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On June 29, Washington state transferred a 225-acre portion of the Northern State Hospital property to the Port of Skagit so that it can be developed into an innovation and clean technology campus that serves as an economic engine for the area. *Page 17.*

Darrington Collaborative marks progress

The Darrington Collaborative has been making progress and achieving its goals in the short time the group has been together. At a public meeting in June, board members reported on goals met and future projects planned. *Page 24.*



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Former Marine sings a new song. *Page 10*

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From the editor

Fireworks: Be safe, be legal

It's that time of year again, dreaded by pet owners and military veterans suffering from PTSD. We Americans love to celebrate our country's independence by blowing things up. And I'm right there with those of you who do!

Yet once again I feel compelled to urge everyone to respect the rule of law with regard to fireworks. Those laws aren't in place to "outlaw fun." They are there to protect private property in more densely settled areas, and protect the mental and emotional well-being of veterans, autistic children, and pets. And that's just for starters.

To find out whether fireworks are legal where you live, contact your city or town hall. If you live in unincorporated Skagit County, go to <https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/firemarshal/fireworks.htm>. Be safe. Be courteous. Be a good neighbor.

—J. K. M.

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Another great event

The Concrete Community Center hosted another impressive event this past month on the threats posed by our two local active volcanoes, Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak. The Resource Center staff, Claudia Marken and Cindy Lou Shirley planned and executed the event flawlessly. They also served the delicious meal prepared by Terra Ruble. I saw lots of new faces as well as some familiar ones which made for a great mix and an interesting and informative evening. Thanks to everyone who attended the presentation and a special thanks to the entire Resource Center staff. Their office literally provides something for everyone.

John Boggs
Concrete

Thank you, John Boggs

Thank John Boggs, and anyone else who helped you put the American flags up in Concrete Town Center. We at Cascade Supply really appreciate it—and I know the folks who visit our town center do too.

Carol Rohan
Cascade Supply
Concrete

Mexico "prison" the creation of U.S. appetite for drugs

Human life is precious, and the thought of men, women, and children perishing in a drug war in a town famous for humans having fun is so heartrendingly appalling that it all but leaves us catatonic with horror. Cancun is Mexico's sun and fun capital, yet numerous victims' bodies have been found by authorities there in recent days.

Everyone knows that this means the

cartels have taken the place over. Human life is precious to everyone with an ounce of sense except for the *cartelistas*, for whom taking lives is "all in a day's work."

For years, sadly, Mexico's drug wars have been driven by U.S. demand for illicit substances. It is a dirty but very open secret that U.S. drug money empowers the cartels and outfits them with the latest in firepower. Mexicans are, in many ways, confined to a violent, open-air prison constructed from *norteamericano* drug money. It is hideously unfair of Donald Trump to call Mexicans "*bad hombres*" when it is the drug appetite of U.S. citizens that is driving this malign machine. Cancun would be perfectly safe if U.S. citizens weren't ingesting gobs of illicit substances.

Yes, human life is precious, and the people of Mexico have not brought these horrors on themselves. Rather, they are in many ways the victims of a decadent U.S. popular culture.

Things have come to a desperate pass if Cancun has slipped into a drug war emergency. It is appalling and heartrending.

Frank W. Goheen
Vancouver, Wash.

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Port of Skagit continues broadband efforts

The Port of Skagit and partners, including Skagit PUD, Skagit County, EDASC, the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley, and towns of La Conner and Concrete, have been making headway on efforts to develop high-speed dark fiber infrastructure for Skagit County.

In June the Port of Skagit Board of Commissioners authorized a 10-year lease agreement to secure a secondary access to fiber optic strands on the I-5 corridor from Vancouver B.C. to Seattle, in support of the development of an open access network in Skagit County.

Port of Skagit officials also identified the need for a new data transport connection. "In support of our county-wide system, this new connection would provide needed redundancy and security to the

overall network," said Port of Skagit Dir. of Planning and Facilities Sara Young.

In March 2017, the Port of Skagit and many local community organizations partnered on a Community Fiber Optic Network Strategic Plan to develop a countywide, carrier-grade, open-access fiber optic network that will deliver affordable high-speed Internet access to the citizens of Skagit County.

The system the port intends to build will enable Internet service that travels at nearly the speed of light through modern glass fibers to outlying areas of the county. Fiber optic-level of service is the common standard in urban areas, and is considered critical for business and economic development. Glass fiber is said to be "dark" until "light" in the form of Internet signals passing through it. The system would be "open access," meaning that multiple Internet service providers would be able to lease access to the "dark" fiber, then use their own equipment to "light" it and provide service to local customers.

"The Port believes that having multiple, competing, private sector providers will result in a higher level of service at a lower cost," said Port of Skagit Commission President Dr. Kevin Ware.

July events in the Upper Valley

As usual, the Upper Skagit Valley will buzz with events for all ages this month.

Independence Day

The month kicks off with the July 4 finale of Loggerodeo in Sedro-Woolley and a Parade & Picnic in Concrete. For more information on Loggerodeo, go to www.loggerodeo.org.

In Concrete, several activities are bundled together for a fun July 4. A Poker Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Concrete Theatre in Concrete Town Center. Entry is free and participants can start at any time. Participants will have 75 minutes to complete the course, stopping at stations to get a poker card. The best poker hand returned to the starting point by 10:45 will win a \$25 gift certificate to the Concrete Theatre and 5 free classes at

Encore Fitness. The event is free, but pre-registration is required via Brown Paper Tickets: <https://pokerwalk.bpt.me>.

The parade line-up begins at 10 a.m. at the east end of the Thompson Bridge and the PSE visitor center parking lot. Participants are encouraged to download the parade entry form at <https://concrete-wa.com/2018-4th-of-july>. The parade starts at 11 a.m., traveling from east to west on Main Street.

Picnic in the Park begins immediately after the parade. Families can enjoy a barbecue meal by donation and/or bring their own lunch and treats. Live music, arts, crafts, sales, and games also are on the agenda.

For more information, contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at

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July 14

Free tours – Baker River Hydroelectric project

Buses depart at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Concrete Public Schools.

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Preparing for the worst

Volcano emergency management workshop draws dozens

By Chazlyn Lovely

On June 15, more than 40 people—including County Commissioner Lisa Janicki and State Senator Keith Wagoner—filled the Concrete Community Center for a presentation on volcanoes and emergency management.

The event was timely, with both Hawaii's Kilauea and Guatemala's Fuego prominent in recent news cycles.

Organized by Vickie Fontaine, an Emergency Management Coordinator with Skagit County Emergency Management, the event featured presentations from geologist Cynthia Gardner from the United States Geological Survey and Earthquake/Volcano Program Coordinator Brian Terbush from the Washington State Emergency Management Division.

Together the two presenters spent about an hour and a half following a community dinner educating attendees on how volcanoes are formed, the warning signs

that may be seen before an event, the main concerns during an eruption, and how emergency management officials respond to volcanic events.

The information was geared specifically toward Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak, and how those two Cascadian volcanoes would affect Darrington, Rockport, and Concrete, as well as surrounding areas, should an event occur. Afterwards, a Q&A was held, with topics ranging from evacuation responsibility, Mt. St. Helens, and "the cone of silence." Flyers and handouts were distributed with resources for more information.

Problem children

Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak are the result of the Cascadian subduction zone between the Juan de Fuca and North American tectonic plates—a process millions of years in the making. They

were both built by lava and pyroclastic flows (fast-moving mixtures of gas and volcanic materials), carved by glaciers, and modified by landslides and lahars (volcanic mudflows). The two volcanoes are still active; they will erupt again, though as of right now they show no signs of unrest. According to Gardner, the likelihood of an eruption in our lifetime is low, but when it does occur, the consequences could be severe. Between the two, Glacier Peak is considered to be more active; Mt. Baker erupts less frequently and quiets down much more quickly. Glacier also sees more dome growth and collapse than Baker.

Geologists like Gardner use their scientific expertise to decipher the eruptive history of the Cascade mountain range, assess hazards, and use their findings to create patterns that may help give warnings before the next volcanic events occur. The history of volcanoes like Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak can tell us what to expect the next time they awaken, and allow us to plan accordingly. Hazard assessment allows geologists to inform emergency management officials like Terbush about areas that are potentially at risk based on past history, though this doesn't guarantee they'll know which areas are next.

An increase in earthquakes and gases at a volcanic site is a good indication that trouble may be brewing. Seismometers—one at Glacier Peak and two at Mt. Baker—can detect "magnitude 1"-sized events and can give emergency officials weeks to months of warning before a full-scale eruption.

What to expect

The *Concrete Herald* coverage area is well placed should the unlikely large volcanic event happen. Our state and national parks have given us a sort of cushion between "largely" populated areas and the volcanoes themselves, shielding us from most of the immediate, explosive damage that can occur. Ash is a nuisance in that it covers everything and reduces visibility, is abrasive to machines and clogs air filters, and irritates eyes and sinuses, though it is usually not a huge concern (with the exception of people with respiratory problems).

The biggest concerns will be in the hours, weeks, and months after an event. In extreme cases, lahars from Glacier Peak can reach Darrington, Rockport, and Concrete. These lahars are slurries of mud, rocks, debris, and water that speed down rivers and valleys at up to 40

miles per hour. They affect fish and water quality, and destroy everything in their path, burying anything in the way and filling in river channels with sediment.

After an eruption, flooding can increase along the lahar paths for decades. Volcanic activity also can impact the health of local dams. In 1975 the Upper Baker Dam reservoir was lowered in anticipation of an eruptive event that never quite came. If it had, however, a failure at the dam—such as damage from a lahar or from a landslide that caused a rushing wave—could have been catastrophic.

Responding to an event

Once an event threatens to become a disaster, emergency management officials like Terbush gear up. In his section of the presentation, he explained the chain of events that takes place when things get a little steamy on the mountains.

First there's the disaster at the local level, where first responders are called out and then local governments call for aid. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated. If need be, the response will escalate to the county and then the state level. If further response is needed, FEMA and then the president will step in to authorize supplies and reinforcements.

At the EOC, the emergency management team will make decisions on how to fulfill the local governments' needs—their job is supportive, not active. If the local governments determine they need a helicopter, the EOC will decide if and how they will get that helicopter where it needs to be, for example.

The EOC acts as an intermediary between government agencies such as the National Guard, state police, and Department of Agriculture when it comes to responding to volcanic activity on Mt. Baker and Glacier Peak. They're also responsible for finding safe places for the media and their cameras to be during these events; they're in charge of setting up media relations ahead of time. After an event, their role turns to public assistance, writing reports on how the crisis response went, and working to help people get the FEMA assistance they need.

In events like a volcanic eruption, it is important for everyone to prepare before an event occurs. Both Gardner and Terbush emphasized that the most important things individuals and groups could do to stay safe were to learn about volcanoes, plan their own personal emergency responses before they are

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needed, and to stay up to date on their local volcanoes' statuses via official government Web sites or social media accounts.

Gardner also urged that individuals who see or feel any unusual activity when out hiking should call USGS at 360.993.8973.

New early-warning siren system installed at Baker River Dam

System increases the sound coverage area with eight new sirens

Puget Sound Energy is upgrading its early-warning siren system for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. The new system will provide a unique siren tone and verbal messages to avoid confusion with other sirens used by emergency response personnel in the area. The upgraded system moves from the current three-siren system to eight new sirens, to help increase sound coverage.

In the unlikely event of a dam breach, the siren system will provide early warning and immediate mass notification to the town of Concrete and the surrounding communities of Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdsvew.

PSE will commission the new system by conducting sound testing of the current sirens and upgraded sirens during the week of July 16–20, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The new siren tone and verbal messages are available to download at pse.com/bakerriver.

What to expect during testing

Sound testing of the sirens will involve

If ash falls, people are urged to shelter in place by staying indoors and not driving.

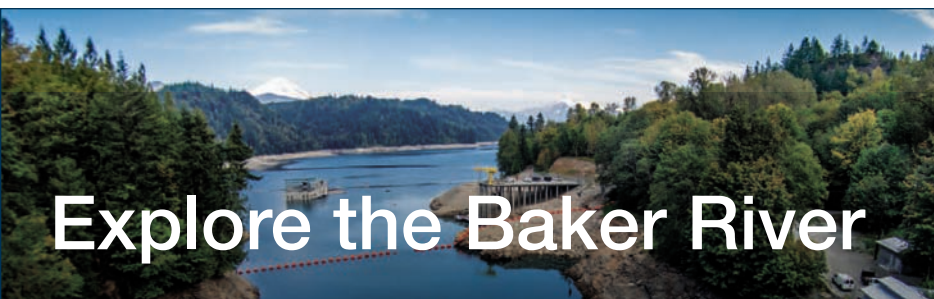
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periodic sounding of the current three-siren system and each of the new eight sirens. During the sound testing, the sirens will produce a tone and two verbal messages. This is a scheduled test and only a test of the siren system. If the sirens sound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

The sirens to be tested are located in and near Concrete, including Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdsvew. Locations of the sirens and recordings of the verbal messages are provided online at pse.com/bakerriver or at PSE's Visitor Center at the Lower Baker Office in Concrete.

Once the new siren system is fully commissioned, the current system will be removed. PSE will follow the current testing schedule and test the new sirens on the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m.

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



Explore the Baker River

Enjoy a free tour of the Baker River Hydroelectric Project

Make your reservation now to tour Puget Sound Energy's largest hydropower operation, located in the beautiful, mountain-rimmed Baker River Valley near Concrete. And while you're in Concrete, take the annual Vintage Fly-In!

When: Saturday, July 14 – tour buses depart 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The tour lasts approximately three hours.

Where: Check-in / bus departure from Concrete Public Schools, 7830 S. Superior Ave., Concrete

What: Tour stops include:


- PSE's Baker River Visitor Center for hydroproject overview
- Overlook of Lower Baker Dam and new powerhouse
- PSE's upstream fish trap (adult fish)
- Upper Baker Dam and floating surface collector (juvenile fish)
- Baker River fish hatchery and sockeye spawning beds



For reservations:

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Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In

One of Concrete's most popular events is back and better than ever. This year's fly-in runs from July 13–15. Planes usually start arriving around noon on Friday. Look for food, live music, a small car show, and planes, planes, planes.

Youth Activity Day

Running concurrently with the fly-in is the annual Concrete Youth Activity Day, held at Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete on July 13 from noon to 3:30 p.m. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. A "circus show," food and prizes, community resources, a bouncy house, and more are on tap.

