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Other voices

## Whether the weather?

We hear about weather and climate all the time. Most of us check the local weather to plan our day. And climate change is certainly a “hot” topic. There is, however, still confusion over the difference between the two.

Think about it this way: Climate is what you expect. Weather is what you get! Climate is the average weather, usually taken over a 30-year time period for a specific region and time period. Weather is just the state of the atmosphere at any time, including things such as temperature, precipitation, air pressure, and cloud cover. Daily changes in weather are due to winds and storms. Seasonal changes are due to the Earth revolving around the sun.

What causes weather? Well, because the Earth is not flat, the sun’s rays don’t fall evenly on land and oceans. The sun shines more directly near the equator, bringing those areas more warmth. However, polar regions are at such an angle to the sun that they get little or no sunlight during the winter, causing colder temperatures. These differences in temperature create a restless movement of air and water in great, swirling currents to distribute heat energy from the sun across the planet.

All of this reminds me of a ditty, taught to me by a friend from England many years ago:

“Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot,  
whether the weather be damp, or whether the weather be draught,  
we’ll weather the weather, no matter the weather,  
whether we like it or not!”

So, put on those wool hats and gloves, rain or snow gear, and, of course, boots, and go out in the weather and enjoy the few hours of daylight we have at this northern latitude this winter, whether you like it or not.

—Christie Fairchild  
Rockport

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### The library is losing money

In response to the library losing money, YES the library IS losing money. It lost about an average of \$1,100 dollars last year when the library foundation sadly decided to forgo having the annual book sale during Cascade Days. And, furthermore, decided having a Thrift Books account was not needed.

Regarding the acceptance of donations, the library was generously given free space to store more than 100 boxes of previously donated materials. In the last three weeks, volunteers have put in hours working on that particular issue.

I also feel the need to gently point out depreciation of books. No one can resell a book at original cost; rarely can a book be resold at even a quarter of full price. Most library resales will sell hardback books for a dollar or two. If the Thrift Books account had been active, the library might have made an extra hundred dollars or so.

So, yes, our library is losing money. Yes, we need to be able to move into our new building. Most importantly, the entire community needs to support our library. 2020 is going to be a great year for our library.

J. R. Moore  
Concrete

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## Corrections

In the December 2019 issue of *Concrete Herald*, an article on the Marblemount page and the Community Calendar gave the January Grub and Groove date as Jan. 8. Wrong! This month’s Grub and Groove gathering at the Marblemount Community Hall will be Sat., Jan. 18, from 6 to 10 p.m. *Concrete Herald* regrets the error.

## Letters policy

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# Looking ahead to 2020

Concrete Herald invited its readers to share their hopes, dreams, aspirations, and resolutions for the coming year—and decade. Here's what they had to say.

My hope for 2020 is that the negative stigma attached to mental illness is replaced with compassion and understanding.

Jaretta Osborne  
Sedro-Woolley

I would love to see a lot less litter along our roadsides.

Pateena Lawson  
Concrete

Keep KSVU going.

Gail Hinds  
Day Creek

My hope is to have enough hotel partners for our local cancer patients to not be turned down when needing to stay close to the cancer center, to have enough volunteer drivers to get them to their treatments, and to lead our local Relay For Life to raising \$100k!

Oh and to fill up our 22-room group on our fundraiser, Cruise for A Cause.

Monique Brigham  
Sedro-Woolley

Each year in December, I ask God what my word will be for the coming year. This word is a tool of growth for me, spiritually, which helps me grow as an individual. It always helps me be a better

me as I pour into the word and pray for growth throughout every area of my life. I look the word up in my Bible, and search out scriptures to assist me in this growth, and journal about the growth and impact in my daily life. Last year my word was "purpose"; this year it is "focus."

Virginia Learned  
Day Creek

For 2020 my hope and dream would be to further my photography exposure and my Flutterby Images name through the many in Skagit County who might be unaware of what a truly special place this area is to live. By showing my photographs of the area, I strive to educate those who may not know what lies off the highway in the mountains, streams, and forest that surround our home.

Tim F. Hale  
Concrete

Four years ago, I returned to Concrete. I actually live in Birdview, but to me, "Concrete" encompasses the entire school district, from Lusk Rd. to Diablo. The longer I am around, the more I see that we are all the same community. I grew up in Rockport, lived in town for awhile, and returned here, after chasing some dreams that were best described in the Toby Keith song, "Upstairs, Downtown." Fate, or something stronger—Someone Divine—brought me back to this place. My hopes and dreams for the upcoming year, and into a new decade, are more simplistic than ever before. Last year, I made an

unofficial resolution to give something back, to find ways to get involved in our great community. I want my son to grow up with an attitude that we should build up our environment and not assume it's someone else's responsibility. We should be proactive about making sure that, when we have extra, we support those who don't. This year my son, Morgan, and I will be looking for new ways to get our hands dirty and make the Upper Skagit Valley a better place to live—in 3-year-old-friendly ways, of course.

Rebecca Sample  
Birdview

No more drama.

Danelle Bilbrey  
Concrete

These are huuuge challenges, but I hope to see progress in reducing opioid dependence, and offering options for housing homeless individuals in our area.

Betty Seguin  
Concrete

My goal in 2020 is to accomplish the goals I set in 2019, which I should have done in 2018 because I made a promise in 2017, which I planned in 2015.

Michael Bruce  
Westport

Some of my resolutions and goals for 2020 are: To go on as many adventures and check off as many items of my bucket list as possible. I have so many items lined up ready to go, it's going to be wild! I'm starting and ending the year with big ones!

To consciously push "pause" in the important moments and soak in what matters. My goal is to mentally push pause once a day to stay in the moment, enjoy it, laugh and/or appreciate it to the fullest. Last year was gratitude, this is just one step further.

To not take mine or my family's health for granted.

And finally, (or at least the final item I can fit here) to keep shining and being my weird, eccentric, wild, shenanigans-loving self, and not allow any outside source or opinion to dim my light.

Bonus: to do my part to bring flapper dresses back in style! See you all in 2020!

Yolanda Allard  
Concrete

I'm interested in finding some local vegetarians or vegans to share recipes, or just information with, or cook with, or do cooking classes for anyone who is interested. I know there must be others besides myself who are interested in health and nutrition, and I would love to meet some of them. Anyone else interested in getting together?

Angela Swanson  
Concrete

I would like to see Concrete have a Multicultural Celebration Day. Music, stories, booths, food. We have diversity, and would love to see it celebrated.

Gretchen Hewitt  
Concrete

I, Martha Rasmussen, Road Coordinator for Friends for Public Use, resolve to inspire people and groups who enjoy recreating here to adopt every road in the northern Darrington District, saving access to all our wonderful outdoor recreation for generations to come.

Martha Rasmussen  
Darrington



I hope that the love of my life will say yes. Will you marry me, Becca?

Jason Miller  
Concrete

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Because of financial constraints and other issues, KSVU 90.1 FM radio will leave the airwaves effective Jan. 9. Its programming, however, should be available shortly after that via an online streaming service. An exact start date and time for the streaming service was not known at press time; listeners are asked to monitor <https://ksvu.org> or the station's Facebook page for details on how and when to connect to KSVU online.

The streaming service will come with support from Skagit Valley College,

which hosts the Upper Valley community radio's sister station, KSVR, said KSVU volunteer Erma Baude.

"Skagit Valley College has graciously come up with a temporary fix for KSVU not to have any dead air," said Baude. "The college will allow us to stream during the disconnecting, moving, and reconnecting of our antenna. Therefore all our dedicated listeners will not have to miss any of their favorite shows."

KSVU has been an on-air staple of the Upper Skagit River Valley for almost nine years. Its all-volunteer staff and radio hosts brought a variety of hyperlocal programming choices and music to its listeners.

—J. K. M.

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# Eagle Festival draws visitors to eastern Skagit County

The Skagit Eagle Festival will once again attract thousands of visitors to eastern Skagit County for four weekends in January. Festival events will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 4 through Jan. 26.

Coordinated by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, the festival offers a variety of events at venues in Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount, including:

- 5k Salmon Run & Nature Walk at Ovenell's Ranch in Concrete (see ad, p. 11).
- Eagle-watching stations in Rockport and Marblemount, staffed by trained volunteers.
- Events and activities at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center in Rockport.
- Deep Forest Experience guided walks at Rockport State Park.
- Photography workshops at the historic Concrete Theatre.
- Hayrides and campfires at Ovenell's Ranch in Concrete.
- Native American history, storytelling and more in Marblemount (see ad,

p. 38).

- Bald eagle float trips along the Skagit River, provided by local tour companies (see article, p. 26).
- Birds of Prey presentation in Concrete, by Sarvey Wildlife Care Center.

The festival kicks off with the 6th Annual Salmon Run on Sat., Jan. 4 at 10 a.m., held at Ovenell's Double O Ranch ([www.doubleoranchllc.com](http://www.doubleoranchllc.com)) in Concrete. Entrance fee for the 5k run is \$20; a free nature walk is available from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Activities and events are held every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center, ([www.skagiteagle.org](http://www.skagiteagle.org)) located at Howard Miller Steelhead Park, 52809 Rockport Park Rd., in Rockport. Visitors can learn about eagles, watershed issues, and local, natural, and cultural history. The center provides guided hikes and a speakers series; its Nature Store features books, jewelry, calendars, and more. The center will be open on Jan. 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), with a

guided hike at 11 a.m. Guided hikes are offered every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., and presenters are on hand at 1 p.m. the same days.

Two photography workshops are open to the public and being held at the historic Concrete Theatre, located at 45920 Main St. in Concrete ([www.concrete-theatre.com](http://www.concrete-theatre.com)). On Sat., Jan. 18 at 11 a.m., Andy Porter will present "Night Sky Photography." On Sat., Jan. 25 at 11 a.m., Leah Serna will present "Furs, Fins & Feathers."

On January 11 and 12, the festival will celebrate Native American culture with special activities, entertainment, and food at the Marblemount Community Hall ([www.marblemountcommunityhall.com](http://www.marblemountcommunityhall.com)), at 60055 SR 20 in Marblemount. Indian tacos and fry bread will be available for purchase while visitors can enjoy performances by Lisa Temcov, Andy Koch, and more. See the article on p. 26 and the ad on p. 38 for more information.

The festival is capped by a special Birds of Prey presentation by Sarvey Wildlife Care Center ([www.sarveywildlife.org](http://www.sarveywildlife.org)), held at the Concrete High School

gymnasium on Sat., Jan. 25 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The Skagit Eagle Festival is coordinated by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team, which operates the Interpretive Center in Rockport. The festival is sponsored in part by a grant from Skagit County.

"It wouldn't be winter without the Skagit Eagle Festival. The event provides a wonderful experience for families from all over the region," said Valerie Stafford, president of the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. "It's also an important piece of our economic development program. We look forward to welcoming visitors at our local businesses."

Festival organizers remind visitors to prepare for winter weather, including warm, waterproof clothing and an appropriately equipped vehicle.

For complete details about the Skagit Eagle Festival, go to [www.skagiteaglefestival.com](http://www.skagiteaglefestival.com). For a directory of services and businesses to make your visit more enjoyable, go to [www.concretewa.com/directory](http://www.concretewa.com/directory).

## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for a regular meeting on Dec. 9. The 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. 9 regular meeting

- **Public Safety:** Sergeant Greg Adams said the incident report for November has been provided. He stated there were only 42 calls; seven of those were traffic stops. He stated the contract is on the agenda later, but wanted to know if the council had any questions regarding that item. Discussion ensued on the addition of more town ordinances for Sheriff's Office enforcement, and that they could be discussed and completed next year.

Councilmember Beth Easterday requested a report that shows the 10-minute response time is being met. Mayor Jason Miller also requested a report that shows the 80 hours are being met. Sgt. Adams said he would work on those requests and addition of language to the contract.

- Town engineer Cody Hart reported that he will provide the year-end quarterly report at the council's first meeting in January.

- **Skagit County planning policies:** Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles said that as a member of Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG), the town is required to offer public participation and forward any comments from the public or council to the county. She stated the changes are more minor updates to language and basic cleanup for references to the current versions of RCWs and WACs. She stated the public will have another opportunity to comment at the county's public hearing. She said the only section that she is not in agreement with is the one that speaks to how variances are issued for each jurisdiction.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

With no public comment, Mayor Miller closed the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

- Manville-Ailles also addressed her staff report in response to questions regarding the town's proposed "port model" and nonconforming uses at

Mears Field. She said she included good information on ports that she got from the Port of Skagit County's Web site. She stated the basic idea behind the port model that has been discussed, is that the airport be an economic generator.

She also reported on the requested clarification for nonconforming uses. She said this shows up primarily when residential areas zoning is changed to commercial or industrial, which, when the zone initially changes, those residential uses become nonconforming. She stated with a nonconforming use, that use cannot be enlarged or expanded upon, and the ultimate goal is to have those nonconforming uses conform. She reported that this is not unique to Concrete; almost all jurisdictions have similar language in their respective codes.

She stated as for the question as to what happens at the end of the leases, she cannot answer that. She stated that will be up to the council at that time.

Audience member Judy White said that she read through the information several times, and that the council needs to address what happens at the end of the 35–40 years of the lease. Town attorney David Day said as the lease is written now, there is nothing that would allow for the structures to go to the lessee and that he is not completely comfortable changing the language now and tying the hands of the council 35 years from now. He stated that he will do some research on this item and see how other leases with long terms are worded.

- After discussion regarding service levels, response times and reporting, and the pros and cons of returning to a town police force, council voted to approve a new three-year interlocal agreement with Skagit County for law enforcement services from Skagit County Sheriff's Office, from 2020 through 2022.
- Council voted to cancel its Dec. 23 meeting.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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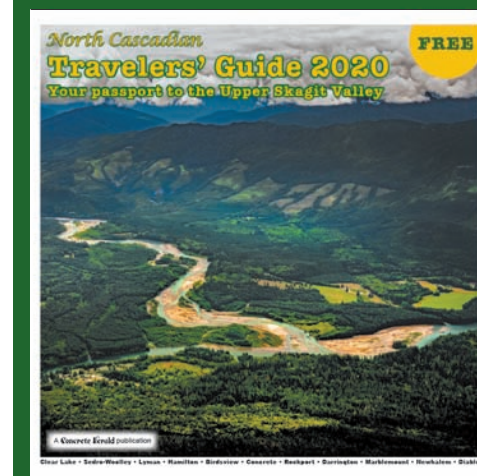
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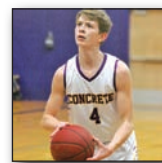
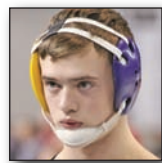
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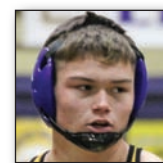
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# Sports



## Boys' basketball gaining valuable experience

By Levi Stewart, head coach

The start of the season has provided our boys' basketball team with great lessons. The team has battled through multiple injuries and dealt with illnesses that the winter season often brings. Because of many varsity players missing time, younger players in our program have been forced to step up.

