger/snack foods will be available.

**Woolley Fiber Quilters** is planning its annual quilt show for June 5–7, in concert with Sedro-Woolley's Blast from the Past festival. This year's theme is "Blast of Farms," celebrating Skagit County farming and farmers. All local quilters are invited to enter quilts in the theme category or any of the other categories. Registration deadline will be in mid-May. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, go to [www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com](http://www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com).

## In The Service



Army Pvt. **Benson T. Freeman** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Freeman is the son of Richard and Victoria Freeman of Seattle, and Marian Koffa of Auburn, Wash. He is a 2006 graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School.

During his nine weeks of training, Freeman studied the Army mission, history, tradition, core values, and physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

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Madisen Cork from Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club speaks during the Breakfast for GREAT Kids March 18. Photo by Sarah Arquitt.

completely, ensuring that all donations would go directly to the program.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County, call the Administration Center at 360.419.3723.

—Tammy Findlay

Harting from La Conner, Madisen Cork from Sedro-Woolley, and 2014 Youth of the Year Justice Lively from Mount Vernon. Each told their personal story.

"Our youth and teens are the outcomes of our staff and program delivery, and the best testament we can provide about a return on investment," said Executive Director Ron McHenry.

The funding bump will allow the club to look at increasing capacity, specifically through a partnership with the Mount Vernon School District, to respond to the needs of the youth who attend the facility co-located on the LaVenture Middle School Campus.

Staff may get a bump too. "With these funds, we can look to increase our staffing ability to better meet the needs of our Clubs in Skagit County," said new Board President Stephanie Hooper. "We can now work to alleviate our capacity issues relating to space and serve more youth."

BNSF Railways served as the Title Sponsor, increasing its own commitment by 50 percent from previous years and underwriting the cost of the event

## Breakfast for GREAT Kids helps clubs to grow

A March 18 fundraiser breakfast for Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County drew almost 250 attendees and pulled in more than \$125,000 in support of the organization.

Just a year after the community helped to break philanthropy records at the club's annual breakfast, donors responded again after learning that the organization had seen an increase in attendance of more than 30 percent, with the Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club operating at 176 percent of capacity. The previous record for funds raised was set last year, with a little more than \$97,000 generated to provide programs and services to youth ages 6–18 in Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley, up from the \$57,000 that was raised in 2013.

Youth speakers at the breakfast included Karen Gallardo from Anacortes, Ariana

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## Woodfest moves to Cascade Middle School

The annual event that spotlights all things wood will shift its location and date this year. Woodfest will be held on April 11–12, at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley.

A celebration of woodworking and student achievements, Woodfest will mark the kick off of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and is a sanctioned event of the festival.

Look for the event at the south gym at Cascade Middle School, 915 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley. Entry is at the south side of the building.

Woodfest draws a variety of vendors and display booths from chainsaw carvers, wood turners, traditional carvers, wood crafters, artisans, high school woodworking exhibits, and educational exhibits.

Woodfest also invites schools from around Skagit Valley to bring their woodworking crafts for the Student Competition, as well as alumni to show

off previous work.

In addition to the wood-related vendors, visitors may also tour the many carvings and murals in downtown Sedro-Woolley, enjoy and bid on items at the silent auction, or drink espressos and Italian sodas as well as eat food and candy from Sedro-Woolley High School Associated Student Body Concessions.

### Traveling exhibit seeks space

The caretakers of a modular wooden railway are seeking an indoor or covered space in which to display their exhibit during Woodfest.

The "children's railway" interactive display offers an immersive, hands-on experience for children ages 5 to 11. A variety of textures, colors, and materials are used in the construction, incorporating details that convey a sense of scale and realism.

For more information, contact Tom Stephenson at 425.314.1561.

## Happy Spring from North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum!

Everyone here at NCVAM is excited for Spring ahead and we are gladly sharing the following news with all of our supporting fans:

We offer our new Self-Guided tour that allows visitors to explore more of the museum's unique aircraft collection.

\*Please keep in mind that the museum is on winter hours until May. We welcome visitors by appointment until then.

The museum will be releasing our first Quarterly Newsletter! Please subscribe via our website or email us to get on our mailing list.

If you will be coming to Skagit Valley for the annual Tulip Festival stop on by the museum and check out our restoration shop, hangars, and much more!

The museum is actively looking for student volunteers who are interested in exploring the world of aircraft restoration. For more information please email: [info@vintageaircraftmuseum.org](mailto:info@vintageaircraftmuseum.org)



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# Lyman



# Day Creek



## Nilson announces retirement

After 34 years in education, Lyman Elementary School Principal Mark Nilson has announced his retirement from the position, effective June 30.

In a March 19 letter to parents of Lyman Elementary students, Nilson stated he would remain at the school and at his other position as principal of Job Corps High School through June 30.

In July he will continue with the Sedro-Woolley School District on special assignment, working with other elementary schools and at the district office. On Dec. 31 he will retire for good.

"For the past six years it has been my privilege to work alongside some of the best teachers I have ever known," Nilson wrote in the letter. "... the students,

parents, and community have been an absolute pleasure to serve. ... your support as parents has been phenomenal. You have done more for our school and children than I have space to acknowledge in this letter."

Nilson said he looks forward to retirement and the freedom it offers, but that it would be difficult to leave the people he had come to enjoy and respect. "Education is a people business and you build your professional life around that reality. ... that also makes it especially difficult to move on."

Under Nilson's direction, Lyman Elementary enjoyed multiple accolades at the state level for its academic achievements.

"Your children are special to me, not just for their outstanding academic ability, but for all the other traits that we have worked together to foster," said Nilson.

—J. K. M.

## Chowder for the Children of Lyman Elementary

Lyman Elementary Parents will host the school's first annual chowder competition fundraiser on Sun., April 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendees will taste samples of local food establishments' interpretation of their very best chowder, including traditional clam chowder, hearty steak chowder, vegetarian corn chowder, or anything in between. The possibilities are endless.

One ticket per person will get you a small sample of each entry. Once you have tasted every sample and narrowed the field down to your top pick, simply give your ticket to the chef who made your favorite, and receive a bowl of their chowder. The chef with the most tickets at the end of the day will be the day's winner.

Proceeds go toward new outdoor playground equipment, a ball wall for the school's covered play area, and Camp Orkila.

For more information, join the Chowder for the Children of Lyman Elementary event page on Facebook.

## Kindergarten registration

All children who will be 5 years old by August 31 of this year are eligible to register to enter fall 2015 kindergarten at their neighborhood school in the Sedro-Woolley School District. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of early registration. Lyman Elementary's registration date is April 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records to complete the registration process. Students will not be able to start school in the fall without these items on file.

Parents will receive:

- Information about kindergarten orientation in the fall.
- An appointment for fall kindergarten screening.
- Information about Kinderstart (first week of school).

All families are encouraged to participate in early registration so the school district has time to plan well for the children's arrival.

—Kristi Johnson

## PSE electric customers: Turn in your used clothes washers and fridges for new, models—free

Puget Sound Energy is rounding up old, inefficient refrigerators and clothes washers that are in working condition, and replacing them with a limited number of Energy Star-qualified models—for free.

PSE will remove and recycle the old appliance when the new one is delivered. The new models will be up to four times more efficient and can save customers \$200 a year on their energy bill.

Customers must own the old appliance and have residential PSE electric service. Replacement refrigerators are a basic white, single-door, top-freezer model.

Replacement clothes washers come in top-load or front-load option.

For an old clothes washer to qualify for a brand-new one for free, it should be:

- Manufactured in 1997 or before and in working condition.

- Connected to an electric water heater and used with an electric dryer.
- Connected to a properly functioning water hose.
- Plugged into a properly grounded (three-prong) outlet.

For an old refrigerator to qualify for a brand-new one for free, it should be:

- Manufactured in or before 1992 and currently in working condition.
- 10 to 30 cubic feet in size.
- The primary food storage in the kitchen.
- Plugged into a properly grounded (three-prong) outlet.

Customers can figure out the age of their appliance by checking inside the door or on the back for a label with the year it was manufactured, or by going to [www.appliance411.com/service/date-code.php](http://www.appliance411.com/service/date-code.php).

PSE offers free appliances and rebates to help maintain affordable, reliable energy for everyone.

Those who are interested can learn if they qualify by calling 877.341.2314, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information can be found at [www.pse.com/appliancereplacement](http://www.pse.com/appliancereplacement).

—Submitted by PSE

## Action to limit crop damage from elk herds passes Senate

On March 4, the Senate passed a measure introduced by Sen. Kirk Pearson to put limits on damage caused by elk. Pearson acted to introduce Senate Bill 5712 after hearing from many constituents about major crop damage as a result of elk herds located in Skagit County by the state.

"There are lots of farmers who had really extreme damage to their crops," said Pearson. "This is their income and livelihood that is getting hit hard because of decisions made by the state. In the end this costs the state as more people need compensation for the damage."

The state Department of Fish and

Wildlife (DFW) must pay for commercial crop damage caused by deer or elk. Increasing numbers of Skagit Valley residents have been driven to seek this compensation as they deal with an escalating elk population. Pearson's solution would stop any state actions that would increase elk herds if damage claims have not been addressed.

"We were able to work together with DFW to reach this solution," said Pearson. "These are serious concerns that have a real impact on our community, and I'm pleased we got this through the Senate with a lot of support."

Senate Bill 5712 also includes measures that would ensure DFW takes action to prevent future crop damage by elk in an area that has reported these issues.

—Submitted by  
Washington State Senate  
Majority Coalition Caucus

## Community notes

### Appreciation Dinner

The Day Creek Firefighters Appreciation potluck dinner held March 19 was a huge success. Many firefighters and their families attended, along with the grateful community. All the chairs were filled, and the dinner was fabulous. Thank you to all who helped prepare the meal, and most of all, thank you to our Day Creek firefighters!

### Movie Night

Monthly Movie Night continues at Day Creek Chapel. A free movie is shown every third Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks are provided. Bring the kids; they have their own room and their own movie. Lots of family fun! For more information, call 360.826.5322.

### Day Creek Chapel

Bring the family and join the Day Creek Chapel congregation April 5 at 10 a.m. for a celebration of "He is Risen" on Easter Sunday. For more information, call 360.826.5322.

### AA meeting

A weekly AA meeting is held at Day Creek Chapel on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Diane at 360.770.3984 for more info.

## WOMEN HAND in hand

The time is getting close, so plan to get your tickets for the April 24 WOMEN HAND in hand event with speaker Ruth Graham. The conference starts in Darrington on April 23.

On Fri., April 24, at 6:30 p.m., the conference moves to Sedro-Woolley High School and continues Saturday morning, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are \$15 for Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, or \$20 for two days.

For more information, call 360.853.3066.

### Pancake feed and craft sale

The annual Day Creek Pancake Feed will be held Sat., May 16, from 7 a.m. to noon at Day Creek Chapel. Along with the pancake breakfast, there will be craft tables, hanging baskets, and much more.

Anyone interested in having a craft table should call 360.770.1765. Anyone who wants to help cook or serve the breakfast is asked to call 360.826.3581.

Anyone who wants to help build the hanging flower baskets should call 360.826.3003.

### Kingdom Builders

Donna Pulver and Kathy Henderson, co-directors of Kingdom Builders, are reaching out to those in the Day Creek community who need help with trips to the doctor, hospital visits, store runs, and more. If you would like to become available to be a community helper, call 360.826.3003, 360.826.3581, or 360.826.3822.

### Walkie Talkies walking group

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. For more information, call 360.826.4375.

### Day Creek Book Club

The club meets at Cedar Springs Lodge on Barben Rd. on the third Monday of each month. New members are welcome. All members are welcome to host a club meeting at their favorite hangout spot.

For more information, call 360.661.0247.