Lyman Car & Craft Show

In its 18th year, the popular Lyman Car & Craft Show is slated for Sat., July 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get an eyeful of dozens of classic cars and trucks, as well as vendors and craft booths, a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a raffle. Music will be provided by Paul's

Entertainment Company. Car show winners will be announced at 2 p.m. and trophies awarded at 3 p.m.

For more information, see the article on p. 18 of this issue.

Baker River Hydroelectric Project tours

Have you ever wondered how dams work to produce clean, renewable energy? If so, you'll want to make a reservation to take one of the free tours of the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. The facility is Puget Sound Energy's largest hydropower operation, located near Concrete.

On Sat., July 14, PSE will offer three-hour tours to the public. There's limited availability and reservations are required.

Buses depart from the Concrete Public Schools building at 7830 S. Superior Ave. in Concrete at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m.

Tour stops include the Baker River Visitor Center, the Lower Baker Dam and power house overlook, the Upper Baker Dam and floating surface collector, and the Baker River fish hatchery and sockeye spawning beds. For reservations, call 360.766.5656 or e-mail tours@pse.com.

THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

It's **Vacation Bible School** time.

Community Bible Church (CBC) in Concrete tells *Concrete Herald* that its VBS will run from Sun., July 15 through Fri., July 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

VBS at CBC is open to all kids from preschool through 6th grade. There is no admission fee. Pre-register at CBC (45672 Limestone St., Concrete) or at Concrete Youth Activity Day on July 13.

For more information, call 360.853.8511 or 360.853.8182.

District 10 (Birdsview station) Fire Dept. is holding a **gun raffle** to raise funds for the department. At stake is a Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon SPEED chambered for a .270 Winchester, paired with a Leupold VX-3i 3.5-10x40mm scope.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be had by contacting any Birdsview firefighter. The winning ticket will be drawn on Aug. 4, during the Birdstock fundraiser at Birdsview Brewing Co. More info can be found on Facebook: Skagit County Fire District 10, Birdsview & Grassmere Fire Stations.

Boaters! Take note that for personal safety reasons, the **Lake Shannon Boat Launch**, owned by Puget Sound Energy, will be closed to public use from Mon., Aug. 6 to Fri., Aug. 10. PSE will perform construction and crane activities in that area throughout the week.

The boat launch will re-open for public use on Sat., Aug. 11.

On Aug. 6, **Waste Management** will change the service days for 143 of its residential customers in eastern Skagit County. Two weeks prior to that date, letters of notification will be mailed to affected customers.

Some customers will experience a seven-day or more gap in service. Others will experience a day change that is less than a week. The letters will provide details on how customers should respond.

Farm Fresh Food Boxes (FFFB) are now available in Concrete. This WSU Extension grant-funded project is testing

an innovative model of direct-to-consumer markets. The partners—5b's Bakery and Blue Heron Farm—are working together to make it possible to offer produce straight from the farm to local families.

Like a CSA (community-supported agriculture) box, the locally sourced produce from Blue Heron farms is freshly harvested. Shoppers prepay for a weekly box and then pick up later in the week. By each Friday, a list of the freshly harvested fruits, vegetables, and herbs in the food box will be listed at 5b's Bakery for customers to order and prepay. Three box sizes are available:

- Small (1–2 people): \$11
- Medium (2–3 people): \$18
- Large (4+ people): \$23

Place and pay for your order any time before 5 p.m. Monday evening and your food box will be ready for pick-up on Wednesday after 2 p.m., throughout the harvest season.

This research project is testing a strategy to build a market for local farmers while making healthy produce items available for customers and build business for local retailers.

A **reunion for the Concrete High School Class of 1955** is planned for Fri., Aug., 17, at 5 p.m., at the Royal Star Buffet, 2300 Freeway Dr., Mount Vernon.

For more information, call Bill Newby at 360.826.5307, Joan Schmidt at 360.770.5180, or Pat Nelson at 360.424.1738.

The annual **Rockport-Marblemount Old Timers & Friends Reunion** will be held on Sun., Aug. 19, at 1 p.m. at Marblemount Community Hall. A potluck lunch is planned, with coffee and a punch table service provided. Bring lawn chairs.

For more information, contact Merv Peterson at 360.873.4903, Dona Cowan at 360.856.1378, or Pat Nelson at 360.424.1738.

Highland Farm West and the 1095 Skagit Child Nutrition Coalition will host a **Child Nutrition Fun and Awareness Fundraiser** on Sat., Aug. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event seeks to raise awareness and promote solutions to child hunger in Skagit County. The event is free, with a suggested donation of \$10 per family. Regardless of financial ability, everyone is invited to attend.

For more information and to RSVP, go to skagitchildnutrition.org.

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on May 14 and 29, and June 11 and 25. Following are summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

May 14 regular meeting

- Mayor Pro-tem Rob Thomas conducted this meeting in Mayor Jason Miller's absence.

- Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles explained a proposal to change the town's current Town Center code regarding what proportion of a building can be used for residential. The current code states that 50 percent of a building can be used for residential. The proposed change would update this section of the code so that it reads 50 percent of the square footage of all buildings located on a particular parcel, instead of on a per-building scale. This change would bring into compliance buildings such as those owned by Curtis Conrad, west of the Assembly of God Church.

- **Public Safety:** Deputy Esskew reported they are currently looking into contracting with PSE for this summer and emphasis patrols in the Shannon Lake area. He also stated they will continue to have a presence at the school two to three days per week. Mayor Pro-tem Thomas asked if there would be a police presence at the school during graduation. Councilmember Reed reported there will be a dance this Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Councilmember Kyritsis asked about the rules for motorized scooters on the roadways or sidewalks, and kids on razor scooters not adhering to the rules of the road and almost causing an accident. Deputy Esskew stated that he would look into the rules on the scooters.

- Town engineer Cody Hart presented general updates on the First Street water line project, the Cedar Street renovation, the water tank project, the I&I (storm water inflow and infiltration into the sewer infrastructure) project, and the spray park progress.

- Councilmember Beth Easterday reported another volunteer party at the community garden last Saturday. They were able to get all but one food bank bed cleaned out and planted.

WSU and local grower Bill Jenks donated tomato plants. There is still much work to be done.

May 29 regular meeting

- Local beekeeper Seth Smith spoke with the council, providing general knowledge about bees and suggesting Gig Harbor's beekeeping ordinance as a model to follow. Smith was invited to speak to the council because it is preparing to develop a beekeeping ordinance for the town.
- Local landowner Bob Coffell seeks to build a house and a hangar on his property, which is near the airport. He asked the town if he could be allowed to (eventually) tow his plane from his property onto airport property, and then use the airport facilities for their intended purposes. This idea is agreeable to staff, and council concurred.
- Local landowner George Theodoratus discussed proper and improper use of right of way with council. The topic arose after Theodoratus disputed the town's plan to move the pile of "spoils" dredged from the Lorenzen Creek channel in January from the west end of his "Swap Meet field" to the east end, onto approximately 70 feet of unopened S. Rietze Ave. right of way. Council reviewed Theodoratus' materials and a response letter to him from the town, as well as additional materials provided by Theodoratus. Council discussed the topic at length, but was unable to reach a resolution with Theodoratus. Audience member Debbie Lloyd expressed concern with the town's plan to continue spraying Roundup herbicide on the nightshade and reed canary grass, which the town was doing per direction from WDFW and Skagit County Noxious Weed Board.
- Mayor Jason Miller reported on the notice of penalty the town received from Dept. of Ecology for violations at the wastewater treatment plant between 2014–2017. Mayor Miller

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Sports

Athletes of the Month

Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month: Tyler Coffell, Aunya Carpenter

Tyler Coffell has been a leader offensively for the Lions baseball team this season, leading the team in a number of hitting categories, as well as playing catcher, pitcher, and shortstop on occasion. He is among the county leaders in hitting stats. Always ready and willing to play any spot we may need him, Tyler also attends the Fire Academy at Skagit Valley College and maintains top academic standards. Tyler is a young man who loves the game of baseball and is always striving to improve his game and has shown consistent improvement in his three years with us. "He puts in his time in the off season and it shows," said Coach Randy Sweeney. Tyler also is an active community member, volunteering with the District 10 Fire Dept. (Grasmere), he also has been involved in a number of community projects.

Aunya Carpenter is a young softball player with a ton of heart, said Coach Anna Gallagher. "She works hard and always strives to give more than her fair share. Her attitude is always fun and excited, and she isn't afraid to be goofy if it can help the team get their smile back after a tough play. She is loud and leads cheering efforts both on and off the field." Carpenter maintains good academic standing and is very motivated to do well in all aspects of school and sports.

Coffell and Carpenter were selected by Concrete Lions Booster Club members based on their academic performance, exemplary athletic leadership, positive attitude, and demonstrating sportsmanship and character.

—Kathy Hurn

Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month: Josabet Acevedo, Hayden O'Neil

"Softball-wise, Josie is this season's most improved player!" said an enthusiastic Coach Anna Gallagher of **Josabet Acevedo**. Her teammates have nicknamed her "Smiles" because she is always happy and excited, and has a huge smile on her face. Her attitude is welcoming and very positive. She has been a big part of the outfield this year, recording many outs and being a part of many plays. "Offensively, in the batter's box, is where I have seen the most improvement," said Gallagher. "She is more confident at bat and supports her team with smart at-bats and a strong swing." Acevedo was a camp counselor at Camp Orkila this year and is very involved in community events, all the while keeping nearly perfect grades.

Junior **Hayden O'Neil** lights up the track and field complex. This year he had a personal record throw of 115 feet 9 inches in javelin at the 1B/2B League Championship. He qualified for the finals in that meet, moved on to District and Bi-District, and narrowly missed going to State. "He works so hard at practice to become the best athlete that he can be," said Coach Marcus Carr. O'Neil also has thrown the discus a personal best of 79 feet 9 inches at the home track meet, and was a standout during practices for his dogged—almost obsessive—determination to improve his block work in sprints.

Acevedo and O'Neil were selected by Concrete Lions Booster Club members based on their academic performance, exemplary athletic leadership, positive attitude, and demonstrating sportsmanship and character.

—Kathy Hurn



Athletes of the Month: Cassidy Smith, Levi Lowry

Freshman sprinter and jumper **Kassidy Smith** qualified for the finals at the Skagit County Championships with a new personal record jump of 13 feet 10 inches, and finished 6th. She set a personal record and took first place in long jump at the Blackhawk Invite track meet with a jump of 13 feet 6 inches. Kassidy placed first in the long jump at the home track meet with a jump of 13 feet 4 inches. "She continues to impress at every track meet and is a very hard worker in practice," said Coach Marcus Carr. Smith was one of four freshman girls who traveled to Cheney this year for the State tournament, competing in the 4x100m relay. Smith also earned her trip to state by placing second in the long jump at Bi-Districts. A powerful runner and jumper, Smith has a bright future with the Concrete Track & Field team.

Sophomore thrower **Levi Lowry** is a big bowl of potential. At the NW 1B/2B League Championship, he placed 1st with a personal record throw of 38 feet 10.75 inches. He also placed 4th in the discus at the same meet with a new personal record of 96 feet 7 inches. He also threw the javelin for a personal best 119 feet 4 inches at the Blackhawk invite. As the season progressed, Lowry continued to improve, rolling onward after the League Championship to District and Bi-District, where he narrowly missed a trip to the State tournament. "With every year that goes by, Levi learns the payoffs of hard work, determination, and a steadfast attitude," said Coach Jason Miller.

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Road to joy

Former Marine sings a new song

By Nicola Pearson

Peace, Love, Joy, Truth, Good Health, Happiness

These are the words that John C. Bromet, a.k.a. Peace Wizard, sings to the music of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" as he walks the highway carrying his PEACE sign. You've probably seen him—the man with the long, silvery white hair and beard, the beatific smile and the colorful beret perched at a jaunty angle on top of his head. He walks one side or the other of the North Cascades Highway, depending on whether he's headed "downriver" or "up," toting a white vinyl sign promoting PEACE in bold black letters.

Kindness, Generosity

"When I started out with the PEACE sign," he said, "I made it myself out of painted paper and cardboard with letters that I scrawled on by hand. It was 2002 and I made it to protest the idea of the U.S. invading Iraq, which I thought was a mistake. I stood on a bridge over the freeway holding up the sign for the vehicles passing beneath to see, and it quickly got battered and beat up. So I went into Copy and Print Source in Bellingham and asked if they could help me make a sign that would be more substantial. They suggested laminating a sign for me and said they would do it for free. I used the laminated signs until vinyl came along as a sign material, all the time working with Copy and Print Source. And they made every single one for free."

Gratitude, Compassion, Empathy, Fairness

Wizard didn't always walk the highway carrying his message of PEACE. He graduated high school in Idaho and went on to serve in the reserve Marine Corps from 1957–65, using the GI Bill to put himself through college, where he studied math and sciences. He continued on to a Masters Degree in Chemistry at North Arizona University in Flagstaff and settled there with his wife and two children,

working as a high school chemistry teacher. From there he moved to the San Francisco Bay area to teach, and then to Washington in 1976, where he settled in Whatcom County, attempting to be an organic farmer while he worked as a substitute teacher in a number of schools in the Mount Baker and Nooksack school districts.

Justice, Patience, Serenity

He liked working with grade school students, teaching them the joy of math and science through the memorization of five songs—which is where the seed for Bromet's gradual metamorphosis into the man we know as Peace Wizard was sown. Because even though math and science were the mainstays of his career, music always called to him. He couldn't play an instrument, but he could sing. And he loved to sing. He retired from teaching in 1995 and parted company with his wife of 31 years because, as he puts it, "I realized I had another path."

Forbearance, Forgiveness, Freedom, Beauty

That path involved singing. Lots of singing. He joined four choral groups in Whatcom County to find his voice and finally narrowed his focus to sing second bass in the Kulshan Chorus. He lived "off the grid" in a small cabin on a farm in Whatcom County and gave up his car in favor of a bicycle.

It was while he was riding his bicycle that something happened that defines the gentle soul we see walking the highway. He was hit from behind by an automobile. As he fell to the ground, he knew he'd been hit hard enough to claim his life. He was 60 years old at the time and told himself, in the seconds leading up to what he was sure would be his death, that he'd had a good life and it was OK to let go. Then he felt a shadow fall over him and realized someone was standing next to

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him. He forced his eyes open and looked up to see the man who had hit him. He was an elderly man and it was obvious from his face that he was terrified by what he'd done. In that moment Bromet knew that he had to pull himself back from death's door to comfort this man.

