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Back row, from left: museum President Leatha Sullivan, John Boggs, secretary Gail Boggs, IT Officer Bill Pfeifer, Gerald Wood, Lyle McClure, Verna McClure, Bill Sullivan. Front row, from left: John Lloyd, Robin Wood, Treasurer Cheryl Cook-Blodgett, Vice President Sandi Jones, Bowen Beals.

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From the editor

Save our Superior Building

Concrete’s identity may be a moving target for some these days, but its citizens and those who care about the town have an opportunity to save a building whose presence speaks to the town’s history and the industry that provided a living for thousands of people for almost seven decades.

The Superior Portland Cement Building on Main St. is that opportunity. After momentum to restore it was stalled by a pivotal Town Council vote, the task to at least save it was given to Imagine Concrete Foundation and the Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission.

The individuals who comprise those bodies have been searching for suitable grants and other funding sources ever since, with less-than-encouraging results. Now, an Indiegogo campaign has begun to raise the \$40,000 needed to put a roof on the

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Letters to the editor

Thanks to fundraiser attendees

The Concrete Heritage Museum Association thanks everyone who attended or assisted in our latest fundraiser: the Maggie’s Fury Concert held at Concrete Theatre on July 19.

Listening to Celtic music was a great way to spend a rainy afternoon in the Upper Skagit Valley. Especially noteworthy are all the band members: James Walters, Terry Walters, Roxanne Sailors, Tom Caldwell, Howie Meltzer, and Heather Turner, who gave us a very special rate for this benefit concert, and to Val and Fred for the use of the theater, which continues to be the center of entertainment for all of Eastern Skagit County.

Our next fundraiser will be a bake sale at the Concrete Saturday Market on Sat., Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Following that we will have a yard sale on Sat., Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the field west of Loggers Landing. We will accept donations (except for large furniture, large appliances, clothing, or books) between 7 and 9 a.m. the morning of the sale. Please continue to donate your used books to Friends of the Upper Skagit Library. You may think your contribution, like your vote, doesn’t make a difference. But it does! They all add up.

*Leatha Sullivan, president
Concrete Heritage Museum Association*

S-W Schools Foundation gratitude

The Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation Board of Directors thanks the participants who attended the seventh annual “Robyn’s Pancakes For Kids” breakfast fundraiser, held the morning of July 4 in Sedro-Woolley. We had a great turnout and show of support, raising more than \$1,400 to support students in the Sedro-Woolley School District.

We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals who donated financially and of their time to the breakfast: Sedro-Woolley Senior Center (Ellen Palmer), S-WHS Cub Strong and ASB students (Kylee Eaton-Cortez), James Market, Duck Delivery of Washington, Dennis and Cindy Omdal-Brune, Pat Odlin, Gerald Balam, B&R Distributors, Haggen, and Robyn and Ken Miller.

The Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed in 1998 to support the education of our young people. With support from community donors and supporters, we have provided substantial resources to student-related projects, material, and equipment, and given more than \$220,000 since 1999 to benefit students in the district.

*Steve Lidgard, board member
Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation*

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Correction

DeBay granddaughter Alice Juckett’s last name was misspelled in a caption on the Clear Lake page in the July issue of *Concrete Herald*. My apologies, Ms. Juckett.

Letters policy

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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

These days, it seems many public servants are wary of too much scrutiny. You see it almost every day, as politicians sidestep direct questions and their charges weasel out of responsibilities that are right there in their job descriptions.



I’m not like that. I welcome scrutiny. As far as I’m concerned, almost any interest is good interest.

Admittedly, I’m not the biggest fan of busybodies who think an appropriate use of everyone’s time is neverending public records requests. I’m thinking more along the lines of bodies in the chairs during Town Council meetings.

We enjoyed that reality during both regular council meetings in July. I loved it. Granted, not everyone stayed the entire time—they’re under no obligation to—but it sure was great, arriving to find almost every chair filled!

Some years back, a mentor said to me, “We get the urbanism we deserve.” He meant we get out of our built environment what we put in, so we are wise to stay involved and do all we can to help the town planners and developers among us to build authentic places that will last for decades instead of the life of a mortgage.

The same can be true for our government: We get what we deserve; we get the kind of government we have chosen to put in place.

I will endeavor never to forget that, and I hope every elected official in Concrete and Skagit County does the same. I also hope you, our constituents, watch us like hawks. It will keep us on our toes and remind us that we work for YOU, not our individual governments.

Remember, **Concrete Town Council** meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. Please grace us with your presence as often as you can. By doing so, you will be ensuring that you are getting the government you deserve.

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

Pioneer Picnic hits 110-year mark

By Dan Royal

The 110th Annual Skagit County Pioneer Association Picnic and Meeting is scheduled for Thur., Aug. 7, at Pioneer Park, near the Rainbow Bridge in La Conner.

There will be live music on the grounds, plenty of “old-timers,” historic pictures displayed for the Honored Families, an old car show, and historic information available. The event is open to all people interested in Skagit County history and heritage. For a cost of \$12, registered “pioneers” will receive a colorful ribbon, program, historian’s memorial pamphlet, and ticket for a complete barbecue salmon dinner, and will be served by members of the La Conner Civic Garden Club.

Lunch begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. Coffee, tea, and other beverages will be available.

The Skagit County Historical Society and Museum will have publications related to Skagit County history. The staff also can field questions on county history. The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will share the museum space.

The Business Meeting of the Association will be called to order by President Jeanne Youngquist at 12:45 p.m. and will include an invocation, flag salute, and group singing. Brief reports will be made by officers of the association, and a memorial tribute offered for departed pioneers.


This year the Lagerlund Family of Burlington will be honored as Pioneer Family of the Year, and Bertha Fohn of Mount Vernon will be honored as contributing to the Pioneer Spirit. Elections for the coming year’s officers also will be held.

The Skagit County Pioneer Association was originally formed in 1891 but with requirements so restrictive that it soon came to an end. In 1904 a concerned group from Sedro-Woolley revived the Association under less stringent requirements, and the annual meetings and picnics have been held regularly ever since.


Dan Royal is Historian of Skagit County Pioneer Association.

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Council mulls annexation into library district

What will it take to provide Concrete residents full access to Upper Skagit Library? It's looking like annexation into the library district is the most reasonable option for Town of Concrete.

Ever since the town's public library closed in April 2005, access to the Upper Skagit Library (USL) has been an issue for library patrons who live within town limits. Since the Town of Concrete is incorporated, residents were not able to vote to be a part of the rural county library district, which picks up the tab for everyone living outside town limits.

When USL officially opened, a special arrangement allowed people who lived inside the town limits of Concrete to use the library without a fee for six months. This agreement expired on June 30, 2005. Individual cards were then offered for \$30 per year.

It's that \$30 that's proved to be a sticking point ever since. When USL Director Brooke Pederson appeared before the Concrete Town Council July 14 to open the conversation again, she stated that the library was turning away one to two people per day because of the \$30 card fee for people living within town limits. "We especially noticed it during the summer, when the kids started dropping in more," she said.

Pederson laid out three options for council consideration:

- Annexation: Annexation of a town into a library district removes the obligation of a contracting town to pay for library service from its general operating fund, and it initiates a process that allows the

library district to levy taxes within the boundaries of a town at the same rate and on the same basis that the library tax is levied in surrounding unincorporated areas. The taxpayers within the town assume the responsibility for paying directly for library services as if they lived in the unincorporated area.

- Contractual arrangement: Library district and town could enter an interlocal agreement that would compensate the library district for all Concrete residents to be able to use the library.
- Continue individual fee arrangement: Each town resident would be on their own to obtain a library card according to the fee schedule.

Library board members and supporters attended both council meetings in July and answered council questions. Currently, the council is leaning toward annexation, which would affect in-town residents in two key ways:

- It would allow everyone to use the Upper Skagit Library without paying an up-front fee.
- It would institute an annual property tax levy of approximately \$100 on a property valued at \$200,000. This would affect everyone living within town limits.

After a series of steps, the issue would be decided by a vote by town residents during a special or regular election. The Town Council currently is deciding whether to put the annexation idea to a vote.

—J. K. M.

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SKAGIT COUNTY — Because of a decrease in fuel moisture levels and available fire resources, the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office modified the burn restrictions in unincorporated areas of Skagit County to allow recreational burning only, effective July 15.

Recreational fires are those used for cooking and pleasure and consist only of charcoal or firewood. They must meet the following requirements:

- Fires must be in an enclosure that is a minimum of 16 inches high, no larger than 3 feet across, and made of cement block, stones, or No. 10 gauge steel.
- Burned materials must be kept lower than the sidewalls of the enclosure.
- The following must be in the immediate vicinity of the enclosure and present at all times during burning: a charged garden hose, or two 5-gallon buckets of water, or a 5-gallon class-A fire extinguisher, and a shovel.
- Fires must be 10 feet from any standing timber, and there must be no tree branches within 10 feet above the enclosure.
- There must be at least one person 16 years of age or older who is capable of putting the fire out in attendance at all times.

As of July 15, debris-burning fires are not allowed until further notice. If you live within the city limits of any of the incorporated cities or towns, contact your city fire department for current burning restrictions.

The permanent open burning ban remains in effect in the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and their urban growth areas. For more information on the burn ban in these cities, contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at 360.428.1617 or go to www.nwcleanair.org.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, call 360.856.3500 for burn permit information.

For more information or questions regarding open burning in Skagit County, contact the Skagit County Deputy Fire Marshal Kevin Noyes at 360.419.7789. For a complete list of all recreational burning conditions, go to www.skagitcounty.net.

Election 2014

It's election season again, with the Primary Election on Aug. 5. Key races that affect readers in the *Concrete Herald* coverage area include Congressional District 1 and Skagit County Commissioner No. 3.

Here's a look at who's up for consideration on Aug. 5 in these and other races. The top two vote-getters in the Primary Election will advance to the General Election in November.

Congressional District 1, U.S. Rep.
Suzan DelBene, D-Bothell
Mike The Mover, NU-Mill Creek
Edwin F. Moats, GOP-Arlington
Richard J. Todd, NP-Snoqualmie
Pedro Celis, R-Redmond
Robert J. Sutherland, R-Granite Falls
John Orlinski, R-Bellevue

Legislative District 39, State Rep. Pos. 1
Dan Kristiansen, R-Snohomish

Legislative District 39, State Rep. Pos. 2
Charles Jensen, D-Stanwood
Elizabeth Scott, R-Monroe

Skagit County Assessor
Dave Thomas, R-Anacortes
Tom L. Pasma, D-Bow

Skagit County Auditor
Jeanne Youngquist, D-Mount Vernon
Ceryl D. Mitchell, R-Bow

Skagit County Clerk
Mavis Betz, D-Mount Vernon

Skagit County Commissioner No. 3
Lisa Janicki, D-Sedro-Woolley
Kevin Loy, R-Burlington
Patrick M. Hayden, R-Sedro-Woolley

Skagit County Coroner
Babetta Spinelli, D-Mount Vernon

Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney
Richard A. Weyrich, D-Mount Vernon

Skagit County Sheriff
Will Reichardt, D-Burlington

Skagit County Treasurer
Katie Jungquist, R-Mount Vernon
Bradley Whaley, D-Burlington

Skagit PUD District Commissioner 1
Jason Easton, Anacortes
Al Littlefield, Anacortes
Greg Nelson, La Conner

A complete list of candidates who have filed for public office, along with election results, are posted online at <http://vote.wa.gov/results/current/skagit>.

Opening in August: Concrete Chiropractic

Look for a new chiropractic office to open in Concrete this month.

Stop in Concrete Chiropractic and get an adjustment for only \$25. No need to mess around with insurance forms.

You'll find the new business at 7460 S. Dillard Ave., Ste. D, in Concrete (the old Sauk View Gallery space).

A 16-year veteran chiropractor, John Foti is back in Washington after years in Michigan. His wife used to live in Rockport; he lived in Edmonds. "We knew one day we'd move back here," said John.

—J. K. M.

At a glance:

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Chiropractor John Foti will open his chiropractic business in Concrete as soon as possible in August. Look for Concrete Chiropractic at 7460 S. Dillard Ave., Ste. D (the old Sauk View Gallery space).

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Cascade Days returns Aug. 16–17

This year, Concrete’s biggest bash includes an event that guarantees fun—and mud. Lots of mud.

A “Mud & Stuff” fun run is planned for ages 10 and older on Sun., Aug. 17. Sign-in starts at 9 a.m. in Silo Park, where the run will begin at 10 a.m.

Look for a series of obstacles along the way, with several of them guaranteed to get you muddy. Organizers promise more fun than danger, although the course will certainly test one’s physical fitness.

Applications and more information are available at www.cascadedays.com or call 360.853.7867.

Grand Marshals

Good works are one of the best hall-marks for choosing to honor certain individuals. This year’s honorees as Grand Marshals during the 2014 Cascade Days Parade go to Marty and Adrienne Smith of Concrete.

The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this September and are primarily known for running the Concrete Food Bank for the last 20 years. The Concrete Food Bank Association is a nonprofit charitable organization providing money, goods, or services to the poor in need, especially food items. A substantial part of its support comes from the general public and the government.

Both Marty and Adrienne have been lifelong residents of Skagit County, the majority of which has been in the Upper Skagit. Adrienne was born in the family home in Concrete and graduated from Concrete High School with the class of 1962. Marty retired from mill work about 25 years ago and creates wood items that he sells at the Concrete Saturday Market.

Adrienne has been a professional photographer for 30 years, and shares market space with Marty. The couple are very humble about being asked to be this year’s Grand Marshals.

—Dan Royal



Marty and Adrienne Smith of Concrete are this year’s Grand Marshals for the Cascade Days Parade. Photo by Dan Royal.

Cascade Days SCHEDULE

Sat., Aug. 16	
9-11 a.m.	Parade line-up
11 a.m.	Parade
12:30-4:30 p.m.	Car Show, Town Center (awards at 4 p.m.)
12:30 p.m.	Chainsaw carving, Railroad Ave.
12:30 p.m.	Firemen’s Muster
1-3 p.m.	Veterans Memorial Park Kids’ games
1-4 p.m.	Veterans Memorial Park Fish Tank, Pony Rides
2:30 p.m.	Veterans Memorial Park Log Show
4:30 p.m.	Veterans Memorial Park Duck Race
6:30 p.m.	Main St. at bank Cascade Ramblers American Legion
Sun., Aug. 17	
9 a.m.	Mud & Stuff Fun Run sign in
10 a.m.	Mud & Stuff Fun Run start
10 a.m.	Silo Park
10 a.m.	Chainsaw carving, Railroad Ave.
11 a.m.	Pet Show, Veterans Memorial Pk
12:30 p.m.	Scavenger Hunts
12:30 p.m.	Jam Contest, Veterans Mem. Pk
1:30 p.m.	Pie-eating Contest, “
2:30 p.m.	Watermelon-eating Contest, “
Go to www.cascadedays.com for complete schedule.	

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THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

North Cascade Veterinary Hospital will make two visits to Concrete in August to provide **low-cost vaccines** for pets.

