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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Big holes in anti-income tax editorial

The guest editorial by Senator Mark Schoesler in the July issue of *Concrete Herald* blasted efforts to reform Washington State's tax structure by instituting a state income tax.

Nowhere does Schoesler acknowledge that last autumn, Washington won distinction for the most regressive tax structure in the entire country, with the wealthy paying six times less taxes than the least wealthy residents (<https://itep.org/whopays/>).

Nor did Schoesler offer his own suggestions for reform. Just more of the same "populist" me-first theme: "Give-me-government-services-but-don't-make-me-pay!"

It's past time to think about the common good.

Lynn McMillan
Concrete

Airport gate should be kept open

The Concrete airport seems to have become a gated community for the sole use of a few leaseholders. I think the gate should remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at least.

I have been a leaseholder at lot No. 12 for more than 30 years. During that time I have had free access coming and going to my hangar. Not anymore. Now the gate is kept closed. I have to get into and out of my car four times every time I come to the airport. One thousand four hundred sixty times per year, more or less.

I think it would be better for everyone if the gate is kept open during the day.

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Open letter to those who are addicted to drugs

I appreciate that the government is addressing the drug crisis (see image of flyer, above).

However, asking a "friend" (Proverbs 17:17) to do drugs with you, picking someone to test the drugs, and waiting to see if you or a "friend" overdose and/or

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die is very risky, to say the least for you and your "friend."

God loves you and He wants you to know:

He has a plan for you—a plan for good and not evil; to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

He is the God of Deliverance and to Him belong escapes from death (Psalms 68:20).

You have an enemy who hates you and wants to kill, steal, and destroy you (John 10:10). He is using drugs to do that.

It's your choice: Life or death.

God loves you and wants you to experience His love and peace and hope. Your enemy hates you and wants you to die.

You're in a battle and you're not wrestling against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). Ask God to help you.

Open letter to God's people: God loves you and wants you to pray, pray, pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We are all in a battle.

Kathleen Drexler
Rockport

Youth Activity Day kudos

A huge thank you to so many amazing community partners and organizations that made Concrete Youth Activity Day such a great event!

A big shout out to the Concrete Youth Activity Day planning committee members. Without your time and dedication, this event wouldn't be possible.

I want to thank Annie's Pizza Station, Concrete Theatre, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete Lions Club, Concrete High School cheerleaders and Coach Tracie, Upper Valley Task Force, Community Bible Church, United General District 304, Community Action of Skagit County (East County Resource Center), KSVU 90.1 FM and DJ Papis, Northwest Garden Bling, Concrete Sea Mar, and Washington State Health Care Authority for providing fun, food, raffle prizes, or a monetary donation to keep this event 100 percent free for our attendees.

I hope everyone had a great time and I look forward to next year.

Stephanie Morgareidge, coor.
Concrete Resource Coalition
Concrete

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Early-warning siren system testing at Baker River Dam

Puget Sound Energy will test its early-warning siren system at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project in Concrete from Aug. 5-8. The purpose of this test is to conduct siren and operational assessments as a follow up to the early-warning siren system that was installed in 2018.

As part of PSE's Dam Safety Program, PSE upgraded the early-warning siren system last year, expanding the sound coverage warning area and increasing the siren system from three sirens to eight. In the unlikely event of a dam breach, the siren system would provide early-warning and immediate mass notification to the town of Concrete and the surrounding communities of Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdview.

Exact locations of the sirens and siren tone and verbal messages can be found at www.pse.com/bakerriver.

Siren testing is scheduled to take place Aug. 5-8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What you can expect during testing

During the sound testing, the sirens will produce a tone and two verbal messages. This is a scheduled test and only a test of the siren system. If the sirens sound during this timeframe, residents are not called to evacuate.

If the sirens sound at any other time, without prior notice to the local media, it is not a test. Residents are to evacuate and head for higher ground, in the north and south direction, away from the Skagit River.

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11 am	Parade	
Noon - 4 pm	Car Show	
Noon - 4 pm	Kids' Activities and Trout Pond	
12:30 pm	Fireman's Muster	
4 pm	Duck Race	

Sunday's Events

9 am - 2 pm	Chainsaw Carvers	
10 am - 4 pm	Karaoke	
New Event! Noon	Pet Parade	
Noon - 4 pm	Kids' activities	
12:30 pm	Digital Pet Photos (Contributions welcome)	
1 pm - 2 pm	Pie & Watermelon Eating Contests	
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Primary 2019

Hamilton mayor, councilmembers face challengers this election

With most candidates for public office running unopposed in the *Concrete Herald* coverage area, all eyes are on Hamilton, where Mayor Joan Cromley and Councilmember Brian Kirkpatrick face two opponents in the primary election on Aug. 6. Hamilton Councilmembers Timothy Morrison and Lisa Johnson will face opponents in the general election on Nov. 5.

Concrete Herald sent questionnaires and photo requests to all candidates in its coverage area who will face opposition in the primary election; only Mayor Joan Cromley responded.

Incumbent Mayor Cromley faces opponents Renee Barley and Carla Vandiver. Cromley has held the mayor position for seven years, and told *Concrete*

Herald she's running again to move several projects further along.

"I'd like to ... replace the culverts on Pettit St., update Emergency Action Plans, set Hamilton up so it can actually grow with the rest of the county in jobs and tax base. I believe in Hamilton's potential, and will continue to fight for it to be a great place to live and work."

Cromley said she sees a dearth in qualified applicants for public office. "I am running for office because no one else with any government experience or knowledge of the requirements to keep



Cromley

Hamilton running is. I would love to see more people be interested and learn what it takes so that Hamilton will be in good hands in the future. Being involved with the Town Council is a great start."

Cromley points to classes and training she's completed as further support for a vote in her favor, such as budgeting, records management, and community emergency response.

"The Town of Hamilton's audits have had no findings, even though we've had four different town clerks," she said. "Hamilton now has money in the bank, instead of planning on spending every dime that comes in. I've been here during flooding, making sure that repairs to streets and levees are done quickly and properly, while making sure we have the resources so everyone can clean up."

Challenges continue to face Hamilton, said Cromley, the greatest being "managing to protect and maintain the current residents and infrastructure while allowing development in the Urban Growth Area outside of the floodway. Emergency management has always been a top priority for me. I have gone to trainings, meetings, and fostered relationships with the local agencies so that when an emergency hits, Hamilton has the connections and resources to handle it. I will continue to do that, and increase the resiliency of our response systems. We need to maintain our streets and water system, and work toward enforceable regulations for drug issues. We will need to continue to enforce the required regulations about developing in floodway, while working with partners to explore the potential, both in the Urban Growth Area and current boundaries."

Sedro-Woolley

Council Wards 1 and 5 have multiple candidates in the races. Here's a snapshot:

- Council Ward 1: Dave Bates, Judith Dunn Lee, Brenda McGoffin, Kevin Loy.
- Council Ward 5: Justin Crossman, Corrin Hamburg, Charles Owen.

—J. K. M.

Public forum answers questions

The last day of July saw a large crowd gathered at the Concrete Community Center for the annual East County Public forum. Every seat in the center was filled, and many stood at the back of the room for the duration of the nearly two-hour meeting.

Skagit County Commissioners Lisa Janicki, Ken Dahlstedt, and Ron Wesen were joined by county Sheriff Don McDermott, county Assessor Dave Thomas, and Parks and Recreation Dir. Brian Adams, as well as representatives from Public Works, Public Health, the Department of Emergency Management, and Community Action of Skagit County, among others.

According to Janicki, the goal of the yearly public forum is for elected officials and department heads to share information with East County residents, but more importantly to listen to what locals have to say. Among the top concerns of the night from residents ranging from Sedro-Woolley to Marblemount were the impact of a proposed quarry expansion in Marblemount and property damage and safety concerns involving elk herds in the county.

Elk still a concern

Dave Thomas from the Assessor's Office started the night off with a handout detailing the results of a survey done in Sedro-Woolley and the Upper Valley area. Thomas said his department estimates nearly \$1.4 million in elk damage in the county.

In attendance also were the two school district superintendents—Phil Brockman from Sedro-Woolley and Wayne Barrett from Concrete. The latter spoke several times throughout the night, voicing concerns about tax funding shortages for the school district, as well as worries over the elk impact on school grounds, a sentiment echoed by a large portion of the audience, who have known friends and family who have had vehicle collisions with the large animals or property damage done by the herds camping on their farmland. One frustrated citizen declared that the elk "devastate" his land, and that he spends \$15,000 to \$20,000 to repair the damage every year. He said, "I don't want to shoot every one of them, but we should have the right to do so."

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A conversation with poet Judith Adams

On Aug. 24, Upper Skagit Library will host a free Humanities Washington event titled, "The Poetic Apothecary: Poems for Healing and Comfort," with presenter Judith Adams. The library conducted an interview with the presenter before the event.

How and why did you first get involved with Humanities Washington?

I have always been interested in Humanities Washington and followed their activities closely. They offer many diverse programs and have enthusiastic energy for the Humanities in our state. Increasingly, I have yearned to bring poetry to as many people as I can. I have enjoyed performing poetry locally with musicians and wanted to find an opportunity to reach as many people as I could. Writing and reading poetry is essential to me; in a sense, it is a life raft.

How long have you been involved with Humanities Washington?

I was one of the speakers for Humanities Washington for 2017/18 and at the moment a speaker for 2019/20.

What is it about Humanities Washington that appeals to you?

Humanities Washington programs are a gift to communities all over Washington State, from cities to remote rural communities. Being one of the Speakers for Humanities Washington gives me the opportunity to bring poetry to the mainstream, to show that poetry is accessible and can be a powerful force for growth and understanding of ourselves, each other, and the world around us.

I believe students should not have to fight their way through poems, line by line, trying to find what the poet meant; rather they should be allowed to merely listen to the words and rhythm. The poem will reveal itself wherever the student is in his/her lives. A poem can mean different things to different people and can change at different times in our lives.

Are audiences engaged more often than not?

I find my audiences very attentive wherever I am, whether in a museum, a library, senior living, or prisons, etc. At first, I was surprised to find that in

the remotest areas, I sometimes had the largest audience when you think about the population of that small town. During the question and discussion time, the talks are fascinating and lively, and yes, many people tell me their own stories about how poetry touches them. One such story that illustrates the power of learning poetry by heart, was a woman in Omak who said that when her brother was dying in a semi-coma, she recited a poem that she and her sibling had learned from their father as children. As she recited, he opened his eyes and smiled at her. The poem was a deep connection between them.

Many attendees ask the question: What is the difference between prose and poetry, which is a common question that always sparks conversation. Prison audiences are particularly enthusiastic. Those incarcerated are dealing with particularly challenging circumstances, and poetry for them is almost essential for their sanity.

How did you decide that the topic of poetry for healing was the right fit with Humanities Washington?

I did not really think about what would work for Humanities Washington; I thought more about what I wanted to bring to others about poetry, hoping that it would appeal to the Humanities Washington selecting panel. I wanted to have the opportunity to show how poetry can heal us and be a companion in our lives. How poetry gives inspiration and brings the world more fully to us. I wanted to demonstrate that a poem can be like meeting a person of great wisdom who can help us and give meaning and solace to our lives. Poetry can also bring levity and humor to our lives.

How did you get started as a poet? What inspired you to help others?

My poetry comes from the roots of my experience growing up on a small farm in rural England in a family fraught with



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Tom Jones named Cascade Council summary Days Grand Marshal

Concrete's "man about town" will lead the parade during Concrete's biggest party this month.

Tom Jones is the kind of volunteer every town dreams about. He sees a job that needs doing and without even being asked, starts and finishes the project. A member of the Concrete Lions Club, Tom stays busy mowing grass, shoveling snow, and helping with nonprofit fundraisers. Town of Concrete welcomes him on numerous projects, the most recent being construction of the new fence on Main Street, leading into the Town Center.

What a line-up

The Cascade Days Committee—another group of volunteers on par with Jones—has again crafted a fun, family-friendly slate of events to fill the two-day festival, which runs Aug. 17–18.

Sat., Aug. 17:

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Chainsaw carvers (auction at 2:30 p.m.)
- 11 a.m.: Parade
- Noon to 4 p.m.: Car Show
- Noon to 4 p.m.: Kids' activities and

trout pond

- 12:30 p.m.: Firemen's Muster
- 4 p.m.: Duck Race

Sun., Aug. 18:

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Chainsaw carvers
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Karaoke
- Noon: Pet Parade—a new event
- Noon to 4 p.m.: Kids' activities
- 12:30 p.m.: Digital Pet Photos (contributions will be welcome)
- 1 to 2 p.m.: Pie and Watermelon-Eating Contests
- 2:30 p.m.: Jam and Jelly Contest
- 4 p.m.: Button prize drawing

Most events take place in Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete. The chainsaw carvers will be in the grassy area south of the library/Resource Center building. The Car Show is held in the Town Center. The parade line-up begins at the Post Office.

For more information, forms, or how to volunteer, go to www.cascadedays.com or send an e-mail to ember@cascadedays.com.

—J. K. M.



Cammy, a now 6-year-old female mixed breed, was plenty photogenic during the 2017 Cascade Days Pet Show—and won a ribbon. Cammy belongs to "Bob" and Kelcie (pictured) Gadbois of Oso. This year the pets get their own parade, at noon on Sun., Aug. 18.

Concrete Town Council met for a regular meeting on July 22. It was unable to field a quorum for its July 8 meeting; therefore, that meeting was cancelled. The council held a brief special meeting on July 5 to approve bills. The following is a summary of the July 22 meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

July 22 regular meeting

- Town engineer Cody Hart reported the inflow and infiltration (I&I) project is progressing and is near completion. It will most likely be complete this week or the end of next week, with the final grouting and CCTV work. There were three residences that encountered pressure issues while work was occurring.

Hart also reported that Cedar St. is progressing well and the waterlines are being installed on Cedar St. and S. Rietze. The contractor will then connect the residences. After that, grading will occur for the sidewalk and curb and gutter, and then the roadway work will occur. Hart will have pay estimates for both projects at the next council meeting.

Mayor Miller showed the council and audience what the material looks like that is being used for the cure-in-place-pipe (CIPP) work. He stated the vinyl cloth looks like a long sock when it goes in, and then is hardened to PCV-like strength. He also reported on the full-depth reclamation work on Cedar St. Hart mentioned the cost effectiveness of the full-depth reclamation process, and that it is becoming more popular.