Wisdom, Contentment, Consciousness

It was months before Bromet recovered from this near fatal accident. When he did, he switched from the bicycle to his feet as his preferred method of travel. A friend dubbed him Wizard because of the way he looked, and the talk of invading Iraq prompted the making of his first PEACE sign.

But once he held the sign in his hand, resting it comfortably against his shoulder, he knew he didn't have to limit its message to a specific time period or political strategy. It was a message for every day, for a way of life that Wizard believed in and wanted to communicate to others. He added "Peace" to his new name, found his forever home in the Upper Skagit, and started walking the highway carrying his message for all to see.

Courage, Respect, Responsibility

And Peace Wizard sang. He sang and he sang with the Kulshan Chorus in and around Washington and as far afield as Romania, Croatia, and Costa Rica. And wherever he sang, he carried his message of PEACE, sometimes with the addition of the same word in the language of the country he was visiting.

And his reputation grew. Enough that when he landed in Romania with the Kulshan Chorus, the bus driver who had come to pick them up already had a space picked out for Wizard's PEACE sign: right on the front of the bus. And as he drove them to their destination, people along the street held up two fingers of peace. In agreement. And friendship. And joy.

Enlightenment of Humanity

Not everyone agrees with Wizard's message. With a chuckle, he relays a story: "There was one time down by Sedro-Woolley when a man in a pickup truck rolled down his window and yelled, 'Go f*\$% yourself, you f*\$%ing, f@^#ty hippie!' I walked on laughing about that for a long, long way."

Any words of wisdom to impart to others? For that he referred back to his mentor, Mildred Lisette Norman, a.k.a. Peace Pilgrim. "She said, 'Negative thoughts will destroy you faster than junk food,' and I completely agree with that. If I had my way, we'd all forgive each other our various wrongdoings because that would make us healthier, happier, and wiser human beings."

Or, as his sign says, we'd all find peace.

Nicola Pearson is an award-winning playwright and novelist. She lives in Sauk City.



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Academics



Recognition Celebration

Concrete High School students gathered June 4 for a recognition celebration that spotlighted their achievements in several volunteerism and preventive programs at the school.

Above: Receiving certificates of achievement for involvement in the Teens Against Tobacco Use program (kneeling, from left), Searrah Martin, Ashley Parker. Back row, from left: Kendra Knuth, Coach Dana Whitney, Kayla Knuth, Devon Howard.

Right: Receiving certificates of achievement for Concrete Prevention Posse (kneeling, from left), Raylee Ward, Autumn Neece, Anna Spangler, Searrah Martin. Back row, from left: Coach Whitney, Cheyenne Lewis, Zeke Myrick, Mariah Labounty, Leona Martinez.



Above: Receiving Varsity in Volunteerism certificates of achievement (kneeling, from left), Anna Spangler, Autumn Neece, Mariah Labounty, Ebby Buchta, Coach Whitney, Searrah Martin. Back row, from left: Raylee Ward, United General Dist. 304 ViV Coordinator Elizabeth Ruth, Lexi Denley, Chaquala Davis, Leona Martinez.

The evening also included a presentation from Teens Against Pot Smoking; students involved with that program were Tasha Brink, Raylee Ward, Cheyenne Lewis, and Sadie Peif.



2018 SENIOR AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award

Hannah Haskett

U.S Marines Military Achievement Award:

Distinguished Athlete

Becky Azure, Riley Fichter

U.S Marines Military Achievement Award:

Scholastic Excellence

Emily Schmidt

U.S Marines Military Achievement Award:

Music Excellence

Tanner Tygret

Concrete Booster Club Athlete of the Year

Riley Fichter, Madisyn Renzelman

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

Ralph Crum Memorial Scholarship

The Ralph Crum Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship established by the Perrigoue family of Concrete in memory of Ralph Crum who graduated from CHS in 1952. This scholarship is now overseen by the Skagit Foundation and provides a full 2-year education through Skagit Valley College. This scholarship includes a tuition free educational experience as well as a book allowance and provides living expenses so the selected student of this scholarship can live at Skagit Village on the SVC campus in Mount Vernon.

The Ralph Crum Memorial Scholarship was presented this year to Asusena Fregoso.

Janson Scholarship

Emily Schmidt

Grasmere Volunteer Fire Department

Riley Fichter, Emily Schmidt, Becky Azure, Kaleb Engler, Tanner Tygret

Community Bible Church

Becky Azure, Emily Schmidt

Birdsview Volunteer Fire Department

Tanner Tygret, Riley Fichter, Kaleb Engler

Concrete Public School Employees

Emily Schmidt, Riley Fichter

Upper Skagit Valley Education Assoc.

Riley Fichter, Tanner Tygret

Marblemount Volunteer Fire Department

Emily Schmidt, Becky Azure, Riley Fichter

Columbia Bank

Riley Fichter

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church

Emily Schmidt

Concrete Lions Booster Club

Emily Schmidt

Concrete Volunteer Fire Department

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Concrete Lions Club

Emily Schmidt, Becky Azure

Jack S. Livie Masonic Lodge Scholarship

Riley Fichter, Emily Schmidt

Everett Family Memorial Scholarship

Emily Schmidt

Bill Johnson Family Scholarship

Emily Schmidt, Becky Azure

Albert and Harriette Frank Memorial Scholarship

Riley Fichter

Doug Vose Memorial Scholarship

Becky Azure

George Nick Memorial Scholarship

Riley Fichter

Sedro-Woolley Rotary Scholarship

Becky Azure, McKenna Kononen

Lonnie Gardner Memorial Scholarship

Erica Knuth

Berean Scholarship

McKenna Kononen, Emily Schmidt

Buller Family Scholarship

Becky Azure, Tanner Tygret, Erica Knuth

Shepherd of the Hills Scholarship, in memory of Norm and Lottie Hornbeck

Becky Azure, Tanner Tygret

Ottow Walberg Memorial Scholarship

Erica Knuth

Senior Citizens of Concrete Scholarship

Emily Schmidt

Concrete Community Scholarship

Emily Schmidt

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Becky Azure

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Emily Schmidt

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Emily Schmidt

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship is a high-end scholarship provided to students who meet the criteria for eligibility. It provides \$22,500 toward the education of students selected to get this scholarship at the state level. As a student completes each year of their higher education, money is released to supplement the next year's expenses at the school of their choice.

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship was presented this year to Tanner Tygret and Becky Azure.

Rocky Mountain College Scholarship

Caroline Gregush

CONCRETE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students at Concrete Middle School received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the 2nd semester of the 2017-18 school year. An asterisk after a name denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Vanessa Aiken*, Anthony Culver, Hannah Hook, Vincent Pries, Lukas Sahlin*, Melinda Scheer.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Carlen Herz, Devon Howard, Christian Joens, Romie Salipot.

CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL

The following students at Concrete High School received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the 2nd semester of the 2017-18 school year. An asterisk after a name denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 9

Roberto Acevedo-Lara, Carissa Cross,

Collin Martin*, Leona Martinez*, Hunter Olmstead*, Eleanor Parent, Saide Peif, Rebekah Rider, Andrea Rogers, Kai Sahlin*, Lily Whitford.

Grade 10

Christiann Barela, Elizabeth Buchta, Izabela Ramos*, Peyton Sanchez, Troy Schmidt*, Devin Wilbur-Blankenship.

Grade 11

Josabet Acevedo-Lara, Jonathan Akers*, Violet Bryan-Goforth, Shanon Clemons*, Tyler Coffell, Faith Daniels, Mellydee Howry, Marissa Huizar, Ashley Mabe, Dalton Newby, David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, Charles Parent, Madelynn Pritchard, Jonas Rensink, Jaidyn Swanson*, Karlie-Rose Vierra.

Grade 12

Rebecca Azure, Riley Fichter, Asusena Fregoso, Hannah Haskett*, Elizabeth Kesterson, McKenna Kononen, Rebeckah McClure, Madisyn Renzelman, Emily Schmidt, Mary Spangler, Robert Thompson, Tanner Tygret.

Free summer meals program to run July 9 through Aug. 1

Concrete School District will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for all children ages 1 through 18. Any child may come and eat meals at the specified times listed below.

Children do not need to be enrolled in the summer program in order to receive

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—Marla Reed



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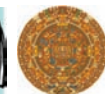
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Community Calendar



JULY

- 4 July 4 Parades and events in Concrete, Sedro-Woolley; see article, p. 3
- 6 Rockin' in the View (drawing mountain ranges), Upper Skagit Library, 3 p.m.
- 7 Family Story Time and crafts at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 11 a.m.; free admission
- 7 Concrete Resource Center Bake Sale from (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and chalk art contest for kids at Concrete Saturday Market (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- 7 Skagit Land Trust Hum Field Stewardship, 9 a.m. to noon; info at www.skagitlandtrust.org/event.aspx?eventid=402 or call 360.428.7878
- 12 & 15 "box." screens at Concrete Theatre; see ad, p. 19
- 13 Concrete Youth Activity Day, Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete, noon to 3:30 p.m.
- 13-15 Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In, Mears Field, Concrete; see article, p. 3
- 13-15 Woolley Fiber Quilters "Shades of the Northwest" quilt show, Cascade Middle School, 905 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley; see notice, p. 17
- 13-15 Eve Syapin/Good's moving sale, First St. and Grasmere Rd., Concrete; see classified ad, p. 39, and go wish her well during her new chapter
- 13-15 Vacation Bible School at Day Creek Chapel
- 14 Lyman Car & Craft Show, Lyman, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see article, p. 18
- 14 KSVU Bake Sale, Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 14 Baker River Hydroelectric Project Tours, various times; see notice, p. 6, and ads, pages 3 and 4
- 14 Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation All-Class Picnic, Riverfront Park, Sedro-Woolley; info at sedrowoolleyhsalumni.official@gmail.com
- 15 Sustainable Samish Garden Tour, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; info at 360.428.4313
- 15-20 Vacation Bible School at Community Bible Church, Concrete, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; ages 4-12; see notice, p. 6
- 16-20 PSE tests new dam safety sirens; see article, p. 5
- 20 Music Maker with Heidi Larsen, Upper Skagit Library, 11 a.m.
- 20 Skagit Land Trust Cumberland Creek Stewardship, 9 a.m. to noon; info at <http://www.skagitlandtrust.org/event.aspx?eventid=419> or 360.428.7878
- 20-21 Day Creek Fire Dist. 16 Annual Garage Sale, Day Creek Fire Hall, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Fri.), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Sat.); see notice, p. 19
- 20-22 Darrington Bluegrass Festival; info at www.darringtonbluegrass.com
- 21 Marblemount Bread of Life Food Bank Bake Sale, Nick Anthony live music, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime at 11 a.m., Concrete Saturday Market
- 27 Ray Soriano Drumming Workshop, Upper Skagit Library, 2 p.m.
- 28 Leap of Faith live music, Patriot Food Truck, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Ask a Master Gardener from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Concrete Saturday Market

AUGUST

- 3-5 Rockport Volunteer Fire Dept. Garage Sale, Rockport; see notice, p. 23; info at 360.708.8594
- 4 Heart to Heart Charity Poker Run, see article, p. 18
- 4 Family Story Time at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 11 a.m.; free admission
- 5 Community Hall Salmon Bar-B-Que fundraiser, Marblemount Community Hall; see notice, p. 26
- 6-10 Lake Shannon Boat Launch closes to public use; see notice, p. 6
- 17 Concrete High School Class of 1955 Reunion, Royal Star Buffet, 2300 Freeway Dr., Mount Vernon, 5 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 18-19 Cascade Days, Concrete; info at www.cascadedays.com
- 19 Rockport-Marblemount Old Timers & Friends Reunion, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 1 p.m.; see notice, p. 6

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



HISTORY CORNER

The photo above shows Blake Thompson and his wife, Esther, in front of The Cook House, which was owned and operated at the time by Minnie Studebaker. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

If you have old photos of Clear Lake and/or Day Creek, please contact historian Deanna Ammons at 360.856.6798.

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—Deanna Ammons, historian

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Community meetings

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

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

Coffee Talk with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at 5b's Bakery in Concrete. **The July Coffee Talk will be held on July 13 instead of July 20.** 360.853.8213.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete Heritage Museum Board meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or www.concreteheritagemuseum.org.

Concrete Lions Club meets the first and third Wed. of each month, at Annie's Pizza Station, Concrete. Social at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30.

Concrete Resource Coalition meets the third Thur. of each month, at 2 p.m., in the Concrete High School library.

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a work session on July 23 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 26 at 6 p.m., same location. 360.853.4000.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town

Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

Darrington Strong meets the third Wed. of each month, 7 p.m., at Cascade Senior Center, 1115 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167.

Darrington Town Council meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St. 360.436.1131 or darrcityhall@frontier.com.

Forest Park Cemetery District No. 5 meets the third Tue. of each month at the cemetery office on Compton Lane in Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.708.3656.

Hamilton Town Council meets the second Tue. of each month at Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3027.

Imagine Concrete meets the third Tue. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.

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

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

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

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

Ohana Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.296.3233.

Paranormal Discussion Group meets the last Sunday of each month at Concrete Center, 45821 Railroad St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.630.5143.

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

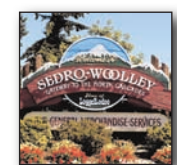
Sedro-Woolley School District Board: A regular session is planned for July 9 at 7 p.m., at the Support Services Bldg. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

Upper Skagit Library District (USLD)

Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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



Sedro-Woolley



Above: Sedro-Woolley High School seniors flee the scene after graduation ceremonies on June 8.

Below: State Street High School graduating seniors paused for one last photo before closing the high school chapter of their lives. The high school held its graduation ceremony on June 12. Photos by Ruth Richardson.



Blast from the Past enjoyed a sunny Saturday on June 2.

Top: Erin Kaplan from Sedro-Woolley shows off her style and attitude during the hula hoop contest. She took first place—as did her daughters Rohannah, 11, and Catalina, 13, in their respective age categories.

Left: Willow Seixas, 6, of Sedro-Woolley competes in the hula hoop contest on her way to victory in her age category.

Bottom: Mike Yeoman (left) exults in victory over former jump rope champion David Bricka, who offers his rope in deference to the new reigning champ.



State transfers 225-acre property to Port of Skagit

On June 29, Washington state transferred a 225-acre portion of the Northern State Hospital property to the Port of Skagit so that it can be developed into an innovation and clean technology campus that serves as an economic engine for the area.

During the transfer ceremony held at the site, Gov. Jay Inslee handed the keys to the property to Port of Skagit Commission President Dr. Kevin Ware.