—Compiled by Kathy Henderson

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**A Dr. Seuss-themed carnival** brought scores of kids and their families to Concrete Elementary School March 7. **Above:** Kindergartner Araki Hannah shows off a green smoothie mustache. *Photo by Rachel Sacco.*



**Upper left:** Competitive kids try to toss a hat onto bottles. *Photo by Sheena Daniels.*

**Left:** Concrete Mayor Jason Miller and Concrete School District Food Service Director Marla Reed prepare baked potato lunches for hungry carnival-goers. *Photo by Sheena Daniels.*

# March in pictures



**Above:** Youth Dynamics students take time out during the group's March 16 gathering to sign a giant Get Well Soon card for Concrete High School sophomore Taylor Chassaniol. On March 12, Chassaniol was struck square in his left eye by a baseball during practice and suffered multiple injuries, including a concussion, multiple fractures, cuts, retinal abrasions, and hemorrhaging.



**The Concrete School District Music Dept.** performed a spring concert on March 27, with four groups performing. **Above and upper right:** Seventh graders Krissy Quint and Ebby Buchta take turns as soloists during the 7th Grade Orchestra performance. **Right:** The horns section of the High School Band belts it out during a rendition of "Into the Storm" by Robert W. Smith. The High School Jazz Band and the 7th and 8th Grade Honor Band rounded out the concert.

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**Above:** Scatter the Mud band members entertained a lively audience at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere for a St. Patrick's Day bash on March 14.



**Above:** An interior view of the new Fire and Life Safety Building in Concrete shows progress made as of March 10. By month's end, only a handful of tasks remained. Contractor Interwest Construction is on schedule to finish by mid-April.

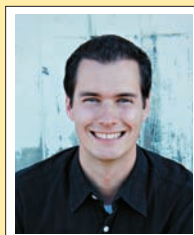


**Above:** Jade McAdam, 9, poses with her teddy bear Rufus and her Science Fair entry at Concrete Elementary School March 18. McAdam was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age 8; her experiment tracked her blood sugar levels after eating certain foods, with her father as the "control" element.

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# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Feb. 10. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

- The open council position was tabled until next month.
- The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was explained by Kerri Love from the Skagit County Department of Emergency Management. It has been approved by the state. Council voted to approve Resolution 01-2015, adopting the 2014 Skagit County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (as corrected).
- **Water Department:** Cas Hancock presented the water report. The town had a 7 percent water loss.
- **Fire Department:** The pole for the siren has arrived. Bolts are ordered. We are still waiting on a quote for the electrical work. The new Automatic Electronic Defibrillators are here; the Fire Dept. has been trained on them.

- **Street Department:** They have been working on improving drainage along some streets where the water is pooling.
- Mayor Cromley reported on a meeting she had with the Food Bank Board of Directors. They are now considering what the options may be for the future when the current buildings start costing more to repair. Signs have been added to encourage proper parking areas.
- The Shoreline Master Plan is still under review.
- The property at 615 Skagit was discussed. The owners are aware that the outstanding water bill must be paid in full before the water will be turned back on.
- Renee Barley suggested Town Hall have handicapped parking. The issue was discussed. Mayor Cromley asked Renee to assist with research for parking requirements for historic buildings.

—Compiled from staff minutes

## From the Mayor

I'd like to thank everyone who supported the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept. pancake feed, from the people who attended, the businesses that donated, and the volunteers who put it on. Thank you for supporting the children of our community.

There is still an open council position. Please deliver any letters of interest to Town Hall by April 9 or to the council meeting on Tue., April 14, at 7 p.m.

The fire siren may soon move from the old fire station to a pole by Town Hall. It will need to be tested, so if you hear the siren going off repeatedly and are concerned, please call Town Hall.

—Mayor Joan Cromley



**Heart to Heart Charity's KIDS Club** will meet on Weds., April 1 and 22, at Hamilton Town Hall, from 4 to 5 p.m. Kids may ride the school bus to the meeting with a signed note from their parents. We will make fun crafts and of course we will have snacks! This

is a free event for children 4 years and older (younger with a parent/guardian present) and all are welcome. Our KIDS Club leader Tammy Roberts is happy to welcome all children, so invite your friends. For more info, e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.



The sign says it all. Birdview Brewing Co. has a new way to catch drivers' eyes, installed in February.

## Birdsview Buzz

Happy Easter and spring! March was a busy month at the brewery. We shipped 12 kegs of Boysenberry beer to Knott's Berry Farm in California and will ship another 12 kegs this month. We made the beer specially for them. (Knott's Berry Farm invented the boysenberry by crossing a raspberry and blackberry.) Logistically, making it all come together was a challenge and took a team (Bob Lahr and Pacific Tonewoods) to make it happen.

We also held a fundraiser for Save a Heart Skagit, to help raise money to buy AED units for the Upper Valley. They hope to raise enough money to buy four units, to provide the training to use them, and batteries for 10 years. Jack Mattingly and Whiskey Fever and Back

Porch Apostles provided the music, and between two 50/50 raffles and donations, they managed to raise \$600. For more information about this cause or to make a donation, contact Melody Young at melodydownyoung@gmail.com.

### April birthdays

1	Kim Kitchen
12	Barry Decato
14	Favorite son, Jason Voigt
24	Ron Lemon
27	Kimberly Lance

Look for Team Birdview in the Cement City Trail Run on April 18. Come cheer us on or run along with us.

Stay tuned for more exciting things to come.

—Kris Voigt

## PIONEERING TODAY

### Spring foraging

By Melissa K. Norris

The pioneers knew spring meant fresh food after months of living off their stores. Even before your vegetables are up, you can begin harvesting some wild edibles.

Any time you forage wild edibles, make sure you know what you're foraging and that you forage from an area that has not been sprayed with chemicals or pesticides. If in doubt, do not pick or eat.

One of the first foods to pop in the spring is dandelions. When young, the dandelion greens can be used in salads or cooked like any other green. The blossoms of the dandelion can be made into a jelly.

The second food is stinging nettles. Many of us view stinging nettles as a nuisance or source of pain. Nettle leaf is truly amazing. It is packed, I mean packed, with vitamins and minerals. It can be sauteed with some butter and garlic or used in soups and stews. Nettle leaf can help support the body's resistance to allergens as well.

Harvest nettle leaves in the spring. It's preferable to harvest the leaves before the nettles go to seed. Wear gloves and protective clothing, long sleeves, pants, etc. Always harvest leaves where there's no worry of chemicals or weed spray, i.e., not next to a busy road or any road 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 them out to dry on an absorbent towel.

Melt butter in a skillet and saute nettle leaves with minced garlic until they begin to wilt. You can also add them to soups and stews as you would spinach.

*Melissa K. Norris is a Christian fiction novelist who lives in Rockport.*

## Continue the cycle

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## Occupy Skagit anglers to "occupy" the river April 4

Anglers who want to support reopening the spring steelhead season on the Skagit River are invited to "occupy" the river at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport on Sat., April 4, at 9 a.m.

Occupy Skagit grew out of an interest to reopen the river during the spring steelhead season after that opportunity was lost in 2010 because of declining wild steelhead populations in Puget Sound rivers. Wild steelhead were protected under the Endangered Species Act in 2007.

In recent years the number of adult wild steelhead returning to the Skagit has been increasing, with approximately 9,500 fish returning in 2014—3,500 fish over the minimum goal set by Washington's fish managers. Occupy Skagit members believe the numbers are sufficient to support a well-managed catch-and-release fishery.

In order for a catch-and-release fishery to be opened, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA Fisheries must agree to a fishery management plan with safeguards required by the ESA.

Started by a grassroots group of steelhead fishermen and women, Occupy Skagit has grown during the past several years.

"We agreed with the closure at the time, but looking at the data and looking at the science, we believe it's time to re-open the Skagit," said Leland Miyawaki, one of the founders of the Occupy Skagit movement.

The Skagit is one of a few Puget Sound rivers that have experienced upswings in abundance, but many continue to have small wild steelhead runs and have not experienced rebounds. The Skagit's growing wild steelhead population is probably due to a combination of factors, including improved marine survival, restored habitat, reduced fishing pressure, and reductions in the planting of hatchery steelhead.

"Anglers are among the strongest advocates for wild steelhead and healthy rivers," said John McMillan, science director for Trout Unlimited's Wild Steelhead Initiative.

—Submitted by Occupy Skagit

## State Parks offers two "free days" in April, including Earth Day

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will offer two "free days" in April. Visitors will not need to display a Discover Pass for day-use visits to state parks—including Rockport State Park—on Sat., April 4, and Wed., April 22, Earth Day. Parking also is free.

Rockport State Park Interpretive Specialist Alysa Adams will be on hand on April 22 to provide free guided hikes along the Sauk Springs Trail (a half-mile loop trail) at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Rockport State Park will be closed on Thur., April 23, but visitors are welcome to hike on their own within the park during the rest of Earth Week (April 19–25). The park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The remaining 2015 State Parks free days are as follows:

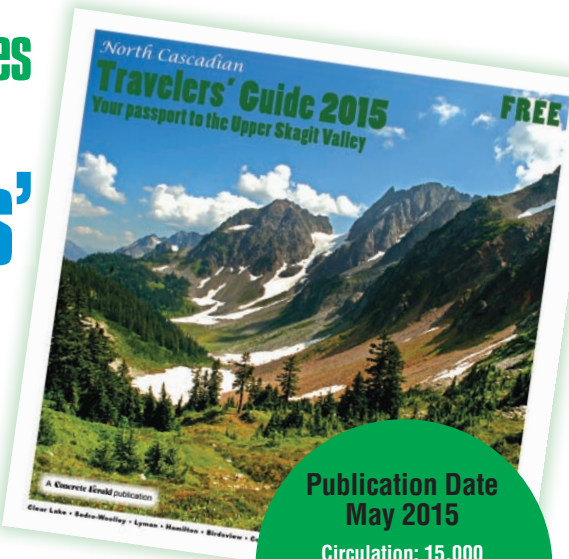
- Sun., May 10
- Sat., June 6
- Sat., June 13
- Tue., Aug. 25
- Sat., Sept. 26
- Wed., Nov. 11

For more information, call Rockport State Park at 360.854.8846.

For more information about the Discover Pass, go to [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov).

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# Darrington



## Local volunteers, firefighters awarded Medal of Valor

By Marla Skaglund

Members of Darrington Fire District No. 24, Oso Fire Department No. 25, community volunteers, and members of the Sauk Suiattle Tribe were at the capitol in Olympia March 18 to accept a Medal of Valor Award. The award recognizes work done, beginning March 22, 2014, and ongoing still today, following the devastating SR 530 landslide that killed 43 people and wiped out the community of Steelhead Haven.

The Washington State Medal of Valor is bestowed by the governor in the name of the state to any person or group of persons who has or have saved or attempted to save the life of another at the risk of serious injury or death to himself or herself. Recipients of the Medal of Valor are selected by the State Medal of Valor Committee, which consists of the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, and chief justice of the Washington State Supreme Court.

The Presentation of Distinguished Guests included John Lovick, Snohomish County Executive, who visited the area that devastated times in the early days of the Hazel Hill Slide.

After much pomp, the Presentation of the Flag was completed by members of Darrington Fire District, including Fire Chief Dennis Fenstermaker, Shayla Niemi, Jessica Nemnich, and Margo

Powell. Joel Johnson, Invocation Reverend, Assembly of God, Arlington Chaplin and member of the Oso Fire Department, led the opening prayer.

After a few words of praise, Governor Jay Inslee presented the Medal of Valor to representatives from Arlington, Oso, Darrington, and the Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe. Logger Quinn Nations accepted for Darrington, and Kevin Lenon accepted for the Sauk Suiattle Tribe. Arlington student Brantly Stupey accepted for Arlington, and Oso Fire Chief Willy Harper accepted the award for the Oso community.

Nations summed up the thoughts of many when he quoted S&R Logging Owner Steve Skaglund, saying, "Look what the American people can do if you just untie their hands. Chew on that one for a little bit."

### Congressional delegation remembers

On March 22, the Washington State congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., representing the communities affected by the slide recognized the one-year remembrance of the disaster that devastated Oso, Arlington, and Darrington.

Senators Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell, and U.S. Representatives Rick Larsen and Suzan DelBene have visited the affected communities multiple times since the mudslide.



