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# Lagoon decommission possible after state funding

By Chazlyn Lovely  
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

Town of Concrete received \$255,000 via an appropriation in the Local Community Projects section of the state capital budget signed by Gov. Jay Inslee on May 21, for

the long-planned decommissioning of its sewer lagoon.

The lagoon had been the most problematic item for the town because of its inclusion (among other violations) in a Department of Ecology Notice of Penalty issued in June 2018. The town

paid \$6,400—half of the original \$12,800 fine—in a settlement with the department. The terms of the settlement require the town to complete a series of tasks, one of which is the decommissioning of the lagoon by December 2020.

The town had struggled for years to find grant funding to complete the decommissioning, so the funds from the state will help ensure the deadline can be met. Dates for the project are not yet set; however, bidding should occur in winter of 2019 with the decommissioning process occurring in 2020. Within this time period, the town plans to use a land application option to get rid of the decomposed biosolids at the bottom of the lagoon.

Town engineer Cory Hart of CRH Engineering provided a status update on the lagoon and other projects in a document to the town council during its regular meeting on June 10.

## Spray Park at Silo Park

Locals looking to keep cool during the summer will be glad to hear that the spray park is finally nearing completion after a arduous development process. The idea for the park was the brainchild of Parks Committee Chair Marla Reed, and found additional support from citizens during an Imagine Concrete Foundation workshop in 2015. The park originally was slated to be complete by July 2017. Delays, mostly because of funding inadequacies, kept the project “in-progress” until now, but the end is in sight: Jaron Peterson, a local contractor, stepped up last month to form and pour the concrete pad needed to surround the site alongside a few handpicked volunteers. Now, all that remains is to install the fixtures, finish some electrical work, and test the park to ensure that it functions properly.

“Peterson’s decision to offer his services on a volunteer basis was absolutely crucial for the completion of the project before the funding deadline expired,” said Mayor Jason Miller. The town’s Public Works team also was vital throughout the construction, Miller says, noting that they tackled “dozens of items on the to-do list” in below-ground work recently, as well as earlier efforts in site grading, vegetation transplanting, and drinking/shower station creation, without which the project would have stalled indefinitely.

While there still is no definite date for daily operation, Miller said it was reasonable to expect a July opening, with a grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The next step for Silo Park is the building of a new, larger picnic pavilion, which used to be located at the current Park & Ride site. The 16x24 pavilion will be placed at the east end of the spray park pad and will “incorporate as much of the treated lumber from the original picnic shelter as possible,” according to Miller. The shelter was first built in June 2006 by Jake Scherer as an Eagle Scout Project. In honor of the original structure, the plate from that time will be included with a new one that will be fastened to the pavilion when it is finished in 2020.

## Sanitary sewer infiltration and inflow (I&I)

In June the first two phases of repairs and replacements for the town’s sanitary sewer system began. Too much stormwater has been getting into the town’s aging sewer lines, which have sprung leaks, causing trouble for the system, especially the wastewater treatment plant. Funding for the repairs comes from a \$730,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2017.

While pipe repair/replacement, side sewer, and manhole replacement done in the standard “dig-out” method is yet to be put out for bid, Michels Corp. has already begun four to six weeks of trenchless work, including cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, trenchless spot repairs, and pressure grouting.

According to Hart, CIPP work, which will start at the more troublesome spots in town, takes place after the old sewer lines are cleared out with high-pressure water jets. Workers insert a vinyl liner “sock” into existing pipes and pressurize it so that it expands against the interior; they then cure the sock using heat, moisture, and pressure for 30 to 45 minutes, resulting in a “pipe within a pipe” about ¼ inch thick and as hard as PVC. Because pipes do not need to be dug up and replaced, the process is a much more cost-effective option for the town. The process also will be used in spot repairs to strengthen sections of pipe, 6 feet in length or less, deemed “inadequate.”

The Michels team also will use pressure grouting to take care of several “problem spots” in town; its versatility will allow for repairing cracks in manhole covers in

# Criner named “Teacher of the Year” by Mount Vernon Rotary

Former Concrete School District teacher Mike Criner last month was named Mount Vernon Rotary Club Teacher of the Year for the 2018–19 school year.

Criner retired from teaching last month after 22.5 years on the job. He taught for the Concrete School District for 14.5 years, then finished out his career with 8 years at Mount Vernon High School.

Criner traced his career path in comments for the Rotary.

“From the time I was very young, it was understood that I would grow up to be an electrical engineer. After I graduated from high school, I went off to college to do just that. After two years, I had no idea what I wanted to do, but I was not happy. I dropped out and went into construction. Nineteen years later, my knees gave out, so I faced another decision.

“I went to Skagit Valley College and earned Associate degrees in Electronic Technology, Electronic Engineering Technology, and Communications Technology. I still did not know what I wanted to do with my life. Finally, on an airplane returning from a family reunion

in West Virginia, it hit me. I wanted to be a teacher. I had taught before and tutored while I was at SVC, and really enjoyed it. As soon as I made the decision, I felt like a 10-ton weight was lifted from my shoulders, as if I had been fighting my destiny all those years.

