

Concrete citizen and airplane enthusiast Eric Parks (right, in red shirt) snapped a photo of an eye-catching biplane during the 2007 Old-Fashioned Fly-In at the Concrete Municipal Airport. Organizers expect another successful event this year.

Lyman Car Show rolls into town

By Nancy Trythall

The streets of Lyman will be decorated with cars during its 9th Annual Car Show July 11, with all proceeds going to support the Lyman Park and Cemetery.

This event began with Lyman citizens Gary and Karen Griffith, who started the car show with their friends to help raise money for the park and cemetery. When Gary passed away in 2002, his friends continued the show in Gary's memory.

Over the years, the car show has grown and gone through a few positive changes. Last year it hosted 125 cars, the town's largest show ever, with cars from as far away as Yakima.

With Lyman turning 100 this year, some birthday elements will be tied into the car show this year, with a formal centennial celebration coming in late summer. The car show will include 20 craft and activities booths, a coloring contest and grab bags for kids, great food, music by WhiteKnight Entertainment, a general raffle, a silent auction, and a separate

raffle for a special prize: a Craftsman five-drawer tool box.

Northwest Heli Pics will take aerial photos of the town and the cars. Sedro-Woolley Police Chief Doug Woods will be the guest speaker, delivering a speech on

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Last year's Lyman Car Show winners, from left to right: Trese Johnson, Sedro-Woolley, 1949 Wayfairer; Rollin Whitted, Whidbey Island, 1933 Oldsmobile L-33 Sedan; John Gronemeyer, Sedro-Woolley, 1939 Buick Series 90 Limo; Terry Wilson, Sedro-Woolley, 1965 El Camino; Clayton George, Bellingham, 1968 Shelby GT; Pam Aldridge, Sedro-Woolley, 1948 Chevy Truck. Photo courtesy Nancy Trythall.

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Fly-In, Cement City Street Fair share July 25 weekend

By Bill Sullivan and Jason Miller

Concrete will bustle even more from July 24-26, when two annual events—the Concrete Old-Fashioned Vintage Fly-In and Cement City Street Fair—will bring out the crowds.

In its 27th year, the Fly-In sports a new, more descriptive name and promises to be bigger and better than ever, said Jim Jenkins, who is organizing the event with Larry Mitchell.

It's an excellent way to attract pilots to the laid-back airfield environment, and introduce the public to a unique setting with an aircraft museum, he said.

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Native American flute player Peter Ali performed at the poetry and music festival during the 2008 Cement City Street Fair

Baker Lake Resort to go primitive

By Cora Thomas

Baker Lake Resort, located thirty minutes north of State Route 20 on Baker Lake Road, will soon change.

Resting on land owned by the U.S. Forest Service, and leased and operated by Puget Sound Energy through a special use permit since 1998, the resort will remove

some of its built infrastructure for a more "natural" look and increased privacy for campers. The changes are expected to begin after the resort's season closes in September, since PSE's permit expires in December 2009. The USFS hopes to reopen the transformed campground for the 2011 camping season.

PSE was meant to relinquish the resort and campgrounds back to the USFS at the end of the lease term; a recent settlement

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Three east Skagit wineries beckon

By Ben Smith

East of Sedro-Woolley lie three notable wineries: Eagle Haven Winery, Challenger Ridge Vineyard & Cellars, and Glacier Peak Winery.

These small yet exceptional wineries grow the grapes for their wines in their own vineyards on site and from select

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Editorial

The visioning initiative in Concrete, dubbed *Imagine Concrete*, is a step in the right direction for Concrete and every other smaller community in eastern Skagit County.

During the first workshop on April 18, dozens of engaged citizens showed up to provide feedback on what they appreciate about Concrete, what they'd like to preserve, what they'd like to change, and how fast that change should occur. Dozens of students from Concrete High School offered their thoughts, too, which were combined and consolidated in a report presented in a follow-up workshop on June 27 (see article, p. 4, for details).

While the turnout at each workshop wasn't *quite* at the level I'd like to see, the sentiments voiced echoed many I've been hearing ever since I moved here in December 2005. Create a sustainable community/destination. Clean up the public and private areas that are little more than junk yards. Buy local or bye-bye local. Preserve historic buildings that are structurally sound and demolish those that aren't.

What's puzzling to me is why we didn't have better representation from Concrete's elected officials, staff, and advisory bodies (read, Planning Commission). The workshops were well publicized via in-person presentations, public announcements, and publicity in *Upriver Community News* and *Concrete Herald*. I know for a fact that it wasn't for lack of knowledge that certain members of the above groups did not attend. And I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of people who gave me their reason for not attending one or both of the workshops.

That's unfortunate—and yes, I'm being kind. The visioning process is a tried-and-true one, used with much success all over the U.S., so don't bother feeding me the oh, it's just a lot of talk excuse. The people of Concrete are busy speaking, but are you listening? Will you get involved in the process or simply wait for the results? When those results come in, will you act on them or the principles they represent, or will you decide to pursue actions that fly in the face of those results?

To Concrete's elected officials, staff, and advisory bodies, I say this: Remember who you work for. It's not too late to engage with them and re-imagine a better Concrete.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Junior Stream Stewards shine

This past year, the 7th and 8th graders of Concrete learned their watershed address. Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group led these students through the Junior Stream Stewards program, a year-long study of Lorenzan Creek.

Staff from North Cascades National Park came in regularly to help lead lessons and field trips, and to lead students in expressing their newfound knowledge through various artistic media.

The end result of this effort was a restoration project on Lorenzan Creek along Cedar Street, and "The Watershed Show," presented on June 10. Students performed original songs, acted out comedy sketches, and read poetry to express what they've learned about keeping local waters healthy.

I am grateful to Mary Janda and the staff at Concrete School District, Marieke Slovin, Mike Brondi and the staff of North Cascades National Park; and the students, who inspired me and showed me the many ways to love a watershed.

*Lucy DeGrace, outreach coordinator
Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group*

Concrete has rich history to celebrate

One hundred years ago, William Howard Taft was the president of the United States, Wilbur and Orville Wright were flying demonstrations of their Model A flyer, the Ford Model T car had been introduced only a few months earlier at a price of \$825, and the World's Fair Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was under way in Seattle. It also was 100 years ago, on May 9, 1909, that the town of Concrete was officially incorporated.

Concrete was actually formed from two communities. Originally known as Minnehaha, the first community was created at the junction of the Baker and Skagit rivers, later to become the town of Baker. When the Washington Portland Cement Company located across the river, another community sprang up, which was called Cement City. The Superior Portland Cement Company built its plant in Baker.

Local clay deposits, plus a nearby limestone quarry, made these communities the perfect place to manufacture concrete. That became the basis for the local

economy. So, when the two communities decided to merge in 1909, residents decided to name their town Concrete.

Most of the buildings in the early days of Concrete were built of wood. However, after a series of fires on Main Street, the town rebuilt its downtown structures using its most plentiful resource: concrete.

Concrete also was used to construct the town's famous Henry Thompson Bridge. At one time, this was the longest single-span cement bridge in the western United States.

Concrete's resources and its local workers also were instrumental in the construction of the lower Baker River Dam, which was the tallest dam in the world when it was built in 1925.

While many smaller villages of its day have come and gone, Concrete is still standing proudly as a community. It has endured many challenges throughout its rich history, including several fires, an infamous bank robbery, and the closure some 40 years ago of the local cement operations. Even though much has changed over the past 100 years, the residents of Concrete have remained dedicated, salt-of-the-earth people and their families have remained as strong and durable as their town's namesake.

Throughout many of those years, the town's history was documented by the

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Letters policy

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Corrections

The headline for the Joseph Dwelley bio article on p. 11 of our June issue implied that Joseph F. Dwelley was Charles L. Dwelley's father. Joseph Dwelley was Charles Dwelley's grandfather.

The co-op preschool article on p. 6 of our June issue included an incorrect contact e-mail. The correct e-mail address is mosescreekfarm@comcast.net.

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Concrete Herald. The recent rebirth of the town's newspaper on its 100th anniversary provides optimism that there's much in Concrete's future to once again be documented for the annals of history.

I am proud of your community and offer my congratulations during your centennial celebration. May you celebrate many more birthdays to come!

*State Rep. Dan Kristiansen
R-Snohomish*

Meeting location a poor choice

I was very disappointed that the Rockport State Park planning meeting was held nowhere within a reasonable distance for those of us who actually *live* in or near Rockport to attend!

What's up with that? Both fire halls in Rockport and Marblemount are almost *always* available for free, as is the Marblemount Community Club (for a fee).

So why on earth do you hold such an important meeting more than 100 miles (round trip) from the community that is most affected by your decisions? Perhaps so we won't know?

Downvalley cities are hardly the place to get input from upriver communities.

*Christie Fairchild
Rockport*

Memories of the Concrete Herald

I am completely over the moon that you are restarting the paper! My mom and I both worked for the *Concrete Herald* when [Bob and June] Fader had it and I vividly remember Chuck Dwelley.

I worked there as a teen folding and stapling booklets (Bob's side jobs). I haven't lived in Concrete for 32 years, but I was raised there from birth until I went into the military at age 20.

Since then I've lived all over, but Concrete is still home in my heart. My uncle and aunt are Ray and Bonnie Drake. I'm sure you know them. I don't really know how many people are still there that I'll remember since a lot of people have come and gone, but I'd like to get a subscription.

*Roxanne (Drake) Bennett
El Cajon, Calif.*

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June in pictures



Phoenix Van Wagoner and Brandi Dellinger, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, address the audience during June 13 graduation ceremonies for Concrete High School, Twin Cedars Alternative School, and Skagit River School House. "The class sitting before you is a family," read their speech, in part. "What has Concrete taught us? That size does matter, and big is not necessarily better. Great ideas can come from small places. A tiny school can offer a stellar education to anyone willing to learn. Our experiences in this beautiful little town on the Skagit River are fundamental to who we are and to the people we will become."



Above, left: Concrete High School seniors wait for the ceremony to progress. **Above, right:** A lone mortar board hangs silhouetted against the projection screen after the ceremonial toss.



Above: With teacher Mary Janda on backup vocals and fellow students holding up "the Four C's" of salmon-friendly water, Kaleb Wenrick rips into his electric guitar and belts out a song during the Junior Stream Stewards "Watershed Show" at Concrete Elementary on June 10.



Hamilton began a street-improvement project in June. This photo shows the effort coming down Cumberland and rounding the corner onto Maple Street.



Craftswoman-turned-saleswoman Patty Cook, left, accepts \$10 from Hamilton citizen Theresa Boots for a Makita reciprocating saw during the Lyman Townwide Yard Sale June 12-13. Elsewhere in town, Sonja Haigh reported brisk sales at a combined effort with four families represented. "I've sold a friend's saddle, a dining room set. That trailer's for sale, too. You want it?" she asked.



Zak Kalles, 20, of Mount Vernon, takes a swing at a junk car June 7 to raise money for the Teen Space Youth Center in Sedro-Woolley during the city's Blast from the Past event.

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I magine Concrete visioning effort progresses with second workshop

June 27 found a group of engaged citizens at the commons room in Concrete High School, where the results of the April 18 visioning workshop were presented and discussed.

Organized by a 10-person steering committee, the follow-up workshop was the next step toward re-imagining Concrete and beginning to form a plan of attack to help prevent dozens of smart ideas from dying on the vine.

Feedback from the first visioning workshop had been compiled, consolidated, and organized into five primary initiatives. Those initiatives were:

1. Transform Concrete into a sustainable community/destination.
2. Clean up public and private areas within town limits and the urban growth area.
3. Preserve historic structures.
4. Adapt or adopt zoning and planning codes and strategies to create the kinds of places we want.

5. Promote and support local businesses, while encouraging those same businesses to meet local needs.

With these initiatives in hand, the June 27 workshop introduced the idea of task forces assigned to each of the five initiatives and charged with delving further into the individual ideas within each initiative to determine which were feasible within the short and long terms.