Darrington logger Quinn Nations accepts the Washington State Medal of Valor from Governor Jay Inslee during a March 18 ceremony at the state capitol in Olympia. Nations accepted the award on behalf of Darrington Fire District No. 24. Other local officials accepted the award on behalf of the Oso Fire Department No. 25, community volunteers, members of the Sauk Suiattle Tribe, and Arlington for their work after the SR 530 slide in March 2014, work that continues to this day. Photo by Julie Newberry.

"Oso, Darrington, Arlington, the Stillaguamish Tribe, and the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe have been through so much this past year, but you can't keep these communities down. Their response and resilience has been incredible since the mudslide," the members of the delegation said in a press release. "Disasters like these are a time for all of us to come together to help the affected families and communities get back on their feet. We will continue to push for resources to help the region recover and for research into how we can prevent and mitigate tragedies from future disasters."

Ideas were flowing in the state legislature earlier in the month, with a plan to drive job growth in the Stillaguamish Valley unanimously clearing the Senate on March 5.

The legislation, introduced by Senator Kirk Pearson, aims to create a property tax exemption for businesses that want to locate and create jobs in open industrial property near Arlington, Marysville, and Lake Stevens.

"After the Oso landslide, local leaders have been looking for ways to get

more businesses in our community," said Pearson. "Passing this could be the jumpstart our local economy needs and would put more jobs right in our neighborhood."

The property tax exemption would only be for businesses with a minimum size of 10,000 square feet, an improvement value of at least \$800,000 and the ability to create at least 25 family-wage jobs. The exemption would last for 10 years provided the business continues to meet certain criteria.

The bill passed unanimously in the Senate and was sent to the House for consideration.

### USGS has some answers

One year after the SR 530 landslide, scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey have acquired new insight on the circumstances surrounding the event.

USGS research indicates that the landslide's average speed was about 40 miles per hour, with maximum speeds likely even higher. The area overrun by

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the landslide was about one-half square mile, and the landslide moved about 18 million tons of sand, till, and clay. That amount of material would cover approximately 600 football fields 10 feet deep.

The slide dammed the North Fork Stillaguamish River to a depth of as much as 25 feet, forming a temporary lake 2.5 miles long, which flooded houses and other structures in Steelhead Haven. In the six to eight weeks following the landslide, the river slowly eroded back to near its pre-landslide elevation, effectively draining the remaining excess water by the middle of May 2014.

The landslide involved a complex sequence of events—including rotation, translation, and flow mechanisms—and can be referred to as a debris-avalanche flow. Studies indicate that slope failure occurred in two stages over the course of about one minute.

During the second stage of movement, the landslide greatly accelerated, crossed the North Fork Stillaguamish River, and mobilized to form a high-speed debris avalanche. The leading edge of the wet debris avalanche probably acquired additional water as it crossed the North Fork Stillaguamish River, ultimately transforming into a water-saturated debris flow. Debris flows are liquefied slurries of rock, water, and mud that can travel great distances at high speeds, drawing in and transporting nearly all objects in their paths.

### Did scientists expect it to happen?

The landslide occurred in an area of known landslide activity, but this time, the slide was much larger, traveled much farther, and had greater destructive force than others previously experienced at the site.

An incident of this magnitude was not expected based on previous studies of past events in the area, as well as comparison with landslides worldwide of this height, volume, and type. If the landslide had behaved as expected, it likely would have

blocked the river and possibly destroyed some houses, which may have caused casualties. Instead it led to numerous fatalities and more large-scale destruction.

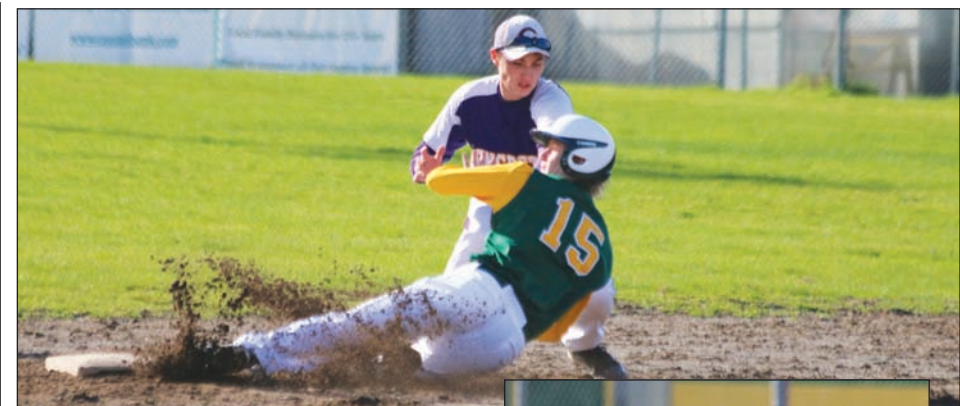
Several contributing factors likely contributed to the landslide's high mobility, including the soil's initial porosity and water content from rainfall in the months prior. Precipitation in the area during February and March of 2014 was 150 to 200 percent of the long-term average and likely contributed to landslide initiation and mobility. Landslide mobility might have been far less if the landslide material had been slightly denser and/or drier.

### Ongoing research and goals

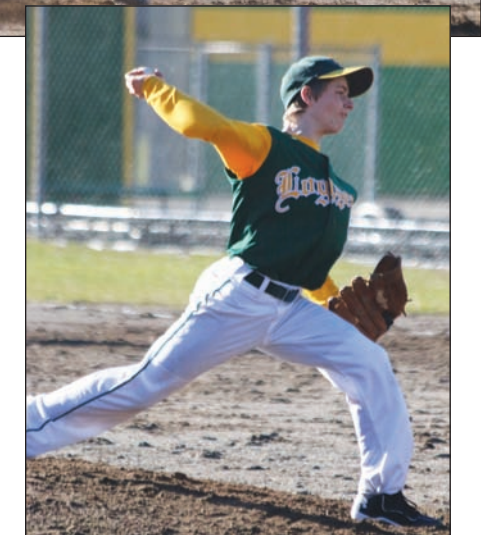
There is still much to learn about the SR 530 landslide, as well as how and why landslides happen and behave in general. With the initial disaster response now over, longer-term questions have arisen. USGS projects under way to find more answers include:

- Mapping the geology and geomorphology of the landslide deposit (this occurred during summer 2014).
- USGS research on the North Fork Stillaguamish River to identify potential impacts to the aquatic ecosystem and changes to flood risk along the river corridor, including newly reconstructed stretches of SR 530 and downstream bridges.
- Eight stream gauges along the Stillaguamish River, with two being permanent and six as rapid-deployment gauges. Scientists are collecting continuous data from those gauges in order to analyze downstream movement of sediment and identify possible regions of accumulation.
- USGS scientists are conducting aerial overflights to collect photographs and monitor river channel evolution through the landslide.

Jason Miller contributed to this story.



Above: Darrington junior Justin Beck beats the throw to second during a home-field matchup with Concrete on March 24.



Right: Darrington sophomore Cooper Young serves one up for a Lion batter during the March 24 game. The Loggers kept the game close, but left the field with a 2-0 loss.

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## The last dance

The Darrington Community Dance season will end with a final blast on Sat., April 4.

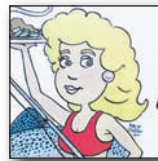
The evening will begin with a potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by dance instruction at 6:30 p.m. and the dance at 7 p.m. "La Famille Leger, a

Siberian circle dance, a cake raffle for the Grange roof, visiting Russian trail workers, fine food, and laughter await. The dances are held at Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave. in Darrington. Admission is a suggested donation of \$7. For more information, call 206.402.8646.

—J. K. M.

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# Marblemount



# Newhalem



## Spring sprouts Marblemount events

You'll find seeds and starts, as well as garden gold (composted manure), tools, and sage advice at the 3rd annual Seed Swap event on Sat., April 4, from noon to 3 p.m. Meet in the covered barbecue shelter behind the Marblemount Community Hall, just past milepost 106 on SR 20 in Marblemount.

The annual Easter Egg Decorating Contest and Hunt also will happen on the hall's grounds that day, beginning at 11 a.m. for egg decorating in the kitchen, with the outdoor egg hunt following and prizes awarded at 3 p.m. For more information, call Amanda Martin at 360.941.5485.

In addition, the annual Marblemount Community Hall Open House and Board Elections will be held on Mon., May 4. A dessert potluck will kick things off at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting and elections

following at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Saturday, May 2, will find the hall rockin' and reelin' with the tunes of Marblemount's own Jumbled Pie playing at KSVU radio's annual Blast Open the Pass fundraiser dinner and dance.

At 6 p.m., volunteers will serve barbecued local, grass-fed beef burgers with all the fixings, plus salad, baked beans, and dessert for \$5 (veggie burgers and hotdogs also available).

At 7 p.m. the dance begins; admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple. Children under 12 enjoy free entrance to the dance.

A raffle will be held to raise additional funds. Many local items and services will be offered, so bring a bit of extra cash for some great deals. Anyone wishing to donate to the raffle should contact Donna Rae Brockman at 360.722.6077.

Updates on the event will be aired on KSVU 90.1 FM.

—Christie Fairchild



**Marblemount has a new book drop**, courtesy of Upper Skagit Library (USL), which installed the collection unit at the Marblemount Community Hall on March 5. The library had been searching for ways to expand its services and joined forces with hall board members to bring more library services to the area. The book drop introduces a convenient option for Upper Valley patrons. The library also plans to install a Wi-Fi Hotspot in the Marblemount Community Hall.

## The good news is ...

The last man from Fukushima

By Sasa and Starwalker

Sometimes to share the beauty or the good going on in the world, we must first travel into the darkness, but never linger in the shadows.

On March 11, 2011, an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan. Yet within this dark event we find light; we find boundless love and through this love, miracles abound.

A man known as "the last man from Fukushima" Matsumura was the last person to stay in the toxic exclusion zone around the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, which had a meltdown caused by the tsunami and earthquake. In a small town of Tomioka, just seven miles from the power plant, he seeks out animals that were abandoned during evacuation. The government evacuated him initially, but he returned and still does to feed the abandoned animals. He understands the radiation is harmful, but he "refuses to worry about it." His heart is full of love.

I know of a related story at Chernobyl, where a young man stayed to care for the old people who would not leave. Through the power of love, the village's spring was not contaminated, giving the 50-some remaining residents pure water to drink and bathe in. I can only expect the universe to answer these beautiful people with love and beauty.

Be the healing you wish to experience. Be the light you need to see your way in the dark.

Anyone who wants to contribute to Sasa and Starwalker's efforts may contact them at [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com). Experiences also may be shared at the accompanying blog at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com> and on Facebook: *Cascadia Effect*

**Left: Out of the Ashes band member Doug Benjamin plays sax and dances while bandmate Dylan Dalgarn (on bass) plays with brother Sean Dalgarn and father Jon Dalgarn during the Fire Dist. 19 Scholarship Dinner/Dance in Marblemount March 7.**



**Fifth graders from Concrete Elementary School** posed for a photo during a Mountain School excursion at North Cascades Institute in March. *Submitted photo.*

## Local students explore their backyard national park

By Katie Griffith

Mist shrouded Diablo Lake's surrounding peaks in March as Concrete and Darrington school buses drove over Diablo Dam. The overcast weather did not dampen excitement as fifth grade students from both local schools arrived at North Cascades Institute's Environmental Learning Center to attend Mountain School within North Cascades National Park Complex. Sixty kids unloaded sleeping bags, backpacks, and boots, well prepared to spend three days exploring the ecosystems of the park.

The residential environmental education program teaches science concepts in an interactive, outdoor setting; glaciers, rivers, and forests surrounding the Learning Center make up the Mountain School classroom. The visiting students participated in the Ecosystems Exploration curriculum, in which students investigate the abiotic and biotic factors that make up North Cascades ecosystems. "I love science and fishing, and it was really cool looking at stuff we collected under a microscope," said fifth grader Coho about the program.

The trip also included plenty of hiking, locally sourced meals, and a campfire with skits and games. "We went on a night hike to the dam, and it was awesome!"

said fifth grader Anya, while Kiawa said, "the five-mile hike to the waterfall with my friends was the best."