The Mobile Vaccine Clinic in Concrete will be held at the old police headquarters at the east end of Main St. in Concrete on Aug. 6 and 20, from 1 to 5 p.m.

- Cat vaccines: Rabies, \$16.75; other vaccines range from \$17.75 to \$25.00
- Dog vaccines: Rabies, \$16.75; other vaccines range from \$17.50 to \$22.00

First come, first serve. No appointment necessary. Bring a leash for all dogs. All cats should be either in a pet carrier or on a leash.

Sick pets cannot be vaccinated. The doctor will do a no-charge exam to make sure your pet is healthy enough to be vaccinated.

Community Movie Nights will be hosted by Town of Concrete on Aug. 8 and 22, and Sept. 5, at Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete. Movies will be shown at dusk. For movie titles, go to www.townofconcrete.com or call 360.853.8401.

Concrete High School classes of 1950s will hold their annual potluck picnic on Sat., Aug. 16, at 1:30 p.m. at Skagit View Village near Concrete. For more information, call 360.853.8233 or 360.856.1378.

United Way of Skagit County invites Concrete residents to attend a **Community Conversation** on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., at Concrete Center. The hour-long conversation will allow participants to express hopes for the community, challenges to attaining community-wide goals, which organizations or agencies to trust to address important issues, and other topics.

An RSVP is required. Contact Bret at 360.755.9521, ext. 10, or bret@unitedwayskagit.org for more information and to RSVP.

Remember *Concrete Martians*, the graphic novel that tells the story of Concrete residents’ reaction to Orson Welles’ “War of the Worlds” radio broadcast? Well, the little green men who brought us part one (which sold out) are about to launch a second fundraiser for part two. Their second Indiegogo campaign will begin Aug. 19. For more information, go to www.concretemartians.net—if you dare.

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Business Spotlight Cascadian Farm

Those of us who live in the Upper Skagit Valley know where to go for fresh, organic produce and berries during the growing season. You’ll find us at Cascadian Farm just east of Rockport every year, rubbing shoulders with the tourists who stop for ice cream and blueberries.

Cascadian Farm knows what it takes to grow quality organic food. Just ask General Manager Jim Meyer, who’s been on the job for the past 21 years. His wife, Harlyn, retired four years ago.

“Organic farming is really about

At a glance: Cascadian Farm

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Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings July 14 and 28. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town’s Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

July 14 regular meeting

- Upper Skagit Library Director Brooke Pederson addressed the council regarding library cards and access to the library for in-town residents. (See article, p. 4.)
- **Public Safety:** Sgt. Chris Kading introduced Deputy Brad Walton, who is currently being trained by Deputy Steve Dills. He stated that Walton has spent time working at the jail and is now in training to become a patrol deputy.

Sergeant Kading reported on some domestic disturbances and noise complaints that are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis. He stated they are looking into assistance for a woman on Superior who continues to call the fire department with false alarms. He also reported that summer

building soil and growing beneficials,” said Jim. “We’re working on ensuring that we have plenty of native pollinators—the flower gardens and field margins are effective, supportive habitat for beneficial insects that keep the bad bugs at bay and pollinate our crops.”

If you know where to look, you’ll see a large pile of composting material far back from SR 20. It’s there to build the soil.

“A lot of people think of organic in terms of what isn’t there—synthetic fertilizers and pesticides—but we look at the things that are there, to ensure the soil is being managed in a way that it’s getting better, that we’re increasing organic matter and enhancing the soil food web, so that the land is better when we’re done than when we first got here,” said Jim. “Organic is about having a positive soil-building program, building an environment that supports great crops. Harmony with nature.”

Their efforts pay off in the form of unbelievably tasty blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, sweet corn, pumpkins, and more. (See ad on p. 23.)

Near their roadside stand you’ll find a large flower patch, including purple coneflower, yarrow, and black-eyed

traffic has increased, but they have not had any real issues. He also reported on a few alcohol-related incidents.

Sergeant Kading also reported on the Youth Activity Day and that he believed it went really well for them. He stated they had the rescue boat and the SWAT vehicles onsite and they were big hits with the kids and they are looking forward to doing this again next year.

- A motion to pass a Scope and Budget for the Secondary Access project was denied, with Councilmembers Dave Pfeiffer and Jack Mears opposed, Councilmember Ginger Kyrtis for, and Councilmember Marla Reed abstained.

Mayor Miller expressed his displeasure with this decision. He

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Keep track of your council

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Susans—30 to 40 different flowers! That’s bee habitat, says Jim.

“Some bees are soil-dwelling; they’re happy there. As the honeybee collapse is affecting those populations, we’re looking more and more at ways to enhance the native pollinators,” said Jim.

Even the edges of the fields are managed. “I weed out noxious weeds, but let the natives have it, even blackberry, to fill the niche between forest and field,” said Jim.

I think it’s time to visit them again.

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Sports

By Andrew Griffin

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvements, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

—Benjamin Franklin

How true is that statement? I believe that kids today need to have a positive, genuine, creative outlet to help them grow and become better people.

An Olympic event, archery is called “the confidence sport” because if you aren’t sure you’ll hit your target, you won’t. Archery not only teaches confidence, it teaches a positive attitude and encourages a healthful lifestyle. It is not limited to gender or ability level. Through archery you can learn to strengthen math skills, physics, and geometry. You can discover how to live in tune with the world of

which you’re a part. Most of all it teaches self-confidence.

Bow hunting is another aspect that has been used throughout history for providing food and protecting families. I remember hearing stories of Fred Bear, Howard Hill, Chuck Adams, and other great archers when I was young. No matter how great their stories are, the one that you tell—your archery experience—will always be just as good if not better than those who have written history before you.

I believe families would be stronger if they would shoot together and learn together.

I was at an archery shoot in Mount Vernon in March, at the Silver Arrow Bowmen Club. The positive energy from shooters young and old, at all skill levels,

was overwhelming.

Every time I fire my bow, it makes me proud to be an archer. To me, that is positive continual growth.

Take my advice: If you want to challenge yourself and make a healthful change, go down to your local archery shop and sign up for lessons, enroll your children and your spouse. You might be surprised at how good you can really be with just a little more confidence.

Sports
schedules:

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Archery enthusiast Andrew Griffith of Concrete believes the sport promotes confidence, a positive attitude, and a healthful lifestyle. “I believe families would be stronger if they would shoot together and learn together,” he says. Submitted photo.



The Concrete football team spent several days in July at their annual getaway and training camp, Camp Rilea Military Reservation near Astoria, Ore.

Twenty-three team members participated in live scrimmages, linemen skills challenges, and a passing league from dawn to dusk at the camp. Photo by Andrea Fichter.

Bottom left: The Concrete and Darrington fastpitch teams again laid aside their rivalry for the summer and joined forces as the Doncrete Ligers to play in Summer League Fastpitch games. Back row, from left, Asst. Coach Sheena Daniels, Lindsey Fabri, Tessa Coffell, Iris Nevin, Erica Knuth, Reyna Emerson, Kassi Jones, Coach Dan Pringle. Front row, from left, Cassie Bridge, Rebeckah McClure, Faith Daniels, Kaylee Shope. Not pictured: Megan Gray.

“This is a dedicated, enthusiastic, determined, fun group of girls who traveled frequently, practiced five days a week, and put 100 percent effort into all of their games,” said Asst. Coach Sheena Daniels. “We have a wide range of skill levels on this team from beginner to skilled.”

The Ligers ended the short season with a 0–7–1 record. Submitted photo.

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HIDDEN HISTORY

Tucked behind Main Street in Concrete Town Center, Concrete Heritage Museum protects the past while facing its future.

Half a block off the east end of Main St. in Concrete lies a concentration of the town’s history. With less than 2,000 square feet in its main building, Concrete Heritage Museum fills every nook and cranny with memories dating back to the early 1900s.

Conceived by local Herb Larsen in the early 1980s, the museum officially became known by its current name and secured its 501(c)(3) status in 1996, when it moved into its present digs at 7380 Thompson Ave. Larsen had previously called his collection “Camp Seven Museum.” Former museum board president Robin Wood and her husband, Gerald, and others, started building out the interior, depicting the Concrete logging

and concrete history.

Today, the museum is split into sections, each dealing with a facet of the town’s past. You’ll find vignettes of the logging industry; the cement juggernaut, with tentacles that reached all the way to Grand Coulee Dam, the Ballard locks, and Pearl Harbor; and Puget Sound Energy’s predecessor, Puget Sound Power & Light Company and its Lower Baker Dam, the highest hydropower dam in the world when it was completed in 1925.

But you’ll also discover intimate portrayals of life during more difficult times.

“There’s so much to see and learn about the hardships people had to endure,” said museum President Leatha Sullivan. “Nowadays, people don’t know what hardship is. It helps us to remember how easy we have it now.”

A bunkhouse scene provides a glimpse into life as a logger or trapper, using hand tools to eke out a living in the Upper Skagit Valley. A kitchen area depicts what stoves and utensils were used by mobile kitchen crews that traveled with loggers from camp to camp. A formal living room vignette shows life in the early 1900s, complete with antique furniture, a hand-operated phonograph, and a telephone on the wall—no, it’s not cordless.

In separate rooms, the museum maintains archives for *Concrete Herald* and Concrete High School yearbooks, also dating to the early 1900s.

Outside on the grounds you’ll find logging and farming equipment that was used locally, including logging carts, pulleys, and other apparatus for moving logs and other heavy items.

Time marches on

The museum building began its life as an automotive garage; it’s been around for awhile. One look at its roof will prove that. Rickety and leaky, the roof is deteriorating and needs to be replaced this summer before winter rains cause serious damage to the museum’s artifact collection and archives.

Last month the museum board kicked



The history of logging in Concrete and the Upper Valley is displayed via photos, documents, and equipment.



A blacksmith shop is recreated with tools and images from decades ago.

off a fundraising campaign to pull in the second half of a \$20,000 price tag for a new roof. They’ve made some progress, including a \$3,000 pledge of support from the Port of Skagit.

The port commission approved the grant at the request of Third District Commissioner Bill Shuler, who represents eastern Skagit County on the commission.

“Concrete is trying to develop tourism to boost its economy, and the museum is one attraction the town can’t afford to lose,” Shuler said.

The museum plans two more

fundraising events in August (see sidebar), and also is trying to pay for the roof by selling its Sockeye Express, a popular shuttle vehicle that made appearances during major events in Concrete until insurance costs made it infeasible for Town of Concrete or the museum to maintain and use.

Membership dues and grants play a role in the financial health of the museum, as do annual events such as an appearance at the Bow Hill Rest Stop—selling donated baked goods, coffee, and juice—a Mardi Gras Bake Sale, a Saturday Market Bake



A view into a bunkhouse shows how loggers and trappers would have lived in the Upper Skagit Valley during the early 1900s.



PSE’s predecessor, Puget Sound Power & Light, has a spot in the museum too, stocked with images of the dams on the Baker River, plus office equipment from decades ago.

Sale, and general donations. Admission to the museum is a gently suggested donation of \$2.

Memberships needed

Convincing locals to join the museum as dues-paying members has been a challenge in the past and continues to be, said museum member Bill Sullivan.

“The current board is actively seeking new members, because we want to preserve that heritage. If we don’t grow, we’ll die. If the museum goes away, so will this history, and it will be unlikely

it’ll ever come back.

“Our newest member is Bowen Beals, 15 years old. He’s there on Saturdays, doing research work,” said Sullivan.

“We’re really excited about Bowen joining the museum, because we’re hoping he can get other young people excited and interested in the museum,” added Leatha Sullivan.

Bill Sullivan pointed out one additional perk of membership. “When you join the museum, you become a voting member. You have a voice. Everything is open and democratic.”

GET INVOLVED

Visit the museum.

Open Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through September. Also open by request; call 360.853.7439. Suggested admission is \$2. Located at 7380 Thompson Ave., Concrete (just south of Main St. at the east end).

Become a museum member.

An individual membership is \$25 annually. A family or business membership is \$50 annually.

Attend a meeting.

Monthly meetings are held year-round on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum.

Learn more.

Go to www.concreteheritagemuseum.org or send an e-mail to concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com.

Steady presence

Meanwhile, current members and board members continue to soldier on. Two years ago they secured a grant to create a walking tour of Concrete, complete with a 16-page brochure, large signs throughout town, and a choice of three routes to follow.

The museum also publishes on a small scale. Its most recent offering is *The Story of Kate: 1867-1944*, written by Jean Claybo, which was preceded by a centennial reprint of Charles M. Dwelley’s *So They Called the Town “Concrete.”*

Concrete’s hidden history is an authentic draw, said Leatha Sullivan. “We had the Boy Scouts in; I was pleased to see how fascinated they were with the displays and the history. They were genuinely interested.”

Textbooks may be boring, but history isn’t. “We’re trying to reconnect with the school district,” said Sullivan. “They did field trips in the past; we’re trying to get that started up again.”

“The museum is available for others to come and enjoy and learn. It needs to be there because it shows how we began,” said Sullivan. “I love history. I wish I had the knack for setting a fire under others to discover that love.”

—J. K. M.

RAISE THE ROOF

Concrete Heritage Museum is raising money to replace its roof. August fundraising events include:

Aug. 23

Bake Sale at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aug. 30

Yard Sale at swap meet area west of Logger’s Landing, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Setup will begin at 6 a.m. and donations will be accepted from 7 to 9 a.m. The museum is unable to accept large furniture and appliances, clothes, or books. All other donations are welcome.

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Academics



Adventurous students in Concrete

About 60 students from Concrete K-8 School converged on the Silo Park complex in Concrete July 8 for a day of fun and learning as part of the Concrete Summer Learning Adventure program.

Above: Students gather around Brie Phillips with United General District 304 to discuss edible plants at the Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete.

Above right: Isabelle Rogers shows off her work of art: a rock she painted for the Children’s Garden within the community garden.

Below: Michael Bartel (left) and learning partner Adrien wait for instructions on how to use a compass from Tyler Chisholm, a volunteer with the National Park Service.



Back-to-School Blessing Aug. 10

Concrete students will once again benefit from the community’s generosity through the Back-to-School Blessing backpack distribution, sponsored by a coalition of local churches and Community Action.

The Concrete B2SB committee plans to distribute backpacks and school supplies to local students on Sun., Aug. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CCD Center in Concrete.

Funds or school supplies may still be donated to help the effort. Donations may be made at Albert’s Red Apple, Annie’s Pizza, the Resource Center office, and at any of the following churches: Concrete Assembly of God, Saint Catherine’s Catholic, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Community Bible, and Mount Baker Presbyterian.

Volunteers to fill the backpacks are also welcome to come help on Sat., Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. at the CCD Center.

—Naomi Rumpf

YD update

I really have to force myself to take time off. Okay, Marta is usually the one telling me to. Even though we don’t hold our weekly Youth Dynamics meetings in the summer, there is still a lot to do. As I write this, we are right in the middle of our last summer adventure. Ten students and two of our YD staff are horseback riding in Eastern Washington July 28–30. They are horse camping for two nights out of Stonewater Ranch, and I look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

This is a new experience for Concrete YD and I am appreciative to all of our supporters for giving us the opportunity to go on a retreat like this. We honestly could not do what we do with our youth in the Upper Valley community if it were not for the prayers and support of our donors. Because we have an all-volunteer staff, we can operate on a fairly small budget every year.