Our first game was at Shoreline Christian, where we lost by 22. Levi Lowry posted career highs in both points (28) and rebounds (24).

Our second game was a 30-point loss to Mt. Baker, playing a very physical and athletic Mountaineers squad. This gave us some looks that we are unable to replicate in practices, and I'm certain it will play to our advantage as we approach league play.

A very difficult game against Coupeville followed. It was an eye-opening experience to see the speed and intensity with which we need to play. It was one of those games where you are forced to learn

from it, but would like to forget.

Our most recent game came against Cedar Park Christian. In a 19-point loss, we showed incredible resilience as we fell behind early. The second half of the game was the best stretch of basketball that we have played this season. We looked to continue that momentum into our next game against Pacific Christian Academy on Dec. 30.

Though we are off to an 0-4 start, we have accumulated the experience and lessons that are required to be competitive when league play starts. The minutes played by our younger athletes will prove to be integral as we start to have key players return from injury. I have been incredibly proud of our players' effort and willingness to never give up. With a group as young as we are, the most important thing that we can do every day is to have a positive attitude. Without it, our chances of improving as a team are hopeless. Keep a close eye on this team as we march toward league play.

New numbers, cont. from p. 8

The Lady Lions run a 6/2 configuration on the volleyball court, which means that of the six players, two of them are setters. It's a departure from the more common 5/1 configuration. Running a 6/2 configuration allows setters to hit and block when they rotate to the front row.

"Setters are not tasked with doing only one thing when they're in a 6/2 configuration," said Coach Rensink. "So she was second on the team in kills and

blocks. She can play the net and be a really good setter for us too.

"It took a lot of control to get to that point," said Sierra Rensink. "You can't be sloppy; you can't be rushed. You have to take your time and know what you're doing during games and practices."

"Both of them have one more year, and I think both of them just scratched the surface this year," said Coach Rensink.

—J. K. M.



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## New numbers

Smith, Rensink broke school records during the 2019 volleyball season

Volleyball teammates Kassidy Smith and Sierra Rensink notched impressive numbers during their 2019 season, and they're only juniors. Several school records fell to their hands at the close of their season, and there's every reason to believe the scenario will replay next year.

### Kassidy Smith

Smith, the team's libero, plays the back row consistently, never the front row. She wears a different color uniform to signal her role.

This season, Smith set new school records in total serves received (457), perfect passes (253), perfect pass percentage (55), and digs (224), while leading in saves (25) for the second

consecutive year. She was named to the Northwest All-League Team as a Second Team Libero, also for the second consecutive year. She also was second on the team in serve percentage (92) and second in aces (16).

"Kassidy has been the best libero I've ever coached," said head coach Kevik Rensink, adding that she earned the position as a freshman and will be the team's only four-year varsity starter at the libero position.

As the second-best libero in the league, Smith should be able to compete at the college level too, said Rensink.

"I'm hoping she achieves that goal and makes it to the all-state team too. Next year she'll set career records that will

probably be there awhile. She's a natural at the position. It's like she was meant to dig, meant to pass. She plays low to the floor and is an exceptional athlete."

"It takes a lot of effort and determination, coming into practice every day, working for it and wanting it," said Smith of her record-breaking numbers. "You have to do your best every day. You have to practice how you play."

### Sierra Rensink

Rensink, who plays the Setter 1 position, set a new school record with 148 assists during the 2019 season, breaking Cassidy Cargile's record of 141. She also finished second on the team in blocks (17) and kills (46).

"Sierra has the best setter hands that I've ever coached," said Coach Rensink, who is Sierra's father. "I noticed she had really soft hands while just playing in the yard at home. 'We're going to make you a setter,' I said to her."

Rensink has matured into the setter position, which Coach Rensink describes as the toughest position, likening it to a quarterback.

"You have a lot of responsibility, and she was was timid at first, but she's gotten better, gotten over that hump. She was a better communicator this year. She came out and proved she has more than just great hands."

See New numbers, p. 9

## Athletes of the Month



### Athletes of the Month: Sierra Rensink, Levi Lowry

**Sierra Rensink** was named Athlete of the Month for November. She plays the Setter 1 position for the Concrete Lady Lions Volleyball team, and put together an impressive junior season. Sierra set a new school record with 148 assists in a season, and continues to improve her technique and game decision-making. She enjoys setting her teammates up to make great plays, and has become a good leader on the court.

Known for her soft setter hands, Sierra brought a toughness to the net this year that was unexpected. She finished second on the team in blocks (17) and kills (46), and developed a love for playing the front row. Adding a huge improvement in her serve, Sierra has quickly become a well-rounded, well-respected volleyball player for the Concrete Lady Lions. She has worked hard in the classroom as well, where she is maintaining all As and Bs, and has perfect attendance.

Sierra is striving to be not just a leader in academics and athletics, but in all areas of her life. "I am proud of Sierra, and honored that she was recognized by the Concrete Lions Booster Club for this much-deserved award," said Head Coach Kevik Rensink.



**Levi Lowry** finished off his senior football season with a stellar performance. Teams that know him, and those that later got to know him throughout the game, chose to play away from him because of how physical and dominant he was against the player in front of him. As an interior offensive lineman, Levi, along with all his teammates, helped protect, open up holes, and set the edge to propel a couple of his teammates to break local school records. "There's a lot to say about that, with all the great athletes who have passed through the halls of Concrete High School," said Head Coach Arthur Sanchez.

For his stellar performance, Levi received First Team All League honors both offensively and defensively, and also was named a First Team All County defensive lineman for Skagit County. "A great finish to his high school football career," said Sanchez.

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

Sports schedules: [nw1a2bathletics.com](http://nw1a2bathletics.com)



# Wrestling team short on numbers, long on medals

The Concrete High School wrestling team has only 11 boys and three girls this season, but that's not stopping them from dominating some of their weight classes. Leading the pack this year are Hunter Olmstead (240 lbs., wrestling in the 285-lb. bracket), Robert Reed (145), Jaydon Craig (138), Anna Spangler (100), and Devon Howard (135), who already have placed at the first few tournaments of the season.

At the Ocasta Invitational on Dec. 7, the Lions finished 5th among 18 teams. Olmstead took 1st place, Craig took 3rd, and Reed took 4th. On the women's side, Spangler nabbed 1st and Howard took 2nd. The girls finished 7th out of 14 teams, and the boys finished 5th out of 16 teams.

The team next headed to Sedro-Woolley for the Spud Walley Tournament, where Olmstead again dominated, taking 1st. Reed wrestled in the 138-lb. bracket that day and "wrestled his butt off," head coach Jesse Dellinger said of the sophomore grappler. "He lost one, but then fought his way up the losers bracket and placed 3rd. It was a good day for him; he wrestled more matches than anyone else."

At the Lynnwood Classic Tournament on Dec. 21, Olmstead and Reed again shone. Olmstead took first and was voted Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. Reed wrestled at 138 again and took 2nd. "He's wrestling great—almost pulled out the 1st place win," said Dellinger.

For the ladies, Spangler is again showing her strength on the mat. She took 5th place in a 32-person bracket during the Dec. 20–21 tournament in

Lynden. "She lost in the semifinals, but battled back for the 5th place grab," said Dellinger.

Spangler, Howard, and freshman newcomer Cadance Landsiedel (100) will kick off January with the Women's Woolley Tournament in Sedro-Woolley on Jan. 4.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 3–4, Dellinger will take Olmstead to Gut Check, a massive tournament in Kent where Concrete High School's resident monster will be tested against "the best of the best," according to Dellinger. "It's not easy. You place there; you've proved something," he said.

—J. K. M.



Concrete wrestlers Devon Howard (left) and Anna Spangler show off the fruits of their labors after the Ocasta Invitational Tournament on Dec. 7: a 2nd place medal for Howard and a 1st place win for Spangler. At the same tournament, Hunter Olmstead took 1st, Jaydon Craig took 3rd, and Robert Reed took 4th. Submitted photo.

## Women's hoops: Success is the standard

By Kevik Rensink, head coach

"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

I don't know who said this, but I like it. It is something I tell my players all of the time. I explain to them that our opponent is not the other team; our opponent is ourselves. Our standard is held to giving our absolute best each and every day.

Did we give our best? If yes, that is success. Were we better today than we were yesterday? If yes, that is success. Even if the answer is no, if you continue to think, train, and act this way, your answer will eventually be yes.

One of my favorite quotes comes from Henry Ford: "Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." The power of the mind is enormous, and is oftentimes underrated.

The biggest thing we have going for the Concrete girls basketball team this season is our potential to succeed. The biggest obstacle we have going against us this season is a lack of confidence to do great things. We will get there. The girls practice like champions every day. You wouldn't know their win/loss record, how much they lost by, or who scored the most points if you watched them in practice. They really come together, focus on getting better, and then can't wait to go apply what they have learned to the next game.

We have learned a lot in the early goings this year. We lost 57–52 to Shoreline Christian in overtime to start the season, and those are the types of games where you learn the most. All of the "coulda, shoulda, and wouldas" rush through your mind like a flood in the moments and days to follow, and you have to move on and get better from it.

We didn't have a lot of time to turn some of those mistakes into positives because we played South Whidbey the very next night in our home opener. Again, we lost another close, hard-fought game, this time 48–41. The score was tied with less than two minutes remaining, and we just couldn't put the ball in the basket when we had the opportunities at the end. I am really proud of the team's effort, and it looks like the girls are ready to compete this year.

Kylee Clark started strong and leads the team in scoring (17/gm) and rebounding (9/gm). She is a tireless worker, and her teammates look to her often.

We struggled against the relentless attack of the Coupeville Wolves in game three, and our shooting cooled down to the temperature of an iceberg in our game at Mariner High School just before the Christmas Break.

Although we are off to an 0–4 start, I like our competitive spirit and the building blocks the girls have laid down for themselves. We have a better foundation this year than last year. Now, we just need to build upward. Fundamentals every day, positive speech and confidence-boosting, and competitive drills are making the girls better. As a result, other players are starting to show signs of stepping up their individual game, so we can be better together.

Andrea Rogers has shown she can be an impact player inside and on the offensive glass. Payton Dickinson is taking some of the small things we work on in practice and applying them to the game. Baby steps, but she will be better because she is dedicated to learning. Izabela Ramos is a steady force on both ends of the floor, doesn't make many mistakes, and is doing a better job of being really tough with the ball this year. Ebby Buchta has shown signs of being another contributor in the scorebook and stat sheet, but needs to dial up her game from the tip. Ashley Parker also has shown glimpses of promise, with the threat to score as well as getting on the floor for loose balls. Both are good qualities. Sierra Rensink has played tough, physical defense this year, as well as crashing the boards for rebounds. Both are areas we need desperately as a team. Cassidy Smith continues to play good defense and is now scoring more than last season. And Hayley Daniels has earned a starting spot, as well as leading the team in steals. She has a relentless motor, and the team plays at a higher level when she is on the floor.

Every single one of these young ladies has more to give, and they are anxious and excited about learning more and applying what they learned. They come to practice hungry to get better and I know these girls will always give their best. That is why I know we will be successful this season.

After a game at Mount Baker on Dec. 30, we roll right into league play, beginning with La Conner (currently ranked No. 1 in the state) at home Jan. 3. The girls have six home games in January, so try to take advantage of our schedule, and come out and root them on. They are all worth cheering for!



**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

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# Academics



**Concrete High School named its Students of the Quarter** for the first quarter of the 2019–20 academic year. In December the students were presented with certificates for their “academic and citizenship excellence.” Back row: Alonzo Lazaro, Ashton Martin, Anthony Culver, Harley Herz. Front row: Leda Decoteau, Marcella Brossard, Cassidy Smith, Cadance Landsiedel. Not pictured: Payton Dickinson, Cory Allis, Troy Schmidt, Jacqueline Jackson.

## Town of Concrete accepting applications for AWC scholarship

Town of Concrete is accepting applications for the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship fund. The scholarship is available for students who are actively engaged in their city government and/or community, and plan to attend post-secondary school in fall 2020.

To be eligible, a student must be graduating from high school or home school, or receiving a GED in spring/summer 2020; live within the Concrete School District boundaries; plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary institution in the 2020–2021 academic year on a half-time or more basis; and have been involved with a city/town government or with a community/school leadership activity.

Information and application materials can be obtained at [www.townofconcrete.com](http://www.townofconcrete.com) or [cfqc.org](http://cfqc.org). Completed applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 28, 2020. Submit completed materials to Town of Concrete Attn: Andrea Fichter, P.O. Box 39, Concrete, WA 98237 ([andrea@concretewa.gov](mailto:andrea@concretewa.gov)) or hand deliver to 45672 Main St., Concrete.

—Andrea Fichter

## YD update

I hope every one of you had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed your New Year’s celebration with family and friends.

A new decade has begun, as well as new resolutions and new beginnings. Who is going to impact you this year, and who are you going to impact? The potential in all of us is huge; you just have to see it. I want to see more people step up and take on new challenges, more risks, and push for excellence. I want the community of Concrete to be known for its hard work ethic, its positive fortitude, and its willingness to be better than the day before. This requires our best every day. This requires YOUR best every day. You might be thinking, “You talking to me?” And yes, I am talking to you—all of you, including our students.

We have great potential. I see it in adults who think they have “done their part” or “don’t know what they have to offer.” I see it every day in the students at the school through coaching and Youth Dynamics. The potential to be great resides in every one of them. They need to be around people who are going to encourage them, love them, and bring out the best in them.

We need to stop listening to the critics, the lies, and the negativity that seems to surround us daily. Everybody has a purpose, a reason to live, and something inspiring to share with the rest of us. What is your gift? What are you good at? How are you making Concrete a better place to live? Are you speaking truth and encouragement into the lives around you? This is my vision for the East Skagit County community, and I know people who share that vision with me.