In 2015, Mountain School will celebrate its 25th birthday. But Mountain School didn't always happen at the Learning Center on Diablo Lake; for the first 15 years, Mountain School students camped in tents at Newhalem Campground. In 2005, North Cascades Institute built its Environmental Learning Center on Diablo Lake as part of the terms of Seattle City Light's federal hydroelectric license renewal. Since 2005, thousands of students from all over the region have attended programs based out of the Learning Center.

Institute staff members and National Park Service rangers welcomed the local schools to Mountain School last week. "It was so inspiring to teach such an excited, inquisitive, and observant group of young learners," said graduate student and Mountain School Instructor Chelsea Ernst.

Darrington and Concrete Schools participated in the Skagit Watershed Education Project with the institute from 1994–2004, but this is the first year since the 1990s that Concrete has attended Mountain School. Concrete was able to

attend with support from Washington's National Park Fund. Darrington's fifth graders had never attended a full Mountain School program; they attended with support from North Counties Family Services. North Cascades Institute also prioritizes fundraising to subsidize participation for public schools.

It is "hugely important" for the Institute to work with its local schools, says Christen Kiser, Mountain School Coordinator. "Connections between their home communities and their experience at Mountain School are much more evident and integrated into their daily lives than students who travel from farther away to attend."

Local students will integrate ecosystems

## North Cascades Highway may open week of March 30

Highway crews expect to have the

concepts learned at Mountain School into their classes throughout the rest of the year.

For more information about Mountain School and other programs at North Cascades Institute, go to [www.ncascades.org](http://www.ncascades.org) or call 360.854.2599.

Mountain School will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a free BBQ picnic and open house at the North Cascades Institute's Environmental Learning Center on Aug. 23. For more information, go to [www.ncascades.org/picnic](http://www.ncascades.org/picnic).

*Katie Griffith is an Americorps VISTA Youth Programs Outreach Specialist working with North Cascades National Park and North Cascades Institute.*

North Cascades Highway open by the week of March 30 or early the following week, making this year one of the earliest openings in a decade, said WSDOT.

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# Seniors

## Coffee Break

Good morning, sunshine

By Patrick Kennedy

Good morning, sunshine!  
That should be the greeting every day, wherever you are, whatever the weather, each day you wake up as a retired person. No more charts, graphs, or inventory books. No more widgets, belts, or hooks. No more bosses' dirty looks. Each decision you make is by you and for you, for a better you.

The key words here for a retired senior are positivity and possibilities, and, down the road, contentment. That is what will make the sun shine in a senior's life.

The ideal retirement plan is where the decision-making comes in. Think of it as going to the market: You make a list of what to buy so you won't forget anything. Your retirement list can look something like this:

- Stay where you are/warmer climate.
- Keep the old homestead and yard/a new condo or apartment with no yard.

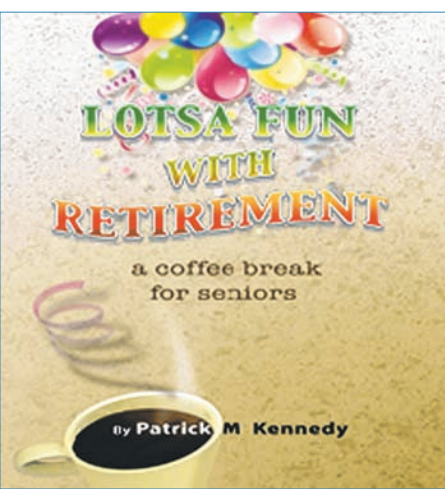
- Old friends/make new friends.
- Same car for traveling/add an RV.
- Same old clothes/a new look.
- Live within your budget/live within your budget (no choice here).

Making these decisions is going to involve a little research and getting familiar with the product: your retirement.

The best place to start is with your likes and dislikes. Warm/hot weather might sound great, but maybe you like to ski. Of course, there are a lot of books written about the subject and it wouldn't hurt to read a few and get another perspective. And don't forget the Internet, with information available on any subject, maybe even happiness. Those old friends, if they are still around and talking to you, probably already are retired and have a wealth of information to add to your list. Finally, there is simple common sense.

You may like skiing, but those old legs might last only a couple of years, maybe, and then you are stuck in the snow. The real estate market might nix your house sale for a decent profit and there goes the condo and out comes the lawnmower again. Making new friends won't be as easy as it was on the job. Good decisions can still be made, and greeting the sunshine in the morning is just keeping up the positive attitude above all the courses of action aimed at a good time. Good evening moonlight, tomorrow the sun will shine again.

*Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of Lotsa Fun with Retirement. Find it at Amazon.com.*



## Way Back When

### 80 years ago

*April 4, 1935:* On May 1, Washington residents will not have to pay their sales tax in stamps. Instead, the state plans to issue metal coins or tokens, each to be worth one-fifth of a cent.

The tax commission will purchase 2 million of these coins, which will resemble street car tokens. In size they will be between a 5-cent piece and a dime. To avoid confusion in making change, the tokens will have a small hole in the center.

Use of these tokens will be necessary only when the tax is less than one cent or a fraction of a cent.

All other payments will be made in regular coin.

Merchants will purchase the new tokens from the tax commission and sell them to consumers. Though the merchant will collect the tax, they will not be allowed to remit tokens in payment to the tax commission.

### 60 years ago

*April 14, 1955:* On the heels of the announcement that the Salk vaccine has proved up to expectations as a preventative against polio, the Skagit County health authorities jumped to put a schedule of vaccinations into effect in the first and second grade rooms throughout the county.

Vaccinations will start Monday in Mount Vernon and by Friday the workers will be in the Upper

Valley. The schedule calls for Concrete, Rockport, Marblemount, and Newhalem on April 22 and 29, and May 27.

The vaccinations will be given in three stages.

*April 28, 1955:* The merger of Superior Portland Cement, Inc., with Ideal Cement Co., which had been expected to go into effect at the end of this week, suddenly was called off last Saturday when it became apparent that the proposed merger did not meet with the approval of the federal government.

A statement by Superior officials said, in part, "The proposed merger between Ideal Cement Co. and Superior Portland Cement, Inc., has been abandoned because of inability to obtain clearance from the Anti-Trust division of the Dept. of Justice."

### 50 years ago

*April 1, 1965:* The Barnaby Slough steelhead-rearing facility is going to be enlarged and made into a permanent development during the next biennium, Representative Don Eldridge announced today from Olympia.

Until now, the area has had only minimum development, yet it has become a major fish-rearing area. It is one of the Game Department's most outstanding projects for the amount of money invested.

*April 29, 1965:* William Robert Earley, 21, and William Robert Elan, 29, were arrested Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Les Vinsten on a warrant charging obstructing the performance of duty by an officer of the law.

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## Concrete Center

### April 2015 Activities

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

#### Mondays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles  
Noon Coffee Bar  
12:30 p.m. Birthday Party, 4/27  
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#### Tuesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Leap of Faith, 4/28  
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage

#### Wednesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles  
10:30 a.m. Advisory Board mtg., 4/8  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage  
12:30 p.m. Bingo, 4/8, 4/29

#### Thursdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles  
10:15 a.m. Income tax assistance by appt., 4/2, 4/9  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Cribbage  
12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 4/2, 4/16  
4/30

#### Fridays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles, watercolor painting  
Noon Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Dominoes, Skip Bo, Cribbage  
1 p.m. Coffee Hour with Comm. Lisa Janicki 4/3

Way Back, cont. from p. 28

The two, members of a tree-planting crew questioned by the deputy about a 15-year-old boy who was a reported runaway from California, took it upon themselves to get ahead of the officer, meet the crew truck, and get the boy to hide in the woods.

They then came back to the boy's quarters here, packed his gear, and were getting ready to take it to him when they were caught in the act. They were taken by the officer to the place they reported they had hidden the runaway, but he could not be found.

They said afterwards they believed Vinsten was going to arrest the boy for the reported theft of a gun from the hotel, and that, as they did not like the person who had reported the gun stolen, they were going to help the boy escape.

Yesterday the deputy returned to continue the search. After a recheck of the wooded area, the boy was finally picked up back in his quarters, sleeping off the effects of a night out in the cold.

The men will be held for trial as the result of their interference. The boy will be turned over to the juvenile department for return to his home.

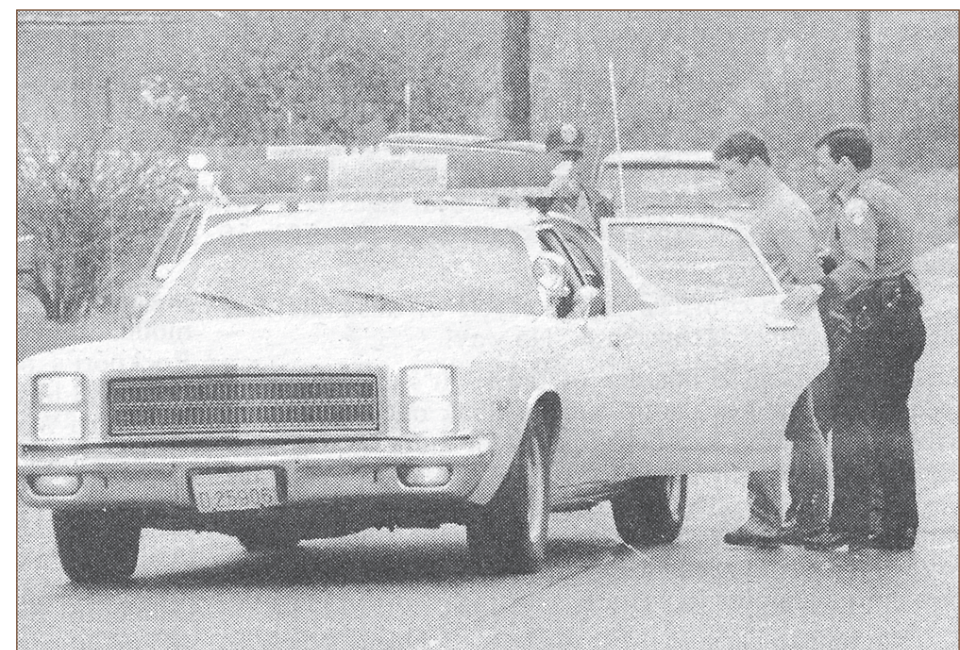
### 40 years ago

*April 17, 1975:* Five hundred to 1,000 logging trucks and equipment Lo-Boys are expected in Olympia on April 21, along with loggers, landowners, businessmen, and taxpayers calling for repeal of the Forest Practices Act.

George Sullivan, Northwest Demonstration Coordinator, said, "We as a group believe in common sense forest practices, but the 1974 Forest Practices Act goes beyond the realm of common sense and places state control over all the private forestland in this state, whether it be one acre or 5,000



**30 years ago.** The photos above and below from the April 25, 1985, issue of *Concrete Herald* chronicled a tense moment in Concrete that ended peacefully. Above, Concrete Police Chief Wayne White bravely and calmly reassures a suspect in a domestic violence complaint that his own gun is in its holster and to come out of the house unarmed. The tension was heightened by the suspicion that the suspect had a gun. Below, moments after Chief White arrived on the scene at about 5 p.m. on April 22, he was able to coax the suspect—a 28-year-old male—out of his house at 410 Main St. The suspect's family fled to the police station after calling in a domestic violence complaint, and, according to new laws regarding domestic violence, police were obligated to make the arrest. The man was booked into the Skagit County Jail. *Archive photos by Patty Moore.*



acres. The act is unworkable for the small forestland owner and the small logging operator."

The demonstration will be peaceful, said Sullivan. The

loggers, truckers, landowners, and concerned citizens will remain in Olympia until the governor and the legislature act upon pending forest practices legislation.

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# Obituaries

**Michael Lynn Case**, 54, of Marblemount, passed away with his son by his side on Sunday evening, March 8, 2015, at the Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley.



Mike was born in Sedro-Woolley on June 23, 1960. He graduated from Concrete High School with the class of 1979.

He had a passion for aviation and owned his own company for the last 20+ years called Iron Mountain Aviation, allowing him to travel and meet many people and work on their planes.