Sign-up sheets were provided for those attendees who wanted to be involved with a specific task force. Each task force will meet separately, elect a chairperson, then begin the task of "eating the elephant one bite at a time," as Antioch University graduate student Eric Archuleta put it. For example, task force members may choose to create subcommittees to address individual ideas.

Like the first workshop, the second was met with much enthusiasm, said steering committee member Jason Miller.

There's an impressive amount of momentum building around these initiatives. Now comes the harder part: actually making our actions reflect our ideas, some of which were rather lofty. If the task forces can stay on point, we are practically guaranteed success.

SKAT increases routes to Concrete

Skagit Transit now makes five trips a day between Concrete and Sedro-Woolley. The early and late trips are provided on Route 717, and the day time trips are provided by Dial-a-Ride Route 8, but all residents are eligible. The bus travels through Cape Horn and departs Concrete to make a trip to Sedro-Woolley at 6 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., and 7 p.m.

The bus leaves Food Pavilion in Sedro-Woolley headed to Concrete at 5 a.m., 8:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:40 p.m., and 5:55 p.m.

There are three trips on Saturday between Sedro-Woolley and Concrete/Cape Horn. The bus leaves Food Pavilion at 7:40 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 1:40 p.m. It leaves Concrete at 9:35 a.m., 12:35 p.m., and 3:35 p.m.

For more information, call Customer Service at 360.757.4433.

Licensing Office closed in July

Concrete Licensing, located at 45909 Main Street, will be closed from July 2 through July 31.

A subagency of the Skagit County Department of Licensing that provides vehicle and vessel licensing services, Concrete Licensing is operated by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce and shares the location with their visitors information center.

The licensing office and visitors' center are facing a staff shortage that the Chamber hopes to resolve in July to accommodate an August reopening.

Vehicle and vessel licensing services are available in Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, and Mount Vernon, and many services can be accessed online at <http://www.dol.wa.gov>.

First Annual Cinder Shins Fun Run planned for July 25

Lace up your running or walking shoes! The first annual Cinder Shins Fun Run will be held during the Cement City Street Fair on **Sat., July 25, at 3 p.m.**

Sponsored by *Concrete Herald*, the 5K (3.2 miles) course will begin in downtown Concrete and head west on Main Street, eventually connecting with the Cascade Trail to loop back to the starting point. The exact course is yet to be determined.

This year's Cinder Shins Fun Run will be relatively low-key, said organizer Jason Miller, *Concrete Herald* publisher and editor.

I'm looking to create a fun event for us, whether you run or walk, he said.

Future runs might include the element of competition, but this year I'm just looking into what it would cost to get a few items of memorabilia for participants.

Oasis Teen Outreach continues to fulfill mission

By Karen Newburn

Since I began my role in May as coordinator for the Upriver Oasis Teen Outreach center in Concrete, I've welcomed 52 contacts between May 15 and June 18.

The center and the youth it serves will have a booth during the Cement City Street Fair; look for us.

Now that school is out, there will be plenty of projects to keep the teens busy. Pizza nights will continue on the second and last Thursdays of each month.

The youth are now picking up litter around the river banks and anywhere else they find it. We are planning a float for the Cascade Days Celebration in August, too.

The Teens are very interested in volunteer work in the community, anywhere they can help.

We are still working on getting a homeless count and continue to assist homeless and at-risk teens.

Concrete School Board announces next meeting

The Concrete School Board will hold its next regular board meeting on Wednesday, July 29, at 7 p.m., in the high school commons room.

This regular board meeting will be preceded by the 2009–10 district budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. in the same location.

The 2009–10 budget will be available in the district office beginning July 10.

For more information, call Lynda Stout, administrative assistant with the Concrete School District, at 360.853.8141.

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Concrete Heritage Museum News

The museum is now open Saturdays through Labor Day, from noon till 4 p.m. Volunteer hosts are needed; call Robin at 360.826.3075. The Sockeye Express also runs during the same time, giving guided tours around the town and to the museum.

At the time of this writing, the Museum Board learned that our fellow long-time board member, **Jim Harris, passed away the evening of Sun., June 21.** Jim was more than a board member, he was the museum's enthusiastic historian and great friend. You will be greatly missed, Jim.

The Museum is still working on the scanning project. Contact Cathy Huntley at 360.853.8787 if you have old photos of anything east of Sedro-Woolley to Diablo that we can scan and save for our historical archives. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Our annual **Bow Hill Rest Area fundraiser** from June 26-29 succeeded with the help of all who volunteered and gave baked goods. Thank you all very much for your time.

Come join the growing attendance of our **Annual Potluck Picnic** on Thurs.,

Aug. 13, at 6 p.m., to be held at the Concrete Senior Center. Enjoy the good company and a terrific meal.

Another grant from Skagit County Lodging Tax was awarded to us this year to update the town's historic signage and create a Historic Byway Route brochure that will guide visitors through our Main Street route. New signs will appear this summer at seven locations that describe historic (and former) structures. Many thanks to the Sign Committee, whose hours of work and excitement for the project may lead to a new, expanded walking tour brochure (or even a book!).

The Centennial reprint of *So They Called the Town Concrete* is still available. The new edition features enhanced photographs and a more readable type font. New cover graphics were created by Philip Johnson. Copies are available at Albert's Red Apple and the museum; an order form can be printed from our Web site at www.stumpranchonline.com/concreteheritagemuseum.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 1-5 Loggerodeo, Sedro-Woolley; more info at www.loggerodeo.com or 360.770.8452
- 10 Eagle Haven Winery Summer Music Series: La Rosa Trio, 6:30 p.m., details on this and future shows at www.eaglehavenwinery.com
- 11 Lyman Car Show, Lyman; more info at 855.1280, 826.3315, or 826.4906
- 18 Challenger Ridge Vineyard & Cellars Winemakers Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., www.challengeridge.com
- 18-19 Big Bird RC (radio-controlled) Fly-In, Concrete Municipal Airport
- 18-19 Skagit Artists Together 2009 Studio Tour, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., details at www.skagitartists.together.com
- 23 Youth Activity Day, Silo Park/playfield/Concrete Theatre, Concrete
- 24-26 Old-Fashioned Fly-In, dawn till dusk, Concrete Municipal Airport
- 25 Cement City Street Fair, Poetry & Music Festival with artist Stephany Vogel, and *Concrete Herald* Fun Run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Concrete
- 25 Upper Skagit Gardeners garden tour, call 826.4848 for details
- 31-8/1 Western Washington Family Forest Owners Field Day, Lusk Road, Birdsvew; see insert ad

AUGUST

- 1 Concrete High School Class of 1999 Reunion, Birdsvew Brewing Co.; for details, e-mail concreteclassof1999@gmail.com
- 8 Lyman All-School Reunion Picnic Potluck, Lyman City Park (City Hall in inclement weather), noon to 4 p.m.; for details, call 360.826.3160
- 15-16 Cascade Days, Concrete

Community fundraisers

Just As I Am Early Learning Center 1950s Sock Hop Dance, Fri., July 24, 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Steve Bolen's hangar, 7879 S. Superior, Lot 0 (zero). Music by the Fender Benders. Silent auction and cake walk. For more details, call 360.853.7800.

Concrete Senior Center Fly-In Breakfast, Sat., July 25, 7:30-10:30 a.m., at the Concrete Senior Center. Menu includes biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, orange juice. \$5 suggested donation.

Concrete Lions Fly-In Breakfast, Sat., July 25, 7-11 a.m., at the Concrete High School cafeteria. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, and sausage links. Free; donation welcome.

Salmon Barbecue to support the Marblemount Community Hall, Sun., Aug. 2, Marblemount Community Hall. 360.873.4631.

Friends of the Upper Skagit Library Book Sale, Sat., Aug. 15, location near the library. Details at www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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Lyman



Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held its most recent monthly meeting on June 9. Major topics covered include:

- Sedro-Woolley has donated a flagpole, flag and rope to the Town of Lyman for its 100th birthday. It should be in place by July 11.
- Mayor Heinzman reported the sale of the Jackpot is almost complete. The town should get approximately \$125,700 at closing. As soon as this is done, Mayor Heinzman would like to pay Marketa Vorel the money she was owed as of Feb. 1, approximately \$8,100.00. She also asked Council to put Marketa back to work on the project. After much discussion, Mike Swanson made a motion to continue with the project with strict oversight of the charges for which Marketa bills the town. Mayor Heinzman explained that the bulk of the grant-writing work already is done, and any new grants applied for can be done by using the template of the original Heritage Grant with just a few changes to tailor it to new grantors, until the actual money comes in. At that time the job of Project Manager will really start. The Mayor asked for a vote. The motion passed.
- Mayor Heinzman reminded Council and the audience that Toni Nelson will be at the July 14 council meeting, which will start at 6:30 p.m. This will be to discuss water rates.
- Mark Kitchen reported he would like to purchase two new vaults to place at 31483 W. Main, because they

are broken. This also would require the residents of 31494 Prevdell and 31459 W. Main to hook up to their meters. Mr. Gaddis at 31483 W. Main will give Ms. DeRosier at 31494 Prevdell an easement for her water line to cross his property. Council agreed and directed the clerk to write letters to the parties involved and give them 90 days to complete the water hook up, or they will be shut off.

- Mike Swanson made a motion to have Mark get estimates for the lines on the streets to be painted not to exceed \$2000. Motion passed.
- Council decided that the niche wall will be placed at the west end of Block 7, running north to south along the row of trees. They directed Mark Kitchen to place markers where the cement slab will be poured.

Co-op preschool still taking registrations

By Janel Woiwod

The Sedro-Woolley Co-operative Preschool Lyman Campus at Lyman Elementary continues to take registrations for the 2009-10 school year beginning this fall.

The school will operate one toddler class (ages 2 to 3-1/2; diapers okay) and one preschool class (ages 3-1/2 to 5). Toddlers attend on Tues. and Thurs., and preschoolers attend on Mon., Wed., and Friday. All classes run from 9:10 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to request a registration form, call Janel Woiwod at 854.0361 or Jamie Maloney at 826.3993, or e-mail mosescreekfarm@comcast.net with your name and address.

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Lyman Cemetery soon will have a niche wall with 48 spaces for urns, similar in design to this one in Sedro-Woolley.

Lyman All-School Reunion Picnic Potluck slated for August 8

Planning has begun for a picnic potluck to celebrate a Lyman All-School Reunion celebration on Sat., Aug. 8, from noon till 4 p.m.

The event will be held at Lyman City Park and will move to City Hall if the weather turns sour.

"With Lyman celebrating its 100th birthday, why not come see who you can reconnect with?" said Joan Parker, one of the reunion organizers.

Parker and two other organizers Bobbi Bryant and Jean DeWitte encourage prospective attendees to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and games, as well as picnic-style food, table service, soft drinks, and a cooler. They also suggest that people bring their favorite stories and pictures, especially military pictures for a special display (organizers will take a photocopy and return attendees photos).

Hamilton neighbors are welcome, said the event flyer.

Organizers ask everyone to spread the word to former classmates. Questions may be directed to the event organizers:

Joan Parker 360.826.3160
Bobbi Bryant 360.659.9848
Joanne Brawley 360.707.0391

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Bits and pieces

Lyman Mayor Debra Heinzman has a lot on her mind. Like most small-town mayors, she has dollars on the brain; more specifically, how to get them and then use them wisely.

One way to raise capital is to sell off assets. The Town of Lyman did this recently, selling The Jackpot (see Council summary, this page). Owned by the town, the building's sale will create matching funds for grants, which tend to require such funds before grant monies are released.

Working with Ray Milton, who oversees a Sedro-Woolley cemetery, Heinzman also intends to extend the life of the Lyman Cemetery, because as soon as it fills up, the park reverts to the cemetery. Their idea: Install a niche wall for urns, effectively adding 48 spaces to the cemetery and extending its life. Stay tuned.

Lyman Library picks up steam, more books

The Lyman free library now has a good collection of children and teen books available, reports Elaine Kohler.

During the Car Show on July 11, the library will hold a book sale of all the duplicate titles volunteers have found.