The port intends to redevelop the property into the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center, which it estimates will bring between 600 and 1,000 new sustainable, community-wage jobs to the region during the next 10 to 20 years. Local company Janicki Bioenergy will be the anchor tenant for the new innovation and clean technology campus. In addition, under Port ownership:

- Strong stewardship of important environmental resources on the property will continue.
- There will be an increased emphasis on seeking ways to restore and preserve historic features and buildings.

“This is a powerful example of what we can accomplish together when the state works in collaboration with local government partners. This week’s property transfer to the Port of Skagit helps the community realize a long-term vision that makes cultural, economic and environmental sense,” said Inslee in a press release prior to the event.

Summer Food Program continues in July

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County will continue its Summer Food Service Program for children this month. Meals are available at no charge to children from 6 to 18 years old.

Meals will be served at the following location within the *Concrete Herald*

Multi-year process

The property transfer was almost five years in the making, and involved numerous local and state partners. It required both legislative and local actions, including authorization by the state legislature to transfer the property to the port and annexation of the property into the City of Sedro-Woolley. To secure ownership, the state also required the port to show local investments of at least \$5 million in redeveloping the property.

The collaborative planning process began in fall 2013, when the port, City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, state Department of Enterprise Services, and more than 20 other designated representatives from the community and state agencies began working to explore community interest in future opportunities. The local partners identified common goals for future redevelopment of the property. Enterprise Services managed the property on behalf of the state, gathered stakeholders, and facilitated conversations on several issues.

“The transition to local control will allow the Port to make the park-like grounds more open to the general public and will lead to additional jobs,” said Ware. “The port intends to make this beautiful and historically important publicly owned property much more available to the general public than it has been in the past.”

“The Port of Skagit taking local control of the old Northern State complex is a huge milestone and a great opportunity for our community,” said Janicki Bioenergy CEO Peter Janicki. “The vision of the SWIFT Center is to be a campus dedicated to developing innovative solutions for some of humanity’s biggest problems—starting with new technologies in the water, sanitation and environmental sectors.”

Learn more about the celebration, partnerships, and site visit at www.portofskagit.com/skagit-advantage/swift-center/swift-center-celebration.

coverage area:

- Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club – 915 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley

An afternoon snack will be served from 3 to 3:30 p.m., from June 18 to Aug. 31. Supper will be served from 5 to 5:45 p.m., from July 9 to Aug. 24.

For more information, call 360.856.1830, ext. 43.

Quilt show to be held July 13–15

Woolley Fiber Quilters will host its 9th annual quilt show, “Shades of the Northwest,” at Cascade Middle School, 905 McGarigle Rd., in Sedro-Woolley.

The show will run from July 13 to 15, and will display more than 250 quilts, plus a bed turning, demonstrations, a guild boutique, people’s choice awards, vendors, and more.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$3.

For more information, go to www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com.

—Judy Johnson



Featured Quilter Judy Steen of Bow selects quilts to be exhibited at the Woolley Fiber Quilters’ annual quilt show at Cascade Middle School July 13–15. Steen’s quilts will be part of a special display, which includes the bed turning. For more information, go to www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com. Photo by Judy Johnson.

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Lyman



Car Show roars into town July 14

The 18th Annual Lyman Car & Craft Show will be held on Sat., July 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come check out all the classic cars and trucks, as well as see all the vendors and craft booths, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and raffle. Music will be provided by Paul's Entertainment Company. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. and trophies awarded at 3 p.m.

Vehicle registration is from 8 a.m. to noon on the day of the event. Registration is \$15, but if you preregister before July 13, the cost is just \$10.

Craft and vendor registration: Booth/space rental is \$40 for a 10x10 and \$65

for a 10x20 space. Set up is on Fri., July 13 from 1 to 8 p.m. or Sat., July 14 from 7:30 a.m. All booths must be set up by 7:30 a.m.

Registration forms can be obtained at Lyman Town Hall or contact Mayor Eddie Hills. For more information on this event or registrations, contact Mayor Hills at 360.770.3308.

Checks for registrations should be made payable to Mont Heinzman and mailed to: Mont Heinzman
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—Tammie Werner

Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held a public forum on June 12, followed by its regular monthly meeting. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.

June 12 public forum

- The purpose of this forum was to discuss water use efficiency. Ryan Winn from Water & Wastewater Services was present to facilitate the forum.
- Town of Lyman has set specific, water-related goals, including: Educate customers through pamphlets and information supplied by Dept. of Health, by sending them in the water bills and having them available in Town Hall.

Bring the unaccounted-for water to under 20 percent in the next three years.

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June 12 regular meeting

- A Dept. of Health bill for \$480 was noticed and questioned. It is the yearly permit fee to run the water system. The unpaid bills were edited to include \$114 to the Skagit County Auditor for recording documents, which was originally paid and not included in the unpaid bills. New total: \$24,286.20.
- Water loss report: There was a leak found and fixed, which will bring the loss down next month.
- Council report: Councilmember Jeremy Mast gave an update on the cookshack repair. He looked at the plans and it is slab on grade. It should not slope inwards. The clerk was directed to find an independent contractor to look at it. A drain of some kind was discussed also.
- Unfinished business: The clerk was directed to contact an attorney to facilitate the purchase of the property owned by Don and Debbie Anderson.
- Council approved Ordinance 258, amending the 2017 budget.

—Compiled from staff notes

In The Service



Concrete citizen Paul Rider will be promoted from Technical Sergeant to Master Sergeant for the Washington Air National Guard's 194th Wing at Camp Murray during a formal promotion ceremony in September.

Rider earned the honor after passing his promotion board on June 2. The promotion means Rider also will become the superintendent of the Public Affairs Office for the 194th Wing.

The promotion is a major step for Rider because it moves him into management from being a technical expert for his occupational field (photojournalism).

"There's a jump in level of responsibilities and expectations once you are a senior noncommissioned officer," said Rider. "It's a humbling thought knowing that they are entrusting me to help shape



Rider. Photo by Airman First Class Timothy Tweet, 194th Wing.

the careers of the young airmen under my care. But its comforting knowing I've learned a lot in my 17 years with Air Guard and I get to share it with them."

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Poker Run planned for Aug. 4

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity's 4th annual motorcycle Poker Run fundraiser will be on Sat. Aug. 4.

The event will start at Bingham Park in Sedro-Woolley and end at the Eagles lodge in Sedro-Woolley. Registration will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the park, with kickstands up at 11 a.m. Participants will receive one poker hand, a wonderful scenic ride, and a free lunch.

The cost for this Poker Run is \$20 for bike/rider and \$30 for bike/rider/passenger if paid before Aug. 1; add \$5 to each if after Aug. 1. Registration forms are

available on the charity's event page or via e-mail at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. The first ten prepaid registrations will receive a biker's gift bag.

Volunteers are needed for this event, as well as businesses that would like to donate prizes. For more information, contact organizer Tammie Werner via e-mail or 360.826.3818.

The annual Poker Run benefits the charity's activities for children of low-income families, including its homeless bags and its Christmas Angel Tree program.

The event is listed on the charity's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hearttoheartcharity.

—Tammie Werner

Workshop offers tips for managing stormwater

A free workshop to assist neighborhood associations, business owners, and property owners who live on or are responsible for maintaining a stormwater pond or other stormwater drainage system in their neighborhood will be offered by Skagit County; the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley; the Skagit Conservation District; and Port of Skagit County.

The workshop is scheduled for Thur., July 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and will be held at the Port of Skagit County Administration Building, 15400 Airport Dr., Burlington.

Topics will include:

- How stormwater management systems work.
- How to keep your system in compliance with new regulations.
- Step-by-step instructions for routine maintenance to prolong the life of your detention pond, improve its appearance, and prevent flooding and property damage.
- How to plan, budget, and assess the neighborhood for upkeep costs.
- Basic information all stormwater facility owners should know.

The workshop will include a field tour to a neighborhood stormwater detention system to discuss how to detect problems, keep maintenance costs low, and enhance the function to safeguard water quality in your watershed.

Participants should pre-register by July 9 by contacting Kristi Carpenter, Skagit Conservation District, at 360.428.4313 or kristi@skagited.org.

—Submitted by
Skagit Conservation District

Fire Dist. 16 plans garage sale

Skagit County Fire District 16 (Day Creek) will host its annual garage sale fundraiser on July 20–21 at the fire hall in Day Creek.

The garage sale doors will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 20, and from 8

a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 21.

Sale items may be donated at the fire hall on July 14, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To arrange pick-up of large quantities or large items, call Travis at 360.826.5125.

—Kathy Henderson



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June in pictures



Below: Members of the Furs N Things 4-H Chapter paused for a well-deserved rest and a photo after cleaning the welcome sign at SR 20 and Superior in Concrete. Not only did the group clean the sign, they tidied up the landscaping and picked up litter in the area too. *Submitted photo.*



A June 5 Art Show and Science Fair organized by Concrete Elementary School teacher Mary Bianchini showcased local talent of all ages, joined established artists with up-and-comers, and allowed young artists and scientists to display their work. The show was held at the elementary school. Clockwise from upper left: Anthony Cooper, 6, poses with his painting, "4 Apples in a Bowl." Third grader Kielonn Dowell demonstrates his Science Fair entry, Herron's Fountain. Logan Alberts (pictured) paired with friend Makenzy Baird to answer the question, "What do Ants Eat?" Sauk Mountain Pottery artist Steve Murray instructs first grader Jackie Daniels. Longtime local favorite Don Smith uses watercolors to wow onlookers. Visiting painter Philippo LoGrande creates a self-portrait for Ally Mitchell, 13. Local glass artist Athena Hornsby demonstrates her technique.



Above: Marblemount Homestead's Corina Sahlin spins fibers into thread using a foot-powered spinning wheel while Isabel Parent looks on during the Art Show at Concrete Elementary School on June 5.

Below: Anne Bussiere (center) shows attendees a selection of her quilted works of art.

Elementary school teacher Mary Bianchini organized the event, which was paired with the school's annual Science Fair. The Art Show featured 1,000 pieces of art by elementary students in the gym, plus local musicians and local artists demonstrating their arts outside.

Above: Fed up with illegal dumping in the Caskey Lake/power line area, this group of citizens of all ages organized a cleanup day on June 3. The group picked up and properly disposed of approximately 4,000 lbs. of trash. Items found ranged from mattresses to barbecues, tires to recliners, and construction debris to bags of dirty diapers. "Unfortunately we only scratched the surface and this will need to happen again," said one participant. The group hopes to get donations or dump vouchers for their efforts, because the two dump runs cost more than \$200 from their pockets. *Submitted photo.*



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Hamilton



Rockport



Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting May 8. Following is a summary of that meeting.

- Council voted to adopt Ordinance No. 332, regarding beekeeping standards and practices.
- Mayor Cromley discussed the Floodplains by Design letter and is still in the process of rewriting it.
- Council approved leak forgiveness for the Greathouse water bill, decreasing the bill to \$75.
- **Water Dept.:** Cas Hancock reported a 4 percent water loss. The mitigation well is working great.
- **Fire Dept.:** A Skagit County economic development grant for

the radios was denied. Radios will be replaced at a rate of two per year, using capital facilities. Tanks were sent for testing. Wheel chocks were purchased. The possibility of applying for a county economic development grant for a cascade system was discussed.

- **Street Dept.:** Street department has been busy burning blackberries, filling potholes, and clearing brush.
- Council voted to pay the bills and adjourn.

—Compiled from staff notes

From the Mayor

A framed printout of this quote sits on the mantle in the room where the Town Council meets. I look at it before every meeting. It is an excerpt from Theodore Roosevelt's speech, "Citizenship in a Republic," delivered at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, on April 23, 1910.



"The Man in the Arena"

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man

stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

Pygmy rabbits will continue to be classified as endangered

Pygmy rabbits will continue to be classified as an endangered species in Washington, based on a report to the state Fish and Wildlife Commission that they face ongoing risks to their long-term survival in central Washington's sagebrush habitat.

The commission, a citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), maintained the pygmy rabbit's current status under state law when it met June 14–16 in Olympia. The

commission will decide the classification of two other species—sea otters and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse—later this summer.

Hannah Anderson, WDFW wildlife recovery specialist, said the state's wild pygmy rabbit population—estimated at 250 animals—primarily inhabits two "recovery emphasis areas" at Sagebrush Flats and Beezley Hills in Douglas County. Their numbers are well short of WDFW's goal of a five-year average population of at least 1,400 rabbits in six separate populations for "downlisting" to threatened status.

Anderson said the rabbits, which are also classified as endangered under federal law, face several threats to their survival, including the loss and fragmentation of their sagebrush habitat, wildfires, and the relatively small size of the population.

The department's main recovery strategy is to reintroduce the animals in areas

where they lived before their numbers were depleted. She said WDFW began breeding the rabbits in captivity in 2002 and in semi-wild breeding enclosures about 10 years later. Since 2011, WDFW has released nearly 2,000 rabbits into the wild.

In other action at its June meeting, the commission:

- Appointed Kelly Susewind of Olympia as the department's new director (see article, p. 34).
- Received a briefing from staff and heard public comment before rejecting a proposal to open a commercial gillnet fishery for summer chinook salmon in the lower Columbia River.
- Approved several changes in WDFW's accommodations for hunters, anglers, and others with disabilities.

Rockport Fire Dept. to host Garage Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department Garage Sale, which is slated for Aug. 3–5, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. all three days.

Almost any item can be donated, except for mattresses, children's car seats, and box TVs (CRT style).

For more information, contact event organizer Jessica Moore at 360.708.8594.

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Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

June 5

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and Snohomish County Fire Districts 26 and 7 recovered the body of an adult male from the Skykomish River downstream from the Big Eddy Public Water Access site around 6 p.m. today. The man is believed to be transient from the Gold Bar/Sultan area in his 30s.

Earlier that day, patrol responded to several 911 calls from witnesses reporting a man acting erratically and trespassing in the area. When patrol units arrived, the man twice jumped into the back of one of the patrol pickups. After officers talked with the man and assessed that he was not a threat to others, the man left the area around 2 p.m.

Around 4:30 p.m. witnesses at the Big Eddy site called 911 to report that they had seen the same adult male jumping into the water and drifting downstream, appearing to be in distress. Patrol, SAR, and Dive, as well as local fire agencies, arrived and the Sheriff's Office helicopter, SnoHAWK1, flew overhead. The body of the male was located around 5:30 p.m. downstream from Big Eddy and recovered from the river.

Identification of the man, as well as cause and manner of death, will be determined by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

This was the fourth drowning incident in backcountry rivers near waterfalls this year. The fifth drowning would come on June 23.