Our biggest fundraiser is the YD Golf Marathon on Aug. 25. Last year we raised \$7,500 and we are hoping to top that this year. Without this fundraiser we would not be able to operate our youth programs in the upper Skagit Valley. Mike Crosson and I will golf 100 holes (or more) in a day. We tee off at sunrise and collapse at sunset. You can either make a flat donation or sponsor us per hole. Remember, the per hole sponsors motivate us to push ourselves even harder. What could be more fun than making sure Kevik and Mike are good, sore, and walking funny for days? So punish us, we dare you. This is a fun day —exhausting, but very rewarding.

When you sponsor us, remember that every penny comes back to Concrete Youth Dynamics. If you would like to come alongside us and support Concrete YD, go to www.anython.com/event/yd-golf-marathon-2014?participant=1262.

Thank you so much! We are looking forward to another awesome year with Concrete’s teens!

—Kevik and Marta Rensink,
area directors
Concrete Youth Dynamics

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CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following 7th and 8th grade students at Cascade Middle School received honors for high marks for the second semester of the 2013–14 school year. An asterisk denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Savannah M. Acton*, Oscar D. Aguilar-Cerna, Stephany Ayala-Cerna*, Maya R. Becerra, Paris Y. Becker-Tidrigton, Janessa L. Belisle, Megan J. Benham*, Nicole L. Bohme, Nana Lilja M. Braaten, Helena T. Brase, Hailey N. Brooks, Tyler D. Bryson, Cody R. Buchanan, Edgar Bueno*, Samantha R. Busadre, Gloria Cantu, Kristen Carlson, Adam P. Cassidy*, Cassidy R. Chambers, Nicole E. Christensen, Aspen M. Cole, Riley J. Conn, Anthony G. Corona, Autumn R. Davis, Hollie J. Davis, Katie R. Davis, Eli J. Dejong*, Olivia A. Doorn, Megan L. Dressor, Rachelle A. Eakin, Jacob C. Eason, Jazzelle B. Elias*, Richard S. Ershig, Sophia A. Fox, Beau T. Freiberg, Raul Gonzalez, Tyler D. Goss, Joie E. Hackney, Abigail R. Hannan, Erin L. Heath, Luke D. Hedberg, Tayler A. Henderson, Errann T. Henry, Laelah L. Himes, Brandon A. Holdeman, Jacob D. Hollands*, Erin K. Hudson*, Tanner J. Huisman, Alex S. Jack*, Hunter L. Jackson, Rachel I. Jackson*, Emily F. Jennings*, Zoe A. Jennison*, Lindsey A. Joyce, Alyssa M. Kazmir, Shelby A. King, Zak Lally, Kyah J. Lamb, Julia B. Layland, Sydney C. Light, Jasmine L. Lloyd, Reed A. Lloyd, Isabella Loy, Kindred J. Marden, Tanna Marshall, Crystal M. Martin, Kathryn A. Matthews, Nathan P. Maylor, Kelsie B. Mccloud*, Averi N. Mckay*, Thomas M. McKenna, Atalissa R. McLemore, Ethan T. Mendiola, Emma M. Mesman*, Nahaleana M. Metcalf, Maren A. Mihelich*, Patrick J. Mikovsky, Lillian M. Millison*, Chandler E. Mitcham, Jillian T. Nelson*, Haley R. Nersten*, Alaina A. O’reagan*, Britney L. Oaks, Kavin N. Palmer, Ashlyn N. Peden, Ben Y. Peden, Rochelle L. Peterson, Hanna S. Pleasant, Ephanie E. Prochaska-Wegley, Lexi Rodriguez*, Lucas A. Rodriguez, Llyra V. Roe, Dillon J. Russell, Levi P. Ryan, Shianna L. Samuelsen, Charlotte K. Saric, Payton L. Simpson, Hayden M. Skiles*, David L. Smith, Taylor P. Smith, Shaely Spilker, Alexya L. Sprague-Johnson, Elizabeth J. Staggs, Dayna R. Sumrall, Eleanor R. Taylor*, William E. Taylor*, Jake A. Thompson, Kylie Thornton, Adriana N. Timblin*, Atziry R. Torres, Carter J. Trammell, Dimar G. Ugalde, Hannah L. VanOvermeiren, Conner L. Washington,

Emmalee L. Weide, Bryson J. Wood, Brendan A. Woods, Nicole M. Wright, Sophia R. Wright.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

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Celebrations

Dan and Maureen Royal celebrate 25 years of marriage on Aug. 26, living in the upper Skagit Valley for 25 years.

The couple celebrated early, staying the week of July 15 with their four sons and families at the ocean, in the community of Seabrook, Wash.

Photo above, left to right: Drew Jackson, Emily Webster, Jon Royal holding Sophia Royal, Katelyn Royal, Linda Royal holding Lily Royal, David Royal holding

Marta Royal, Maureen Royal, Dan Royal, Claire Royal, Adam Jackson, Tyler Jackson, Emily Jackson, Megan Jackson, and Kelli Jackson.

Three of the couple’s four sons graduated from Concrete High School. The grandchildren’s ages range from 2 years to almost 16 years.

Photo courtesy of Susan Fry and Olivia Melvin, Heavenly Vision.

110th Annual Skagit County Pioneer Assn Picnic and Meeting
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Community Calendar



AUGUST

- 2 Bake Sale for Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team, Concrete Saturday Market, Concrete Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 3 Marblemount Community Hall Salmon Barbecue fundraiser at the hall, see notice, p. 26; info at 360.873.4074
- 5 Primary Election; polls close at 8 p.m.; see article, p. 5
- 7 110th Annual Skagit County Pioneer Assn Picnic and Meeting, Pioneer Park, La Conner; lunch begins at 11:15 a.m.; see article, p. 3
- 8 Community Movie Night, Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete, dusk; free; see notice, p. 6
- 9 Open Day at Concrete Saturday Market; info at 360.856.1385
- 9 Lyman Hamilton School Reunion Picnic, Lyman City Park, noon; info at 360.659.9848 or 360.826.3160
- 10 Marblemount Community Farmers' Market "Youth Day," Marblemount Community Hall, noon to 4 p.m.
- 10 Back-to-School Blessing backpack distribution, CCD Center, Concrete, 1 to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 12
- 12 Marblemount Community Hall monthly board meeting at the hall, 6 p.m., open to the public
- 16 Boots Bar & Grill Car Show, Hamilton; breakfast and check-in at 8 a.m.; see notice, p. 22
- 16 4th Annual Big August Hoobajoob, Mansford Grange Hall, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 25
- 16 Parish Festival at St. Joseph Center, Mount Vernon, noon to 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 30; info at 360.424.8466
- 16 Columbarium Dedication, Darrington Cemetery, 1 p.m.; see p. 25
- 16 Concrete High School classes of 1950s annual potluck picnic, Skagit View Village (near Concrete), 1:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 6; info at 360.853.8233 or 360.856.1378
- 16–17 Cascade Days, Concrete; see article, p. 6; info at www.cascadedays.com
- 18 "From Lake Baikal to Big 4," a presentation about the largest freshwater lake in the world and the Big 4 Ice Caves trail by U.S. Forest Service interpretive intern Masha Sukneva, Darrington Library, 1005 Cascade St., Darrington, 6:30 p.m.; free admission; info at 360.436.1600
- 22 Community Movie Night, Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete, dusk; free; see notice, p. 6
- 23 Concrete Heritage Museum Bake Sale at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 23 Clear Lake Street Fair, Clear Lake
- 23 Praise in the Pasture, Lyman Baptist Church, Lyman
- 23 Old-Fashioned Community Barbecue, Car Show, and Blue-Ribbon Pie Contest, Country Meadow Village, 1501 Collins Rd., Sedro-Woolley, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; music by Jenny & the Tomcats; \$12 adults, \$6 kids under 10; proceeds go to Oso slide relief; RSVP to 360.856.0404
- 30 Closing day at Concrete Saturday Market: music by Simme Bobrosky, Concrete Saturday Market benefit bake sale and Community Food Drive for Concrete Food Bank

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Six-week Tai Chi class begins at United General District 304 Fitness Center; info at 360.854.0247
- 8 Twelve-week Fall Yoga class begins; registration at 360.854.0247 or teresa.leisenring@unitedgeneral.org
- 25 United Way of Skagit County Community Conversation, Concrete Center, Concrete, 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 6; RSVP to 360.755.9521, ext. 10, or bret@unitedwayskagit.org

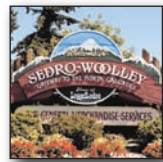
*Community Calendar is updated daily at www.concrete-herald.com/calendar

Community meetings

- Coffee Talk**, a casual conversation about Concrete's transformation, meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m. at Perks Espresso & Deli in Grasmere Village. 360.853.8213.
- Community Chat**, an informal conversation about projects in Darrington, meets the second Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at Mountain Loop Books and Coffee, 1085 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167
- Concrete American Legion Post and Auxiliary** meet the second Tue. of each month, Sept. through May, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building. 360.853.8940.
- Concrete Chamber of Commerce** meets the second Thur. of each month at 8 a.m. Meetings usually are held at Concrete Center in Concrete. 360.466.8754 or concretechamber@mac.com.
- Concrete Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com
- Concrete Lions Club** meets the first and third Wed. of each month, at Annie's Pizza Station, Concrete. Social at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30.
- Concrete Resource Coalition** meets the third Thur. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Concrete School District offices (usually in the north room at the eastern end of the building).
- Concrete School Board** will hold a work session on Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. The board will hold its regular meeting Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. 360.853.8141.
- Concrete Town Council** meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.853.8401 or 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 darrocityhall@glacierview.net.
- Forest Park Cemetery District No. 5** meets the second Wed. of each month at the cemetery office on Compton Lane in Concrete, at 8 a.m. 360.708.3656.
- Hamilton Town Council** meets the second Tue. of each month at Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3027.
- Imagine Concrete** meets the third Tue. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.
- KSVU** station info and host training, second Wed. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete K-8 School, 1 to 4 p.m. Call 360.416.7001 to confirm appointment.
- Lyman Town Council** meets the second Tue. of each month at Lyman Town Hall (Minkler Mansion), 8405 S. Main St., Lyman, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3033 or clerk_lyman@msn.com.
- PFLAG** (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Skagit County Chapter, has suspended its summer meetings in Sedro-Woolley. 360.856.4676, www.pflagaskagit.org.
- Saukrates Cafe** meets the last Wed. of each month at Annie's Pizza Station in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Conversation topics are posted at Upper Skagit Library and <http://saukratescafe.wordpress.com>.
- Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. 360.424.7243
- Sedro-Woolley Town Council** meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Metcalf St. 360.855.1661.
- Sedro-Woolley School District Board** will meet Aug. 25 for a work session at 5:30 p.m. and its regular meeting at 7 p.m., at the support services building. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.
- Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board** meets the third Thurs. of each month at 5 p.m. Public is welcome. Its Aug. 21 meeting will be held at the library in Concrete. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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Sedro-Woolley



Kyle Sloan of Ellensburg dismounts and races to his target during the calf-roping event at the Sedro-Woolley Riding Club Rodeo July 3.

Boots Bar & Grill Car Show

Sat., Aug. 16

Check-in and breakfast at 8 a.m.

Boots Bar & Grill, Hamilton

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Artist, chef, and motorcycle enthusiast Jeff Harris shows off his Best of Show trophy during the 5th Annual Yellow Ribbon Motorcycle Poker Run July 26. This year's run drew more than 115 participants—more than twice last year's number. The event is a fundraiser for Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support; proceeds will help to pay for the organization's holiday drive to ship care packages to troops overseas. It is held on the fourth Saturday each July. *Submitted photo.*

Lions Club announces Loggerodeo Parade winners

Log Trucks

1st place: Deming Logging Show
2nd place: Harkness Log Truck
3rd place: Janicki Logging

Floats

1st place: Sedro-Woolley Museum
2nd place: Skagit Muzzleloaders
3rd place: Skagit County Dairy Ambassadors

Marching Bands

1st place: Skagit Valley High School Band

Drill / Marching Unit

Nile Shriners

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Sedro-Woolley Riding Club

Pooper Scooper

Skagit Rein Riders

Antique Car/Vehicle

Antique truck, Jack Hilde

Antique Tractor/Equipment

Cascade Two Cylinder Club

Youth Group

Skagit Valley Dimensions Gymnastics

Church /Community

First Baptist Church "Arrow Island"

Nelson named executive director at Life Care Center of Skagit Valley

Melissa Nelson was recently named executive director at Life Care Center of Skagit Valley, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in Sedro-Woolley.

Nelson began her career in long-term care as an activity director at an assisted living facility in Yakima. She has a bachelor's degree in recreation management from Central Washington University in Ellensburg and is a licensed nursing home administrator.

A board member of the Alzheimer's Society in Bellingham, Nelson served for the last four years as administrator at Bellingham Health Care and Rehabilitation.

"I enjoy seeing the positive impact we make on people every day," said Nelson.

Life Care Center of Skagit Valley is located at 1462 W. SR 20, Sedro-Woolley.



Nelson

Holy Clothes will not distribute clothes in August in Sedro-Woolley, but will return on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The River Gathering church at 720 Puget Ave. Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley. Clothing donations and volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Stacey Rohweder at 360.661.7538.

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President Jason Miller

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Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association President Robin Taylor shows off a tray of tasty cookies during the association's annual picnic on July 12. The picnic drew an estimated 500 hungry alumni to Sedro-Woolley. *Photo by Judy Johnson.*

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Lyman



Charity to hold school supply drive

Heart to Heart Charity is holding a School Supply Drive through Aug. 17. The charity is looking for donations of backpacks; school supplies of all kinds and for all grades; hand sanitizer; large boxes of tissue; boxes of snacks such as goldfish, graham crackers, etc.; pencil bags; scissors; and more. Classrooms require much more than basic supplies, and the added expense to already limited budgets can be a real hardship. Donated items can be dropped off at the Heart to Heart office at 720 Puget Ave. Suite B, in Sedro-Woolley in the donation bin behind the partition in the hall. The office building is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cash donations also are needed to purchase supplies. Monetary donations can be sent to: Heart to Heart Charity,

P.O. Box 1372, Lyman, WA 98263. For PayPal donations via e-mail, use: hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. The charity’s Adopt A Student program is returning for a second year. Heart to Heart needs volunteers to “adopt” children from families that need assistance with buying school supplies. Sponsors can select children from a list of available students. The list gives nonidentifying information such as age, grade, and favorite things. Sponsors agree to purchase all school supplies for that student (a list will be provided once the student is selected; each classroom has different requirements). A list of available Adopt A Student children is available on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/hearttoheartcharity. For more information, contact Tammie Werner at 360.826.3818 or hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

—Tammie Werner

Lyman Library tales

First, I want to do a big shout out to the brave men and women working to control the fires in our state. They have a dangerous job to do, and I hope they all come home safe and sound. At the library this month, a box full of magazines devoted to woodworking and carpentry was donated to us. Because of the lack of space, we cannot keep them. If there is anyone out there who would

like to have them, please come by and take them home. They are in excellent condition; some are still in the plastic wrappers. They cover a wide range of woodworking projects. With the great weather we’re enjoying, I will remind you of the nice assortment of gardening books we have—lots of great ideas and how to bring them to life. Till next month, take care and enjoy the summer.

