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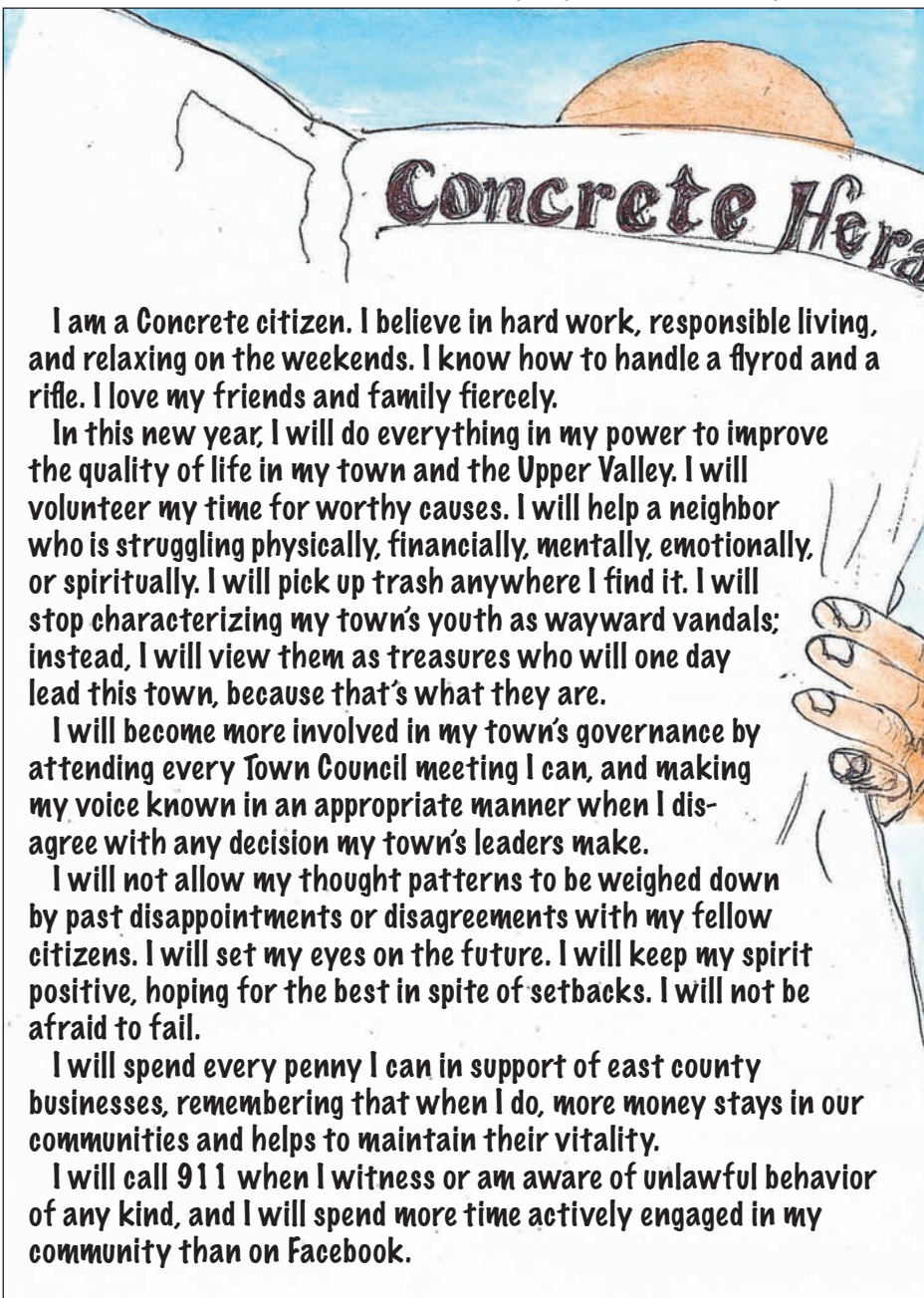
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**I am a Concrete citizen. I believe in hard work, responsible living, and relaxing on the weekends. I know how to handle a flyrod and a rifle. I love my friends and family fiercely.**

**In this new year, I will do everything in my power to improve the quality of life in my town and the Upper Valley. I will volunteer my time for worthy causes. I will help a neighbor who is struggling physically, financially, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. I will pick up trash anywhere I find it. I will stop characterizing my town's youth as wayward vandals; instead, I will view them as treasures who will one day lead this town, because that's what they are.**

**I will become more involved in my town's governance by attending every Town Council meeting I can, and making my voice known in an appropriate manner when I disagree with any decision my town's leaders make.**

**I will not allow my thought patterns to be weighed down by past disappointments or disagreements with my fellow citizens. I will set my eyes on the future. I will keep my spirit positive, hoping for the best in spite of setbacks. I will not be afraid to fail.**

**I will spend every penny I can in support of east county businesses, remembering that when I do, more money stays in our communities and helps to maintain their vitality.**

**I will call 911 when I witness or am aware of unlawful behavior of any kind, and I will spend more time actively engaged in my community than on Facebook.**

# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### School funding an investment in our future

Most people recognize me as Richard from Albert's Red Apple, but I'm a lot more than that. I am part of the Frank family's tradition of supporting community activities in the Upper Skagit Valley.

In my previous professional life, I was a teacher, and I've never lost the appreciation for what teachers and public schools provide for our children and our society.

A lot of teamwork and hard work by school systems goes into successfully preparing children for their roles as adults. As a businessman, I see proper school funding as an investment in the future. I've also looked at the dollars and cents of the state's effort to meet the mandate of fully funding public education. As with any compromise, their initial effort has fallen short of both their promises and the actual needs of smaller school districts, such as Concrete.

The Concrete School District levy request coming up for your approval on Feb. 12 is less than previous levies, but is the maximum now allowed. Approval of this school levy will allow the Concrete School District to maintain most programs until the State Legislature remedies its initial oversight.

Please support this levy request.  
*Richard Frank  
Concrete*

### Charging for water during emergency is just plain wrong

Like everyone else in Rockport, I also lost power during the wind storm on Dec. 20. By Saturday I had run out of water. I decided to go to the nearby Howard Miller Steelhead (county) Park in Rockport to fill

up a couple of 5-gallon cans with water.

I parked next to a unoccupied RV campsite and was using the hydrant there to fill my cans. I had one can filled and was filling the other when I was approached by a park employee, who informed me that taking water from the park was illegal, and since I had already taken some water, I was essentially stealing. The employee then told me, and I quote, "We can handle this situation one of two ways: Either you can give me a \$5 donation or I can call the Sheriff's Department and have you charged with theft." I AM NOT KIDDING.

I told the park employee to go bleep thyself. Which is the same thing I would tell the Pope if he accused me of stealing. The county employee then called 911 to report the theft. While the employee was reading the dispatcher my license plate number, I reached into my billfold and handed the employee my business card, which has all my contact information on it. I then told the employee that if the police wanted to talk to me, to have them call me. I then got in my pickup and left.

Whether the Sheriff responded to the employees call or not I do not know, as I was never contacted by them. I do know, however, that whether it actually

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is a county park policy or if this county employee was trying to profit from the power outage, requiring that anyone has to "make a donation" in order to get water from a county park during an emergency is just plain wrong, period.

*Gordy Clark  
Rockport*

### Funding plan won't fully fund local school districts

A lot of news stories covered the McCleary Decision of the Washington State Supreme Court mandating that Washington State fully fund public K-12 education and end the practice of local school districts using levies to meet operating costs. Very few news reports closely followed the State Legislative process that attempted to do that. Even fewer readers or listeners that followed the news understand the ramifications of what the legislature actually did.

Some of the key mismatches in this entire process were the differences between the words and definitions used by the State Supreme Court, the State Legislature, and local school districts as directed by the Office of State Public Instruction. Thus, the legislature did not pass a funding plan to fully fund local school districts, only what they narrowly defined as "basic education."

The legislature recognized this shortcoming and its future impacts, and compromised by allowing school districts to continue raising some funds using local levies. That compromise is far from perfect, because it placed a significant cap of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of property valuation on any levies, including those already passed at a higher amount. By the time the final state budget was finally approved, far less funding for our schools materialized than had been envisioned, but that levy cap remained in place. Supporting the Concrete School District levy request will not end the district's anticipated budget crunch, but it will lessen it and give the legislature time to re-address school funding. I support the levy request and so should you.

*John Boggs  
Concrete*

### Freedom of speech

Valued by most people as a God given right that are so important, it must be guaranteed by the government. In general, at a time of the writing of the Constitution, the concern about protecting free speech was in regard to protecting political

speech. People in the early years of this country fought and died for freedom of speech worried about being persecuted and thrown in to jail.

General public is educated enough and can see what is going on just by keeping quiet and saying nothing and just observe. What is being accomplished if anything at all here in Hamilton just by driving down a few streets and just see everything is the same four years ago as it is today. Everything was a mess 2017, garbage all over town if it would flood today.

The policies of the town for RV's are like some of the stupidest I have ever seen allowing them to bring down the whole town to their level is wrong. We are always comparing to others instead of doing what is best for the home owners and the town. Having no weight limit signs on city streets is destroying our streets and nothing is being done about it. As far as I am concerned it's income and can help pay for street repair. Forcing semi trucks to keep off of town streets would keep them in good shape longer with less repair and stress from abuse of heavy trucks.

*Renee Barley  
Hamilton*

### Sharing Tree a success

Despite a late start, the East County Resource Center Sharing Tree Project was once again successful in 2018!

About 30 more local children had a joyful holiday thanks to the generosity of Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy, Skagit County Sheriff's Office East Detachment, Birdview Brewing Company, Leatha and Bill Sullivan, Karen Stafford/Concrete Assembly of God, plus many other kind individuals who donated coats, toys, or meals for kids and families.

Big thanks to the team of volunteers who collected, sorted, wrapped, and distributed gifts as well. Together, many hands and hearts made this project happen!

*Betty Seguin  
Cape Horn*

### Thanks from CAP

Concrete Flight of Skagit Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, thanks all who donated during our fundraising drive for Wreaths Across America on Dec. 1 at Albert's Red Apple. Your incredible generosity sponsored 23 wreaths to be laid at the graves of veterans on Dec. 15, with \$5 of every \$15 given going directly to our local CAP squadron.

*SM Kelly Siebecke Smithhart  
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# Water utility rate option for low-income payers

A new option for Town of Concrete water and sewer utility payers promises to provide some respite from 2019 rate increases.

Following a Nov. 13 utility rate public hearing, Concrete Town Council approved a water utility rate option for low-income payers.

The low-income water rate will stay at the December 2018 rate (\$28 per month) instead of increasing to \$34 effective Jan. 1, 2019. The move essentially keeps the payer's 2019 water utility bill at the 2018 level.

The decision to create the low-income rate is in direct response to staff reports that delinquent and nonpayment occurrences have risen in direct proportion to the sewer utility rate increases the town has found necessary during the past few years in order to properly maintain and upgrade its water and sewer infrastructure. "We have people who are struggling daily to meet their bills, and because our

water system can handle not having more money, and our sewer can't—in some ways it was a simple way to try to help a problem," said Councilmember Marla Reed. "We need to do something, but sometimes our hands are tied, because we can't give things away, and we can't set a precedent that comes back to bite us."

## How it works

The low-income water rate applies only to residential water service, and anyone applying for the rate must have a combined water/sewer bill in order to get the residential low-income rate for water.

Applicants need to provide their 2018 tax return, so a slight lag is expected during the first part of 2019, but since the effective period is 12 months, applicants can simply apply at the same time next year for an uninterrupted low-income rate.

To apply for the low-income rate, go to Concrete Town Hall for the forms. Town Hall is located at 45672 Main St. in

Concrete (immediately west of the post office).

Revenue from bulk water sales to Niagara Bottling already supplements the water utility rate, keeping it \$5 to \$8 lower than it would normally be. An uptick in revenue from Niagara will further offset the dip in revenue that will come from the decreased low-income water utility rate.

After a sewer utility rate study in 2017, the Town Council rejected a recommended \$18/month increase to the sewer utility rate, opting instead for an initial \$5 increase in January 2018, followed by a \$1-per-month increase for the remainder of that year. The intent was to raise the rate incrementally, rather than drop a sharp, sudden increase on rate payers.

## Spraying list created

In other recent Town Council action, Town of Concrete passed a policy regarding the application of pesticides by town employees or town representatives in public places owned by the town and located within the town limits. If you would like to be notified when spraying occurs, contact Town Hall at 360.853.8401.

—J. K. M.

## New water bank opens in Skagit County

A new water bank will provide a legal right to water for nearly 100 homes along Nookachamps Creek, a tributary of the Skagit River, while protecting streamflows.

The Department of Ecology and Skagit County are jointly operating the bank, which Ecology created by purchasing water rights from a local utility. The bank repurposes those water rights for household use along Nookachamps Creek between the Skagit River and Big Lake.

Priority will be given to 17 existing homes that do not have a legal source of water following a 2013 state Supreme Court ruling. The rest of the bank's water will be available for new uses on a first-come, first-served basis. In total, the bank will accommodate about 96 residential connections.

The water bank is part of Ecology's ongoing water supply work in the Skagit basin. In 2017, Ecology announced a water availability zone in the Bayview area, where new water uses would not affect the Skagit River.

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## THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

**Day Creek Chapel** will host a fundraiser this month for A21, an organization that works to fight human trafficking. The fundraiser is planned for Fri., Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m., at the church, which is located at 31438 S. Skagit Hwy in Day Creek, near Sedro-Woolley.

Dinner will be served, followed by the movie "Priceless." Childcare will be provided for those who need it. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to RSVP by Jan. 8 by calling or texting 360.770.4942.

**Washington State Parks' online reservation system** will be down from Wed., Jan. 8 through Tue., Jan. 15, as the agency puts the finishing touches on a new and improved system to be launched Jan. 16.

During that transition week, all Washington state park campsites, day-use

shelters, and accommodations will be first come, first served and payable at the park by cash only.

On Mon., Jan. 14, the system is scheduled to open for existing customers to update their accounts, including changing passwords, but it will not accept new reservations. On Jan. 16, all customers can use the Web site [www.parks.state.wa.us](http://www.parks.state.wa.us) to reserve campsites, cabins, yurts, some vacation homes, shelters, and group camps up to nine months out.

The new system will add 90 campsites, 38 cabins, seven day-use facilities, and six group camps. It will allow visitors to book multiple parks and sites in one online session, see retreat center availability, expedite the check-in process, and more. The enhancements also make the system mobile-friendly and easily navigable.

On Dec. 20 at approximately 3:15 a.m., **Daniel Holcomb was struck and killed** by a vehicle as he walked along the westbound shoulder of Grandview Rd. near Interstate 5 in Whatcom County. The vehicle that struck Holcomb fled the scene.

Although the investigation is ongoing, detectives believe the fleeing vehicle is a

pick-up truck or SUV with damage to the right front portion, as well as a damaged bug shield.

Washington State Patrol detectives are seeking any witnesses who may have information pertaining to this collision. If you know about this collision, or know someone who does, you are asked to e-mail or call Detective Charles Sletten at [charles.sletten@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:charles.sletten@wsp.wa.gov) or 360.654.1144.

**Thirteen dangerous sexual predators** who targeted children in Kittitas County were removed from the surrounding communities in December after a five-day operation run by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and several local law enforcement partners and affiliates.

Dubbed "Operation Net Nanny," this was the 14th operation around the state with a mission to target persons involved in child abuse and child exploitation via the Internet. In addition to the identified suspects, detectives believe two suspects have been recognized as having access to other children at risk of being abused. Supplemental follow-up investigations are currently under way to identify those children and arrange for the appropriate assistance for any abuse they may have

been exposed to. The "Net Nanny" series, conducted throughout Washington, has now netted a total of 221 arrests and rescued more than 30 identified child victims throughout the state.