- On May 28, a 24-year-old Monroe man went missing at Eagle Falls. His body was recovered June 2.
- On April 24, a 30-year-old Bothell woman went into the water at Wallace Falls State Park. Her body was recovered the same day.
- On April 12, a 22-year-old Monroe woman went into the water at Cedar Ponds. Her body was recovered on April 21.

Response to backcountry rescue and recovery efforts can be extremely dangerous and put rescue personnel and volunteers at risk. Swimming in Snohomish County rivers, especially near waterfalls, is not recommended because of swift currents, hidden snags/drop-offs, and cold water temperatures, even for those who consider themselves to be strong swimmers.

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on May 9, 2018. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

May 9 regular meeting

- Mayor Pro tem Kevin Ashe presided over this meeting.
- Council discussed an amendment to the Investment Grade Audit Proposal – Energy/Solar. The updated amendment proposal was for the Town Hall/Library building, the fire department building, and the Community Center parking area. Lisa Steele and Pat Stevens with Apollo Solutions went over details of the amendments. Funding options were discussed. The carport proposal and structural costs were questioned. The building costs are included in the cost. Councilmember Frable felt that the expense was high, and asked if the savings would be enough compensation to pay for itself. It was stated that the fire station could be a separate project to come later. It was asked if the fire department could also apply for grants to assist in funding for the project. When discussed with the fire dept., they stated they had other priorities for grants. The solar panels would be mounted on car ports, not ground-mounted. Staff was directed to move forward with the USDA grant applications, and council approved the amendment that includes the fire station building.
- An executive session was held with no attorney present. Topics were real property and the airport easement.
- The regular meeting reconvened.
- Per a request from Rivertime Brewery, council voted to close Darrington St. from Givens to Mountain Loop on July 4 to allow a

portion of Emens Ave. to close for a beer garden.

- An update on the wayfinding/gateway signs project was provided.

- Council approved two water hookups on Bar/Sultan area in exchange for a land dedication.

- Staff reported that the situation with the hot water tank at the community center was handled and the center has hot water.

- It was announced that the Frisbee golf course started on May 8.

- Dianne Allen asked to keep the Public Works position open till the end of May. There were four applicants at the time. A hiring committee was established, consisting of Kerry Frable, Kevin Ashe, Todd Ronning, Rick Jones, Steve Wold, and Allen.

- Todd Ronning said he would like to see a speed bump on Montague to divert the rain in front of his driveway. He would also like to see the town kill the grass on Seeman St.

- Council voted to allow Mayor Rankin to sign the amendment to the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force Interlocal agreement. This is the standard agreement that the town signs each year; there were no changes in funding or contribution.

- Council voted to allow Mayor Rankin to sign the Town of Darrington Airport Lease Agreement. This agreement is for Gary and Rosetta Willis to allow for them to lease a portion of a lot for storage purposes.

- Councilmember Ashe reported he had gone to a Puget Sound Clean Air Agency meeting in Seattle. Ashe discussed ideas to assist with burn bans.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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Darrington Collaborative marks progress

The Darrington Collaborative has been making progress and achieving its goals in the short time the group has been together. At a public meeting in June, board members reported on goals met and future projects planned.

Mayor Dan Rankin started the meeting with introductions and Jon Owen, Pew Trusts, explained the collaborative's goals and objectives.

Oak Rankin, Glacier Peak Institute, explained how the collaborative has been an important part of education in Darrington. Darrington Collaborative projects offer an enriching opportunity to engage Darrington youth in STREAM (Science, Technology, Recreation Engineering, Art, and Math), youth education programming that directly relates to ecological restoration and scientific monitoring.

Oak presented a Darrington Middle School/Tesla STEM High School video of students from Redmond working with local students.

Paul Wagner, Atterbury Consultants and Tim Johnson, Hampton Lumber, each gave a review of the Segelsen Ridge and Clear Creek Projects.

Twenty-six months after the conception of the Segelsen stewardship pilot project, Hampton Lumber secured the winning bid of \$358,000. The Segelsen restoration thinning sale is 69 acres with

approximately 1.5 million board feet of lumber, consisting of 25 percent Douglas Fir and 75 percent Western Hemlock and Silver Fir. As a stewardship sale, receipts will be used toward identified aquatic restoration work associated with the Clear Creek Road.

Tom Uniack, Washington Wild, and Matt Medina, Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, both spoke on what projects the collaborative will be working on next, including additional work on the Segelsen, North Mountain, Grade Creek, Helena Ridge, White Chuck, Rat Circle, Crevis Creek, and Black Oak projects.

Darrington District Ranger Peter Forbes, U.S. Forest Service, spoke on the continuing support the USFS will provide with the projects the collaborative is working on.

Jenna Knobloch, Sustainable Northwest and Mat Comisky, American Forest Resources Council continued the presentation with examples of other forest collaboratives in the state—eight in all—and the work they have accomplished.

Anjolee Price, Collaborative Forestry Manager, Hampton Lumber, was there to answer questions from the audience.

Information on the Darrington Collaborative and its goals and Glacier Peak Institute can be found at www.darringtoncollaborative.org.

—Marla Skaglund



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June 10

Driver damages Glacier Peak High School

At about 11:52 a.m., an adult male drove his truck through the front doors of Glacier Peak High School, causing significant damage to the building. The driver was taken to Providence for an evaluation. The Sheriff's Office is investigating the driver for possible impairment (DUI).

The high school is located at 7401 144th Place SE in Snohomish. Submitted photo.

the fisherman was able to swim to shore and call for help. He was picked up by the Monroe rescue boat, where he was checked by aid personnel on scene.

The deceased fisherman is a 57-year-old male from the Sultan area.

River levels are high this time of year, with water temperatures around 45 degrees.

—Compiled from SCSO and WSP reports

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Summertime ... and the hall will be busy

It's summertime, and, as the song says, the living is easy—although busy. Marblemount Community Hall is alive and well, despite the Community Market's unfortunate hiatus this season.

Two weddings already have been booked, and the Upper Skagit Library will host Family Story Times on Sat., July 7 and Aug. 4, at 11 a.m. Bring a young friend for theme-centered arts and crafts, as well as the story. The hall's annual Salmon BBQ Fundraiser is scheduled for Sun. Aug. 5, followed by the Rockport-Marblemount Old Timers' Picnic on Aug. 19. Another special event, Bike-and-Build, will find the hall hosting two dozen young bicyclists on the last leg of their

summerlong expedition, riding across the entire country from east to west, volunteering their time and energy to help build homes along the way for those in need. The Community Hall is honored to be one of their many hosts during their three-month service trip, from Aug. 22–23.

In addition, the hall has gained its federal nonprofit status, 501(c)(3), for the organization. This will allow us to apply for grants and foundation funding, as well as permit donors to enjoy a tax deduction. Since 1955 we've been a private entity, not supported by any county taxes, and are only able to keep our doors open and the lights on thanks to event rentals, donations, and our volunteers.

Feel free to attend our monthly open meetings, the second Wed. of each month at 6:30 p.m.; visit our Web site, www.marblemountcommunityhall.org; or call and leave us a message: 360.873.2323.

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stated that this came as a surprise to him because he believed the town had worked through all the items with the Department of Ecology and there was never any mention fines were pending, only a possibility. He stated staff is going to research all the items within the letter and put together an appeal.

June 11 regular meeting

- George Theodoratus returned to the council to discuss the Lorenzen Creek spoils pile. He summarized a new letter to the council and confirmed he would be willing to sign a right-of-entry agreement with the town, which would allow the town to remove that portion of the spoils pile that lies on his property, if language were added regarding restoration of his property after the spoils pile was removed. Mayor Miller said that was part of the original plan, so there was no problem with adding that language to the agreement. Theodoratus stated that he would still sign the agreement if the spoils are going to the S. Rietze right of way, but he will file a complaint if that happens.

Public Safety: Sgt. Greg Adams distributed reports to council, which were analyses of response times and calls. The reports were met with enthusiasm by council members. Sgt. Adams also reported that thefts and burglaries are down, and that the recent work agreement with PSE will translate to increased patrols throughout the Concrete area as well.

Sgt. Adams reported the Sheriff's Office is down five deputies, with the East Detachment down one deputy. He stated they have "power shifts" in place right now, which will assist with getting full coverage until another deputy is hired.

Town engineer Cody Hart reported there are a number of items for various projects being worked on. He said the water tank design will go out for funding agency and town review soon, as well as the Main Street water line, metering, and service lines. He said he will forward the I&I design documents to USDA for review in the next couple weeks. He reported that he and town staff met and discussed concepts for the Cedar Street design. He stated he will work with the town to schedule public meetings on

this project for sometime in July or August.

Hart also reported that he spoke with a WSDOT representative regarding its project that involves a portion of Lorenzen Creek, and let them know to keep the town's possible reroute of Lorenzen Creek on their radar. Discussion ensued on possible funding sources for the town's proposed Lorenzen Creek reroute.

Hart reported that the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) will announce its call for projects soon and he will schedule a meeting with the TIB representative for this area to review possible projects and get their feedback.

June 25 regular meeting

- The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process for the moving of the Lorenzen Creek spoils had begun by the date of this meeting. Several attendees at this meeting learned that the public comment period of the SEPA process would end July 2, and until then only written comments could be accepted. Audience member Debbie Lloyd submitted a written petition against the spraying of Roundup on the spoils pile.

Councilmember Marla Reed expressed her irritation with the Lorenzen Creek spoils pile topic, saying she believes it was handled 100 percent incorrectly. She stated that it should have been moved to the airport a month ago, and that this has just gotten ridiculous.

- Town engineer Cody Hart reported that he is currently working to schedule a meeting with the TIB regional engineer to discuss possible funding applications for the town. He stated the two projects that he will discuss are Limestone St. and S. Rietze Ave.

Hart also reported the water system improvements are continuing. He gave a huge thank you to Public Works and to Carmen's Construction for their hard work on the spray park project. Councilmember Ginger Kyritsis stated all the work that Public Works has been doing is very much appreciated, and asked Public Works Dir. Alan Wilkins to pass that along to the other guys.

—Compiled from staff minutes



Mount Baker Ultra Marathon draws 34

In its second year, the challenging Mount Baker Ultra Marathon hosted 34 runners—and 26 finishers.

Taking the top spot was Piotr Chadovich from Woodinville, Wash., (top photo), who ran the 55 miles from Concrete to the top of Sherman's Peak—and back—in 12 hours and 14 minutes. Hard on his heels was Cate Airoidi from Ashland, Ore. (above), who took second place with a time of 13 hours and 5 minutes.

The event was organized by adventure runner Dan Probst (right).



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Concrete Community Center

Way Back When

70 years ago

July 29, 1948: The barn belonging to Fred Eldridge of Marblemount was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire was caused by youngsters who had a playhouse in the barn. They were trying to light a fire with some stove oil and the fire got away, setting the barn ablaze. No one was injured.

"Blackie," the dog of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague, is quite a hero

in Marblemount this week. When the Miller Shingle Mill caught fire a week ago Sunday, it was Blackie that sounded the alarm by frantic barking. He attracted the attention of his masters and with the help of a small crew and Blackie, the mill was saved before the flames could get real headway.

Regina M. Hunter of Marblemount escaped injury in an automobile accident just east of Hamilton Monday night. According to the state patrol investigation, the accident occurred when the driver's attention was momentarily diverted and the car swung across the road and went into the ditch on the opposite side, striking and uprooting a telephone pole. A charge of negligent driving was placed against the driver. The damage to the car was estimated at around \$250.

Valley representation, he was accompanied by Merv Peterson of Marblemount, Martin Pressentin of Rockport, and Frank McGovern of Sauk.

The discussion opened with the statement by Mayor Beasley that he didn't think there was much to talk about and from there the members of the council all expressed their feelings on the subject to the conclusion that they intended to make no changes in their traffic operation except possibly to make it stronger and include fines for failure to have a driver's license on person or failure to comply with state patrol regulation as to vehicle licenses, etc.

The upriver delegation was told, in part:

- That two men have been killed by cars on the highway through Lyman and that there are accidents and near-accidents "every week."
- That nobody is ever arrested for traveling less than 35 miles an hour.
- That no arrests are made after 9 p.m.
- That the total arrests made are

consistent with traffic, using the Seattle traffic citations as a basis.

- That everyone traveling over 25 miles an hour is subject to arrest except for the leniency of the town.
- That when all the towns in the Upper Valley change their town limit signs to read "35 miles per hour," Lyman will do the same, but they will continue to make arrests even though the other towns do not.

After a few minutes, the upriver delegation decided there was no point of continuing in the face of solid opposition, so they thanked the council for the opportunity to hear their story firsthand, and left for home.

50 years ago

July 31, 1968: Pastor William Bridge Jr. has accepted a call to the Concrete Community Bible Church and will begin his ministry here on Sun., Aug. 11.

He comes to Concrete from the First Baptist Church of Twisp, where he had served since December 1965.

Bridge attended Seattle Pacific College, the University of Washington, and Prairie Bible Institute, from which he graduated in 1964. Mrs. Bridge, the former Bertha Gates, also attended PBI. Both have spent several summers as counselors at Lake Sammamish Bible Camp.

"We are coming to Concrete not because of the beautiful scenery, but because we feel that this ministry is God's will for us at this time," said Bridge.

—Compiled from archives

Bussiere.

Concrete Community Center

July 2018 Activities

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

Monday through Friday

Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, more

NOTE: GED instruction is now being held at the East County Resource Center.

All subject to change. For latest information:
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Monday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet

Wednesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
7/18 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group

Thursday

7/5 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
7/19 12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
7/13 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki
7/20 10 a.m. Concrete Community Center Committee meeting

Saturday

All 9 a.m. Concrete Saturday Market
All 7 p.m. AA meeting

Top right: 30 years ago, 1988: Spectators and raft construction

crews arrived early at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport on July 23 to begin the annual Log Cabin Tavern River Raft Challenge Race. Rafts arrived either completely assembled or in "kit" form. Some seemed to evolve on the spot. A total of 32 rafts entered the race with more than 200 crew members on the river and hundreds of race fans lining the banks of the Skagit River. *Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.*



Right: 30 years ago, 1988: A horse-and-buggy competition

held July 9–10 at Glacier View Ranch in Marblemount brought 14 old-fashioned carriages and driving teams for an interesting event.