Why not make 2020 the year you give your best in everything you do? If you are a student, why not put forth maximum effort, study for your exams, attend school every day, and thank a teacher for what they do. If you are a student/athlete, why not give your absolute all in every moment on the court, the field, or the mat? Play like you love the sport, like you love your teammates, like it is the last day you will ever be able to play that sport again, and thank a coach for what they do.

If you are a parent, why not notice what your son or daughter is interested in, and encourage whatever that is like crazy? Show them you care, ask questions, attend their games, concerts, or other activities, and thank them for being a great kid. I was just speaking with one of my basketball parents this week, and they said “My goal in life



is to raise a great generation, and leave an awesome legacy for them.” I don’t know this parent well, but they have an awesome kid, and I think it might have something to do with the positive words they hear from their parents.

At Concrete Youth Dynamics, all of our staff are volunteers, and we want to speak positive and reinforcing truth into every young person’s life. I want to be a part of something bigger than myself. I want to help raise up a generation that knows they have a purpose, and I want to help light a fire inside of every person who will listen. I feel this is my purpose here in Concrete—my calling. If your son or daughter already attends our weekly YD meetings, thank you for sending them.

In December, we had three awesome events, and it all started with Inflatable Game Night. We rented a huge human obstacle course, as well as a two-person bungee run. This is an expensive night for us to put on, but the kids have so much fun that it’s worth it. Our winners of the Human Obstacle Course were Destiny Gilbert and Robert Reed, and the champions of the Bungee Run were Cassidy Smith and Kaden Cockrum. We then had our Annual Christmas Party, where we played “Where is the Weasel,” and “White Elephant.” The legendary Bronco Huge, who has been with the Youth Dynamics organization for 36

**Above: Concrete Boys & Girls Club** hosted its first Dinner with Friends event on Nov. 18, part of the Youth of the Year program, a National Program with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Each club site challenges youth to write essays and participate in public speaking. Since this was the first year of the program, most participants were in the Junior Youth of the Year program, an excellent opportunity for them to practice their skills for the 2020 year. These youth presented their speeches during Dinner with Friends in front of staff, peers, family, and members of the community.

The evening also was an opportunity to celebrate outstanding youth and give them public recognition as nine youth were presented with awards. Each youth exemplified what it means to go above and beyond expectations in their award area, where art, academics, community leadership, S.T.E.M., and sportsmanship were celebrated. The dinner was prepared by Cheryl Weston, who cooked a home-style meal for the attendees. *Submitted photo.*

years, was there to celebrate with us, and spoke about the wonderful gift of Christmas. We capped off the year with our annual Christmas caroling and it sounded as beautiful as ever.

We will start 2020 with a casual Monday night, letting the students choose between watching the College Football National Championship game with the Smiths or participating in a movie/game night at the Rensinks’ home. Then the Winter Olympics come to town—the Concrete YD Winter Olympics—where nothing resembles the real Olympic games.

The last Monday in January we will have our Annual Ultimate Frisbee Championships, which is always a good time. In between, Jan. 17–20, is our first big retreat called Hotdoggin’. This is a four-day snow retreat to Leavenworth,

where the kids will snowshoe, cross-country ski, snowboard, downhill ski, ice climb, sled, sleigh ride, and raft down a huge snow-covered hill lined with tiki torches. There are 15 students signed up right now, and I have room for five more. If your son or daughter might be interested in this, contact me at 360.630.6063 or have them come to one of our weekly events and sign up. This trip is not free, so if you need financial assistance, or if you are someone who can provide financial assistance for someone else, please let me know and we will work together as a community to make sure every student who wants to go on this trip can do so. Many blessings to you and your family in 2020.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink  
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# Clear Lake



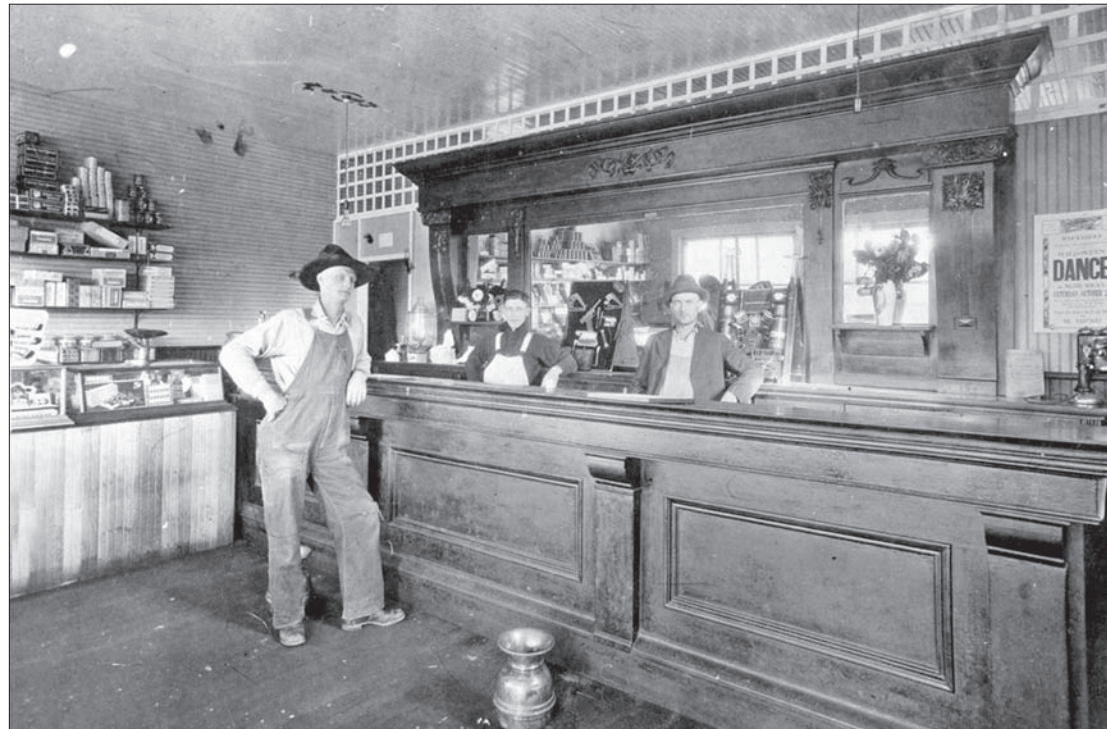
## HISTORY CORNER

This month's photo shows the Idle Hour Tavern—a.k.a. Tuffy's Pool Hall—owned and operated by Rhuben (Tuffy) Boyd. Tuffy's pool hall was built in Clear Lake circa 1920. Pictured here are Pete Therrien, far left; Leonard Boyd, Tuffy's brother (wearing white apron); and Tuffy Boyd, far right. Tuffy was born in Clear Lake in 1898. *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](https://www.facebook.com/clearlakehistory).

—Deanna Ammons, historian



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## Community Calendar



### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Clear Lake Penguin Dip, 11 a.m. at the public beach
- 1 Free Day at Washington State Parks, see article, p. 23
- 4 Salmon Run (5k and Nature Run), see ad, p. 11
- 4-5 Skagit Eagle Festival, various locations; see article, p. 6; info at <https://concrete-wa.com/skagit-eagle-festival>
- 10-12 Skagit Eagle Festival events at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount; see article, p. 26
- 11-12 Skagit Eagle Festival, various locations; see article, p. 6; info at <https://concrete-wa.com/skagit-eagle-festival>
- 11 Gathering to remember Lou Hillman, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad St., Concrete, 1 to 4 p.m.
- 16 Community Dinner, Concrete High School cafeteria, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; free admission (donations accepted)
- 18 Book Sale to benefit Upper Skagit Library, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad St., Concrete, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- 18 Grub and Groove, Marblemount Community Hall, 6 to 10 p.m.
- 18-19 Skagit Eagle Festival, various locations; see article, p. 6; info at <https://concrete-wa.com/skagit-eagle-festival>
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 Free Day at Washington State Parks, see article, p. 23
- 22 Meet and Greet hosted by Darrington Strong, Darrington Library, Darrington, 7 p.m.
- 25-26 Skagit Eagle Festival, various locations; see article, p. 6; info at <https://concrete-wa.com/skagit-eagle-festival>

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

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**Cascade Days** planning meetings are held the third Mon. of every month, at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are not mandatory for volunteers. Info at [pr@cascadedays.com](mailto:pr@cascadedays.com).

**Christian Motorcyclists Assn Morning Star Chapter 39** meets the third Sat. 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 Friday 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 Chamber of Commerce** meets the second Thur. of each month at 11:30 a.m. Meetings are held at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere Village. 360.466.8754 or [concretechamber@mac.com](mailto:concretechamber@mac.com).

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

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

**Concrete Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 6 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](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. 27 at 6 p.m., in the admin. bldg., room 111. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m., in the same location. 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 Thur. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](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** meets the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2323.

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

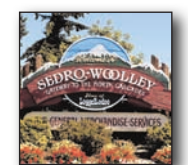
**Sedro-Woolley School District Board:** Meets for a regular meeting on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., at the Support Svcs Bldg., 317 Yellow Ln., Sedro-Woolley. A second regular meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., at the same location. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us).

**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@upperskagitlibrary.org](mailto:info@upperskagitlibrary.org).

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# Sedro-Woolley



## Walnut Tree to re-open after flooding forced closure

The Walnut Tree Thrift Shop in Sedro-Woolley will hold a grand re-opening Jan. 2-3 after a three-month closure because of extensive damage from a plumbing leak that occurred during the evening of Sept. 23. The damage was so severe, Soroptimist International members were compelled to secure a structural evaluation.

The building has been repaired and the shop has been restocked by Soroptimist volunteers.

"We will be so happy to be open again and have our customers come back to see us," said Marilyn Dite, shop manager.

As of Jan. 2, donations of usable clothes, housewares, books, toys, and office supplies will again be accepted at the site.

Shop hours remain the same: Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri. from noon to 5 p.m.

The Walnut Tree is located at 713 Puget Street and is operated by Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley. Proceeds from the shop are used for community projects, including scholarships, food bank support, and women's health.

Watch the shop's Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/SISedroWoolley>.

—Judy Johnson



Suzann Henggeler and Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley President Andrea Brown reinstall shelving at The Walnut Tree in December following building repairs because of a catastrophic water leak in September. Photo by Judy Johnson.

## Wagoner sponsors legislation to streamline prison medical procedures

Sen. Keith Wagoner has introduced a bill to ensure prison inmates get the medical care they need while incarcerated at Washington state correctional facilities.

Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, prefiled Senate Bill 6063, which would require minimum qualifications for a prisoner medical director, set criteria for

transferring a patient to a health care facility for medical assistance, and standardize policies and procedures for offsite medical use and general medical practices.

Wagoner represents the 39th Legislative District, which is home to the Monroe prison where this legislation might have helped Kenneth Williams, who died after not receiving treatment for cancer while serving time at the correctional facility. Nursing staff found a lump on Williams' chest. After seeing an oncologist, Williams was told to start aggressive chemotherapy. No treatment was given and Williams passed away in June.

"These requirements will ensure that patients get the care they need and that the professionals overseeing their medical treatment meet the medical standards needed to treat these patients," said Wagoner. "This will cut down on costs and streamline treatment plans so inmates like Kenneth Williams aren't dying in our prisons. We need to do more for the health and safety of our prison inmates and staff. This session I will be working with other members of the Senate Republican Caucus on several additional bills to address Department of Corrections deficiencies and management errors."



Sienna Stuart, age 4, was thrilled to light the tree in downtown Sedro-Woolley this year while her mother, Rochelle Holmgren, looks on. Photo by Pola Kelley.



Village Concepts Country Meadow Village donated \$2,300 to Helping Hands Food Bank and Solution Center in December. The funds were raised from the community's Summer BBQ, a Holiday Bazaar and Buffet, and proceeds from Kathy's Closet, a consignment shop set up by Country Meadow Village team member Kathy Richter. From left: David Bricka, Village Concepts program director; Miranda Wilson, Helping Hands Food Bank and Solution Center exec. asst.; Nate Vandenburg, Food Bank volunteer and Village Concepts team member; and Sandra Jensen, Village Concepts executive director. Submitted photo.



Trinky Busiu owner Milo Whited paused for a photo with Sedro-Woolley Mayor Julia Johnson during the grand opening event for the new art gallery at 709 Eastern in Sedro-Woolley. Photo by Pola Kelley.

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# Lyman



## Charity Kids Club announces dates

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity will host its KIDS Club this month at 8334 W. 3rd St. (behind the fire dept.) in Lyman on Sun., Jan. 5 and 19, from 3 to 4 p.m.

KIDS Club is free for kids ages 3 and up. Meetings will consist of crafts and a

snack. The kids become involved in Give Back projects, because the charity aims to nurture a child's natural desire to help others.

The charity is accepting donations of craft items, fabric, and snacks. Contact hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com with questions or to donate.

For more information, contact Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

—Tammie Werner

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The new year is here, and there is no better time than now to make a few realistic and attainable goals for the coming year.

The most popular goals are related to health and money habits. Unfortunately, only about 10 percent of people stick to their resolution, and there are a few reasons why. Most of the time, the goals are unrealistic and not planned out.

How can you reach your goal?

1. Be specific. A good goal tells you what you want to achieve and how you are going to get there. It leaves

little wiggle room and keeps you accountable, which is key.

2. Make it attainable. It is OK to set lofty goals, but it may make you feel discouraged if it is too challenging. Set short-term milestones that you think you can reach throughout the year. There are numerous apps that can help you keep track of your goal as well.
3. Make it measurable. Goals are easier to pursue when you have a way to measure them. This also makes it less difficult to see if you have attained your short-term goals throughout the

year. Set "check-in" dates throughout the year to track your progress.

4. Talk about it. Many feel that discussing goals with a family member or friend helps them stay on track. Find someone who can help keep you accountable or can ask about your goal periodically to help keep your goal alive.
5. Reward yourself. Celebrate each milestone you achieve on the way to your ultimate goal with a reward system. If you haven't reached your short-term goals, that's OK, too. Don't get discouraged. It may mean

that you need to adjust your goals accordingly.

If your resolution is health-related (e.g., losing weight, exercising, quitting smoking, cutting back on alcohol, or eating healthfully), you may find that discussing this with your healthcare provider would be useful.

Work with your healthcare provider to help set realistic and attainable goals on your way to a healthier 2020!