- After a public hearing with no comments from the public, council approved a conditional use and variance and Resolution No. 2019-15. This is for work that PSE is doing on Lower Baker Dam, for seepage. Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles reported the town has been working with PSE for months on this project. She also reported on the numerous studies and reports that PSE has had to complete for this project. Manville-Ailles discussed what the town's primary concerns are and that each of those is addressed in the conditions of approval. She stated the town has also completed the SEPA process.

- A second public hearing garnered no public comment. The public hearing was for Resolution No. 2019-16, a Water System Plan Extension. Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter explained the timeframe and that this particular update is not the full update. She stated the update used to be required every six years, but after the last approval, that timeframe was changed to every 10 years. This update will get the town through the next four years. Manville-Ailles also stated the next update will occur in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan update, and one item in particular that will need to be updated is the amount of storage and water availability, to make sure it coincides with the population projections. Fichter also noted the water use efficiency items are important to review as well.
- The council selected Councilmember Ginger Kyritsis to serve as Mayor Pro-tem from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2019.

- Council discussed a request to allow airport hangars to be rented to third parties, along the lines of an Airbnb arrangement. Manville-Ailles reiterated her and staff's opposition to this, since the airport is not a residential district. She said that WSDOT Aviation had submitted comments stating that having any type of residential is inconsistent with most general aviation airports. She also stated it is inconsistent with the intent of the airport to allow for Airbnbs, as well as the fact they would be almost impossible to monitor. Council took no action.
- Fichter added an item to "New Business": an ongoing issue with a resident who is keeping more than 100 chickens on her property, and for whose neighbors the practice has become an issue. After discussion, council asked Fichter to develop more stringent ordinance language for keeping fowl inside town limits. The subject will be discussed again at the council's Aug. 12 meeting.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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Athletes of the Year

Jaidyn Swanson, Dalton Newby

Named Athlete of the Month twice (volleyball, fastpitch) during her senior year, Jaidyn Swanson is the kind of athlete that coaches of opposing teams wish they had in their lineup. She lettered in three sports during the 2018–19 school year, leaving in her wake frustrated opponents and proud coaches.

Volleyball

Swanson was one of two floor captains during the season. She led the team in assists and was second on the team in serve percentage and aces.

“Jaidyn is the total team player, and leads by example on and off the court,” said Coach Kevik Rensink. “She checks off the three ‘As’ when it comes to representing a CHS student-athlete: attitude, academics, and athlete.”

Swanson was voted “Most Likely to Always Respect Her Teammates” by Coach Rensink at the close of the season.

Basketball

Voted “Most Likely to Confront Her Issues Head-On,” Swanson brought that attitude to the gym floor during basketball season.

“Her actions always spoke louder than her words,” said Coach Kevik Rensink.



“She was a great example of who a teammate should be. She did everything with her team in mind, and didn’t look for any credit or accolades. She has integrity and shows incredible loyalty to everyone in our programs. She is dedicated, a quick learner, works very hard, and always brings an awesome attitude.”

Fastpitch softball

Swanson started her career in the diamond in 3rd grade, playing Little League baseball, so softball is her favorite sport.

During her senior year she made the move from outfield to infield, taking over the shortstop position. This was a new position for her, but it didn’t take her long to figure out how the position works, said Coach Bob Hickman. She also worked hard to gain the leadoff spot in the batting order.

“Jaidyn is a good student of the game and pays attention to detail,” said Hickman. “She also has the ability to pass her knowledge on to others to help them understand their roles on the field. She picks up on the information, remembers specific details, and helps me convey this to the players.”

—J. K. M.

Dalton Newby’s senior year was swamped with honors; one look at his letterman’s jacket proves it. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, and took home awards and accolades in each, including two showings as Athlete of the Month.

Football

A running back and receiver for the Concrete football team, Newby was known for his knowledge of the game and his versatility on the field, covering positions when needed. A coachable, enthusiastic athlete, he led by example and took home a letter for his efforts at the end of the season.

Basketball

Newby played point guard for the CHS basketball team and captured 2nd Team All-League honors for his efforts. He was also named Aggressive Athlete by his coach, Levi Stewart.

“Dalton is everything that you want in an Athlete of the Year,” said Stewart. “He always gave his best effort on and off the court, always led by example, and was a great leader to all of our younger athletes. As an elementary teacher, it was great to have a guy like that to tell the younger kids about, somebody that they could look up to and try to be like.”



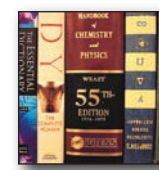
Newby averaged 3.8 assists on the season, and was known for drawing out the opposition’s toughest defenders, who would try to wear him out and frustrate him. It rarely worked. “He was a guy for whom opponents game-planned, and thought that if they could shut down Dalton, they would have a much easier night on both ends of the court,” said Stewart.

Baseball

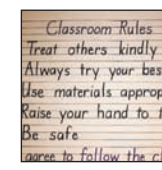
Newby took a new position last spring as first baseman and leadoff hitter for the CHS baseball team. He was a team captain, second in the club in batting average and RBIs, and led the team in runs scored. He was named to the All-League 1st Team and given the team’s Silver Slugger Award.

“Dalton has always been a great representative of Lion athletics in his 4-year career,” said Coach Randy Sweeney. “Not only did his actions on the field help lead us into the District Playoffs this year, he was a great mentor for the young players in our program at practice every day. He did this while maintaining academic excellence as a National Honor Society student.”

—J. K. M.



Academics



Artapalooza!

Organized by Concrete Elementary School art teacher Mary Bianchini, the second annual art show filled the school gym and courtyard on May 29. Counterclockwise from above: Partial and full self-portraits, Athena Hornsby with Northwest Garden Bling introduces a couple young artists to mosaic, Upper Valley potter Steve Murray with Sauk Mountain Pottery shows a budding potter how to create a masterpiece, bamboo aficionado Mike Brondi demonstrates cane splitting—and what can be done with bamboo after that.



Summer food service at Concrete School District

Concrete School District is offering a free summer food service program for all children ages 1 through 18.

Any child may come and eat meals at the Concrete Elementary School cafeteria, 7838 S. Superior Ave., Concrete, at the following dates and times:

- Monday through Friday, through Aug. 16.
- Breakfast: 9 to 9:30 a.m.
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Children do not need to be enrolled in the summer program in order to receive free meals. Children must consume all food in the cafeteria.

For more information, call the Concrete School District office at 360.853.4000.

Road trip for the record books

In 1980, Gene Shabnow and his nephew drove a flag, a soccer ball, and a pizza to every state capital in the Lower 48. They did it in 17 days.

Gene Shabnow is 84 years old. He's lived in the Concrete area for 10 years. You've probably seen him strolling around town in his leather, broad-brimmed hat, at a pace that's suited to his age.

But in 1980, Shabnow was only 45, and he decided he would race around the United States with his nephew, in a tiny car, stopping at every state capital in the Lower 48 along the way.

It took him 17 days.

The idea

"I don't even know if I had a reason for the trip," says Shabnow, who lived in Lake Stevens at the time. "Although I knew I wanted to establish a Guinness record."

The closest driving record in the *Guinness Book of World Records* in 1980 was an entry about two men who in 1930 drove their Model A Roadster in reverse from New York City to Los Angeles—and back again. It took 42 days.

Sadly, the Guinness representatives weren't warm to Shabnow's idea when he approached them after his trip. "That didn't work out, because the Guinness people claimed the book was 'too big' and they couldn't put anything more in it."

Shabnow's plan was to hit every state capital with an American flag, a soccer ball signed by his son Tracey's Rat Pack Junior Soccer team players, and a plastic-

enclosed pizza from Lake Stevens' Up the Creek Restaurant (so the eatery could boast its pizza had been to 48 states).

He connected with his nephew, Jim Greenfield of Toledo, Ohio, and they began planning. Shabnow divided the trip into five legs. The pair would use Shabnow's 1977 Datsun 200 SX. They'd drive 24 hours a day, switching back and forth at the wheel and to sleep, stopping only for food, gas, and repairs and maintenance as needed.

A short, strange trip

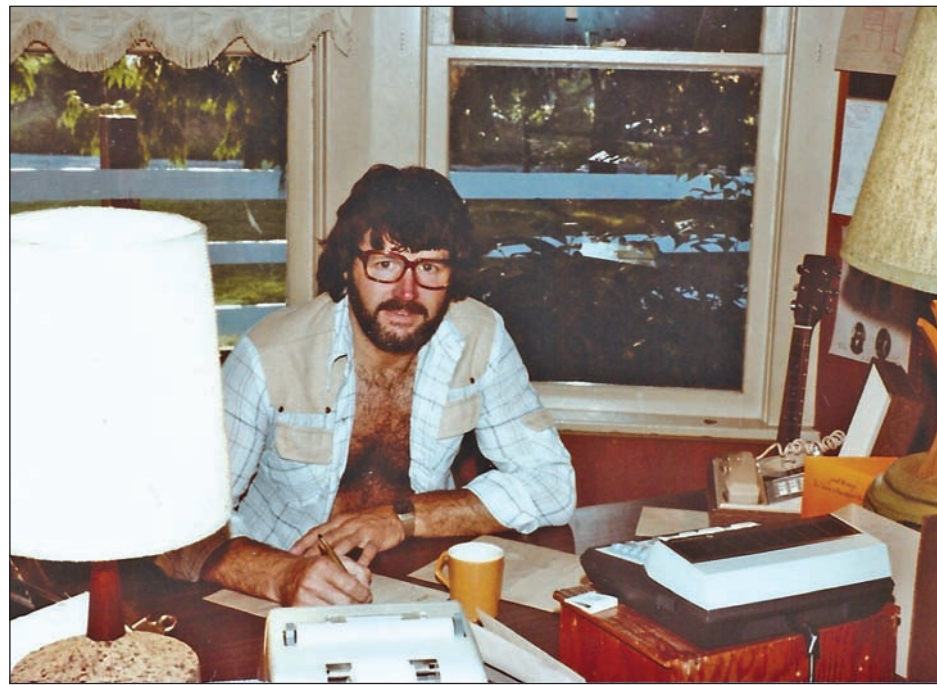
On Sept. 30, 1980, at 12:01 a.m., they left Lake Stevens, traveling east—fast.

"We had the car wide open often—speeding," says Shabnow. "You couldn't do this today without having some kind of a big problem—you never know who you're going to run into. And if you did, you couldn't do it in 17.5 days—you'd have a bucketful of tickets! There's too much traffic to do that these days."

Shabnow added: "When you're going lickety split and going through towns, you can drive past the weirdos. We didn't get mugged."

Concrete Herald could not reach Greenfield for comment—he still lives in Ohio—and Shabnow admitted his memory wasn't what it used to be, but between his recollections and his carefully

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This photo from 1980 shows Gene Shabnow planning the cross-country trip in his home office in Lake Stevens. Submitted photo.



Members of teacher Nancy Adkins' 4th grade class at Mt. Pilchuck Elementary School in Lake Stevens swarm the car after the trip. The car—a 1977 Datsun 200 SX—made the journey in a little more than 17 days. Submitted photo.

Facing page: Complementing their study of U.S. geography, members of Ms. Adkins' 4th grade class sent a map and a signature sheet with Shabnow and Greenfield, who called the school daily with updates. Shabnow's son, Tracey, is center front. Submitted photo.

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preserved scrapbook binders—six of them—the high and low points of the journey revealed themselves.

The pair sped from state capital to state capital, paused for a photo on each capitol building lawn with the soccer ball and/or the flag (maybe kick the ball around a little), got their paperwork signed at each capital or a police station to prove they'd been there, and then whizzed away toward the next destination.

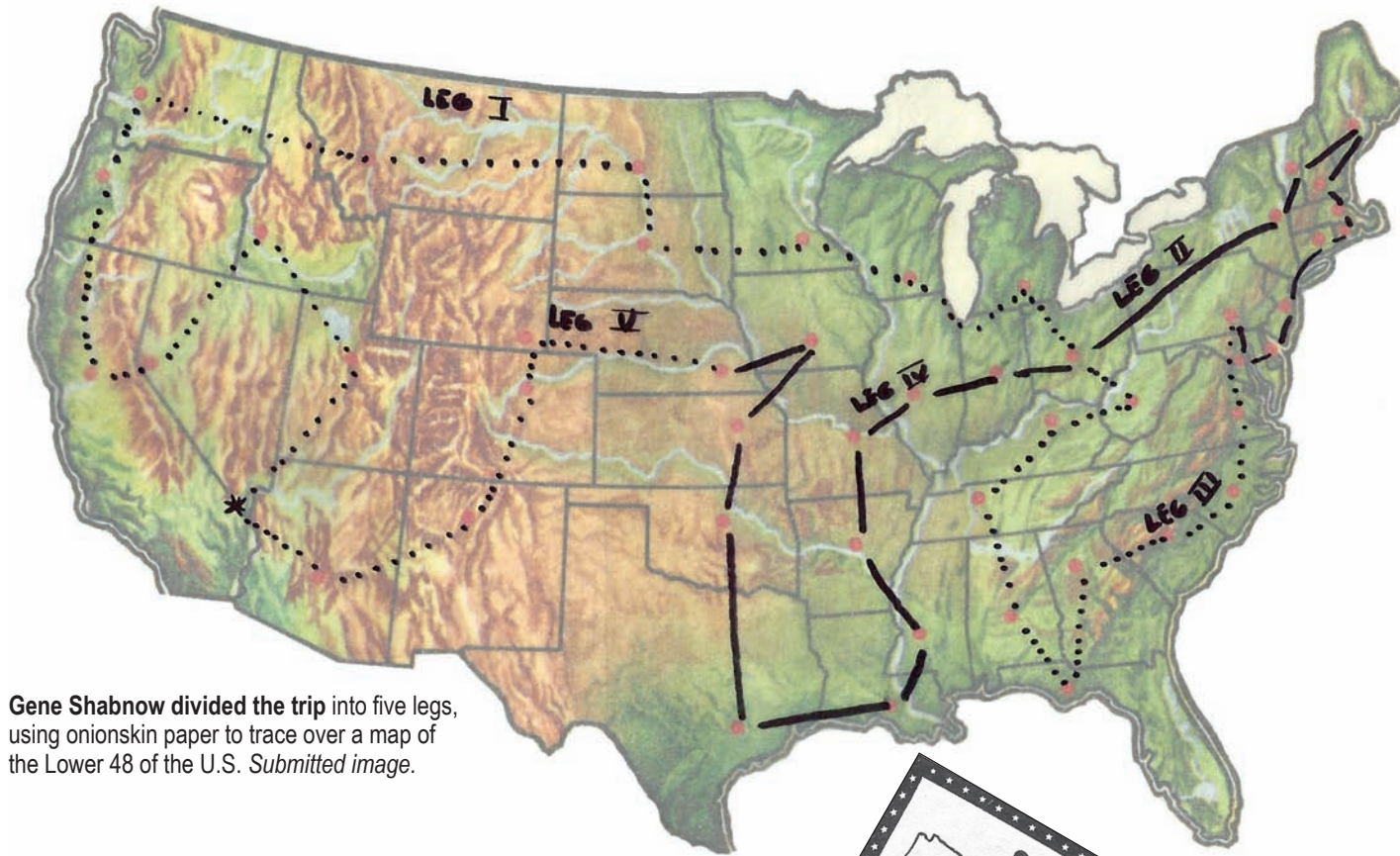
"We'd go in, get our papers signed, visit a little, and then you're on your way again," says Shabnow.