Since the original operation, there have been 13 additional operations throughout Washington. The most recent Net Nanny operation began in August 2015 by the WSP. Undercover Law enforcement officers communicated on the Internet through various Web sites and mobile phone applications with people interested in having sex with children. The operation generated hundreds of responses.

**KSVU 90.1 FM is still gathering feedback** via a survey available at its studio in Concrete. Pick one up there or call 360.853.8588 and they'll mail or e-mail you the form.

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## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for a regular meeting on Dec. 10. Following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at [www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php](http://www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php).*

### Dec. 10 regular meeting

- Public Safety:** Deputy Terry Esskew distributed copies of the November incident report. He reported on people who were cited for trespassing at Devil's Tower recently.

Councilmember Beth Easterday asked about a vehicle that is parked in the library parking lot at all hours. She stated that she believes they are living in the vehicle. Deputy Esskew stated that he would speak with Sgt. Adams about the meeting that occurred last week regarding issues at the library, and see what can and cannot be done.

- Town engineer Cody Hart reported that plans for the Dept. of Health (water-related) projects have been submitted to the funding agency for review and that the I&I (stormwater infiltration into wastewater infrastructure) plans have also been submitted to USDA for its review. Hart reported this approval will allow for the town to advertise for construction.
- Hart distributed cross-section diagrams for the proposed Cedar Street restoration and explained the request to deviate from town standards. He and town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles reviewed the current standards and the requested change for Cedar Street. Marianne explained the two adopted standards shown in the council packets are what is currently approved for the kind of road that Cedar Street is, and if the town wants to do something different there, it has to be approved by council. Staff has reviewed and have recommended this change. Discussion ensued. Council voted to approve the proposed changes.
- Hart reported that the town was awarded funds for overlay and construction of sidewalk along approximately 500 feet of S. Rietze Ave. He stated this will be bid with Cedar Street for construction in 2019, which will be a big cost savings.
- Mayor Jason Miller asked if the project will be an overlay or full-depth reclamation like Cedar Street. Hart reported this will be for a 3-inch overlay. He stated that most overlays are 2 inches, and with the shape Rietze is in, there will be a lot of prep work and then a 3-inch overlay completed.
- Mayor Miller also asked if the roadway could be realigned and the sidewalk constructed on the east side of S. Rietze. Hart explained the reasoning for not being able to realign the roadway, and that a crosswalk will be installed that goes from the apartments to the west side of Rietze. Discussion ensued on possibly moving the current SKAT bus stop on Cedar so that people from the apartments only had to cross S. Rietze once to reach the bus stop.
- Council voted to approve the task order for Hart's work on the S. Rietze Ave. overlay project.
- Council approved a Community Development Block Grant contract for funding for the completion of updates to the town's water system and comprehensive plan.
- Council approved formal financial management policies for the town, putting into writing what town staff is to follow.
- Council approved Ordinance No. 792, updated council rules of procedure.
- Council approved term extensions for two members of the Economic Development Commission: Em Beals and Tyler Nibarger.
- Manville-Ailles asked what is being done about the complaints received regarding people driving on parts of the airport where they shouldn't. She stated that the town needs to clearly establish the circulation patterns for the airport so that people know where they are allowed to drive. She stated that staff will discuss further and bring recommendations to the council.
- Council voted to cancel its Dec. 24 regular meeting.

—Compiled from staff minutes

### Keep track of your council

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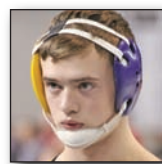
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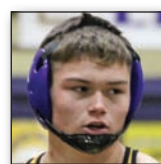
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# Sports



## Basketball players create “a cool culture”

With more than half of his nine basketball players in their senior year, Concrete High School Head Coach Levi Stewart said he's grateful that the senior class has been like “a bunch of older brothers,” taking the younger players under their wings and co-coaching them. “They're not asked to do that,” said Stewart. “It creates a cool culture.”

That culture is translating to moderate success on the court for the young team.

### December play

The Lions kicked off their season with a Nov. 29 nonleague away match against Tulalip Heritage, the No. 4 1B team in the state.

“That was a test,” said Stewart. “I wanted to see how well we could execute our new offense, plus see where we were defensively.”

A high-powered offensive team, Tulalip handed Concrete a 58–22 loss, but it was the lowest score Tulalip had racked up at that point this season.

Concrete hosted Overlake on Dec. 1, and took another loss, 53–23. Overlake's deep bench was full of athletes who had played together for a long time, said Stewart. “They were powerful, but I thought we played them pretty well defensively,” he said.

On Dec. 7, the Lions lost a nail-biter to Granite Falls, 54–50 in overtime play. Down 3 points with 8 seconds left

in regular play, Levi Lowry snagged a rebound and kicked it out to Tyler Coffell, who hit a game-tying 3-pointer to force overtime.

“It was a phenomenal game for our guys, but Granite Falls had a little more depth on their bench,” said Stewart.

Stewart called the team's Dec. 14 match against Coupeville “a crazy, back-and-forth game.” Devin Blankenship notched a career-high 17 points in the game, which found Coupeville scraping by with the 43–42 win. “That was Devin's statement game; he was a force to be reckoned with,” said Stewart.

The Lions got their first win with a 60–14 drubbing of Arlington Christian on Dec. 17. “That was a much-needed, get-some-frustration-out game,” said Stewart.

Michael Booker came out swinging during the team's Dec. 21 game at Mount Vernon Christian, said Stewart. “He was a huge force for us; we were sluggish till Booker came in.”

Seven days later, the Lions got another win against Mossyrock at home, 57–54.

Concrete ended the month with a Dec. 29 away game at South Whidbey, swallowing a 66–17 loss. Stewart called it “a thorough butt-kicking.”

“They're incredibly big and athletic,” he said. “It was a game we need to remember, but also forget.”

January play kicks off with three home games, Jan. 2, 4, and 8.



**Above:** Tyler Coffell goes up for 2 points during the home-court game against the Arlington Christian Knights on Dec. 17.

**Below:** Dalton Newby drives past an Arlington Christian defender during the Dec. 17 game. The Lions sent the Knights home that night with a 60–14 loss.



## New bball coach

You might not recognize that new face at the edge of the court, but you will. Levi Stewart is the new head coach for the Concrete High School men's basketball team.

Born and raised in Big Lake, Stewart, 27, graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 2010 with four years of basketball and baseball and a year of football under his belt.

He majored in Sport Management at Washington State University and graduated in 2014 after holding a student manager position with the men's basketball team for most of his college career.

Since then, he's been involved in a summer league baseball internship, some sales and marketing work, and a stint with Arlington Boys & Girls Club as assistant athletic director.

For the past couple years, he's been a substitute teacher with the Sedro-Woolley School District and an assistant coach for the men's basketball team there—until he joined the Concrete School District as a 6th grade teacher and its new men's basketball coach.

“I'm a players' coach,” said Stewart. “I feel like I can relate to the guys. Our practices are fairly intense, but there's lots of fun to be had too. They're an incredible group of kids; I couldn't have asked for a better group.”

## Women's hoops “together”

By Kevik Rensink, head coach

We are excited about the transition taking place within the Concrete women's basketball program this season. The players continue to bring a great deal of passion, while the coaches provide the vision for the future of the program. Concrete women's basketball is much more than a basketball team made up of players and coaches, and the season is more than just wins and losses on the court. We recognize that it is a privilege to be a part of this community, and we want to represent Concrete well.

One of the best ways we can do this is by being committed to, and consistently living out, our program's core values. Two of those values are the words “toughness” and “together.” These have been staples of our program for years, and these values are tested often.

This season is no exception. During the past month, the girls have had to put these values into action, both on and off the court. Not winning on the scoreboard is never easy, and can become disheartening when repeated over and over. One of the hardest parts about coaching is seeing the looks on your players' faces after a loss. However, one of the greatest joys of coaching is seeing your players overcome what they thought could not be done, either by themselves or as a team. Even after a bad loss, of which we've had a few, the girls bounce back the very next day. They come into the gym ready to go, ready to learn, and they strive to get better. We are setting goals for each day, trying to get better at the little things before we take on the larger things.

Izzy Ramos has been a steady source of leadership this year, setting the tone every day in practice. She is always there and always consistent in her approach, attitude, and how she treats her teammates.

Ebby Buchta continues to lead with her enthusiastic nature and great effort on every play.

Kylie Clark is leading the team in scoring and rebounding, and is someone we really count on. It has been so great to see her step up this year in her role on the team. The girls really respect her and do their best to find her in the game. Clark scored a career-high 19 points vs. Coupeville, which included hitting three 3-pointers.

Kassidy Smith has quickly evolved into one of the toughest defenders in



**Lady Lion Kylie Clark** threads her way between two Shoreline Christian defenders during a Dec. 6 home-court match. Passionate play on both sides made for a spirited game, with the Charges coming out on top, 46–34.

the league, and sets the tone for us defensively.

Jaidyn Swanson helps give Kassidy the breaks she needs, and is the best teammate you could hope for. She is always positive, always encouraging, and always trying to do the right thing. Her goal is to lead the team in assists every night, and this only supports her selfless attitude.

Sierra Rensink has taken on the majority of the point guard role, and Buchta fills in whenever needed. This can seem like a huge burden at times, but Rensink never complains. She wants the ball, and wants to lead her team.

Rebekah Rider has been one of the most improved players this year, and continues to play very solid defense for us, while limiting her turnovers on offense. She is only going to continue to get better.

Payton Dickinson, a freshman, has been a spark off the bench for us this year, and is learning so much so fast. Sometimes I think it is too much, but she never turns down a task, and is showing toughness on the court. Dickinson had her best game of the season in a close loss to Shoreline Christian, when she had 8 points and 11 rebounds.

Andrea Rogers has also gotten some varsity time on the court, and always makes an impact. I love what she brings to our team every day. She keeps things light with her sense of humor, and contributes every time she gets an opportunity.

## Athletes of the Month



**Athletes of the Month: Jaidyn Swanson and Tyler Nevin**



Senior **Jaidyn Swanson** was selected as Athlete of the Month for volleyball. She was one of two floor captains this season. She led the team in assists and was second on the team in serve percentage and aces. Coach Kevik Rensink said, “Jaidyn is the total team player, and leads by example on and off the court. She checks off the three As when it comes to representing a CHS student-athlete (attitude, academics, and athlete).”

**Tyler Nevin**, senior wide receiver, running back, and defensive back, was selected as Athlete of the Month for football. He put up some impressive stats on both sides of the ball. He was 5th in the county in rushing yards (193) and reception yards (537). He led the county, averaging 21.5 yards per reception, and was 3rd in scoring with 12 touchdowns. Nevin was selected First Team All-League at wide receiver and defensive back. He was chosen as First Team All-County wide receiver, and was awarded the defensive specialist award by his teammates. Coach Arthur Sanchez said, “Football isn't finished for Tyler, as he will be participating in the East-West game in June.”

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

### FOOTBALL AWARDS

**Associated Press Class 2B All-State team, Defensive Line:** Hunter Olmstead. **Northwest All-League First Team Wide Receiver and Defensive Back:** Tyler Nevin. **Northwest All-League First Team Defensive Most Valuable Player:** Hunter Olmstead. **All-County Wide Receiver:** Tyler Nevin. **All-County Running Back:** Marshall Fichter. **All-County Offensive Line:** Levi Lowry. **All-County Defensive Line:** Hunter Olmstead. **All-County Defensive Back:** Peyton Sanchez. **Defensive Specialist of the Year:** Tyler Nevin. **Most Improved:** Shawn Kemp. **Coaches' Award:** Kendall Bass. **Offensive Specialist of the Year:** Marshall Fichter. **Offensive Player of the Year:** Levi Lowry. **Defensive Line Player of the Year:** Hunter Olmstead.

**Varsity Letters:** Tyler Nevin, Hunter Olmstead, Levi Lowry, Marshall Fichter, Shawn Kemp, Kendall Bass, Peyton Sanchez, Devin Blankenship, Hayden O'Neil, Blake Carpenter, Tyler Coffell, David O'Neil, Dalton Newby, Evan Cleland, Brian Ribera, Cody Carlson, Anthony Bese, Dominic Cassell, Killian McCormack, Brandon Downing, Styler Ottow, Mathew Yandle, Collin Martin, Shawn Powell, Sean French, Charlie Bartel, Tristan Dreyer, Robert Reed, Corbin Coggins. **Manager:** Anna Spangler. **Asst. Manager/Recorder:** Jonas Rensink.



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# Wrestlers start strong with young team

With only one senior in his squad, new CHS wrestling coach Jesse Dellinger already is aware of next year's potential. But for now, his focus is on this year's performance.

The team's season began with a four-school tournament on the home mats, preceded by a special ceremony honoring former wrestling coach David "Goob" Dellinger, who handed the head coach position to his son and shared a few of his thoughts with the large crowd of well wishers.

"Charlie Bartel was the highlight of that night," said Jesse Dellinger of the freshman, who logged his first competitive pin against Lakewood's Sean Spencer. "That was a special moment."

Senior Marshall Fichter wrestled twice

and pinned both opponents, and David O'Neil got his first competitive pin.

At the Iron Sharpens Iron tournament in Bellevue on Dec. 8, sophomore Skyler Ottow made it to the finals at 170 lbs.

Hunter Olmstead dominated his 220-lb. weight class at the Paul Reiman Classic in Mount Vernon on Dec. 15, capturing first place. Jaydon Craig, Peyton Sanchez, and Dominic Cassell went to the finals too.

Dogged with illnesses, only seven Lion wrestlers went to the Mount Baker Invitational on Dec. 20, but everyone performed well. Sanchez battled back to 5th place after losing his first match. Olmstead wrestled well in a bracket full of state placers, eventually capturing 3rd place.

The month ended with the Woolley



**Freshman Lion wrestler Charlie Bartel** makes life difficult for Lakewood's Sean Spencer during the first tournament for the Concrete High School Lions wrestling team. The hometown crowd roared as Bartel got his first competitive pin.

Women's Wrestling Tournament at Sedro-Woolley High School on Dec. 29, where a scrappy 100-lb. Anna Spangler took 4th—

her first tournament placing.

Aunya Carpenter went 3–2 at 170 lbs., and just missed a medal.

# The eagles have landed

## Skagit Eagle Festival offers a month-long lineup of activities in celebration of our nation's raptor.

January brings the Skagit Eagle Festival, four weekends of family-friendly fun, to the Upper Skagit Valley, with entertaining and educational activities sprinkled liberally throughout Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount.

And, of course, eagle-watching.

Here's a look at what's on tap in each community.

### Concrete

The Skagit Eagle Festival Information Station is a good first stop as you head east. It's located in the Concrete Chamber office, 45770 Main St., Concrete (360.853.8784).

Events and attractions in Concrete and the vicinity include:

- Drop-in Arts & Crafts, Upper Skagit Library, 45770B Main St., Concrete. Every Saturday in January, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (360.853.7939).
- 5K Salmon Run and Nature Walk at Double O Ranch, 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., Concrete. Jan. 5. Registration at 9:30 a.m.; walk anytime between 9:30 a.m. and noon; run at 10 a.m. (360.853.8494 or 360.466.8754).
- Wildlife Hayrides and Campfire, Double O Ranch; call 360.853.8494 for details.
- Photography Workshop at Concrete Theatre, 45920 Main St., Concrete. Jan. 19. For more information, contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.
- Raptor Presentations at Concrete High School gymnasium, 7830 S. Superior Ave., Concrete. Free admission. For more information, go to [www.skagiteaglefestival.com](http://www.skagiteaglefestival.com) or contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.
- "This Beautiful Country," with singer Marcia Kester, Concrete Theatre, Concrete, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free admission. For more information, go to [www.skagiteaglefestival.com](http://www.skagiteaglefestival.com)

or contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.

### Rockport

With its boat launch at Howard Miller Steelhead Park and the pullout at milepost 100 (just east of the community proper), Rockport is a popular stopping point for visitors to the Upper Valley.