Mike enjoyed playing his guitar and singing, his friends, the outdoors, traveling, and adventures.

Mike is survived by his son, Tyler Michael Case of Sandpoint, Idaho; daughter, Donna Case of Anchorage, Alaska; grandchildren, Tyssen and Trenton Case, and Makias Johnson. He shared the last 14 years of his life with his loving partner, Jennifer Howard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin "Jim" Case and Ruth Stafford-Case of Marblemount.

Memorial services were held at Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley on March 28, at 11 a.m. A Celebration of Life American/Italian potluck-style immediately followed the service at the American Legion in Sedro-Woolley.

Share memories of Mike and sign the online guest register at [www.lemleychapel.com](http://www.lemleychapel.com).

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## Sunday School lesson

What do you want from me?

By Rob Thomas

In the Monday edition of *Skagit Valley Herald* is a regular column titled, "Get To Know." The purpose of the column is to highlight an individual living in the area and as a result of them answering a few questions, the readers "get to know" the individual better.

The answer that I always look forward to reading most is in response to: "First thing I would do with \$1 million ..." So much can be revealed in answering such a simple question. It reminds me of the genie in a bottle scenario: "If you were given three wishes, what would they be?"

Recently I began a new preaching series ("Tweets By Jesus") at Community Bible Church. Taking advantage of the phenomenon of social media, my approach has been to scan the Gospels and consider brief statements, comments, or questions made by Jesus that were not just profound, but life-changing. It

is certainly not to diminish the longer teaching sections of Jesus, but many times in the midst of such teaching there would be a statement, a comment, or a question that deserves you and I taking the time to examine it more fully. As such, assuming that Jesus had a Twitter account and liked to send out tweets, we have been examining some of those "tweets."

There is a story located in three of the Gospels (Mt. 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-42). To summarize, Jesus is passing through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem when two blind men cry out to Him, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David." Though admonished by the crowd to be quiet, we are told they cried out all the more.

Jesus stops in His tracks, looks at the blind men, and asks a profound question: "What do you want from Me?"

Seemingly, the answer is rather obvious. They want their sight restored. They want to be able to see again. This event draws to a close when Jesus responds ("So Jesus had compassion on them") and they are healed.

Herein lies my question. Imagine with me for a moment that Jesus asks you that simple yet potentially life-changing

question, "What do you want from Me?" What would be your response? Two things trouble me about this scenario:

1. We don't think Jesus is asking us the question.
2. We don't have an answer for Jesus' question.

By the way, this was not the only time Jesus asked this question. In Mark 10:36, Jesus asked two of His followers, James and John, the same question.

That which Jesus asked of the blind men, as well as His followers, I believe Jesus is asking of us today. And He does so with this wonderful promise found in John 14:13. Because the condition is that we "ask in His Name," which means that what we ask does not violate the Word of God, we in no way treat Jesus as our puppet or genie when it comes to our requests and/or prayers.

If you were interviewed and asked the question, "What do you want from Jesus?" how would you answer the question?

*Rob Thomas is pastor for Community Bible Church in Concrete.*

## Worth repeating

"It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui."

—Helen Keller

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

—Albert Einstein

"If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me."

—Saint Patrick

## Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

### March 1

A resident on Illabot Creek Lane near Marblemount reported a burglary. The man parked a trailer on his property and in the morning discovered several items missing. A gas can, hiking shoes, a 5-foot breaker bar, a winch, a battery, and other hand-carried items were gone. There are no suspects at this time.

### March 2

A 54-year-old male was contacted after stealing an item from Lyman Mercantile. The man admitted the theft and the item was returned. Deputies responded and at the request of management, the man was trespassed from the store for life.

Several deputies responded to a disorderly disturbance on South Reitze St. Several people had shown up in a car and gotten into an altercation with

## 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.

### Inkster, Ernest Lee Patrick

Age: 46  
Race: W Sex: M  
Height: 6' 0"  
Weight: 265  
Hair: Red  
Eyes: Blue  
Address: 396xx Baker Lake Rd., Concrete

Inkster was convicted of communication with a minor in Skagit County. His victim was a purported 13-year-old female he contacted via the Internet.

Inkster 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.

*Source: Skagit County Sheriff*



**The RIVER Gathering**  
720 Puget Ave., Sedro-Woolley  
Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. potluck/study: 6 p.m.  
Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m.  
Last Fri./mo. potluck/games: 6 p.m.  
[www.facebook.com/thrivergathering](http://www.facebook.com/thrivergathering)  
360.853.6676 // Pastor Larry Weston

**Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church**  
11982 Martin Rd., Rockport, WA 98283  
Church office: 360.853.8746  
Pre-service fellowship: 9:30 a.m.  
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  
360.708.4330

## Sergeant's corner Disaster crime-prevention tips



By Chris Kading

Disaster preparedness often makes us think about gathering the obvious: food, water, medicine, flashlights, and other emergency supplies that may be needed during or after a disaster. While these are important considerations, citizens also must be prepared for the possibility of becoming a crime victim during or after the event.

Criminal predators can and will take advantage of citizens during times of disaster. The following are some tips that may help prevent or mitigate criminal opportunities during an emergency:

- Identity protection is often as simple as document protection. This will involve physically and electronically safeguarding your personal information. Having the ability to securely store and retrieve documents can be extremely important after a disaster. Consider keeping original documents in a safe deposit box or other secure off-site location. Make duplicates of important items, and store them

with a trusted relative, friend, or an attorney outside of your immediate geographic area.

- Prioritize what's really important. Key documents that would be needed to prove identity, such as birth certificates, passports, driver's licenses, etc., are critical to retain and time-consuming to recreate after a disaster. Other crucial documents are Social Security cards, immigration documents, medical records, deeds, credit card/bank information, and safe deposit box information.

- To assist you and your family post-event, create an Emergency Communication Plan. Make a plan on how you will communicate with family members during and after the event. Have several options in mind in case one or more communication methods are down. Oftentimes, cell phone service will get overloaded and not work. When the Skagit River bridge collapsed, cell service was overwhelmed and went down for some time during the collapse. Remember that texting and e-mail may still work, and if you happen to have Internet service, you many communicate via social media sites.

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

The fire department and deputies were summoned to check on him. The fire department arrived first and the driver appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicant. The driver got agitated, started acting aggressively, and took his frustration out on the firefighters. They had a distinct advantage; they were sober and reasonable. Deputies arrived a short time later. The man was arrested and booked into jail for being in physical control of his vehicle while intoxicated.

A hiker parked at the Sauk Mountain parking area near Rockport was disappointed to discover their truck had been broken into. Unknown crooks smashed a window and took several items. Unfortunately, there are no witnesses or suspects. Please remember to leave any valuables at home and hide anything you must leave in your unattended car.

### March 14

An alert deputy has been keeping a close eye on a local felon after his recent release from prison. The deputy discovered

the man was wanted by Department of Corrections, so they decided to visit his Concrete home. The man answered the door and was immediately arrested. The Department of Corrections was able to search his residence and located methamphetamine and other drug-related items. He was transported to jail immediately, then back to prison the next day.

### March 15

An ATV drove across a man's lawn on Crawford Dr. in Lyman. The ATV had been riding on the rails to trails, which is unlawful. The ATV was described as having white fenders and the driver was wearing a pink helmet. Deputies will check the area for the suspect.

### March 17

A caller from The Wild Blueberry restaurant in Lyman reported a theft. It appears someone stole several concrete stepping stones from the rear of the

## Worship directory

### Assembly of God Concrete Assembly of God

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](http://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  
E-mail: [pastordave@fastmail.fm](mailto:pastordave@fastmail.fm)

### First Baptist Church

12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake  
360.856.2767

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wed.: 7 p.m.

John Batts, pastor

E-mail: [pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com](mailto:pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com)

Hamilton First Baptist Church

797 Hamilton Cemetery Rd. at SR 20

Office: 360.826.3307

Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Ron Edwards, pastor

### Lyman Church

31441 W. Main St., Lyman

Office: 360.826.3287

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

### Catholic

#### St. Catherine Mission Church

45603 Limestone St., Concrete

Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley

Office: 360.855.0077

Weekday hours: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Sat. Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Father Martin Bourke, pastor

[www.svcc.us/scm](http://www.svcc.us/scm)

### Covenant

#### Community Covenant Church

12605 Highway 9, Clear Lake

360.856.1023 // [covenant@wavecable.com](mailto:covenant@wavecable.com)

[www.clearlakecov.org](http://www.clearlakecov.org)

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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](mailto: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

[www.mtbakerpresbyterian.synodnw.org](http://www.mtbakerpresbyterian.synodnw.org)

Sun. worship: 9 a.m.

Tom Ross, pastor

### Lutheran

#### Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.8814

Sun. worship: 10 a.m.

Chris Anderson, pastor

### Nondenominational

#### Agape Fellowship

Meets at Mount Baker Presbyterian,

45705 Main St., Concrete

Second and fourth Weds., 7 p.m.

360.708.4764

Dolores Elliott, pastor

### Community Bible Church

45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511



## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

Just a couple days after the publication of this April issue of *Concrete Herald*, the museum will hold its annual **Good Friday Bake Sale** on April 3 at Albert's Red Apple, starting at 10 a.m. Come early and get those special treats for your family's Easter weekend—we're usually sold out within 3 p.m. And since we have become renowned for our culinary skills, we will soon sponsor a recipe article in your favorite newspaper, the *Concrete Herald*. Look for it! This will be the forerunner of a book of recipes we hope to publish by next spring.

The museum is currently working on a **postcard project** to provide the community with updated postcards of the local area. Hopefully we will soon have a nice selection of current and historic photo postcards of the area for sale.

Speaking of photos, the late Chuck Jenkins, who was one of the founding members of the Concrete Heritage Museum Association, bequeathed to us

an **album of historic photos** that are now available for viewing on our Web site ([www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](http://www.concreteheritagemuseum.org)). If you haven't checked our Web site for awhile, you're in for a surprise. Thanks to the talents of Bill Pfeifer, it continues to grow and be an asset of which the whole community can rightfully be proud.

Puget Sound Energy also has requested our assistance in collecting any information on the **old homesteads along the Baker River**. This research is being conducted to fulfill part of their cultural/historical relicensing requirements. If you have any information, including details on any descendants that may still be around, please let us know.

To **contact us**, call Sandi at 360.853.7743. **Monthly meetings** are year-round, the third Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the museum.

All meetings are open to the public; anyone is welcome to attend.

—John Boggs

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Let's celebrate National Poetry Month with an **April Poetry Contest!** Additional events include a Poetry Reading of winning entries on April 25 and a Poetry Book Exchange all month long.

Skagit County residents of all ages are encouraged to participate. Submission guidelines with contest details and an entry form can be accessed on our Web site, [www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us](http://www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us); hardcopies are available at the library. The deadline is April 18. Show us your best work!

You can now donate online to the **Upper Skagit Library Foundation** via PayPal on the new Web site, [www.upperskagitlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.upperskagitlibraryfoundation.org). It's a convenient way to show your support of the new building project. For questions, contact Barb Trask, 360.399.1403.

The new **book drop** at the Marblemount Community Hall is installed and ready to use (see p. 26). Soon we will install a free Wi-Fi Hotspot in that area, a much-

needed Internet service for Upper Valley residents.

**Tutoring** at the library occurs on the first and third Fridays of each month. Sit down with a library staff member and focus on basic computer skills and more. Call the library or visit us to schedule an appointment, 360.853.7939.

We invite families with young children to join us for **Storytime** on Sat., April 4, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. This month we will read about dragons.

### New arrivals

In adult fiction, *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. In adult nonfiction, *The Autoimmune Paleo Cookbook* by Mickey Trescott. In children's, check out the fun and educational word book, *Take Away the A*.

The next Upper Skagit Library Board meeting will be Thur., April 9, at 5 p.m.

—Cora Thomas, library associate

## Lions ROAR

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 lent to 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 April 1 and 15, 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 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

## Continue the cycle

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### Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 31

restaurant. That's not a very nice way to welcome a new business to the neighborhood. Deputies have no suspects.