Prices will be very reasonable and include many of the top-running authors, said Kohler, adding that the library recently received more books and that volunteers will go through them soon.

At the moment, library officials are holding off on new donations other than children or teen books—until they finish sorting their current donations.

Tall bookcases, on the other hand, are more than welcome donations, said Kohler. The children/teen section and the large-print books are in need of larger places to be.

The fledgling effort is showing signs of strength, said Kohler. We are seeing more people coming in now that the weather is nicer and schools are closing for the summer.

The Lyman Library is free and works on an honor system. It is run totally by volunteers, who are always glad to have new people join them.

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grapes out of Yakima Valley vineyards. Each winery has a tale; all are fast becoming recognized as premier wineries in this part of Washington.

With unique varietals, from Pinot Noir to Siegerrebe and Madeline Angevine Siegerrebe, these three pioneers of northwest Washington viniculture are making their marks and causing the wine world of Washington and beyond to sit up and take notice.

Eagle Haven Winery

Located approximately five miles east of Sedro-Woolley, just off State Route 20, Eagle Haven Winery began in 2000, and first offered its wines in 2004. The winery is an outgrowth of the Perkins family farm and orchard business, run by Jim, Tom, and Sue Perkins, who have been growing apples at the site since 1972.

The winery has a tasting room that is open Friday through Monday, and several acres of vines on sandy, rocky, fertile soil that is perfect for vines says Jim Perkins. He adds that working the vineyard is hard work, and harder than tending apple trees, as the vines require much more labor throughout the growing season.

Perkins says that he got into wine grapes when, as a long-time farmer, he looked at what made long-term economic sense, and saw that grapes would be the perfect crop on the rockier, sandier acreage that had once also been in apples, but was not ideal for them.

Eagle Haven produces Siegerrebe, Madeline Angevine, Siegerrebe Madeline Angevine, Pinot Noir, Apple, Blackberry and Winter Pear wines from fruit grown at the vineyard. Its Syrah and Sangiovese



Eagle Haven Winery co-owner Jim Perkins hoists one of the winery's many offerings: a 2006 Sangiovese.

wines are made on site from grapes selected from the Yakima Valley area.

Perkins likes all of the wines that Eagle Haven produces, but is especially pleased with their unique Madeline Angevine Siegerrebe Blend wine, the 2008 Northwest Wine Summit Silver Medal winner at Mount Hood. Their Madeline Angevine Siegerrebe Blend is to his knowledge the only one of its kind in existence.

Challenger Ridge Vineyard & Cellars

At 43095 Challenger Rd., just west of Concrete alongside State Route 20, Challenger Ridge was born in 1999. Its original founders were Paul Rosasco and

Frenchman Louis Bailly, who were drawn to the extremely well-drained south slopes and long growing season of the site.

Challenger Ridge was purchased in August 2006 by Doug Spady and Ryan Costanti of Bow, Wash., along with friends from Seattle and Colorado. Also in 2006, Randy Bonaventura, an experienced young winemaker, became the winemaker at Challenger Ridge, which features a tasting room and renovated historical farm buildings and farmhouse. The tasting room is open Friday through Sunday.

Challenger Ridge offers several distinctive blended wines, with more planned by Mr. Bonaventura. Randy loves blends, said Cora Thomas, Tasting Room manager and sales representative.

Challenger Ridge produces wines in Pinot Noir, Liberty Bell 5 White Blend (which was a bestseller in summer 2008, and named after the winemaker's love of skiing around that North Cascades mountain), Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux Cabernet Blend, Syrah, Syrah Blend, Viognier, Black Currant and coming soon Cabernet Syrah Blend. Their Pinot Noir is grown on site, while their other wines are crafted from grapes selected from contracted acreages in the Yakima Valley/Red Mountain appellations, particularly



Challenger Ridge winemaker Randy Bonaventura and Tasting Room manager and sales representative Cora Thomas encourage locals and tourists alike to sample their products and special events this summer.

from the Rattlesnake Hills area.

The signature wine at Challenger Ridge is their Pinot Noir, the main grape varietal that they grow on their 10 acres of

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Glacier Peak Winery owners Steve and Susan Olsen share a toast in their tasting room. Each of the Olsens' wines are produced on site, with their white Siegerrebe wine a special favorite.

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Hamilton



Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a monthly meeting on May 12. Major topics included:

- Resolution 03-09 was discussed. Mayor Bates had requested approval to start the paperwork to pave the streets. The paving would start at Noble, come down to the intersection, and continue down Maple. Councilman Bonner was concerned with the amount the town would owe to SCOG and where payments would come from. Mayor Bates reported the town received a check for \$10,565.26 from PSE and we would receive comparable amounts each quarter.
- Mayor Bates reported that the paintball area has been cleaned up and is reverting to grass.
- Lauren Tracy reported to Mayor Bates that FEMA is unhappy with the

cleaned-up properties. FEMA wants it brushed, cleaned, and re-seeded. A contract with American Gutter Service to do this for \$17,000 was obtained and a check for \$8,500 from Capital Facilities was issued to start this work. Mayor Bates requested Lauren Tracy get an ICC to match the \$17,000. Lauren Tracy stated the Town has a \$15,000 check coming and already has \$10,000 not used, with \$5,200.00 going to Shangri La.

- Water Department report: The manganese level is now so low that the state should drop Hamilton to Level One. After filling out the necessary paper work to be lowered to Level One, it will save the town \$2,200 a month.
- Fire Department report: Nick Bates has volunteers ready to come in and finish the front building and painting the inside. Now that the property is leased for \$1 a year for 15 years, there is a problem between the food bank and the church on which entity will oversee the operation of the food bank. The Mayor has not signed a contract and will not until this is resolved. Nick Bates stated District 6 has a rescue rig that they are going to surplus. There is a possibility to obtain it for Hamilton.
- Street Department report: A bus on the street has been tagged by Tom. The town will start to maintain Water Street.
- A motion was made by Council Cromley and seconded by Council

Pitts to approve the purchase of flowers for the Hamilton Sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Mayor Bates reported he received a letter from Matt Kaufman, environmental health specialist, regarding the burning of the tires. There will be a \$200-per-day fine if the tires are not removed. Tom Selin has taken 327 tires out and there are now just a few left.

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Hamilton Musings

By Carol Bates

Every time you pick up the paper or go out in public, all you hear about is how short the schools are on money and how they're going to have to cut this program or that one. How they will have to lay off teachers. How the property has dropped in value.

I don't know where they get their information. If this was the case, why did so many people attend the meetings that were held for contesting our increased property tax assessments?

After talking to several people, I'd like to share a few numbers.

- A 1977 trailer on a rented lot was given a market value of \$17,500 last year and \$29,500 this year
- A 1978 trailer on a rented lot was given a market value of \$17,500 last year and \$39,500 this year
- Another 1977 trailer on owned ground was given a market value of \$151,000 last year—and \$171,000 this year
- 3 acres of ground outside the flood plain was given a market value of \$151,000 last year—and \$171,000 this year
- 20 acres of land too wet for anything was given a market value of \$300,000 last year and \$340,000 this year
- 5 acres, with an older house? \$187,000 last year, \$250,000 this year
- 11 acres with a house more than 100 years old? Why, this year it was given a market value of \$400,000

That last house is worthless; it was moved out of Hamilton in 1929. It figures about \$40 per every \$10,000 or almost

half of our taxes go to the schools.

Who do they think they're fooling? The only values I can see are in the new homes that have flooded the market and are not selling; they've had to lower their prices.

You can fool some of the people part of the time, but not all of the people all of the time.

Don't forget the July 4 Potluck Party given by Cheryl and Harold Pitts at the Hi-Lo RV Park on Baker Street in Hamilton. This event will run the entire weekend July 4 and 5 and will serve up potluck dishes, a live band, dancing and karaoke, and fireworks after dark. Come one, come all!

Drive into downtown Hamilton and take a moment to appreciate the new blacktop. It looks very nice and takes care of the broken blacktop from past winter freezes.

The Concrete Herald is ready to run your obituaries, plus birth, marriage, and anniversary notices. If you don't read the *Skagit Valley Herald*, this will

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Birdsview buzz

By Kris Voigt

Tayah Aldridge is one brave little girl. During the Memorial Day weekend, she and her mom, Debbie, were on a horse ride in the mountains, when Debbie's horse threw her and took off.

Tayah went after the runaway horse.

Debbie tried to follow her, but was unable to find her, so she hiked back down for miles to get help.

After searching for almost eight hours, the searchers found Tayah on the ground asleep, with a head wound and both horses nearby. Way to go, Tayah!

Several missed birthdays this month. Rebecca Morse from Jericho farms, regular customer Rob Dickerson, Sara and Julian Voigt, Gibson Fichter, and twins Josh and Jordan.

Shelly and Dennis Russell celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, too!

Upcoming birthdays in July: Julie Voigt.

Bad Chuck rocked the Birdsview Brewing Company in June. On July 4, Bad Chuck and Barefeet will play the Brewery again, along with a salmon BBQ and fireworks.

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Business Spotlight: Cascade Supply

Everyone loves small-town hardware stores, and here in Concrete, Cascade Supply makes you wonder why you ever considered setting foot in a soulless, big-box home center.

That's because owners Don and Carol Rohan are committed to finding what you need, even if you don't know the name of that gizmo you're holding as you walk through their front door.

"If we don't have it, we'll find it," said Carol, summarizing the store's philosophy. Their four employees Rhonda McMillen (the store's veteran, with almost 22 years of service), Zach Coggins, Ryan Dichesare, and Nathan Renzelman are number one, says Carol. Each is dedicated to backing up the Rohans' philosophy with fast, knowledgeable service and a friendly manner.

In November 2003, Don and Carol bought Cascade Supply from Roger and Barbara Yelnick, who had run it for 27 years. The store is one of the oldest businesses in downtown Concrete, dating back decades. Archive issues of Concrete Herald trumpet the addition of lumber (!) to the store's inventory in 1959.

Today, the store's product lines have swelled to an impressive level for its relatively small size. Don Rohan routinely ignores the laws of physics, managing to incorporate an inconceivable amount of inventory onto the shelves that line the walls of Cascade Supply.

Here, you'll find everything you'd expect from a hometown hardware store, plus sporting goods, kitchen supplies, garden implements, and cute wind chimes to hang on your porch. They'll cut more than lumber for you, too: They'll match a key, slice glass and screen, and saw rebar to whatever length you like.

We can match paint colors, too, added Carol.

Go ahead, give 'em your best shot. Carol once watched a guy push through the door with a salmon, dripping blood all the way back to the nail scale because he wanted to determine the weight of his catch. She can handle anything.

The next time you're in Concrete, head downtown and check out Cascade Supply. No matter what you need, chances are they'll have it. And if they don't—all together, now—they'll find it for you.

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Right: Cascade Supply owners Don and Carol Rohan (at right), with employees Nathan Renzelman, Rhonda McMillen, Zach Coggins, and Ryan Dichesare.



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Rockport



SRBEAT searches for director

The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team (SRBEAT) needs a director, and quick.

So says Judy Hemenway, president of the board for SRBEAT, the umbrella organization that manages the Interpretive Center in Rockport and the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival.

The issue is that we've been putting on the festival for 22 years—all on a volunteer basis, said Hemenway. Our efforts to draw tourists upriver have expanded with the interpretive center and the summer programs, and it's become very time-consuming, she said.

At a recent board meeting, Hemenway says the group came to the conclusion that it can no longer handle the work load without a paid director guiding the Eagle Festival and the Interpretive Center, someone who could knock on doors year-round, promoting the events, said Hemenway.

It's a big job, one that currently is being handled by volunteers and two part-time Interpretive Center staffers who simply can't put in the number of hours necessary to execute all initiatives equally well. We all have to work, laughed Hemenway.

Hemenway has been hitting the bricks since April, trying to drum up financial support from the usual suspects, as well as a few new ones. She's been to the Port of Skagit County, Skagit County Parks and Rec, PSE, City of Burlington, the North Cascade National Park Complex, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. She's even trying the EPA, now, writing grants as fast as she can, trying to figure out where the

matching funds will come from.