—Elaine Kohler

Lyman Hamilton School Reunion Picnic

Sat., Aug. 9, at noon

Lyman City Park

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Community Day Activities at Skagit Regional Airport

Young people will have a chance to explore the world of aviation and earn a free airplane ride when the Port of Skagit hosts Community Day at Skagit Regional Airport on Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Heritage Flight Museum and the Skagit Airport Support Association, the event will combine education, career counseling, and fun activities while showcasing the airport as a valuable community asset. Events will take place at the museum, located at 15053 Crosswind Dr., Burlington. The program includes these activities:

- Fly-bys featuring aircraft from the museum and Corporate Air Center will begin at 11:15 a.m. and continue throughout the day.
- A variety of interesting aircraft will be on static display, with volunteers standing by to talk about them and answer questions.

- Airplanes 101: Students from the Mount Vernon High School aviation program will be on hand to explain the science of flight.
- Flying Gizmo Show: Operated by Seattle’s Museum of Flight, this assembly-style program is designed to help younger participants discover the science and history of flight through the use of flying toys and models. The museum’s Wind Table also will be on hand.
- Youth ages 8 through 17 will be eligible to schedule a free airplane ride, provided by members of Bay View Chapter 818 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, through the EAA’s “Young Eagles” program. A parent’s signature is required on a release form.
- Skagit Swings jazz band will perform.
- Food and drink vendors round out the offerings.

Community Day is one of several events taking place this year to highlight the Port of Skagit’s 50th anniversary. Skagit County citizens voted to form the port in 1964.



Day Creek



Community notes

Local man wins horseshoe titles

Nick Nicholson of Day Creek recently took 1st place honors at two state-sanctioned horseshoe tournaments. On June 21 at the Straw Berry Open in Burlington, Nick won his class with a 5–1 record. On June 22 at the John Byfield Memorial, Nick was the No. 5 seed and went undefeated with a 6–0 record. Jon Turnbull, also of Day Creek, placed a highly respectable 3rd place in his class both days. Nick competed again in Olympia on July 12 to win his class with a tournament average of 36.02 percent. Both of these men are members of the Skagit Valley Horseshoe Club, which meets every Tuesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Skagit River Horseshoe Park, 1796 Witmarsh Rd., Burlington, where everyone is welcome to come and pitch. For more information, call Nick at 360.826.3708 or Jon at 360.826.5520.

Ongoing vandalism at Day Creek Fire Hall is in the news this month. An individual in a dark-colored pickup truck has been spinning out in the gravel parking lot in the wee hours of the morning, throwing the gravel up and breaking windows in cars parked next door. Damages are estimated at \$500. Anyone with information regarding the identity or location of the vandal is asked to call the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office at 360.438.3211 and reference Case No. 14-09329.

2014 Community Potluck dates

August 19, 6:30 p.m.
September 16, 6:30 p.m.
October 21, 6:30 p.m.
November 18, 6:30 p.m.
December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Davis Slough bridge project update

Portable traffic lights are installed to keep the road open at one traffic lane at mile marker 14. The speed limit will be 25 mph and the road will be open to legal load weight restrictions allowances for an 11-foot width. The road will be closed to all traffic on Aug. 29 for the entire day. Project Manager is Jennifer Swanson, 360.336.9400. Tiger Construction contact is Derek Isenhardt, 360.966.7252.

August events

- Jack Sims Memorial Ride, Sat. Aug. 16. For information, call Virginia Learned, 360.770.1765.
- Day Creek Chapel congregational meeting, Sun., Aug. 17, after morning service.
- Day Creek Community Potluck, Tue., Aug. 19, at the Fire Hall.
- Family Sunday at Day Creek Chapel, Aug. 31 (no Sunday School).

The Day Creek Chapel Women’s Ministry team will host a **Quilt Day** at Virginia Learned’s house on Sept. 13. Participants will begin making a quilt to raffle at next year’s Pancake Feed. There will be jobs for everyone, and opportunities to learn. For information, call Virginia Learned at 360.770.1765.

A Women’s Retreat is planned for Sept. 26–28 at Baker Lake Lodge. The speaker is Sylvia Miles. Cost is \$75 (or \$20 for Saturday only). For more information, call Kristine Van Notric at 360.840.2576.

Landslide update

Day Creek community members are collecting monetary donations and passing them to the Darrington Assembly of God Church. To be a part of this effort, call Kathy Henderson at 360.826.3581 or mail your donation, payable to Day Creek Chapel (write “Darrington/Oso” on memo line), to: Day Creek Chapel
31438 S. Skagit Hwy.
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Any women’s ministry group that wants to be involved with **Women HAND in**

Hand is encouraged to contact any one of the following:

Sylvia Miles	360.826.3067
Sharon Herring	360.661.5037
Bonnie Lintz	360.856.1385
Sue Walden	360.826.3944
Kathy Henderson	360.826.3581

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

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

Day Creek Book Club meets at Cedar Springs Lodge on Barben Rd. on the third Monday of each month. Club members plan to read the following books this year:

- *The Dog Stars*, by Peter Heller
- *Wild*, by Cheryl Strayed
- *Persuasion*, by Jane Austen
- *Steering by Starlight*, by Martha Beck

For more information, call 360.661.0247.

Garden dirt

- By the end of August, you can start seeds in your cold frames for winter crops. Start thinking now about what you want to plant.
- Through September you can plant fall crops, such as salad greens, cabbage, small green onions, spinach, Asian greens, and some lettuces.
- Trim old canes from raspberries.

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

—Kathy Henderson



Photo by Barb Rumsey.

A milestone birthday

Day Creek’s oldest resident, Ralph Morgan, recently celebrated his 99th birthday with a gathering at Day Creek Chapel.

Ralph was born June 23, 1915, shortly after his parents, Elisha and Kate Morgan, moved to Day Creek using a horse and wagon to carry all their earthly belongings.

Ralph attended the Day Creek School for his first eight grades, graduating from Sedro-Woolley High School four years later. Ralph has been a farmer, mechanic, musician, school bus driver, fruit picker, and cowboy, among other things. Ralph and his wife, Mabel, are retired and live in Brewster, Wash.

—Deanna Ammons

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Above: Alex, 10 (left), and Adam Braim, 7, provide a little support for their sister, Annabel Braim, 5, after the July 4 Parade in Concrete. The family hails from Tsawwassen, B.C., and was camping at the KOA in Birdsvew with a group of other families. "Every summer we go to a different campground," said their mother, Sarah Braim. "This year it's nine moms and 19 kids!"



Above: From left, Les Hoover, Don Payne, and Mike McAdam pour concrete July 18 into a form that will become the foundation for a fountain in a plaza on the west end of Concrete Town Center. The plaza is designed to look onto a wall mural on the west side of the building in the background, owned by Payne and his wife, Della. Built on land owned by Concrete School District and leased by Town of Concrete, the plaza will include benches and, eventually, a stone mosaic. Payne is paying for the construction out of his own pocket and with donations (donations are most welcome).

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Above: Addison Walter, 6, of Woodinville, dances with her mother, Casey Walter, after the July 4 Parade in Concrete. The Walters were camping in the area and decided to join the fun.



Above: A budding skateboarder gets a lesson during Concrete Youth Activity Day July 10.

Right: Young boys take the oath to become Junior Rangers at the National Park Service booth during Concrete Youth Activity Day.



Above: J. B. Bryson's motorcycle and jacket stand next to a photo of the deceased Skagit County Search and Rescue member during a memorial service at Sedro-Woolley High School on July 12. Search and Rescue units from all over Washington, as well as other agencies, attended the ceremony. A procession through Sedro-Woolley preceded the service and included emergency vehicles, the Harley group and family members. Bryson died in the line of duty June 28, after attempting to reach hiker Peder Trettevik, who had fallen near Pilchuck Falls. Trettevik also died that day. Both men fell from a cliff and traveled 100 to 150 feet. Photo by Judy Johnson.



Above: Performers with New Old Time Chautauqua entertain a crowd during a carnival in Darrington after the town's July 4 parade. The parade was sponsored by Town of Darrington; the carnival was sponsored by Mansford Grange. Photo by Chelsea Rounds.



Above: North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum President Barry Smith stands with a 1937 Monocoupe 110 Special at the Concrete Fly-In July 26. The "clip wing" plane was recently donated to the museum by Fred Ludtke. "It really fits our collection of racers beautifully," said Smith. The museum is located at Town of Concrete's municipal airport, Mears Field.

Left: A young parade entrant and two canine companions make their way along Metcalf St. in Sedro-Woolley during the Loggerodeo Kiddie Parade on July 3.

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Hamilton



Members of Girl Scout Troop 43120 sort books in the new Hamilton Free Library at Hamilton Town Hall July 31. The library's inventory has come from local donations, the Girl Scouts' gathering efforts, and a 2,000-lb. delivery from Hamilton Mayor Joan Cromley's parents, who live in Pennsylvania.

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Boots Bar & Grill to host car show

Boots Bar & Grill in Hamilton will host its first car show on Sat., Aug. 16. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.; check-in time for cars also is at 8 a.m. Event organizers are planning food, music, raffles, trophies, and “a whole lot of fun.”

From the Mayor

The Hamilton Free Library has been growing by leaps and bounds! We had a donation of literally a ton of books (literally, no kidding: 2,000 pounds). Shelving has been added and a couple of comfy chairs. The room really feels like a library now. Books will be sorted by Girl Scout Troop 43120. Please stop in to browse the selection and get something to read, or consider dropping off books you've finished reading. WiFi also is available. The password is posted in the meeting room. Town Hall is open from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. The Town Council has been working on the matter of stray dogs. The town should have a contract soon with the Humane Society, and a procedure for dog licenses will be created, as approved back in 1990 (Ordinance 142). That ordinance will be revised and updated at the next council meeting, so if you would like a copy, please stop by the office or call and leave an address we can mail a copy to. Changes being considered are shortening the holding time from five days to three days to match the contract, and reviewing license rates. You can also leave a name and number or address if you need a dog license form. Hamilton Town Council also would appreciate any comments on the proposed zoning requirements for the growth, processing, and sale of recreational marijuana. Again, stop in for a copy or call and leave a message with an address if you would like it mailed to you.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

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Raffle tickets will be available at Boots for either a trip for four on an eagle watching raft trip or a trip for two whale watching. Raffle ticket holders do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$1 each, six tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10. Raffle tickets for the trips and other items also will be sold the day of the show. All proceeds from the event will support Oso relief efforts.

Council summary

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

- Dan Nickel introduced himself, Lisa Greater, and Betsy Stevenson. Nickel addressed the council regarding the Shoreline Master Program. He presented a working draft for Ecology Preliminary Review Substitute Tables and Code Provisions for Hamilton. It is mandated by State that each jurisdiction with shoreline water bodies have a Shoreline Master Program in place. Changes to the program and the Use and Modifications Matrix for Hamilton and the shoreline map of Hamilton were discussed. Hamilton's program would be an appendix to the County's program. The Shoreline Master Program's draft is on Skagit County's Web site for view and comment.
- Per the State Auditor's Office request, council voted to dissolve the Hamilton Public Development Authority and eliminate the charter and bylaws, thereby terminating the Board of Directors.
- Council approved an Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County EMS Commission and the Town of Hamilton, allowing the EMS Commission to reimburse Town of Hamilton for medical emergency supplies for 2013 in the amount of \$2,561.69.
- Fire Dept.: Council and attendees discussed a workable solution for parking in the food bank/fire department area.



Rockport



PIONEERING TODAY Blueberry jam

By Melissa K. Norris

August ushers in the peak of preserving season. Much like the pioneers, we're putting up food for winter and readying our stores for the coming months. Firewood is chopped and stacked, drying out to keep our house warm with the soaking rains and chills that don't seem possible with the sun scorching our shoulders. Blueberries are one of my favorite things about August. Their dark blue stains mouths and fingertips while delighting taste buds with their sweetness. They have tiny seeds so I don't have to put them through a sieve or juicer in order to make jelly. I can crush them for jam without an added step—a plus this time of year when my counter is occupied with green beans, canning jars, and zucchini.

This year I came up with a new blueberry jam recipe that uses a small amount of sugar and no store-bought pectin. I was thrilled with the set and the tastes. In fact, dare I say, it might have been my favorite jam ever ... and I may have eaten half a jar with a spoon. Maybe.

Pioneering Today Low Sugar, No-Pectin Blueberry Jam

- Ingredients
- 4 cups pureed blueberries
 - 1-1/4 cups sugar (I used organic dehydrated cane juice)
 - Zest of 2 limes
 - 1/4 cup lime juice

- Instructions
- Combine all ingredients in a large stock pot. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently.
 - Simmer for 20 to 25 minutes until jam has set.

- Pour into jars and either freeze or water batch can for 10 minutes.
- Makes three six-ounce jelly jars of jam. You may substitute lemons for lime. Do not alter the amount of lime juice, but you may increase sugar if desired, to taste.

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

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Darrington



Mount Vernon marketer shares ideas

By Marla Skaglund

The Darrington Library Conference Room was filled with interested, seasoned, and budding business owners on July 23, when businesswoman Jacque Beamer, founder of Brand Query in Mount Vernon, gave a presentation on “How to Better Market Your Business.”

Beamer has been in marketing for 30 years and has been president of Brand Query for 21 years. Her company recently produced a series of TV ads and other materials to promote the Stillaguamish Valley (www.youtube.com/user/visitsillyvalley).

Darrington Pharmacy owner Justin Sisney agreed to have his marketing plan scrutinized.

Beamer’s primary concern in starting a marketing campaign was to explore the needs of the community and interview residents to find out what they see as important. In the Stilly Valley campaign, she noted from photos submitted to her the caring and resilience of the local inhabitants stood out. She also noted the beauty of the area and the need to focus on recreation. Events were featured at the end of the TV ads as part of the marketing campaign, along with the use of newspapers and social media.

She discussed the importance of the “elevator speech,” a 30-second message during which people should be able to explain the who, what, when, where, and why of their business. In Sisney’s case, he wants to educate and build a relationship with his customers; this creates the basis for his elevator speech.

Beamer discussed the need to know the customer and understand what the customer wants and needs. Paying attention to what is going on in the media world is important for advertising. Sisney has been changing the products in his store to meet the needs of his customers by noticing what sells and what doesn’t. Beamer noted that if three people express a need for an item, that may represent 20 other potential customers who also would purchase that item.

Beamer stressed the importance of delivering on promises. If you promise an item will be on sale, make sure that item (especially if it’s popular) is readily

available. If it’s not in stock, a customer might question the availability of other items.

Always realize the best customer is an existing customer. When a customer has a positive experience, they will share that with friends. Customers pay attention to how well they are treated. Make sure to offer a new or special offering to your existing customers and ask questions about how they feel.