Incredibly, the men stayed ahead of schedule, because Shabnow had programmed each leg so carefully. They beat their times consistently and ended up spending almost a day in Las Vegas, as well as an entire evening in Ohio visiting family.

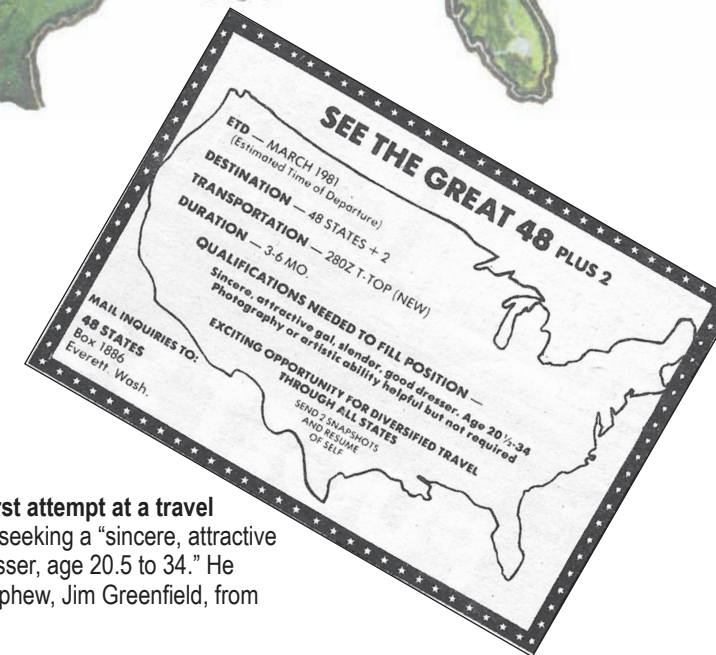
"And we still made it in 17 and a half days," says Shabnow.

Along the way, things sometimes got

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Gene Shabnow divided the trip into five legs, using onionskin paper to trace over a map of the Lower 48 of the U.S. Submitted image.



Gene Shabnow's first attempt at a travel partner aimed high, seeking a "sincere, attractive gal, single, good dresser, age 20.5 to 34." He ended up with his nephew, Jim Greenfield, from Toledo, Ohio.

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weird. Greenfield didn't like wearing shoes, so he was barefoot most of the time. "But he had stinky feet," says Shabnow with a laugh. "So we stopped at a drugstore and bought some stuff for his feet, and we put his socks on the car antenna to air out." Memories come and go quickly for Shabnow, but he digs them up:

- A city towed the car one time; it was parked incorrectly and got impounded.
- A state trooper pulled them over and compelled them to pay the ticket on the spot, but they had no credit card. "He didn't want cash, and he got frustrated and just drove off and let us go," says Shabnow.
- Some areas had beetles that were so numerous, the men couldn't get to sleep. They didn't want to shower in motels because the beetles were in the shower. "The screen doors were loaded with them so we hurried to get inside, but it didn't matter because they were already inside," says Shabnow.
- "New Jersey was a dirty place," says Shabnow. "We hit a hole in the wall restaurant and didn't want to order anything more than coffee because it was so scuzzy."

The men passed a cotton field in Moultrie, Georgia, that Shabnow recognized: It was an air base where he'd had some Air Force training, and where he'd waved at President Eisenhower as he drove by about 10 feet away. The first time the travelers simultaneously rested was Montpelier, Vermont. "It was early morning, no traffic, so we parked the car and tried to

get some shuteye. Because normally one would drive while the other slept," says Shabnow. Speaking of sleep: Once while Shabnow was at the wheel, he passed a car, fell asleep, and woke up with the car he was passing right next to him—at speed. An average day? "Drive like a mad fool, go as fast as you can without getting a ticket, have the music blaring away with the windows open, because it was a hot fall. I remember the windows being down, with Jim's feet out the window. When you hit the wide-open spaces, you had to make time."

Coming home

They made time—record time. Their mad dash ended in Olympia, Washington. In one of Shabnow's scrapbooks lies a notarized letter that reveals the tale of the tape:

- The car: 1977 Datsun 200 SX
- Starting odometer reading: 78,659
- Starting date: Sept. 30, 1980, 12:01 a.m.
- Ending date: Oct. 17, 1980, 12:00 a.m.
- Total time elapsed: 17½ days
- Total miles traveled: 13,860 (Lake Stevens to Olympia, Wash.)
- Total gas spent: \$686.69
- Average price per gallon: \$1.27
- Gallons of gas used: 540.7

They'd replaced the car's brake pads in Hartford, Conn., and a heater hose in Mississippi. The oil was down only ¾ of a quart at the end of the trip.

Looking back

Shabnow sifts through his memories as he pages through his scrapbooks from

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This photo—originally published in the *Everett Herald*—shows Jim Greenfield (left) and Gene Shabnow just before they left on their journey.

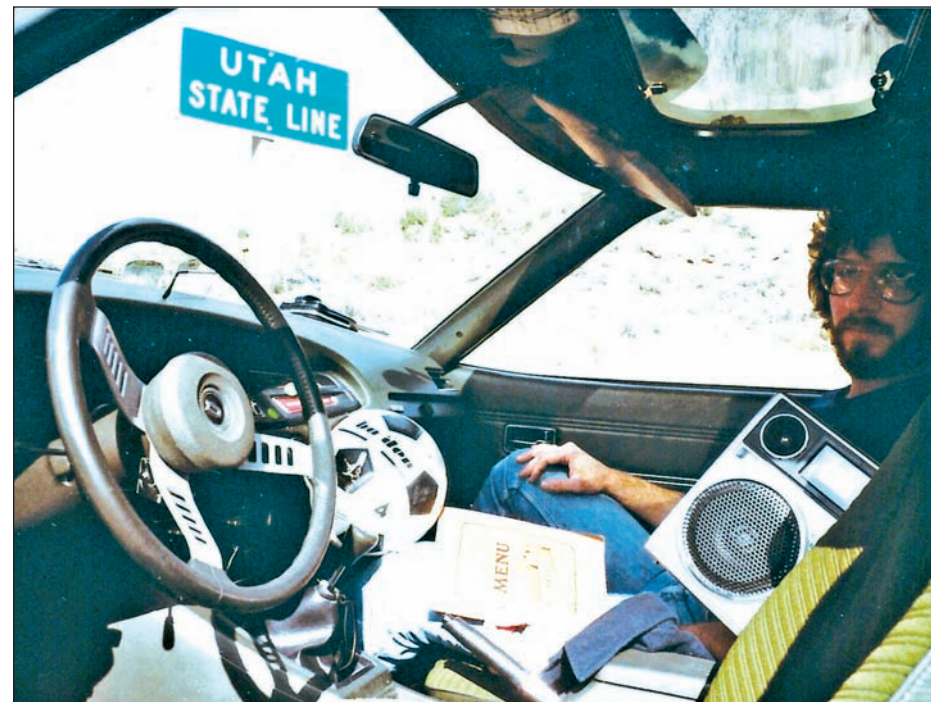
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the trip. He finds a copy of the *Lake Stevens Journal*, dated Nov. 12, 1980, that includes a story about the trip after they'd returned. He looks at the words he shared for the article:

"I want to keep on seeing things. I'd rather do that than stand still and make money. They can take your money away, but they can't take your memories away. That's what I'm stashing up on." —J. K. M.



Jim Greenfield at the New York state line, Oct. 4, 1980. Submitted photo.



Gene Shabnow's scrapbooks are filled with photos like this one, which shows his nephew, Jim Greenfield, in the car as they cross the Utah state line. Note the ever-present soccer ball, which appears in every state capital photo. Submitted photo.



Repairs and maintenance were a fact of life during the pair's mad rush across the Lower 48 United States. This photo shows Jim Greenfield and employees of Beck Motors in Freeburg, Mo., where the men stopped for repairs on Oct. 9, 1980. Submitted photo.



Gene Shabnow holds an American flag from Mt. Pilchuck Elementary School in front of the Washington State Capitol in Olympia on Oct. 17, 1980—the final stop on their trip. Shabnow and Greenfield then made their way back to Lake Stevens at a more leisurely pace. Submitted photo.

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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

Our picture this month is a scene from early logging east of Clear Lake circa 1895-1900. W. H. "Bill" Shipp can be seen lying in the undercut of a large fir tree. Shipp was the father of Peggy Shipp Beaman. When Peggy was young, the Shipp family lived in Sterling. She remembered traveling to Clear Lake in horse and buggy to help her grandmother, who was a cook at the Clear Lake Lumber Company Boarding House. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*
If you have old photos of Clear Lake and/or

Day Creek, please contact historian Deanna Ammons at 360.856.6798.

Like the Clear Lake Historical Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clearlakehistory.

The Clear Lake Historical Association has new office hours: Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. For more information, send an e-mail to clha1987@gmail.com or call 360.856.6798.

—Deanna Ammons, historian



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Community Calendar



AUGUST

- 6 Primary Election, last day to vote. Ballots must be stamped with today's date or left in a drop box by 8 p.m. today
- 6 National Night Out in Darrington, Multi-Agency Resource Center, 1015 Seeman St., Darrington, 6 p.m.
- 6 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 9 The Reptile Man, Upper Skagit Library lawn, 4 p.m.; free admission
- 10 Girl Scout Troop 4457 Bake Sale and "A Joyful Sound" at Concrete Saturday Market, Concrete, 9 a.m.
- 10 Storytime and Veggie Crafts at Concrete Saturday Market, 11 a.m.
- 13 Knit & Crochet with Sylvia, East County Resource Center, 5-8 p.m.
- 17 Big August Hoobajoob, Darrington; see notice, p. 25; info at 360.436.0711
- 17 Richard Myers (music) and Concrete Cheer Bake Sale at Concrete Saturday Market, Concrete, 9 a.m.
- 17-18 Cascade Days, Concrete; see ad, p. 3, and article, p. 6; info at www.cascadedays.com, 360.770.8340, or ember@cascadedays.com
- 18 Upper Valley Community Informational Meeting, Concrete Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 20 Knit & Crochet with Sylvia, East County Resource Center, 5-8 p.m.
- 21 Drop-In Tech Tutoring at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 22 Concrete High School Football Community Night, CHS football field and vicinity, 6 to 8 p.m.
- 23 The Moon and Space Race with astronomer Bob Scott, future Upper Skagit Library building, 45952 Main St., Concrete, 5:30 p.m.; free
- 23-25 Sauk-Suiattle Powwow, Sauk-Suiattle Reservation (near Darrington); see notice, p. 25; info at 360.436.1438 or 360.436.2250
- 24 Sunday Night Jammers (music) at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m.
- 24 Poetry discussion with poet Judith Adams, future Upper Skagit Library building, 45952 Main St., Concrete, 3 p.m.; see interview, p. 5; info at <https://upperskagitlibrary.org/web/2019/07/23/humanities-washington-the-poetic-apothecary-poems-for-healing-and-comfort-with-judith-adams>
- 25 Free Day at Rasar and Rockport state parks
- 27 Knit & Crochet with Sylvia, East County Resource Center, 5-8 p.m.
- 31 "Ask a Master Gardener," Concrete Food Bank Bake Sale, Good Old Country Band, and raffle drawing at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m.
- 31 Sasquatch Festival, Marblemount Community Hall, 60155 SR 20, Marblemount, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; \$10 tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com; info at nwsasquatch2@outlook.com

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sasquatch Festival, Marblemount Community Hall, 60155 SR 20, Marblemount, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; \$10 tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com; info at nwsasquatch2@outlook.com
- 3 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 7 Skagit River Salmon Festival, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; info at <http://skagitriverfest.org>
- 28 Para-Con 2019, hosted by Forest Moon Paranormal, Sedro-Woolley Community Center, 703 Pacific St., Sedro-Woolley, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$10 admission, info and tickets at www.fmparacon.com

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

Community meetings

Cascade Days planning meetings will be held the third Mon. of each month, at 7460 S. Dillard, Ste. A (corner of SR 20 and Dillard), at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are not mandatory for volunteers. Info at ember@cascadedays.com.

Christian Motorcyclists Assn Morning Star Chapter 39 meets the first Mon. of each month at Royal Star Buffet in Mount Vernon. Optional dinner at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. 425.770.6154 or cmachapter39@gmail.com.

Coffee Talk with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at 5b's Bakery in Concrete. 360.853.8213.

Community Chat, an informal conversation about projects in Darrington, meets the second Sat. of each month at 9 a.m., at Mountain Loop Books and Coffee, 1085 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167

Concrete American Legion Post and Auxiliary meets the second Tue. of each month, Sept. through May, at 1 p.m., in the conference room of the East County Resource Center. 360.853.8347.

Concrete Community Center Committee meets the third Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m., at the East County Resource Center in Concrete. Meetings are open to the public. 360.416.1733 or claudiam3@communityactionskagit.org.

Concrete Economic Development Commission meets quarterly at 6 p.m. at Concrete Town Hall. Call 503.333.2406 for the date of the next meeting.

Concrete Elementary PTO meets the second Wed. of each month at 5 p.m. in the Concrete Elementary School library. 425.350.5988.

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

Concrete Heritage Museum Board meets the third Wed. of each month, at 6 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or www.concreteheritagemuseum.org.

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 2 p.m., in the Concrete High School library.

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a workshop on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Aug. 29 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room.

360.853.4000.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

Darrington Strong 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 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St. 360.436.1131 or darrcityhall@frontier.com.

Forest Park Cemetery District No. 5 meets the third Tue. of each month at the cemetery office on Compton Lane in Concrete, at 6 p.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 Thur. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.

KSVU staff and volunteer meeting, second Tue. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete Elementary School, 4 p.m., open to public. 360.853.8588.

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

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

Marblemount Community Hall board and staff meet the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6 p.m. 360.873.2323.