But its biggest destination during the Eagle Festival is the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center, located just above the park, within eyeshot of the river.

The interpretive center has an incredibly diverse lineup of speakers and activities in the pipeline for January, including guided nature walks every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., and special presentations at 1 p.m. (except Jan. 5). Here's a closer look:

- **Sat., Jan. 5:** Craig Romano, guidebook author: "Hiking in the Bellingham, Mount Vernon, and Anacortes areas" (11 a.m. talk, 1 p.m. nature walk).
- **Sun., Jan. 6:** Andrea Reiter, Skagit Watershed Council Community Engagement Coordinator: "Salmon and trout of the Skagit River: Distribution, abundance trends, and habitat recovery."
- **Sat., Jan. 12:** Lucy DeGrace, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group: "It's about WAY more than just salmon!"
- **Sat., Jan. 19:** Fred Wilson, SRBEIC President: "George and Martha: Observations of an Eagle couple and thoughts about bald eagles."
- **Mon., Jan. 21:** Hollie Watne, science/environmental educator: "For the Love of (Bio)Diversity."
- **Sat., Jan. 26:** Holli Watne, educator, gardener, and amateur entomologist: "Garden Ecology: The Good, the Bad, and the Bugly."
- **Sun., Jan. 27:** Mike Larrabee, North Cascades National Park Complex physical scientist: "Glaciers of the North Cascades."

For more information about the speakers and activities at the interpretive center in January, see the ad on p. 3 of this issue or go to [www.skagiteagle.org](http://www.skagiteagle.org).

East of Rockport, at milepost 104, look for Glacier Peak Resort & Winery on the north side of SR 20. On Jan. 19 and 20, Glacier Peak will host a Raptor Show with falconer and raptor expert Craig Moran. Three shows are planned, sponsored by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. For more information, see the ad on p. 7 of this issue.

### Marblemount

In keeping with its 35-year tradition, the Marblemount Community Hall will again host numerous native artists, musicians, presenters, and performers during the Skagit Eagle Festival, on Sat., Jan. 12 and Sun., Jan. 13.

With its doors opening at 10 a.m., the hall will fill with local artists and craft vendors offering traditionally native and nature-themed items for sale to the public.

From Salish carvings and dream catchers to North Cascades photography and handcrafted soaps, sales will be ongoing throughout the day. In addition, cooks from the Samish nation will make and offer hot, made-to-order fry bread tacos for sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as a variety of hot drinks.

Presenters and performers are as follows, both days:

- **Noon to 1 p.m.** Sasa Bella and Two Hats: Salish-style carvers, puppeteer, and storyteller.
- **1 to 2 p.m.** Rosie Cayou, Samish nation: Drumming and local history.

Music concerts, both days:

- **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** JP Falcon Grady, Blackfoot nation, original rock/reggae/folk.
- **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Peter Ali, "Flute from the Heart."
- **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Swil Kanim, Lummi violin, storyteller, and actor. A donation will be requested at the door



Photo by Adrienne Smith

after 1 p.m.

For more information, scheduling changes, weather and road conditions, etc., call the hall at 360.873.2323 and leave a message with your phone number. Someone will call you back.

A complete schedule for all Skagit Eagle Festival events is available online at [www.skagiteaglefestival.com](http://www.skagiteaglefestival.com). For more information, contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.

—J. K. M. and Christie Fairchild

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**The Concrete Middle School boys basketball team** ended its season with a bang on Dec. 10, handing Orcas a 47–46 loss after trailing the Vikings by 11 points at halftime. Owen Aamot caught fire in the second half, racking up a total of 24 points for the game, and "the kids never gave up at any point during that game or during the season," said second-year Head Coach Dallas Newby (CHS 2014). "For most of the kids, it's their first time getting out there. They all worked hard for the whole year. They improved so much from the first game to the last game; it's really what you want to see out of them, better understanding of the game, and improving that much from start to finish through the season." Front row, from left: Mitchell DePue, Owen Poolos, Lucas Sahlin, Davian Vanbibber, Hunter Throssel. Back row, from left: team manager Hayley Daniels, Adam Culver, Anthony Culver, Owen Aamot, Mason Stevenson, Morgan Rowe, Trevor Howard, Coach Dallas Newby. Not pictured: James Lockren. The team ended its season with a 1–7 record. Photo by Jackie Johnson.

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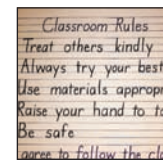
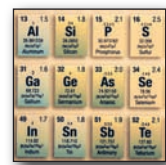
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# Academics



## Student newspapers gained new free speech protections

By Taylor McAvoy  
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

editorial control over a school-sponsored newspaper when they have a legitimate educational concern such as poorly written, biased, or obscene articles.

The standard the new bill sets is based on the less-strict Tinker standard from Tinker v. Des Moines in Iowa in 1969, almost 20 years before the Hazelwood ruling. In Tinker, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that in order for a school to suppress free speech, the speech must “materially and substantially interfere” with students’ education or the school’s operation.

“Practicing journalism in its full capacity better prepares students to pursue a career in journalism and equips them with the critical thinking, research and writing skills that lead to more engaged citizens,” Fain said in a prepared statement.

The bill also prohibits school administrators from disciplining student advisers for protecting students’ free speech rights. The last part of the bill protects school officials from civil liability if an article were deemed libelous. Advisers are still allowed to help students make difficult decisions, but the final say lies with the student editor.

## YD update

“Inflatable Game Night” was a HUGE hit with the students. We brought in a jousting/boxing ring with oversized jousting sticks and oversized boxing gloves, as well as a 40-foot-long by 10-foot-high obstacle course. It was an absolute slug fest in the jousting/boxing ring, where the kids could select either a jousting stick or boxing gloves as their means of competition. Tyler Nevin emerged as the eventual champion. The obstacle course champion was Jon Akers, using his speed and slim figure to navigate the course with uncanny precision, slipping through the most narrow openings with little resistance. Congratulations to our champions on our inaugural evening.

Our other Monday night events in December included our annual Christmas party and Christmas caroling around town. After wrapping up our customary “Where is the Weasel” introduction to the Christmas Party, we proceeded to have our white elephant gift exchange, where students bring presents and can then steal and exchange gifts until they end up with what they wanted. Those who went home with a box of rocks lost BAD!

Christmas Caroling is always fun, and I hope everyone who had a chance to hear us appreciated (or at least was entertained by) our efforts. It was a great way to end 2018 before the students went on break for Christmas and New Year’s.

We will fire things back up in January with our winter 2019 schedule. Hotdoggin’ 2019 is right around the corner, and the students are totally stoked for our annual four-day snow retreat to Leavenworth. If you would like to help pay the way for one of our high school students, a full scholarship (\$125) or any partial scholarship is welcome. We never turn a kid away from these wonderful opportunities that will create memories for a lifetime.

If you have questions about upcoming events, how to contribute to our scholarship fund, or how to get your son or daughter involved, please call me at 360.630.6063.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink  
Area Directors



This group of young ladies, “Girls on the Run,” from Concrete K-6 organized a Pennies for Patients 5k run on Dec. 1. The elementary school participated, pulling in \$1,469.22 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Above, from left, are (back row) Abby Gardner, Indie Goddard, Lily Dinkins, Bella Dreyer, Kayleann Kohnke, Alexis Houser, Matilda Meyer. Front row, from left: Gianna Aamot, Julia Mejia, Willa Whitfield, Cherokee Pritchard. Mrs. Colwell’s first grade class raised the most money, and the Girls on the Run team treated the top three classes to a lunch party. Team coaches were Linda Kilpatrick, Stephanie Henning, Anna Frank, Sherry Hornbeck, and Autumn Forsberg. Submitted photo.



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# Clear Lake



## HISTORY CORNER

Our photo this month shows the Clear Lake Mercantile, circa 1912. The store was owned by Clear Lake Lumber Company.

The Clear Lake Mercantile was the second largest mercantile store north of Seattle. Most anything a family would need or want could be purchased here. It opened in 1912 and closed in early 1926 after Clear Lake Lumber Company filed for bankruptcy.. *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](http://www.facebook.com/clearlakehistory).

—Deanna Ammons, historian



## Community Calendar



### JANUARY

- 1 Penguin Dip, Clear Lake; usually starts at 11 a.m.
- 2 Drop-in computer tutoring at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 4–6 Deep Forest Experience programs and guided hikes at Rockport State Park, 51905 SR 20, Rockport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 23
- 5–6 Skagit Eagle Festival, various events and locations; see ads, pp. 3 and 5, and article, p. 11
- 9 Memorial service for Barbara Hoover, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 46372 E. Main St., Concrete, 11 a.m.; see obituary, p. 30
- 10 Upper Skagit Library Board monthly meeting (at library), 6 p.m.
- 11 A21 fundraiser at Day Creek Chapel, 31438 S. Skagit Hwy, 5:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 6; info at 360.770.4942
- 11–13 Deep Forest Experience programs and guided hikes at Rockport State Park, 51905 SR 20, Rockport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 23
- 12 Storytime at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m.
- 12 Family Game Night at Upper Skagit Library, 5 to 8 p.m.
- 12–13 Skagit Eagle Festival, various events and locations; see ads, pp. 3 and 5, and article, p. 11
- 12–13 Skagit Eagle Festival events at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount; see article, p. 26; info at 360.873.2323
- 12 Darrington Community Dance, Mansford Grange, Darrington; potluck dinner at 6 p.m., dance at 7 p.m.; admission by \$7 suggested donation; see notice, p. 25
- 15 Winter Reading Fitness Bingo begins at Upper Skagit Library; see column, p. 32; stop by library for details
- 16 Drop-in computer tutoring at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 18–20 Deep Forest Experience programs and guided hikes at Rockport State Park, 51905 SR 20, Rockport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 23
- 19 Darrington Strong Meet and Greet, Darrington Public Library, 1005 Cascade St, Darrington, 6 p.m.; see article, p. 24
- 19–20 Raptor Shows at Glacier Peak Resort & Winery, Rockport; see ad, p. 7
- 19–20 Skagit Eagle Festival, various events and locations; see ads, pp. 3 and 5, and article, p. 11
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Free Day at Rasar and Rockport State Parks, see notice, p. 23
- 25 5th Annual Illuminight Winter Walk, Riverwalk Park, Mount Vernon, 3:30 to 9 p.m.; see photo caption, p. 34; info at 360.419.9326
- 25–27 Deep Forest Experience programs and guided hikes at Rockport State Park, 51905 SR 20, Rockport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 23
- 26 Storytime at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m.
- 26 Family Game Night at Upper Skagit Library, 5 to 8 p.m.
- 26–27 Skagit Eagle Festival, various events and locations; see ads, pp. 3 and 5, and article, p. 11
- 30 Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County Youth of the Year Dinner, 4800 Eaglemont Dr., Mount Vernon, 6:30 p.m.; free admission; RSVP requested; info at [www.skagitclubs.org](http://www.skagitclubs.org), [ifaley@skagitclubs.org](mailto:ifaley@skagitclubs.org), or 360.419.3723; see article, p. 35

### FEBRUARY

- 8 “Halfway There” Pow-Wow for Winter Reading Fitness Bingo, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 5 p.m.
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 18 Presidents Day

\*Community Calendar is updated daily at [www.concrete-herald.com/calendar](http://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@cascaadedays.com](mailto:ember@cascaadedays.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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Community Center. 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](mailto:concretechamber@mac.com).

**Concrete Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](http://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 Jan. 28 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 31 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Tue. of each month in the Pilots’ Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Ohana Support Group** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.416.1733.

**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 Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at State Street High School for a regular meeting. A second regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at Cascade Middle School. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto: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. [sauksister@frontier.com](mailto:sauksister@frontier.com) or [www.skagiteagle.org](http://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@upperskagit.lib.wa.us](mailto:info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us).

**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](mailto:em@5bsbakery.com).

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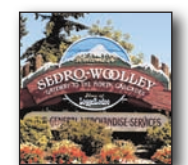
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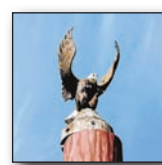
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# Sedro-Woolley



## Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club teens attend Keystone Summit

By Patrick Dougher

Members of the Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club Teen Center attended the Keystone Summit in Bellevue on Nov. 10. Keystone is a community service and leadership club for teenagers within Boys & Girls Clubs programming. The Boys & Girls Club of Washington State puts on the summit to allow teens from across the state the opportunity to come together to discuss the issues that are important to youth.

The day began with a performance from NW Tap Connection, followed by keynote speaker Levi Ware from the Melodic Caring Project. Ware spoke on his personal journey and the work done at the Melodic Caring Project, which is a nonprofit that puts on personalized concerts for children and teenagers who are hospitalized with serious illnesses. "The Keystone Summit was an incredible gathering of NW youth," said Ware. "The energy and intention in the room filled me with hope for our future. Knowing these young leaders are taking their place in our communities with compassion in their hearts and purpose in their lives inspires. Witnessing the Boys & Girls Clubs fostering this kind



of compassion and intention in our youth makes me an even bigger believer in, and supporter of, the Boys & Girls Clubs and their mission. The summit was a demonstration on how to LOVE LOUD in our communities!"

Participants could then choose which small group sessions to attend. The morning sessions focused on teen issues such as mental health, anti-bullying, and gun violence. The afternoon sessions focused on Keystone-related topics such as teen outreach, community service, a job skills workshop, and a roundtable for Keystone officers. Each session was planned and led by a staff from a different

Boys & Girls Club who had been part of the planning committee, headed by Olivia Thai, the Program and Development manager for the Boys & Girls Club Washington Association.

"It wasn't what I expected, but it was still really cool and fun," said Sedro-Woolley Club member Bella L., 14. "I really liked the mental health session because I think that topic isn't talked about enough."

Fifteen-year-old Woolley Teens Keystone Club President Olivia E. said, "I like how we elaborated on plans for the future. We talked about ways to build and run a Keystone program."

The morning and afternoon sessions both dealt with serious subject matter, so after a brief check-in with their peers and advisors, teens got to have some fun. They could try to solve the escape room or capture some memories in the photo booth. There was cotton candy to snack on and airbrush tattoos to wear while taking a self-defense class.

The day was wrapped up with another speaker and musical performance, this time from Scarlet Parke. Parke, a local musician who has performed at the Capitol Hill Block Party and Upstream Music Fest, spoke about her teenage years, family difficulties, and how those

Members of the Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club Teen Center chat after lunch at the Nov. 10 Keystone Summit in Bellevue. From left, Aidan A., Lauren A., Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club staff member Rosie Matsumoto, Olivia E., Bella L. Submitted photo.

experiences have had an influence on her adult life and her career.

The Keystone Summit was able to engage teenagers in discussions on serious topics, while also giving them plenty of opportunities to have fun with each other. The Boys & Girls Club and the Keystone program strive to give youth these kinds of leadership and character development opportunities.

Lauren A., 15, who has been attending the Sedro-Woolley Club for three years, summed it up when she said, "It was a good experience."

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Country Meadow Village Executive Dir. Sandra Jensen and Program Dir. David Bricka presented a check for \$2,500 to Wendy Rohrbacher, executive dir. of Hospice of the Northwest Foundation, on behalf of the residents and staff of Country Meadow Village, at their Christmas party. From left, Rohrbacher, Erin Long, Dana Brothers, Bricka, Kaaren Flint and Jensen. Flint, Long, and Brothers also are members of the Hospice team. Submitted photo.



City of Sedro-Woolley and Chamber of Commerce officials were on hand Dec. 18 to celebrate Primal Coffee Co., which Chamber Exec. Dir. Pola Kelley called "a bright new star" to downtown Sedro-Woolley. "(Owner) Jake Clary has once again transformed an old building into a beautiful new shop," said Kelley. "The feeling is intimate and cozy while being modern and refreshing in style." Pausing for the photo opp during the ribbon-cutting ceremony are, from left, chamber members Yulia Garrison and Stacy Penno, Clary, Sedro-Woolley Mayor Julia Johnson, and Peoples Bank branch manager Kim Walley. Primal Coffee is located at 108 Woodworth St. Photo by Pola Kelley.