—PeaceHealth Medical Group  
Sedro-Woolley

## Hamilton Council, cont. from p. 22

Comprehensive Plan and the UGA expansion, Hamilton agreed with Skagit County that this property would be best at the business commercial density. The state requires that when you're looking at a land use change, that a SEPA study and feasibility study are performed; this has been done twice at the business commercial zoning. They also developed a detailed environmental impact statement, which is available on the Skagit County Web site. The town drafted the staff reports and ordinances as findings of fact. The official zoning map will need to be changed in the future to show the change in the zoning for that property. The SEPA that was released to the public 28 days ago required that Forterra complete additional studies like drainage studies, cultural resources studies, and critical areas studies to make sure that the development they have chosen fits that property. Lucas stated that what is before council tonight is the zoning and the development agreement; Forterra will continue with more meetings to show conceptual designs for about another year.

The Hamilton Subarea Plan also shows that this property was intended to be used to move people out of the floodway into a business commercial zoned area. Forterra will work with civic designers to finish a conceptual design, and the final design would

be four phases of development, with the first phase of development being along Walders Rd. Councilmember Perkins asked that we clarify the development agreement. Mayor Cromley replied that this is a public hearing for the SEPA/DNS. She clarified that the agreement will be in place for 20 years at the density and zoning as approved by council, so that subsequent councils cannot change the zoning to halt this project. She offered the copy of the development agreement to any audience members. Seeing no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

- Mayor Cromley called the regular meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. There was no public comment.
- Amy Lucas discussed the staff report she prepared regarding the change to zoning map in ordinance 345. Council approved Ordinance 345.
- Council approved Ordinance 346, updating the Comprehensive Plan with 60-day state review (which has already been submitted to the Dept. of Commerce). While approved, the ordinance cannot be officially adopted until the 60-day review period from the state is complete.
- Council postponed a decision regarding Resolution 12-2019, adopting the Development Agreement with Forterra, to its December meeting to give council a chance to read the large document.
- Council approved Resolution 09-

2019, a 1 percent increase to its Property Tax Levy, which was part of the public hearing on Oct. 8.

- Discussion ensued about Resolution 10-2019, authorization to move general checking to SaviBank and the mileage savings and the increase in interest revenue from moving general checking to a bank that is more convenient for the clerk treasurer, but also will yield more interest for checking for the town. It was decided to leave the investment CDs and savings accounts at Banner Bank and only move the general checking account to SaviBank. Council asked Clerk Easterday to bring more information about the CDs to council in March 2020 when they are up for renewal, to see if SaviBank will give the town a better investment rate. Council approved Resolution 10-2019.
- Council approved Resolution 11-2019, adopting a yearly Finance Committee. Mayor Cromley appointed Councilperson Geoff Perkins as the council representative on the Finance Committee.
- The Forterra Development Agreement was postponed to next month's council meeting.
- Clerk Easterday gave an update on the past contributions to Tom Selin's Dept. of Retirement account. Selin will retire officially on Dec. 31, 2019.
- Clerk Beth Easterday asked for all employees and councilmembers to sign and return the acknowledgement

of receipt of the Employee Handbook.

- **Water update:** Water loss reported a 7 percent unaccounted-for water loss.
- **Streets update:** Public Works has built the slab for the picnic table and SFEG will be planting at the Lipsey property on Nov. 23.
- **Fire update:** The fire dept. provided pictures from the 911 parade at Big Lake, framed. They will be on display at Town Hall. The fire dept. will have the annual Christmas Party on Dec. 22 at 1 p.m.
- **Items of interest:** Nov. 26 workshop topic was suggested to go over Janet Koopsen FEMA issues.
- Travis Patrick, elected to council position 2, will attend the AWC Elected Official Workshop in Arlington on Dec. 7.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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# December in pictures



Mr. and Mrs. Claus were on hand at the Marblemount Community Hall for the annual Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 1. Photo by Syvella Kalil.



New to the Upper Skagit Valley, the Kasey and Chris Lee family of NINE descended on the Concrete Theatre on Dec. 7, joining Santa and his elf with much good cheer. This was the family's first attendance at a Concrete event. Photo by Val Stafford.



Community members of all stripes gathered Dec. 9 for a "Legislative Send Off" event at the La Quinta Inn in Burlington. Billed as an opportunity to meet local legislators, the send off recognized representatives from the 10th, 39th, and 40th districts. Submitted photo.



The Concrete Lions 4th grade Swish team paused for a photo after taking the 4th place trophy at the year-end Swish tournament in Mount Vernon on Dec. 14. Back row, from left: Coaches Dianne Aamot, Jordon DeZarn, Tasha Nick. Middle row, from left: Gianna Aamot, Devyn DeZarn, Loretta Selin, Jocelyn Lindborg, Avery Collins, Shae Johnson, Lily Dinkins. Front row (with basketballs), from left: Kylie Selin, Stellah Nick. "The girls worked hard, beating downriver teams throughout the season," said Coach Aamot. The team will participate next in the Tulip Tournament in March. Submitted photo.





# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Nov. 12. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

### Nov. 12 regular meeting

- The public hearing for preliminary budget was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Joan Cromley. This meeting is about the expenditures; last month's public meeting was about the proposed revenues. Keeping on an even keel with what the budget has done in the past; the water, street, and capital facilities expenditures stay the same. The General Fund is not balanced yet, we are still short \$26,000. The Town initiated the financial policy last year that the town would keep an ending balance equal to one year's worth of funds.

Hearing no public comment on the budget; Mayor asked councilmembers if they had any discussion on the expenditures in the budget. Councilmember Morrison asked that we carry the budget forward for further discussion to the council workshop on November 26, 2019. Mayor Cromley closed the public hearing on the preliminary budget at 7:04.

- Mayor Cromley called the public hearing for the Forterra SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance to order at 7:04 p.m. She asked Amy Lucas, consulting planner from Forterra, to explain the SEPA/DNS. Lucas discussed the staff reports that support the changes to the zoning and the land use designation for the property. The Skagit County zoning code explains the Urban Growth

Area (UGA) and the uses allowed for properties in the UGA.

Lucas directed attendees to exhibit A of the staff report of Ordinance 346, an update of the Comprehensive Plan, and adopting map amendments to the future land use map, showing the 42-acre property. The report shows that Forterra wants to change the zoning for the property from Hamilton residential to Business Commercial. Lucas explained the UGA and Comprehensive Plan from recommendations from Skagit County in 2007, and how the town was supposed to treat property that is annexed into the town.

Mayor Cromley asked for any public comments on the zoning changes in Ordinance 345 and the SEPA/DNS. Discussion ensued, with public comment from Joan Fowler, 611 Shiloh Lane, who asked about permitting for the project. Mayor Cromley explained that the town has a contract with Tony Niskanen from the City of Sedro-Woolley to do its permitting. Town of Hamilton also can hire an outside planner for permitting on this project, but the fees for this would be absorbed in the permit fees.

Public comment came also from Jane Zilling, resident since 1990, who is excited for the town and this project. She commented that any work done in this town can impact more flooding and she thinks its good idea to move people out of the floodway.

Richard Brocksmith from Skagit Watershed Council, resident and councilmember for Mount Vernon, commented that he has built relationships with Hamilton to help provide options for folks who live in the floodway. He commented from his councilmember perspective, saying that the project provides opportunity and investment for the town, and will help with its tax base and to raise future funds. The goal of attainable housing is difficult in all of Western Washington, but with Janicki growing and needing housing for employees, the project will provide a lot of

opportunity for the town. He voiced his support for the project.

Janet Koopsen, 514 Elm St., commented that she doesn't feel this project will give the current residents an opportunity to move from floodway because of the cost of relocation. Carla Vandiver, 650 Hamilton, asked if we keep extra council packets at Town Hall for the public and that the Town will need a Web site in the future. Mayor Cromley stated that she will have Town Clerk Easterday print out a few extra packets each meeting.

Councilmember Kirkpatrick asked how many apartment buildings are going to be built. Toby said that the town cannot build unless it makes a certain number of the houses affordable. Toby clarified for Councilmember Kirkpatrick that no one has stated that there will be apartments or stores. He clarified the Business Commercial zoning is part of Hamilton's Comprehensive Plan from 2007. Discussion ensued about how to make comments when permitting for building. Lucas stated that Hamilton's Business Commercial zoning allows higher density housing in the 35 percent target for affordable housing. Councilmember Perkins commented that 35 percent of the housing units on the Forterra property need to be at 80 percent of area median income or below as defined by HUD.

Vandiver questioned the change from residential zoning to business commercial. Rebecca Bouchey of Forterra explained that the zoning code at the county called "Hamilton Residential" currently allows one house per 40 acres, so that is why they changed the zoning for this property to business commercial.

Councilmember Perkins asked for a breakdown for the public on how the process will proceed. Lucas said that the property was already annexed into the town, so it is now under the town's jurisdiction and not the county's. Under the 2007

See **Hamilton Council**, p. 19

## State parks seek volunteers for 2020

The Washington State Parks Volunteer Program has opportunities in 2020 for people who want to give back to state parks. The program is looking for volunteers to provide their time and talent in a variety of ways.

"Washington State Parks is always looking for people of all ages who love their parks, enjoy the outdoors, and want to give back," said program manager Cindy Jorgensen.

Volunteer opportunities come in many forms, depending on a person's skill level, time commitment, and interest. Some examples include:

- Camp hosting
- Maintaining trails, campgrounds, and park landscaping
- Assisting with interpretive programs
- Restoring habitat
- Doing minor repairs
- Performing office duties
- Organizing and assisting with events

State Parks is looking for individual volunteers and groups such as schools, service organizations, and corporations.

### Give and get back

Volunteers report they get a lot from

their experience, including meeting new people, learning new skills, and enjoying being in the outdoors.

Hours spent volunteering on qualifying projects can earn volunteers a complimentary Discover Pass.

State Park camp hosts and marine hosts must provide their own RV or boat. Camp and marine hosts receive free camping or moorage with hookups in exchange for performing hosting duties. A list of camp host openings is available online.

### Getting started as a volunteer

Volunteers come to state parks in many ways. Some contact a park directly with ideas for projects they'd like to work on. Others join a state park friends group and find out about projects as a member. Many schools have service projects, and often students volunteer in parks to complete their volunteer community-service hours for graduation. Volunteer projects are often posted on the State Parks event calendar.

Staff from the Volunteer Program will be at the Seattle RV Show Feb. 6-9, at Century Link Field Event Center. Those interested in volunteer opportunities can learn more at these events.

For more information about volunteering at Washington state parks, go to <https://parks.state.wa.us/262/Volunteer-Program> or contact the Volunteer Program Office at 360.902.8583 or [parks.volunteer@parks.wa.gov](mailto:parks.volunteer@parks.wa.gov).

— Washington State Parks

## Skagit Transit fixed-route service fare changes

Skagit Transit has announced a fare increase for fixed-route service effective Jan. 2.

The current standard adult fare is \$1 one way for routes within Skagit County; this fare will not increase.

- Skagit Transit will no longer provide free transfers, however, and encourages frequent riders to purchase a day or monthly pass.
- Day passes are good for unlimited

rides on fixed routes within Skagit County, and will be \$3.

- Monthly passes provide unlimited rides within Skagit County also on fixed route, and will be \$30.
- County-connector routes fares will not increase.
- Transit riders will see added features on the fixed-route coaches phased in during year 2020.

Skagit transit has been experiencing increasing operating costs in recent years. This is the first fare increase in more than 10 years of transit service.

For more information about the new fares and other Skagit Transit rider questions, call 360.757.8801.

— Submitted by Skagit Transit

## State Parks offers two free days in January

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will offer two free days in January, when visitors to state parks will not need a Discover Pass for day-use visits.

In the *Concrete Herald* coverage area, the announcement affects Rasar and Rockport state parks.

The first free day is Wed., Jan. 1, which gives visitors the opportunity to take part in a First Day Hike, a nationwide initiative that aims to get people outdoors on New Year's Day. This year, more than 40 hikes are planned at dozens of state parks all

over Washington.

The second free day is Mon., Jan. 20, in honor of the holiday celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

State Parks free days are in keeping with the legislation that created the Discover Pass—a \$30 annual or \$10 one-day permit required on lands managed by Washington State Parks and the Washington departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Discover Pass is still required to access lands managed by WDFW and DNR on the state park free days.

The free days do not apply to Sno-Parks. During the winter season—December through March—visitors to Sno-Parks will need Sno-Park permits.

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# Darrington



## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

Dec. 12

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes detectives continue to seek the public's help in locating Antonio Neill, who has been missing since Dec. 12, 2016. He was 22 years old at the time of his disappearance.



Neill

In February 2019, the Snohomish County Medical Examiner positively identified a human foot that washed ashore on Jetty Island in Everett as belonging to Antonio Neill.

Neill was last seen on Dec. 12, 2016, at a residence in the 2400 block of Cedar St. in Everett. Throughout the investigation, detectives learned that Neill was involved in a physical altercation the night of his disappearance.

At the time, Neill was homeless and had a history of depression. His vehicle, a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta, was found in Lynnwood shortly after he went missing.

Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit detectives continue to investigate, and ask that anyone with information regarding Neill call 911 or the Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tipline 425.388.3845.

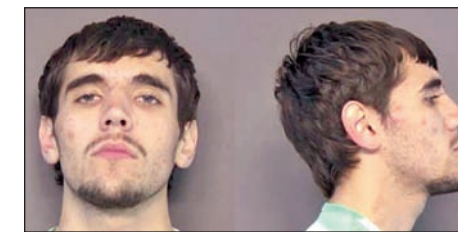
Dec. 18

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Snohomish County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting in the 5800 block of South Machias Rd. in Snohomish. A 27-year-old Monroe man was transported by aid to Providence Regional Medical Center with a gunshot wound to his arm. During the investigation, deputies learned the victim and the suspect communicated via Snapchat to coordinate a drug deal. The 27-year-old victim was sitting inside his vehicle in the trailhead parking lot when he was shot through the driver side window. The suspect then fled the scene.

Two shotgun shell casings were recovered in the parking lot. This is an active investigation.

Dec. 26

Major Crimes detectives are seeking the public's help locating 19-year-old Jayden



Page in connection with a shooting tonight near the 13000 block of 39th Ave. SE in Everett.

Detectives have probable cause to arrest Page for first-degree assault, first-degree robbery, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Page was seen fleeing the scene in a gray Toyota Matrix with license plate number BRB6132. Page is from Tacoma and is known to frequent Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and south Snohomish County. He is 5'11" and weighs 160 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes.

Page should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information about Page's whereabouts is asked to call 911 or the Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tip Line 425.388.3845.