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: Meets Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Support Svcs Bldg. for a work session, followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center Board meets the second Tue. of each month, 5:30 p.m., at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere. Open to the public. sauskister@frontier.com or www.skagiteagle.org.

Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagitlibrary.org

Upper Skagit Writers Group meets the third Mon. of each month at 6 p.m., at 5b's Bakery, Concrete. Open to the public and all skill levels. em@5bsbakery.com.

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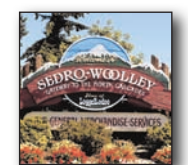


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Sedro-Woolley



Quilt and Fiber Show winners

The 10th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show sponsored by Woolley Fiber Quilters drew another record crowd to Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley from July 12 to 14. Here are the winners:

Judge's Choice: Country Meadow Village

Marie Biladeau, La Conner
"The Huntress-Ursus Horri"

Judge's Choice: Cristine Cameron

Virginia Thogersen, Sedro-Woolley
"Farm Girl Barns"

Judge's Choice: Julia Johnson

Dianne Lowe, Burlington
"African Log Cabin"

Extra Large category

1st: Diane Lowe, Burlington
"Stars for Sharon"
2nd: Jahr Huber, Mount Vernon
"Crown Jewels"
3rd: Grace Hawley, Arlington
"Tahitian Ginger"
Honorable Mention:
Lyne Olson, Mount Vernon
"Sharon's Quilt"

Large category

1st: Dianne Lowe, Burlington
"Friendship Remembered"
2nd: Norma Cook, Sedro-Woolley
"Sundress"
3rd: Renee Swanson, Lyman
"Puddle Jumper"
Honorable Mention:
Mary Ann Musgrove, La Conner
"Asian Inspiration"

Medium category

1st: Noni Moody, Sedro-Woolley
"My Pyramid Peak"
2nd: Marie Biladeau, La Conner
"Lure of the Abyss"
3rd: Louise James, Anacortes
"Birds of Cairo"
Honorable Mention:
Renee Swanson, Lyman
"Aunt Grace"

Small category

1st: Dianne Lowe, Burlington
"Peaceful Water"

2nd: Lori Stiles, Lyman
"United Neighborhood"
3rd: Judy Steen, Bow
"Loa & Olive"
Honorable Mention:
Jahr Huber, Mount Vernon
"Curly Willow Still Life"

Extra Small category

1st: Noni Moody, Sedro-Woolley
"Bees in the Daisies"
2nd: Jennifer Adams, Sedro-Woolley
"Wash Day"
3rd: Joy Eberly, Mount Vernon
"Home Sweet Home"
Honorable Mention:
Christina See, Rockport
"Words, Words, Words"

Theme category (United We Stand)

1st: Natalie Hunskor, Mount Vernon
"United We Stand Quilters"
2nd: Bonita Yeager, Concrete
"United We Stand"
3rd: Beverly Krasselt, Mount Vernon
"The Reindeer Gang"
Honorable Mention:
Barbara Dahl, Bellingham
"Seattle Stars"

Patriotic category

1st: Maggie Radliff, Sedro-Woolley
"Stars and Wiggly Stripes"
2nd: Linda Downing, Springdale
"Honor Our Vietnam Veterans"
3rd: Raychelle Stern, Mount Vernon
"American Hero Quilt"
Honorable Mention:
Bonnie Harp, Bellingham
"Mount Rushmore"

Holiday category

1st: Jan Schuurman, Sedro-Woolley
"Snowmen A-Z"
2nd: Renee Swanson, Lyman
"Vintage Christmas"
3rd: Norma Cook, Sedro-Woolley
"Christmas 1968"
Honorable Mention:
Dianne Lowe, Burlington
"Christmas Waves"

Challenge category (It's a Bug's Life)

1st: Pat Jacobsen, Sedro-Woolley



"Sundress," a quilt created by Norma Cook of Sedro-Woolley, won 2nd place in the Large category at the 10th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show, sponsored by Woolley Fiber Quilters. This year's show was held at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley and ran from July 12 to 14.

2nd: "Dance of the Dragonflies"
Bonnie Taylor, Sedro-Woolley
"A Quilt for Bugsy"
3rd: Jacque Chase, La Conner
"God's Treasure in the Garden"
Honorable Mention:
Judy Johnson, Sedro-Woolley
"Skagit Valley Honeybees"

Youth category

1st: Maddie Wickham, Mount Vernon
"Peacock Explosion"
2nd: Brooke Ryan, Sedro-Woolley
"Sophia"
3rd: Brooke Ryan, Sedro-Woolley
"Avenge the Fallen"

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Rogene Seidel of Sedro-Woolley was the winner of the Woolley Fiber Quilters' raffle quilt on Sat., July 13. The drawing was one of the highlights of the group's 10th annual quilt show, which included more than 250 quilts on display. A complete list of winners begins on p. 16. For more quilt show information, go to www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com. Submitted photo.

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Honorable Mention:
Jessica Torset, Sedro-Woolley
"Youth Sewing Project"

"Other" category

1st: Carol Walker, Sedro-Woolley
"Freddie the Peacock"
2nd: Carol Walker, Sedro-Woolley
"Spring"
3rd: Carol Walker, Sedro-Woolley
"LaGarade Dia do los Muerto"
Honorable Mention:
Judy Garrison, Sedro-Woolley
"Messenger Bag"

Fiber Arts category

1st: Carol Walker, Sedro-Woolley
"Entwined Shoulder Shawl"
2nd: Lonnie Keown, Sedro-Woolley
"Untitled"
3rd: Carol Walker, Sedro-Woolley
"Suede and Ribbon Shawl"
Honorable Mention:
Noni Moody, Sedro-Woolley
"Fishy, Fishy"

Loggerodeo Parade winners

Log Trucks

1st place: Frank Harkness
Trucking (Randy Hamilton)
2nd place: Bob Hillier Trucking
3rd place: Ron Hornbeck Trucking

Floats

1st place: Marysville Strawberry
Festival
2nd place: Class of '69
3rd place: Deming Log Show

Bands, Drill Teams, Marching Units

1st place: Skagit Valley High
School Marching Band
2nd place: Sedro-Woolley Clubs
Cheerleaders
3rd place: Nile Shriners

Equestrian

Skagit Latin Horses
Association

Pooper Scooper

Sedro-Woolley Rodeo

Antique Truck/Car

1941 Chevrolet
(Tim Benton)

Antique Tractor/Farm/Fire Equipment

Cascade Two-Cylinder
Club

Youth Group

Sedro-Woolley
Cub Scout Pack 4067

Community/Church Group

Woodings Brigade

Summer meals continue through Aug. 23

Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local school districts and organizations like the Sedro-Woolley School District to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer.

Through Aug. 23, breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at Cascade Middle School.

There are no income requirements or registration. Anyone age 18 or younger may come to eat free of charge. Menus will be available on the food service Web page.

For more information, contact the Sedro-Woolley School District Food Service Department at 360.855.3515.

—Ruth Richardson



Village Concepts of Sedro-Woolley at Country Meadow Village Executive Dir. Sandra Jensen and Program Dir. David Bricka presented a check for \$1,500 to Renee Corcoran, Jackie Cress, Ellen Schweigert, and Kelli Perry, representatives of Skagit County Meals on Wheels, on behalf of the residents and staff during a July gathering at the local retirement community. The funds were raised from the community's annual Mother's Day Brunch and proceeds from Kathy's Kloset, a consignment shop set up by staffer Kathy Richter for the residents and staff. From left, Jensen, Cress, Corcoran, Bricka, Perry, and Schweigert. Submitted photo.

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Lyman



Car show draws hundreds



Above: Lyman Car & Craft Show volunteers worked together for another successful event. Back row, from lower left: Chuck Gallagher, Brad Buchanan, Mark Young, Jeanne Jensen, Bill Heinzman, Mayor Eddie Hills, Mike Fernie, Karen Griffin, Samantha Grade, Leah Jones, Debra Heinzman. Middle row, from left: Gail Ganga, Barbara Land, Debbie Fernie, Chad Hawkins, Mont Heinzman. Front row, from left: Sean Ganga, Scott Bennett and Chuck Bowden from Janicki Industries, Paul Dotlich. Not pictured: Tim Shostad, Debbie Boyd. *Submitted photo.*

"This was our 20th year of the car show," said Mayor Eddie Hills. "I know we had over 100 cars, so that is a pretty good turnout."

This year's 50/50 raffle payout was \$393. Organizers report the general raffle and silent auction also performed well. Banner and t-shirt sales also were solid. Other high points included music from Paul Dotlich of Paul's Entertainment and Keith Sorestad from State Farm Sedro-Woolley, who sang the National Anthem.

Above left: Mike Harris poses with his 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe at the Lyman Car & Craft Show on July 13. Equipped with accessories and equipment such as a Powerglide transmission, deluxe heater and defroster, and a Power Pack V-8 engine, the car would have sold for about \$2,635 in 1956.

Left: Blaine Burghduff of Concrete shows off his 2017 Dodge Hellcat at the 2019 Lyman Car & Craft Show.



Council summary

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

June 11 regular meeting

- Water loss report: 16 percent (down from 19 percent in May).
- Council requested that Clerk Debbie

Boyd bring in two new proposals from banks in the area because of all the new fees being charged now that the town's bank has switched from Skagit to Banner.

- The moving of the Niche Wall was discussed. Council directed town staff to stake out the dimensions of the concrete pad that will be poured.
- There were no citizen comments. Mayor Eddie Hills adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

—Compiled from staff notes

Public Forum, cont. from p. 4

The county recognized and seemed to share the frustration, but noted that out of the amount of permits issued from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to help farmers with elk damage, only about half were actually taken advantage of.

Quarry discussion

Regarding the proposed quarry expansion in Marblemount, local citizens have taken advantage of their right to comment on the issue—for and against. The proposal's plan extends 100 years from now, and several East County residents struggled with the thought of making a business decision for future generations that would have that long of an impact that could potentially affect the environment drastically. Fears that rocks within the quarry could contain asbestos or other pollutants were mentioned several times, as was the potential impact on SR 530, which was said not to be able to handle the kind of traffic the quarry could bring, especially with the struggles that road already faces.

A representative of the Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness team (affiliated with the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center) noted that the quarry's impact on bald eagles in particular could hurt the area's tourism industry, and said that while gravel is necessary in our lives, the impact of the quarry expansion in the proposed area could include the decrease of salmon in the area, marking just one reason the project could make Rockport and Marblemount undesirable to eagles. With fewer eagles comes reduced tourism. The representative was not alone in expressing their wish that an Environmental Impact Statement had been done before anything else, though later Lisa Janicki noted that starting a process with a study that would cost a quarter of a million dollars would make anyone balk.

Other residents expressed dissatisfaction with the flow of information surrounding the quarry; one person said that a "small yellow sign" found near the area before the comment period began was "not enough" notification, while another found the amount of disinformation being spread around the community to be concerning before questioning the timing of studies done in the area because of the difference in animal populations and human traffic throughout the year. A resident who lives near the proposed expansion site lamented "incompatible zoning": "How can a project like this be allowed so near to residential zoning?" they asked.

During the discussion, the question of where the rock from the quarry would go was raised. An assumption was that it would not be used locally, but would be sent to Bellingham before being shipped to the Columbia River.

Dissent with the plan was not the only voice, however. The owners of the existing quarry defended the proposal, saying that numerous studies have already been done and released on environmental impact, the rock has been "tested and tested" by agencies including the [Royal Canadian] Institute for Science in Toronto, Canada, that the trucks that would pass through the area would be no heavier than the log trucks that already travel the same routes, buffers would lessen the impact on the surrounding area, and that they had been working closely with the Army Corps of Engineers. While smaller in number, several residents showed their support, with one noting that the quarry work would bring workers and their families to the area, which would bring more taxes to the school district; dump trucks that have been used in the same area in the past were originally thought to cause more damage than they ended up doing; and that if all parties were cautious, the environmental impact would be negligible.

Pressentin Park

Other topics discussed during the forum included Pressentin Park improvements, an overview of which was provided by Adams, who aims to make the area more attractive to tourists and locals alike with primitive camping, yurts, RV sites, restrooms, and many more amenities. When asked if an opening date was available, he responded that they were waiting on a few permits and plans, but already had bought bridges and other items needed to finish the project. He expects completion in 2020.

Community center improvements/emergency response

The Public Works director gave audience members good news when he announced that more improvements to the Concrete Community Center were planned and that he believed that Upper Valley projects should be done with the long haul in mind, especially because of the rural location. The head of the Emergency Management Department warned residents that because of its location, especially in proximity to large cities like Seattle and Everett, that Skagit County would be the last to receive help in an emergency situation.

However, he expressed confidence that the county would be one of the first to recover, because of the county's hard work preparing for disaster and because of the tendency of Skagitonians to be better prepared and more community-minded than others. If residents do their part to be ready for any eventuality and become at least somewhat self-sufficient, as well as take measures like signing up for an app called CodeRed, recovery in our area will be possible even before reinforcements arrive.

Scott Schuyler, a representative of the Upper Skagit Tribes, commented that while the county has changed and experienced growing pains, he was thankful for the work put in by the commissioners and department heads, and that he would be very willing to meet with the Department of Emergency Management to see what local tribes could do to help out in an emergency.

Community Action of Skagit County expressed pride in the Upper Valley, pointing to Claudia Marken and others' combined efforts to provide lunches for seniors and others with "food insecurity," and the East County Resource Center's ability to teach people about food service and other job/volunteer skills, as well as the new thrift shop's position as an emergency shopping space.

Active shooter drill

The active shooter drill recently held at the Concrete School Elementary School was praised by several residents, who, while regretting that such a thing was necessary, nevertheless praised the efforts of local agencies to be prepared. One person questioned the source of pay for officers that had been stationed at the school before the end of the academic year, and asked what the department was doing to prevent profiling. Sheriff McDermott said that the Concrete, Sedro-Woolley, and La Conner school districts' funding of officer overtime was hopefully temporary until another solution could be found, and stated that he is open to any concerns about profiling, but hadn't yet heard of any occurrences.

Concrete Town Councilwoman Beth Easterday asked about road closures near Grasmere, Shuler, and Concrete-Sauk Valley Road. Councilwoman Easterday was concerned about the length of time of the closures, the restrictions of lanes, and potential problems with school bus routes and motorcycle wrecks common to those areas. The county's response was that repair costs for those areas are high, and that there's really no good answer

for when and how those areas will be fixed, though they are actively looking for funding.

Local resident and KSVU 90.1 FM volunteer Bill Pfeifer asked the room at large for help with the radio station's struggles paying \$800 a month in rent for the use of the radio tower. He asked for anyone with a lead on a private tower who would allow the station to put up its antenna to get in contact, and thanked Lisa Janicki for her support of the station.