An incident at Concrete High School turned a prank into something more serious. A student was "pantsed" by several people by yanking down their gym shorts in order to embarrass them. This got the attention of one set of parents because their student had his entire lower half exposed. This is enough to have someone arrested for assault with a sexual nature—much more than the offending student realized. No charges were pressed; however, the student is facing school sanctions for unprofessional conduct.

### March 18

The Concrete Fire Department responded to a residence on Mill Ave. for

a possible natural gas leak. They quickly determined the caller was acting erratic and may be on drugs. Natural gas was not even available to that residence, and the subject thought people may be after him. This is a classic methamphetamine-based psychotic reaction. It's just too bad that this is fairly common. The man was gone when deputies attempted to contact him.

### March 19

A resident on Main St. in Concrete reported his pickup truck missing. The keys were left in the ignition and the truck was last seen parked next to the house. A report was filled out and the deputy began investigating. About two minutes into the investigation, the truck was found parked in front of the liquor store. No damage was done, but the "community truck" keys

are no longer available.

### March 20

A deputy driving through Hamilton was training one of our newest recruits. A man known to the deputy had a warrant from Department of Corrections. He must have known that, because when he saw them he took off running. The jail was going to accept the man for booking. The man dropped a backpack and hurdled a fence, with the deputy not far behind. The running man tried to hide in a blackberry thicket, but after a short time realized the cavalry was coming. He crawled out, scratched up, and was booked into jail.

A caller from Main St. in Concrete reported a possible prowler. The man said he heard a noise near his residence at approximately midnight. He stepped

outside and shined a spotlight on an unknown male subject. The subject may have been attempting to steal cinder blocks for some odd reason. The male subject fled eastbound. A short time later a neighbor called to complain about being harassed by a man with a spotlight. He was asked about prowling around the neighborhood and denied it. He did, however, have two warrants which got him arrested. Interestingly enough, we didn't receive any more prowler calls that night.

### March 21

A caller from Hamilton Cemetery Rd. near Hamilton reported a disorderly incident. A family had let a female friend

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 35

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Bookkeeping

#### UpRiver Bookkeeping Services

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dpaynes2001@yahoo.com

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360.826.6001 / [allvalleystorageinc@live.com](mailto:allvalleystorageinc@live.com)  
Online: [www.allvalleystorageinc.com](http://www.allvalleystorageinc.com)

### Matty's on Main

45726 Main Street, Concrete  
UNIQUE & ANTIQUE / JEWELRY & PAWN  
Inventory Clearance: 20 – 50% off!  
NEW INVENTORY WEEKLY  
360.333.8851

### Hair salons

#### Hair Fitness

Complete family hair care, specializing in:  
PERMS / COLOR & CUTS / WAXING  
More than 25 years' experience!  
Call Kathy Monrad and Becki Hoover for appt  
360.853.8884

### Liquor stores

#### Concrete Liquor Store & Convenience Store

45895 Main Street, Concrete // 360.853.7149  
Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sundays Noon to 5 p.m.  
Gifts, Rocks, Tobacco, Cigars, and more!

### Pawn shops

#### Gold Nugget Jewelry & Loan

New & Used guns, ammo, sporting goods  
We Buy, Sell, & Loan Guns, gold, coins  
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
Mon. - Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5  
360.436.1029 [www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com](http://www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com)

### Ranches

#### Double O Ranch, LLC

46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., Concrete  
360.770.5380, 9–5 M–F, by appt. weekends.  
All natural, grass-fed, USDA inspected beef  
by the package, ¼ and ½ beef orders.  
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### Restaurants

#### Cascade Burgers

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360.853.9006

### Self-storage

#### Concrete Self-storage

Located on Fir Street, Concrete  
Heated and nonheated, security surveillance,  
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Customer service is our top priority!  
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[fred@cinemaseptic.com](mailto:fred@cinemaseptic.com)  
[www.cinemaseptic.com](http://www.cinemaseptic.com)

### Thrift stores

#### Second Floor Thrift Store

Antiques, Vintage, Collectibles, Thrift  
Inside & upstairs at Gold Nugget Pawn Shop  
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
Tue. - Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5  
360.436.1029 [www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com](http://www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com)

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delivery. Credit cards and insurance accepted.  
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360.853.7433 or 360.770.6705

## April at the Darrington Library

### Children and families

- Family Storytime, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10–10:45 a.m.
- LEGO Club: Robotics, April 1, 1–2 p.m.
- Science Rocks! April 6, 11 a.m. to noon.
- My Little Pony: Libraries Are Magic! April 7, 11 a.m. to noon
- LEGO Club: Free play, April 15, 1–2 p.m.
- Have You Played It? April 22, 1–2 p.m.

### Adults

- Darrington Bibliophiles discuss *West of Here* by Jonathan Evison, April 1, 6:30–8 p.m.
- Painting Wildflowers with Molly Hashimoto, April 25, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; registration required

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# Out & About



# Home & Garden



## Mount Vernon

### Water rights presentation at Fredonia Grange

A second Skagit County Water Rights presentation with legislative updates will be held at Fredonia Grange on Tue., April 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Local real estate agent and property rights advocate Mike Newman will speak at the gathering, which is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Fredonia Grange is located at 14245 McFarland Rd., Mount Vernon. For more information, call 425.350.0217 or 360.399.1314.

### State updates list of polluted waters

The Skagit River near Mount Vernon is now listed as clean for bacteria pollution, according to an updated list of polluted waters generated by the Dept. of Ecology.

The list, which Ecology refers to as its 303(d) list of rivers, lakes, and streams in Washington that have pollution problems, has entered the public review phase.

Ecology will hold public meetings about its Water Quality Assessment from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on:

- April 7 at Edmonds Conference Center, Edmonds

- April 9 at Ecology headquarters building, Lacey
- April 15 at Yakima Area Arboretum, Yakima
- April 16 at Spokane CenterPlace, Spokane

To submit comments and to access the online database, go to Ecology's Web site at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/freshwatresssmnt/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/freshwatresssmnt/index.html).

The list helps prioritize where a water cleanup plan needs to be developed, calling for investments by communities, local government, state government, and industries.

Washington's leading pollution problems based on freshwater data include elevated temperature, low dissolved oxygen, changes in pH, and high levels of bacteria.

Warm water and low oxygen threaten the survival of aquatic life and salmon. Bacteria pollution is a problem for swimmers and for people who enjoy shellfishing.

The updated list is a tool for finding and cleaning up pollution, but it's not necessarily a broad indicator of the health of Washington's waters since it only reflects data for roughly 10 percent of the total freshwaters in the state.

### Have a Heart Run slated for May 2

Community Action's 6th annual Have a Heart Run returns to Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon on Sat., May 2.

The family-friendly event is open to individuals and teams. All proceeds go toward Community Action of Skagit County programs.

Participants can choose from a 5K or 10K walk/run (9:30 a.m. start), a 2K walk (9:45 a.m. start), and a free Half Pint Half Mile for children 9 years old and younger (10:30 a.m. start). Those who would rather volunteer or stay home can sign up as a virtual runner. Volunteers can sign up to help at [www.skagitvolunteercenter.org](http://www.skagitvolunteercenter.org) or through the link at [www.haveaheartun.org](http://www.haveaheartun.org).

For more information, go to [www.haveaheartun.org](http://www.haveaheartun.org).

## Skagit County

### Clean Samish Initiative launches "90 Days to Clean Water" campaign

Water sampling continues to show consistently high fecal coliform counts in the Samish River. Because of these high numbers, the Clean Samish Initiative (CSI) team has launched a "90 Days to Clean Water" campaign.

The CSI includes representatives of stakeholders including residents, land and marine agricultural producers, and local and state environmental agencies.

Fecal coliform is bacteria from feces of warm-blooded animals such as humans and other mammals. It can cause diseases such as gastroenteritis, ear infections, typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis A, and cholera.

Assistance from the public is vital in the effort to locate and address sources of fecal coliform pollution. Sources can include leaking septic systems, manure, and pet waste. This spring, CSI team members will be in the field sampling water and looking for site conditions that may be sources of pollution. Community volunteers also distribute educational information in the affected communities.

Technical and financial resources are available to anyone with questions about individual properties or information about potential pollution sources.

For more information, go to the Skagit

County Clean Samish Initiative Web page at <http://bit.ly/1EbiYTi>. Questions also may be directed to Kerri Love at 360.336.9400.

### County hires Anderson to lead Emergency Management

Skagit County Public Works Director Dan Berentson announced March 19 the hiring of Mark Anderson to fill the position of Manager for the Division of Emergency Management.

Anderson succeeds Mark Watkinson, who retired last week after 30 years of service. He will report to work on Monday, April 6.

Anderson, who is currently employed as a deputy fire marshal for Pierce County, formerly served as fire chief for the City of Burlington. A native of Skagit County, his work history includes stints as fire chief for Pacific County Fire District 1 in Ocean Park, Wash., and as chief for the City of Woodland.

## Ellensburg

### Fly Fishing Fair May 1-2

The Washington State Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (WSCIFFF) will host its 9th Annual Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg on May 1-2. The fair will be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center on the Kittitas County Fair grounds in Ellensburg.

The event includes a variety of seminars and workshops, a nine-hole casting course, private casting lessons, and about 100 fly tyers with whom attendees are welcome to speak.

Attendees may bring their own equipment or borrow equipment for the casting course.

Vendors will offer tying materials, rods, reels, lines, and other items needed for fly fishing.

The fair will be open on Fri., May 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sat., May 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for FFF members and youth; nonmember admission is \$5.

## Garden Patch

By Gladys Silrus

The following 13 garden remedies aren't true, so stop doing them!

1. *Adding sugar to soil will make your tomatoes sweeter.* Save it for the hummingbird feeders. Sugar can stunt the growth of the plants.
2. *If a plant is wilted or yellow, water it.* Water isn't always the answer for droopy or discolored plants. Unless the soil is dry, there is no need to water. Overwatering is just as likely to be the cause of the problem as not watering enough.
3. *Bury banana peels to give plants like roses much-needed potassium.* Banana peels offer potassium; however, burying them also will suck up nitrogen that plants need to grow. Same thing with coffee grounds. The best thing to do with both is to compost them.
4. *Beer makes plants grow better.* Best to ignore all advice related to pouring liquids other than water onto plants. Beer may be a refreshing drink at the end of the day, but a waste to pour on plants.
5. *Don't water plants in the middle of the day; it will burn them.* The plants probably won't burn, but this one is actually good advice to follow most of the time. If you need to water during the day, fine, but keep the water near the ground, at the base of the plant. If plants are thirsty, the best time to water is morning. Brown spots on leaves are usually caused by leaf-spot fungi, not water or sunlight.
6. *Coffee grounds make your soil richer.* This is true to a point. It may be the case for some plants, but some don't respond well. Again, the best place for coffee grounds is the compost pile.
7. *Use tar or varnish to protect newly pruned trees or shrubs.* Newly exposed pruning may look vulnerable, but before you reach for the tar or varnish, get advice from an expert. As a rule, this stuff doesn't work. Instead, prune at the end of winter when diseases are dormant.
8. *Keep bugs away from your veggie garden by planting marigolds.* Scientific evidence has not shown that marigolds repel bugs. A lot of gardeners swear by this method, but it's not a magical fix. You may want to look for alternative solutions. Marigolds may or may not deter insects, but I plant them anyway. On the plus side, their petals are edible, they look cheerful, and they attract pollinators to the garden.
9. *Mothballs in the garden will discourage pests.* They won't really do your garden much good. Mothballs are toxic; who wants to spread toxins in the garden?
10. *Support newly planted trees or shrubs with a stake.* You may want to give a young tree some sort of support to reduce the chances of it flopping over, but this is necessary only in a few cases. Floppy specimens may need extra support, but use stakes as little as possible. It causes trees to form thinner trunks and if the wires aren't removed, it can lead to damage from strangulation.
11. *Plant a rusty nail to make your hydrangeas blue.* Bottom line is that it's just not going to get you very far. Stick with science if you want to get blue blooms. It's the acidic soil that allows them to develop that wonderful blue color, not a rusty nail.
12. *A mixture of dish soap and water can eliminate bad bugs.* It is tempting to take to the garden with a water and soap mixture to get rid of annoying bugs like aphids. This has some truth to it, but it can also harm plants. Too much dish soap might burn the plants, so be careful. Test a small area first if you are set on trying this. Even better, use an insecticidal soap.
13. *Double your fertilizer for double the results.* Fertilizers can do wonders, but going overboard isn't a good idea. Doubling the fertilizer is more likely to cause fertilizer burn on your plants than increase their growth. Follow the instructions on the container.