—Submitted by SCSO

## Fortson Mill memories

*Editor's note: Darrington Strong will host a Meet and Greet on Wed., Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Darrington Library. Friends of Fortson, Friends for Public Use, and Friends of North Mountain are among the subjects to be discussed. The public is welcome.*

The Linda McPherson community room at the Darrington Library was filled to capacity last month as local folks came to hear Reed Miller, longtime local Darrington resident, speak on what life was like living at the Fortson Mill when it still was in operation.

The mill at the Fortson site was established in 1905 as the McCaughey Mill Co. By 1910 the company town around the mill had a population of 130. In 1923 the mill and surrounding company town was renamed Fortson.

The company town had phone service, a company store, bunkhouses, a post office, and homes. Fortson flourished through the 1920s, growing to a population of more than 300. In 1959 the mill was sold and the operations moved to Three Rivers Mill in Darrington. Most of the buildings and equipment were moved or salvaged.

The group watched a slide show of pictures of the mill, inside and out. Many of the attendees had first or secondhand recollections of how the mill operated. Every slide had a story of how the mill looked, the machinery used, and how the surrounding area was used. Miller recalled days of playing basketball with a hoop hung from a beam inside the mill. The

children of the mill workers were allowed to play all around the area, including inside where machinery cut, debarked, and cut the lumber.

Miller recalled the names of several families living in the houses provided for the workers, including Lee and Orla Baker, Eddie Woods, Vern Hilton, and several others. Most had children. Bunk houses also were provided by the mill and included a community meeting room, pool tables, and a dining room. The mill also had a small grocery store, where Miller would sit and enjoy an occasional candy bar and pop, which were added to the monthly grocery tab and taken out of his father's paycheck. Reed's father worked several jobs at the mill, including the boiler room and sawdust removal.

The county and community members are discussing plans to develop the Fortson Mill for recreational and educational opportunities.

Martha Rasmussen, president of Darrington Strong, said the presentation is the first of three about life in the area as told by longtime residents and sponsored by Darrington Strong and the Darrington Library. The next speakers will be Frankie Nations Bryson and Frank Bryson.

—Marla Skaglund



Miller

## Council summary

*Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on Oct. 9, 2019. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.*

### Oct. 9 regular meeting

- Bruce Straughn, acting environmental health director for Snohomish Health District, presented to council what the district has accomplished through the year and what has affected the community through its programs. Discussion ensued. Council voted to renew the per-capita contribution from the town to the Snohomish Health District.
- Three-wheeled ATV signs have been ordered. Town staff will install.
- Mayor Dan Rankin went to an open house in Okanogan to speak against the release of grizzly bears. He could not finish reading aloud the letter he had written in the 2 minutes allotted to each guest, but the letter was submitted in its entirety.
- Puget Sound Clean Air: Three new monitors are in town: Old School Park, Town Hall on back of building, and on a small tower at the airport (this one will also be a weather station). Data from all four will be averaged for future burn bans.
- Request from Snohomish Board of Health: Does the Town of Darrington want to be a part of and contribute to the Narcan Distribution Program? The program was grant funded up until this point. The fire dept. and the Snohomish County Sheriff both have Narcan.

Councilmember Gary Willis wanted to know where the Narcan cans would be located. Because the town would be funding the Narcan and they are in the Sheriff's vehicles, if they are

used outside of the Darrington School District, who would replenish the supply?

Councilmember Kerry Frable wanted to know if there is any data for the usage in our school district, but the data is countywide.

Willis wanted more information before a decision was made. Council postponed a decision on the request until more information is obtained.

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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# Marblemount



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## Marblemount Community Hall to host Eagle Festival events

December held two events at the community hall. The first was the Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 1. The fun, the food, and the excitement of Santa rivaled all others. If you missed this bazaar, there is always next year, as this event is held annually. The second event was Holiday Hearts Arts and Crafts on Dec. 7. The fun of the community to come together to create their own arts and crafts was outstanding. The items that you could make were wreaths, holiday cards, and ornaments. The response was so overwhelming that Sasa will make this an annual event.

### Hall to host Eagle Festival events

Marblemount Community Hall will again host Skagit Eagle Festival events. On Fri., Jan. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m., the hall will host an exciting presentation of music and storytelling. Saturday and Sun., Jan. 11–12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will kick off with fried bread tacos and other items to round out the menu. The festival will have many entertainers performing, including JP Falcon Grady, Lisa Temcov, Andy Bad Dog Koch, Cindy Sioux, and Dave Donahue. Falcon will be the MC, as well as a guitar player and storyteller. The vendors will give you a glimpse into the life and art of our national symbol, the bald eagle. Souvenirs, books, and educational items will be on hand, featuring handmade original items from local artists.

You can view the eagles in many areas; however, remember to put safety first. Dress warmly and wear appropriate footwear.

Donovan Smith will be on hand for rafting trips on the river to view the eagles. The area in Marblemount that is a great vantage point is only 1.5 miles from the hall, at the fish hatchery.

Bring your camera and binoculars for the Skagit Eagle Festival in Marblemount. Help us keep the eagles safe and the eagle festival flying. Donations are welcome.

### The club

Marblemount Community Club holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at the community hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Book a party or a fundraiser, wedding or show; the hall is open as well as our calendar.

Our 2020 calendar lineup so far:

- Jan. 10: Skagit Eagle Festival events from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Jan. 11–12: Skagit Eagle Festival events from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Jan. 18: Grub and Groove from 6 to 10 p.m.
- Feb. 15: Grub and Groove from 6 to 10 p.m.
- March 25: Grub and Groove from 6 to 10 p.m.

—Syvella Kalil



The Buller girls dig into the fun during the Holiday Bazaar at Marblemount Community Hall on Dec. 1. Photo by Syvella Kalil.



A gingerbread house entry is front and center during the Holiday Bazaar at Marblemount Community Hall on Dec. 1. Photo by Syvella Kalil.

## The good news is ...

By Sasa, Starwalker, and Two Hats

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you will look back and realize they were the big things.”

Robert Brault  
Happiness Jars

Find a large glass jar with a lid and decorate it with love. (Thrift stores have many beautiful jars.) At the end of each day, remember something that made you happy and grateful. Whether it happened that day or not is just fine. You can put things in the jar that have meaning to you as well, such as ticket stubs or lucky tokens. Write it down on a piece of paper. If you don't have paper, save the message to your phone and write it down later.

Try to make deposits into the happiness jar daily. Life gets busy, so no worries if you miss a day or two; you can always think of two things the following day if you like. If you have trouble remembering, put it on your calendar or phone reminder. Remember to keep the jar in a safe place.

Next New Year's Eve, open the jar and reflect on all the beauty the past year brought you. Then start filling it up again. You can also read the messages on tough days when it seems the world is closing in around you.

“It will also remind you that happiness is found in moments along the journey and is not a single destination with any defined point or actions.”

mommypotamus.com

Coming Jan. 10 at Marblemount Community Hall: JP Falcon Grady and Sasa's Chaha'o Puppet Theater at 6:30 p.m. Check the Eagle Festival poster on p. 38 for more information.

Contact Sasa at [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com). Experiences may be shared at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com>.

## SR 20 closed to vehicles between Diablo and Mazama until 2020

Crews will work to reopen the highway to bicycles, vehicles next spring

A snowy forecast closed SR 20 for the season at 6 a.m. on Dec. 11, the latest road closure date in more than a decade.

WSDOT crews close this stretch of SR 20 every year once snow fills the avalanche chutes that line the highway, posing a risk to travelers and road crews.

### Road closure points

The closure points are at milepost 134/ Ross Dam Trailhead and at milepost 171/Silver Star Gate. When significant snow begins to fall, WSDOT crews will move the western closure point back to milepost 130/Colonial Creek Campground and the eastern closure point to milepost

177/Early Winters Campground. These weather-dependent changes usually happen in January. Signs along SR 20 are posted in advance of the closure point and updates on the WSDOT Web site ([www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/highways-bridges/passes/north-cascades-highway/home](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/highways-bridges/passes/north-cascades-highway/home)) will reflect where the road is closed.

### Winter recreation on SR 20

Hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, and other recreationalists can access the closed portion of highway during the winter season. Users should park in designated parking areas to allow plow drivers the space they need to clear snow around

the closed stretch's access gates. Anyone using this area should check forecasts ([www.nwac.us](http://www.nwac.us)) and be aware of quickly changing conditions in the mountains. Travelers also can check conditions with North Cascades National Park ([www.nps.gov/noca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/noca/index.htm)).

### Spring reopening

In late winter/spring 2020, WSDOT avalanche and maintenance crews will assess conditions and begin clearing work to reopen this cross-state route through the Cascade Mountains.

—Submitted by WSDOT

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## Volunteers needed for Fire Dist. 19, Marblemount Fire Dept.

Stop by the Fire Hall for an application on meeting nights—the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m.—or call Battalion Chief Bob Hopfield at 360.420.7887 for more info. This position is subject to a background check.

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# Seniors

## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

### Nestle Fudge



- 1½ cups sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- ¼ teaspoon salt

1. Combine above ingredients in pan and bring to a rolling boil for about 4 or 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1½ cups chocolate chips
- ½ cup nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Add to above ingredients and beat vigorously 1 minute or until everything is melted.
2. Pour into an 8" x 8" foil-lined pan and allow to set.

Enjoy!

## Way Back When

### 90 years ago

Jan. 30, 1930: Application has been made to the state supervisor of hydraulics for a permit to divert the waters of the Sauk River for power purposes. The plan is for development of a \$3 million hydroelectric project on the Sauk River, to be located about five miles up the river from the old town of Sauk. The preliminary plans were announced by Lars Langloe, president of the Pacific Development Co. of Olympia, and R. K. Tiffany, consulting engineer and former supervisor of hydraulics.

### 60 years ago

Jan. 19, 1950: Loyd Holubar of Rockport lost his right hand today in another accident that can be charged to the bad weather. He and some other men at Rockport were working around a donkey engine, rigging it up to furnish power for cutting shakes. Holubar was walking near the machine when he

slipped and fell, and in falling his hand went into the bull gears of the donkey. The hand was mashed so badly that amputation was necessary at the wrist. Amputation

was done at the Memorial Hospital in Sedro-Woolley after a grueling trip from Rockport and a blowout on the ambulance at Lyman.

—Compiled from archives



**10 years ago, Dec. 10, 2009:** Imagine Concrete task force members Jim Hillman and Nicolette Thornton took preliminary measurements of the northwest corner of Silo Park, a site the Town of Concrete is eyeing for a possible community garden. On April 18, 2009, the first "Imagine Concrete" community visioning workshop was held as a first step toward developing a community revitalization strategy. The future direction of the town and local area were discussed by members of the community, and the Silo Park playground, the Superior Building, and community garden were identified as the most popular starting points. *Archive photo.*

## East County

### Jan. 2020 activities

Concrete Community Center  
Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch served at noon

Fresh Start kitchen internships available

Donations always appreciated

### Abbreviations:

East County Resource Center: RC

Concrete Community Center: CC

### Monday

All 9 a.m. Edge Analytical water sample pickup: @ silos  
All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC  
1/20 5:30 p.m. Cascade Days Committee: CC

### Tuesday

All 10 a.m. UnitedHealthcare: RC  
1/14 1 p.m. American Legion Post 132: RC

### Wednesday

All 9 a.m. VA Service Officer: RC  
All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC (retail job training volunteer needed)  
1/29 10 a.m. DVSAS: RC

### Thursday

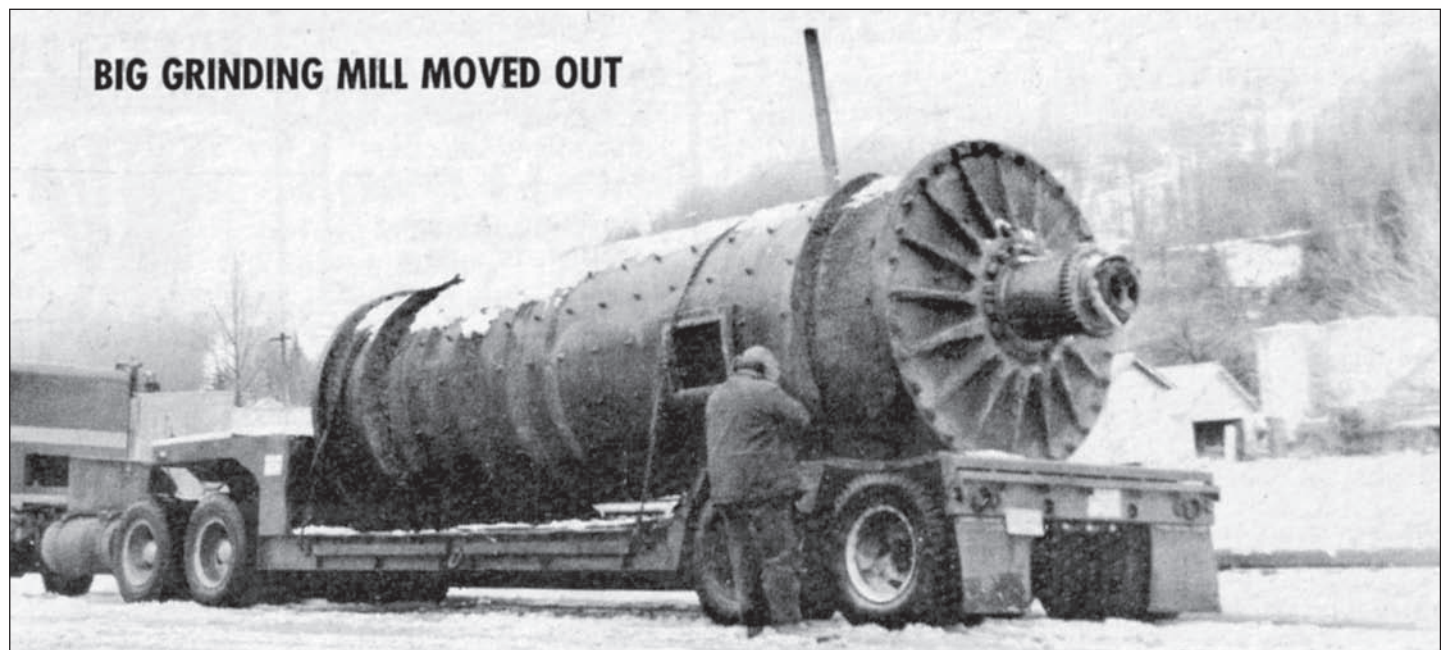
1/2 12:30 p.m. Pinochle: CC  
1/9 10 a.m. WIC: RC  
1/16 Noon DVSAS: RC  
1/16 12:30 p.m. Pinochle: CC  
1/23 10 a.m. WIC: RC  
1/23 11 a.m. Point In Time Homeless Count: RC  
1/30 12:30 p.m. Pinochle: CC

### Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC  
All Noon Painting Class: RC  
1/3 9 a.m. Probation Svcs: RC  
1/10 1:30 p.m. Legal Clinics: RC  
1/24 1:30 p.m. Legal Clinics: RC

### Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting: RC  
1/11 1 p.m. Lou Hillman Remembrance: CC  
1/18 9 a.m. Friends of Upper Skagit Library Book Sale: RC



**40 years ago, Jan. 14, 1970:** Two photos of grinding mills were published in this week's *Concrete Herald*. The photo above shows "one of the largest single pieces of machinery to be moved from the Lone Star Cement Corp. plant" since dismantling of the mill began in 1969. It was on a lowboy truck and headed for Portland to go back into operation. The second photo (top) showed multiple grinding mills being installed at the cement plant in 1906. Most such machinery was erected on concrete foundations before the buildings were put up around them. In 1970, work of removing all equipment from the mill was moving more slowly than had been anticipated, but a small crew had worked steadily throughout the previous year. Some equipment was taken early by individual buyers; some was still to be removed. The balance was salvaged for junk or resale. *Archive photos.*



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# Sunday School lesson

## Stop wishing/start doing

By Rob Thomas

"The days are long, but the years are lightning / They're bright and they will never strike again."