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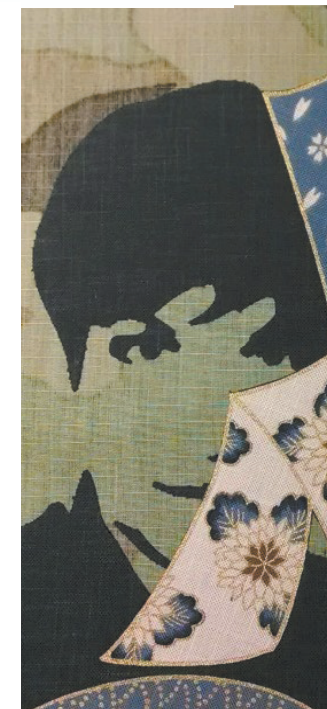
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# Lyman



## High marks for Town of Lyman from State Auditor's Office

A recent Local Government Assessment Audit of Town of Lyman by the State Auditor's Office found the town fulfilling its duties in every one of the categories that were examined.

The audit, which took a close look at the town's financial and other activities during 2016 and 2017, found nothing that caused auditors "to believe the Town was not in substantial compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, or had significant weaknesses in controls over the safeguarding of public resources."

The audit focused on the following:

- Reviewing meeting minutes for compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Inquiring as to internal controls over assets, revenues, and disbursements.
- Verifying that annual reports submitted to the Auditor's Office were complete and filed on time, in compliance with state law.
- Reviewing the town's annual revenues and expenditures for unusual transactions or trends.
- Corroborating financial information

reported by the town by comparing its annual revenues, expenditures, and cash and investment balances to third-party sources.

- Reviewing expenditures for indications of unusual activities, excessive mayor and Town Council compensation, conflicts of interest, or procurement requirements.
- Evaluating the town's financial information for indications of financial difficulties.

At the close of the audit period, the Auditor's Office had only recommendations for the town:

- Review and follow state laws for open public meetings. The town did not identify the purpose for four out of four executive sessions in the Town Council's meeting minutes. Without this information, the town cannot demonstrate whether executive sessions were held for allowable purposes.
- A recommendation that the town keep an updated policy regarding compensation for the council and mayor.

- The town should continue to closely monitor its financial situation and carefully work on its cash balance sufficiency, operating margin, and enterprise fund self-sufficiency.

The auditors found the town had a cash balance that would cover 23 days of operation (the SAO recommends at least 60 days), a negative operating margin, and a nonself-sufficient enterprise fund. Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Boyd and Mayor Eddie Hills provided the examiners with explanations of the events that happened in 2016 and 2017. The auditors also reviewed the June, July, and August 2018 bank statements and check registers, noting that the cash balance had reached levels higher than the two previous years end. The combination of the explanations and the improvement from 2016 to 2017 and 2017 to 2018 led auditors to conclude that the town was taking steps to address the risk of going concern.

- The town's meeting minutes were found to be "informative"; auditors offered only a recommendation that good minutes not only provide a window into the town's business affairs, but also provide written documentation of council members' due diligence in the performance of their duties.

- The audit noted no significant weaknesses in the cash receipting process, but added: "However, it is common for small local governments to have weak controls over their cash receipting and billing process because of their small work force. To strengthen controls, we always recommend the assignment of a manager or a council member in doing regular documented independent reconciliations of billed revenues to deposits with the county treasurer, and follow-up on any unusual items noted."

The following highlights were noted:

- The town is aware of its financial condition and is taking steps to improve it.
- The town followed proper bidding procedures and kept excellent documentation.
- The town was willing to work with auditors, from providing documents and answers in a timely manner to being open to and understanding auditors' recommendations.

Copies of the full and complete audit report are available at Town Hall.

—J. K. M.

## Council summary

*The Lyman Town Council held a regular meeting on Nov. 20, preceded by two public forums. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.*

### Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. public forum

- The purpose of the forum was to get public comment on the 2019 Tax Levy.
- The loss of three homes to the river was discussed, as it will affect the overall property value in Lyman.
- The 1 percent increase will come to \$395.80.

### Nov. 20, 6:45 p.m. public forum

- The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Wave Broadband Franchise Agreement.
- As written, the agreement would extend the original franchise with no changes. The possibility of raising the franchise fee was mentioned, but ultimately the cost would be transferred to the customers.

### Nov. 20 regular meeting

- Mayor Eddie Hills announced that Gail Ganga had sent a letter and was stepping down as councilmember. Letters of intent will be accepted through December.
- *Council/Staff Report:* Mayor Hills reported that the Car Show donated \$300 to have the pavers set and asked

if the donation was accepted. Council accepted the donation by vote.

Mayor Hills also asked for a motion to accept the donation of a live Christmas tree donated by Karen Griffith, Make and Danielle Young, and Mick and Tammy Buchanan.

- Council voted to accept the donation.
- Tammie Werner would like to move her charity from the Town hall to the NBMB. Council will allow it for a trial period of 3 months.
- A quote from Danial Bate for proposed security at pump house 1 was considered to be very high. Mayor Hills said he would talk to Danial and come back with a more reasonable quote if possible.
- Bids from Handy's Heating and

Nordic Temp Control were reviewed and approved by vote.

- *Unfinished Business:* Gary Loman was present to discuss his possible plans for the Kaaland property on Prevedal.

Council voted to approve Resolution 2018-6, membership in RMSA.

Council voted to approve Ordinance 262, increasing the property tax by the 1 percent allowed.

Council voted to accept the resolution extending the Wave Broadband Franchise Agreement.

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# December in pictures



**Above:** Retiring wrestling head coach David “Goob” Dellinger shares a few heartfelt words during a Dec. 4 recognition ceremony in his honor on the home mats. Dellinger’s son, Jesse, has filled his father’s shoes as head coach for the CHS wrestling team.

**Left:** Concrete Flight of Skagit Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, paused for a photo at Albert’s Red Apple on Dec. 1. From left, SM Kelly Siebecke Smithhart, 1st Lt. Dolores Elliott, and Capt. Claus Joens received \$350 in donations that day from shoppers for Wreaths Across America.

**Left:** Morgan Sample, 2, isn’t quite sure about this Santa fellow during a photo session with the jolly old elf, his wife, and his No. 1 elf at Concrete Theatre on Dec. 1. Photo by Bill Pfeifer.



**Concrete Youth Dynamics introduced “Inflatable Game Night” for the first time during its Dec. 3 gathering in the Concrete K-6 gym. Above:** Kylee Dobson chases Raylee Ward with oversized boxing gloves. **Below left:** Jonathan Reed and Michael Booker tangle with jousting pads. **Below right:** Brothers David (right) and Hayden O’Neil let off a little steam with the overstuffed gloves. The other inflatable was a giant obstacle course.



**Top:** Phoebe Buller, 3, from Marblemount quietly bends Santa’s ear and receives a gift from him and his little elf during “Christmas on Moen Road” on Dec. 8. The annual event is hosted by Marty and Adrienne Smith at their home on Moen Rd. east of Concrete.

**Above:** Ophelia and Robbie had a nice chat with Santa Scott Bates during the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept. Kids’ Christmas Party on Dec. 16 at Hamilton Town Hall. Photo by Joan Cromley.

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# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Nov. 13. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

### Nov. 13 regular meeting

- **Budget Public Hearing:** Mayor Joan Cromley explained property tax levy requests have to be submitted to the county by the end of November. Discussion ensued about property tax levies.
- Alyssa Boots requested to use FEMA lot next to 595 Elm St. (P73812) for pasture. Discussion ensued. Council agreed to table until next month after the town has had a chance to review tenant agreements and use on FEMA lots. Councilmember Perkins will review legal FEMA lot use and come back to council in December.
- Council approved Resolution 05-2018, a property tax levy for the standard 1 percent increase of property tax.
- **Preliminary budget:** Mayor Cromley indicated that the town is still working out the numbers in BIAS and asked for any comments from council. Council requested a budget workshop on Nov. 20 to go over questions.
- Council approved Ordinance 336, revising the water rates for 2019: an increase of 5 percent to base rate and usage.
- Council appointed Councilmember Bates Mayor Pro Tem.
- **Revision of Ordinances for Zoning,**
- **Water Bill, Nuisance, Animal Tenant or Land Owner:** Mayor Cromley presented water, animal, and code enforcement ordinances for the words “renter,” “tenant,” “landowner,” and any words that may add to the ambiguity of perceived responsibility for violations. Council decided to postpone the discussion until December meeting. Any further changes for the council to review should be sent to Clerk Elizabeth Easterday.
- **West Paintball Park—Livestock use request:** Mayor Cromley presented RMSA’s responses about liability of the town putting a paintball park on the FEMA lot in question. Lisa Johnson’s use of the FEMA lot is postponed to the February meeting.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Mayor Cromley added two policies to the Comp Plan regarding drainage and not using condemnation for open or public space acquisition, copying the county policies, in response to a public comment. The Comprehensive Plan has been accepted by the Dept. of Commerce. Council approved Ordinance 335, adopting the 2018 Comprehensive Plan.
- **Fire Dept.:** The Christmas Party will be Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Councilmember Bates said they need new HDC hose as recommended by Nov. 1 audit. Public Works will need to record the hydrant testing. Mayor Cromley asked Chief Bates to get the forms the auditors want the town to use.

—Compiled from staff notes

## From the Mayor

Some questions came up at the last Town Council meeting about how the Town’s income gets spent. I thought I would answer them here in case anyone else was wondering. Questions are



welcome during public comment at every council meeting, but we may not be able to answer them immediately. Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Town Hall.

The water system is a separate fund from the others. It must be a stand-alone fund, as required by state law, so income needs to cover expenses. The town can “borrow” money from another fund to help pay for water expenses, but it must be paid back, with interest. It is a fund that needs to be run like any other utility business, such as electricity, propane, or phone. The money we all pay every month is to cover the chemicals, testing, repairs, the time Tom and Scott spend every day maintaining the water system, and some office time for billing and taking your payments (roughly 1/4 Public Works time, 1/3 available office time). It covers only mowing at the well site, not mowing the streets in town. The town is required to update its Water Plan every so often, and this will be one of those years—another expense to be covered, as it isn’t something we can do

in-house. The modest increases we have every year (usually 5 percent) barely cover the increase in costs of required materials and repairs and hopefully add a bit to our reserves that are needed for the bigger projects. No one is getting rich off your water payments. We appreciate those who pay their water bill on time and in full every month.

The “trailers” that were demolished were done with property owner approval. They spent more time this year chipping yard debris for other property owners than they did doing that, with the same result: better properties. Hamilton has done this before: Tim demolished buildings on private property. If you think we should be charging, please let me know how much you’re willing to pay.

For those coveting Hamilton government jobs: Don’t. Public Works employees each make less than the median Hamilton income, only slightly more than half the median income for Skagit County. They don’t get COLA; in fact, Tom hasn’t had a raise in more than 5 years. Every other community in Skagit County pays better with better benefits, yet they show up every day to keep the water running and the 20 acres of town-owned property mowed, along with all the other things they do for this town on a shoestring budget. I appreciate their dedication to Hamilton.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Hamilton Kids Christmas Party. It’s fun to see the kids visiting Santa.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

## Winter programs return to Rockport State Park

### Experience the forest with guided hikes, Junior Ranger activities

Washington State Parks invites people of all ages to experience an ancient forest this winter at Rockport State Park through guided hikes, educational programming, and interpretive activities.

The Deep Forest Experience programs and guided hikes take place between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in January and February. The hikes depart at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. from the Discovery Center at Rockport State Park, 51905 SR 20, Rockport.

Rockport State Park staff and volunteers will lead half-mile, 45-minute walks under a dense canopy of old growth fir, cedar, hemlock, and maple trees. Many of the Rockport trees are 400 years old or older and top out at 250 feet. They include the 500-year-old “Grandmother Cedar.”

During the walks, interpretive staff and guest speakers will discuss the unseen ecosystems that keep forests healthy, including salmon-bearing streams, animal scat, and mycorrhizal fungi.

Participants should dress for cold, wet, winter weather, including suitable footwear.

Visitors can also duck into the family-friendly Discovery Center, enjoy free refreshments and hot cocoa by the woodstove, explore interactive displays, watch nature videos, read books, and make crafts.

### Junior Ranger program returns

Rockport State Park will once again offer Junior Ranger programs for children age five and older. In addition to joining Parks staff on the Deep Forest Experience hikes, junior rangers are invited to the Discovery Center to identify animal tracks and pelts, make crafts with a nature theme, and discover what “salmon trees” are. Junior Rangers can collect a special

wooden badge when they complete the activity book, which is available at the Discovery Center.

Special events may be added to Rockport’s winter programming. These will be listed on the State Park’s online calendar and the agency’s Facebook page.

A \$10 day-use pass or \$30 annual Discover Pass is required for parking at Rockport State Park. Passes may be purchased online or at the park’s office or Discovery Center.

Rockport State Park is a 632-acre day-use park on the Skagit River in the North Cascades foothills. The park stands at the foot of 5,400-foot Sauk Mountain and provides an extraordinary example of old-growth forest. Rockport offers 5 miles of trails, including a 1-mile ADA-accessible trail.

For more information about the park, go to <http://parks.state.wa.us/574/Rockport>.

- **What:** Deep Forest Experience
- **When:** Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays January through February (Jan. 4 through Feb. 24). 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Rockport State Park, SR 20, milepost 96, Rockport
- **Cost:** Free; Discover Pass required
- **More info:** <http://parks.state.wa.us/574/Rockport> or contact Interpretive Specialist Melissa Wender at 360.853.8461 or [rockport@parks.wa.gov](mailto:rockport@parks.wa.gov)

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## State Parks announces 2019 free days

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will again offer 12 free days this year, in which day-use visitors won’t need a Discover Pass to visit state parks by vehicle. The first free day of 2019 was New Year’s Day, Jan. 1.

The remaining 2019 State Parks free days are:

- Jan. 21
- March 19
- April 20, 22
- June 1, 8, 9
- Aug. 25
- Sept. 28
- Nov. 11, 29

State Parks, in coordination with WDFW, will once again offer a free day on Sun., June 9, as part of WDFW’s Free Fishing Weekend. This day, combined with the June 8 free day for National Get Outdoors Day, will give visitors an entire weekend to explore state parks for free.

State Parks free days are in keeping with 2011 legislation that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 annually or \$10 for a one-day visit. The pass is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, WDFW, and the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation directed State Parks to designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

For more information about the Discover Pass, go to [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov). Find a park here: <http://parks.state.wa.us/281/find-a-park>.

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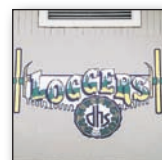
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# Darrington



## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

### Dec. 8: Multiple adults arrested following Everett bar room fight

At about 12:40 a.m., 911 call takers began receiving reports of a fight at the Rec Room Tavern, located in the 14900 block of SR 99.

Initial reports stated there were 15–20 people inside the tavern fighting, and shots had been fired. Responding deputies requested mutual aid assistance from Everett and Lynnwood police departments.

The suspects were leaving the scene in vehicles as deputies arrived. While some units remained at the scene, investigating, other units searched to locate the suspects. A county sergeant located and stopped one suspect vehicle, occupied by six adults. Those people were taken into custody. Lynnwood units located another vehicle and took more people into custody.

According to witnesses, the suspects came into the bar and began harassing the disc jockey, who was an adult black male. The suspects were white and using racial slurs during the incident. Reportedly the disc jockey was assaulted and some of his equipment was damaged during the fight. The victim was transported to a local hospital for nonlife-threatening injuries.

A second victim, an employee who was injured when he came to the aid of the targeted victim, is Asian.