Happy gardening!

Send gardening questions to Gladys. Call her at 360.826.4848, or write to her at [gsilrus@frontier.com](mailto:gsilrus@frontier.com) or 42002 Pine St., Concrete, WA 98237.

## Nature's seasonal light show

By Christie Fairchild

Late on the night of March 17, the sun shot out a strong solar flare that arrived on Earth two to three days later, on March 20 and 21. This flare shook up earth's magnetic field enough to expand our seasonal light show, the Aurora Borealis, farther south than usual.

Did you get to see it? If the clouds and rain obscured your view, never fear, there may be more to come. Why?

Dark, clear skies, with little to no artificial or moon light during the spring and fall equinoxes are the best times for some late-night sky watching. There are some ideas why auroras make their strongest showings then, but no one really knows why geomagnetic storms seem to spike during that period.

But they do. These wondrous, colorful light shows originate from Earth's magnetic field, which can cause—you guessed it—geomagnetic storms. Those solar winds contain energized particles that enter our magnetic field. That influx

of solar energy is eventually transferred to atmospheric ions, mostly of nitrogen and oxygen, and those excited ions give off that extra bit of energy as light: An aurora is born.

So why is it that we have a much more robust aurora during spring and autumn? Some of the seasonality points to geometry. Earth's magnetic field points north, and there are times when the sun's wide-ranging magnetic field points south. That allows for some serious alignment. In addition, the sun's rotational axis is tilted a bit, and solar winds are strongest at the poles. So every six months, when Earth is at its highest latitude with respect to the sun, we'll be most in contact with the sun's poles and thus its wind.

So there you have it. Auroras seem to happen seasonally because of the interplanetary magnetic fields and geometry.

Maybe. Heaven only knows ...

### Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 33

stay at the house to recover from a substance abuse issue. After three days, the female began acting irrationally and raising a ruckus at the house. She was asked to leave and not return. A deputy found her nearby and relayed the message that she had worn out her welcome.

#### March 23

A resident on Railroad Ave. in Rockport is getting fed up with the neighbor's goat. It seems the goat likes to chase the granddaughter and this really upsets both grandma and the youngster. The Animal Control Officer will be following up with all parties to ensure the goat plays by the rules.

Young's Market in Grasmere was robbed of approximately \$2,000 during the evening of March 23. The criminals were a mother and daughter duo, ages 39 and 23, who were employees of the

convenience store. The pair tried to circumvent the store's alarm system, but were captured on video, which led to their arrests. The mother was arrested at her home west of Concrete on March 25 and admitted to the crime; she was booked into the Skagit County Jail for second-degree burglary. On March 26, deputies picked up the daughter at her home east of Concrete; she too was booked for second-degree burglary. At press time, \$290 of the nearly \$2,000 stolen had been recovered.

#### March 24

A property owner at the north end of Prevedel Rd. in Lyman is getting fed up with garbage dumped on his property. This is disrespectful, and inconsiderate. The careless dumper doesn't realize they left clues as to who should get the ticket for illegal dumping. More to follow.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading

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“A computer can calculate in a few seconds the thousands of combinations of errors that can be made in a series of figures. Give a man a few buttons to push and he can produce the real things in the same time without the research.”

“Vacation: A period of time when you go as far as you can, carrying as much gear as you can, and doing as many things as you can for as long as you can afford it. Then you come home and wonder why it is so good to be back.”

“Building a highway across a mountain range is no easy task. Getting our North Cross State Highway to its present point has moved about as much material with a knife and fork over a banquet table as the road machines did on the right of way.”

“A small-business owner will never get rich or will never starve to death. But he spends his life wondering why neither happens.”

—June 3, 1965

“Space flight was a breeze compared to the pull and haul of the receptions, banquets, and parades since the boys came back. We bet they wish they were back up there.”

“Faith is what a man has when he drops a coin in the machine. Charity is when he gets his full money’s worth out of the slot.”

“It’s all right for life to be a bowl of cherries, but let’s be careful where you toss the pits.”

—June 17, 1965

“Advice before you ask for it has a flavor of blackmail. Take it and you are obligated, decline it and you are denied the privilege of changing your mind later.”

“Whether it be weather, politics, earthquake, flood, or the latest dance craze, Americans seem destined to go beyond reasonable bounds. There are some things in which we shouldn’t care about setting a record.”

“The truly forgotten man in this age of subsidies from cradle to grave is the

fellow who is working his heart out to get by on his own—and making it.”

—June 24, 1965

“If you want to see how far our civilization has extended, pick up any one of the current ‘gadget’ catalogs. They have things to make easier work of hundreds of tasks you never thought of doing.”

“The national birth rate is down. Charge this to the shortage of dependable babysitters.”

“Kids who used to go out on the 4th and have a ball seem to have given this up in favor of having a riot.”

“What happens when you can’t whip ’em and they won’t let you join ’em?”

—July 8, 1965

“Laugh if you like, but just try and find one man who will admit his hobby at times gets boring. It is an unwritten law that, once aboard, you must go down with the ship. The only life buoy is another hobby.”

“One person suggests that the present urge to buy a bit of raw land is a psychopathic desire to have a retreat to run to whenever IT happens. Or THEY come.”

—July 22, 1965

“To make a success of a business without competition, run it like a competitor was moving in tomorrow. If you have competition, run the place like he was ready to move out.”

“The crime situation becomes more confused. One case is now under study whereby a convicted forger is being considered for parole because the crime was not in keeping with his pattern of operation. You see, he was better known as a house-breaker.”

“The public is not going to get any satisfactory governmental administration in this state until some political party can do something of which the opposite party can approve.”

—Aug. 5, 1965

## Concrete Harold



By Joyce Harris

By Jasara Taylor-Temple



## Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



A COMMON CONSEQUENCE OF GOOD IDEAS

## Crossword: “Cut a rug”

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### Across

- Quirk
- Classic opener
- La lead-in
- Cirque
- Symbol of purity
- Diamond stat
- Ground breaker
- Tango, e.g.
- Negative particles
- Small valves
- Large amounts
- Matched
- Wrinkly fruit
- In a consistent manner
- Ancient Spaniards
- Carnaval site
- Two-step, Latin American style
- Part of a balance
- Botanical gardens
- Positions
- Growing room
- Vacillate
- J.F.K. postings
- Old counters
- Cruelty
- Jarabe tapatio

- Close one
- River to the North Sea
- Muscle ache
- “So \_\_\_\_ me!”
- Bishop’s jurisdiction
- “\_\_\_\_ Blues” (Beatles tune)
- Elton John, for one

### Down

- Big brass
- Cockeyed
- Eyelashes
- Norse goddess of fate
- “Aeneid” figure
- Plastic \_\_\_\_ Band
- When haroseth is eaten
- Bloviates
- Surgeon’s tool
- A la mode
- College grind
- Ryan and Tilly
- Resolution
- Car ad abbr.
- Conclusion
- Hokkaido native
- Kind of mill
- Delay
- Mold-ripened cheese
- Fluff
- Eastern discipline
- Pucks
- Vanquished
- White-tailed eagle
- Swell place?
- Ring result
- Fox competitor
- Easter preceder
- Relating to a sytem of belief
- Fungal spore sacs
- Tennis ties
- Halvah ingredient
- Intuit
- Havana residue
- Metallic sounds
- Japanese publisher
- Makeup woe
- Concert array
- Squire
- Bridge toll unit
- Eye problem
- Purim’s month
- Actress Brenneman

## 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.

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	9	6	1	7			2	
				4			6	

\*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

## Funny as Facebook

- The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in March.
- “My oldest has started laughing like Chet from ‘Weird Science.’ And if you don’t know what I mean by that, we probably shouldn’t be friends.”
  - “After a weekend with grandma and grandpa, Creature came home last night, stripped to her underwear, and said, ‘Grandma doesn’t let me run around naked.’”
  - “Eating an ice cream cone is like making out with a snowwoman.”
  - “I’ve heard that you rise to the level of your incompetence. I think I know a few people who are overachieving.”
  - “Putting a mannequin’s arm back on is not as easy as you would think.”
  - “Olivia: ‘So do they keep people in prison when they’re dead?’ Mom: ‘Well, some people do get multiple lifetime sentences ...’ Wut.”
  - “Ahhhh, no! ‘Flamboyant’ does not mean ‘floating on fire.’ Nice try, Thesaurus Boy (co-worker)!”
  - “It’s getting warm out. I can finally get back to smacking people and blaming it on mosquitoes!”
  - Creature has a new imaginary friend: Mister Manks. He is so far slightly less terrifying than Dofai (the creepy friend who lives under the ocean, has a house in space, and whose feet are always cold). Mister Manks enjoys singing silly songs and dancing and needs to go trick or treating today. Massive improvement.”
  - “If anybody needs me, I have officially decided to give up on being a college student/ female/ driver/ human to live out my life long dream of becoming a majestic mountain goat. You can try to send postcards, but I’ll probably just end up eating them. —BAAA (namaste)”
  - “Went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now I’m the proud owner of Aisle 7.”



# The Man in the Mud Room

By Nicola Pearson

*Editor's note: This is the fourth installment of a monthly serialized story by award-winning author and playwright Nicola Pearson of Sauk City. Future installments will appear on this page each month during 2015 until the story is complete. Previous installments are posted at [www.concrete-herald.com](http://www.concrete-herald.com).*

Once they crossed the bridge over the Skagit River, Lange sat taller in his seat and leaned forward, wanting to see if he could somehow detect the homes that had been burglarized. “Were they along this stretch of the highway?” he asked Suleka. A crease appeared in her brow. “What?” “The houses that were broken into?” “I think. Maybe.” She shrugged. “I don’t know.” “How come?” “Well, I didn’t find out their names! You know how it is ...”—she circled her right hand in the air—“... a friend told me ...” Lange pounced. “Which friend?” “Shari. She lives down here.” Her face opened up with realization. “Not far from where we’re going, actually.” “Did she have something stolen from her too?” “Who? Shari? No.” She said it like she was sure, but then her head swayed from side to side as if she were having second thoughts. “Well, not exactly. Not like the others.”

Lange wanted to press her for clarification, but in the few months that Suleka had been working for him, buying his groceries, cleaning his yurt, driving him places, and once helping him with a case, he’d learned that he was better off waiting for an explanation than asking for one. Tall spindly trees lined the highway to their right and even though it was dark, Lange used the beam from the headlights to count 15 trees before Suleka continued. “She didn’t have anything tangible taken. What happened was Shari came home from the store last Wednesday ...” She cocked her head to one side. “What day are we today?”

“Tuesday.” Suleka squinted, as if calculating something. “Then no, it was Thursday. She came home from the store last Thursday and when she took the groceries into her kitchen, she heard the dryer going in the mud room. So she thought Russ—

her husband—must have got home early from his trip to the VA hospital, started some laundry, then gone out to the garage to work. He’s rebuilding the transmission on their grandson’s Toyota pick-up.” Suleka paused and cocked her head to one side again. “Or is it a Chevy pick-up?”

Lange sighed and looked out the passenger window again, this time at a patch of scrubby wetland with spindly trees in the distance. This was going to take longer than he thought.

“Anyway, she unpacked all the groceries and went upstairs to do something on her computer and a little while later, she looked out the window by her desk and saw someone walking across her backyard ...” She paused, then blurted, “... in their underwear!”

Lange knew that she expected him to be surprised so he dutifully spiked an eyebrow when she glanced at him even though, in his time in NYC, he’d seen a lot worse than people running around in their underwear.

Suleka snorted a little laugh. “Crazy, huh?”