The Seattle City Light powerlines and a spectator in a folding chair are giveaways to the fact that this photo was not taken in the 1890s. Drivers and grooms were often dressed in old-fashioned English or prairie clothing to complete the mood of the historic horse and buggy. Participants who enjoy the sport of precision driving traveled from areas throughout western Washington to attend. The event drew many curious local residents who watched the teams ride through hay fields.



Archive photos by Anne Bussiere

Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

Sloppy Joe Hamburgers



- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 8-oz. bottle chili sauce
- Salt to taste and a dash of pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 glove garlic, minced

1. Saute ground beef and chopped onion until lightly browned.
2. Drain off fat. Add chili sauce, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, and garlic.
3. Simmer for 1 hour. Serve on toasted buns.

Yield: 1 dozen burgers.

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Sunday School lesson

Prescription for joyful living

By Bruce Martin

The Christian life is not a life devoid of trouble or hardship. There is no such thing! However, there is a life of faith and joy in the midst of such difficulties, because of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer.

It has been said that joy is not simply the absence of suffering; instead, it is the presence of the Lord in our lives. It is that joy that gives us strength when times are tough and reminds us of God's promise never to leave or forsake us.

In the wonderful letter to the Philippian believers, the Apostle Paul describes what I like to call "a prescription for joyful living." It is found in the fourth chapter of the New Testament book of Philippians.

The paragraph heading simply says, "Exhortations." An exhortation is a strong encouragement to make right choices.

I would like to express these encouragements with a series of single words. The first is the basis for all the other prescriptive encouragements.

Forgive (Phillipians 4:2-3)

If you are sick and go to the doctor, he may prescribe an antibiotic to help your body fight the bacteria that is making you sick. Before you leave the office, the doctor will always say something like, "take all of the medication please." Why?

Because the tendency on our part is to stop taking the meds as soon as we feel better. The problem is that the medication does not always have the chance to complete the job it was intended to do. In this passage Paul is encouraging two women who are at odds with one another to forgive and make things right between them. God's forgiveness equips us to forgive others when we are wronged and to continue to do so. To be quick to forgive and extend forgiveness creates a foundation of spiritual health in our lives.

Rejoice (verse 4)

The encouragement to "Rejoice in the Lord always" is the second prescription for joyful living. When we rejoice continually, it is a way of outwardly expressing our inward joy. It may come out in singing or in expressions of praise to God for what He has done and is doing, as well as a recognition of who He is. It is a way of encouraging others to trust the Lord as well. Thanksgiving and praise are expressions of rejoicing and joy, and flow from a heart that has been transformed.

Stop worrying (verse 6)

The third prescription is one we all need to take on a daily basis: "Don't be anxious about anything!" We could probably say that we have worked to perfect the art of worrying. Jesus asked the question: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matt. 6:27). If there is a way to forfeit our joy, worrying would have to be one of the easiest ways to do it. We live in a world where there are many

things to fret or stress about. The apostle doesn't leave us there to deal with all this by ourselves. Instead he reminds us not to worry about everything, but to pray about all those things that cause anxiety.

Pray (verse 6)

We find in these verses not only words of encouragement, but a complete prescription of many kinds of prayer that will cause our joy to grow. These are prayers for specific requests, knowing that God hears us when we pray. He is concerned about our lives, our needs, and our situations. He invites us to cast our cares upon Him because He loves us. Prayer is the Lord's invitation to personal spiritual fellowship and friendship, as well as spiritual growth and understanding. Time spent in His presence will bless our lives. As the Psalmist wrote: "You will fill me with joy in Your presence."

Promise (verse 7)

The final thought of the paragraph is a prescriptive encouragement to fully embrace the promise of God's peace. "And the peace of God which transcends understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Peace and joy are named in scripture as fruits of the Holy Spirit or evidences of His presence and work in the lives of believers. Each of these exhortations are truly God's way of filling our lives each day with the joy He alone can give. His promise is to guard and protect our hearts and minds.

Let's take the whole prescription so that the medicine of God's love will continue

to heal and transform not only our lives, but also the lives of everyone around us.

Bruce Martin is pastor of Concrete Assembly of God.



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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

May 28

Deputy Moore and Sergeant Adams responded to a residence on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove, in reference to an assault. The reporting party advised he had been assaulted by his son. After investigating the incident, it was determined that the son had been assaulted by his father. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail.

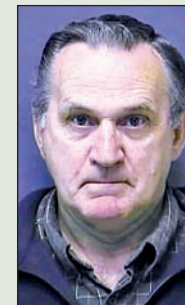
While patrolling the area of the limestone quarry near Lake Shannon, Deputy Wiggins located a vehicle parked in front of the gate leading into the quarry. The quarry is marked with a large "No Trespassing" sign. He contacted two subjects in the quarry. Both were issued citations for trespass and warned that the

Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

The Skagit County Sheriff has released the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnap offender's presence.

Floyd, Roy Tom

Age: 70
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 190
Hair: Gray
Eyes: Blue
Address: 8xx
Borseth St., Sedro-Woolley



Floyd was convicted of first-degree rape and first-degree kidnapping in Idaho. His victim was a 37-year-old female who was known to him. She was abducted at gunpoint.

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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

owner of the quarry has a zero tolerance policy for trespassing.

May 29

A domestic disturbance was reported on Rockport Cascade Rd. The victim said that she was threatened by her son and now feared for her safety. Deputy Montgomery and Deputy Wiggins investigated and arrested the son for domestic violence threats. He was taken to jail.

May 31

Deputy Wiggins investigated a potentially dangerous dog complaint on A Ave. in Concrete. The victim advised that a brown dog had broken into their chicken coop and killed a chicken. Deputy Wiggins found a dog matching the description given by witnesses. The owner at first admitted her dogs were out, but then denied that the dogs were out and said that her dog couldn't have been involved. The case has been turned over to the Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer.

Employees at Cascade Burgers in Concrete reported that juveniles had stolen their tip jar. Deputy Wiggins responded and contacted the alleged suspects. After investigating the incident, it was determined that Cascade Burgers would not pursue charges and left it to the parents to handle.

June 4

Deputy Moore responded to a burglary at the Skagit County Transfer Station near Rockport. A person going to work discovered that the locks on the gates had been cut, and it appeared someone had broken into the office. Deputy Moore discovered that a safe and a truck belonging to Skagit County Public Works had been stolen. The investigation is continuing.

A caller advised Dispatch that a person was at her residence on Mountain View Lane in Rockport, in violation of an order. Deputy Wiggins responded. He determined that the suspect had in fact violated a valid order. He contacted the suspect and arrested her for violation of the order.

June 6

A report of a possible domestic assault led Deputy Montgomery and Deputy Wiggins to the Mountain View apartments off of N. Superior in Concrete. A neighbor heard loud yelling and a commotion upstairs. Deputies contacted the residents of the apartment, who said they were arguing, but there had not been an assault.

June 8

A vehicle traveling northbound on Petit

St. in Hamilton failed to use its turn signal while turning. Deputy Wolfe stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver had a suspended driver's license and was required to have an ignition interlock device to prevent him from driving while intoxicated. The vehicle's license also had expired in December 2017. In addition, Dispatch advised Deputy Wolfe that the driver had four warrants for his arrest. Because of medical issues, the driver was booked and released on the warrants and arrested on the other charges.

June 9

Deputy Devero was patrolling in Concrete when he observed a vehicle with no tail lights turn onto Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. He followed the vehicle and developed probable cause to believe the driver was intoxicated. He stopped the car and contacted the driver, who was obviously impaired. The driver was required to have an ignition interlock device in his vehicle, which he did not have. The driver refused to perform field sobriety tests and refused to provide a breath test. He was arrested for DUI. Deputies then requested a search warrant for blood, which was granted. The suspect was taken to the hospital, where his blood

was drawn. He was then taken to jail and booked. The driver had been convicted of DUI four times in the last 10 years.

June 10

A female called and advised that she had received threatening texts from an acquaintance. According to her, there had been a disagreement and the suspect had threatened her. Deputy Devero and Deputy Hagglund investigated the incident. After contacting all involved, the suspect was cited for harassment.

June 15

Deputy Wolfe was patrolling the Cedar Grove community when he noticed a vehicle with expired license. He stopped the vehicle. The driver did not have a valid license and had no insurance. Deputy Wolfe cited the driver for both offenses.

Citizens of Concrete reported a suspicious motorhome parked at Silo Park. They believed that someone had parked the motorhome at the park and was living there. Deputy Devero contacted the owners of the motorhome, who said that they had just moved into the apartments across the street and had parked their RV in the parking lot at the park. They told

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Worship directory

Assembly of God

Concrete Assembly of God
45734 Main St., Concrete; 853.8042
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
Tue.: Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Wed.: Adult Bible study, 6 p.m.
Thur.: Women's Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

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

Baptist

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

Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

Lyman Church

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

Catholic

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

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

Sun. worship: 11 a.m.
Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

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

Free Methodist

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

Methodist

Central United Methodist Church
1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley
360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com
http://centralumcsw.org
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Presbyterian

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

Lutheran

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

Nondenominational

Agape Fellowship
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45705 Main St., Concrete
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360.708.4764

Community Bible Church

45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511
E-mail: cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net
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Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m.
Last Fri./mo. potluck/games: 6 p.m.
www.facebook.com/therivergathering

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Sun. service: 10 a.m.
Sun. eve. Bible study: 5 p.m.

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CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

As we head into another hot and dry summer, take a moment to reflect back on July 1915. As July dawned, the smoldering ruins of seven destroyed buildings and 23 more damaged structures devastated the Main St. business district in Concrete. Among those destroyed businesses were Bryson's Grocery, the Concrete Drug Company, the Griffin Hotel, the Bjerstet & Wier Confectionery, the Horseshoe Bar, and Binzer's Barber Shop and Poolroom. Some businesses destroyed or damaged, like the Concrete State Bank, planned to rebuild with cement, while others like the Griffin Hotel simply faded away.

The Superior Portland Cement Company fired a big blast at the quarry in 1920, with 17,000 pounds of explosives that loosened enough rock to keep the cement plant busy for the rest of the year. The blast was large enough to damage the railroad trestle across the Baker River needed to transport the rock to the plant. Although that trestle later ended up underwater when Lake Shannon was created by the Lower Baker Dam, it's still there.

In 1948, Pete Campbell drove his car to the site where he was part of a crew logging near Lake Shannon. Normally he took the crew truck, but for some reason he chose to drive himself that fateful day. The fallers accidentally dropped a big tree right on top of his car. The tree not only hit the car square, but rolled it out flat. All that could be salvaged was the battery and a few odd parts.

The buzz in Marblemount in 1960 was the erection of the "temporary" clubroom. It was one of the original bunkhouses

from the Upper Baker Dam construction camp. That building remains in use today as the Community Hall, and two more of those buildings were later erected end-to-end, becoming the strip mall in Grasmere.

Anyone who reads the minutes from the Concrete Town Council meetings, or their summaries, is aware of the continuing problems with the sewer treatment plant. Of all the changes Concrete has seen over the years, this problem has continued. In 1967 the State Health Department issued an ultimatum to Concrete that by September 1968 they must have a sewer system contracted to be built. Previously, the citizens voted down such a measure.

Ted Hendrickson planned to celebrate his 61st birthday in 1990 by taking off in his 1937 J-2 Piper Cub for a short flight. Instead, he crashed on takeoff. Hopefully, his birthday this year is less eventful.

We've only been open a month and have already greeted visitors from as far away as Sweden and one from Vermont, who came to Concrete researching their family heritage. Our Web site also attracts visitors from around the world, as recently proved by a research request from Germany. Check it out at www.concreteheritagemuseum.org. Our normal museum hours of operation are every Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. through the month of September. Special tours at other times may be arranged by calling 360.853.8347 or e-mailing your requests to jboggswash@aol.com or autohistory@hotmail.com. Please understand that doesn't necessarily mean we can respond in minutes to such a request..

—John Boggs

July/Aug. at the Darrington Library

Children and family programs

- Explore Summer – Summer of Musicals: "1776," Tue., July 3, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.
- Explore Summer – Bucket Drumming, Thur., July 12, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- Explore Summer – Science of Sound, Sat., July 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Explore Summer – Summer of Musicals: "Cinderella," Wed., July 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

- Explore Summer Summer of Musicals: "La La Land," Sat., Aug. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Explore Summer Summer of Musicals: "Frozen" singalong, Thur., Aug. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

At the Upper Skagit Library

Hooray for summer! The **Summer Reading Program** is off and running. Don't worry if you haven't signed up yet; there is still plenty of time. Drop by the library, sign up, and get your reading log. Complete the time on the reading log and get entered to win great prizes. We have extra challenges to get you more tickets for prize drawings, so stop by for more details.

We also have an **Adult Reading Program** this summer: Book Bingo. Read five books between now and Aug. 30 to get a Bingo. Turn in your card to be entered in a drawing for reading-related prizes. Cards can be picked up all summer long at the library. Drawing will be held Aug. 31.

In July, our **STEAM Series** lets you Craft a Bionic Hand. We also have a Kids and Teens Gaming Afternoon, Rockin' in the View, Storytime and Crafts at the Marblemount Community Hall, Music Maker, and a Drumming Workshop. Check us out at www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us or stop by and pick up a calendar of events from us.

Need help with your computer or smartphone? Need help setting up an e-mail account or looking for instruction videos on how to crochet? **Drop-in Computer Tutoring** every first and third Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will do our best to answer all your questions.

The monthly Upper Skagit Library Board meeting will be held Thur., July 12, at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome.

Visit your community market this summer

Concrete Saturday Market has been your community market since 1986! We're open every Saturday, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Concrete Community Center, off SR 20 at Douglas Vose Way in Concrete.

The market provides local crafters a place to sell their products. Meet photographers, painters, woodworkers, fabric crafters, needlework artists, glass artisans, jewelry makers, knife makers, ceramicists, paper artists, and soap and lotion makers.

The market offers access to fresh food: local, organically grown produce—

The library will be closed July 4 for Independence Day.

New in fiction: *Shelter in Place* by Nora Roberts, *The Moscow Deception* (The Guardian Series Book 2) by Karen Robards, and *The Forgotten Road* (The Broken Road Series Book 2) by Richard Paul Evans.

Nonfiction: *Shallow Graves: The Hunt For the New Bedford Highway Serial Killer* by Maureen Boyle, *The Autobiography of Malcom X* by Malcolm X, and *Building Small: Sustainable Designs for Tiny Houses & Backyard Buildings* by David & Jeanie Stiles.

Young adult: *The Lightning Thief: The Graphic Novel* by Rick Riordan, *A Reaper at the Gates* (An Ember in the Ashes Book 3) by Sabaa Tahir, and *Labyrinth Lost and Bruja Born* (Books 1 and 2 in the Brooklyn Brujas Series) by Zoraida Cordova.