Beamer also suggested reaching out to peer group organizations. You may think your business is small, but you will find that the larger organizations may be facing the same issues you are; talk with them.

Beamer suggested paying attention to new trends, such as digital media and social networking. If that’s where customers are getting their information, the business owner is compelled to use digital media to promote information. Business owners should have a Web site with information, graphics, and pages that are easily navigated.

Beamer also explained the direct mail strategy. Unlike e-mail, most prospective customers will look at flyers they receive in the mail. The number of mailers that are read far outweigh the amount discarded.

Sisney explained he attaches advertising to bags of different goods bought in the pharmacy. Beamer explained the importance of feeding information to existing customers and how that information will be shared among others.

She also suggested keeping up with the latest credit- and debit-card technology. The online service PayPal is an example of a way for customers to buy online and be assured of safety when they enter their card numbers. Another way is to attach a Square Credit Card reader or one from Intuit to an acceptable cell phone. Both services are safe and easy to use.

At the end of the presentation, Beamer handed out additional information explaining marketing tips, terms used in the presentation, and a social media outline.

Beamer also noted the Stilly Valley campaign was made possible with the help of Oak Rankin, who drove her car to all the locations featured in the TV ads.



Brand Query President Jacque Beamer (right) speaks with attendee Sylvia Nohr during a July 23 marketing workshop held at the Darrington Library. Beamer shared ideas for better business and product marketing. *Photo by Marla Skaglund.*

Last slide victim located

Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue personnel announced July 23 they had located the body of Molly Kristine “Kris” Regelbrugge of Arlington, the last victim from the March 22 slide near Oso.

“I’m humbled and honored that we are able return Kris to her family,” said Sheriff Ty Trenary. “I’m also extremely grateful to the communities of Oso, Darrington, and Arlington who stood beside us these past four months in our efforts to recover all of the missing victims.”

The body was located at approximately 8 a.m. on July 23, on the west side of the slide site, south of SR 530. Search and rescue personnel used evidence-based search techniques, often employed by law

enforcement in missing persons cases, in their search. Personal items believed to belong to the Regelbrugge family had previously been located in the area.

“It is a testament to the persistence of the sheriff’s office that today, four months after the slide, we recovered the final victim,” said Snohomish County Executive John Lovick. “The Sheriff’s search and rescue teams are true professionals. I am honored and humbled by their dedication and commitment to this community.”

The Snohomish County Medical Examiner was to confirm identification of the body once it was recovered. Recovery was complete by the end of the day.

The recovery and identification of Regelbrugge’s body brought the total number of those killed in the March 22 slide to 43.

—Submitted by Snohomish County

SR 530: August detours to Seattle City Light road

Contractor crews have started the next major phase of work on the slide-affected area of SR 530 between Darrington and Oso: rebuilding and elevating the roadway on the east side of the project area, just south of the existing roadway. During the next few weeks, motorists will notice crews placing gravel fill material to form a 4- to 6-foot embankment that will support the new, elevated SR 530 roadway, and excavating a hillside near the slide area to prepare for the new roadway alignment.

Motorists traveling through the area between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. should continue to plan about 10 extra minutes for the trip. Two-way traffic on the existing highway will continue, but there will still be intermittent flagging to allow safe movement of construction equipment and trucks.

Midweek detours in August

Thirty-one-hour detours to the Seattle City Light access road will start in mid-August. In order to minimize traffic impacts for the community and visitors, detours will occur from 9 p.m. Tuesdays through 4 a.m. Thursdays. Planned dates are as follows:

- Evening of Aug. 12 through morning of Aug. 14
- Evening of Aug. 19 through morning of Aug. 21
- Evening of Aug. 26 through morning of Aug. 28

For the most up-to-date detour information, call the project hotline at 206-462-6359 or send an e-mail to SR530info@wsdot.wa.gov.

—Submitted by WSDOT

Briefly ...

The 13th annual **Summer Meltdown Festival** will be held Aug. 7–10 at the Whitehorse Mountain Amphitheater, 42501 SR 530 NE, Darrington.

Thursday gate hours: 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday gate hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday gate hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday gate hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
For more information, go to www.summermeltdown.com.

The 4th annual **Big August Hoobajoob** art show will be held Sat., Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mansford Grange Hall, 1265 Railroad Avenue, Darrington.

The show will feature many new works by Holly Cannell, Ron Wolff, and Gordy Beil.

In memory of the mudslide victims, there will be a **dedication of the donated columbarium** at the Darrington Cemetery on Hwy 530 on Sat., Aug. 16 at 1 p.m.

In July the U.S. Department of Transportation announced that Washington state will be the recipient of **\$35 million** in federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration’s Emergency Relief (ER) program to help rebuild SR 530. The funding may be awarded to repair or reconstruct Federal-aid highways and roads that have suffered serious damage as a result of natural disasters or catastrophic failures.

In a statement, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene said, “I have driven across State Route 530 many times in recent months and know firsthand how important these funds are to improving the safety of the road and ensuring tourism and business continue to grow in the Stillaguamish Valley,” said DelBene. “I will continue to make sure that the affected communities have the support and the resources they need as their recovery continues.”

—Marla Skaglund

August at the Darrington Library

Children and family programs

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Aug. 6 and 13; 10:15 to 11 a.m.; all ages; caregiver required
- Explore Summer Finale: Science Magic, Thur., Aug. 14, 2 to 3 p.m.; for school-age children

Adult programs

- A Summer of Authors: Aya

Walksfar (*Sketch of a Murder, Street Harvest, Dead Men and Cats, Good Intentions*), Mountain Loop Books & Coffee (Darrington St.), Aug. 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, go to www.sno-isle.org?ID=1194 or call 360.436.1600.

—Bryan Stratton, branch manager



Open for business:

River Time Brewing

Friends Troy Bullock and Lon Tierney (above) own and operate River Time Brewing, nestled along the picturesque Sauk River just south of Darrington.

River Time Brewery is a small-batch brewery. Each weekend at least four different types of beer are on tap. River Time creates 20 gallons of beer divided into two different styles each week, and at least two other styles are produced by Big E Brewery out of Lynnwood. The slightly alkaline well water of the Sauk River Valley extracts the full flavor of hops, creating smooth, full-flavored beers. I recommend trying a sampler!

River Time Brewery is currently open Fridays at 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from noon till “whenever.” River Time’s main objective is to “provide a family-friendly atmosphere with fantastic beers, complementing the wonderful outdoor lifestyle that is Darrington and

our Baker National Forest.”

Children and friendly dogs are welcome during daylight hours. There is currently no food service available, but Brewmeister Lon encourages patrons to bring a picnic to enjoy while partaking of their delicious brews. With Northwest-quality microbrew pints starting at only \$4, it is well worth a visit.

River Time’s Facebook page includes hours of operation, weekly brews, and scenic pictures.

—Jentry L. Wright

At a glance: River Time Brewing

Where: 25909 Clear Creek Rd., Darrington
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Community Farmers Market features Upper Valley youth

Held the second Sunday afternoon of each summer month, the Aug. 10 market will highlight Upper Valley youth, both as vendors and as entertainers.

Joining local organic farmers, handmade artisans and crafters, and musicians, area youth will have the day to strut their stuff. Lukas and Kai Sahlin and Alden Deller are on the docket, with others hopefully soon to follow. In addition to these youngsters, adult vendors will include:

- Organic fruit and vegetable growers Terri Wilde and Karen Marks, and Rusty and Cindy Shirley (also with berry jams)
- Flowers, herbs, and salves from Cheryl Cunningham
- Goatmilk soaps, felted hats, and handspun yarns from Corina Sahlin

- Beaded jewelry and handmade doll clothes from Cheryl McMahan
- Handmade silver jewelry and gems from Michael Moons
- Pacific Northwest native cedar carvings from Sasa Bella
- Original art, greeting cards, and felted novelties from Cherie Donovan-Smith
- Mountain and wildflower photography from Pat and Merlene Buller
- Komo Kulshan Outdoor School (KKOS) liquidation: all supplies, equipment, books, lessons, and curriculum
- Okanogan fruit (from Smallwood Farm), courtesy of Erin Deller-Meyer
- Recycled materials crafts, garden art, dog and cat toys and biscuits, local honey, and more from Crazy Ladies Co-op, Concrete
- Hand-beaded jewelry from Laura Busby
- A bake sale hosted by Marblemount

Community Hall volunteers
The outdoor market is held on the Marblemount Community Hall grounds, just past milepost 106 on SR 20, on the east end of Marblemount, from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, send an e-mail to info@marblemountcommunityhall.org or call Market Manager Christie Fairchild at 360.853.8388 (home number, so no late calls, please).

—Christie Fairchild

Cascade River Rd. to close Sept. 1

Hikers and climbers who plan to access Boston Basin or the Cascade Pass area in North Cascades National Park this fall need to be aware that the last three miles of Cascade River Road will be closed to vehicle and foot traffic of any kind from Sept. 1 until late October.

The closure will allow crews to make extensive repairs to the road and will affect hikers approaching the area from the east or west side.

The road closure will begin at El Dorado

parking area near milepost 20.

The repair will consist of installing a 60-foot-long concrete box culvert with a debris rack to prevent culvert plugging at Boston Creek crossing. That crossing is the site of many washouts, including one last October that left more 70 visitors stranded.

For alternative fall hikes, climbs, or access to Stehekin via another route, contact the Wilderness Information Center at 360.854.7245, the Golden West Visitor Center at 509.699.2080, ext. 14, or any park ranger station.

—Ken Hires, Stehekin Dist. Interpreter
North Cascades National Park Complex

Open for business: Candi Cakes

Candi Lee shuns the spotlight, but her cake creations steal the show every time.

The Marblemount baker raised five kids, so she knows a thing or two about baking cakes. In January she decided to kick it up a notch and started baking cakes on demand.

Six months later, she’s already famous. Word travels fast; she’s gotten orders from as far away as Oak Harbor.

“I think that I’m at about 100 cakes since January,” she said.

Candi’s creations are made to order, and they’re all over the map. “Despicable Me” minions, a crab, a ’57 Chevy, wedding cakes, a camo cake with a rifle and the

Browning logo, Seahawks cakes, a Katy Perry cake (exterior was black-and-white striped; interior was pink and black and white striped), a ketchup bottle, clowns, halibut, Angry Birds, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles ... you get the picture. She has baby shower cakes that depict a bulging belly with a tiny foot pressing outward from it. And that “pizza” cake you might have seen at Annie’s Pizza Station’s anniversary bash?

Yup. That’s Candi too.
“I’ve always been very crafty, and I absolutely love being creative,” said Candi. “I love the fact that none of them are the same; every one is different, even within the same theme.”

Candi describes her path to cake-making as “kind of an accident.” After finding herself unemployed in January, she decided to make cakes. Just prior to that, she took some courses on icing. “I’m a builder,” she said. “I didn’t know anything about icing.”

Candi especially loves knowing some of her customers; it helps her create just the right cake. “I know what to pull out in the cake,” she said.

And she’ll deliver.

—J. K. M.



Candi Lee is one artistic cake maker. Her artistic creations include a crab cake, a wedding cake, and a cake styled to look like a '57 Chevy.
Photos courtesy of Candi Lee.



Newhalem



“A rush of wonder”

Youth Leadership Adventures program encourages confidence, teaches new skills.

Nine young people spent eight days on and around Ross Lake in July, and ended up growing in ways they might not have expected.

The participants in North Cascades Institute’s Youth Leadership Adventure (YLA) program spent the time canoeing, planting upwards of 500 sedge plants for a riparian restoration project, and sharing their observations and lessons learned.

A common thread ran through their presentations: increased confidence.

Christine, who lives in Shoreline, said she almost didn’t show up for the YLA outing because she was scared. “But I gained self-confidence and leadership skills,” she said. “I found common ground with others.”

Youth Leadership Adventures are designed for students ages 14 to 18 from Washington and Oregon. Working in partnership with North Cascades National Park and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the program features a range of summer opportunities for high school students on local public lands, as well as a fall Youth Leadership Conference, year-round mentorship, and local stewardship opportunities for alumni ages 14 to 22.

During summer expeditions, students canoe, camp, backpack

and complete service projects while receiving hands-on training in outdoor leadership, conservation, field science, communication skills, and public speaking. Upon returning home, students ages 16 to 18 in Science and Sustainability courses design and implement their own service projects in their home communities.

On July 22, with one day left, the students gathered with visiting mentors and program supporters to discuss their experiences and present their thoughts on board the Ross “Mule” transport boat.

“My favorite experience was being leader for a day and learning to transition to what we need—not what I need,” said Drew, from Bellingham.

Victor said he “left cynicism at the door” and learned to trust fellow students during the trip. He planned to find trails to clean upon his return to Bellingham.

Madeline, 16, from Alger, said she signed on for the program because of its public speaking component. “I was really nervous on the first day, but everyone was encouraging; it gave me the power to go on,” she said. By the second day, she said she felt comfortable. “I could be myself in front of people.”

—J. K. M.



Participants and visitors rode the Ross Mule up Ross Lake to Devils Creek, where they moored for a while for lunch, casual conversations, and presentations from the young students.



Ken, who lives in Olympia, said he was filled with “a rush of wonder” when he first woke up in the backcountry during the eight-day excursion. He said it was great to take a break from technology, and that he was surprised to realize he didn’t know the names of some plants.

Retired National Park Service Ranger Gerry Cook chats with Youth Leadership Adventures participant Elizabeth during a stop in the Devil’s Creek outflow into Ross Lake. Elizabeth, 16, grew up in a refugee camp in Thailand and didn’t know English when she came to the U.S. five years ago. During her presentation, the softspoken young woman said she wanted to start a Burmese club at her school to help new immigrants learn about American culture.





Seniors



Coffee Break

She sits
By Patrick Kennedy

She sits at her table day after day smearing colored water with an array of brushes and sponges on clean white paper. She lets the abstracts and a multitude of memories guide her strokes and swirls. She has an assortment of both so she will never run out of images. The skies are getting bluer, the birds are soaring and diving, and the pets on the ground are dodging the birds and the feet of humans.

She also has a thick book of photos she copies once in a while: friends and relatives, trips to the Grand Canyon, the Caribbean, Alaska, and Mexico. Magazines from the mailbox have dozens of photos she can recreate—pictures of the people and homeless she has encountered while wheeling around town. She wheels because of the bad legs she developed while a working lady waiting tables in a large restaurant, a mother chasing children, and a yard too big to let grow, but she has enough get up and go to hang

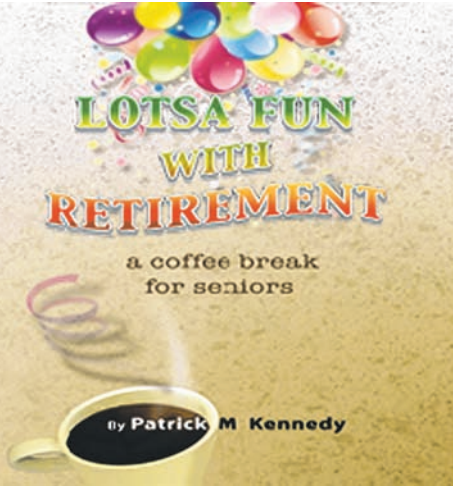
some of her art pieces in a few coffee shops, and sells a few and gets a little spending money.