So begins the third verse of Grammy-nominated Tanya Tucker's song, "Bring My Flowers Now." Consider the next two words: "I wish." I can only begin to wonder how many times we have reflected upon words said (or not said) or things done (or not done), and "wished" we had a do-over—a second chance.

Recently I visited with a 68-year-old man who knew he was dying. Within minutes of sitting down with him, our conversation turned serious. (Who has time for the superficial with only days or hours to live?) We talked about life and death, regrets and relationships, flaws and faith, heaven and hell. We talked about things that truly matter. As I drove home after our visit, I realized the man had a distinct advantage over most of us. As I said, he knew death was fast approaching (he passed away fewer than 24 hours later). He therefore focused on what truly mattered. That is, making each hour and day count.

As the new year begins, it will take me and most of you a while to get used to writing the year "2020." (Wasn't it just a few years ago that we transitioned from

writing 1999 to 2000? Weren't we just talking about the possible ramifications of Y2K?) A new decade is beginning and I'm looking at the 4th quarter of my life beginning as well (I turn 60 later this year). So what will make 2020 different from 2019 or any other previous year?

The Apostle Paul writes in the New Testament book Colossians, "Walk in wisdom ... redeeming the time" (Col. 4:5). Literally, we are being encouraged to "Buy up the/our opportunities." In other words, "Stop wishing and start doing." You and you alone will decide (hourly/daily/weekly) if this year and decade are any different than past years and decades. You and you alone will either maximize the opportunities that are before you or simply find yourself in the same condition (physically, mentally, relationally, spiritually) this time next year.

Why did I say that the dying man had a "distinct advantage"? Because most of us are oblivious to the obvious. Our days are limited (Psalm 90:10, 12). What we do with them not only impacts us now, but for all of eternity. Why not start today a year, a life, in which you "stop wishing and start doing"?

Rob Thomas is pastor for Community Bible Church in Concrete.

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# Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

Nov. 29

Deputy Mullen responded to an aid call on N. Superior in Concrete. When he arrived, he discovered that a resident had accidentally overdosed by taking narcotic pain medication in addition to drinking alcohol. The patient was given Narcan by the aid crew and quickly recovered.

The Concrete Community Center reported a disorderly person near the Community Center on Railroad St. in Concrete. Deputy Moore arrived and contacted a male who was dancing and singing while listening to music on his headphones. The male, who identified himself with a United Kingdom Identification card, said he was looking for a place to camp for the night. Deputy Moore told the subject that it had been reported that he had a hammer with him. The male admitted he had a hammer and

## 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.

**Evans, Nathan David**

Age: 33  
Race: White  
Sex: M  
Height: 6' 5"  
Weight: 230  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Blue  
Address: 317xx Pipeline Lane, Sedro-Woolley



Evans was convicted of 2nd degree assault with sexual motivation in December 2004, in Skagit County.

Evans 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

was trying to break open rocks looking for geodes. A warrant check showed that the subject had warrants for assault and interfering with a medical facility. He was arrested and taken to jail.

The Cedar Grove homeowners association (HOA) reported a parked car at the community park in Cedar Grove. The HOA requested that the Sheriff's Office remove the subject who was parked there. After determining that there was no crime, the HOA was advised that the Sheriff's Office had no authority to remove the subject.

Two gunshots and a vehicle heard peeling out of the area led Deputy Wiggins to the area of Cedar Park and Cedar St. in Concrete. Deputy Wiggins checked the area, but was unable to locate where the noise had come from, and he could not find any issues in the area. There were no other reports.

Deputy Moore responded to Sauk Mountain to assist citizens who had gotten stuck in the snow and ice. As he was driving up the mountain, he contacted them coming down. They had been able to finally dig themselves out and no longer needed help.

Nov. 30

Deputies Gonzales and Wiggins investigated a call of a stolen motor vehicle from the area of Haystack Rd. near Concrete. The reporting party said that her boyfriend had taken her car without permission. While driving to the area, Deputy Wiggins located the car driving east on South Skagit Highway. He advised Deputy Gonzales, who said that the reporting party now wished not to pursue the issue. Deputy Wiggins was familiar with the suspect and knew he had warrants for his arrest. Deputy Wiggins attempted to contact the suspect when he pulled into a driveway on Haystack Rd., but the suspect took off running. When the suspect ran into some briars he couldn't get around, he stopped long enough to ask what Deputy Wiggins wanted. When Deputy Wiggins told him he had warrants for his arrest, he tried to take off running again. Deputies Wiggins and Gonzales were able to catch the suspect before he escaped, took him into custody, and transported him to jail on his warrants and for a new charge of resisting arrest.

Deputies working with Sedro-Woolley Police Dept. were able to arrest a suspect for a motor vehicle theft that occurred early in the morning near the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The victim stated that around 2 a.m., her ex-boyfriend, who had a drug habit, had

come over and beat on her door. When she didn't respond, he left. At approximately 8 a.m., she discovered that her car had been taken. The suspect was contacted later that day by Sedro-Woolley police, but denied knowing about the vehicle. A neighbor of the victim later called and told deputies that he had seen the suspect driving the car about 8 p.m. on the day it was taken, just an hour before Sedro-Woolley Police contacted the suspect at a business on State St. in Sedro-Woolley. On Dec. 1, Sedro-Woolley Police located the vehicle at Food Pavillion in Sedro-Woolley. The driver of the vehicle said he had been given a ride in the vehicle to the Home Depot by a male who matched the description of the suspect and had the same last name as the suspect. The suspect then had given the driver permission to drive the car to Food Pavillion. Deputies were able to develop probable cause to arrest the ex-boyfriend for taking a motor vehicle without permission.

It was reported that a truck, a sports utility vehicle, and a white car were parked at a house on Skagit St. in Hamilton that had been vacated the previous week. The reporting party did not know who the subjects were, but felt

that they may be trying to break into the residence.

Dec. 1

While parked on SR 20 near N. Dillard St. in Concrete, Deputy Gonzales stopped a car for speeding—50 mph in a 35 mph zone. He checked the driving status of the driver and it showed her status as suspended. He cited the driver for driving with a suspended license.

A report of a vehicle prowl near White Falls Lane in Rockport was investigated by Deputy Mullen. The victim told him that a box van parked on the property had been entered and items may be missing, but the victim wasn't sure. The victim was going to inventory the van and get back to Deputy Mullen.

Deputy Mullen took a report of a suspicious van parked at the Park & Ride in Concrete. The reporting party told him that the previous night in town, the van had driven slowly past his friend. After talking with the reporting party, it was determined that the van was not the same one that drove by his friend, and there was no issue.

A concerned citizen called to report

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 33

# 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: [mattd@citipointchurch.com](mailto:mattd@citipointchurch.com)

## Baptist

**First Baptist Church**  
12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake  
360.856.2767  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wed.: 7 p.m.  
E-mail: [pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com](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  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

## Catholic

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

## Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

## Episcopal

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

## Free Methodist

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

## Lutheran

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.3714  
[www.uprivergrace.com](http://www.uprivergrace.com)  
Sun. worship: 10 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.

## Mormon

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

## Nondenominational

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

## Community Bible Church

45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511  
E-mail: [cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net](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

## 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.

**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



# CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

"Concrete forged in fires: 1915"  
Part 4

In the past two issues we've tracked the start and onslaught of Concrete's most devastating fire. In the succeeding weeks, *Concrete Herald* attempted to add some humor to the dreadful tale. The editor understood, better than many, that our long-term survival is often based upon finding the humor to endure, even in tragedy.

Two stories he recounted are notable in that regard. During the stressful moments that Mr. Stickley was attempting to save his motion picture projector from the fire, he yelled to an assistant to help find the wrench necessary to remove it from its mounting. The astute assistant quickly located the wrench in Stickley's hand. A firefighter was also due for some ribbing after looking down the muzzle of a fire hose to see if it was blocked somehow and the cause of his water stoppage. Someone, two blocks away, turned the water back on, sluicing himself and a crowd of nearby bystanders. Not all the damages were listed in the subsequent issues of *Concrete Herald*, but the partial list included:

Baker River Power, Light & Water Company; Binzer & Robertson Barber Shop; Bjerstedt & Weir Confectionery; C. D. Stickley's Concrete Theater and residence; Concrete Billiard Hall; Concrete Club; Concrete Post Office; Concrete Drug Company; Griffin Hotel; Aldridge Building; E. L. Smith's store building; Elario Pinelli's grocery stock;

Everett Brewing Company's building; George Feazel's barber fixtures; Bryson's Grocery; Horseshoe Bar; offices of the Industrial Investment Company; J. H. Reed & Company's stock; the offices of L. E. Wolfe; the livery stable; several of Magnus Miller's buildings; Model Clothing; Mrs. Ada Legbrent's dwelling; Pioneer Bar; the Skagit River Telephone and Telegraph Company; T. H. Lucas Saloon; Teddy Bear Saloon; the Eagles Hall; the Pool Room; the Van Kirk Building; and the offices of W. J. S. Gordon.

The whistles of the Baker River Shingle Mill alerted people to the fire, and more than 1,000 came to help fight the fire, witness it, or pilfer and profit from it. Besides the low water pressure caused by so many hoses being used at once, the rampant pilfering and careless removal of furniture, fixtures, and stock contributed greatly to the financial losses. In 1915 those losses totaled more than \$50,000. To put that in perspective today, that's more than \$6 million—a figure not easily replaced.

At the January meeting of the Museum Association, we'll accept input in developing the strategic plan to guide our efforts in the coming year. If you would like to help shape that vision, please attend the meeting on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the museum or contact us at the following: John Lloyd (360.982.0423 autohistory@hotmail.com) or John Boggs (360.853.8347 jboggs@aol.com).

—John Boggs

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Here at the library we're starting 2020 in a big way, with several brand-new programs that we can't wait to share with everyone. We hope that you enjoy attending them as much as we've enjoyed planning them!

On Jan. 3 we'll begin a **1,000 Cranes Project**, where we'll provide everything needed to fold origami cranes, which will be hung from the ceiling of the library. Our goal is to have 1,000 of these adorable little guys by the end of the year. This drop-in craft will be available until we've reached our goal. They say that if you create 1,000 cranes, your wish will come true, and we've got some big wishes for this year.

On Jan. 7 at 5 p.m., we'll hold our first **Photography Club** meeting. The Skagit Valley is an amazing place for photography, so whether you shoot with a DSLR or film camera, or with your smartphone, join us and learn about what makes a good photograph, how to get the most out of your camera, and where all the best locations are. No previous experience required.

On Jan. 15 at 3:30 p.m., LEGO builders will unite for the first **LEGO Club** meeting (all materials provided), and on

Jan. 21 at 5 p.m., we will learn to make our own stickers during **Sticker Club** (all materials provided).

We'll also be up in Marblemount on Jan. 11 to celebrate the **Eagle Festival**.

**Storytime** has moved to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 11 a.m., **Sign Language Club** is now every Friday at 4 p.m., and **Drop-In Tech Tutoring** holds steady at the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As always, the **Board of Trustees monthly meeting** is held on the second Thursday of each month—this time Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

Be on the lookout this month for some new policies as well. We're changing things up a little, but we'll be sure to keep you informed as we make these transitions.

To stay up to date on events and new materials, visit our Web site at [www.upperskagitlibrary.org](http://www.upperskagitlibrary.org). You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube. Want to receive our monthly newsletter e-mail? Sign up in person at the library or on our Web site.

Chazlyn Lovely, Library Assistant

## January at the Darrington Library

### Children & Families

- LEGO Club. Thur., Jan. 2, at 3 p.m.
- Little Science Lab. Appropriate for children ages 3–5. Due to supplies, space is limited to 30 children in each class. Fridays, Jan. 3–31, at 3:30 p.m.
- Family Storytime. Caregiver required; all ages welcome. Wednesdays, Jan. 8–29, at 11 a.m.
- Make Your Own Music Makers. Caregivers required for children under 6. Thursday, Jan. 23, at 3:30 p.m.

### Tweens & Teens

- DIY Lightsaber. Use a clear plastic tube and a flashlight to build a decorative prop. Registration required. For ages 9 and up. Thur., Jan. 30, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

### All Ages

- Darrington Book Club: *White Houses*,

by Amy Bloom. For teens and adults. Mon., Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

- Lois Landgrebe and Winter Stories. Native American stories, music, and a craft from a Tulalip Tribe member. Sat., Jan. 11, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Watercolor Bookmarks. Children 6 and under must have a caregiver. Thur., Jan. 16, at 3:30 p.m.
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Fri., Jan. 31, at 4:30 p.m.

### Adults

- Healthy Living for the Brain and Body. Saturdays, Jan. 11 and 25, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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suspicious activity at the corner of Limestone St. and E Ave. in Concrete.

The citizen said there was an increase in vehicle traffic in and out of the residence, and the citizen was concerned with possible drug activity. Deputy Gonzales checked the area and located several vehicles parked at a residence, but no one around. He entered a patrol check for the area.