A mixed bag

Rounding out the topics were questions about improving the Sauk Transfer Station's accessibility near the recycling station ("we'll look into it"), extending paved road areas farther east, and the county's building permits and exterior building/dwelling codes, which some felt were unreasonable for a rural area.

One couple has been looking to use an accessory dwelling unit to set up quality space for childcare, after realizing how much of a "childcare desert" the area is for working parents and grandparents. The Hirst Decision, which exempted Skagit County, has also made building difficult to impossible for residents, who pleaded with the commissioners to help find a solution quickly. They were told to get in contact as soon as possible; records need to be made of who needs access to water on their properties.

The night ended with a promise from the commissioners: "You folks are important. We care; don't give up when trying to contact us. We want to hear from you." This sentiment was reinforced when a dual Skagit/King County resident thanked the panel for being more attentive to their constituents than others he had seen in the past who "didn't bother to look up from their phones."

—Chazlyn Lovely



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July in pictures



The Concrete Public Works team scrambled in July to keep up with a plethora of projects.

Above: Dale Angell scrapes the Town Center sign on Main Street, preparing it for another coat of oil. Angell finished the grueling task by the end of the month.

Above right: Josh Massingale (left) and Terry Coggins replace a gazebo roof in Veterans Memorial Park, part of an ongoing effort to maintain the town's parks infrastructure while adding new amenities to the line-up.

Right: Massingale and Coggins near the end of assembling a storage and protective shed at the new spray park site in Silo Park. The shed will protect the spray park's water manifold and serve as storage for the spray park features during the winter.

Not pictured: Alan Wilkins, who leads the often thankless task of keeping the town's wastewater treatment plant running. Wilkins had his hands full during the latter part of July, when a pump in the plant decided to suddenly stop.



Above: Pilot Dave Adams chats with Judy Ross in Adams' hangar at Mears Field during the Concrete Vintage Fly-In on July 13. Ross attended the event with her dog, Semper Fidelis.



Left: Adrenalin-charged kids slip and slide during the annual Concrete Youth Activity Day, held this year on July 12 in Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete. The popular event again brought resources, food, and a whole lot of fun to town for a free, family-friendly entertainment option.



Above: With diamond-tipped teeth, a full-depth reclamation unit moves slowly down Cedar St. in Concrete on July 16, grinding and mixing the failed road surface with 1 foot of the soil beneath it. The relatively new road-repair technique will save the project approximately \$100,000 and will prepare the subsurface for the new road: 3 inches of blacktop that should be applied in August.

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Hamilton



Rockport



Council summary

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

June 11 regular meeting

- Mayor Joan Cromley announced she would attend the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) annual meeting at the end of June, and asked to be appointed as the AWC voting delegate for the town. Council appointed Mayor Cromley as the voting delegate for the Town of Hamilton for AWC.
- Mayor Cromley reported on a meeting she'd had with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) and Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) regarding culvert design on Pettit St. SFEG may not be able to finish the culvert design grant because of opposition from other members of the local salmon grant board. Public Works will work to clear the culverts as much as possible. Mayor Cromley will work with Cody Hart at CRH Engineering to get transportation funding to finish the design and replacement of the culverts. Council approved pursuing transportation dollars to complete the project.
- Council discussed the annexation process regarding the Forterra property. There will be a public hearing next month. Council discussed location, and having the public hearing the same night as the

council meeting or on a different night. It was suggested the meeting be at the Hamilton Baptist Church on the Monday prior to the council meeting. Council voted to approve the new water agreement form that Clerk Beth Easterday designed. Clerk Easterday distributed the completed Annual Report to council.

- Water:** Mayor Cromley presented the water loss report of 3 percent. Clerk Easterday presented a water bill leak forgiveness request for Debra Jones (580 Hamilton Ave.), which council approved.
- Fire Dept.:** Fire Chief Nick Bates announced his pending retirement at the end of 2019 after 29 years, 15 of those as chief. Tom Selin said he spoke with an electrician about installing the junction boxes for the drop cords in the Fire Hall. He will get a quote before the work begins. Chief Bates asked that the town look into purchasing burn ban signs to be posted on all town limit signs. Asst. Fire Chief Scott Bates asked for more burning regulation flyers to give to residents. Asst. Fire Chief Bates said three firefighters attended extraction training. Chief Bates asked Clerk Easterday to look into purchasing a three-carbon-copy book for callouts. Mayor Cromley and Chief Bates will be working on flood standard operating procedures in the next few months.
- Streets:** Tom Selin reported that they have been mowing.

From the Mayor

The Burn Ban signs are out again. Please be careful with any heat sources.

For those who have RVs, please remember that they still need to be road ready, even in summer. Utilities need to have quick disconnects, the RV can't be raised on anything that prevents it from moving quickly, and it can't have any structures attached to it. The rule of thumb is that it should be able to be moved in 5 minutes or less. If it's not up to standard, now is a good time to get the work done while you're not getting rained on. Thank you to all who have permits up to date! If you have an RV but don't have a permit, please let us know and we'll get you the form.



Keep a look out for the flyer for the 4th Annual Water Battle later this month! It's a good time to get soaked. Bring your water balloons, water guns—heck, we even just sling buckets of water around!

There will be a public hearing before the regular Town Council meeting on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss some changes to the business-commercial zoning text. Please let us know if you want a copy of the proposed changes. Budget hearings will start soon, so if you want any additions as they get discussed, please let us know.

Mythbuster

No one in the current town government and no one from Forterra is interested in kicking anyone out of their homes. We want you to have options, but I will never force anyone to sell or leave their home as long as it is safe for them to live in.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

Quarry opposition fundraiser draws dozens

The newly formed, grassroots nonprofit Skagit River Alliance (SRA) held its first fundraiser on July 14 at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport.

The event raised funds to resist a proposal from Vancouver, Wash.-based Kiewit Infrastructure Co. to expand an existing 20-acre quarry to an approximately 79-acre operation with a 100-year lease.

The fundraiser marked SRA's debut and introduction to the larger community, and drew people from all over Skagit County, Bellingham, and Seattle. In addition to local community participation, attendees came from local nonprofits such as North Cascades Conservation Council, North Cascades Institute, Skagit Land Trust, and Sierra Club Mt. Baker Group. Swinomish

and other Indian tribal communities were represented as well.

The afternoon event included live music by local bands Jumbled Pie and Jenny and the Tomcats, who donated their time and music. A silent auction featured dozens of donated items, including a kayak and a brand-new Surface Pro Laptop. SRA t-shirts and raffle tickets were sold, along with picnic food and beverages.

Event expenses were limited so that donated dollars could be used exclusively for SRA's efforts to resist the mining proposal, legal advocacy, and consultation. A 501(c)(3), SRA also accepted into its membership more than 50 people.

—Kathy Young, J. K. M.



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Above right: "Let the River Sing," a benefit concert hosted by the nonprofit Skagit River Alliance held at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport on July 14, drew dozens of attendees and raised money to stop the proposed expansion of a quarry near Marblemount. Above: Jenny and the Tomcats perform during the fundraiser. The band is composed of Jenny Janda, Tommy Westley, and Jerry Muhasky. Photos by Cookson Beecher.

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Darrington



Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

July 6

A Sultan motorist was hospitalized after a two-car altercation near Monroe today.

According to a Washington State Patrol press memo, Wendy Kubas, 48, of Sultan, and April Hughes, 30, of Sedro-Woolley, were both eastbound on SR 2 and approaching Fern Bluff Rd., about 2 miles east of Monroe. Both cars left the roadway, and Kubas' vehicle, a Nissan Altima, struck Hughes' car, a Toyota Rav4.

Kubas was injured and transported to Providence Medical Center. Her car was damaged and towed. Hughes was not injured and drove her car from the scene.

The cause of the crash was recorded as "speed too fast for conditions." No charges had been filed as of press time.

July 15

The Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit responded to a single-vehicle fatal collision near the 23200 block of Pioneer Highway around 10 p.m. on Sat., July 13. A motorcycle was traveling southbound on Pioneer Highway when the driver failed to negotiate a curve in the road and struck a telephone pole. The driver of the motorcycle, a 58-year-old Arlington man, died at the scene.

Detectives believe speed may have been a contributing factor in the crash. Identification of the deceased, as well as cause and manner, were pending from the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.



July 22

East Snohomish County deputies are seeking the public's help locating a wanted felon, 38-year-old Raymond Ralph Krona III.

On July 9, deputies spotted Krona riding in the passenger seat of a vehicle with a female he is restrained from being around. When deputies attempted to stop the vehicle, Krona quickly exited and fled on foot into a wooded area in rural Index.

Deputies have probable cause to arrest Raymond for violation of a domestic violence no contact order and obstructing law enforcement. In addition, Krona has a felony warrant for second-degree assault, a felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance, and a misdemeanor warrant for domestic violence no-contact order violation.

Krona is known to frequent Index, Gold Bar, and east Snohomish County. He is 6'0", weighs 175 lbs., and has shaggy brown hair and hazel eyes. He is described as being a skilled outdoorsman who can survive in the woods for long periods.

Anyone with information about Krona's whereabouts is asked to call 911 or the Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line: 425.388.3845.

—Submitted by SCSO and WSP

August calendar

National Night Out

North Counties Family Services will host National Night Out 2019 at the Multi Agency Resource Center, 1015 Seeman St., Darrington, on Tue., Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. The event will feature hot dogs, a bouncy house, games, prizes, resources, and a barbecue. Seventy-five backpacks will be filled with back-to-school items for students. There is no charge for this event.

Big August Hoobajoob

The public is cordially invited to the 9th annual "Big August Hoobajoob" art show. This is Darrington's longest continually running art show.

Featured are the unique and eclectic works of local artists Holly Cannell, Gordy Beil, and Ron Wolff. This year there may also be a guest artist.

The Big August Hoobajoob is slated for Sat., Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun., Aug. 18, from noon to 6 p.m.

The event is held at 605 S. Emens Ave. in Darrington.

For more information, call 360.436.0711.

Sauk-Suiattle Powwow

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe will host its annual Celebration of Generations "Community is Unity" Powwow from Aug. 23–25 at the reservation, located on SR 530 about 2 miles north of Darrington.

Food, crafts, and contests are again on the agenda. For more information, go to www.sauk-suiattle.com/Pow%20Wow.html. Anyone who wants to be a vendor is encouraged to call 360.436.1438 or 360.436.2250.

Master Gardener Program accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 WSU Snohomish County Extension Master Gardener training class, which starts in January. Training involves approximately 80 hours of classroom and workshop instruction held once a week on Thursdays, Jan. 9 through March 26.

Tuition is \$295, plus a volunteer commitment of 40 hours each year for two years. Without the volunteer commitment, tuition is \$795.

For more information and an application, go to the Extension Web site at <http://tinyurl.com/y8srkp2y> or call the Extension office at 425.338.2400.

—J. K. M.

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for regular meetings on May 23, and June 12 and 27, 2019. The following is summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

May 23 regular meeting

- Update on development of water bank: Dept. of Ecology is waiting on an outline of the elements. Councilmember Kevin Ashe requested updates at every council meeting so the council can speak to what is going on when asked.
- The town will receive the Snohomish County Public Works Assistance Fund loan to update its water plan. The loan will come through toward the end of 2019. The loan will be paid off during a 10-year period.
- Council approved a contract with Contech Services Inc. to repair beams at the community center. The Community Board received a grant from Hampton Lumber to fix the broken beams. Larry Boyd will be present during the repairs.
- Council approved the Maintenance Department to put up flags around town on Flag Day, June 14. The flags will go on the telephone poles and the gateway signs, using brackets and sealing the screw holes so they don't allow moisture into any wood fixtures.

June 12 regular meeting

- Amy Lucas provided a briefing on the Darrington Shoreline Master Plan. There will be an open house and public hearing starting at 6 p.m. Lucas delivered a detailed update to the Shoreline Master Plan.
- The council was given an Advance Medical Support update. In 2018 the contract with Arlington was due. In 2019 there is a one-year contract. Arlington no longer wants to provide Advanced Life Support services to Darrington. The department is looking into providing ALS service to Darrington versus looking elsewhere for those services.
- Snohomish County Sheriff candidate Adam Fortney introduced himself and gave some information on himself and his background.
- Council approved and extended a contract with Charles White and Certified Water Consultant Service.
- Council approved an amendment to the town's law enforcement contract with Snohomish County, although a question was raised about how the amendment will affect what is owed from January through June, since it had taken so long for the amendment to be proposed. Clerk-Treasurer Dianne Allen will inquire.
- Mayor Dan Rankin spoke with Dept. of Ecology regarding the water bank. Ecology said that it could take 12 to 18 months before the town can move on to the next step.
- Allen has reached out to USDA for

information regarding grant funds to paint and replace carpeting in Town Hall. She is waiting for bids.

- The company making the community center repairs will start in mid-July.
- Under New Business, council approved distribution of a survey designed to gather input from the community regarding what they would like to see in the parks.
- Ernie Thomas shared his concern with the road on Montague. There is a crack down the middle of the road.
- Councilmember Ashe announced he had resigned from the Puget Sound Clean Air advisory board.
- John [last name not recorded] would like to bring to the council's awareness that his interaction with 911 dispatch and the subsequent response by Snohomish County and first responders to an accident was subpar and slow.

June 27 regular meeting

- Mauree Perault with National Night Out presented on the event. It is a community bonding event with free food and prizes. It is held on Aug. 6 this year from 6 to 9 p.m. Perault asked that the town let them use the porta potty from the airport; they will pay for the clean out. Perault also requested approval to block Railroad Ave. from Seeman to Cascade, and to block off Cascade St. from Givens Ave. to Railroad Ave. Council approved the closures.
- An Open House Hearing was planned for July 11 at 6 p.m. regarding the

Shoreline Master Program Plan.

This will be a planning hearing only. Ecology will not attend this hearing; council is not required to be at this hearing. The council hearing will be held on Aug. 14 with Ecology.