Juvenile: *Rex and Rex 2* (books 1 and 2 in the Time Soldiers Series) by Kathleen Duey and Robert Gould, and *The Book of Wizard Craft* by Janice Eaton Kilby and Deborah Morgenthal.

Children: *Goodnight Everyone* by Chris Haughton and *All Aboard Pacific Northwest* by Haily Meyers.

AudioBooks: *The Last Mile* by David Baldacci, *The Humane Economy: How Innovators & Enlightened Consumers are Transforming the Lives of Animals* by Wayne Pacelle, and *Brotherhood in Death* (No. 42 of the "In Death Series").

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

vegetables and berries, stone fruits from Eastern Washington. Encouraging food access for all, we accept FVRx coupons from United General's Community Health Outreach Program. Food Banks Fresh Bucks from Skagit Valley Farmers Market Coalition will be accepted when available. We expect to honor EBT (SNAP, QUEST) cards this season.

Community groups are encouraged to use this venue to promote fundraising events or to hold bake sales. Community Action shares information about Upriver services.

Special events provide community education, connections, and enrichment. Local musicians play live music. A Master Gardener will offer the "Ask a Master

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Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 31

him that they would move it immediately. **June 17**

Deputy Wolfe attempted to stop a car for failure to use its turn signal on Baker St. in Hamilton. He identified the driver from past contacts. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who was trying to walk away. Deputy Wolfe confirmed that the driver's driving status was suspended in the first degree. He arrested the driver and towed the car. The driver was taken to jail and booked.

An anonymous caller advised that there was a domestic dispute near the cabin resort in Marblemount. Deputy Devero and Washington State Patrol troopers responded. Deputy Devero contacted a female, who said that she and her husband had been in an argument. She said that she had felt threatened and had picked up a stick and struck her husband several times. The husband and several witnesses said that the female had been upset and had hit her husband with the stick. The witnesses said that the husband had done

nothing to the female other than follow her and ask her to come back to her house. The female was arrested for fourth-degree domestic violence assault and booked into jail.

June 19

Deputy Koback investigated a possible violation of an order at the Concrete Community Center. Deputy Koback concluded that there was not a violation of the order, but the reporting party had a valid warrant for DUI. She was arrested and taken to jail.

June 21

Deputy Devero stopped a vehicle for no tail lights on a trailer it was towing. The driver had a suspended driver license, a misdemeanor warrant, and a felony warrant. He was arrested and taken to jail.

June 23

Deputy Esskew investigated an alleged assault that had occurred the previous day on South Cascade Rd. in Marblemount. The victim said he had been struck with a baseball bat by a person who lived nearby. Deputy Esskew contacted a potential witness who said she didn't see what had

occurred, but was aware that the victim had been assaulted. She said that it was because the suspect had told the victim to move and he felt the victim was taking too long to move. Deputy Esskew contacted the suspect, who denied the incident. The suspect was arrested.

June 24

A female called and advised that she had been assaulted by a male while in her car at the intersection of Baker Lake Rd. and Burpee Hill Rd., northwest of Concrete. Deputy Esskew responded and investigated. He was able to determine that the suspect was a registered sex offender and had a no-contact order against him by the victim. Deputy Esskew located the suspect and arrested him for felony violation of the no-contact order. He was booked into jail.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams



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Out & About



State

House passes bills to address opioid crisis

During the week of June 18, the House of Representatives passed several bills to help address the opioid crisis, including two bipartisan bills introduced by Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-WA): the Expanding Oversight of Opioid Prescribing and Payment Act (H.R. 5273) and the Combatting Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals (COACH) Act (H.R. 5774). Both bills are included in the Support for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6) which is the House's comprehensive opioid legislation which passed the House on June 22.

The Expanding Oversight of Opioid

Prescribing and Payment Act of 2018, sponsored by Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY), requires the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) to evaluate and report on adverse incentives that lead to the over-prescription of opioids and underutilization of non-opioid alternatives in the hospital setting.

The Combatting Opioid Abuse for Care in Hospitals (COACH) Act (H.R. 5774), sponsored by Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide hospitals with guidance on strategies for pain management and preventing opioid-use disorder for Medicare patients who receive treatment at the hospital. It also requires the establishment of two technical expert panels to review medical care quality measures and make recommendations on best practices for pain management and reducing opioid use in surgical settings.

"Too many people are suffering from addiction that started from an opioid prescription when an alternative might have been available, including a gentleman I met who became addicted at age 17 simply because he was prescribed opioids when he had his wisdom teeth removed," DelBene said. "We need to reformulate our payment policies so that hospitals are given the right incentives and able to provide patients with the highest quality of care and that patients are made aware of alternative strategies for pain management if available. These bipartisan bills are good first steps to addressing this issue that affects countless individuals and families across my district and the nation."

In 2016, DelBene amended the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act to implement community-based substance use diversion programs sponsored by a law enforcement agency. Last year, the Department of Justice awarded \$24 million in federal grants to localities for those programs and other treatment alternatives to incarceration to help address the opioid epidemic.

Commission selects Susewind as new director of WDFW

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission on June 16 appointed Kelly Susewind of Olympia as the new director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

The commission, a citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for WDFW, voted unanimously to select Susewind after interviewing seven candidates in May and narrowing the field to three finalists, who were interviewed for a second time earlier that week.

Susewind accepted the appointment as permanent director following the commission's vote. He will oversee an agency of 1,800 employees and an operating budget of \$460 million for the current two-year budget period. WDFW is charged with conserving fish and wildlife and providing sustainable recreational and commercial opportunities.

Susewind has worked at the state Department of Ecology since 1990 in a variety of roles, most recently as the director of administrative services and environmental policy. He also worked several years during the 1980s as a private-sector environmental consultant.

Susewind received a bachelor's degree in geological engineering from Washington State University and an associate's degree in engineering from Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen. He grew up in the Grays Harbor area.

"Today's appointment marks the beginning of a new era in the department's history," said commission Chairman Brad Smith. "We have an immensely dedicated, talented, and energetic staff, and we are confident that with Kelly in the director's position, WDFW will achieve the high level of success we expect."

Susewind said, "I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of Washington at an agency whose effectiveness is critical to our ability to conserve fish and wildlife resources while providing outdoor recreation and commercial opportunities throughout the state. The public has high expectations for WDFW, and I'm excited about being in a position to deliver the results they

deserve."

Susewind's salary will be \$165,000 per year. He will assume the director's position on Aug. 1.

Acting Director Joe Stohr has been serving as acting director for the WDFW since early February, when former Director Jim Unsworth's resignation took effect.

Women's workshop offers instruction on fishing, hunting, and outdoor skills

Women can learn the basics of fishing, hunting, and other outdoor skills in a September weekend workshop that includes sessions led by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) experts and other certified instructors.

Scheduled for Sept. 14–16 at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend, the annual workshop is presented and coordinated by Washington Outdoor Women (WOW), a nonprofit program dedicated to teaching women outdoor skills and natural resource stewardship. WOW is an educational outreach program of the Washington Wildlife Federation to help women confidently connect with the outdoors.

Twenty-five certified and experienced volunteer instructors will teach 18 classes throughout the weekend on skills such as archery, basic freshwater fishing, fly-fishing and fly-tying, big-game hunting basics, map and compass, survival, backyard wildlife habitat, Dutch oven cooking, backpacking, duck hunting, wilderness first aid, and more.

Several WDFW staff members serve as instructors, including biologist Stacie Kelsey, biologist Laura Till, biologist Camille Speck, outreach coordinator Shannon Haywood, and bear and cougar specialist Rich Beausoleil.

Workshop participants must be at least 18 years old and must have a current Washington recreational fishing license to participate in the fly-fishing class.

More information about the workshop, including attendance fees and registration, is available at www.washingtonoutdoorwomen.org.

Protect your family from nasty summertime bugs

There's no better time and place to enjoy nature than summertime in Washington. But as eager as you may be, don't forget to practice proper summer safety—and we're not just talking about sunscreen. Don't let your summer be ruined by ticks or mosquitoes, and the diseases they carry.

Tom Rand, MD, is a pediatrician and pediatric infectious disease specialist with PeaceHealth Medical Group in Bellingham. His guidelines below will help to ensure you and your family have a safe summer.

Many people think tick checks are just an annoyance, that you won't find the tick or, if you do, you're already a lost cause. Not true. According to Dr. Rand, tick checks really do work. In fact, regular tick checks outdoors and again upon your return home help prevent the spread of disease.

It's important to check your body for ticks, as well as your clothes. Ticks like to hide under your arms, in or around your ears, on the back of your knees and around your waist. Shower or bathe as soon as you get home. Tickborne infection is less likely if you limit how long a tick is attached.

Wear bug repellent as a preventative measure against ticks. Repellents for ticks are the same ones we use for mosquitoes. The typical active ingredients in repellent are DEET and picaridin. Dr. Rand also recommends wearing the right clothing to avoid mosquito and tick bites. Bug-resistant clothing consists of long pants, tucked-in shirts, and boots. It's also a good idea to tuck your pant legs into your

socks to keep ticks out. You can also treat your clothes with permethrin, an insecticide that can be used on clothing to kill ticks and mosquitoes on contact.

But why protect against mosquitoes and ticks?

Ticks are notorious carriers of infectious disease. The Washington State Department of Health reports tickborne diseases in our state include Lyme disease, tick-borne relapsing fever, tick paralysis, tularemia anaplasmosis, and babesiosis. Some of these diseases are quite rare in Washington compared to other parts of the US. With global warming, the risk of tickborne diseases may change. Some areas previously free of some types of disease-carrying ticks have had ticks introduced via dogs, pack animals, and migrating wildlife. Warmer winters allow ticks to survive in areas previously free of some types of ticks.

Mosquitoes bring their own nastiness, with diseases such as West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is the most important disease contracted from mosquitoes in our area. According to the Washington State Department of Health, West Nile Virus was first introduced in Washington in 2006. Although the risk of contracting West Nile Virus varies year by year, fatal cases have occurred.

To avoid running into pest problems this summer, it's best to follow Dr. Rand's guidelines: Always do a tick check, both outside and when you're back home, use insect repellents, and wear protective clothing when participating in outdoor activities.

Have fun out there this summer and stay safe.

Submitted by the Pediatrics Dept. at PeaceHealth Medical Group in Bellingham.

—Betty Seguin

Ask a Master Gardener on July 7

Want to grow better vegetables? Have a garden problem you can't solve? Need landscape solutions? Ask A Master Gardener!

This free event will be held on July 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Discovery Garden, 16650 SR 536 (Memorial Hwy) in Mount Vernon. The event will provide homeowners with advice and solutions to typical garden and landscape problems. Participants will be paired with a Master Gardener for a one-on-one session to get answers to all their garden questions.

Free tours of the Discovery Garden will be offered on a regular basis during the day to provide homeowners with ideas for landscape solutions and hints for growing bigger, better vegetables in Skagit County.

A "plant clinic" table will be set up; homeowners can bring branches or leaves from poorly performing plants to get problems diagnosed on site.

Participants also may bring dull garden shears and have them sharpened free by a Master Gardener.

Families are encouraged to attend; kids' activities will be available.

Road to Artist Point opens

The summer hiking season has kicked off near Mount Baker, after WSDOT crews opened the gate to the seasonal section of SR 542 on June 21.

Road to Artist Point on SR 542 is open for the 2018 season. Three weeks of work plus a few days of blue skies and soft snow helped WSDOT maintenance crews clear the 2.7-mile seasonally closed section of SR 542, known as the Road to Artist Point, faster than usual.

WSDOT crews started clearing the highway on May 30. Crews worked 10-hour days, five days a week and used a large snow blower and two loaders to push and blow snow off the road and the Artist point parking lot.

When the highway is open, an average of 660 vehicles a day move past the gate to Artist Point, where visitors can hike, camp, or take in the view. Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest says more than 38,000 people visited the Glacier Public Service Center in 2017 to prepare for outdoor adventures by getting required permits and checking weather conditions.

—WSDOT

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Gardener" program, with answers to your gardening questions and expert advice, on July 28 and Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Beth from the Upper Skagit Library will present Story Time for Kids & Families under the big tree at the Concrete Community Center on July 21 and Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. There's a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest on July 7.

The market is a convenient stop for travelers and locals, with access to indoor restrooms, shaded parking, a rest spot, and visitor information. Beverages and snacks are available: hot Friendship House

coffee, gluten-free pastries, bottled juices, and ice cream. A full-service food truck is on site some days (check the schedule for dates).

New produce or craft vendors are always welcome. E-mail us at concretesaturdaymarket1@gmail.com or contact us through our Web site. More information and a full schedule of activities are available at <https://concretesaturdaymarket.weebly.com>. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.