Lange nodded. “Anyway, as soon as she saw this, Shari went tearing downstairs to get her husband, but once she got to the kitchen, she could see this person through one of the windows going into her mud room. She put two and two together and figured out that Russ wasn’t home—it was this guy doing his laundry in her mud room!”

“Was it a guy?” Suleka looked startled by the question. “I assume it was. She didn’t say otherwise.”

“Did she get a good look at him?” “He was in his skivvies so I’m guessing yes.”

“Guessing?” “Do you want to hear the rest of the story or not?”

“Go on,” he sighed. But his interruption had caused Suleka to lose her train of thought. “Where was I?”

“She realized her husband wasn’t home ...”

“Oh, yes.” The Nissan arced to the left, turning onto Rockport-Cascade Rd., and sped up. “She realized her husband wasn’t home, so she thought maybe instead of just going and confronting this guy—this

person, sorry—she ought to get her Smith and Wesson semi-automatic. So she went back up to her bedroom, because that’s where she keeps it, but by the time she got the pistol loaded and went back down to the mud room, the freeloading launderer was gone. So, you see,” Suleka explained, “he stole time in Shari’s washing machine but not her food or anything like that.”

“I wish we could be sure it was a man.” “Why? What difference does that make?”

“It could have been the missing woman.”

“Margi? No. Shari said the person had long, straight, dark hair, and Margi’s is short, curly, and greyish. Plus, why would she wash her clothes at Shari’s when her place is not half a mile away?”

Lange didn’t really know. It was just an idea on his part. He shrugged. “Like you said, people do crazy things.”

“But Shari would have recognized Margi.” Suleka braked as the Nissan approached Illabot Creek, and indicated to turn right, into a driveway, all the time looking at Lange. “Wouldn’t she?”

Lange sat forward again. “Is this the place?” he asked.

Suleka nodded. “Sam and Margi’s place, yes.”

The headlights of the car shone on a cabin with a steeply sloping shed roof covered in grey sheet metal that almost matched the weathered grey of the shingled walls. It didn’t look dilapidated so much as lived in. And loved. Suleka drove the Nissan down a narrow driveway lined with smooth river rock, and Lange could see well-tended planter boxes at the base of the house, glass chimes and dried flowers hanging from the eaves, and gourds of varying colors and sizes grouped around the front steps. It was October, after all, he told himself; the season for squash on the steps.

A sleek, silvery Crown Victoria with Sheriff emblazoned on the side looked markedly out of place parked next to a row of firewood, which obviously bothered the resident Chihuahua, who kept charging the car from the steps leading up to the deck, yapping ferociously, then scurrying back with a few bug-eyed glances over its shoulder.

Suleka wanted to avoid crushing the tiny dog, so she pulled up almost at the end of the driveway and switched off the Nissan. In one swift move, Lange got out. He could see Deller’s back through one of the downstairs windows, her dark ponytail swishing across the shoulders of her navy blue jacket as she shook her head from side to side. He slammed the door to

the Nissan shut, thinking she’d turn and acknowledge his arrival, but instead she walked away from the window and slowly disappeared into the well-lit interior. He moved away from the Nissan, toward some painted rocks sitting at the base of the planter boxes. They had large, brightly colored, 3-D-looking spots on them that gave the effect of beads in blown glass. It was a simple enough design, but very eye catching. And strangely appealing, Lange thought.

“Watch out!” Suleka shouted across to him.

“What?” he cried and looked down to see his left foot almost crush the Chihuahua. He performed an off-balance dance around the pup, who continued its race, unperturbed, across the gravel to the steps, then promptly turned around and began charging the Sheriff’s vehicle again. Lange stepped back to give the dog an uninterrupted run.

“I don’t know why I stopped you now that I think about it,” Suleka confessed, as she walked toward Lange, letting the Chihuahua pass in front of her. “I’ve never liked that dog.”

“Whose dog is it?” “Margi’s. She thinks the world of that mutt. Takes her everywhere.”

Lange’s blue eyes narrowed. “And yet the dog’s here and she’s not.”

“Yeah. I’d say she didn’t leave voluntarily.”

Lange nodded, already glad Suleka had come with him. He lowered his voice. “Does anything else strike you as being wrong?”

Her brown eyes darted left and right behind her glasses as she became drawn into the act of detection. They settled on a simple pole building that was blocked by the Sheriff’s car. “Her bicycle’s here,” she said.

“Which means ...?” “Well, Margi always rides her bicycle when she goes out wildcrafting.”

“Wildcrafting?” Suleka played both hands out, palms up, in front of her. “She likes making art with things she finds in the woods.” She nodded up at the porch. “Like the dried flower arrangements. And she makes bird feeders out of fir cones, and paints on those mushroom-looking things that grow on the sides of trees. You know the ones, with the pale tops and dark bottoms. What are those called?”

“Conks.” “That’s right. Conks. So if her bicycle’s here, I’m thinking she didn’t go missing

**Mud Room, cont. from p. 38**

because she got lost on one of her wildcrafting trips.”

“She always travels by bike?”

“To go wildcrafting, yes. At least, that’s what she told me. And Coco”—she pointed down at the dog—“rode along in the basket on the front.”

Lange nodded again.

The Chihuahua ran between them again, on her way back to the steps, and Lange watched, then followed, with Suleka tagging along behind. At the bottom of the steps they both made way for the dog to do an about turn before climbing up to the porch that ran the width of the cabin. An array of geometrically painted gourds with tiny, orange lights strung through them lit the way to the door, and Lange took in the basket of apples, the corn stalk scarecrow, the painted, wooden “Welcome” sign, and the threadbare armchair with a knitted, multi-colored blanket thrown over the back.

On a table, to one side of the armchair, a yellow butternut squash had been cut into and part of its soft interior emptied onto some newspaper. The squash had obviously been there a while, because the moisture had dried on the newspaper, causing it to curl and buckle. It looked like the carver had just walked away and left the mess for someone else to clean up. But where was the knife that had been used to cut into the squash?

*Continued next month ...*

**Letters, cont. from p. 2**

Janda. That issue was: Did the complaint merit serious consideration or should it have been summarily dismissed since it

was from a person who is Muslim (first) and later a group (CAIR) that could never have anything of value to say.

I strongly believe it is simply wrong to consider that no one who belongs to a certain group—whether it be a political, religious, social affiliation, or a race, sex, or any other grouping—can never have anything of value to say, and by extension, have no value. One doesn’t have to look further than our oftentimes dysfunctional political system to find that entrenched and convenient labeling rearing its ugly head. Most of our congressional members won’t admit someone from the “other side” of the aisle has a valid point simply because they belong to a different party.

That same animosity toward individuals from other groups is demonstrated every day under the guise of many names. And every day people find cause to reinforce their own shortsightedness by finding examples to bolster their beliefs. Their group is the only one in the “right.” This recent article about CAIR and the UAE only serves to encourage people to judge the validity of your word and opinion by what group you belong to. I hope that’s not who we are; I know it’s not who I want to be.

*John Boggs  
Concrete*

**Firefighters’ fundraiser a huge success for all**

On behalf of the Marblemount Fireman’s Association, I thank all those who supported our annual dance and fundraiser event, held March 7 at the Marblemount Community Hall.

The money raised flows back into our community by allowing us to provide our graduating high school students with scholarships to help them with higher education tuition costs.

**Crossword solution, from p. 37**

1	T	I	C	4	N	E	O	7	S	O	L	10	C	W	12
13	U	N	I	C	O	R	N	15	E	R	A	18	H	O	E
17	B	A	L	L	R	O	20	M	D	A	N	23	C	I	N
25	A	N	I	O	N	S	28	P	E	T	C	O	C	K	S
31	S	E	A	S	34	A	G	R	E	E	D	37	S	T	A
41	U	G	L	I	44	I	47	S	T	A	50	B	L	O	Y
51	I	B	E	R	I	A	N	54	S	57	R	I	O		
61	M	E	R	E	N	G	U	E	64	D	A	N	C	I	N
71	P	A	N	74	A	R	B	O	R	E	T	A			
81	S	T	E	A	84	A	C	R	E	87	E	T	A	S	
91	S	E	E	S	94	A	W	97	E	100	T	A	S		
101	A	B	A	C	104	U	S	E	107	S	A	D	I	S	M
111	M	E	X	I	C	A	N	H	114	A	T	D	A	N	C
121	P	A	L	124	E	M	S	127	M	Y	A	L	G	I	A
131	S	U	E	134	S	E	E	137	Y	E	R	140	S	I	R

**Sudoku solution, from p. 37**

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

See **Mud Room**, p. 39

This year was a huge success, thanks not only to the many who attended, but also to the following local businesses and community members that provided us with valuable items to auction and raffle off:

Janicki Logging, Blue Sky Outfitters, Howard Stafford, Casey’s Pit, Les Schwab, Que Car BBQ, Albert’s Red Apple Market, Skagit Valley Burgers, E&E Lumber, The Marblemount Diner, Darrington Hardware, Sharon Brady, Sauk Mountain Pottery, Annie’s Pizza Station, Olson’s Saw Shop, Rosemary Seifried, Concrete Theatre, Northwest Garden Bling, Cascade Supply, Pat Buller, Woods Logging Supply, Darrington NAPA Auto Parts, Gwen Augustine, The Woolley Market, Birdview Brewing Co., Steffany Raynes, Ross and Traci Packard, Lin Skavdahl, Darrington IGA, North Cascades Institute, Discount Tires, Totem Trail Motel, Washington’s National Park Fund, Perks Espresso and Deli, Concrete Liquor Store, Oliver-Hammer, Kate Schekkie-Stram, Vollan’s Automotive Repair, AAA of Mount Vernon, Skagit River Guide Service, and Burlington’s Taco Del Mar.

Thank you all for your support.

*Jim Mullen, Battalion Chief  
District 19 VFD, Marblemount*

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# Earth Week

**IN CONCRETE**

**APRIL 19-25**

*Celebrate Earth Day all week long!*

## All Week

- Self-Guided Tours: Marblemount Fish Hatchery, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day.
- Self-guided tour, wildlife viewing, educational video "A Day in the Life of the Hatchery."

## Saturday, April 18

- Cement City Trail Run, 8:30 a.m. registration at Concrete High School; race begins at CHS track.

## Tuesday, April 21

- Highway Clean-up: KSVU (mileposts 93–95), time TBA
- "Dirt! The Movie": 7 p.m. at Concrete Theatre; admission by donation; proceeds go to Angele Cupples Community Garden.

## Monday, April 20

- Highway Clean-up: Chamber of Commerce, (mileposts 87–89); meet at 10 a.m. at Concrete Center.

## Wednesday, April 22

- Earth Day Walk & Talk, sponsored by Encore Fitness. Meet at Concrete Theatre, 7 a.m., rain or shine, and walk mileposts 93–95.

## Thursday, April 23

- "The Plight of Birds" with Karen Ulvestad: 7 p.m. at Concrete Theatre; admission by donation; proceeds go to Angele Cupples Community Garden.

## Saturday, April 25

- Family Recycled Crafts (recycled Shrinky Dinks) at Upper Skagit Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Recycled Art Show and Recycled Art Supply collection: Noon to 3 p.m. at Concrete Center. Drop off entries and supplies at 10 a.m. and after. Prizes for winners; adult and youth categories.
- Seed/Plant Swap & Composting Demonstration, Angele Cupples Community Garden, Noon to 2 p.m.
- Recycling the Tough Stuff (CFLs, fluorescent tubes, TVs, computer monitors and peripherals, batteries, printer cartridges), free drop-off at Silo Park parking area, Noon to 2 p.m.
- Poetry Reading and Poetry Book Swap, Upper Skagit Library, 3:30 to 5 p.m. | (deadline for poem submissions is April 18).
- Earth Day at Utopia/Spring Planting Party, Utopia Conservation Area (- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm @ Utopia Conservation Area (5 min. east of Sedro-Woolley). Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group in partnership with Skagit Land Trust. RSVP to 360.336.0172, ext. 304, or [education@skagitfisheries.org](mailto:education@skagitfisheries.org). Info at [www.skagitfisheries.org/2015/02/spring-planting-parties](http://www.skagitfisheries.org/2015/02/spring-planting-parties).



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