Many seniors similar to her find the past catching up with them while in or planning withdrawal from work. There are many issues that can and will dictate the direction one takes in the retirement years. Health is one of them; finances, geography, relatives, friends, and transportation are others. Many workers don’t consider these issues until too late. The important thing is to quit work and do nothing, which is another negative if it is not addressed. Going from an eight-hour working bee to a 24-hour do-nothing bee can be a hard transition if not planned. “You’ll find boredom where there is the absence of a good idea,” said Earl Nightingale, the dean of Personal Development.

Everybody has their lists of “likes” and “don’t likes,” and it is similar to that list you make when you are going to go shopping so you won’t forget anything. The same should be done here: Don’t forget anything. But remember, “The human animal differs from the lesser primates in his passion for lists,” said H. Allen Smith, M.D., Ph.D.

I guess it all comes down to “to each his/her own.” Every situation and person has different dreams and wishes; therefore, the roads to the future can be straight, crooked, forked, paved, or gravelly, or abstract and as mystifying as a watercolor painting. The idea is to get on it with a workable plan.

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



Way Back When

80 years ago

Aug. 9, 1934: Frank Lang, well known employee of the Puget Sound Power & Light company power house in Concrete, just missed big headlines Friday, but gained a new lease on life and the reputation of being one of the town’s most lucky persons. Lang had been working near the top of the Baker River dam when he was struck by a small slide and carried over the edge. He fell about 130 feet and landed on a ledge near the bottom of the dam.

Terrified fellow workmen climbed down to recover the body and found him still alive and conscious. His first words were, “I thought I was gone that time.”

He was immediately rushed to the Burlington hospital, where doctors examined him and failed to find any signs of injury other than a few bad bruises and scratches. They have kept in him bed since the accident for fear internal injuries might have been suffered, in spite of the fact that he says he is ready to come home.

His escape from fatal injury is believed due to the fact that he fell into quite a puddle of mud and slime, and also that his body was relaxed when it struck. In any event, both Lang and his fellow workers are rejoicing in his good fortune.

70 years ago

Aug. 24, 1944: Dr. C. C. Harbaugh, pioneer Sedro-Woolley physician who traveled by foot,

by horseback, by railroad handcar, and finally by automobile to take care of his country practice during a career that lasted 49 years, died quietly at Memorial Hospital after a short illness Friday evening. He was 75.

A host of friends, many of them among the more than 1,000 Skagit Valley people whom Dr. Harbaugh brought into the world, gathered for funeral services at Lemley Mortuary Chapel Tuesday afternoon. Downtown stores closed for an hour in homage to the venerable old doctor. Rev. Philip Warmanen read the last rites, and cremation followed in Bellingham.

Dr. Harbaugh was born near Waynesboro, Penn., on June 7, 1869. He came to Sedro-Woolley in 1895 and that same year married Kate Ferry Woolley, daughter of P. A. Woolley after whom the town is named.

At one time Dr. Harbaugh was one of two doctors who served an area bounded on the west by Bay View, on the east by Marblemount, on the north by Deming, and on the south by Arlington. He traveled in every way possible; he told of once ferrying a river on a man’s back to get to a case.

60 years ago

Aug. 26, 1954: Big news for the Concrete area was in newspaper headlines this week with the announcement that the Federal Power Commission has granted Puget Sound Power & Light Co. a three-year preliminary permit for its proposed hydroelectric project on the Baker River.

The proposed project will include a dam on the Baker River above present Lake Shannon. This will

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Concrete Center

August 2014

Activities

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

Mondays

10 a.m.
Noon
Noon
12:30 p.m.

Jigsaw puzzles
Coffee Bar
Birthday party, 8/25
Skip Bo, Cribbage

Tuesdays

10 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Noon
12:30 p.m.

Jigsaw puzzles
Tai Chi
Lunch
Skip Bo, Cribbage

Wednesdays

10 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Noon
12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.

Jigsaw puzzles
Advisory Board mtg., 8/13
Lunch
Skip Bo, Cribbage
White elephant bingo, 8/13, 8/27

Thursdays

10 a.m.
Noon
12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.

Jigsaw puzzles
Lunch
Skip Bo, Cribbage
Pinochle, 8/14, 8/28

Fridays

10 a.m.
Noon
12:30 p.m.

Jigsaw puzzles
Lunch
Dominoes, Skip Bo, Cribbage

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be planned for a capacity of about 60,000 kilowatts. In addition, the capacity of the present power house at Concrete would be increased to handle the extra storage of water.

Work has been under way on a small scale at the dam site this summer, but can now be expanded to full-scale operation.

50 years ago

Aug. 27, 1964: This year Concrete High School will begin the audio-lingual method of teaching French. This will involve eight to 10 weeks of listening and

speaking before beginning to read and write.

The new program will be under the instruction of Margaret Gerrits, who spent a portion of her summer vacation attending a seminar in Reno, Nev., taking an intensive course in the newest methods of teaching languages.

40 years ago

Aug. 15, 1974: A 12,000-mile, 10-month pilgrimage is nearing completion for two young Buddhists en route to Marblemount.

Bhiksu Heng Ju, 29, and Bhiksu Heng Jo, 25, have walked every step of the way. The pair left Gold

Mountain Monastery near San Francisco last Oct. 14, reached the Skagit Valley Monday, and expect to arrive in Marblemount Sunday.

They walk about 14 hours and travel up to seven miles each day. Heng Ju, who planned the pilgrimage as a prayer for world peace, performs the Buddhist “k’ot’o” every third step. This is a profound bow with knees and forehead placed firmly on the ground.

In Marblemount the travelers will work to establish a monastery on a 35-acre tract across the river from the town.

—Compiled from archives



30 years ago: Bob Raught of Kirkland (left photo) displays one of the tiny circuit boards he designed to operate each of the seven motors on a redesigned, two-man submarine (right photo). The submarine and crew, with pilot Lloyd Nichol shown demonstrating the controls, were hired to inspect trash racks at Ross and Diablo dams, far below lake level. These photos and an accompanying story ran in the Aug. 16, 1984 issue of *Concrete Herald*. Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.

Obituaries

Betty Mae (LaMoreaux) Brown, precious mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, was united with her Lord July 2, 2014. She passed peacefully, having spent 87 years serving and loving her family and friends. Mystery novels, Andes mints, and visits from her family were a few of her favorite things. She loved to collect recipes. Her smile and gentle spirit were a comfort to those she met.

She is survived by her children, Richard and Jody and Schuyler and Helen; her grandchildren, Millissa and Michael Macomber, David and Andrea Brown, Kimberly and Robert Ferdig, and Nathan and Amber Brown; and her great-grandchildren, Larissa, Colton, Benjamin, Samantha, Eban, Isaac, Kyleigh, and Alex. She was preceded in passing by her husband, Bob, of 55 years.

Betty attended the Church of Christ for more than 73 years, having followed Jesus Christ’s example by being “buried with Him in baptism” Dec. 15, 1940. Most recently she attended Skagit Valley Church of Christ in Burlington.

A graveside service was held in East Wenatchee, Wash.

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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
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

Baptist
First Baptist Church
12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake
360.856.2767

Sunday School lesson

We begin again!

By Chris Anderson

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true” (Rev. 21:5).

Summer is drawing to a close and it seems all is back to normal. The kids soon will head back to school. Others who have finished school are working, looking for a job, or going for higher education. The crops are being harvested. The fishermen have returned and are settling into their winter jobs. Construction is slowing down, getting ready for the wet season. Our summer worship will change, with some moving back to their home church. Others will head south for the winter.

Many things we wanted to do this summer did not get done and other things that were not planned happened! Yet so much seems the same, all over again.

The Scripture verse above tells us that all things are supposed to be new. What are we missing?

As this month begins, it is a chance to start everything with new enthusiasm. Jobs, schools, families; our responsibilities and our free time; our social, personal, and spiritual activities—all are opportunities in life that can have a fresh start. That really is the blessing that we so often tend to overlook, but it is what gives us hope for the future.

What are we doing here in Concrete that is really new? What are we doing that is

improved? What are we doing that will carry us into a whole new season with a vibrant life and dedication? It all begins with us as individuals. Solomon gave us another scripture that amplifies what John wrote in Revelation above:

“What has been will be again, What has been done will be done again; There is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Newness in life comes from within and not from without. Allow God to work in our living and we find that there is new light to what living is all about. All things do become new as we remember the gift of love and grace that has been given us through Jesus’ death on the cross. There is really nothing that we need to fear in the future or in this life. Our challenge is to live with a confidence that comes only from trusting God and fearing nothing. Then there is no end to our potential.

Our community can have a whole new outlook on what we do today and in our future. Begin our lives with that positive attitude and our future will blossom. Try it and see how “everything new” will grow out of what we thought was nothing but a rehash of the old. I think we will all be surprised!

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

Continue the cycle

Please recycle this newspaper



3rd Annual Parish Festival at St. Joseph Center

On Sat., Aug. 16, from noon to 7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church in Mount Vernon invites all friends, valleywide, to its annual Parish Festival at the St. Joseph Center outdoor grounds.

Enjoy delicious food, desserts, ethnic delights, carnival rides, activities for all ages, Wet & Wild Teen Scene, Bingo, live music, cultural dancing, roving musicians, beer garden, pony rides, and more.

Admission and parking are free. Purchase tickets for food and games at presale locations and at the festival. Proceeds will benefit the New Church Building Fund.

For more information, call 360.424.8466.

Worth repeating

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

“Catch on fire and people will come for miles to see you burn.”

“Money never stays with me. It would burn me if it did. I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it should find its way into my heart.”

—John Wesley

Skagit County Sheriff’s Office Blotter

June 28

Skagit County Search and Rescue volunteer JB Bryson died in the line of duty at Pilchuck Falls. He was part of an ATV group that happened to be training in the area. Bryson and others responded to a call for help. One person had already fallen off a cliff and died; JB was attempting to rescue another who was stuck in a tree. A memorial service for Bryson was held at the Sedro-Woolley High School football field on July 12.

July 2

A deputy observed a car driving on the sidewalk in Concrete around midnight. The car was driven by a very intoxicated man. The deputy did a DUI investigation. The man was arrested for several charges including DUI, a suspended license, and no insurance.

July 3

Deputies responded to several fight calls at the fireworks event on the south end

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.

McFarlane, Joel Patrick
Age: 49
Race: W Sex: M
Height: 5’ 8”
Weight: 160
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Address: 603xx SR 20, Marblemount

A Level 2 sex offender, McFarlane has been convicted of first-degree child molestation in Skagit County. His victim during an eight-year period was a young male, aged 3 to 11, who was known to him.

McFarlane 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.

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360.708.4330

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

of Lyman. One belligerent subject was booked into jail. Deputies are looking at other liquor law violations. This event was stained by a few intoxicated subjects, and more charges may be pending.

Fire and aid were dispatched to the Lyman Tavern. Upon arrival, deputies discovered an underage female had wandered into the bar extremely drunk. She was transported to the ER by medics.

A person driving a white sedan is suspected in a gas theft. Five gallons of fuel were taken, and this car was seen lingering in the Rockport area.

July 5

A camper near Marble Creek Campground near Marblemount reported someone had broken into her vehicle overnight. Several items were taken; there are no suspects.

July 6

A caller from the Superior St. apartment complex in Concrete reported a fire. Deputies have responded to this location several times and found no fire. Deputies are following up on the investigation.

July 7

Deputies took a theft report on Noble St. in Hamilton. Someone stole a solar-powered electric fence charger. There are no suspects, but don’t tell the horses, they think the fence is still hot.

July 8

A stolen pickup truck was recovered on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. near Rockport. The owner was a victim of a burglary on June 23. Deputies have evidence and are following up on suspect information.

July 9

A Lyman resident reported his neighbors were creating an awful smell. The caller felt the smell was drug related. Several deputies on several occasions have responded and have never been able to substantiate this claim.

A resident on Cockreham Island had her house burglarized. Entry was gained while no one was home. Several items of jewelry were taken, and there are no suspects.

July 10

A caller from a trailer park in Hamilton reported an intoxicated male in front of his house. Upon arrival the drunk man took a swing at a deputy and made slight contact. He was taken into custody and booked into jail on several charges including a felony charge of assaulting the deputy.

A concerned Concrete-area mother called 911 to report her son may be using drugs and walking around town with a gun. As the deputy spoke to mom, the man ran out the back door. He was caught nearby with marijuana, a meth pipe, and .22 rifle shells in his pocket. The jail

Sergeant’s corner

By Chris Kading



Summer is here and school is out. That can mean kids home alone or watching siblings while their parents go to work. Here are a few tips for parents and kids to keep everyone safe.

Parents, use the “reasonableness test” as far as leaving kids home alone. Can they act reasonably under the scenarios you present to them? Ask them:

- What do you do as soon as I leave the house?
- Do you make sure the door is locked?
- Keep the phone ready. Do you have my phone number and 911 readily available?
- Do you know who our neighbors are, and do you have the neighbor’s phone number available?
- Do you know our home address in case you need to call 911?
- Do you know what to do if there is a fire, and can you get yourself and your siblings out of the house?
- With the hot weather here, are windows left open?

Kids:

- Always check with your parents before you go anywhere or do anything. Be sure to check in regularly with your parents when you’re not with them.
- Always take a friend with you when playing or going anywhere. It’s safer

- and more fun.
- Don’t be tricked by people who offer you special treats or gifts. Never accept anything from anyone without your parents’ permission.
- Never get into a vehicle or go near a vehicle with anyone in it unless you are with your parents or a trusted adult.
- Don’t be afraid to say “No!” or “Get away!” during any situation that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Trust your feelings and be sure to tell a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.
- Stay safer when you’re home alone:
 - Keep the door locked.
 - Do not open the door for or talk to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative and the visit has been pre-approved by your parents or guardians.
 - Never tell anyone who calls that you’re home by yourself.
 - Before you are home alone, talk to you parents about a neighbor or trusted adult you can call if you feel scared or uncomfortable, or if there’s an emergency.
 - Be careful when you play.
 - Never take shortcuts unless you have your parents’ or guardians’ permission.
 - Don’t play near busy streets or deserted areas.
- More information is available at www.missingkids.com, where you can download a safety tip sheet.

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

was unable to take him, so he was issued several tickets to show up in court. I’m not so sure he’ll be there.

July 12

A caller from River Tracts Ln. in Hamilton reported some damage to his property. An unknown suspect tore out several fence posts and security equipment. There are suspects, and deputies will look into the issue.

A caller from Skagit Ridge Ln. in Rockport reported a burglary. Someone broke off the locks on a shed and stole two mountain bikes and gas cans. There are currently no suspects.

July 13

A deputy responded to a possible drug problem in the Hamilton area. The deputy observed a known prescription medication

in an opened prescription bottle. The drug itself had dried up and resembled methamphetamine. A drug test revealed it was not, but it was discarded for a new prescription by the owner.