The reports of gunfire were not immediately confirmed. Nine adults were arrested for Malicious Harassment, Assault, Malicious Mischief, and Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

### Dec. 10: Sheriff's Office to partner with FBI in hate crime investigation

Major Crimes detectives from the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office are working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation following the arrest of eight males who are self-professed members of a neo-Nazi skinhead group and were arrested after allegedly assaulting two black males at a bar the evening of Dec. 8.

The following were arrested and booked for several charges, including harassment, malicious harassment, and 4th degree assault:

- A 32-year-old male from Woodstock, Ill.
- A 23-year-old male from Corvallis, Ore.
- A 34-year-old male from Pittsburg, Penn.
- 38- and 34-year-old males from Eugene, Ore.
- A 37-year-old male from Tacoma.
- A 25-year-old female from Raleigh, N.C.
- A 28-year-old male from Bothell.

The victims are 37- and a 35-year-old males from Everett.

"We do not and will not ever tolerate acts of hate in Snohomish County. The violent behavior directed at members of our community over the weekend simply

because of their race is disgusting. The Sheriff's Office is partnering with the FBI in hopes of getting the strongest sentencing possible for these hate crimes," said Sheriff Ty Trenary.

Under Washington state law, malicious harassment (RCW 9A.36.080) is defined as a threats or physical violence perpetrated because of "the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap."

All suspects are linked to a white supremacist group and were believed to be in the area for a rally that marks the anniversary of the death of a white supremacist leader on Whidbey Island in the 1980s.

—Submitted by SCSO

### Sheriff's Office, Everett Police, and Arlington Police investigate series of armed robberies

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with Everett Police Department and Arlington Police Department are investigating five armed robberies that occurred in Snohomish County in mid-December.

- Dec. 13: Arlington Police responded to a robbery at 7-Eleven in the 500 block of N. West Ave. just before 2:30 a.m. A male suspect described as being in his 40s, approximately 6'1" with a thin build, brandished a silver semi-automatic handgun and made off with cash.
- Dec. 13: Everett Police responded to a robbery at 7-Eleven in the 800 block of Broadway Ave. just after 5:30 a.m. A male displayed a revolver to the employee and demanded money. The suspect is described as an adult white male, about 6', wearing gloves with his face covered.
- Dec. 14: Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a robbery at Trafton General Store in the 12100 block of SR 530 NE in Arlington just after 3 a.m. A man entered the store wearing

an animal onesie, black hoodie, camo ski mask, and black gloves. The suspect displayed a gun and pepper spray to the clerk and demanded cash.

- Dec. 16: Arlington Police responded to a robbery at 7-Eleven in the 500 block of N. West Ave. just after 3:30 a.m. A male suspect described as being in his 40s, approximately 6'1" with a thin build, brandished a shot gun and made off with cash.
- Dec. 18: Everett Police responded to a robbery at Pizza Hut in the 4800 block of Evergreen Way at about 10:15 a.m. A male displayed a revolver to the employee and demanded money. The suspect description is similar to the previous Dec. 13 Everett robbery.

K-9 tracks to locate the suspect(s) were unsuccessful and it is believed in each incident the suspect fled in a vehicle waiting nearby. In the Arlington robberies, detectives believe the suspect's oversized vest has a pillow underneath in an attempt to disguise his appearance. Detectives continue to work together to identify the individual(s) involved in these incidents.

Anyone with information about these incidents is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office anonymous tip line, 425.388.3845.

—Submitted by SCSO

### Community Dance planned

The 2018–19 Community Dance season continues on Sat., Jan. 12, at the Mansford Grange.

The evening begins with a potluck dinner from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by band Ravenna Mudsteppers.

Admission is by suggested donation of \$7. All proceeds go to the band and caller.

For more information, call 206.402.8646.

# Get to know Darrington Strong

Darrington Strong will hold a meet and greet on Sat., Jan. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Darrington Library meeting room. The meet and greet, complete with treats, will feature the projects being completed by volunteers, from the community and beyond. The library is located at 1005 Cascade St. in Darrington.

Many folks are aware of the projects Darrington Strong does for the Darrington community. Many others know nothing about Darrington Strong, but they see the projects done and don't know who is doing them. Therefore, instead of its regular January meeting, Darrington Strong is planning the meet and greet to show the projects that are under way. All of these projects started out as a dream, a vision, and turned into a reality. Attendees are encouraged to share ideas and thoughts for future projects.

The mission of Darrington Strong is to facilitate communication and work to increase family wage jobs by providing resources, marketing, and education to build a sustainable quality of life for the Darrington community.

Darrington Area Resource Advocates, a division of Darrington Strong, is composed of community members,

representatives of the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Hampton Mills, local nonprofits, and business owners.

They work in partnership with Friends for Public Use, a volunteer division of Darrington Strong, Inc., which promotes stewardship of public lands and volunteers with the U. S. Forest Service to keep roads open with regular cleanings and attention to the drainage infrastructure. They also maintain local access to trails, campgrounds, and parks. They believe that responsible land management can not only create local jobs, but can sustain back country recreation and enhance habitat.

Friends of North Mountain believe investing in the North Mountain Lookout heritage building will not only prove to be a sustainable venture, but will be beneficial for the community. The lookout and the botanical interpretive trail eventually will serve as an educational resource for both the community and visitors.

—Marla Skaglund

## Council summary

*Darrington Town Council met for regular meetings on Nov. 14 and 29, 2018. The following is summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.*

### Nov. 14 regular meeting

- A noise complaint directed at Hampton Mills was discussed, as well as the town attorney's recommendation.

Councilmember Gary Willis said that he worked for Summit Timber for 25 years prior to Hampton purchasing the plant in 2002. The saw mill has run at night for at least 25 years at night. The town needs the saw mill and cannot afford to have the mill leave the community.

The town attorney recommended that the town changes its code with regard to noise.

Mayor Dan Rankin recommended that the council draft a directive to give to the clerk to change the code before the next council meeting.

Several years ago, there were noise complaints for which the Sheriff researched the decibel ratings, concluding that if a conversation can be had without having to raise one's voice, the source of the noise is in compliance.

Council voted unanimously to draft an ordinance that will protect Hampton and other industrial companies.

- The entrance signs are almost ready to be put in. They need to be glued and moved to another shop for finishing. Someone needs to put the lettering on them. The ecology blocks will not affect the water line.
- The town's Urban Growth Area extends to 235th Substation Rd. The Planning Commission is working with the county to draft the new boundary lines for the UGA, which will include the ball fields.

### Nov. 29 regular meeting

- Continued Business: Where are we at with the 35 MPH speed zone? Grant was approved;

signs were made. Waiting on WSDOT.

When are we planning to go out to bid on the sidewalk project? Still on schedule for January.

Bids for the waterline? All is good and was awarded to SRV.

- Cindy Anderson's resignation from the Cemetery Board was noted.
- Willis stated that for 15 years, the town has worked toward not having meters on private property. He disagreed with the recent installation of meters on private property. He would like to see a policy drafted and put into place for not having meters on private property.

It was stated that this is a temporary solution; there will be a plan in place to correct the issue.

- Council approved for the mayor to sign the amended Municipal Code Section 9.04.530, "Creating Unreasonable Noise for the Town of Darrington." This was in response to the Hampton Mill noise complaint.
- Council voted to accept the WA State TIB Givens Ave. sidewalk project and for mayor to sign.

Council voted to accept a motion to reimburse the mayor for the attendance fee for the the RVCC Annual Meeting in New Mexico.

- Council voted to approve Resolution 304 for 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (streets and sidewalks) and for the mayor to sign.
- A public hearing for the proposed 2019 budget was held.

An open executive session also was held, addressing real property and personnel topics.

—Compiled from staff minutes

For more Darrington information, go to [www.destinationdarrington.com](http://www.destinationdarrington.com), [www.facebook.com/destinationdarringtonwa](http://www.facebook.com/destinationdarringtonwa), or <https://www.instagram.com/destinationdarrington>.



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Photo by Kelly Rivera

## Rivera named WIAA Athlete of the Week

Darrington sophomore Caleb Rivera was named a WIAA Athlete of the Week for the week of Dec. 2–8.

Rivera had recorded 58 points in three games for the Loggers, including a 29-point night at Neah Bay for the overtime win over the Red Devils.



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# Marblemount



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## Eagle Festival will celebrate indigenous cultures

In keeping with its 35-year tradition, the Marblemount Community Hall will again host numerous native artists, musicians, presenters, and performers during the Skagit Eagle Festival, on Sat., Jan. 12 and Sun., Jan. 13.

With its doors opening at 10 a.m., the hall will fill with local artists and craft vendors offering traditionally native and nature-themed items for sale to the public. From Salish carvings and dream catchers to North Cascades photography and handcrafted soaps, sales will be ongoing throughout the day. In addition, cooks from the Samish nation will make and offer hot, made-to-order fry bread tacos for sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as well as a variety of hot drinks.

Presenters and performers are as follows, both days:

- **Noon to 1 p.m.** Sasa Bella and Two Hats: Salish-style carvers, puppeteer, and storyteller.
- **1 to 2 p.m.** Rosie Cayou, Samish nation: Drumming and local history.

Music concerts, both days:

- **2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** JP Falcon Grady, Blackfoot nation, original rock/reggae/folk.
- **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Peter Ali, "Flute from the Heart."
- **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Swil Kanim, Lummi violin, storyteller, and actor.

A donation will be requested at the door after 1 p.m.

For more information, scheduling changes, weather and road conditions, etc., call the hall at 360.873.2323 and leave a message with your phone number. Someone will call you back.

—Christie Fairchild

**Above right: JP Falcon Grady**, Blackfoot Nation, plays original rock and reggae folk at the Marblemount Community Hall Jan. 12 and 13, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Right: A carving and puppet from Sasa Bella and Two Hats**, Salish-style carvers, puppeteers, and storytellers who will be at the hall Jan. 12 and 13 from noon to 1 p.m.

**Below left: Peter Ali**, Native American flutist, will perform at the hall Jan. 12 and 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. *Submitted photos.*



## Federal shutdown quiets national park, hamstringing Eagle Watchers program

Go to Web sites with federal oversight and you'll find the same message at the top of each one: "Due to a lapse in federal funding, this USDA website will not be actively updated. Once funding has been reestablished, online operations will continue."

In the Upper Skagit Valley, the shutdown affects the North Cascades National Park and the Skagit Eagle Festival.

### North Cascades National Park

The park service complex remains open during the shutdown, but there are no visitor services. Anyone venturing into the park should be aware of current park conditions, as winter driving conditions

can be hazardous.

That being said, the park, already notoriously difficult to access, is even more challenging, with the only road access—Cascade River Rd.—closed to all traffic at milepost 18 for the season. The closure is approximately five miles before the trailhead, so anyone who wants to brave the trail must first take on the last 5 miles of roadway.

State Route 20 also was closed for the season on Nov. 28 at milepost 134 (Ross Dam trailhead). That closure was expected to move 4 miles west to milepost 130 beginning Jan. 2.

### Eagle Watchers

The U. S. Forest Service Eagle Watchers

program also is shut down until federal funding is reestablished.

Established in 1992, the Eagle Watcher volunteer stewardship program has played a vital role in protecting bald eagles by managing the attention they attract.

On weekends starting in mid-December and continuing through the end of January, trained volunteers were to be stationed at locations along the Skagit River to help visitors appreciate and understand bald eagles and the Skagit River watershed. Volunteers spend the day watching eagle activity while helping visitors locate eagles, answering questions, and engaging in conversation.

Without the Eagle Watchers in place, visitors to the Upper Skagit Valley will

be left largely to fend for themselves, a prospect that could put themselves and others in harm's way. Upper Valley locals have reported visitors parking along and crossing SR 20 in unsafe locations, and even standing still in the middle of the state highway in order to photograph the eagles.

For more information on opportunities to enjoy the eagles safely this month, see the article on p. 11.

—J. K. M.

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Little Hunter Hopfield celebrated her first Christmas with an early visit with Santa and his elf at the Marblemount Community Hall on Dec. 2. Hunter is the daughter of proud parents Jayden and Riley Hopfield. *Photo by Bob Hopfield.*

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**Darrington**  
**Darrington Food Bank**  
First Baptist Church  
1205 Emmens St., Darrington  
First and third week each month:  
Wed. and Thur., 10–noon and 1–2 p.m.  
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**Hamilton**  
**Hamilton Community Food Bank**  
951 Petit St., Hamilton

Every Tue., 11–noon and 1–3 p.m.  
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# Seniors



## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

A tried-and-true comfort food.



### Tater Tot hotdish

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 onion, cut up
- 4 large carrots, grated
- 1 cup celery
- Frozen Tater Tots: 2-lb. bag
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can water (optional for extra liquid)

1. Fry hamburger and onion together until meat is done. Place on casserole dish.
2. Place frozen Tater Tots on top.
3. Pour mushroom soup on top. (The mushroom soup can be mixed with the can of water, if desired, for extra liquid.)
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until done.
5. Enjoy!

## Way Back When

### 100 years ago

*Jan. 25, 1919:* One of the largest and most complete whiskey stills yet found in the county was discovered on the Homer Rhodes farm at Child's Spur, a few miles west of Lyman, by Deputy Sheriffs Bardsley and Pickens.

The still was located in an old hophouse situated several hundred yards from the road, and was well protected by heavy locks on the doors and bars over the windows. A 40-gallon still, 700 lbs. of mash, six large vats, and all other equipment necessary for brewing whiskey on a large scale was found.

No whiskey was found in the building, but the plant showed evidence of recent operation. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes disclaim all knowledge of the still. No arrests have been made yet, but a further investigation is being made by the sheriff's force.

### 90 years ago

*Jan. 3, 1929:* Reports from the City of Seattle's power project on the Upper Skagit River are that the work of constructing the \$3,000,000 dam at Diablo canyon is progressing more rapidly than was expected.

During the past week, the foundations of the dam were finished to the level of the riverbed. The work of building the dam proper is now under way and is going ahead as rapidly as weather conditions permit. It is expected that the work will be completed during 1929.

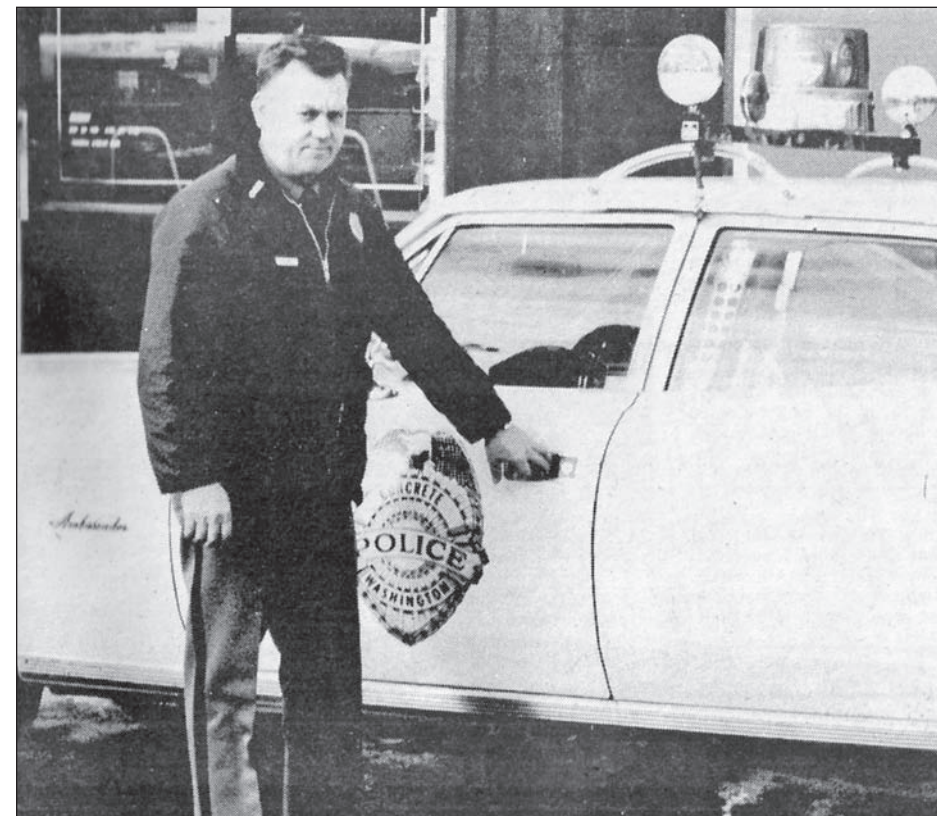
*Jan. 17, 1929:* Word has been

received that Rev. L. C. Michaels, who organized the Mt. Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete and who was the first pastor of the church, passed away at his home in Excel, Alberta, Canada, on Jan. 2. He had been ill for several years, and for a large part of the time was practically bedridden. He was about 60 years old.