Everyone's budgets are being cut, but Hemenway remains hopeful. PSE is looking for funds for the director position, and I'm trying to find matching funds for them if they're successful. It's looking hopeful, but nothing is confirmed yet," she said.

Hemenway believes passionately that SRBEAT's achievements are worth fighting for. She points to the economic impact of the Bald Eagle Festival as an example. Between December and February every year, the festival draws upwards of 10,000 visitors to eastern Skagit County, most of them coming from Seattle and Bellingham.

That's what keeps our businesses open during that time of the year, said Hemenway.

So the quest to create a paid director position continues. The volunteers will remain in place, but hopefully, a director soon will be able to provide some relief for their schedules.

How does the Bald Eagle Festival help us?

It creates and sustains:

- Economic impact
- Ecotourism benefits and affiliation
- Wildlife learning opportunities
- Exposure of environmental issues
- Cultural and historical exposure
- SRBEAT growth of 22 years

More delays for the future of Rockport State Park

A brief, June 18 e-mail sent on behalf of John Krambrink, assistant region manager-Resource Stewardship for Washington State Parks, Northwest Region Office in Burlington, offered little hope for swift resolution of the problematic overnight camping situation in Rockport State Park.

Washington State Parks is experiencing budget reductions and personnel changes which has delayed the progress of the Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) process for Rockport State Park, the e-mail read in part. State Parks is committed to finishing the project and a follow up notification will be sent out later this summer to provide more information on the schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Parks Service maintains a Rockport planning Web site at www.parks.wa.gov/plans/rockport. At press time, little new information had appeared on the site.

The planning project for Rockport

State Park, also known as Classification and Management Planning (CAMP), includes four planning stages. For several months, the process has appeared mired somewhere between phases three and four, with, it would seem, no final recommendations coming anytime soon.

The CAMP is meant to address overall visitor experiences, natural and cultural resources, use of the park's buildings, recreation fields and trails, and other topics of interest to the community and park visitors. In theory, it also will address what should be done with the overnight camping area.

The planning process was meant to span approximately one year. It now has passed the one-year mark and shows no sign of resolving itself in the near future.

If you would like to add your voice to the process of deciding the future of Rockport State Park, contact John Krambrink, project lead:
rockport.planning@parks.wa.gov
360.755.9231

Burning in Skagit County restricted to recreational fires

Because of high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, a modified outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Skagit County went into effect Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at 8 a.m.

This restriction bans outdoor burning, except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high, and are for cooking and pleasure only.

Recreational fires must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10-foot radius, must be monitored at all times and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum, a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water).

Other than recreation fires, all outdoor burning is banned as of July 1, 2009. As always, burning garbage and the use of burn barrels is illegal statewide and subject to fines of up to \$1,000.

A permanent ban on open burning remains in effect in the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley and their urban growth areas.

For more information on the permanent burn ban in these cities, contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at 800.622.4627 or check its Web site at www.nwcleanair.org.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, call 360.856.3500 for burn permit information. Washington State Parks and National Parks are subject to their own rules and regulations relating to burn bans.

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Charles L. Dwelley: Father to a legend

By Dan Royal

Charles M. Dwelley's son, Art Dwelley, remembered his grandfather, Charles L. Dwelley. Grandpa was one of the nicest people I've ever known. He was a quiet, unassuming man who seemed to be able to roll with the punches and keep his sense of humor. He knew absolutely everyone in Anacortes and most of Skagit County for that matter. There is no question that the Depression years were hard on him and I remember when he had to work on WPA projects when I was little. This was a big change for a man who had been accustomed to a steady and responsible position.

Charles' knowledge of the county and its history would serve him well when he became president of the Skagit County Pioneer Association and presided over the 1954 annual picnic. His wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Muth, had been the secretary of the association for the previous 12 years, so this had given them the distinction of being the first and only married couple to preside over the meetings. Sadly, she was gravely ill the

day of the picnic and could not attend.

A 1894 graduate of La Conner High School, Charles remembers his boyhood days "...canoeing over the flats at high tide where the high school now stands. Built camp on hill where the new Pioneer Memorial was built. Caught salmon on sand bars at low tide near the Hole in the Wall, at the mouth of the North Fork of the Skagit River. First trip to Mount Vernon was by canoe, up to North Fork to log jam and then walked rest of the way.

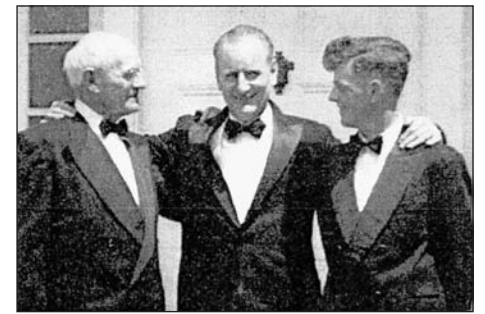
After college, Charles and his future wife Mary Elizabeth had met and married in Mount Vernon while both were working for Hayton Hardware Company. They married at his family's home in La Conner on June 24, 1902. Their daughter Dorothy Alice was born April 5, 1905, and son Charles Muth Dwelley on March 8, 1908, during their time in the county seat. By 1911 they had moved permanently to the city of Anacortes; his career here started with Shannon Hardware, where he became manager. The family grew to five when son William Joseph was born on April 16, 1916.

He was faithfully active in Anacortes even during the hard times of the Depression, serving two terms on the City

Council, and holding the title of officer in the Odd Fellows Lodge, the Elks Club, and the Anacortes Rifle Club. Besides the Skagit County Pioneer Association, he also served as president of the La Conner Alumni Association. He retired from Scott Paper Company in Anacortes in the late 1940s.

Charles and Mary Elizabeth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sat., June 27, 1952, with a reception at the Odd Fellows Hall attended by more than 200. Mary Elizabeth passed away in 1954 and he remarried in 1956 to Della Eva Young. They continued to live in Anacortes, but traveled extensively by car and trailer until his death in Anacortes on June 22, 1964, following a short illness. He was buried at the family plot in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in La Conner next to his wife, Mary Elizabeth.

Dan Royal is a Skagit County historian, memorialist, and genealogist of the Skagit County Pioneer Association. This is the third installment in a four-part series on the life of Charles M. Dwelley. Excerpts and photo courtesy of Doris Pollack, niece of Charles M. Dwelley, from family histories.



Charles L. Dwelley, Charles M. Dwelley, and Arthur G. Dwelley, circa 1951.

Volunteer correspondents are needed for Rockport!

Want to write short updates, or simply provide news tips about Rockport for *Concrete Herald*?

Contact Jason Miller:

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Recipe corner: Banana Bread

From Evalyn Goeringer's kitchen

Ingredients

3 ripe bananas: mash with fork
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/3 cup melted margarine
2-1/4 cup sifted flour
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
Optional: 2/3 cup chopped nuts

Preparation

Combine eggs, sugar, margarine, and mashed bananas; mix well.
Sift together flour, soda, and salt (and nuts, if desired), and add to above mixture, stirring until just blended.
Pour into two small loaf pans (or one large loaf pan) and bake at 325° for about 40 min. or until done.

Good clean fun: Upper Skagit Gardeners

By Gladys Silrus

Looking for a group of gardeners who like to have fun while learning more about gardening?

Your search is over! The Upper Skagit Gardeners, descended from the Concrete Garden Club that dates back to the late 1940s, offers a casual way to get involved and catch gardening fever.

Men and women are welcome to join Upper Skagit Gardeners, whose ranks currently number 14. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., in the old police station at the east end of Main St. in Concrete. We're off for the summer; our next meeting will be Sept. 19.

Our meetings are always a good time. We schedule guest speakers who give

great presentations on topics that we've chosen for the coming year.

We're not afraid to dive in and create special projects, either. We make Christmas wreaths in November and hold a gift exchange in December at a member's home (she has seven Christmas trees decorated inside her house). In the past, we've made bat houses and mason bee nests, learned about wildlife in the garden, and much more.

Come discover the Upper Skagit Gardeners. Join us to exchange ideas and plants and the cookies are good too!

Gladys Silrus is president of the Upper Skagit Gardeners.

THIS AND THAT

By J.K.M.

Have you heard? The Concrete Post Office now has 12 parcel lockers in its outer lobby. They're meant to be used by P.O. Box holders.

Here's how it works. Say you get a package that's too big for your P.O. Box. Postal employees will put the package in one of the lockers instead, lock it, then leave the corresponding key in your P.O. Box. You match the key to the number on the parcel locker, unlock it, and retrieve your package. That key will automatically lock into the parcel locker; it cannot be taken out until a postal employee retrieves it during the next business day. Pretty slick.

The parcel lockers will be accessible 24/7, since the outer lobby is always open.

If you have trouble getting the key in the parcel locker, try it upside down, jiggle it a bit, and push in the door slightly as you turn the key.

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Sports

Sports try-outs: Are you ready?

By Don Beazizo, athletic director, Concrete High School

Fall sports season is coming soon to a field or court near you.

After researching many schools of similar size and with the current budget constraints on schools, we have decided that we need to charge an activity fee for all students participating in ASB-sponsored activities.

Most schools are charging around \$125 per sport. Concrete High School and Middle School will only charge a one-time, per-year fee of \$30 per athlete. Families with more than 3 student athletes will be capped at \$90. This fee is in addition to the purchase of the current ASB card, and will be used to offset transportation costs of our buses since expenses have risen.

You will need to have the following taken care of before participating:

- **Completed physical** (must be signed and dated by physician)
- **Insurance waiver or school insurance**
- **Activities code** (must be signed by both parent and student)
- **Parent permission form**
- **Activity fee** (must be paid to start practice; \$30 activity fee for all ASB activities; one-time yearly fee)
- **ASB card** (costs for the 2009–10 school year are: High School: \$30; purchase at high school. Middle School: \$20; purchase at Concrete K-8 building)
- **Emergency Authorization Card** (on the front of the Permission to Participate card)
- **Signed Permission to Participate Card** (must be completed to turn out)

All paperwork can be picked up at the district office, high school office, and/or K-8 building. All paperwork needs to be completed and signed by both athlete and parent. Once completed, the paperwork needs to be turned in to the high school office.

There is one exception for middle school students needing to purchase ASB card and paying for their Activity fee: This needs to be taken care of at the K-8 building.

Sports start dates:

Aug. 19 High School Football

Aug. 24 High School Volleyball and Girls Soccer

Sept. 7 Middle School Volleyball

Middle School Football will not be offered, as the league in which we are currently competing will not be offering the sport, because of budget constraints with all schools.

We encourage those who are interested to contact Chad Clark, Little League Football coordinator.

Concrete High School class registration

Ready to register for the 2009–10 school year at Concrete High School. Here's what you need to know.

Students will register on Tues., Aug. 25, 2009, in the high school commons. The following schedule will be used:

8-9 a.m.	Seniors only
9-10 a.m.	Juniors only
10-11 a.m.	Sophomores

Parents need to update addresses and phone numbers during these registration periods.

Do not try to register early; registration will occur in this order. All fines need to be paid; students will not be allowed to register for classes unless all fees are paid. Students not paying fees will register last.

During the first part of August, expect a 2009–10 schedule, along with a graduation requirements handout and a copy of your transcripts. Please choose your classes before arriving to register. Counselors and administrators will be available at registration to answer questions. Incoming Freshmen will only get to substitute PE for band or choir; all other classes will be pre-selected as Freshman requirements. Band/Choir students will still be required to get 2 credits of PE in order to graduate.

If you have questions about the registration process, call 360.853.8143 or e-mail dbeazizo@concrete-k12.wa.us.

CHS class of 1999 announces reunion plans

The Concrete High School graduating class of 1999 will hold a class reunion on Sat., Aug. 1, in the afternoon, at Birdview Brewing Co., in Birdview.

For more information and a firm start time as this event approaches, send an e-mail to:

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Academics

Famed climber and cartographer visits Concrete Elementary

By Krystal Rae Augusto

Ever dreamed of being on K2 and making it down alive? Well, Dee Molenaar has.