- Sno-Isle is offering the Darrington Library annex room as an after-hours meeting room. All information and reservations are handled by Sno-Isle.
- Council approved the mayor to sign a letter of support for Granite Falls Bridge No. 102.
- Councilmember Gary Willis attended a community center board meeting. He reported he saw a lot of new faces and board members. A new security camera system was installed on the interior of the building. The community center board received a grant from Hampton Lumber Mills to repair the beams in the gym. Tulalip Tribes granted funds to redo the bathrooms. The trees were cut down on the exterior because they were causing problems with the building. There will be a cleaning party on July 7 to clean the interior of building. Vianne Sargent is now community center board president. The center is having lots of fundraisers. Mickey Coleman cleans the kitchen and dining area; Ray Smith cleans the gym.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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360.853.8505

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Darrington Food Bank

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Wed. and Thur., 10–noon and 1–2 p.m.
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Seniors



Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

Crab Casserole



- 3 cans
- imitation crab
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- ½ cup celery, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can mushrooms, drained

1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Put in casserole dish and top with crushed potato chips.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Way Back When

100 years ago

Aug. 2, 1919: An automobile thief made off with the big Cadillac owned by Arthur G. Smith, former general manager for the Washington Portland Cement Company, in Seattle Wednesday last week.

Smith had locked his car and left it parked on the street while he went in to lunch at the Arctic Club Wednesday noon, and when he returned he found the car gone.

He reported his loss to the police and to the automobile association, but at last report, no clue had been found regarding the whereabouts of the car. That the thief is an expert is indicated by the fact that he was able to drive off with a car that had been securely locked.

90 years ago

Aug. 8, 1929: Although it will not be fully complete for about a month yet, the new \$100,000 bridge across the Skagit River

in Marblemount was officially dedicated yesterday afternoon.

There was a large crowd at the exercises, including Gov. Roland H. Hartley and Highway Dir. Sam Humes of Olympia, the county commissioners and other officials from Mount Vernon, and delegations from all other cities of the county. Concrete and the other Upper Valley communities were well represented.

The dedication exercises were held at the bridge at 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon, with Gov.

Hartley as the principal speaker.

After the dedication the visitors were entertained in Marblemount and Rockport.

80 years ago

Aug. 3, 1939: Concrete's Volunteer Fire Dept. Inhalator Squad has marked up score No. 1!

Saturday they were called to the Wolbert Maternity Hospital here when an Indian baby was born past ordinary medical care to

See **Way Back**, p. 29



30 years ago, Aug. 3, 1989: Florence Pressentin, Concrete postmaster since Jan. 26, 1980, retired from that position this week after a long career with the U.S. Postal Service. She started working with the USPS as a part-time employee in 1962. In 1968 she was appointed postmaster in Rockport, where she served until the appointment to the position in Concrete. "This job has been good for me," said Pressentin. "It enabled me to send the kids to college. It's not only the money, but lots of support and caring. Anybody who gets this job is lucky." *Archive photo.*

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bring to consciousness. The squad responded and in a few minutes had the youngster breathing and well started toward a normal life.

The youngster is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boom of Rockport. Rumors are that the child has been

named "Magnus" in honor of the fire chief.

This is just the second time that inhalator has been used in attempting to save a life; its success in the latter instance has proven its value. The firefighters feel more than repaid for their hours of practice since the machine was purchased.

70 years ago

Aug. 11, 1949: Marion W. Boatwright, a worker with the Seattle City Light construction crew in Newhalem, survived a spectacular car wreck last Thursday morning when his auto plunged off a 300-foot cliff on the Marblemount-Newhalem Rd. Boatwright was treated at Memorial Hospital, where the doctors found only cuts and bruises

as souvenirs of his plunge.

He had been driving toward Newhalem about 3 a.m. when he lost control of the car in some way and it went over the bank. He managed to crawl out of the wreckage and climb back up to the road, where he flagged down another car and was taken to the hospital.

—Compiled from archives

East County

August 2019 Activities

Concrete Community Center (CCC):
Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch served at noon

For an Energy Assistance appointment, call 360.428.1011, Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Enjoy jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, and more every day at the CCC.
All subject to change. For latest information, call 360.416.1733.

Monday

All 9 a.m. Edge Analytical water sample pickup
All 10 a.m. Community Closet (CCC)

Tuesday

All 9 a.m. United Health Care Rep

Wednesday

All 9 a.m. VA Service Officer
All 10 a.m. Community Closet (CCC)
8/7 Noon DVSAS
8/14 6 p.m. WSU: Fermentation and Pickling class (CCC)

Thursday

8/8 10 a.m. WIC
8/15 10 a.m. DVSAS
8/15 12:30 p.m. Pinochle (CCC)
8/22 10 a.m. WIC
8/29 12:30 p.m. Pinochle (CCC)

Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
8/16 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki (CCC)

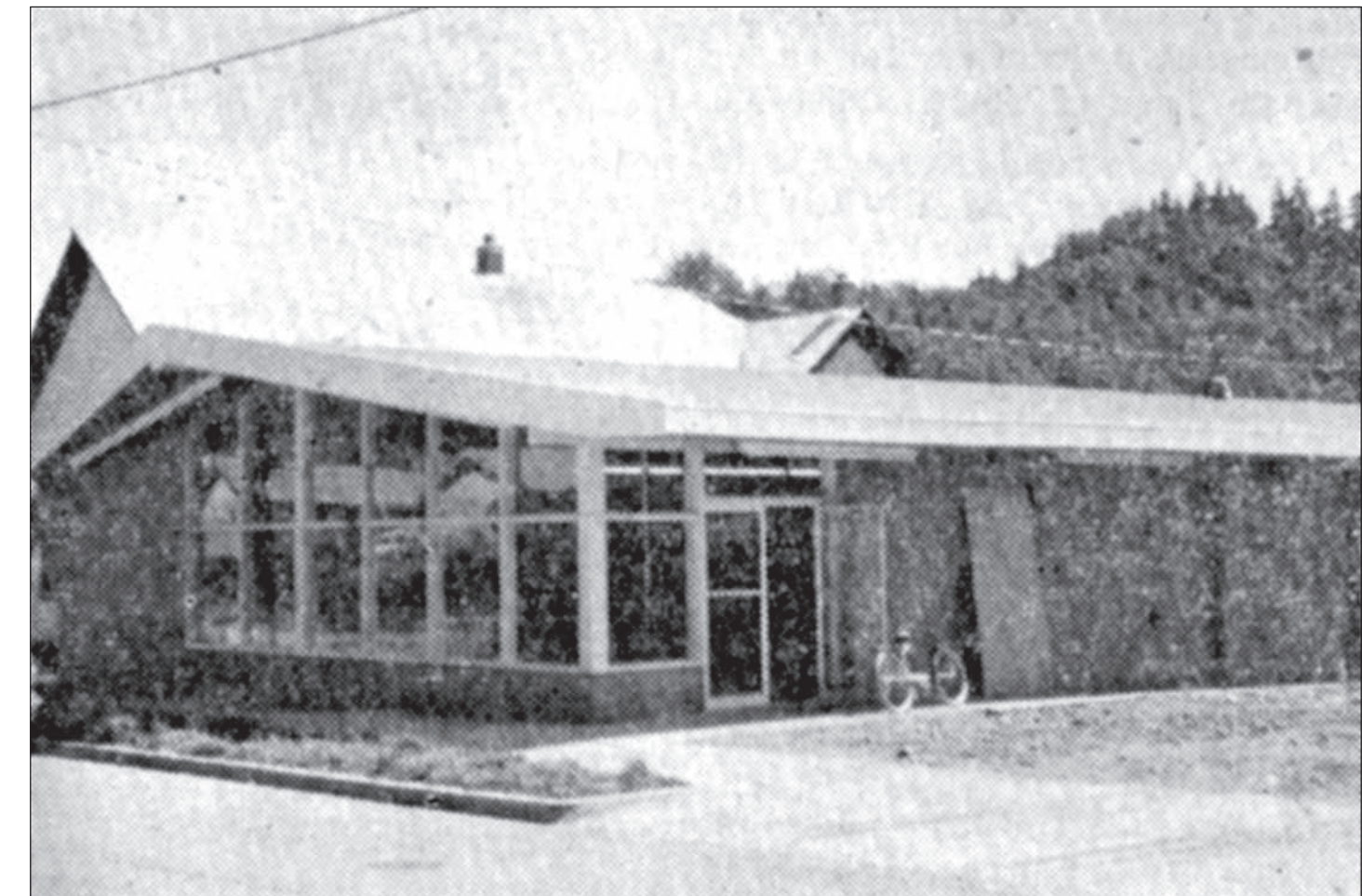
Saturday

All 9 a.m. Saturday Market (CCC)
All 7 p.m. AA meeting (CCC)

Sunday

8/18 6 p.m. Community Info mtg. (CCC)

60 years ago, Aug. 13, 1959: Hargus Hoover and sons of Hoover's Food Center made the move to their new, modern building during the weekend, missing their Tuesday morning deadline by a day, but now operating as usual. The new store, in addition to groceries and a meat counter, features walk-in cold storage lockers.
Archive photo.



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Obituaries



Verna Miller Fairchild
March 27, 1920 – July 13, 2019

March 27, 2019, saw Christie and her mom, Verna Fairchild, celebrating their "twin" birthdays together for the last time. Proudly wearing her "It Took Me 99 years To Look This Good!" t-shirt, Verna passed in her sleep on July 13. Born in Portland, Ore., in 1920, she and her family migrated to northern California during the Great Depression, finding the work to their liking. Verna was raised by two very resourceful and loving parents (Agnes Oppel Miller and Claud Miller), and she became the first in her family tree to attend college. It was there, at U.C. Berkeley, that she met and married her beloved husband, Roy. They raised three daughters: Jan and Nancy of California, and Christie (Art Olson) of Rockport, who carry on their mother's zest for life, love of animals and music, and caring for others and for the earth. The memorial service will be on Sat., Aug. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo, California.

Right: Former Concrete Vicar Lowell Chilton was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) @ University Lutheran Church in Seattle on June 30. He paused after the ceremony with Eric Wangen-Hoch, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sedro-Woolley, who served as Chilton's internship supervisor while Chilton was a vicar at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Concrete from Sept. 2016 through Aug. 2017. After Chilton's service in Concrete, he followed his sweetheart, Kate Drefke, to Alaska, for her vicarage. They were married in April and now make their home in New Berlin, Penn., where Chilton began service as pastor of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church on July 21. Pastor Drefke, who was ordained about one week after Chilton, pastors two churches in neighboring communities: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Middleburg, Penn., and Faith Lutheran in Lewisburg, Penn. "I remember my time in Concrete fondly, and I remember all the people fondly," said Pastor Chilton. *Photo by Teri Bever.*

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

June 25

Deputy Moore was patrolling the Cedar Grove area. As he approached Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., he saw a male subject sitting alongside the road. Deputy Moore contacted the subject and recognized him. A check of the subject showed that he had a warrant for 3rd degree driving with a suspended license. Deputy Moore completed a book and release, and gave the individual a new court date.

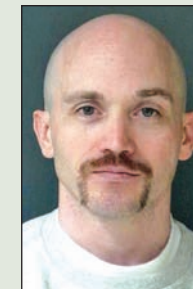
Officer Diaz was going through the list of dangerous dogs, and found that there were two individuals who still had failed to register their two dangerous dogs, "Silly" and "Bruiser." They have also failed to bring in proof of liability insurance or a surety bond in the amount of \$250,000. Officer Diaz filled out infractions and criminal citations to both

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.

Lederle, Jesse
Dean

Age: 35
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 145
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue
Address: 274xx
Minkler Rd., Sedro-Woolley



The RIVER Gathering
720 Puget Ave., Sedro-Woolley
Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wed. potluck/study: 6 p.m.
Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m.
Last Fri./mo. potluck/games: 6 p.m.
www.facebook.com/therivergathering

Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church
11982 Martin Rd., Rockport, WA 98283
Church office: 360.853.8746
Pre-service fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. service: 10 a.m.
Sun. eve. Bible study: 5 p.m.

Wildwood Chapel
41382 SR 20, Concrete
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
Bible studies: Call for times
360.708.4330

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

individuals.

June 26

Deputies were dispatched to a suspicious call near Loggers Landing in Concrete. The reporting party was calling to report that a male had been following his children home. The children went to a residence where they knew the grownups. The reporting party located that subject and asked if he was following his children. The subject replied that he was trying to teach the kids that they are too young and that they shouldn't be walking alone. Deputy Moore was able to contact the subject and told him not to follow children or he could be arrested for harassment.

Deputy Wiggins contacted two males in a vehicle on Lake Shannon Rd. While speaking with them, the passenger, identified as a white male, approximately 5' 9", and in his early 40s, opened his door and fled on foot. Deputy Wiggins was able to identify him through previous contacts. While the suspect was running away, he flung a backpack over a fence. Deputy Wiggins located the backpack and upon a search found tin foil with what appeared to be heroin on it. Deputies searched the area and could not locate the suspect.

Deputy Beisler received a report of a fraud complaint in the 58000 block of Willow Ln. The reporting party had received a call from someone saying they were with the Social Security Department and all of his benefits are now frozen. Deputy Beisler explained that this a common scam and that it's been going on for awhile. The phone number the suspects call from did not work.

June 27

Sgt. Hagglund responded to a 911 hang up in the 45000 block of Robertson Rd. Kids were playing with the phone.

Deputy Kitchens responded to an alcohol problem at Loggers Landing in Concrete. The reporting party told Dispatch that there was a male driver parked in a blue Ford Explorer, drinking a beer. The victim also told Dispatch that the driver of the vehicle hit her vehicle at Rasar State Park. Deputy Kitchens was told that WSP would investigate.

Deputies received a report of possible drug issues in the 46000 block of Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove. Deputies checked the area and did not locate any suspects at that time.

Deputies responded to a violation of a court order occurring in the 46000 block of Baker Dr. As deputies arrived they contacted several subjects with warrants for their arrest. The individual violating

the order appeared to have left prior to the deputies' arrival. Individuals with warrants were booked into the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy Kitchens responded to a hit and run at the intersection of Cedar Grove Ave. and Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. A witness told Dispatch that a car had flipped onto its side and all persons who were inside left in a separate vehicle. Deputies are still investigating.

June 28

Deputies responded to a domestic violence assault in the 46000 block of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. The victim had been attacked by his son with a hammer. The son fled on foot, but was captured later by deputies. He was booked into the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center for felony domestic violence assault and violation of a no-contact order.

Deputy Mullen responded to Lake Tyee for a report of someone blurring obscenities. Deputy Mullen contacted the individual and explained to her that her language was offensive to other people in the area. She said she would stop.

June 29

Deputy Tweit responded to the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove

for a "cold" burglary to a storage shed located on the reporting party's property. She requested a phone call to start. The resident advised that sometime overnight, somebody forced entry into her storage shed, breaking the door latch, but did not take any items from it. Deputies processed the scene. No suspects at this time.

Deputy Tweit contacted a individual at the intersection of Cedar Grove Ave. and Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The person had a warrant for her arrest for 3rd degree driving with a suspended license. A book and release was completed and a new court date was given, with the promise she would appear.