### Dec. 2

A Washington Department of Transportation employee called to report a male and female behind the old police station in Concrete. Deputy Clark responded and checked the area, but did not find anyone at the location and no evidence of any crime.

### Dec. 3

Deputy Esskew received information that a subject had been making threats via social media that the subject was going to take action that would cause him to get "gunned" down by police. Deputies went to the suspect's house and contacted his

father. The suspect was not at the location at the time, so an attempt to locate was put out on the suspect to check his welfare and mental health.

### Dec. 4

Seattle City Light employees reported a theft of a tree and damaged gate near the 52000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The incident occurred sometime after Nov. 21. Deputy Brannon will investigate.

### Dec. 5

A possible domestic disturbance was reported in the 45000 block of Division St. in Concrete. The reporting party said he had been in an argument with a female who lives at the house, so he locked her out. Both people involved told Deputy Eichman that there had not been any physical assault and it was only a verbal argument. Both agreed to go to bed and keep things civil.

Seattle City Light called to advise that someone had accessed property they owned off of Rockport Cascade Rd. by using heavy equipment to move dirt and fill in a wet grounds area. It appears that the suspects had done this to enable them

to steal maple trees off the property. Deputy Mullen is still investigating.

### Dec. 7

At approximately 8 p.m., a citizen called the Sheriff's Office to report that a friend had been assaulted by the friend's husband. She told Deputy Clark that her friend and her friend's husband had been driving to her house when he struck her friend several times, causing her head to bleed. The husband was currently in the driveway. When Deputy Clark arrived, a male who was sitting in the driveway stood up and started walking toward him. The male told Deputy Clark he had hit his wife when he lost his temper. Deputies contacted the wife, who had injuries including a bloody nose. She advised that the suspect was under a lot of stress and was possibly suicidal. Deputies arrested the suspect and took him to jail. At the jail, deputies were able to set up an appointment for the suspect to talk to mental health professionals.

### Dec. 8

A burglary was reported in the 16000 block of SR 536 near Rockport. The

reporting party advised that her friend's house had been broken into sometime in the last week and numerous items had been taken, including guns, chainsaws, cash, and medication. A possible suspect has been identified. Deputy Moore is investigating.

### Dec. 10

As he was monitoring the school zone at approximately 7:15 a.m., Sgt. Adams stopped a vehicle for speeding—42 mph in a 20 mph school zone. The driver said she was not aware of the school zone and had missed the multiple signs and flashing lights. A driver's checked showed that the driver's license was suspended and she didn't have any insurance. The driver also had several warrants for her arrest. She was arrested for driving with a suspended license and cited for no insurance. She was taken to jail on her warrants by Deputy Mullen.

Deputies responded to a domestic on Pinelli Rd. in the Birdview area. The victim said that she and her ex-boyfriend

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# Out & About



## State

### Transportation Commission adopts recommendations on road usage charging

The Washington State Transportation Commission on Dec. 17 adopted recommendations regarding how Washington can begin a transition away from the state gas tax and toward a road usage charge system.

The commission based its recommendations on research, statewide public engagement, and analysis of the participant feedback and system performance of the 12-month Washington Road Usage Charge Pilot Project. These recommendations, along with the Road

Usage Charge Steering Committee's final report, will be transmitted to the Washington State Legislature, Governor Jay Inslee, and the Federal Highway Administration this month.

At the core of these recommendations, the Legislature is encouraged to begin a slow and gradual transition away from the gas tax, starting with requiring vehicles in the state-owned fleet to pay a road usage charge in lieu of the gas tax. The commission also recommends applying a road usage charge to electric vehicle owners who pay no gas tax and hybrid vehicle owners who pay little gas tax. The recommendations include taking the time during the transition period to conduct additional research, such as collaborating with other states on cross-border travel, reducing administrative and operational costs, and assessing compliance gaps and potential enforcement measures.

The commission did not offer a timeline for a full transition of all vehicles

in the state to a road usage charge, recommending that should not occur for at least 10 years and likely several decades, as many cars continue to pay the gas tax.

"This is an important first step in ensuring future funding security for Washington's aging roads and bridges," said Jerry Litt, chair of the Washington State Transportation Commission. "Revenues from our state gas tax will begin to decline as vehicle fuel efficiency continues to increase. We are already struggling to ensure adequate funding to maintain our system of roads and bridges today. Thanks to the pilot project and years of research, we believe road usage charging is a promising and viable option for the Legislature to consider, and now is the time to begin a gradual but necessary transition away from relying on the consumption of fossil fuel to fund our roads."

A 29-member Road Usage Charge Steering Committee has guided Washington's assessment of road usage charging since 2012. The committee supported and advised development of the pilot test drive and prepared its final report on road usage charging in Washington earlier this year. Based upon the findings of the steering committee, the commission determined its final set of recommendations, and its final report to be issued in January 2020 will detail the results of the seven-year-long assessment of road usage charging. It includes the 12-month-long test drive portion of the pilot project that included more than 2,000 statewide drivers driving 15 million miles from February 2018 to January 2019.

As vehicles become more fuel-efficient or switch to electric power, gas tax revenue is expected to decline by as much as 45 percent by 2035. In 2012 the Legislature directed the commission to assess the potential of a road usage charge to replace the gas tax. A road usage charge is a per-mile charge drivers would pay for the use of the roads, as opposed to paying by the gallon of gas.

For more information, go to [wstc.wa.gov](http://wstc.wa.gov) and [waroadusagecharge.org](http://waroadusagecharge.org).

—Submitted by WSDOT

## Mt. Vernon

### Skagit Community Foundation accepting grant applications

The Skagit Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for 2020 until Feb. 1. All 501(c)(3) nonprofits serving Skagit County may apply.

In 2019, Skagit Community Foundation made grants to several nonprofits serving the Upper Valley communities. North Cascade Institute's Environmental Learning Center at Diablo received a grant of \$5,000 to send more 6th graders to Mountain School. "Strengthening our classroom community while connecting it to a larger world is one of the greatest values of Mountain School," said a teacher participant. Iris Maute-Gibson from North Cascade Institute reported that 86 percent of the students have a greater sense of responsibility for the environment after attending Mountain School.

A \$3,000 grant was given to the Concrete Summer Learning Adventure Program coordinated by United General District 304 in collaboration with the Concrete School District. "Sixty elementary students and 17 middle school students enrolled," said Carol Hawk, director of Community Health Outreach Programs. "One hundred percent of the parents said they would recommend the program to others," said Hawk.

In 2019, Skagit Community Foundation distributed \$400,000 in grants to more than 30 nonprofit organizations serving Skagit County. Grants were given in the areas of arts and culture, health, education, and the environment. Grant money comes from a variety of sources, many local.

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

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had gotten into an argument. He had threatened her and attempted to stop her from calling the police. Deputy Wiggins, Deputy Kitchens, and Deputy Hill investigated. After collecting statements, they determined the ex-boyfriend, who no longer lives at the address, would be charged with burglary and interfering with reporting domestic violence. He was taken to jail and booked.

#### Dec. 11

Several local residents complained about a motorhome parked near the end of Walders Rd. near Hamilton. Deputy Mullen attempted to contact the owners of the motorhome, but no one was home. An employee of the Town of Hamilton advised that he had spoken to the owners, who said they were going to move it soon. Deputy Mullen checked later and found that the motorhome was gone.

Deputy Mullen attempted to serve several warrants on different suspects at a residence on Littlefield Rd. in Rockport. While at the residence, he located a subject with a felony warrant for drugs. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into jail.

#### Dec. 12

Deputy Esskew investigated alleged threats at the Concrete High School. The reporting party said that her son was being threatened by another boy his age. Deputy Esskew determined that the threats were made because the suspect was upset that the alleged victim had been talking with and attempting to date girls who were much younger than he. It was supposedly an ongoing issue between the two, and the school had already dealt with it. Deputy Esskew talked to both involved and explained the law to them and what was acceptable behavior.

A dispute between neighbors was reported on S. Reitze St. in Concrete. One of those involved said that his dog made an aggressive move toward the neighbor next door and that neighbor threatened to shoot the dog. The reporting party said that the dispute was over and he didn't think it would continue.

Several reports of graffiti have been reported to the Sheriff's Office by a victim in an ongoing harassment investigation. The victim advised Deputy Mullen that someone had been painting his name on structures throughout the upper Skagit area saying that he is a "snitch" and "baby-raper." Deputy Mullen has identified two suspects and is attempting to locate the suspects to interview each.

#### Dec. 13

Deputy Wolfe investigated a possible violation of a valid Order of Protection. The victim said that she had been at the Medford Rd. gravel pit when she was confronted by the suspect. The suspect wanted to talk about their previous relationship. The victim said that she was finally able to drive away from the area after the suspect had attempted to stop her. Deputy Wolfe tried to contact the suspect several times, but was not successful. The suspect will be referred for charges.

While patrolling Main St. in Lyman, Deputy Rogers located a recently stolen vehicle. The vehicle had been involved in a motor vehicle accident and the driver had fled. The registered owner was contacted and the vehicle returned.

Washington State Patrol requested that the Sheriff's Office check for a possible DUI in the 61000 block of SR 20. The reporting party called to advise that a male driver had pulled over in front of their house and urinated on the side of the road. The driver appeared to be intoxicated. He then got back into the truck and drove away. Deputy Brannon located the vehicle parked partially in the roadway. The driver was slumped over the steering wheel and appeared extremely intoxicated. The truck was registered to an address in Cape Horn. Deputy Brannon asked the driver where he was going and he said "home."

Deputy Brannon asked him if he knew where he was and the driver said, "planet Earth." When the driver stepped out of the truck, he was unable to stand and Deputy Brannon had to catch him before he fell. The driver refused to take field sobriety tests. He was arrested and taken to the Concrete Sheriff's Office for a breath test. The driver was given the breath test, which showed he was 2.5 times over the legal limit.

#### Dec. 14

Dispatch advised Deputy Esskew that two witnesses said that a male had just exposed himself to them while they were at the Concrete Community Center. Deputy Esskew contacted the witnesses at the Upper Skagit Library. They pointed to a male in the lower parking lot and said that he had walked up to the window at the community center while they were inside and exposed himself to them. Deputy Esskew contacted the suspect, who denied exposing himself. After talking to the suspect, Deputy Esskew cited the suspect for indecent exposure. The suspect then got onto a SKAT bus and left the area.

Employees at Loggers Landing in Concrete called to report that a customer had stolen items from the store. The owner of the store showed Deputy Brannon a video showing the suspect enter the store, where he then took and ate cookies without paying. He then put two bags of chips into his pockets. After putting the chips in his pockets, the video shows him going to the checkout and paying for gas. The owner requested that he be arrested and trespass from the store. Deputy Brannon was able to positively identify the suspect. He will try to locate the suspect to arrest him and officially trespass him for the property.

Deputy Brannon attempted to stop a vehicle for driving 97 mph in a 55 mph zone on SR 20 near Hamilton. The vehicle was refusing to stop until it came up to Deputy Clark, who was just ahead of the car. Deputy Clark was able to slow down until the vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. Deputy Brannon contacted the driver and passengers, who were all extremely intoxicated. Deputy Brannon arrested the driver for driving under the influence, and since he had a previous arrest for DUI, the driver was taken to jail and booked.

#### Dec. 18

Deputy Mullen stopped a vehicle for an

expired registration on SR 20 in Concrete. The driver admitted he didn't have a license. Deputy Mullen also discovered that the driver had several warrants for driving with a suspended license and for 1st degree theft. The driver was arrested and taken to jail.

#### Dec. 20

While on routine patrol in Concrete, Deputy Clark observed a male walking along Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. He contacted the male and identified him. The male had several warrants for his arrest. The jail declined to accept the suspect, so he was booked and released, and given new court dates.

Zender Brothers Logging called to report that someone had shot up some equipment at their job site on the Scott Paper Main line near Hamilton. The company provided possible suspect information to Deputy Wolfe, who will investigate.

Lyman Mercantile called to request that a person be removed from the property. The reporting party said that a male in the parking lot appeared to be on drugs and was acting strangely. Deputies contacted the subject and Deputy Murdoch gave him a ride to PeaceHealth United General Hospital for care.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

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# Smile



## Collin's realm of truly awful jokes

I got bitten by a snowman's dog the other day. Got a nasty frostbite mark.



The ferry was only a few feet from the dock when there was a sudden commotion, and a man came running madly from the dock gates, shouting to the officials to wait a moment.

Without pausing in his stride, he flung his bag on the ferry, took a desperate leap, and landed on the deck with a crash.

"Good!" he gasped. "A few seconds later and I would have missed it!"

"Missed it!" exclaimed the officer who helped him to his feet. "This ferry is just coming in!"

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Growing old is not so bad. Suppose you were born old, and had to grow young and silly?

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Bigamy: When two rites make one wrong.

## Dwelleysms:

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

"First, we should get clear in everyone's mind that 'New Decade' is not a dietary beverage.

"Then we should review the mistakes made during the past 12 months and lay in a suitable supply of erasers.

"Plans for the future should be made with austerity in mind, tongue in cheek, and hand in pocket.

"Commit yourself only to what you can do personally, as the other guy will be doing the same.

"Discount all promises from the politicians who are planning to run again this year. Also discount all promises of those who are entrenched, for promises are unendorsed notes of optimism based on the hope that you will forget who made them.

"Sit loose, stay humble. Here come the '70s!"

—Jan. 7, 1970

"Causes of car accidents may be varied, but you will always find them underfoot. The one that alternates between the gas pedal and the brake."

"Between long hair, beards, wigs, and wiglets, the males have at least one advantage. Theirs is a do-it-yourself project."

—Jan. 14, 1970

"The old saw that given enough rope a criminal will hang himself is no longer true. He'd use the rope to tie up more victims."