Dee Molenaar, a humble man at 91, visited the 6th graders at Concrete Elementary School on Tues., June 9. He was invited by teacher Danna Thompson as part of a culminating activity to wrap up our novel unit. He shared with us many things about himself and his life.

Molenaar has two brothers and one sister. He and his wife have a daughter and two sons. He has accomplished many things in his life, many of which are almost incomprehensible to some. Believe it or not, Molenaar reached the summit of about 500 different mountains, before he stopped climbing in 1984 at age 66. However, as a climber at heart, he still pushes himself to hike occasionally.

Molenaar faced one of his biggest tragedies on the second-tallest mountain in the world, K2. In 1953, Dee, an academic with degrees in geology and art, joined an expedition to summit K2. This opportunity came only a couple years

after he and another expedition topped Mt. St. Elias, the second highest mountain in North America.

Sadly, the K2 climb wasn't as successful and they didn't summit. In fact, all but one was lucky enough to make it down alive. The downfall of the trip was not the fact that they did not summit, it was the fact that right before they could, while they were at Camp 8 at 25,000 feet, their friend Art Gilkey got a blood clot in his leg and they had to back down.

Normally, a sick climber would be left to die at that elevation, but this climbing expedition would not leave one of their own. However, every man knew trying to save Gilkey would mean risking their own lives. As Dee put it, "Many climbers believe that being above 20,000 feet means you can abandon morality. We didn't agree with that."

As they dragged Gilkey wrapped in a sleeping bag and tent, one of the climbers lost his footing. Since the climbers were roped together, all but one man began sliding down the steep, icy slope. If not

for the quick action of Pete Schoening performing an arrest that held the weight of six men, all would have perished.

After that chaotic experience, Dee and his team members settled down to recover at a lower camp, where, unfortunately, Gilkey died in a freak avalanche. Forty years passed before Art Gilkey's body would be found, four miles from where he had died. In 1993, the surviving climbers gathered for an anniversary of the expedition. They build a cairn in memory of Gilkey.

Dee painted all the way though his climbing years. He loves to paint and is quite talented at it, and has made many maps of different mountains. In fact, Dee's maps are featured in most of the United States Forest Service offices. They are all hand-drawn, even though they are aerial maps.

Dee also told us a lot about himself. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and both of his parents were Dutch immigrants. Dee also has held several jobs, such as geologist, climber, mountain guide, Mt. Rainier park ranger, and photographer for the U.S. Coast Guard.

These days, Dee is retired and still painting. He's still active, too, although



Climber and cartographer Dee Molenaar poses with Concrete Elementary students during a visit to the school on June 9. Molenaar has been a geologist, ranger, and photographer, but his first love is climbing.

not quite so active as in his younger years, and he says his greatest accomplishment was the K2 trip. He does not regret failing to reach the summit and says that if he could, he wouldn't change a thing.

Dee Molenaar is a legend and a wonderful man from whom to learn.

Krystal Rae Augusto just finished her 6th-grade year at Concrete Elementary.

Concrete K-8 School announces second-semester honor students

The following 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Concrete K-8 School received a 3.0 grade point average or greater for the second semester:

Grade 4

*Treyton Howell, *Emma Riedel, Rebecca Ross, Anna Huppuch, Kyra Smith, Chloe Stidman, Riley Pritchard, Tom Kelly, Kiya Mann, Amy Storms, Elijah McGrue, Kayla Jarmin, Brook Barnedt, Sidney Hockett, Katelynn Baumert, Emily Bridge, Tessa Coffell, Ashlee Gilbert, Jaycelyn Kuipers, Nickolas Parker and Tyler Wasson.

Grade 5

*Joshua Gentry, *Hannah Kononen, *Hailey McNealey, April Allbritton, Adam Adkinson, Katherine Joens, David Quang, Tye Thompson, Dawson Bass, Angelica Zapata, Edison Bergsma, Dylan Clark, Cassidy Cargile, Ashten Tygret, Seth Shaffer, Jessica Bridge, Donald Olmstead, Megan Fenley, Katelin Pritchard, Brittany Schramm, Zeeta Thornton, Shelby Meacham, Suncirray O'Gwin, Brandon Roberts, Samuel Holbrook, Donovan Dellinger, Teegan Sterling, Erika Holm, Mindy Sutton and Randall Beacham.

Grade 6

Sahale Riedel, Madeline Corn, Renay Miller, Jordan Munnings, Muriel Troka, Taylor Warner, Kathleen Haverstick, Emily Stidman, Anjelika Koenig, Shayane Gilbert, Ashlee Kisner, Chris Quang, Hailey Brashears, Tyler Richmond, Tiffany Forrester, Baylee Robinson-Oleary, Mathew Baird, Gibson Fichter, Krystal Augusto and Joshua Munnings.

The following 7th and 8th grade students received a 3.2 grade point average or greater for the second semester:

Grade 7

*Dallas Newby, Aimee Adkinson, Forest Barnedt, Nathan Butler, Samantha Christensen, Kristien Mann, Simon Marks-Franks, Joshua Rogge, Jonnie Rohweder.

Grade 8

*Frankie Rohweder, *Linnaea Groh, *Alexander Joens, Arielle Aiken, Olivia Davis, Ashlee Evans, Jessica Filtz, Celia Gracey, Brayden Gunderson, Hayden Holbrook, Drake Jansen, Claire Saludo, Melia Thompson and Kylee Warner.

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The Concrete School District announces the sponsorship of the Simplified Summer Food Program for *all* children ages 1 through 18.

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- **Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.**
- **Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon**

All meals will be served in the Concrete High School cafeteria, located at 7830 South Superior Ave., in Concrete.

Children do not need to be enrolled in the summer program in order to receive free meals. Children must consume all food in the cafeteria.



Marblemount



Cascade River Road opens for season

By Patricia Blauvelt

On June 25, Cascade River Road officially opened for the season, allowing vehicle access to Cascade Pass Trail (CPT), a gateway to Sahale Arm, Horseshoe Basin, and Stehekin.

Nearly 23 miles up the mountain road, greenery and clouds encase the soaring peaks of The Triplets, Cascade Peak, and 8,220-ft. Johannesburg Mountain.

Popular for its breathtaking views and low-grade incline, Cascade Pass Trail (3.7 miles) offers a soothing retreat for experienced and beginning hikers alike. The switchback trail reveals a smorgasbord of visual delights, including waterfalls; flora, such as columbine and lupine; marmots; grouse; and the occasional mountain goat.

Branching from the CPT, Sahale Arm (2.2 miles) and Horseshoe Basin (4.5 miles) allow for an extended day hike. The steep ascents show off subalpine meadows, glaciers, and expansive peaks.

For a serene backcountry experience, Stehekin lies 23 miles from the parking lot. Unwind from the trek in this remote community located on Lake Chelan. Enjoy an out-of-this-world bakery, canoeing, horseback riding and other leisure activities.

Camp sites near the CPT are available at Johannesburg, Pelton Basin and Sahale Glacier. Permits can be obtained at the Wilderness Information Center in Marblemount the day of or one day before the desired camp night. Trail conditions for this area as of June 27 were heavy snow on the last half mile of Cascade Pass, as well as Pelton Basin. According to Wilderness Ranger Chelsea Gudgeon, the snow is expected to thaw by late July.

For current conditions, backcountry permits, and other information, visit the Wilderness Trip Planner at: <http://www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/wilderness-trip-planner.htm>.



Above, left: A view from the 23rd mile of Cascade River Road: The Triplets (left) and Cascade Peak.



Above, right: Amid the haze of Cascade Pass, North Cascade National Park Trail Crew worker Robin Ruel treks on to survey trail conditions. Photos by Alex Haugom.

Pat Buller Photography slide show fundraiser supports Marblemount Community Hall

Photographer Pat Buller left em wanting more at a slide show presentation he presented at the Marblemount Community Hall June 18.

The Marblemount-based photographer, whose work is famous in Skagit County and beyond, offered the slide show as a fundraising effort for the Marblemount Community Hall, whose ongoing maintenance and operation fees must be met with a budget that isn't always flush.

Buller focuses his lens on the Skagit River watershed, which extends into Whatcom and Snohomish, as well as Skagit County. He filled the screen with images that ranged from the coast to the high peaks of the North Cascades.

Waterfalls, lakes, creeks, rivers, and an abundance of plant life got their share of screen time, often accompanied by Buller's dry sense of humor. When an image of what looked like charcoal-gray

pearls snapped into view, he quipped,

That s slime mold. It looks like pearls, except it s slippery and nasty.

Other photos were taken while dragging Sacha, his wife, across some rather challenging terrain. She s still speaking to me, though, said Buller.

The slide show fundraiser is held once annually, sometimes twice.

Right: Photographer Pat Buller chats with Marblemount Community Club President Connie Clark after Buller's slide show presentation, a fundraising effort to support Marblemount Community Hall.



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June 16

A Concrete caller reports his Baja DR90, red and black dirt motorcycle was stolen during the night. No suspects. Entered in computer as stolen.

June 18

A Lyman caller reported a brown pit bull on the stairway of an apartment. The dog would not let tenants leave the building. When a deputy arrived, the dog was penned. An animal control officer will follow-up on this case.

June 14

Hamilton callers report a red Nissan vehicle parked in their driveway. During the night, someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole the stereo and some CDs. No suspects at this time.

June 12

A caller reports her vehicle was parked outside The Hub tavern in Concrete. Caller says she witnessed a woman known to her get into a vehicle and back into her car, causing damage to the front end. Caller says this woman then drove away without stopping. Deputy checked and observed damage. Deputy located suspect, a 62-year-old Concrete woman who admitted striking the car, but didn't think

it was a big deal. The woman was cited for hit and run.

June 12

A 1:30 a.m. call from Concrete reported 8 to 10 juveniles making noise in a parking lot. They had tipped over a large trash receptacle. A deputy contacted them; the juveniles left the area.

June 11

Report of a verbal argument in Marble-mount over someone cutting timber on disputed land. One of the parties came to the other's house and a heated argument ensued over the wood cutting. Allegedly, one party threatened to hurt the other one if this continued to be a problem. Caller wanted a deputy to know they had been threatened and wanted it documented.

June 10

Report of someone having stolen the American flag at the Concrete Post Office. Theft occurred in the night. Security video shows a heavier-set white male with longer dark hair and a tattoo on one arm. Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact the Skagit County Sheriff's Office by dialing 9-1-1.

June 9

Cape Horn caller reports he was going for a walk and was tripped by two pit bulls. One dog bit him on the leg and

caused a puncture wound. The caller was able to identify the dog owner for the animal control officer. The dog has been quarantined for 10 days. Charges of a dangerous dog are being considered.

June 8

A Concrete caller reported that her husband had left town on business. He should have returned by this point and it is unusual behavior for him to be this overdue. Call came in at 1:30 a.m. and she was concerned. Deputy checked with Washington State Patrol, which had not contacted the husband's vehicle. A couple hours later, woman called back: Her husband was home and had been running late and forgot to call.

June 7

Concrete caller reported that she was trying to move her property out of her boyfriend's residence. She said he was bothering her and she requested a deputy stand by to keep the peace while she got her things. Deputy arrived; both parties agreed to handle things amicably.

June 6

Concrete caller reported that someone stole his bicycle from his porch. He said he lives near Cascade Trail and suspected someone took it to access the trail. Bike is a black, 21-speed Hardrock-brand bicycle.

No suspects. If anyone finds the bike, please contact the Skagit County Sheriff by dialing 9-1-1.

June 5

A Grasmere-area caller reported someone recently dumped household garbage at the end of a dead-end road. Deputy arrived, checked garbage and located some information that may be a clue to who dumped the trash. Deputy will follow-up. If a suspect is identified, he/she is in line for a hefty fine for littering.