July 14

A caller from Thompson Ave. in Concrete reported his friend hadn’t returned his motor home after several hours. The Sgt. determined this vehicle was loaned for the purpose of obtaining marijuana. Apparently the marijuana agreement fell apart when the “dude” forgot to return the motor home after picking up his prescription. The motor home was found parked by the river, undamaged. I can’t make this stuff up.

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

Bow Hill: Thank you to all who helped raise much-needed funds during this annual building fundraiser, especially Robin and Gerald Wood.

Concrete Museum Yard Sale: The yard sale to benefit the museum’s “Raise the Roof” campaign will be held Sat., Aug. 30, at the swap meet area west of Logger’s Landing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Setup will commence at 6 a.m. and donations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Please, no large furniture, no large appliances, no clothes, and no books.

Bake Sale: Our next bake sale will be Aug. 23 at Concrete Saturday Market. Barb Hoover will call to remind everyone.

Potluck: The Annual Potluck will be held Wed., Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. We will hold the potluck at Concrete Center, formerly known as the Senior Center.

Concrete Heritage Museum is **open for the season.** Plan a Saturday afternoon

Concrete Saturday Market news

Summer is flying by! Several vendors have fresh produce from their gardens. You’ll find raspberries the first few weeks (and freshly made raspberry jam), zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, shallots, and more. As always, a wide assortment of handcrafted items is also available.

There’s live music at the market most weekends, and usually a bake sale too. It’s a great opportunity to hear local musicians and help your favorite nonprofits by donating or buying baked goods. Bring your instrument or voice to join others in making some music at a jam session/open mic on Aug. 23. See the Community Calendar on p. 15 for details. Open Market is Aug. 9; call 360.856.1385 for more information. The Market will be open until 4 p.m. on Cascade Days weekend, Aug. 16.

Our area food banks hold bake sales at the market each summer, earning much needed funds to supplement their stock of food for hungry folks. Aug. 30 is the Saturday Market vendors’ annual benefit bake sale and community food drive for the Concrete Food Bank.

Facts about hunger in Washington

to visit us from noon to 4 p.m. Outside of normal season hours, you can **make an appointment to visit** the museum or do research in our library by calling Sandi at 360.853.7743.

Monthly meetings are held year-round on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the museum. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Our **new home on the Internet** is www.concreteheritagemuseum.org.

New Publications page: Bill Pfeifer, our wonderful webmaster, has added a Publications page to the Web site. You can now print out an order form for the books published by the museum: Charles M. Dwelley’s *So They Called the Town “Concrete”* and *The Story of Kate*.

Our **new email address** is concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com.

—Dan Royal

At the Upper Skagit Library

Our **Summer Reading Program** has been a success: More than 100 kids and teenagers signed up since June! At our Ice Cream Party Aug. 2—our last Summer Reading event—one lucky youngster won a bicycle! The library staff wants to thank everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program and attended our events throughout the last few months. We hope you had fun and learned a few things too. We thank our program collaborators, who helped make the summer such a success: United General Hospital District 304, Pacific Science Center, The Reptile Man, organizers of Concrete Youth Activity Day, Concrete School District, Friends of the Upper Skagit Library, and Friends of Skagit Libraries.

We have launched a monthly **e-newsletter**. Keep up to date on our new arrivals, community programs, special events, and the potential book review or staff picks. We hope to keep surprising you. Sign up through our Web site by clicking on the newsletter link.

Friends of the Upper Skagit Library will be conducting a book sale and fun building activities for kids during Cascade Days on Aug. 16, right outside the library. There are some awesome raffle prizes for kids who participate! Stop by and snag



August will be a memorable month for the Concrete Lions Club. It begins with the club’s participation in Cascade Days. We will have a Food Booth and be in the annual parade.

Next we will celebrate 75 years of service to Concrete and surrounding areas. Throughout the club’s 75 years, it has been involved in many projects, such as securing a first aid car for Concrete back in the ’50s, helping to obtain the river rescue boat for the Upper Valley, holding Halloween parties for more than 40 years, hosting Easter Egg Hunts for more than 50 years, running the Sight and Hearing Screening Van for the last eight years, furnishing eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need, wood cutting, Christmas

—Connie Smithhart

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great deals while supporting your library. Remember to visit us at the Marblemount Market on Sundays Aug. 10 and Sept. 14. If you have a library card, bring it with you and look for the library’s table. Browse the books we bring or special request the books you’d like by calling the library and we’ll bring them with us to the market!

What’s new at the library: In **Adult Fiction**, check out *Written in my Own Heart’s Blood* by Diana Gabaldon, and the supernatural thriller, *The Book of Life* by Deborah Harkness. Jacqueline Winspear fans, come check out *Elegy for Edie*, a Maisie Dobbs Novel. In **Young Adult Fiction**, best-seller *In the End* by Demitria Lunetta has arrived. In **Adult Nonfiction**, check out Tina Fey’s *Bossypants* and *White Bread: A Social History of the Store Bought Loaf* by Aaron Bobrow-Strain.

New children’s books include National Geographic’s *Weird But True!* series (this book has been flying off our shelves), *Big Nate in the Zone*, and *13-Story Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths.

The next **Library Board Meeting** will be Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Upper Skagit Library. Thanks for supporting your local library. See you soon!

—Cora Thomas, library associate

tree sales, building wheelchair ramps, supporting school sports with barbecues, school scholarships, cement work, roofing, and many other projects to support the seniors in our community.

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

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 17 in the front room at Annie’s Pizza Station. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group that meets 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.

Blotter, cont. from p. 31

July 15
A Hamilton caller reported a possible theft of firewood. The caller felt trees were being cut down in the area and split up in a yard nearby. A deputy investigated and discovered the man had a valid permit and had harvested the wood legally on Baker Lake Rd.

Fishermen, be aware: A caller reported someone broke into his pickup truck at the Marblemount boat launch while he fished nearby. Hand tools and ammunition were taken, and there are no suspects.

July 18
A caller from the Superior Apartments complex in Concrete reported a fire in the building. The fire department responded

and extinguished two separate fires that easily could have burned the entire complex to the ground. A resident was interviewed and deemed likely to have set the blaze intentionally. That person was booked into jail for investigation of arson.

July 19
A deputy spoke to an unhappy husband in Rockport. Seems the soon-to-be-ex-husband found needles in his wife’s purse and wanted her arrested for it. Certainly this is concerning, but this has been an ongoing issue between these folks for some time. The deputy was not able to prove where those items truly came from; therefore, she was not arrested.

July 20

The caretaker for the Head Start program in Concrete reported a possible burglary. Someone had opened up all the storage sheds and strewn items all over the place. There doesn’t appear to be anything missing, but what a mess. Deputies believe it’s likely caused by one or more bored, misguided, unaccompanied youth in the area.

Four people were involved in a fight at a ball field in Concrete. Deputies contacted all parties and both “boxers” were issued tickets for assaulting each other. It appeared to be an issue over cats. Cats? Really? There’s more to this story.

July 21
A caller from Rockport Cascade Rd. near Marblemount reported a theft of two chainsaws. The suspect was caught on camera and is known to deputies. He will be arrested soon, unless he decides to run from deputies again. He has a history of making bad decisions like that. This suspect is likely responsible for many similar crimes in the area.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading



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Out & About



Swinomish

EPA awards grant to Swinomish

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced July 23 it is awarding more than \$756,000 to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to research coastal climate impacts to traditional foods, cultural sites, and tribal community health and well-being.

The combination of sea level rise, wave impacts, and shoreline development will change coastal ecosystems that support Swinomish first foods and place-based relationships, which in turn impacts community health and well-being.

The funds will be used to:

- Develop a model showing projected

coastal erosion due to sea-level rise, storm surge, and wave energy through 2100 on the shores of the Swinomish Reservation.

- Map the vulnerability of Swinomish coastal ecosystem habitats of first foods and culturally significant sites.
- Support the Swinomish Climate Change Initiative.
- Create educational and outreach tools for Swinomish community members and Coast Salish communities.
- Assess research results and develop adaptive strategies.

EPA funds research focused on tribal communities through the Science to Achieve Results program. Because many tribes rely on natural resources, it is essential for tribal-focused research to identify possible environmental health risks and the most efficient methods of avoiding or addressing these risks.

—Submitted by EPA

Anacortes

Protestors block railroad tracks at Tesoro refinery

Skagit County Sheriff's Office reported July 28 that just before 8 a.m. that day it received a report of several protestors blocking the railroad tracks at the Tesoro Refinery near Anacortes. Deputies responded to the site and determined that there were between 20 and 25 protestors on Tesoro property.

At the request of Tesoro, the group of protestors were given a verbal warning to leave the immediate area or be arrested for criminal trespass. All of the protestors complied, except three subjects who had locked themselves together.

The three remaining subjects who were blocking the tracks made the decision to unlock themselves and were compliant as they were arrested for criminal trespass. These subjects, a 62-year-old Bainbridge Island woman, a 28-year-old Seattle-area male, and a 60-year-old Anacortes woman, were transported and booked at the Skagit County Jail.

Company fined for oil spill near Anacortes

ANACORTES — Washington Dept. of Ecology announced July 25 that American Gold Seafoods faces a \$112,500 penalty for an oil spill caused by the accidental sinking of its vessel, the Clam Digger, in July 2013 near Anacortes.

Ecology investigated the cause of the sinking and spill and determined that negligence was a key factor.

When the Clam Digger left Anacortes on July 10, the boat encountered high waves, began taking on water, and eventually sank. AGS immediately initiated appropriate response protocols. Divers recovered the boat six days later, but during the recovery efforts 315 gallons of oil spilled.

"This spill was preventable," said Dale Jensen, who manages Ecology's Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program. "The Clam Digger was not

adequately maintained and not fit for its intended use that day."

Ecology's investigation uncovered open or leaky deck hatches on the vessel, which compromised its ability to stay watertight. In addition, modifications, including the installation of a 2,000-gallon double-walled portable diesel tank, caused the boat to ride lower in the water and made it susceptible to flooding.

There was no evidence that any oil reached the shoreline.

Along with the \$112,500 fine, Ecology billed AGS \$9,796 to recoup the state's costs for cleanup and investigation work. In addition, the company paid \$13,844 to fund a shoreline restoration project in Anacortes in lieu of paying the same amount into a general fund for damage the spill caused to the public's environmental resources.

La Conner

Stokes honored with award

Sandy Stokes, publisher and editor of *La Conner Weekly News*, has been honored with a Key Award by the Washington Coalition for Open Government for forcing a Skagit County fire protection district to be more transparent to the public.

Stokes successfully filed suit earlier this year against Fire Protection District No. 13 for violations of the state's Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act. The district had improperly withheld requested copies of advance board meeting packets and improperly approved employment contracts in a closed meeting. One of the contracts was for the fire chief's wife.

The fire district agreed to a settlement requiring the district make meeting packets readily available to the public and to require district officers and staff to take regular training in compliance with open-government laws. The district also agreed to pay \$24,500 in penalties and legal costs. Stokes planned to distribute a large portion of the amount to La Conner-area charities and nonprofit groups.

WCOG board members presented the award to Stokes June 26 at her office in La Conner.



Home & Garden



Garden Patch

By Gladys Silrus

As summer comes to an end, most of the home gardens come to an end too! Sad, because here are some really colorful plants that you can add to the garden that will extend the seasonal flowering season. That goes for the vegetable garden too; there are fall and winter vegetables that can be planted at this time.

Planting a winter garden

I know summer isn't over yet, but what you plant will provide color and interest during the cloudy dark days of winter.

Consider heather. Winter flowering heather not only flowers during this time of year, but most will flower for several months. It can be counted on to brighten the drab, dark days of late fall and early winter. There is a wide range of color, including shades of pink, rose to red, light purple, lilac, lavender, and orchid.

Heather grows in either spreading or upright forms. The lower, spreading types are grown as ground cover, in rockeries or containers, or for a spot of color in flower and shrub beds. The upright varieties are best for borders, spot color, massing, or as container plants. They're also ideal for small winter arrangements.

Because color varies, it's best to select heather plants when they are in bloom. You can buy them in 4-inch or 2-gallon containers. Some will begin flowering now and some start in January or later, so generally you will find the best selection now.

Planting tips

Plant so the root ball is level with the soil surface. They won't tolerate being planted too deeply.

Be careful not to pile mulch over the root system. It is best not to mulch them at all.

Heather must be planted in well-drained soil. It will not tolerate "wet feet." Heather can, however, be planted anytime the ground is not frozen. Mix peat moss, compost, or processed manure with existing soil before you plant. Add a little nonburning fertilizer mix into the soil; this will encourage new growth. Firm the soil and water well.

Pruning

In order to keep heather looking nice, the plant should be pruned immediately after flowering. For winter flowering, prune in late April to mid-May. Prune or shear just below the old flowers. This is essential if you want to keep the plants bushy and compact; otherwise, they will start to look ragged. Pruning will result in more flowers the following year.

Fertilizing

Heather doesn't need a lot of fertilizing. If soil is prepared properly and plants are kept groomed and the drainage is good, they seldom require feeding. Poor foliage color or stunted growth indicate the need for feeding. If this happens, use a rhododendron-type fertilizer in late winter or late spring around the drip line of the plant, then water-in thoroughly.

Heather has a fibrous root system, so small to average-sized plants are easy to move; old or large are more of a challenge to move. If you need to move a heather, the best time is during the winter dormant season of November through March.

Starts

Heather can be started from cuttings or by layering outer branches in the soil. Cuttings are taken only from the first 2 inches of new tip growth, preferably during July or August. Dip the tips in rooting hormone and start in a media of 50/50 sand and peat moss. Layering is done using outer branches by scraping the lower stem, rubbing a little rooting hormone on the cut, and burying that part of the branch in soil. It should root in three to six months.

Enough about heather! I hope all of your gardens are doing great and you are reaping the fruit of all your hard work. My tomatoes are doing great in the greenhouse so far. Keep up with the weeds and slug and snail control.

Happy gardening!

Send gardening questions to Gladys. Call her at 360.826.4848, or write to her at gsilrus@frontier.com or 42002 Pine St., Concrete, WA 98237.

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WSU Extension offers summer classes, workshops

WSU Extension will offer classes and workshops aimed to help participants preserve food and grow their own more successfully.

online course is \$25. To pre-register for classes and receive the link for the online class, call 360.428.4270, ext 0.

Canning classes

WSU Extension is offering a new comprehensive program, "Preserve the Taste of Summer." This series of hands-on classes will be held at Unitarian Church, 500 West Section St., Mount Vernon. Easy-to-use online lessons are required before taking these hands-on workshops taught by Vivian Smallwood.