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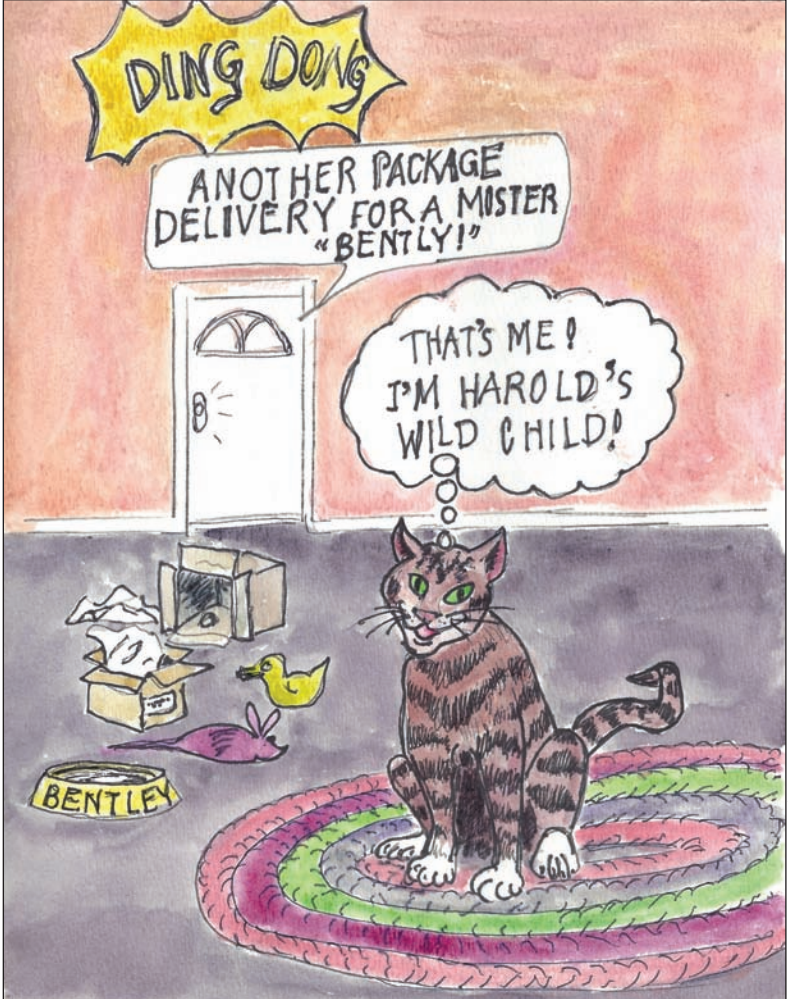
Wit and wisdom from former *Concrete Herald* editor
Charles M. Dwelley

"This is the happy time of year when it is so lovely at home, you just have to buy a new car to get away from the place on weekends."
"Remember back in those lazy days when the politicians belabored the public for drifting with the tide? Now it is all we can do to keep from being drowned in the tidal wave."
"Income tax date has come and gone, leaving in its wake the usual regrets or joys. One place overpayment is a curse reversed."
—April 17, 1968

"The North Cross State Highway's approaching completion is infectious. Now there are plans being made to extend it to the border of Idaho. So moves the rolling stone once the moss has been scrubbed away."
"In the heat of an argument, there is no place for blanket statements."
A man who works with his hands at least has the satisfaction of knowing who is in charge. The fellow using his brain to earn a living is never sure the thing is not being influenced by one brighter."
"If you look at it the other way, last Sunday the fish caught quite a few thousand people."
—April 24, 1968
"If the diet people would save the money they spend on pills, etc., they could afford to be fat."
—May 1, 1968

Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Crossword: "Come together"

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- Across**
- Expert
 - "Rigoletto" composer
 - Be laid up
 - Hawaiian veranda
 - Innateness
 - Criminal's pals, to police
 - Its motto is "Lux et veritas"
 - Letter from Greece
 - Back up
 - The Righteous Brothers, e.g.
 - Social insects
 - Strike caller
 - Genetic info carrier
 - Downs' opposite
 - Get off the fence
 - Claims anew
 - Have a hankering
 - Eye ____ of America
 - Leaning against
 - Not moving
 - Ultimate degree
 - Basic chess tactic
 - 252 wine gallons
 - Gob
 - Bread maker
 - Persian, e.g.
 - Teased
 - Hotshot
 - Common contraction
 - Community college diploma
 - Quibbled
 - Christopher of "Superman"
 - Neon, e.g.
 - Gawk (at)
 - Beasts of burden
 - Concentrated, in a way
 - Had in mind
 - Believers in an abstract deity
 - Poisonous gas
 - Shot
 - Basic belief
 - Go downhill fast?
 - Boatload
 - PIN requester
 - Accustomed
 - Hokkaido native
 - Summary
 - Charge
 - At the summit of
 - Critic, at times
 - Pledges
 - Report
 - Largest of seven
 - Give up
 - Burns up
 - Campbell of "Party of Five"
 - Caddie's bagful
 - Rap sheet abbr.
 - Diamond stat
- Down**
- Boozier, slangily
 - "Two Years Before the Mast" writer
 - Organic compound
 - Mauled
 - Material for a whitesmith
 - MasterCard alternative
 - Come after
 - Fraternity letter
 - Abscond
 - Spring blossoms
 - Aloof
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 - Just in case
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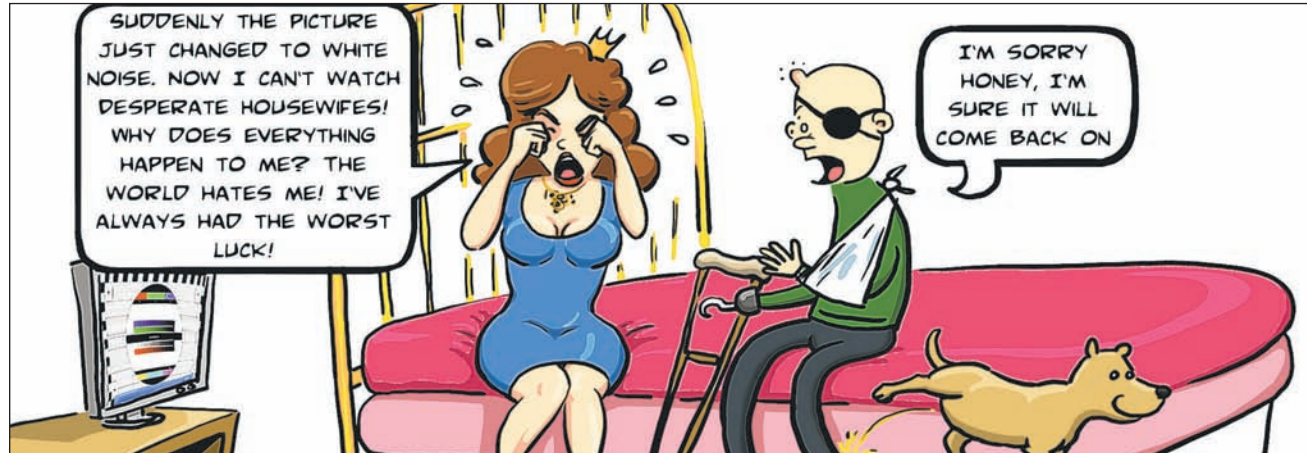
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Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



Sudoku

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

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*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

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

- "I picked up a hitchhiker last night on the way home. He seemed surprised that I'd pick up a stranger and asked, 'Why would you pick me up? How do you know I'm not a serial killer?' I said the chances of two serial killers meeting in a hitchhiking venture is astronomically outrageous."
- "Remember that one time when Seattle almost charged companies to employ people?"
- "You know what would be fun? Yoga in a toga. I think I'm flashing back to college."



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THE BODY IN THE BLACKBERRIES

By Nicola Pearson

Editor's note: This is the tenth installment of a new serialized story by award-winning author and playwright Nicola Pearson of Sauk City. Future installments will appear on this page each month during 2018 until the story is complete. Previous installments are posted at www.concrete-herald.com.

"Time to question the Clarksons," announced Collins, flipping the top of his notebook closed and slipping it in his jacket pocket.

"Can I come with you?" asked Michelle. The detective nodded. "Sure. Aren't we all going?"

"I'd like to go talk to Kyle Clarkson's ex-wife, if you don't mind," said Lange. "Why?"

Lange told Collins of his conversation with Jen at Albert's, Suleka adding her details to fill out what they knew.

"Then yeah," agreed Collins. "I think talking to Brandie sounds like a great idea. Do you know where she lives?"

"I do," said Suleka, her hand up in the air. "She's right in Rockport."

"The Clarksons, too," said Collins.

"Wayne's on Highway 530, just outside of Rockport, but close enough." He

looked at his watch. "It's almost two now. Let's meet at Steelhead Park, by the old

pioneer cabin there, once we're all done. You know where I mean, right?"

"I do," said Lange. "But what if you've got cause to arrest one of the Clarksons?"

"Then I'll call you."

"Okay."

They all started toward the fir tree. "Do you know what kind of pickup Robert Doyle drove?" Collins asked as he stepped over the small tree.

"A Ford half ton," said Lange.

"White," added Suleka. "Although you might not know it's white under all the dirt."

Lange picked up Max on his way over the fir, then put him back on the ground. "Wasn't the tailgate a different color?" he asked.

"That's right. With a blue tailgate,"

Suleka amended.

"That should make it easy to spot," said Collins. "I'll put out an instant message for law enforcement to keep an eye out for it."

They were strolling toward the yellow gate, two abreast, as if out for an

afternoon walk on pleasant summer day. Inside their heads, Lange imagined, they were all turning the case over, running

a list of questions they might ask the suspects alongside a list of things to watch

for in the responses. In the short term, however, they were taking a moment to

soak up the faint, citrusy odor coming from the foliage around them and enjoy

the peace of a moment on the mountain.

"What do you want to do about Max?" asked Suleka when she and Lange were

together in the Nissan, headed down Sauk Mountain Rd. Collins and Michelle

were ahead of them in their respective vehicles, and Suleka had to hang back not

to breathe too much road dust. She and Lange both had their windows open.

Max sat between them, oblivious to the road dust.

"What do you mean?" Lange asked. "Should we drop him off at your place?"

"There's no point. We'd just have to come back up to fetch him to take him

over to René's."

"You think she'll want him?"

"Who, René? I'm sure she will. Don't you think?"

"I don't know," Suleka glanced at the little pup. Somehow she couldn't imagine

him wanting to leave Lange. She reached her right hand out and scratched the dog

on the top of his head as she closed the distance between Sauk Mountain Rd. and

Rockport.

Just three short minutes later, she pulled into the short, steep driveway at the

little house in Rockport where Brandie Clarkson lived. Lange bounded out of the

Nissan and crossed to the front door in one fluid move. Suleka followed.

The door was open and Lange could see a young woman, maybe in her late 20s,

sitting at the kitchen table, playing with her phone.

"Hello, Brandie?" he inquired from outside.

The woman spun her head in his direction, surprised by the interruption.

"Hello?" she asked back. She put her phone on the table and jumped up, crossing the living room to come to the front door. Lange noticed that she was petite and dark haired, like her mother, with the same full lips. Her face had an elfin quality, even with the deep furrow of distrust he'd caused in her brow.

"I'm Callum Lange and this is my associate, Suleka ..." Lange started.

The young woman's brow cleared. "Oh, you're the detective who wanted to talk to me," she acknowledged. "My mom texted and said you might be over. She also said

not to tell anyone so don't worry, I didn't. If my ex has been up to his old BS, I want

to know about it. I'm certainly not gonna give him a heads-up. Come on in," she

said, waving them into her tidy and, in its own way, charming little house.

"We're not sure what he's been up to yet, if anything, but we are curious about what happened yesterday that left him

with a fat lip."

"That's why he wouldn't look at me?" questioned Brandie, her brown eyes bright

with anger. "I knew it wasn't good when Alice said that Uncle Wayne had stopped

them from driving up to the fish hatchery like they planned." She tossed her head

up with enough force that her short, dark ponytail flickered side to side. "Did you

go talk to Kyle and Wayne yet?"

"A Skagit County Sheriff's detective is on his way over to both their houses right

now. With a DEA agent."

"DEA?" quizzed Brandie. "This is about drugs?"

"Partly, yes," said Lange, knowing it was best to give her everything so she could help them approach Alice with their

questions.

Brandie's eyes got steely. "What's the other part?"

Suleka reached forward and touched the young woman on the arm. "We found a

dead body up there."

Brandie's eyes shifted back to Lange, fear replacing bravado. "Dead like someone OD'd? Oh no!" she said,

imagining the worst. "It wasn't Wayne, was it? I hope my Alice didn't have to see something like that."

"No, it was Robert Doyle," Suleka told her.

"Robert Doyle?" Brandie repeated.

"What's he got to do with drugs? Or is this something to do with Kevin somehow?"

"We don't know," said Lange. "We don't even know who was up on Sauk at

the time this all happened."

"What time was that?"

"Sometime after 6 a.m."

"That doesn't narrow it down much,"

scoffed Brandie.

Lange couldn't help but smile. He liked this young woman's quick mind and forthrightness.

"If it helps," she went on, "I dropped Alice off at Kyle's at 8:30, on my way to work. And I know they were planning to

head up to the hatchery around nine. So if Wayne was gonna lead Kyle on some

felony when Alice was with him, then he would've had to turn up between 8:30 and

9."

Lange turned this over in his mind. The coroner had suggested the time of death

was "early in the morning." If early meant before 8:30, that could let Kyle out. "That

does help, yes."

There was quiet for a moment in the cheerfully decorated living room, as they

all thought their various thoughts. Then a vehicle with a muffler problem growled

past on the street outside and brought them back to each other. "Can we talk to

Alice?" Lange asked.

"Yes. Yes, you can. As long as I can stay with her."

"Of course."

Brandie crossed to a door off the living room, opened it, and called up. "Alice."

She looked back at Lange and Suleka. "You might not get much out of her,

though, even with me there. She's been real quiet since yesterday. Alice." she

called out again.

"Is she in her room?" Lange asked. Brandie nodded.

"Then maybe we should go to her. She might feel more comfortable talking

there."

"Okay, sure." Brandie led them both up a narrow flight of walled-in stairs to a

small bedroom with a sloping ceiling and two dormer windows with views out to

the Skagit River.

Alice Clarkson was sitting on a single bed under the windows, leaning up against

an array of Disney character pillows and stuffed toys. She was coloring in a book

balanced on her knees, listening to music through earbuds. As soon as her mother

walked into the room, she pulled out one of the earbuds from under her long, shiny

brown hair. "What?" she said.

"Honey, these people have come to talk to you about yesterday," said her mother,

perching on the bed next to Alice. Suleka walked to the end of the bed, and Lange

stayed by the door so he wouldn't have to bend to stand under the ceiling.

Alice looked from one to the other of the strangers, her hazel-green eyes wide with

curiosity.

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"My name's Cal and this is Suleka," said Lange, trying to put the little girl at ease. She didn't look discontented sitting amongst her things in her room, just a little anxious. "We were hoping you could tell us where you went with your dad yesterday?"

Alice shrugged. "Nowhere," she said, then looked at her mom.

"Did you go up Sauk with Uncle Wayne?" asked Brandie.

Lange wished she hadn't been quite so direct but yielded to her authority as the

parent.

"No-o," argued Alice, then tried to cover her hostility by coloring again.

Brandie slipped a loving arm around her daughter. "It's okay, sweetie. You can tell us."

But Alice shrugged her off. "There's nothing to tell, Mom." She made direct

eye contact with her mother. "Honest!"

Lange saw her eyes widen with the word and wondered if she was trying to

send her mother a message not to ask in front of him.

"But your Uncle Wayne did come over to your dad's yesterday while you were

there?" he asked the 8-year-old. Alice gave him a half-hearted shrug and a nod,

but she didn't make eye contact. "And did you go out for a ride somewhere

together?"

Alice stared down at the page in her coloring book. When she lifted her eyes

away from it again, it was to look out the window, then around to her mother.

"Can I go get an apple and some peanut butter?"

Brandie hesitated, assessing the situation. She pulled her daughter in

closer and kissed the side of her head. "Sure," she said.



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