June 4

A caller on California St. in Hamilton reports he was mowing his grass with a riding mower when a neighbor he knows only as Bob came up behind him and started punching him in the head. He said he confronted Bob and told him to leave, but did not hit him back. He said Bob has anger problems. Deputy contacted Bob, who denied hitting the caller, but admitted he confronted him because the lawn mower was bothering him. Original victim decided not to pursue charges.

June 1

A 15-year-old Grasmere girl called, saying she was getting harassing text messages from an acquaintance. Deputy contacted the offending party. Also a teenage girl and messages will stop.

Resort, cont. from p. 1

agreement gave the operation of the resort back to the USFS under a new federal operating license—a more appropriate fit, said Roger Thompson, Public Relations manager for PSE.

“We came to a collective agreement about what kind of conditions we wanted to see under the new license,” he said. The new arrangement reflected the consensus that “the business of recreation is better suited for the Forest Service—which already operates a lot of campgrounds—not necessarily for a company like PSE,” whose focus is the generation and distribution of electricity, he said.

According to PSE Recreation Supervisor Pamela Garland, the resort's decommissioning will include “removing higher-level infrastructure, such as water hookups and showers.”

The property will become a Development Level 3 Campground under the watch of the U.S. Forest Service, with primitive campsites that include tent sites, picnic tables, fire rings, and water spigots. The cabins, shower facilities, and water and electric hookups for RVs will be torn down and removed, although RV campsites will be available later without water or electricity. PSE will be responsible for demolition of the

public buildings, such as the cabins, but administrative and facilities buildings will stay, said Gretta Movassaghi, a Natural Resource Specialist for the USFS. “The resort store is in negotiation, but the boat dock will be available for use after the change,” she added.

The change isn't drawing applause from all corners, said resort store clerk Sheya Sanchez, who has held her position for four summers and regularly chats with vacationers who have visited the resort for generations.

“It's kind of sad, since it's been open so long,” Sanchez said of the resort. “A lot of customers who come up every year are disappointed.”

A legend passes

The resort has a rich history. It was named Tarr's Resort before Edward and Betty Lemos bought it in 1975, naming it Baker Lake Resort and running it till 1998, when PSE bought it. Lemos was a motivated businessman in southern California, but found he needed to escape the city. The Lemoses and their three children loved the outdoors, so they decided to own and operate a campground.

Charlie Tarr, a family friend, had two decades earlier built and operated what would become Baker Lake Resort. The Lemos family leased the resort from the

U.S. Forest Service, which owned the land then and now.

The resort offered a dock, bathhouse, bathrooms, and 12 cabins. Later, the Lemoses built a store, and renovated the bathhouse and other structures.

For the Lemos family, the resort is saturated with memories. In 1975, while the Lemoses prepared to open the resort for the season, officials told them that Mount Baker had the potential to erupt. But, since the danger was not imminent, the Lemos family chose not to evacuate. As the volcanic threat continued, they kept busy painting and repairing buildings.

“There's no way to prepare for something like that,” said Betty Lemos.

An interesting epilogue to that story took place five years later: Because the Lemos family could empathize with Harry Truman and his beloved Spirit Lake, journalist Dan Rather and a news crew visited the resort after Mount St. Helens violently erupted in 1980.

“Buy a bigger gun”

Betty Lemos has other fond memories of the parties they hosted for resort guests, with music, great food, and lots of dancing. “I wouldn't have any other business,” Betty said. “We met absolutely wonderful people,” she said.

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Betty's daughter, Sandy Lemos, concurs. "It's the most beautiful place on God's green Earth!" she said.

Betty remembers darker moments, too. Once, a group of shady characters almost ran her over with their car. She brandished her gun and they disappeared quickly. When she reported the incident to the police, they responded, "Better buy a bigger gun." She did.



These cabins at Baker Lake Resort will be demolished later this year, along with other higher-level infrastructure elements, such as water and electrical hookups, and shower facilities. New, primitive campsites will be developed, and will include tent sites, picnic tables, fire rings, and water spigots.

Ed and Betty now reside in Ocean Park, Wash., and although the Baker Lake Resort of their memories will cease to exist, the sparkling lake will continue to offer a great recreation destination.

The resort will be memorialized, said Movassaghi. "There will be some form of recognition that the Baker Lake Resort existed, with signage perhaps, although the exact form of acknowledgment is yet to be decided," she said.

Wineries, cont. from p. 7

vineyards at the winery. This spring, two acres of Pinot Meunier, Sauvignon Blanc and more Pinot Noir vines were added to the approximately eight previously planted acres of Pinot Noir.

Challenger Ridge also has a newly opened tasting room in Woodinville, Washington.

Thomas says that Challenger Ridge aims to be a comfortable, fun, relaxing destination winery. Plans are in motion for the sale of building lots at the winery for wine bungalows, as well as plans for a lodge and second tasting room. As summer picks up speed, Challenger Ridge is ready for another busy year.

Glacier Peak Winery

Located just east of Rockport, near Milepost 104, Glacier Peak opened in 2002 with Stephen and Susan Olsen as owners. Stephen likes to say that they began making wine in 1998 as "a hobby that went bad," and that their guidance at the winery is that they want to produce really great wine.

The Glacier Peak Winery tasting room is located on the same site as the vineyard, and offers seasonal hours of operation, so call ahead to make sure you don't miss out (see sidebar).

Each of the Olsens' wines are handcrafted on site, from Pinot Noir, Siegerrebe, and Agria grapes grown on their own vines, to the Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot they produce from grapes personally chosen and delivered by the winemaker from premium vineyards in the Yakima Valley.

Stephen Olsen is especially pleased with Glacier Peak's very unique white Siegerrebe wine. He said that their Siegerrebe grapes grow and mature especially well in their eastern Skagit climate, which averages 10–13 degrees warmer daytime summer temperatures than Burlington. He added that the Siegerrebe is becoming so popular that a lot of people walk in saying they only like red wines, and leave with a bottle of our white Siegerrebe.

Sales of the Glacier Peak's white Siegerrebe have grown to comprise 38 percent of their total. He adds that their 2007 Pinot Noir also did well. Glacier Peak Winery anticipates another good summer and year.

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Many events take place at the wineries throughout the summer and fall. Look for hiking, biking and horseback riding trails at Challenger Ridge, as well as other special events. Eagle Haven has special music events throughout the summer, and its facilities are available for events of many kinds, from weddings to parties of any occasion. And Glacier Peak has partnered with Blue Sky Outfitters to offer Skagit River float trips paired with lunch and a wine tasting experience. Contact each winery for details on additional special events.

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Newhalem



Nice work if you can get it: Colonial Creek Camp hosts revel in the great outdoors

By Jason Miller

Cece and Jerry Gardner, Sr., have the kind of job most people only dream about.

Jerry is retired for a second time after 27 years with the Mount Vernon police and 7 years as a loss prevention safety manager with Lowe's. Cece still works in the Mount Vernon School District.

But this summer, for the first time, they get to hang out at one of their family's favorite haunts: The Colonial Creek Campground on Diablo Lake.

The Gardners are camp hosts, which means the National Park Service gives them a uniform, a small stipend, and a camping space with full hookups, where they park their trailer for three months.

In return, the Gardners are accessible to campers 24 hours a day, even though they're supposed to work six-hour days.

They assist campers however they can. Often, they field the same questions

repeatedly: Where is my camp site? How do I register? Why can't I build a fire outside my fire pit? Why can't I gather firewood? Where is firewood sold, then? Why doesn't my cell phone work?

The Gardners are first-time camp hosts and loving every minute of it. They have four sons and a daughter, and, since Cece grew up in Newhalem, they spent a lot of time enjoying the area while the kids were growing up.

It's always been a destination for us, said Cece. We've been married 33 years and there's only been one year when we

haven't spent at least a week up here, out in the woods.

With 140 camp sites to watch over, the Gardners take their job seriously. They're outfitted with a satellite phone and connected to a law enforcement ranger who lives on site.

Ever vigilant for potential problems, Jerry and Cece focus more on serving as accessible contacts for campers.

[The Park Service] prefers us to be the friendly faces that make people want to come back, said Jerry.

Well, they have that covered.



Colonial Creek Campground hosts Jerry and Cece Gardner in front of their trailer. "I love my job this summer!" said Cece.

East-county playwright sees work performed at Stone Soup Theatre

If you haven't heard of Nicola Pearson, you should probably crawl out from under your rock and pay attention to this.

Already an established playwright, the Sauk City citizen recently had another of her plays, *The Gift*, performed at the Outside the Box festival of one-act plays at Stone Soup Theatre in Seattle.

In early June, that play received the most votes from audience members in the second weekend of performances, meaning that *The Gift* will be produced again during Stone Soup's next season.

That cool enough for you?

Wait, there's more. Shortly after this happened, Pearson had another of her plays win in the Theatre Oxford Ten-Minute Play Contest in Oxford, Mississippi; it will get a full production at that theater in September.

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Seniors

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Be prepared

By Patrick Kennedy

The Boy Scout's motto, Be prepared, should, perhaps, also apply to retired seniors. Be prepared for what? you may ask. Well, for everything and anything ready, geared up, primed, organized, and all set for any unexpected emergency that arises, whether it be a natural catastrophe, a home accident, or a quick sickness.

Be disciplined and ready for anything. Develop a detailed plan to meet any unexpected situation. Being prepared will make you feel a little safer, as well as confident that you will do the right thing at the right moment.

Be prepared in body by making yourself strong, flexible, and active, and able to react. What me worry? may be a good slogan for Alfred E. Neuman of MAD Magazine, but here a bit of the opposite should be true: Me worry a little.

There are so many things you should keep handy in your Worry a Little emergency kit. There are the obvious. The First Aid kit, phone numbers for the right people and places, aspirin in case you get a headache or feel a little woozy, and, in case the lights go out, a flashlight with charged batteries and candles with the matches.

Include food you don't need to cook or refrigerate, such as granola bars, canned fruits and juices (with can opener), bottled water (a most important item to have on hand),

candy or chocolate bars, nuts, beef jerky, and similar foods.

Your medications are vital for this kit. Yes, you know where they are now, but during a disaster, they may be inaccessible. Stashing several days of your daily dosages is important to keep you alert and alive during an emergency.

A cell phone is essential for many reasons. If the power lines go down, the phone lines might go with them. If you fall and your phone is attached to your belt, you can call for help more quickly.

There are other medical alert systems on the market for seniors who live alone. Some are small buttons you wear around your neck, on your wrist, or pinned to your shirt. One push of a button and someone is alerted that you are in trouble; a central monitoring office, a relative, or even a nearby neighbor can come to your aid. These people should have key access to your residence.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there," said Arthur Godfrey

The idea is, don't procrastinate. Get started and think about "Being prepared" now. You probably can think of a dozen other things you will need to prepare yourself for a worst-case scenario, so, pack them up and place them in your Worry a Little emergency kit.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of How to Have Fun with Retirement, a sneak peek for which is available online at www.funwithretirement.com.

Way Back When

70 years ago

July 6, 1939: Superior given largest order on Coulee Dam.

Rumors of the amount of cement to be shipped from the local plant to Grand Coulee Dam during the coming year were set at rest July 1 when word came that Superior Portland Cement, Inc., had been awarded a contract for 1,452,000 barrels by the Treasury Dept.

This contract was the largest of seven awarded and was almost half of the total amount awarded. Superior's price for the low-heat cement desired was \$1.50 a barrel, which means that the local company will receive \$2,178,000.

A good share of this will go into wages paid to local men.

60 years ago

July 28, 1949: Airport figures show low cost to the town.

Final figures on the cost of the Concrete Municipal Airport were released this week by Lloyd Seabury, town treasurer, and show that the community did very well on the project.

The total cost of the land, the contract, engineering and administration was: \$26,727.33. Of this, the federal government under the CAA, provided \$13,113.66 and the state added another \$6,267.72, leaving the net cost to the town at \$7,545.95.

Cost of the land was \$2,704.65, and as this is now city property, the actual cost to the community in

improvement and making the land a CAA-approved airport was only \$4,841.30.