—Jan. 28, 1970

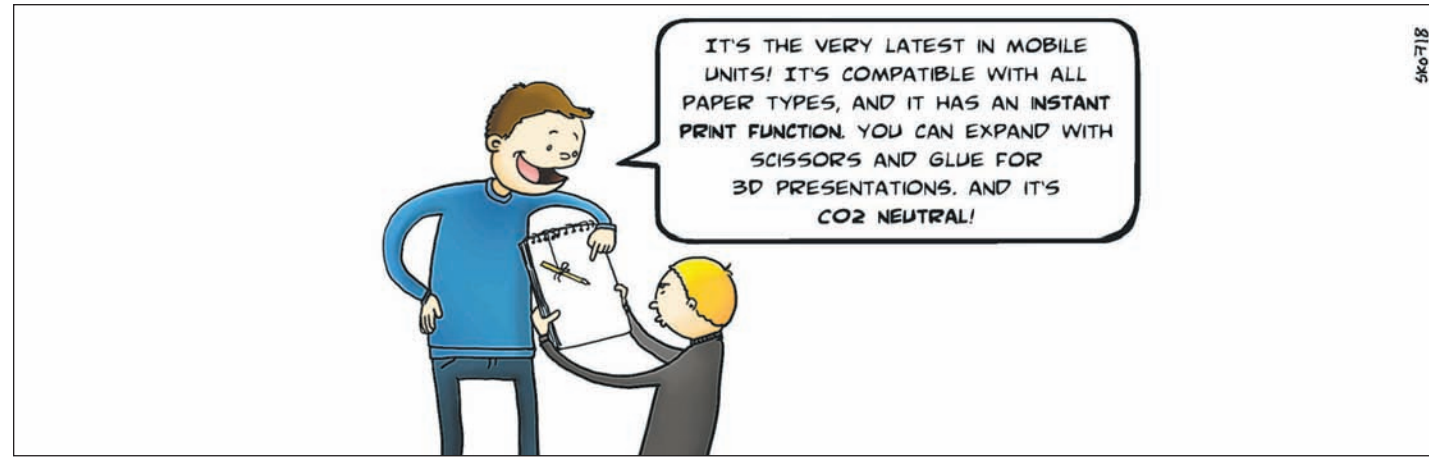
## Homegrown humor



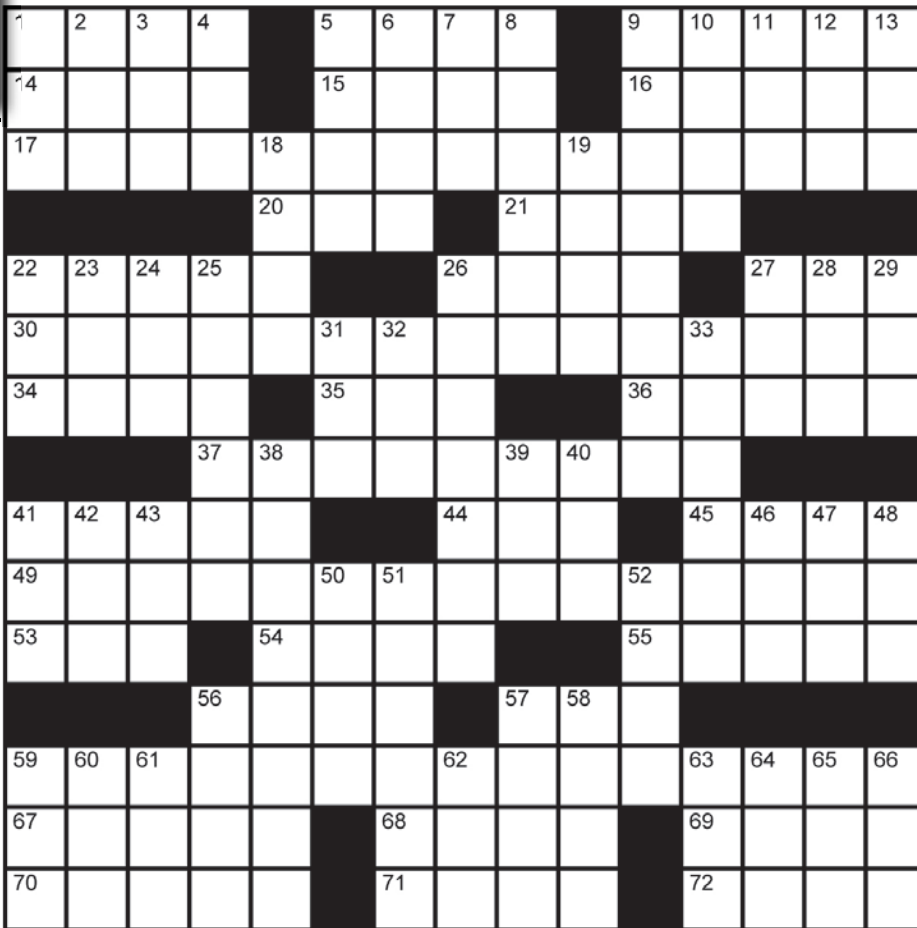
In his own signature fashion, Rudy Stewart celebrates the news of Marshawn Lynch's return to the Seahawks. *Image courtesy of Levi Stewart.*

By Stig Kristensen

## Public Service Announcement



## Crossword: "Pay As You Go"



### Across

- Nile bird
- \_\_\_\_-ran
- Fire-extinguishing agent
- Faux
- Le \_\_\_\_\_, city in Switzerland
- Bowl
- Listening
- Sweep
- Roams
- \_\_\_\_-ski
- Conflicts
- Tax prep. expert
- Common truism
- Dead center?
- Wise one
- Cursor mover
- Sandwich type
- Old printing marks
- \_\_\_\_ maison (indoors): Fr.
- View in northern Italy
- Honoring
- French beverage
- Pout
- Alternative to a convertible
- Kind of bean
- Chart type
- Be charged too much
- 30-Across, e.g.

- Mark's replacement
- Indian bread
- Stupid
- Govt. operative
- By way of, briefly

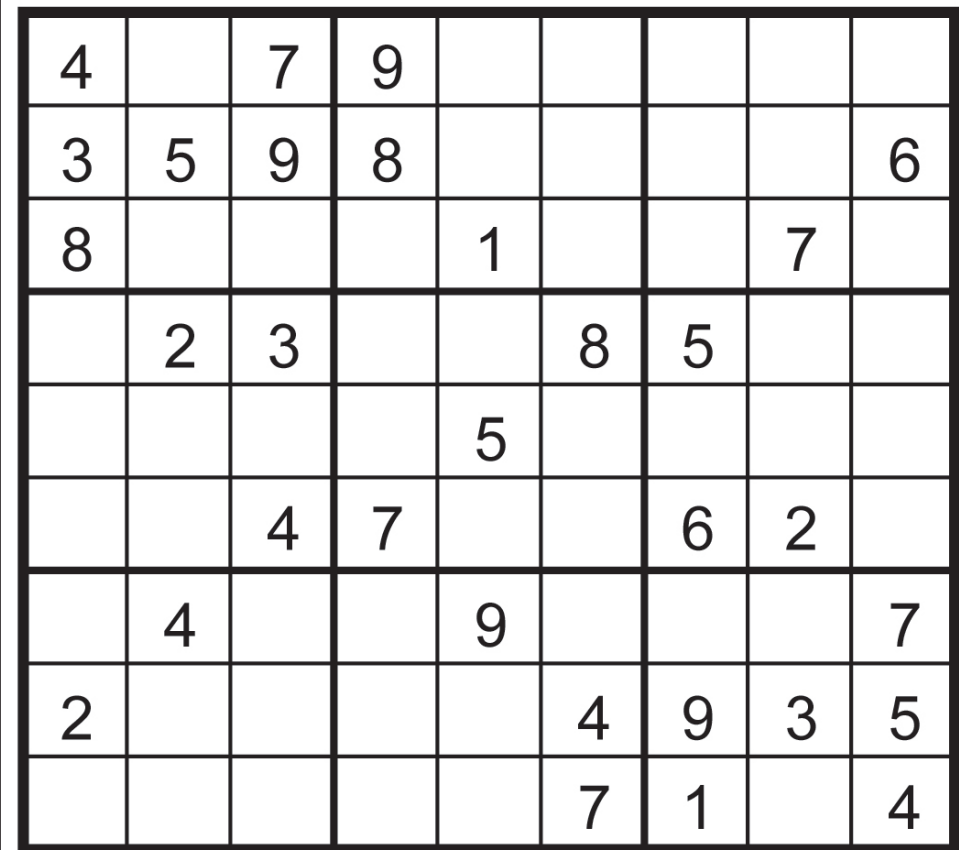
### Down

- Sitter's handful
- Fluffy scarf
- Aloof
- Word with bum or bunny
- Eukaryotic organism
- When repeated, a 1997 Jim Carrey comedy
- Firm
- Lose fuel
- Attractive
- Liberal pursuits
- Floral ring
- Sean \_\_\_\_\_ Lennon
- Palindromic girl's name
- Beak
- Make, as money
- Function
- Country club figure
- Border
- Blood clots
- Prosperity
- PC "brain"

- Dance bit
- Belgium village
- Female antelope
- Control
- So far
- Cash for incidentals
- Clay, now
- Hack
- Select, with "for"
- "Humph!"
- CBS symbol
- \_\_\_\_ Zeppelin
- Class-conscious grp.
- Royal wish
- Maja painter
- Saharan nomad
- Hand-me-down
- Guru
- Prefix with legal
- Privy to
- Clash site?
- Tumult
- Bark
- Ornamental flower, for short
- Social worker?
- \_\_\_\_-di-dah
- Pencil holder
- Safari sight

## 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.



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

## Funny as Facebook

- The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in December:
- "How old were you when you realized elemental Pee isn't a letter in the alphabet?"
  - "I wanna be the judge of the Great British Baking Show. Everyone would get a handshake. And a hug. And no one would get sent home. And then I'd get delicious baked goods every week, which means everyone wins."
  - "As I sang along to the radio tonight, Ella said, 'Don't sing, Mama. It's awkward.' Everyone's a critic."
  - "Shhhhhh I'm watching for that Christmas snow ..."
  - "One thing I love about Christmas is that one finally hears the human voice on the classical station!"

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# SKAGIT EAGLE FESTIVAL

## MARBLEMOUNT COMMUNITY HALL

### 60155 HWY 20

**ANDY KOCH**  
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CLOWN &  
PUPPET SHOW

**ROSIE CAYOU**  
11 AM  
HISTORICAL  
STORYTELLING

**DAVE DONAHUE**  
1:15-2 PM  
PERFORMER  
OF STORIES  
IN SONG

**LISA TEMCOV**  
12:15-1 PM  
CLASSIC  
&  
CONTEMPORARY  
COUNTRY MUSIC

**CINDY SIOUX MINKLER**  
3:15-4 PM  
MULTI TALENTED  
SINGER & MUSICIAN  
OF PIANO, CEDAR FLUTE  
AND HAND DRUM

**JP FALCON GRADY**  
4:15-5 PM  
SINGER/SONGWRITER  
AND MULTIGENRE  
TRIBUTE ARTIST

**COORDINATORS**  
MERLENE BULLER  
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CONNIE CLARK ANDERSON  
360/393-6434

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
VALERIE LEE  
STEPHANIE SEMRO  
CHERYL WESTON  
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# Classifieds

## MOVIES & EVENTS AT THE HISTORIC CONCRETE THEATRE WEEKEND MOVIE SCHEDULE:

Concrete Theatre will be closed  
until Fri., Nov. 22.

Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 7:30 p.m.;  
Sun., 5 p.m. (Dollar off Sun. @ 5 p.m.)  
TIX: \$8 general admission, \$7 for 65  
and over/12 and under  
24-hour MovieLine: 360.941.0403  
[www.concrete-theatre.com](http://www.concrete-theatre.com)

## EMPLOYMENT

Cascade River Community Club has several  
job openings: Office Clerk, full-time Maintenance  
Technician, and fill-in Maintenance Technician.  
Go to [www.cascaderiverpark.com](http://www.cascaderiverpark.com) and download  
job description and hire requirements.  
Send resume to: [resume.crc@gmail.com](mailto:resume.crc@gmail.com).

To place a Classified ad, call 360.853.8213 or  
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## NOTICES

**Contact information for elk-related issues:**  
Report elk-related issues to private property,  
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WDFW Mill Creek office 425-775-1311. Director:  
Brendan Brokes. Conflict specialist: 360-466-4345,  
ext. 247.  
Report Collisions with elk including near misses,  
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with elk in or crossing roadways: WSDOT Habitat  
Connectivity Biologist, (360) 705-6963 Glen Kalisz.

## TOWN OF CONCRETE 2020 SMALL WORKS ROSTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Town of Concrete  
is soliciting applications from "contractors" to be  
placed on the TOWN'S SMALL WORKS ROSTER. All

applicants must be licensed or registered as required  
by law to work in the State of Washington. Contractors  
appearing on the small works roster may be contacted  
from time to time to submit job proposals for Public  
Works projects pursuant to R.C.W. 35.23.352(3) and  
R.C.W. 39.04.155. Applications may be obtained at  
45672 Main Street or requested by mail, e-mail, or  
phone. Applications are also available on the Town's  
website at [www.townofconcrete.com](http://www.townofconcrete.com). These forms  
must be completed each year, once a year, to remain  
on the Small Works Roster.  
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2nd Concert, date To Be Announced

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[gretchen.concretemusic@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.concretemusic@gmail.com)

## Sudoku solution

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

## Crossword solution

1	I	B	I	S	5	A	L	S	O	9	H	A	L	O	13
14	M	O	C	K	15	L	I	E	U	16	A	R	E	N	A
17	P	A	Y	I	18	N	G	A	T	19	E	N	T	I	O
20	O	A	R	21	G	A	D	S	22	A	P	R	E	S	23
24	C	R	I	M	E	31	D	O	E	S	32	N	O	T	33
34	T	O	M	B	35	O	W	L	36	M	O	U	S	E	
37	O	P	E	N	F	A	C	E	D	41	O	B	E	L	I
42	P	A	Y	I	50	S	O	Y	A	51	P	I	E	52	
53	T	H	E	54	M	O	U	E	55	S	E	D	A	N	
56	P	A	Y	A	N	A	R	62	M	A	N	D	63	A	L
64	A	D	A	G	E	65	E	U	R	O	66	N	A	L	E
67	D	O	P	E	Y	71	G	M	A	N	72	T	H	R	U

## Dear Hopheaded Tweakers,

Hello! This is in regard to the fishing pole and tackle boxes you have stolen from my family's backyard. You know who you are, and we know who you are. You have stolen from us in the past, and we had to have our things taken back by the Sheriff. The tackle boxes and fishing poles you have stolen from my family belonged to my (now-deceased) great-grandfather. Those tackle boxes were filled with whatever we had left of him; now all we have is a single photo of him on our fridge. I would like for you to return those items BACK to my mother, to whom they BELONG!

If returned by Friday January 3, 2020, before 3 p.m., there will be no charges pressed against you. I honestly feel bad for you. You are so low in your life, you had to steal from a family in mourning to feel better about yourself.

—From the family who will NO LONGER put up  
with your thieving and stealing shenanigans



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