Deputy Tweit was contacted at the Sheriff's Office East Detachment by an individual wanting to report a violation of a court order. The suspect, who is currently incarcerated, was calling the victim from the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center. Deputy Tweit determined that there was a violation of the court order and the suspect was issued a citation for the violation of the order.

June 30

Deputy Tweit contacted a suspect with

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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.

Citipoint Church North Cascade
59850 SR 20, Marblemount
360.873.2504
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m.
www.citipointchurch.com
E-mail: mattd@citipointchurch.com

Baptist

First Baptist Church
12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake
360.856.2767
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wed.: 7 p.m.
E-mail: pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com

Hamilton First Baptist Church
797 Hamilton Cemetery Rd. at SR 20
Office: 360.826.3307
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Lyman Church
31441 W. Main St., Lyman
Office: 360.826.3287
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Catholic

St. Catherine Mission Church
45603 Limestone St., Concrete
Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley
Office: 360.855.0077
Weekday hours: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 8:30 a.m.
www.svcc.us/scm

Covenant

Community Covenant Church
12605 Highway 9, Clear Lake
360.856.1023 // covenant@wavecable.com
www.clearlakecov.org
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

St. Martin/St. Francis Episcopal Church
55223 Conrad Rd., Rockport
Services: first and third Sunday of each month, 1 p.m.

Free Methodist

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

Lutheran

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.3714
www.uprivergrace.com
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.

Methodist

Central United Methodist Church
1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley

360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com
http://centralumcsw.org
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Mormon

Concrete Group Meeting
7879 S. Superior Ave., Concrete
(Pilots Lounge at Mears Field)
360.540.7502
2nd and 3rd Sundays each month:
Sacrament mtg., 1 p.m.
Potluck, 2 p.m.

Nondenominational

Agape Fellowship
Meets at Mount Baker Presbyterian,
45705 Main St., Concrete
Second and fourth Weds., 7 p.m.
360.708.4764

Community Bible Church

45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511
E-mail: cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net
Sun. School: 9 a.m.; Worship Svc: 10 a.m.
Childcare/Children's Ministries at both
Contact church for other ministries

Presbyterian

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church
45705 Main St., P.O. Box 246, Concrete
Church 360.853.8585; office 360.595.0446
www.mtbakerpresbyterian.synodnw.org
Sun. worship: 9 a.m.

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

As a follow-up to last month's article about students from Concrete going out into the big world and making history, this month I'll address one particular child who made a name for himself and the Town of Concrete. That boy was not a stellar student, nor a model citizen, but he went on to make good in the world anyway. After leaving Concrete he wrote about his life here. It wasn't the idyllic life that is inherently implied by the majestic panorama of beautiful scenery that perhaps drew us here. It was a life that from his stepfather; he learned that after his book was published, a movie production company descended and put a spotlight on this obscure little burg to produce a film version. That movie is such a dark, depressing tale that the producers decided they needed to make Concrete even dingier than it was. They created false store fronts to support the story line and intentionally sprayed those with gray paint to make them look like they were covered with cement dust. Even when they painted the "Welcome to Concrete" on the cement silos, they used a technique that made the paint appear already faded. Whatever you may think of this portrayal of our community, there is an enduring bright spot to keep in focus. Although he was promptly expelled from

the prestigious prep school into which he'd forged his way, and in spite of the life that Tobias Wolff had while growing up, he found a way to straighten his life out. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army as a Special Forces adviser in Vietnam, where he learned even more about the darkness in the world. That background gave him the determination to go to college and to find an outlet for his pent-up feelings by writing. He then became such a success that even an abusive stepfather couldn't deny him. I'd rather think he didn't learn that from his stepfather; he learned that from Concrete itself. Even his mother went on to bigger and better things when she became the national president of the League of Women Voters.

During Cascade Days, the historic Concrete Theatre will screen this classic movie. Come see it, discuss it, and meet some of the 300 local extras who helped bring the story to life. The museum now hosts a new exhibit of some of the props from that iconic movie, and is now open every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. through September. Arrange special tours by calling/e-mailing 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com) or 360.853.8347 (jboggs@comcast.net).

—John Boggs

August at the Darrington Library

Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Aug. 7–28; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.

Tweens & Teens

- My Summer Outside 2019: A Short Movie of Your Outdoor Summer Adventures. Sat., Aug. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. (second session on Sat., Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.) Take pictures or videos of your summer recreation with your friends and family using your smartphone or camera. Learn

how to edit video with iMovie. People can form teams of 2–3 for each video project. The video should be 1 to 2 minutes long. The library has Apple iPads available, but if you have your own device and video editing software, you can bring it.

The Darrington Library is located at 1005 Cascade St., Darrington. For more information, go to www.sno-isle.org?ID=1194 or call 360.436.1600.

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

At the Upper Skagit Library

Events are still happening for the kids and adults **Summer Reading Programs**.

The **Reptile Man** returns on Fri., Aug. 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. on the library lawn. See and learn about exotic reptiles from around the world. The Reptile Man will show a variety of reptiles and talk about their importance to the balance of nature. Certain animals are available for petting following the performance. All dangerous snakes have been surgically de-venomized. All ages. Free event.

Summer Reading Programs for the kids end on Aug. 10, but continue reading. Turn in your reading log by Aug. 31 to choose a free book. And, if you finish the challenge of reading 100 hours on the back of your reading log, you will receive another prize.

Our last **Silly Saturday** is Aug. 10, so make sure you drop into the library between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., find five silly things, and win a small prize!

For the **Adult Summer Reading Program**, we welcome astronomer Bob Scott from the Island County Astronomical Society. Bob will present "The Moon and the Space Race." He will talk about moon formation theories; earth, moon, and sun relationships; eclipses; tides; moon phases; moon libration; moon features; library telescopes; his favorite astronomy books; and the space race—from Sputnik to Apollo 17. Join us at the future home of the library, 45952 Main St., on Fri., Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m. for this fascinating talk. Free adult event; refreshments provided.

Join us at the future location of the Upper Skagit Library on Aug. 24 at 3 p.m.

for a free public discussion with poet and performer **Judith Adams**, titled "The Poetic Apothecary: Poems for Healing and Comfort." Discover the poems that can guide us through grief, fear, sadness, and loss. This presentation is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program, in which cultural experts discuss history, politics, music, philosophy, and everything in between at venues around the state. Free adult event; refreshments provided.

The **Adult Summer Reading Program** does not end until Aug. 31, so there is still time to pick up a Bingo card and see if you can make a Bingo with books you read or listen to. Reading counts in all formats. Bring your card to the library by 2 p.m. on the 31st to win reading-related prizes. For every five squares you read in a row, you will earn one ticket for the drawing. Only one filled card per person. The winners will be notified Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. Good luck and happy reading!

Drop-In Tech Tutoring continues. On the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., stop in with your computer, smartphone, or tablet questions and we will do what we can to help.

The next **Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees meeting** will be Thur., Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome.

The **full schedule** for the Summer Reading Program, new books, and other library happenings are available at the library and on our newly launched Web site, at upperskagitlibrary.org.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate



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warrants for failure to appear in court on domestic violence charges. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center, where she was booked on the outstanding warrants.

July 3

Deputies responded to the Marblemount area for a person who was making despondent posts on Facebook. Deputies located the person and talked him into being transported to the hospital for evaluation.

Thomas Thompson, 20, of Ferndale, was injured when he lost control of his Baha Blitz dirt bike and was ejected from it. The accident occurred at approximately 7:15 p.m. Thompson was northbound on Cape Horn Dr. at Maple Ct., in Cape Horn. He was transported to Skagit Valley Hospital for his injuries; the bike was impounded to Carl's Towing. The cause of the accident is still under investigation, and charges are pending.

July 5

Deputy Tweit responded to a call of a

disorderly individual at the Concrete Swap meet. Deputy Tweit located the suspect; a check of his status showed he had several warrants for his arrest. Deputy Tweit arrested the suspect on the outstanding warrants and booked him into the Skagit County Community Justice Center.

Deputy Kitchens responded to the 7000 block of Cedar Park in Concrete for a barking dog complaint. The owners were not home and the report was given to Officer Diaz, who is following up.

July 6

Deputies were contacted on Superior Ave. N. in Concrete by a female who had been assaulted by her boyfriend at a residence in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The victim told deputies that she and her boyfriend were arguing over pain pills. The boyfriend had struck the victim several times. Deputies located the boyfriend. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked into the Skagit County Community Justice Center for Domestic violence assault.

July 9

Deputies responded to a weapons

offense in the 61000 block of Cascade River Rd. near Marblemount. Two individuals arrived at the residence and began shooting into the trees and threatening occupants inside. Deputies located the suspects and arrests were made.

July 8

Deputy Wiggins contacted three individuals at "Devil's Tower," who were trespassing. Deputy Wiggins explained to them that he was going to issue them a citation for the trespass. They refused to identify themselves. Deputy Wiggins told them that he'd have to take them to jail if they continued to refuse to identify themselves. One of the individuals became argumentative and continued to refuse. Deputy Wiggins placed that suspect under arrest and booked him into the Skagit County Community Justice Center for 2nd-degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest. The other two identified themselves and were issued citations for 2nd-degree criminal trespass and were released.

July 12

Deputy Kitchens stopped a vehicle at the intersection of Baker Rd. and Cedar Grove Ave. for faulty equipment. Upon contact and identification of the driver, a Dept. of Licensing check showed that she was driving while her license was suspended and revoked, 3rd degree. The driver was issued a citation for 3rd-degree driving with license suspended and released.

July 13

Deputy Tweit responded to a report of a theft in the 44000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. near Concrete. The victim reported that someone had taken 100 collector coins from her residence. There are currently no suspects in this case.

July 15

Concrete Mayor Jason Miller submitted an online report of vandalism at the restrooms at Silo Park. The mayor was contacted and he reported the following: Sometime on Saturday night, someone had vandalized the bathrooms in Silo Park. He advised that in the men's room

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Out & About



State

New sales and use tax exemptions for "green" vehicles

Customers who purchase new or used clean alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles may qualify for a sales and use tax exemption that began Aug. 1.

Washington residents can take advantage of the sales and use tax exemption if the vehicle is delivered to them between Aug. 1 and July 31, 2025.

To qualify for the tax exemption, the new or used vehicle must be either exclusively powered by a clean alternative fuel, or be a plug-in hybrid that can travel at least 30 miles on battery power alone.

New vehicles cannot exceed \$45,000,

and used vehicles cannot exceed \$30,000 in sales price or fair market value before any trade-in to qualify. The Department of Licensing will maintain a list of eligible vehicles on its Web site at <https://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/altfuel exemptions.html>.

Battery-powered electric marine propulsion systems and new vessels equipped with such systems also are eligible for a full sales and use tax exemption if they have continuous power greater than 15 kW AC.

Buyers must provide the seller with an exemption certificate at the time of purchase. The certificate is posted on Revenue's Web site.

These exemptions are the result of 2019 legislation promoting green alternative transportation in Washington state. Gov. Jay Inslee signed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2042 into law on May 7.

Ecology investigating King County sewage discharge

Incidents led to beach closures in Puget Sound

Washington Department of Ecology is investigating sewage treatment failures at King County's two largest sewage treatment plants.

Early in the morning on July 19, the West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant released an estimated 3 million gallons of untreated sewage for approximately 27 minutes, after backup pumping systems failed during power disruptions at the plant. The system diverted incoming wastewater to an emergency outfall near North Beach in Discovery Park.

On July 18, there was a different power failure at the county's Renton Wastewater Treatment Plant, resulting in potentially limited disinfection of treated wastewater. This limited disinfection lasted approximately 50 minutes. The Renton plant discharges into Puget Sound, about two miles offshore, northwest of Duwamish Head in Seattle.

Ecology is investigating both incidents as unauthorized discharges that would violate the state's water quality permits for the facilities. The county reported the incidents to Ecology. Ecology anticipates taking necessary enforcement actions after its full investigation.

The release of sewage into Puget Sound has prompted local health departments to issue several beach closures. Ecology keeps a list of current beach closures online at <https://ecology.wa.blogspot.com/2019/07/fecal-matters-closures-for-multiple.html>.

The public is advised to check with their local health departments for beach closure updates.

Burlington

Kids in Nature: Families Outdoors at Pomona Grange Park

An afternoon of play, discovery, and exploration is planned for Sat., Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pomona Grange Park, 5585 Old Hwy 99 N., Burlington.

"Kids in Nature: Families Outdoors at Pomona Grange Park" is a free, family-friendly event. Participants can take a walk in the woods, explore the ecology of Friday Creek, discover stream life, go on a nature scavenger hunt, build a fairy house village, learn about birds and pollinators, make a bagel bird feeder, play games, learn about wildlife, enjoy arts and crafts activities, and more.

Light snacks will be provided, but no food vendors will be present; attendees are free to bring a picnic lunch.

Pre-registration is requested by Aug. 14. To register, contact Kristi Carpenter, Skagit Conservation District at 360.428.4313, ext. 1018 or e-mail kristi@skagited.org.

The event is sponsored by Friday Creek Habitat Stewards, Skagit Conservation District, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Skagit County, and other local partners.

Issaquah

Lake Sammamish State Park hosts Indian Independence Day celebration

The Washington State Parks Folk and Traditional Arts Program invites the public to celebrate Indian Independence Day at Lake Sammamish State Park.

Presented by The Dancing Silhouette, the celebration is slated for Sat., Aug.

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17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sunset Beach playground area of Lake Sammamish State Park, 2000 NW Sammamish Rd., Issaquah.

Event activities include:

- Hoisting the Indian flag.
- Singing the Indian national anthem.
- A children's parade reflecting India's cultural diversity with traditional wear.
- Reenactments of some of the events that led up to independence through music, dance, and storytelling.

India gained independence from British rule on Aug. 15, 1947. Indian communities around the world commemorate the holiday through celebrations of Indian culture, including historical pageants.

The event is free and family friendly. Public transportation is available to Lake Sammamish State Park via King County's

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someone had picked up a large rock and thrown it through the sink in the bathroom, and then filled the men's toilet with rocks. In the women's restroom, someone had plugged up the toilet with toilet paper and ripped the hand sanitizer unit off the wall. Miller believed it would cost approximately \$1,000 to repair the damage. There was no suspect information at this time.

July 17

Deputy Montgomery responded to a burglary complaint in the 8000 block of Arnold Ln. The cabins at this property were broken into and several items were taken. There are no suspects at this time.