50 years ago

A July 2, 1959, article states that inclusion of the county road from Rockport ferry to the new Sauk River bridge on the Federal Aid System was announced this week. The move was planned as an aid to building of the proposed Rockport bridge. The county receives about \$54,000 each year in FAS funds, and engineer Frank Gilkey said that all available funds from this source will be put into the Rockport project. Construction was scheduled for 1961.

40 years ago

July 2 1969: "Dressing by Design, a short course on selection of materials and styles, will be offered women of the Concrete and Marblemount areas this month through the Skagit County Extension Service.

The free program will show how lines, textures, and designs in fabrics and clothes affect appearance. Enrollees will learn to use their personal coloring as an individual approach to choosing colors to wear.

30 years ago

July 19, 1979: Baker Lake is 20,000 rainbow trout richer...and that's no fish story! Puget Sound Power & Light Company planted 20,000 sport fish during the last week in June as part of a research

Concrete Senior Center

July 2009 Activities

Lunch is served Monday through Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Mondays

9:00 a.m.	Gray Ladies hoop quilting
1:00 p.m.	Skip Bo
1:00 p.m.	Mexican Train Dominos

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
1:00 p.m.	Skip Bo

Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Quilting
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
1:00 p.m.	Skip Bo

Thursdays

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Wii Sports play
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle

Fridays

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Quilting
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
Noon	Mexican Train Dominos

Special Events

7/2	12:30 p.m.	Independence Day Lunch
7/8	11 a.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
7/8	1:00 p.m.	Bingo
7/14		Rebekahs Meeting
7/23		Foot Care by Appointment
7/25	7:30– 10:30	Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast
7/28	1:00 p.m.	Skagit Valley Hospital Program on Memory and Depression
7/28		Rebekahs Meeting
7/29	12:30 p.m.	Birthday Lunch
7/29	1:00 p.m.	Birthday Bingo

Senior Center Closures

7/3	Independence Holiday
7/6	Furlough Day

Way back, cont. from p. 18

project operated in conjunction with the State Dept. of Game.

The trout, averaging 9 to 12 inches in length, arrived in style at their Whatcom County location [in] a Fish Taxi, or special fish water tank truck, from an experimental rearing pond at Puget Power's Upper Baker River hydroelectric plant near Concrete.

20 years ago

July 6, 1989: Three young men from Germany twice visited Concrete recently as the starting and ending point of their American tour by plane.

Torsten Lange, Klaus Rockenhaeuser, and Thomas Wagner found Concrete to be friendly and full of very helpful people much the same experience they found throughout their eight-week tour of the United States.

Their route covered from Vancouver, B.C., down to Los Angeles, to Las Vegas, Phoenix, Houston, then by car to Florida, to NASA, and then flying cross-country back to the Northwest.

Upon their arrival at Concrete Municipal Airport as their last stop in the U.S., they said "We kissed the ground when we got here."

The trio is now back in Germany, where all three men are studying in transport pilot school.



EAST COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER

Hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
45770 Main Street, Concrete, WA 98237
phone 360.853.7009 // fax 360.853.7555

Scheduled programs and events:

Adult Literacy	Mon. & Fri., 9 to noon	Drop in
Commissioner Dillon	Fri., 9 to noon	Call for appt.
GED testing & classes	Weekly	Call for appt.
DC probation	1st Fri.	spring, summer
DSHS Representative	1st & 3rd Tues.	Call for appt.
Legal Clinic	2nd & 4th Fri.	Call for appt.
NAMI Adult Craft Classes	Every other Thurs.	1:30–3:30 drop in
Needle Exchange Program	1st Wed.	2–4:30
Teen Clinic (no appt. required)	1st Wed. & 4th Tues.	2–4:30
Veterans Representative	2nd & 4th Mon.	Call for appt.
WIC (call 336.9392 for appt.)	2nd & 3rd Tues.	9:30–3
Women's AA	Wed. nights	6 p.m.

Services and referrals:

SCCAA & Skagit County Satellite office	Energy Assistance program info
Salvation Army Service Extension Partner	Weekly courier service to County
Copy, FAX and Notary services	Voter & Election information
Tax Payments & property record search	Food Handler permits
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East County event publicity/community info	Meeting space available

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Local woman's work chosen for museum exhibit

Annie's Pizza Station owner Anne Bussiere is a woman of many talents. Now, the work of her hands is on display at the La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum.

Bussiere beaded and embroidered a vest, shown at right, which was accepted into the museum's Color Me Wearable: Celebrating Individual Style exhibit, which runs from July 1 through Sept. 27 and features works by the Fidalgo Island Quilters Wearable Art Divas.

Bussiere is modest about her achievement. The back side is a preprinted panel, but I beaded and embroidered all over it, she said.

The result is a vibrant vest that will share the spotlight with top area artists' work.

Admission to the exhibit is \$5; members and children under 12 are admitted free. The museum is open Wed. through Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Hospital offers free fitness workshop

United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley offers a free workshop, "Adventures in Fitness," on Wednesday, July 22, 6-7:15 p.m., at the hospital.

The workshop will introduce you to ten new ways to improve cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength. Instructor Valerie Stafford, MS, will demonstrate a variety of simple, affordable exercise equipment that can increase your motivation and cross-training. You will learn about gliding disks, BOSU, step, bands, ball, tubing, suspension training, pilates, yoga and interval training.

The session is part of Wellness 360, the community education program offered by the hospital to improve community health and fitness. To register for the free workshop, call 360.856.7245, or e-mail wellness360@unitedgeneral.org.

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What are Friends (of the Library) for?

By Grace Popoff

Friends of the Upper Skagit Library (FOUSL) is a simple organization. We hold a few fundraisers each year, then give money to the library. Unlike some organizations that are constantly nagging you for your time and money, we only nag in the summer, and then we offer you great deals in exchange for your donations: books, baked goods, and, this year, a truly awesome quilt.

We target our library donations at projects that reach out to the whole community. We fund much of the Summer Reading Program that is open to all kids, we pay for library cards for kids in the town of Concrete (which is outside of the library taxing district), and we pay for speakers and special programs that are open to the whole community. Our goal is to help the library be as inclusive as possible and to support programs that are above and beyond basic library services.

As a result of the library's strategic planning effort this spring, the library will be working to strengthen partnerships with community organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Skagit Community Action, the schools, and

other groups. Our library is a great resource, and Aimee Hirschel (our Library Director) will be looking for ways to use the library's collection, Internet access, facility, and staff in collaboration with others to improve services for Upper Skagit residents and visitors. Friends of the Upper Skagit Library is anxious to support this focus.

Dues for FOUSL are just \$1.00. We hope to double our membership this summer, so please fill out a membership card at the library or at one of our events. Or, e-mail us at uslfriends@gmail.com.

Friends of the Upper Skagit Library fundraising events:

Book Sale: Aug. 15, near the library
Awesome Quilt Raffle: winner selected on Oct. 22

Upper Skagit Library news

By Aimee Hirschel

This year's summer reading program has been fun to plan. The theme, Be Creative, has inspired an array of performers and crafts people.

On June 26, Nina Dent brought tools and a spinning wheel to the library to

show what can happen to a piece of wool in the hands of an experienced spinner.

Alleyoop performed at the library on June 30. A well-known performer, he sings traditional songs and historical ballads.

July promises to be even more fun, beginning with Drawing with Chalk on July 9, at 1 p.m.

Katie Trujillo from the North Cascades Institute will demonstrate the use of plants in photo frames July 18 at 1 p.m.

Julie Erickson will help kids make soap Sat., July 25, at 1 p.m. Because of limited space, we're asking for early registration for this event.

July 31 at 3:30 p.m., Nancy Stewart encourages you to bring your dancing shoes and your thinking caps to join her tuneup exploration of library shelves.

Adults are welcome to attend any of these events, and parents are encouraged to stay to help with the crafts. Many of these will be held outdoors, where space will not be an issue.

The schedule is posted on the library Web site (www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us) in two forms: as text and as part of the calendar. Click on the event on the calendar for more information.

There is still time to sign up for summer reading. The program runs through Aug. 15.

Smile

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Wit from the *Herald's*
former editor

The Red Iron Curtain has nothing we can't top. Over here we bury ourselves in red tape until not even our leaders know what we are doing.

Most of us are entering the new year with all the enthusiasm of a guy puffing a cigar he knows must be loaded.

There will be no immediate war with Russia, as long as Stalin doesn't become a music critic.

It's going to be hard to sell this next

war. Folks keep looking at the price tag.
Jan. 4, 1951

Smart men make the poorest drivers. This conclusion, reached by safety experts, is not going to help those family arguments a bit.
Jan. 11, 1951

The state of the world at present is so bad that even the most hopeful are forced to admit that things have more room for improvement than at any time in our history.

"Adult education is a growing fad. Only none of them want to learn how to vote intelligently."
Jan. 18, 1951

"There are now, for the first time, more women than men in the United States. Rationing, however, is expected to continue for awhile."
March 1, 1951

Uncle Sam's biggest problem at the moment is the size of his waste line.
April 12, 1951

No one has yet developed a method of patching broken promises.
July 19, 1951

Regulations now piling up around merchants are acting the same as an overdose of medicine. They just can't assimilate it and the effect is wasted.

If everyone were to make a close audit of where their money goes, half of them would refuse to believe the figures."

Every man has a right to an opinion--even if it is his wife's.
Aug. 2, 1951

Looking up and down our Main Street, it comes to us if wives suddenly went on strike, nearly every business man in town would be shorthanded.
Oct. 25, 1951

"Anticipation is the fun you get out of something before it can happen and spoil it all."
Nov. 15, 1951

Fly-In, cont. from p. 1

The Fly-In will be open free of charge Friday through Sunday, July 24-26, from 9 a.m. till dusk. Parking and camping on the airfield are available at no charge; the Pilot's Lounge is available for Fly-In aviators at no charge.

Concrete's Fly-In has come a long way from its first take-off back in 1982, when current Concrete resident Ralph Prisel organized it. Six planes got the event started, and it has grown quite a bit since then. This year, Jenkins and Mitchell expect between 100 and 200 aircraft to touch down, depending on the weather.

Fun events are on tap, including helicopter rides, hot-air balloon burnoffs, and a movie night in the museum hangar (see schedule, this page, for details).

As for food, look for the Concrete Fire Department, Reverie BBQ, and Perks Espresso to fill the bill. A Saturday morning breakfast hosted by the Concrete Lions will be served in the high school cafeteria from 7 to 11 a.m. (see Community Fundraisers, p. 5).

To keep aviators and attendees safe, the Civil Air Patrol will manage ground control. Although the event has an enviable safety record, a twin-engine Beechcraft Model 18 landed long in 1994 and ground-looped at the west end of the airfield, clipping a parked aircraft. There were no injuries and the airport has been accident-free to date.

Local aviator Jack Mears, who has been involved with the Fly-In for more than 20 years and served as its organizer for the

past five years, feels the event has short- and long-term benefits.

The Fly-In exposes a beautiful area that would not otherwise be known about. Several initial-event visitors have become permanent residents of our communities, he said. "The event benefits upriver communities and merchants by bringing in a revenue stream that normally would not be generated.

Editor's note: Fans of radio-controlled aircraft might want to show up the weekend before, July 18-19, when the Big Bird RC Fly-In buzzes in to the airport.

Cement City Street Fair

Running concurrently with the Fly-In on Saturday, July 25, the Cement City Street Fair will enjoy its second year of existence.

Cement City Street Fair Schedule of events

July 25, 9 a.m. till 4 p.m.

- 7.25 - All day: Health screenings, wellness resources, food, arts & crafts
- Float trips from Pacific NW Float Trips, Baker River mouth, 11 to 5
- Poetry & Music Festival, 2-4 p.m.
- Cinder Shins Fun Run, 3 p.m.
- Bear Square performances:
Barefeet, 10-11:30
Marcia Kester, 11:30-2
Stephen Duster, 2-4
- Hank Cramer at the Concrete Theatre, 7 p.m.

Sponsored by United General Hospital and the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, the street fair emphasizes health, fitness, and family fun (see ad, p. 24).