### 80 years ago

*Jan. 12, 1939:* Concrete pouring at the Grand Coulee Dam ended at the close of the day shift on Tuesday of this week.

See **Way Back**, p. 29



**40 years ago, Jan. 11, 1979:** Concrete Police Chief Bud Clark displays the Concrete Police Department's newest vehicle, a 1972 Ambassador purchased from the State Dept. of Natural Resources for \$635. Chief Clark reports the low-mileage vehicle is in excellent condition. It will replace the 1970 station wagon now being offered for sale by sealed bid. *Archive photo.*

**Way Back**, cont. from p. 28

Since Consolidated Builders, Inc., started work on the high dam last spring, nearly 900,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured, bringing the total thus far to roughly 6,000,000 yards. Almost half of the cement used thus far has been from the Superior plant in Concrete.

—Compiled from archives

## Concrete Community Center

### January 2019 Activities

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

For Energy Assistance appointment, call 360.428.1011, beginning 8:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of every month.  
Enjoy jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, and more every day

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

#### Tuesday

All 1 p.m. Oasis Teen Shelter Outreach

#### Wednesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
1/9 6 p.m. WSU Plant-Based Diet

#### Thursday

1/3 12:30 p.m. Pinochle  
1/10 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group  
1/17 12:30 p.m. Pinochle  
1/31 12:30 p.m. Pinochle

#### Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
1/18 10:30 a.m. Community Center Advisory Board  
1/18 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki

#### Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting



**Above: 30 years ago, Jan. 5, 1989:** June Fader (center) hands the keys to the Concrete Herald to new owners Margaret Walter (left) and Mae Falavolito in a business transaction that was completed Dec. 31, 1988. The new owners are excited about their business venture, and Fader is ready to enjoy her retirement after more than 18 years as owner of the community newspaper with her late husband, Bob Fader. **Right: 40 years ago, Jan. 18, 1979:** Kraig Wenrich of Concrete caught his first steelhead Saturday, and may have a problem topping his own record. This 18-lb., 36-inch beauty was boated near Concrete in the Skagit River. *Archive photos.*



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# Obituaries

**Barbara Jean Hoover**, 91, a lifelong Skagit County resident, passed away on Sun., Dec. 16, 2018. She was born on May 21, 1927, in Sedro-Woolley, the daughter of Albert and Hazel (Rhynard) DeBay.

Barbara was raised in Clear Lake and Sedro-Woolley. She attended grade school in Clear Lake and graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School with the class of 1946.

On April 26, 1948, she was united in marriage to Wayne "Jack" Hoover of Concrete. They made their home in Concrete, raising their three sons in "the house that Jack built." Barbara lived in their home for more than 61 years.

Barbara was a dedicated wife and mother. Barbara and Jack were great supporters of their sons. They missed very few (if any) sporting events throughout the eight-year span of their three sons' high school activities—both home and away! Over the years she made many friends while being involved in the community as a Cub Scout Den Mother (seven years), a member of the American Legion Auxiliary (64 years), Concrete Garden Club, United General Hospital Guild, Elks, Concrete Heritage Museum, and Concrete Senior Center.

Barbara was mostly a "stay-at-home mom" while raising her family. When the kids grew up and moved on, she and Jack operated the town liquor store from 1971 to 1990.

During retirement, as members of the Elks travel



club, Barbara and Jack traveled to many different locations over the years. She and Jack also enjoyed being snowbirds, spending many winters with friends in Yuma, Ariz. Watching and supporting her grandchildren in their activities was also very important. Barbara was also a huge Seattle Mariners fan.

Barbara is survived by her sons and their wives, Lee and Maggi Hoover of Edmonds, Les and Becki Hoover of Concrete, and Larry Hoover of Concrete; as well as grandchildren Karissa Sokol, Brianna Jacobs, and Brandon and Mason Hoover; great-grandchildren Dylan, Bodey, and Adia Jacobs, Kaden and Kai Sokol, and Beckett and Madden Hoover; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Hazel; her stepfather Joe Nemo; her brothers Robert, Ray, and Roy; and her husband Wayne "Jack" Hoover.

The Hoover family wishes to extend a special "thank you" to Maggie Silverman of Visiting Angels, whose weekly visits always put a smile on Barbara's face.

A memorial service will be held on Wed., Jan. 9, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 46372 E. Main St., Concrete, with a reception to follow.

Memorials are suggested to the Concrete Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 445, Concrete, WA 98237 or Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 567, Concrete, WA 98237. Please share your memories of Barbara and sign the online guest register at [www.lemleychapel.com](http://www.lemleychapel.com).

**Obituaries published in Concrete Herald** from May 2009 to present are posted online at: [www.concrete-herald.com/obituaries](http://www.concrete-herald.com/obituaries). For more information, contact Concrete Herald at 360.853.8213 or [editor@concrete-herald.com](mailto:editor@concrete-herald.com).

# Sunday School lesson

## Living life backwards

By Rob Thomas

"He tried, but he couldn't do it."

That was the tagline of a potato chip advertisement years ago (back in the days when you could not fast-forward through television commercials). It also fits the article you are about to read.

As pastor of Community Bible Church, I recently completed a 17-part preaching series on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. The author, Solomon, is in a season of spiritual wandering and journals about his various attempts to satisfy his deepest longings in life through prestige, power, prosperity, and pleasure. By his own admission, those experiments and endeavors prove fruitless.

Solomon's conclusions about life are summed up in the final verses of the book, where he states, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God (Attitude), and keep his commandments (Activities); for this is the whole duty of man." Solomon's motivation for fearing God and keeping His commandments? "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." In other words, accountability.

One of the primary lessons of the book of Ecclesiastes is summed up in a song by world-renowned harmonica player Joe Filisko, "No One Gets Out Of This World

Alive." In other words, we are all going to die, so we should live in light of death.

This brings me back to my opening sentence. (I can't seem to write an article for this esteemed newspaper without mentioning death somewhere in the article.) Since we are all going to die, we should be living life backwards.

Live in light of death. Missionary Jim Elliot suggested, "Wherever you are, be all there." One application of that life philosophy is to embrace the moments and minutes before us and to live life with intention and purpose—a pretty good way to start 2019.

One way that I am choosing to "live life backwards" is by compiling a couple of what I call "Master Lists." (Life and death are far too valuable and precious to refer to the end as "kicking the bucket.")

Some examples from life to help get you started. What do I want to experience while on this earth? (Examples: Learn to surf, complete Spartan Race Trifecta, learn to play guitar.) What do I want to read while on this earth? (Examples: *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, *The Reformed Pastor* by Richard Baxter.)

You get the idea. However detailed my personal lists may be, Solomon's journey in Ecclesiastes has reminded me that "Living Life Backwards" must include fearing God and keeping His commandments. After all, those are the two most important criteria for preparing for death and eternity.

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

# Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

**Nov. 27**

Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious person breaking into a residence on Ridgway Court in Concrete. Sgt. Adams contacted the suspect and determined that it was the owner of the residence.

Dispatch received a call from a resident on Healy Rd. near Hamilton of a suspicious male who was carrying bolt cutters and spray paint seen driving a motorcycle near her residence. She contacted the suspect and he told her that he was looking for scrap metal. A little while later, a resident of Hamilton called to advise that a male suspect was seen in Hamilton driving around on a stolen motorcycle. From the information given, it appeared the suspect was the same person. Deputy Moore and Sgt. Adams were able

## 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.

**Corne, Michael Alan**

Age: 48  
Race: W  
Sex: M  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 200  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Address: 420xx Cedar St., Cape Horn

In 2010, Corne was convicted of two counts of rape of a child in Skagit County. His victim was a 14-year-old female; he was 36 at the time.

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

*Source: Skagit County Sheriff*



to determine the identity of the suspect as Anthony Arntzen and discovered that he had several felony warrants. Sgt. Adams located the suspect on Petit St. in Hamilton. The suspect attempted to elude the deputies until his attempt at swerving around Sgt. Adams' patrol vehicle just east of town caused him to hit the front of the car, wrecking the motorcycle. The suspect then fled on foot, but was caught by Deputy Moore. The suspect was arrested and taken to PeaceHealth United General Medical Center. He was later transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham, where he walked away. Later in the week, he was located by law enforcement officers in Clear Lake in a stolen truck from Bellingham. After a short pursuit, he was able to escape and is still at large.

**Nov. 28**

Sgt. Adams observed a vehicle parked at the public restrooms on Main St. in Concrete. The vehicle showed an expired registration of September 2016. As he was watching the vehicle, he noticed an individual leave the restroom, get into the car, then leave westbound on Main St. Sgt. Adams stopped the driver and determined that the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was given a citation for driving with a suspended driver's license, and two infractions for no insurance and expired registration.

Town of Concrete reported that within the last month, someone had cut the cable to a battery in the town's street sweeper in an apparent attempt to steal it. There are no suspects at this time.

**Nov. 29**

A citizen reported that a male had come into her business located near Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. and had made some inappropriate sexual comments. He had not made threats, but she wanted to report it in case there were other issues. At this time the suspect has been told to leave and not return. There was no crime committed.

In the early morning hours, a caller reported his truck had been stolen and he believed the suspects were now headed to Sedro-Woolley. Deputy Clark investigated and located the truck on Rainbow Ct. in Cape Horn. One of the suspects told Deputy Clark that the vehicle was owned by her boyfriend, who is incarcerated. She showed Deputy Clark several items in the vehicle belonging to her and her boyfriend. Deputy Clark was also able to locate several times in the recent past where the subject who was in jail was stopped in the vehicle.

When Deputy Clark contacted the original caller and confronted him with

the information, the caller decided that he no longer wanted to make a report. It appeared that the caller was trying use false information to get back the vehicle he had previously owned.

**Dec. 1**

The Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a prowler on Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said that her dog had chased the prowler off the property. The suspect was last seen headed toward the park. Deputy Esskew checked the area, but was unable to locate anyone.

**Dec. 2**

Deputy Esskew responded to a possible fight on Main St. in Concrete. When he arrived, he found a female on the street yelling at another female who was inside an apartment. The female who was on the street yelling was upset at her roommate who was inside, and wanted her to come out and talk with her. Deputy Esskew told her to stop yelling and informed her that her roommate did not want to talk with her. The female then left.

An anonymous caller advised someone was trespassing in an abandoned house near Ensley Rd. near Hamilton. Deputy Wolfe responded and contacted a worker who had been hired by the bank to do

repairs on the house.

**Dec. 3**

While patrolling Superior Ave. in Concrete, Deputy Wolfe stopped a car for no rear license plate light. When he contacted the driver, she told him that she didn't have a license or any insurance. Deputy Wolfe confirmed that the driver's driving status was suspended. He issued her a citation for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

The citizen who reported a prowler on her property on Dec. 1 on Cedar Grove Ave. called back to report that someone had broken into a vehicle on her property and stolen some tools. She and the owner of the vehicle advised that they did not have any suspects at the time.

Deputy Wiggins investigated a report of a stolen package from a porch on Pinelli Rd. He called the post office and confirmed that the package had been delivered. There are no suspects at this time.

At approximately 11:55 p.m., Deputy Clark was patrolling in the Hamilton area. His radar registered a vehicle going 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. He stopped the vehicle to discover that the driver did not

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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](http://www.citipointchurch.com)  
E-mail: [matt@citipointchurch.com](mailto:matt@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](mailto:pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com)

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

**Lyman Church**  
31441 W. Main St., Lyman  
Office: 360.826.3287  
Wed.: Adult Bible study, 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](http://www.svcc.us/scm)

**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.

**Methodist**  
**Central United Methodist Church**  
1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley  
360.856.6412 / [centralumcsw@yahoo.com](mailto:centralumcsw@yahoo.com)  
<http://centralumcsw.org>  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

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

**Lutheran**  
**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.3714  
[www.uprivergrace.com](http://www.uprivergrace.com)  
Sun. worship: 10 a.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](mailto:cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net)  
Sun. School: 9 a.m.; Worship Svc: 10 a.m.  
Childcare/Children's Ministries at both  
Contact church for other ministries

**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](http://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

**[ Chief Darrel Reed ]**

**Concrete Volunteer Fire Dept. needs firefighters!**

- Do you have a heart for your community?
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## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

### A Tale of Two Cities: Part 3 of 4

The year 1890 was significant for Sauk City. That was the year that Thomas F. Moody of Hamilton and J. W. Sutherland of Fairhaven had the foresight to buy 360 acres of land on the north shore of the Skagit River and set up a sawmill, accurately forecasting that the railroad to the Upper Valley would choose a route on the north side of the Skagit. Another investor had platted a village there two years later.

To retain its dominance in the Upper Skagit Valley in view of the new competition, Sauk City then became more formalized and was platted on Feb. 5, 1891, on the southwest corner of the confluence of the Skagit and Sauk Rivers, with successive additions on July 23, 1891, and June 6, 1892. The first school district in the area was set up there in 1891.

In 1892 Sauk City businesses included A. V. Pressentin's General Store, Mrs. Sarah Wainright's Sauk City Hotel, the

office of Dr. M. Hopkins, S. T. Clark's blacksmith shop, the office of the Sauk City Land Company, and Monte Cristo Saloon, run by W.C. Lysle. Paddle steamers made regular trips up from Hamilton when Hamilton was the end of the railroad line. At its height, Sauk City had a population of 800 with five saloons, two butcher shops, a real estate office, three hotels, the Pressentin General Store, and a clothing and work-gear store owned by C. C. Filson (who later moved to Seattle to enlarge the business that still bears his name today). A. V. Pressentin proved his business acumen when he moved to Rockport in 1893 and leased out his store in Sauk City. Just a year later, his old store burned down, along with much of the town.

The museum is now closed for the winter, but special tours may be arranged by calling/emailing 360.853.8347 (jboggs@washington.com) or 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com).

—John Boggs

## Civil Air Patrol

After looking back on 2018, Concrete Flight of Civil Air Patrol's Skagit Composite Squadron, US Air Force Auxiliary is now looking forward to 2019.

This past year, Concrete Flight has not only gained cadets and senior members, but we have expanded our recruitment outreach to Darrington. During our last meeting of the year, Concrete's cadets reflected on their CAP accomplishments in 2018 and offered thoughts about what they would like to achieve in CAP during 2019.

Most of our cadets have an interest in joining the military; Civil Air Patrol membership can provide the possibility of entering the military after high school at an advanced rank.

Cadets also are interested learning to fly; CAP offers flight scholarship to help members attain a private pilot's license. Our cadets also are interested in

attending CAP's "mini-boot camp," Cascade Falcon Encampment. Held annually the first week of July at Camp Casey in Coupeville, encampment offers a rewarding week of learning self-discipline, teamwork, leadership skills, military bearing, and aerospace. We are hoping that all our cadets attend this year.