July 20

Deputy Tweit responded to a fight in the 45000 block of Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove. As he arrived on scene, a female approached him and asked if he would help her "kill vampires." Several individuals reported that she attacked one of the neighbors. The victim told Deputy Tweit that the suspect was yelling obscenities at her and children in the area. When the victim asked her to stop, the suspect attacked her. Because of the suspect's mental health, Deputy Tweit transported her to PeaceHealth United General Medical Center in Sedro-Woolley for a mental health evaluation. She was issued a citation for the assault.

Metro Transit System. A Discover Pass is required for personal vehicle access.

Mt. Vernon

Hero Craft Fair seeks vendors for November fundraiser

Organizers for the 3rd Annual Hero Craft Fair in Mount Vernon are looking for vendors for the annual fundraiser. Moneys raised at the event—scheduled this year for Nov. 8–10—are donated to the Mount Vernon Police Dept., the Mount Vernon Fire Dept., and veterans organizations.

"Our craft fair is unique; we try to help the wonderful and talented crafters who put in a great deal of time, and we also raise funds for the three groups," said organizer Robert Longdon.

Longdon hopes to include 50 vendors at the nonprofit event this year. The rental

fee is \$75, which includes an 8' x 10' space and free coffee. A table, a chair, and electricity are available for a small additional fee. Registration is due by Sept. 16. Checks should be made payable to Robert Longdon and mailed to him at P.O. Box 672, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Hero Craft Fair will be held at the Heritage Flight Museum, 15053 Crosswind Dr., Burlington. The fair will be open:

- Fri., Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested vendors and anyone who wants to learn more about the event should contact Longdon at 360.399.3069 herocraftfairmv@gmail.com.

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Oscar Hassenpfeffer drives nails like lightning: He never strikes twice in the same place.

— § —
Definition of a successful person: One with the horsepower of an optimist and the emergency brake of a pessimist.
— § —
“It was grand of you to dive from that height, fully clothed to effect such a magnificent rescue,” said the onlooker, patting the hero.
“That’s all very well,” said the hero, “but what I want to know is, who pushed me?”
— § —
The honeymoon is over when the groom says it’s too hot for her to sit on his lap.

Dwelleysms: Wit and wisdom from former Concrete Herald editor Charles M. Dwelley

“One commodity suffering severely at the hands of inflation is liberty. Few can afford it anymore.”
“Geoducks—3-lb. clams—have been getting scarce in recent years. Now they find that they have migrated to 180 feet below sea level. They can’t escape man for long, however. He will eat the last one if it takes 100 years.”
“According to a Mexican saying, what we need for a better life is a watch that walks. All of ours run. And how well we know it ...”
“They say a taxpayer rebellion is building up across the country. Never heard of a militant majority ever getting any attention.”
—May 14, 1969

“It is surprising how a person can afford only the luxuries when it comes to a choice between what is needed and what is desired. Probably on the olden theory that the Lord will provide for sustenance, but the extras are up to you.”
“All we can say is that for a world about to be conquered, the moon isn’t putting up much of a fight.”
“It all depends on the approach to truth. No one searching for the truly honest man ever starts the conversation with ‘How’s fishing?’”
“What we need in this country is a Dept. of Tender Sympathy. What is wrong so far outweighs the capacity to correct, that someone at least should be issuing official condolences.”
—May 21, 1969

Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



By Stig Kristensen

Public Service Announcement



Crossword: “Bodies in Motion”

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- Across**
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 5. Body shop fig.
 8. Red shade
 14. Portion receiver
 16. Ancient meeting places
 17. Takes an extended stroll
 19. Battle of Britain grp.
 20. Discouraging words
 21. Calculus calculations
 25. Vermin
 27. Greek earth goddess: Var.
 31. Fails to act
 34. Kind of mark
 35. Big time
 36. Discompose
 37. Quarrels
 40. Insect stage
 44. Holiday quaff
 45. Hospital directive
 49. Does the best one can
 53. Old Icelandic literary work
 54. Boot
 55. Certain berth
 56. It's inspired
 57. The other woman
 59. Turns upside down
 68. Persian Gulf country
 69. With pleasure
- Down**
1. Catch
 2. U.N. workers' grp.
 3. Bass, for one
 4. Brillo rival
 5. Mount SW of Messina
 6. Certain bottom
 7. Abbr. to the left of a number
 8. River craft
 9. Roe
 10. Column's counterpart
 11. 401(k) alternative
 12. Mineo of "Exodus"
 13. Cry in cartoons
 15. Body
 18. Erstwhile
 21. Venom source
 22. ____ Rancho (suburb of Albuquerque)
 23. List ender
 24. Pump
 26. Game divisions
 27. Prattle
 28. Bibliophilic suffix
 29. Fingers
 30. Hair color
 32. Bottom line
 33. Eats
 37. Boozehound
 38. Low slope
 39. Freudian topic
 40. Fury
 41. Kind of pie
 42. Conjunction
 43. Fed. construction overseer
 45. Dadaist
 46. Dope
 47. Air hero
 48. A pop
 50. Boosts
 51. 100 cents
 52. Risked, in days of old
 56. Passage
 58. See 23-Down
 59. Cousin of reggae
 60. Harbor craft
 61. Shock's partner
 62. Indian bread
 63. Franco-Spanish botanist
 64. Alter, in a way
 65. Shogun's capital
 66. Pledge of Allegiance ender
 67. Salon supply

Sudoku

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

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*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

- The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in July:
- “Taking applications for a hunting buddy. Applicant must be willing to hike their ass off and spend absurd amounts of time in the woods. Must be able to start scouting immediately. No weenies.”
 - “I am starting to question the choices I have made to prompt Facebook to remind me that I may have missed a post on a page called “The Same Photo of Jeff Goldblum Every Day,” which is completely accurately titled. (It's the same photo. Every day.)
 - “Can we stop playing phone tag? One of us just needs to figure out how to answer the phone when it rings.”
 - “Okay ... dessert first. It's Friday!”

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violence. I was a sickly child and missed many semesters, and by nine years old I still did not read fluidly. My mother bought me a book of poetry, thinking it would be less intimidating than chapter books. This very first book seeded my love of poetry. Familiarity with the words gave me confidence and helped me move along the lines with ease. And the poetry itself brought me comfort.

Dylan Thomas was an early influence in my life through his love for the sound of words. As I grew in my love of poetry, I could hear it everywhere. Even the BBC shipping forecast for me was a nightly poem. What inspired my recent talk, “The Poetic Apothecary: Poems as Remedies that Companion our Days,” was a book I picked up in England last year called *The Poetry Pharmacy* by William Seighart. Seighart had a poem for each human emotion: grief, regret, overwhelm, depression, and so on. I thought it was a fantastic idea and started to collect poems for my own apothecary. I choose the word apothecary from the Greek word *Apotheke* which means “storehouse”; whereas pharmacy comes from the Greek word *Parmakon*, which means drug.

On your poetry studies, did you do any formal study or was it all self-directed?

I have done little formal study if you mean university-level MFA writing programs. I am self-taught by reading poets, meeting poets, and being part of a poetry writing group whose members perform their work. I left school at age 15 and took my education into my own hands. My formal study was voice performance at music school, which has been invaluable for recitation. My love of music and experience playing cello and other instruments has been an important part of my performances. Music helps us take in poetry in a deep way. Also, I think learning music theory has helped me listen to the rhythm of a poetry.

What makes poetry special to you?

Rob Lewis, a Pacific Northwest poet, puts it so well when he says in his book, *The Silence of Vanishing Things*, “The practice of poetry brings certain standards: a deeper intensity of observation, the freedom to see the sacred anywhere and everywhere, the courage of heart-seeing, the determination to make words meet their subject with fidelity and power. Useful qualities for a craft that tries so assiduously not to be used.”

His last sentence explains my desire to

show how much more useful poetry is than people think. There have been times when I have been particularly challenged by life; the loss of my husband five years ago, for example. Writing and reading poetry got me through raw grief. Poetry offered a vast pool of understanding where I could retreat and reboot courage to go on.

Maya Angelou’s poem “Still I Rise” is a rousing call to shed our sense of being a victim when we feel overwhelmed, marginalized, or overpowered. Angelou’s lyrical levity and power can haul you out of any despondency.

Wendell Berry’s “The Peace of Wild Things”—if ever there was a poem for our times, this is one that understands our fear for the world. Berry comes up with a remedy and that is nature.

Could you name a few poets and/or poems that are near and dear to your heart?

Mary Oliver, as she is for so many people. Mary Oliver has a way of bringing the reader into her poems—one line can grab you by the arm and you are suddenly right next to her, feeling with her the poem’s passion and strength. Reading her poems is like taking a remedy that courses through your body and changes you. Who can avoid the million-dollar question Oliver asks: “What are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?” Or Antonio Machado’s question, “What have you done with the garden entrusted to you?” Billy Collins’ poems are often humorous and deadly serious.

Collins’ “Becoming Ten” is a masterful poem about that age when, for the first time, you see yourself as separate from the world. “... It seems only yesterday I used to believe/there was nothing under my skin but light. If you cut me I would shine. But now when I fall upon the sidewalks of my life, I skin my knees. I bleed.”

I have recently come across George Bilgere, a Pacific Northwest poet who I highly recommend for his muscular writing, and Peter Periera, also a Pacific Northwest poet, who is an emergency room doctor in Seattle and writes compelling poems about being gay in his profession.

William Stafford is also a Washington poet whose poem “A Valley like This” is on a plaque at the Washington Pass.

Poets are my friends, my confidantes, and my solace. Poems are not a hiding place, but a finding place.

Could you name a few poems/poets that have helped you to heal?

Oh, so many. There is, of course, the seminal poems of Mary Oliver—“Wild Geese” and “The Journey.” Antonio Machado’s poem that starts “The wind one brilliant day called to my soul.” Maya Angelou’s “Phenomenal Women,” William Stafford, our loved Pacific Northwest poet’s “The Story That Could be True,” George Bilgere’s poem “Laundry,” where he remembers a moment in the garden, his mother hanging up the washing not knowing what the future holds for her and marriage.

Among humorous poems is Mary Oliver’s poem “I Worried” and Fleur Adcock’s poem “Things,” about having insomnia, and her poem about aging called “Weathering,” and John Agard’s beautiful poem “The Rainbow.” W. H. Auden’s “Funeral Blues” is my favorite poem for the brutal and raw place of grief.

What can small communities like Concrete and the Upper Valley area do to foster more interest in poetry?

I have found that no matter where I give my talks, there are people who connect to poetry. There have been people at my talks who just wander in knowing nothing about poetry, but they often have much to bring to the discussion and are surprised how they connect with the poems!

I think a great deal can be done in schools. Unfortunately, learning poems by heart in schools is considered a “low skill” for the exams. This is a tragedy. Learning poems by heart is like having good genes for your life. The poems you have learned by heart crop up when you most need them, they bring joy just like the traditional folk song you learn at an early age. I have had difficulty getting into schools to give my talks, which has been a frustration.

The response to my talks has been positive all over the state. I am convinced that the interest in poetry is sprouting up like new spring grass and is on the brink of becoming a powerful force for inner strength as it has been for centuries in other countries. Washington State has an impressive number of amazing poets, and the landscape itself is pure poetry. The fact that the 13th century Persian poet Jalal Rumi is the most-read poet today is a testimony to the enduring value of poetry.

Is poetry more, less, or equally important in rural areas as opposed to big cities?

Of course, we are all human with the same daily challenges—both the overwhelming ones like loss of a loved one and the more day-to-day ones like

overwhelm and parenting.

Do you see a different reception to your presentation in small, rural areas as opposed to larger, urban areas?

It is always surprising to me how many people show up, and it has nothing to do with the size of the community. Often it is the remote communities where attendance is the highest. Small farming communities have sometimes different struggles than city people. As William Carlos Williams says, “Poetry is the local made universal.”

What can we expect from your presentation on the 24th?

My presentation will be a lively talk about the power that poetry has to enrich our lives to bring healing, wonder, joy, and understanding. I will recite poems that cover many aspects of our lives: parenting, loss, challenges with body image, death, coping with difficult childhoods, and much more. I will demonstrate the power of humor as being an important remedy in our apothecary. There will be as much time as needed for discussion and questions from the craft of poetry to individual experience with poetry, and time for people to share their own poetry or the poems that they love.

Why should someone who doesn’t have a lot of experience with or isn’t typically interested in poetry come to the event?

Poetry can be intimidating. Many people have a phobia that they don’t understand poetry. I think this is due to the way poetry was introduced to us. Often you will open a magazine and read a poem there and wonder what it is really about. It is the people who say they don’t “get” poetry that I long to have in my audience. Often people come who say they have no connection with poetry, but are curious. Recently a man in Port Townsend said, “she could make any curmudgeon warm to poetry.” That was the greatest compliment I could receive.

—Chazlyn Lovely

Judith Adams will lead a poetry discussion at the future home of the Upper Skagit Library, 45952 Main St., Concrete, on Sat., Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. More information about the event can be found at <https://upperskagitlibrary.org/web/2019/07/23/humanities-washington-the-poetic-apothecary-poems-for-healing-and-comfort-with-judith-adams>. To learn more about Adams, go to www.judithadamspoeetry.com. For more information about Humanities Washington, go to www.humanities.org.

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68	K	U	W	A	I	T	69	L	A	T	E	D	L	Y	
70	A	G	E	N	T	S	71	E	L	L	M	O	L	E	

Sudoku solution

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

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF TOWN OF CONCRETE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Concrete will accept letters of interest and/or applications from any interested, qualified person to serve on the Economic Development Commission.

The Economic Development Plan for the Town of Concrete is guided by a commission that consists of representatives from private sector businesses, education institutions, nonprofit organizations, private citizens, and government entities. Applicants will be asked to attend the Economic Development Commission meeting on August 14 at 6:00 p.m. at 45672 Main Street to introduce themselves and answer questions from the commission prior to being appointed by the mayor at the regular council meeting scheduled for August 26, 2019. To review a copy of the current plan please visit <http://townofconcrete.com/planning.php>.

Job Announcement: Interpretive Center Coordinator & Education Specialist

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Howard Miller Steelhead Park
Rockport, WA

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Dec. 1, 2019 through Jan. 31, 2020
20 – 30 hours per week

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Applications or letters of interest must be submitted to the Town of Concrete Clerk-Treasurer, 45672 Main Street, P.O. Box 39, Concrete, WA 98237 no later than Monday, August 12, 2019, by 4:30 PM. Applications and/or letters of interest can be emailed to andrea@concretewa.gov, hand delivered to 45672 Main Street, Concrete, WA or mailed to PO Box 39, Concrete, WA 98237.

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