Hands-on classes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Mount Vernon:

- Aug. 11: Pickles and Sauerkraut
- Aug. 26: Fruit and Pie Filling

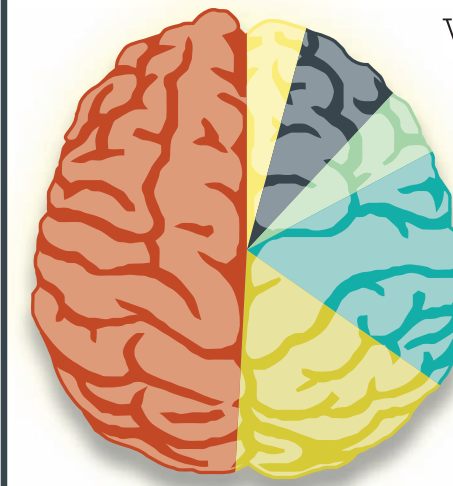
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WSU Know & Grow Workshop: Berries and Small Fruits for Skagit County

WSU Skagit County Extension Master Gardeners in partnership with WSU-Mount Vernon NWREC will present a workshop, "Berries and Small Fruits for Skagit County," on Tue., Aug. 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at WSU Mount Vernon NWREC Sakuma Auditorium, 16650 State Route 536. Lisa DeVetter, extension scientist at NWREC, will talk about growing different varieties of berries and small fruits. Learn what does well here and how to have fresh fruit in your yard.

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“Bank robberies are getting so common these days that they will soon be listed as unauthorized withdrawals.”

“Frozen milk has now been perfected, we hear. Even the kids can have ice cubes in their drinks.”

—Oct. 21, 1954

“The world wasn’t built in a day, but it got done with only one giving the orders. It could never have been accomplished under our present system.”

“You seldom hear war veterans bragging about hunting kills. Pretty hard to brag when your game wasn’t shooting back at you.”

“A German scientist says that with 25 years of hard work, man can land on the moon. Glad to hear it—carry on, kids!”

“We love to have politicians state their platforms in print. Seldom can you find a group who can lie so sincerely and so hopefully.”

“The best-laid plans of mice and men continue to be upset by not figuring on the weather.”

—Oct. 28, 1954

“Enthusiasm is all right in its place, but heaven help the target of a misdirected minority. It wastes a lot of energy that could be better used elsewhere.”

“We hear of foreigners seeking political asylum in this country. They came to the right place. If ever there was a political asylum, this is it.”

“A man is born a statistic and dies a statistic. The period in between is given him in which to make a name for himself.”

—Nov. 4, 1954

“There is no question that the Upper Valley needs its Booster Club. All you have to do is hear the discussions that

take place each meeting to realize how much we have to talk about, and how much can be learned from just getting together for that purpose, if nothing else. Concrete is often least represented at these sessions, yet has the most to gain. We don’t suggest that it would be a duty for more local men to belong and attend, but it certainly should be a privilege they can ill afford to pass up.”

“The howl now being put up by McCarthy is almost identical to those of his former victims. He is now learning the other side of the business.”

“Criticize if you wish, but wouldn’t it make a more careful populace if they were all like editors and published their mistakes once a week?”

—Nov. 11, 1954

“Think of the uproar there would be if a working man’s paycheck was held up for six months. Yet a lot of people figure it’s perfectly all right to let a merchant wait that long before returning him the price of a purchased article and his margin of profit on the same. If credit ever disappears from the small town, it will be because the folks who hire merchants to give them a convenient place to trade are forgetting too many paydays.”

“The boys nowadays worry more about how a gal is put together than how soon she will go to pieces after the wedding bliss wears off.”

—Nov. 25, 1954

“A woman has poisoned four husbands because they ‘rubbed her the wrong way.’ She rubbed the the wrong way too: out.”

“You can always find more people willing to help you carry your load if it appears that at least some of it is refreshment.”

—Dec. 2, 1954

Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



Crossword: “At the library”

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- Belt the ____
- Iota
- Old NOW cause
- Come from behind
- Certain student
- Deck (out)
- Succeed
- Bad loan
- “Audition” et al.
- Jack
- Thumbs down
- “The ____ of Night” (old soap)
- Ever, old style
- Start of a giggle
- Echo
- Thirst
- Gardner tomes
- Monastic officer
- Apprehensive
- Econ. figure
- Scratch
- Some auction bids
- Enzyme ending
- Acquiesce
- “Angela’s Ashes” et al.
- 1935 Triple Crown winner

- Capital of Ecuador
- Make a lap
- Clemson athlete
- Of an arm bone
- Catullus composition
- Great balls of fire
- Roll top?
- Surfing site

Down

- Move
- Roughly
- Disheveled
- Cousin of a loon
- Doctor Who villainess, with “the”
- Not to mention
- Ballyhoo
- Ogler
- Tope
- Like some mothers-in-law
- Needle holder
- Wrap up
- Florida has them
- Wear oneself out
- Whichever
- Visa statement abbr.
- Long-tailed primate
- Detroit’s county

- Befuddled
- Skater Babilonia
- “ ____ Time transfigured me”: Yeats
- Dash widths
- Suffix with pamphlet
- Survey choice
- Decorative plant
- Car ad abbr.
- Samovar
- Van Winkle
- Little ‘un
- Vereen
- Prayer
- Mock
- Sonnet section
- Son of Jacob
- Takes off
- Lifeless, old-style
- Cookers
- Utter
- Eastern music
- Prefix with plane
- Break in the action
- Series opener?
- Greek letters

Sudoku

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

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

*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

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

- “Things you don’t see every day: A squirrel in the backyard trying to drag an airline-sized vodka bottle up a tree, with no success. Note: It was empty. No, it wasn’t mine. I buy in bulk.”
- “Pretty sure most of the casualties in The Zombie Apocalypse will be the people trapped in line at Starbucks drive throughs.”
- “Why are text books so bad? I’m using what’s supposedly the best text book available to relearn French, and I’m spending about 95% of my time trying to decipher the text book itself, and then the lessons it’s trying to teach, and about 5% of my time actually learning. Mostly, I have to consult Wikipedia. My text comes with an interactive CD-ROM, which is almost useless, unless you replay each sentence dozens of times, and guess at its meaning. Unbelievable. This is exactly how I remember most of my school classroom experience. Using textbooks is like doing the *New York Times* Sunday crossword puzzle, where the answers are what you are trying to learn. Text book creators should be imprisoned.”
- “Some days, the feeling-like-a-cow part of pregnancy is really tough. Good thing it’s worth it!”
- “Dear whoever determines these things: if one has to be wide awake at 3:48 am with a song constantly running through one’s head, it would at least be nice to be allowed to choose which song.”
- “The height of pregnancy: excusing yourself for a 20-minute nap at your own baby shower.”
- “Let’s review the evidence: I enjoy swimming. I love salmon. I love berries. I love honey. I believe I am a bear.”
- “I could go get my hair cut by a stylist...or get it sucked into a fan and wrapped around the motor. That works too.”

Letters, cont. from p. 2

Sale success

The Legion Yard Sale was an outstanding success! Those sterling individuals who worked all day to make it so are: Adolph Nieshe, Ron Howe, Ray Drake, Marietta Hendrickson, Anita Mathis, Phil Jorgenson, and Christie Harkness, Bill and Leatha Sullivan, and John and Gail Boggs. A special thanks also goes to *Concrete Herald* for the advertising and George Theodoratus for the space. But what would a sale be without the numerous unnamed donors and customers who actually allowed us to bring in more than \$700 to benefit the Concrete American Legion Post 132? Thank you, all!

John Boggs
Concrete American Legion Post 132

Editorial, cont. from p. 2

building and stop its decay. A consulting architect with 30 years of experience in historic building restoration tells us we have until the end of 2015 to get a roof on the building. After that, we may as well demolish it; it won't be suitable for restoration.

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*Changes? Call 360.853.8213.

Let's not worry about what might have been; let's deal with the present, which comes down to this: How much do the people of Concrete and the people who care about Concrete care about this building? If you care, there are numerous ways you can take action:

- You can make a donation to the Indiegogo campaign. Simply point your browser to www.indiegogo.com/project/preview/61b6528b and make a donation before Sept. 30, when the fundraising period on that Web site ends.
- You can make a tax-deductible donation directly to Imagine Concrete Foundation. Make your check payable to Imagine Concrete Foundation and mail it to: P.O. Box 692 Concrete, WA 98237
- You can write a letter to the Concrete Town Council and let them know how you feel. Perhaps if enough people speak up, the council might change its mind about the level of involvement the town should have in this matter. Letters can be e-mailed to afichter@townofconcrete.com or snail-mailed to: P.O. Box 39

- Concrete, WA 98237
- You can show up at a Town Council meeting and make a statement about the Superior Building. The council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.
- You can write a letter to the editor of this newspaper, which distributes throughout Skagit County and into Whatcom and Snohomish counties. Who knows who might read it and be compelled to take action? Letters may be e-mailed to editor@concrete-herald.com.

The next year and a half will be a pivotal point in history for Concrete, its citizens, and those who care about the town and its heritage. The right actions could save a building and eventually transform it into something worth caring about. Apathy will doom it to the wrecking ball. What will *you* do about it?

—J. K. M.

Council, cont. from p. 7

- stated this has been a project more than 10 years in the making.
- Fire and Life Safety Building Construction Management Scope and Fee:* Janice Marlega with Reichhardt & Ebe stated that CDBG is currently reviewing all the environmental documentation and their comment period will end on July 15. She stated that as long as no comments or concerns are received, the funds will be released on July 16. She stated that once funds are released by CDBG, they will move forward with the approval of the final construction documents and bid the project.
- Audience member Gary Dunlap stated his concerns regarding the construction of hangars and the building requirements at the airport. He stated he would like to possibly switch lots with the town so that he can more easily construct a hangar. He reported with the size of his plane, he would barely be able to build a hangar on his lots that his plane would fit in.
- Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles stated that she would like to work with Dunlap on what options he has for constructing his hangar so that he can not only build one to fit his plane, but also meet the setback requirements.
- Council approved an agreement with CRH Engineering (Cody Hart).

CRH Engineering is listed on the town's Small Works Roster and its Professional Services Roster. The town will proceed with CRH Engineering similar to that of Reichhardt & Ebe, where a task order will be developed project by project.

July 28 regular meeting

Editor's note: Complete minutes for this meeting were not available at press time.

- Annette DeVoe with the Skagit County Assessor's Office was present to answer council questions regarding annexation into the library district.
- Council agreed to allow airport lot owner Gary Dunlap to install a water line to the east end of the airport, at Dunlap's cost.
- Mayor Miller brought a revised Scope and Budget for the Secondary Access project before council for approval. Councilmember Mears argued that the mayor can't bring the same thing back to council to be voted on after it was already voted down. Mayor Miller explained it was a revised document, with the dollar amount for one item decreased by approximately half. Council decided to send the Scope and Budget back to Reichhardt & Ebe to see if any other items could be decreased.
- Mayor Miller asked for council approval to turn construction management of the entire Fire and Life Safety Building over to CRH Engineering. Mayor Miller explained that he had met with Nathan Zylstra of Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, who had made it very clear that his firm wanted the whole project or nothing. Mayor Miller then spoke to Cody Hart of CRH Engineering and asked if he was capable of taking over this project. Cody stated that he could do it by farming out some of the administrative work to a third party, as well as Andrea Fichter and Corrina Hart.
- A series of new airport leases were approved by council, after which airport lot owners Dunlap and Jay Welch took the podium again to discuss the five-year build rule in the leases. The discussion grew heated and disruptive, with an argument breaking out between Councilmember Pfeiffer and Welch. Mayor Miller restored order and asked Dunlap and Welch to leave the meeting. Councilmember Mears asked the council to be excused from the meeting, and left.

—Compiled by J. K. M.

Classifieds

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that relate to Skagit County history, especially the Upper Skagit Valley. These include back issues of *Concrete Herald* and *Sedro-Woolley Courier-Times*, early county phone books, Polk's Directories, Wells Index, Metzger Maps, Concrete and Hamilton High School Yearbooks (class photos of all early upriver schools), postcards, books, and pictures relating to histories of the area. If you are not willing to sell items (I guarantee I will not resell them), I can copy or scan on site. A book on Upper River Skagit County is in the planning stage. We need your family biographies. Call or e-mail to work with me on this. Contact Dan Royal at 360.826.6141 or dmoroyal@earthlink.net.

Dakota Picnic

Anyone with connections to North or South Dakota is invited to the Dakota Picnic on Sat., Aug. 9, at noon, in Church Creek Park, 27211 72nd Ave. NW, Stanwood.
Take Exit 212 to Stanwood from I-5, turn right at McDonald's, and right again at first driveway to park entrance.
Bring potluck dish, beverage (no alcohol allowed in city park), eating utensils, folding chairs, and a card table if you have one, as seating is limited.
Rain or shine. Prizes, old-time fun stories about life in the Dakotas, "where you walked uphill both ways to school in blinding blizzards."
For more information, call 360.629.3405; leave message if no answer.

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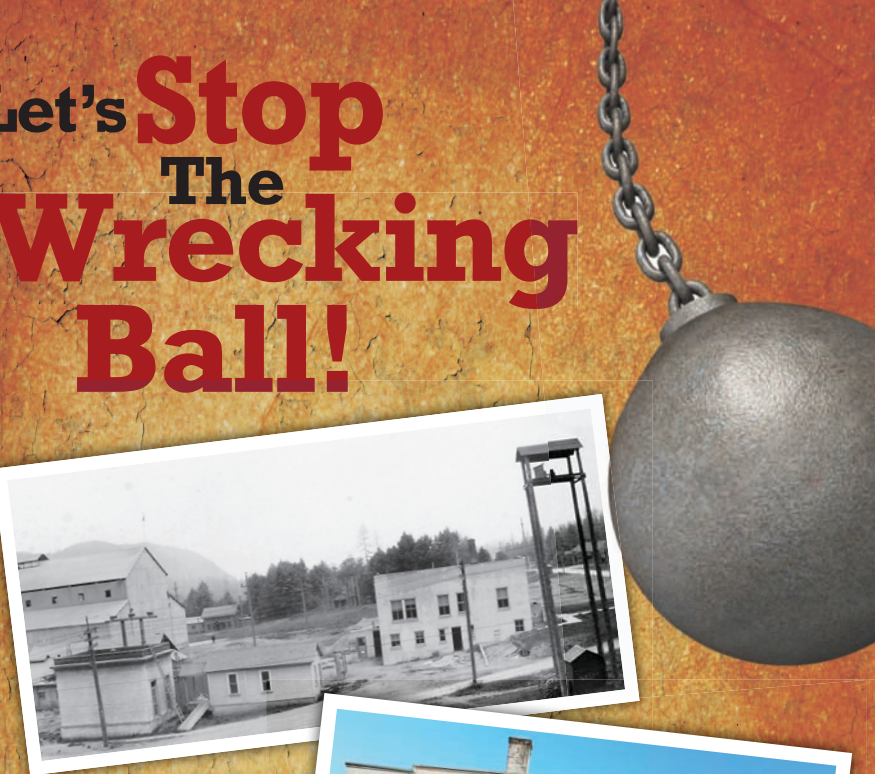
Crossword solution, from p. 37

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59	O	M	A	H	A			60	Q	U	I	T	O		61	S	I
62	T	I	G	E	R			63	U	L	N	A	R		64	O	D
65	S	T	A	R	S			66	A	L	I	S	T		67	N	E

Sudoku solution, from p. 37

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

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- Send your tax-deductible check payable to Imagine Concrete Foundation to: **Imagine Concrete Foundation**
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