If you are in the Concrete or Darrington area and an adult over 21 or a young person age 12–18 with an interest in serving in the Civil Air Patrol, we welcome visitors to join us at an upcoming meeting. We meet at Concrete High School on the second through last Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m. E-mail inquiries can be directed to Concrete Flight Commander Kelly Siebecke at kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

—SM Kelly A. Siebecke

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Upper Skagit Library has a new Library Technology Specialist: **Loly Gomez**. Loly was born in Caracas, Venezuela. She has a degree in computer science from a University in Venezuela, where she was also a professor for 10 years. She came to Washington eight months ago and fell in love with its beauty and its people. We wish Loly many years of enjoyable service with us.

We thank everyone who came out for Brooke's **Snowflake Workshop** last month. We hope you had fun creating your own snowflakes. Brooke's fairy tale-based snowflake was an amazing feat of patience and talent. We look forward to Brooke's next snowflake creation.

We also thank all of you who donated clothing during our **Warm Winter Wear Clothing Drive** last month; your generosity is greatly appreciated by us and those who received the items.

For those of you who have not heard last month's announcement, Upper Skagit Library is having a fundraiser. Working with Brooke, Steve Johnson has created **Concrete silo replica keychains** made with his 3-D printer. They are super cool! The keychains are for sale at 5b's Bakery for a minimum donation of \$5. All proceeds go to the Upper Skagit Library Foundation.

Want to get out of the house in the evening? Need somewhere to go that is bright and fun? Join us at the Library for **Family Game Night**. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 5 to 8 p.m., come play UNO, checkers, or one of many different games. Or, bring your own games. Free for all ages. Snacks provided.

In January, Game Nights are on the 12th and 26th. Save the dates!

**Storytime** is also on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Families are welcome to join Miss Beth on Sat., Jan. 12 and 26 at 11 a.m. for stories and a simple craft.

On Jan. 10 at 6 p.m., the Upper Skagit Library Board will have its **monthly board meeting**. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

**Winter Reading Fitness Bingo** starts Jan. 15 and ends on Feb. 28. Fitness Bingo Cards will be available starting Jan. 15 at the library. Anyone may participate. Pick up your Bingo card from the library and complete challenges to win a fabulous prize. One grand prize winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card!

**When are we moving into the new building?** The good news is that we have a new roof on the remodeled building. It was recently installed, and we can assure you that you'll be warm and dry when you visit our new space. The next step will be having some structural ceiling reinforcement done; that will happen this winter. Lighting, carpeting, shelving and furniture will follow. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities next spring!

If you did not catch all the details on any of Upper Skagit Library's events, check us out online at [www.upper-skagit.lib.wa.us](http://www.upper-skagit.lib.wa.us) and on Facebook. If you sign up for our monthly newsletter, you will get updates on all the events and happenings at the library, as well as on new arrivals in books and movies.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

## January at the Darrington Library

### Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Jan. 2–30; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.
- Stuffed Animals Slumber Party hosted by Baba (Miss Tamra's stuffed bunny), Fri., Jan. 25, 4:30 p.m.

### Adults

- Darrington Book Group discusses

Ivan Doig's *Whistling Season*, Fri., Jan. 4, 4:30 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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have a valid license. He issued a citation to the driver for driving with a suspended license.

### Dec. 4

A resident who lives on Limestone St. in Concrete reported that someone had dumped garbage at that property. Deputy Moore investigated and determined that the garbage was actually property belonging to the resident's grandson.

Deputy Clark and Deputy Wiggins responded to a domestic assault at a residence on Cape Horn Dr. in Cape Horn. A son had assaulted his mother. While the son was being arrested, his mother ran inside the residence and assaulted her son's girlfriend. The son and his mother were taken to Skagit County Jail and booked for assault.

### Dec. 5

Three cats were reported to have been abandoned near the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The caller advised that he was willing to keep the cats, but wanted to get them spayed or

neutered. Animal Control Officer Diaz was able to assist the caller and gave him the necessary information.

A neighbor called to report someone trespassing on property on Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove. Deputy Moore contacted the suspects to determine that they were workers who had been hired by the property's owner to clean up the garbage.

### Dec. 6

Deputy Tweit handled a possible domestic assault on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. He contacted the caller, who told him that she had gotten into an argument with her husband, who had since left. The husband had a warrant for his arrest. Deputy Tweit checked the area, but could not locate the suspect.

A caller from Marblemount reported that her ex-boyfriend had just assaulted her. Deputy Holmes responded. The victim said that she and her ex-boyfriend had been arguing over who should have lit the wood stove. She admitted saying some very bad things to him, but said she never got physical. While she was saying the bad things to the boyfriend, he punched

her in the mouth, then left. Deputy Holmes was unable to locate the suspect, but will be referring him for assault.

### Dec. 7

The principal at Concrete High School called to report several vehicle prowls that had occurred at approximately 1:45 a.m. that morning. The three suspects were in a dark blue or black Acura that had a distinctive white front bumper. All the suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts. The suspect car's registration returned to an address in Monroe. The suspects stole some tools from one vehicle and attempted to take a battery from another. Deputy Devero is investigating the incident.

Deputy Devero stopped a car for expired registration traveling east on Main St. in Concrete. The driver had a suspended driver's license and a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken to jail. Later that night Deputy Wolfe stopped a vehicle on S. Superior Ave. in Concrete for expired registration. That driver also had a suspended driver's license. Deputy Wolfe gave the driver a citation for

driving with a suspended license, plus an infraction for expired registration and no insurance.

A few moments later, Deputy Wolfe stopped a vehicle on SR 20 for no front license plate. That driver also had a suspended license and no insurance. Deputy Wolfe issued him a citation for both.

### Dec. 8

Continuing his war on drivers with suspended driver's licenses, Deputy Wolfe stopped a vehicle with a broken rear tail light. The driver admitted her driver's license was suspended and she didn't have any insurance. Deputy Wolfe cited her for driving with a suspended driver's license and no insurance.

After releasing the driver in the above traffic stop, Deputy Wolfe observed a driver fail to stop at the intersection of Superior Ave. and SR 20 in Concrete. And to no one's surprise, the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended driver's

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# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Bookkeeping

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### Pawn shops

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Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
Mon.-Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5  
360.436.1029 [www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com](http://www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com)

### Ranches

#### Double O Ranch, LLC

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

#### Cascade Burgers

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Located on Fir Street, Concrete  
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Antiques, Vintage, Collectibles, Thrift  
Inside & upstairs at Gold Nugget Pawn Shop  
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
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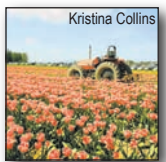
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# Out & About



## Tackle weight loss one step at a time

By Indeeep K. Bal, MD

Is losing weight on your list of resolutions for the new year?

For some of us, this feels like the equivalent of climbing Mt. Everest or at least the nearest hill. A little daunting.

It doesn't have to be. Successful mountaineers offer this reassurance: every climb is made one step at a time. You can do it.

If losing weight is your "Everest," here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- 1. Set your mind on the "why."** Mountain climbers head uphill for the view or the rush of accomplishment. You're not losing weight just for the sake of losing it. You're doing it for a reason that means something to you. Is it to keep up with your kids or grandkids? To manage diabetes? To keep your favorite wardrobe? Hold fast to what drives you.
- 2. Have a plan.** No mountaineer starts climbing without a trail map or without knowing the terrain. You too need a clear idea in advance of how to achieve your goal. Map out a workout schedule. Put together some healthful menus. Look ahead to the "big" events on your calendar so you can create a strategy to deal with wedding cake or other cliffs of temptation.
- 3. Pack for success.** This is a journey. You won't finish it in one day, so

take along good provisions. Grocery shop when your resolve is high. Fill your pantry and fridge with healthful snacks. Invest in a yoga mat or a workout top.

**4. Travel with a buddy.** You probably have a friend or family member who is just as eager as you to tackle "fat mountain." Team up. Call each other your "sherpa" and enjoy the journey in good company.

**5. Keep the end in sight.** Review your plan every so often. Get out your proverbial compass and recalibrate when necessary. If something's not working, fix it.

**6. Rest and celebrate now and then.** Enjoy what you learn and see along the way. Reward yourself with a mani-pedi or something that doesn't involve food.

**7. Record your journey.** Take pictures so you can look back on where you've been. Keep an eating journal and/or an activity log to be mindful of how you're doing. These might also help you see daily or weekly patterns that affect your success. Share your observations to inspire other fitness seekers.

You didn't gain extra weight overnight. Don't expect to lose it overnight. Be patient with yourself and with your journey. And keep putting one foot in front of the other. This climb is worth the effort.

*Indeeep K. Bal, MD, practices family medicine at PeaceHealth Sedro-Woolley Clinic in Sedro-Woolley.*

## State

### Wagoner appointed to Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, has been appointed as the Republican lead on the Behavioral Health Subcommittee for the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions.

The newly formed Behavioral Health Subcommittee will take a closer look at mental health issues and substance use disorders affecting individuals throughout Washington state.

"I look forward to serving on this subcommittee and getting the right people

in the room so we can come up with solutions," said Wagoner. "I don't want to just spend money on the problem, I want to see real results."

Another new assignment for Wagoner will be to sit on the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee. Wagoner hopes to see continued progress on McCleary reforms and would like to go back and help school districts that didn't benefit as much from the headway made last year, he said.

Wagoner will continue to serve on the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Wagoner was appointed to the state Senate in 2018 after serving two years as mayor of Sedro-Woolley.

The 2019 legislative session will begin on Jan. 14. It is scheduled to last 105 days.

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license and given an infraction for no insurance.

For a change of pace, Deputy Wolfe responded to a suspicious noise at the airport in Concrete. He found an alarm sounding near a fuel tank. He notified the Public Works Department. No one was found to be driving with a suspended license at the time.

Deputy Holmes investigated a burglary on the Lyman Hamilton Hwy near the 30000 block. The victim had found someone broke into his barn and stole numerous tools, including a wire feed welder, hand tools, and several chainsaws. There are no suspects at this time.

### Dec. 9

A resident who lives in the 8300 block of Crawford Dr. near Lyman called regarding an ex-boyfriend who was refusing to leave. Deputies Wolfe and Esskew responded. They discovered that the ex-boyfriend had moved in recently, but a few weeks ago the caller had found a new boyfriend.

She now wanted her ex-boyfriend, who had paid the monthly rent, to leave. She was advised that the ex-boyfriend could lawfully stay since it was his residence too. The ex-boyfriend advised that he planned to stay until the end of the month, at which time he planned to find somewhere else to rent.

### Dec. 11

While investigating a domestic assault, Deputy Devero was confronted by the suspect who had returned to the address without knowing the victim had called law enforcement. Highly agitated, the victim was very aggressive toward Deputy Devero who tried for several minutes to diffuse the situation. When the

suspect failed to cooperate with Deputy Devero and made a very aggressive move toward him, Deputy Devero tasered the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground, but continued to be uncooperative until he was tasered a second time. The suspect finally complied with directions from Deputy Devero and was handcuffed. After deputies fully investigated the incident, the suspect was charged with felony assault, misdemeanor assault, felon in possession of a firearm, and fugitive from justice. The suspect is a potential "3 Strikes" candidate. He was booked into Skagit County Jail.

### Dec. 13

A teacher reported that a student had been stealing office supplies from the school. Deputy Esskew responded. The school will handle the situation.

At approximately 11:45 a.m., Deputy Esskew received a call from a person in Cedar Grove that a pickup truck had pulled up beside him and had threatened to "put him in a ditch." The truck was registered to a business in Lyman. Deputy Esskew will follow up on the case.

### Dec. 16

Several subjects in a vehicle were seen driving around Cedar Grove going through mailboxes. Deputy Moore checked the area, but did not locate the vehicle.

### Dec. 19

An employee from Logger's Landing in Concrete called to advise that a subject who had been previously trespassed was back on the property. Deputy Devero responded and contacted the suspect. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams



**Port of Skagit was recognized last month with the Port of the Year award** from Washington Public Ports Association. Port officials shown above are, from left, Port of Skagit Commissioner Steven Omdal, Executive Director Patsy Martin, Commissioner Bill Shuler, and Commission President Dr. Kevin E. Ware. *Submitted photo.*

## Burlington

### Port of Skagit named Port of the Year

The Washington Public Ports Association in December recognized the Port of Skagit with its annual Port of the Year award.

The annual award recognizes a WPPA member port that demonstrates exceptional success in the industry. The selection committee cited the Port of Skagit's accomplishments during the year, including the SWIFT Center property transfer, the PACCAR land sale, the Watershed Business Park land acquisition, the La Conner Marina dredge project, \$2 million in broadband grant and loan funding from Skagit County and the Community Economic Revitalization Board, and the addition of 21 new business tenants.

"Recognition of the Port of Skagit for their accomplishments this past year is well deserved," said WPPA President Troy Stariha, a commissioner at the Port of Kalama. "They continue to create economic development while maintaining

quality of life for their community in an environmentally responsible way."

"What the Port has accomplished during the past year for the community is truly amazing, and it is an honor to have that recognized by the WPPA," said Port of Skagit Commission President Dr. Kevin E. Ware. "But the credit should all go to the staff. You could not find 33 more dedicated and hardworking public employees anywhere in the country."

Port of Skagit owns and operates four facilities: Skagit Regional Airport, Bayview Business Park, La Conner Marina, and the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center. Combined, these four facilities are home to 106 businesses that employ 1,743 people.

## Pierce County

### WDFW to help replace fish lost at Minter Creek Hatchery

Up to 2.75 million fall chinook fry are headed to the Minter Creek Hatchery in Pierce County in an effort to replace

salmon lost during a Dec. 14 power outage at the facility.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has received approval from NOAA Fisheries—the agency that oversees federally listed salmon—to use excess chinook from six other hatcheries for release from Minter Creek and Tumwater Falls next May and June.

WDFW Director Kelly Susewind said several tribal co-managers have already agreed to the transfer, as required by NOAA-Fisheries.

"This won't fully replace the salmon lost last week, but it will allow us to put a significant number of fish into these waters next year," Susewind said.

WDFW estimates 5.7 million fall chinook fry and 507,000 spring chinook fry were lost when a windstorm knocked out power to the Minter Creek Hatchery in mid-December. The facility's backup generator also failed to start, cutting

power to the pump that supplies water to incubators where the fry were held.

"Losing those fish was a painful setback for state and tribal fishers, for the communities that depend on fishing, and for southern resident orcas that feed on chinook," Susewind said.

The half-million spring chinook lost at Minter Creek were part of the state's early efforts to increase production of chinook to feed the dwindling population of southern resident orcas. The department is, however, increasing chinook production at other hatcheries to help with that effort.

"Increasing hatchery chinook production is a top priority for the department and we take any setback seriously," Susewind said. "I've instructed staff to hire a contractor to determine what went wrong and help us identify steps we can take to prevent such a loss in the future."

—Submitted by WDFW



**The 5th Annual Illuminight Winter Walk** is scheduled for Fri., Jan. 25, 2019, from 3:30 to 9 p.m., at Riverwalk Park in Mount Vernon. Activities include luminary-in-the-moment making for free from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The luminary-lit procession will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue for approximately half a mile. The event ends with a closing ceremony. The event is free; Upper Valley families are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 360.419.9326. *Submitted photo.*

## Mount Vernon

### Youth of the Year Dinner

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County's Youth of the Year Dinner will be held on Wed., Jan. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Eaglemont, 4800 Eaglemont Dr., Mount Vernon.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a club member can achieve. Select youth earn scholarship funds at every level of the program, with an opportunity to participate at state, regional, and national levels. The Youth of the Year program can radically change

the lives of Club members. Beyond scholarship funds, participants meet influential people in many industries. The program can assist a student with earning admission at prestigious universities throughout the country, be leveraged to attain summer internships and programs, and provides the participant important life skills. Youth of the Year candidates will present their speeches at the Youth of the Year Dinner and the Skagit County representative will be announced.

There is no cost to attend the event, but an RSVP is required. Go to [www.skagitclubs.org](http://www.skagitclubs.org) or contact Ian Faley at [ifaley@skagitclubs.org](mailto:ifaley@skagitclubs.org) or 360.419.3723, ext. 7, to be put on a guest list.