Scheduled events include health screenings and healthful food from United General's Coho Cafe, as well as live music, arts and crafts booths, a poetry and music festival, and the Cinder Shins 5K Fun Run (see article, p. 4).

For details, see the schedule on this page, go to www.concrete-wa.com, or call 360.856.7662.

Concrete Old-Fashioned Vintage Fly-In Schedule of events

July 24-26, 9 a.m. till dusk. Skagit Aero Museum open all weekend.

- 7.24 - Early aircraft arrivals
- Hot-air balloon burnoffs (eve.)
- 7.25 - Aircraft arrivals, aircraft judging
- Helicopter rides, east end of field
- Eric Lindbergh speaks between 3 and 4 p.m.
- Skagit Vintage Old Car club display, museum taxiway
- Short Wing Piper Assn meeting
- Movies at Skagit Aero Museum hangar, 8 p.m.
- Hot-air balloon burnoffs (eve.)
- 7.26 - Breakfast available, Pilots Lounge
- Aircraft awards, museum hangar, 10 a.m.
- Aircraft departures and fly-bys

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Sunday School lesson

By Rob Thomas

In just three days, we will celebrate our nation's 233rd birthday with hamburgers and hotdogs, barbeques and potlucks, fireworks and friends. As with every holiday celebration, it's a good idea to remember and reflect upon its origin. For us as a nation, we are reminded of those words from The Declaration Of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty (freedom), and the pursuit of happiness."

A review of our elementary school history reminds us that our forefathers left the security of their homeland and risked life and limb, primarily for religious freedom—a religious freedom that I fear we have taken for granted far too long.

For instance, on May 28, 2009, it was reported that Pastor David Jones and his wife, Mary, were informed by San Diego County officials that they can no longer invite friends to their San Diego, Calif., home for a Bible study unless they are willing to pay tens of thousands of dollars to the County.

On Good Friday we had an employee from San Diego County come to our house, and inform us that the Bible study that we were having was a religious assembly, and in violation of the code in the county. We told them this is not really a religious assembly—that this is just a Bible study with friends. We have a meal, we pray, that was all, Jones said.

Is this merely an isolated case or, possibly, a precedent being established? Only time will tell. In either case, we would do well to remember the words of Daniel Webster:

God grants liberty (freedom) only to those who love it, and are *always ready to guard it*. On this July 4, have fun celebrating, but please don't forget when, where, and most importantly—why it all began.

Blessings.

Rob Thomas is pastor of Community Bible Church in Concrete.

Worship directory

Assembly of God

Concrete Assembly of God
45734 Main St., Concrete; 360.853.8042
Sunday worship, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church
45705 Main Street, Concrete
Sunday worship: 8:45 a.m.
Church 360.853.8585 office 360.595.0446
Tom Ross, pastor

Nondenominational

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

Lutheran

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
46372 Main St., Concrete
360.853.8814
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Marcus Stroud, pastor

To add your place of worship to these listings, call or e-mail
360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

Worth repeating...

What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

—Westminster Shorter Catechism

Obituaries

Stanley Ray Darsch,

age 69, passed away Sat., June 13, 2009, at his home in Concrete with his family at his side. He was born Nov. 6, 1939, in Skagit County to Walter and Laverna (Fitzsimmons) Darsch. Stanley was a lifetime resident of Skagit County, residing in the Concrete area for most of his life. He worked as a shake splitter and enjoyed old cars, fishing, garage sales, and telling tall tales. He is survived by his eight children: Laura Peters and her husband Rick of Cape Horn, Timothy Darsch of Burlington, Cory Darsch of Cedar Grove, Julia Darsch of Mount Vernon, Thomas Darsch of Alger, Michael Darsch of Birdsvew, Crystal Darsch of Sedro-Woolley, and Jessica Darsch of California; a sister, Donna Hudson of Darrington; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Betty and Edna. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements and cremation under the care of Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. Please share your memories of Stanley and sign the online guestbook at www.lemleychapel.com.



Notice of passing

Marvin L. Harris, commonly known as "Jim Harris," peacefully passed away in his Concrete home on Sunday, June 21. There will be an obituary to follow and an announcement of a date for the "Life Celebration" gathering that is being planned for August.

Hamilton Musings, cont. from p. 8

help you be aware of these things. For now, I'd like to share news of a few friends who have passed on.

William Howard Self departed this life May 15, 2009. He was a resident of Punkin Center, near Hamilton. He was married to Lucille Moody on Nov. 1, 1946; one of their children, Marlene, married former Skagit County Commissioner Ted Anderson.

Joe Allen Parker, age 73, was born in Birdsvew Aug. 27, 1935, and lived most of his life in the Skagit Valley. He married LaVonne Reim on June 10, 1953. He departed this life on May 2, 2009.

Darrell James Wicker was born in Sedro-Woolley on Nov. 14, 1960, and resided in Lyman. He departed this life on May 23, 2009. He is survived by his former wife, Kathy Anstensen; his son, Matthew; his mother, Jeanette Wicker; and two brothers, Dale and Darren Wicker.

Juanita Gertrude Stewart was born in Burlington on Nov. 29, 1915. She resided

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Concrete Chamber of Commerce (OTC)
Concrete Herald Building (rack)
Concrete Post Office (rack)
Concrete Saturday Market (OTC)
Loggers Landing (rack)
Northwest Garden Bling (OTC)
Sauk View Gallery (OTC)

Hamilton:

Hamilton Market and Cafe (OTC)

Lyman:

Cascade Mercantile (rack)

Lake Tye:

Manager's office (rack)

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Chom's Chevron station (OTC)
Marblemount Diner (OTC)
Shell station (OTC)

Newhalem:

Skagit General store (OTC)

Rockport:

Rockport Country Store (OTC)
Rockport Pub (OTC)

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Walgreens (OTC)

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in Sedro-Woolley and departed this life on May 29, 2009. She was 93 years old.

In the 1970s and '80s, Ms. Stewart lived in Hamilton, two buildings behind the Hi-Lead Tavern. Her residence was the old Jacobin home, but was bought out in one of the first FEMA buyouts.

Ms. Stewart is survived by a daughter, Sandra Stewart Rodriguez; nine grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren. Her son, Robert Grady, preceded her in death.

Car Show, cont. from p. 1

the history of the town.

Of particular note is the effort the City of Sedro-Woolley is making to recognize Lyman's birthday and car show. Lyman residents Roberta and Ray Milton (Ray is an employee of the City of Sedro-Woolley; Roberta is our postmaster) had suggested a flag pole donation. Sedro-Woolley Mayor Mike Anderson jumped at the idea. "I'm really happy that Roberta suggested [the flag pole donation]; it's the perfect thing," said Lyman Mayor Debra Heinzman.

A flag-raising ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on the day of the car show, with Mayor Heinzman officiating. Look for a special guest there: Eleanor Minkler Atkin of Acme, 92, who is a direct descendant of the Minklers, who owned the Minkler mansion. "I think it will put a big spotlight and top off a happy day for the car show and our 100th birthday celebration," said Heinzman.

For booth rental and pricing information, contact:

Nancy Trythall:	360.855.1280
Karen Griffith:	360.826.3315
Sonja Haigh:	360.826.4906

North Cascades National Park Complex offers free summer speaker series

An educational series of speakers is lined up this summer, courtesy of the North Cascades National Park Complex.

The presentations are free and will be held at the Newhalem Creek Campground Amphitheater. Here's a brief rundown of the lineup into early August.

Sat., July 11: Wilderness Alps

Ken Wilcox, North Cascades Conservation Council

Sat., July 18: The Amazing Behaviors of Crows and Ravens

John Marzluff, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Science, Univ. of Wash.

Hamilton Council, cont. from p. 8

- Centennial Gravel is building a road for access to Highway 20 so they can start hauling more gravel. This will bring additional monies to Hamilton.
- Lauren Tracy reported a check for Demolition for Shangri La is coming.
- Lauren Tracy discussed sources of revenue for flood control. A Flood Control Zone District was created in 1970 and has not been utilized. Additionally, county commissioners were authorized under RCW 86.12 to levy a property tax for a River Improvement Fund and within this fund a Flood Control Maintenance Account. Both are opportunities to raise funds. She further explained the combined rate for local regular levies cannot exceed \$5.90 per \$1,000 assessed value. There is a fear that the \$5.90 cap will be maxed out. She presented a spread sheet from the State Assessors Office, which showed that only the town of Concrete was close, with a combined total of \$3.89 per \$1,000. When you hit \$5.90, they start deducting in the following order: parks and recreation, then flood control.

Sat., July 25: Glaciers: Evidence for Past and Future Climate Change
Jon Riedel, Geologist, North Cascades National Park

Sat., Aug. 1: The National Park Service and the New Deal
David Louter, History Program Mgr, Pacific West Region, Natl. Park Service

Sat., Aug. 8: Wilderness in National Parks: Playground or Preserve
John Miles, Prof. of Environmental Studies, Huxley College, Western Washington University

Kids birdhouses sought for Town Center sign landscape fence

Kids! The Concrete Parks Committee needs birdhouses to top the fence posts behind the Town Center sign, and they want *you* to build them.

There are 13 posts, so 13 birdhouses are needed. This offer is open to any Concrete kid up to and including age 15, and posts will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To get your name on the list, contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

You can build your birdhouse from a kit or from scratch, paint it or stain it or leave it alone, just make sure its floor is at least an inch thick. Your birdhouse will perch atop a 4x4 post, so don't make it too big!

The *Concrete Herald* will have a small (1 inch x 2 inch) brass plate made for the front of your birdhouse, engraved with your name and the date on which the birdhouse is mounted on its post.

The Town Center sign project won't be complete until *you* add your personal touch, so join the fun today!

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FACILITY RENTALS

Marblemount Community Club Hall is available for rent. Receptions, weddings, birthday parties, meetings, seminars, and more. **360.873.4631.**

FOR SALE

BIG BOOK SALE at Lyman free library. Romance, sci-fi, and many top authors. Hardbacks \$1. Paperbacks 50 cents each or \$5 per bag. July 11 during the Lyman Car Show.

FARM-FRESH EGGS. Chicken: \$2.25/doz.; Duck: \$3/doz. **360.853.7932.**

GARAGE SALES

Household knickknacks, gem rocks, jewelry, antiques, tools, lots of miscellaneous. Sat., Aug. 15, 9-4 p.m. 7527 2nd St., Grasmere (Concrete).

JOBS

Concrete Chamber of Commerce seeks a mature, responsible office manager with strong computer and communication skills. Part-time position, training provided. Application form and job description available at www.concrete-wa.com. Questions or application/resume should be directed to chamber@concrete-wa.com.

LOST / FOUND

Lost/Missing: Banquet table belonging to Robin Wood (name on underside), from Wendy Shields' garage sale in June. Needed for Upper Skagit Library book sale on July 25. Call **826.3075** or drop it off at Shields' garage, 45459 Main St., Concrete.

REAL ESTATE



House for sale: 7757 S. Dillard Ave., Concrete. 3 bed, 1 bath, 1,340 sq. ft., on large lot, sold "as is." Investor/Handyman Special at only \$50,000! **425.889.9041.**

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Contact *Concrete Herald* at 360.853.8213 or classifieds@concrete-herald.com. Monthly rate is \$5 for every 10 words, rounded up to nearest 10. Ads must be paid for at time of submission.

The fundraiser continues...

The *Concrete Herald* fundraising drive stands at \$9,162.75.

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Julie Sosa, who contributed to the cause in June.

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Cement City Street Fair

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United General Hospital and the Concrete Chamber of Commerce are pleased to host the second annual street fair that emphasizes health, fitness & family fun. In addition to the street fair, the Concrete Saturday Market and the annual Concrete Fly-In will also be in full swing. Come celebrate summer with us!

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The Cement City Poetry & Music Festival

Second annual festival features poets and performers from throughout the region.

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The Bare Feet Band (10-11:30), Marcia Kester (11:30 - 2:00), and Stephen Duster (2:00 - 4:00).

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