# Smile



... from the Concrete Herald archives ...

"Is Jim a confirmed bachelor?"  
"He is now. He sent his photo to a lonely hearts club, and they sent it back with a note: 'We're not that lonely.'"  
— § —  
Father, lecturing son: "George Washington laid down a pattern of honesty that you might do well to follow, son."  
"Son: "If he was so honest, how come on his birthday they close all the banks?"  
— § —  
The vicar's wife had just died, and wishing to be temporarily relieved of his duties, he wrote to his bishop:  
"I regret to inform you that my wife has just died. Will you please send me a substitute for the weekend?"  
— § —  
Baby chick taking a look around the electric incubator of unhatched eggs:  
"Well, it looks like I'll be an only child. Mother's blown a fuse!"

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

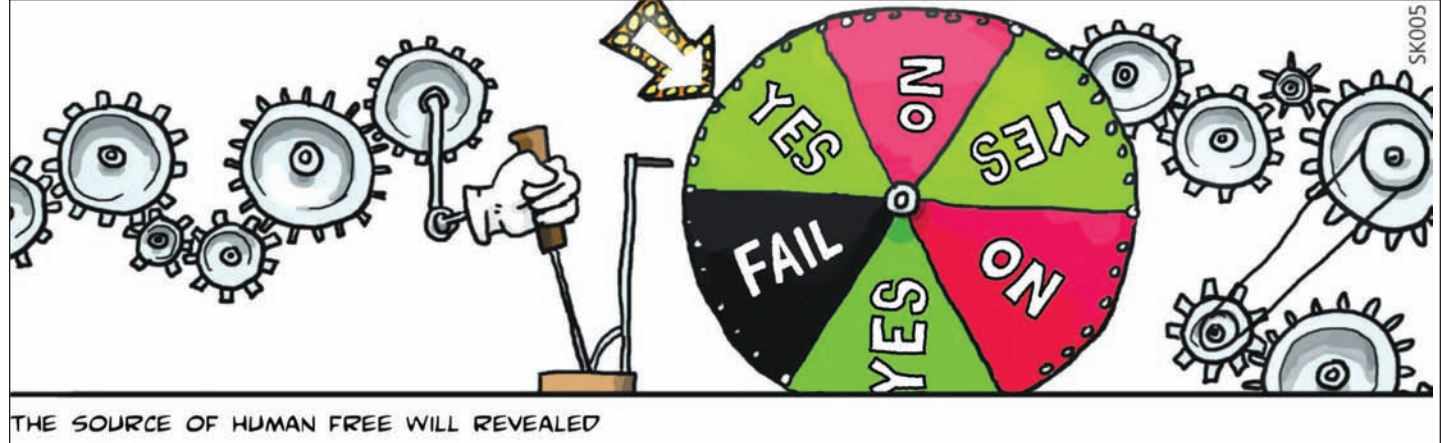
"It's a good thing Santa comes only once a year. Another week of anticipation would be more than the kids could take, and another week of trying to pick up the debris would hospitalize mother."  
—January 1, 1969

"The average citizen would be much happier if the weather forecasters were more like the weather itself: unpredictable."  
"Most of us could operate on a budget if someone would tell us whose to base it on. At the moment, every civic budget in the world is based upon what taxes they think we can afford. That one item blows the whole concept immediately, leaving only the grim knowledge that if there is anything left after living expenses, somebody will demand it."  
"The best suggestion yet to cure the evils of idleness enforced by lack of chores for young people today is for the manufacturers to come out with a TV set that requires stove wood to keep it operating."  
"Getting an education is one thing. Keeping it alive is the hardest task."  
"Snow shoveling can have some consolation if you realize that at least you don't have to put it back where it came from."  
—January 15, 1969

"Nobody really wants to live a life of ease. Especially if it takes E-arnest, E-fficient, E-ffort."  
—January 29, 1969



## Public Service Announcement



### Crossword: "Slumber Party"

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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51	52				53	54	55				56	57	58	
59					60						61			
62					63						64			
65					66						67			

- Across**
- 1. Deer sir?
  - 5. Short musical piece
  - 10. Small amphibians
  - 14. Designer Chanel
  - 15. Pondered
  - 16. Seed covering
  - 17. Caspian Sea feeder
  - 18. Stigmatize
  - 19. Fix up
  - 20. Get some shuteye
  - 23. Bounders
  - 24. Fool
  - 25. Prayer beads
  - 28. Medicinal balsam
  - 31. Mas' mates
  - 34. \_\_\_\_ and anon
  - 35. Dogma
  - 36. Hostile
  - 37. Call it a night at 9 p.m.
  - 41. "Gimme \_\_\_\_!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
  - 42. Pronouncement
  - 43. Six-stringed instrument
  - 44. Big \_\_\_\_
  - 45. Plain and simple
  - 46. Talkative
- Down**
- 1. Soviet ballistic missile
  - 2. Unit of pressure
  - 3. Berry
  - 4. Links sight
  - 5. Personify
  - 6. Racetracks
  - 7. One of seven: abbr.
  - 8. Nick's cousin
  - 9. Taro variety
  - 10. Noblemen
  - 11. Nonconformist
  - 12. Ocean motion
  - 13. Refuse
- Across**
- 48. Bit of a draft
  - 50. Go parasailing
  - 51. Take a nap
  - 59. Natural emollient
  - 60. Accustom
  - 61. Meticulousness
  - 62. Computer list
  - 63. Recuperation
  - 64. Large-scale
  - 65. Chick's sound
  - 66. College leave
  - 67. Guff
- Down**
- 21. La Brea goo
  - 22. Brown
  - 25. Kind of center
  - 26. Like Bo-Peep's charges
  - 27. Unchangeable
  - 28. Coquette
  - 29. Grimm beginning
  - 30. 100 quintars
  - 32. Assign
  - 33. In a playful manner
  - 35. Leader opposed by the Bolsheviks
  - 38. Exclamation of displeasure
  - 39. Stretch (out)
  - 40. Greeds
  - 46. Most demure
  - 47. Turn left
  - 49. Freeze
  - 50. Narrow groove
  - 51. Summer place
  - 52. On the calm side
  - 53. Smooth
  - 54. Cameo stone
  - 55. Diversion
  - 56. California county or its seat
  - 57. TV angel Munroe
  - 58. Parts of a min.

### 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.

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

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

### Funny as Facebook

The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in December:

- "I made it from Oak Harbor to Burlington Boulevard yesterday and didn't hit one red light. I'm pretty sure it was a Christmas miracle."
- "I'm just [watching 'Fantastic Beasts'] for some quality time with Hot Dumbledore. And my husband, I guess. And the boys. And their girlfriends. But mostly Hot Dumbledore."
- "'A Christmas Prince' is just as terrible and utterly glorious as I had hoped. We're watching the sequel tomorrow."

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# 2018 Upper Valley memorials

By Dan Royal

The following is not a complete list of those families, friends and neighbors we have lost in the Upper Valley area covered by *Concrete Herald*. The list is simply meant to give a sense of the people who have been a part of our communities and schools. No disrespect is meant by any omissions.

## Concrete High School alumni

Ash, Charles "Keith," 89, of Mount Vernon, born to Charles A. and Gertrude (Rawson) Ash. Keith worked for General Telephone Company. Graduate class of 1946.

Balzar, Fredrick "Rick," 67, of Sedro-Woolley, born to Kenneth and Marie (Davie) Balzar. Rick worked as an auto mechanic. Graduate class of 1968.

Campbell, James P. "Jim," 84, formerly of Rockport, died in Burlington, born to Pete and Cecellia (Baker) Campbell. Jim's early career was as a logger; he retired with Seattle City Light. Graduate class of 1955.

Castano, Sandra Jo (Dellinger), 52, of Sedro-Woolley, born to Daniel and Mary Jo (Parker) Dellinger. Sandra worked for St. Josephine Caring Community in Stanwood. Graduate class of 1984.

Clark, Richard L. "Dick," 79, of Sedro-Woolley, born to Hobert and Kate (Keller) Clark in Concrete. Dick was a long-time log truck driver, worked for Zee Brothers. Graduate class of 1957.

Claybo, Jonah "Conrad," 77, of Birdview, born to Grady M. and Maude (Pressley) Claybo. Conrad worked for Skagit County Public Works. Graduate class of 1958.

DuVarney, Denise M., 44, of Concrete, born to David and Sandra (Bostrom) Duvarney. Denise was a longtime clerk for Grandy Creek Grocery, a photographer, and office staffer for Town of Concrete. Graduate class of 1993.

Hockett, Leon S., 76, formerly of Sedro-Woolley, died in Burlington, born to Sumner and Florence (Ellison) Hockett. Graduate class of 1961.

Johnson, William E., 79, of Sedro-Woolley, born in Concrete to Cecil and Norma Johnson. Long haul trucker.

Joy, Lowell "Gene," 84, of Mount Vernon, born to Luther and Edna (Day) Joy. Gene was a truck driver for Bob Hillier Trucking. Graduate class of 1951.

Locke, Sandra J. (McDevitt), 68, of Stanwood, born to Edward and Florence (Hume) McDevitt, and worked for Skagit County Women's Shelter.

Massingale, Arnold D., 78, of Concrete, born to Frank and Vergie Massingale. Owner/Operator of Concrete Shake Mill.

Riggles, June D. (Black), 96, of Sedro-Woolley, born in Hamilton to Pearley and Myrtle (Reuting) Black. Past columnist for the *Courier-Times* in Sedro-Woolley. She graduated with the Hamilton High School Class of 1940.

*NOTE: Obituary information may have only shared the person attended CHS or earlier surrounding schools. Most did not list the year they graduated.*

## Upper Valley communities

Ackermann, Sienne L. (Cole), 53, of Big Lake. Owner/Operator of Seasons Fine Furniture.

Adams, Glen W., 91, of Sedro-Woolley. Glen worked for Scott Paper Company in Hamilton.

Anderson, Terry L. (Penley), 69, of Sedro-Woolley. Manager at Jeremiah's Drive-In while open.

Axthelm, Karen M., 71, of Sedro-Woolley.

Benson, Richard I., 84, of Sedro-Woolley, worked for Snelson Company.

Bilbery, David B., 75, of Marblemount, retired long haul trucker.

Bilbery, Verene K., 69, of Marblemount.

Blakely, Robert W., 66 of Sedro-Woolley. He worked for the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Bockenkamp, Barry J., 59, of Concrete.

Bricka, Joan, 89, of Sedro-Woolley, retired teacher.

Brigham, William C., 84, of Sedro-Woolley. Worked as a heavy equipment operator.

Brookings, Eleanor, 81. Formerly of Concrete, she died in Sedro-Woolley.

Buchanan, Thelma (Blanton), 88, of Sedro-Woolley, worked for Skagit Valley Hospital.

Butt, Patricia A., 95, of Sedro-Woolley. Pat worked at Central Grocery in Sedro-Woolley.

Cabe, Margaret F. (Jones), 82, of Lyman, worked for Stokely-Van Camp.

Chapman, David L., 66, of Concrete. Owner/Operator of Dave's Towing, karate teacher, and guitarist extraordinaire.

Davis, William H., 75, of Lyman. Bill

worked on tugboats.

Dick, Donald L., 83, of Clear Lake. Family Dairy Farm.

Ensley, J. B., 77, of Sedro-Woolley.

Gerard, William J. "Bill," 78, of Sedro-Woolley. Bill worked as a heavy equipment operator.

Heberling, Carolyn G., 84, of Sedro-Woolley. Piano teacher.

Heerspink Jr., John, 76, of Sedro-Woolley, truck driver.

Hoover, Barbara J., 91, of Concrete. Wife of former Concrete Mayor Wayne "Jack" Hoover. Ran Hoover's Food

Center with Jack in the current U.S. Post Office building. Mother of three, engaged citizen, and bright star in the town.

Hoyle, Truman J. A., 81, formerly of Sedro-Woolley, died in Burlington. He worked as a millwright.

Ireland, Penny Jo (McDonald), 65, of Sedro-Woolley.

Knutzen, Frederick, 75, of Big Lake, former logger.

Kutz, Martha A., 76, of Sedro-Woolley. She retired as an R.N., worked for United General Hospital.

Lamphiear, Betty J. (Harris), 70, of Sedro-Woolley.

Lunde, Nels E., 68, of Concrete, worked as a carpenter.

Mayer, Carol J. (Mossington), 84, of Sedro-Woolley. Carol worked as a secretary for John Ward, AAL.

McKinley, Diane E., 64, of Sedro-Woolley.

McRae, George E., 85, of Sedro-Woolley. George worked in banking and also for Burlington Northern Railroad.

Middleton, Micheline M., 67, of Sedro-Woolley.

Mihelich, Marilyn D., 67, of Clear Lake.

Miller, Robert S., 85, of Sedro-Woolley.

Mills, Linda L. (Mannon), 67, of Sedro-Woolley, worked as a caregiver.

Mosher, Patricia (Osborne), 90, of Sedro-Woolley.

Offley, William H., 83, of Sedro-Woolley, worked as a carpenter.

Peter, Diane (Ehinger), 70, of Sedro-Woolley. L.P.N.

Peterson, Thomas A., 79, of Sedro-Woolley. Former longtime Meat manager at Thrifty Foods.

Pressley, Geraldine L. "GG" (Gay), 63, of Concrete.

Rieh, Richard "Dick," 86, died in Burlington. Dick was a former longtime teacher at Concrete High School.

Riggles, Ernest C. "Ernie," 96, of Sedro-Woolley. Worked at Skagit Steel and Bendix.

Ringhouse, Marie (Wood), 92, of Clear Lake. Marie worked as a purchasing secretary at Skagit Steel and Bendix while they were open.

Rowland, May A., 100, of Sedro-Woolley. Worked as a bookkeeper for Truss Engineering.

Smith, Harriet, 89, formerly of Sedro-Woolley, died in Burlington. Former teacher at Sedro-Woolley School District.

Smith, Maledia D. (Self), 75, of Sedro-Woolley. Worked for U.S. Bank.

Sorestad, Kenneth G., 89, of Sedro-Woolley. Ken was owner-operator of State Farm Insurance.

Stendal, Eloise M., 89, formerly of Sedro-Woolley; she passed in Burlington. Late wife of former Mayor Bill Stendal, she was a most gracious teacher.

Stendal, Eric K., 69, of Sedro-Woolley, worked for Skagit County government.

Strickland, Lyle G., 83, of Marblemount. Former career Navy; drove for Gordon Trucking.

Watts, Mary Lee (Chambers), 82, of Sedro-Woolley.

Williams, Margaret L. (Russell), 84, formerly of Sedro-Woolley, died in Bellingham. She worked at the Sunrise Café.

Young, Muriel (Finsen), 96, of Sedro-Woolley. Retired nurse, worked for Northern State Hospital while it was open.

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

## Crossword solution

1	S	T	A	G	5	E	T	U	S	9	10	E	F	12	13
14	C	O	C	O	15	M	U	S	E	D	16	A	R	I	L
17	U	R	A	L	18	B	R	A	N	D	19	R	E	D	O
20	D	R	I	F	T	O	F	F	T	O	22	S	L	E	E
23	C	A	D	S	24	A	S	S							
25	R	O	S	A	R	Y	26	T	O	L	U	31	P	A	S
34	E	V	E	R	35	T	E	N	E	T	36	I	L	L	
37	H	I	T	T	38	H	E	S	A	C	K	E	40	A	R
41	A	N	I	42	U	K	A	S	E	43	V	I	O	L	
44	B	E	N	45	M	E	R	E	46	C	H	A	T	T	Y
48	S	I	P	49	S	O	A	R							
51	C	A	T	C	H	F	O	R	T	Y	56	I	N	K	S
58	A	L	O	E	60	I	N	U	R	E	61	C	A	R	E
62	M	E	N	U	63	L	Y	S	I	S	64	E	P	I	C
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