“I enrolled at Western Washington University and earned my Bachelor’s degree in Technology Education and my Master’s in 2006. I was hired by the Concrete School District in January 1997. In 2008 I brought robotics to Concrete High School.


“Because of reduced enrollment at Concrete High School, I came to Mount Vernon High School in 2011, and brought robotics here. Now, as I approach 67 years of age, it is time for me to settle down and retire. The Rotary honor is the perfect end to a terrific career.”

—J. K. M.





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## Another jam-packed July Council summary in the Upper Valley

July is always a busy month in the Upper Valley, with plenty of family-friendly events lined up. Here's a look at the headliners.

### Loggerodeo in Sedro-Woolley

The final four days of Sedro-Woolley's big, big bash are filled with too many activities to list here. The event schedule can be found on p. 18 of the official program, and is filled with chainsaw carving, a carnival, a kiddie parade on July 2, and an arts and crafts fair.

The headliners within Loggerodeo are the Pro-West Rodeo on July 3 (7 to 10 p.m.) and July 4 (2 p.m.), the Grand Parade on July 4 at 11 a.m., and the fireworks display on July 4 at 10 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.loggerodeo.org](http://www.loggerodeo.org), e-mail [sedrowoolleyloggerodeo@frontier.com](mailto:sedrowoolleyloggerodeo@frontier.com), or call 360.770.8452.

### Independence Day in Concrete

Concrete will host several fun events during its Independence Day celebration on July 4.

A Poker Walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Concrete Theatre, 45920 Main St. Entry is free, but online registration is required. Participants have 75 minutes to complete the course, stopping at designated stations to get poker cards. The best poker hand returned to the starting point by 10:45 a.m. will win a prize. Register (no cost) at [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com).

The July 4 Parade line-up begins at 10 a.m. near the Thompson Bridge (on the east end, and at the PSE parking lot for those who need more room). Complete the parade entry application in advance.

The parade starts at 11 a.m., traveling from east to west on Main St. Participants also are invited to join the procession at the Town Center and follow the parade to Veterans Memorial Park, where everyone will gather for lunch. Entry in the parade is free. Kids are eligible to win a prize. Get the entry form at [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com).

Picnic in the Park begins immediately after the parade. Families can enjoy a barbecue (by donation), and/or bring their own lunch and treats. Live music, arts, crafts, sales, and games will also take place in the park.

For more information, contact the

Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784, Valerie Stafford at 360.466.8754 or [chamber@concrete-wa.com](mailto:chamber@concrete-wa.com).

### Lyman Car & Craft Show

The perennial favorite is back, slated this year for Sat., July 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. South Main Street will fill with cars from every vintage, paired with local crafts and homemade wonders from all over Skagit County in the field next to Minkler Mansion.

In its 19th year, the event is free and includes booths at the Minkler Mansion (Lyman Town Hall). Booth space rentals are \$40 for 10 x 10 or \$65 for a 10 x 20 space. Contact Mayor Eddie Hills for rental registration at 360.770.3308 and for more details.

The family-friendly event will close S. Main St. to through traffic between 2nd and 3rd St. Residents who live along all of S. Main St. are asked not to park on the road after 5 a.m. on July 13.

### Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In

Vintage aircraft are front and center at the annual fly-in at Mears Field in Concrete. This year the Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In will be held July 13-14, from dawn to dusk both days.

Admission to the fly-in is free. Look for food vendors, live music, a modest car show, and a free shuttle bus that will take you virtually anywhere you want to go in Concrete and neighboring Grasmere. The shuttle bus—a Concrete School District bus—loads and unloads at the pilots lounge just north of the midpoint of the runway.

On Sat., July 13, use the shuttle bus to visit the Concrete Saturday Market and/or the Cement City Swap meet, both of which will be in full swing.

### Heart to Heart Poker Run

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity's 5th annual motorcycle Poker Run fundraiser will be on Sat., July 27. The event will start at Bingham Park in Sedro-Woolley and end at Lyman Town Park across from the cemetery in Lyman. Registration runs from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the park, with kickstands up at 11 a.m.

For more details about this event, turn to p. 18.

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on June 10 and 24.

The 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](http://www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php).

### June 10 regular meeting

- After discussion, council reached consensus not to spend resources enforcing the placement of temporary and sandwich board-type signs on the weekends within DOT right-of-way.
- Public Safety:** Sergeant Greg Adams presented the recent incident report. He stated that call volume is up, which happens with the change in weather. Sgt. Adams reported on the incident outside The Hub on June 2, where a man was arrested for burglary, two counts of assault, and resisting arrest, and that he is still in jail at this time.

Mayor Miller stated that he will meet with Sgt. Adams tomorrow to discuss contract renewal. Mayor Miller asked the council to think about the ordinances the Sheriff's Office can currently enforce and what other ones they would like to see added. Sgt. Adams suggested something regarding parking, which is an issue that comes up frequently. Town engineer Cody Hart reported on the potential funding award through SCOG for the secondary access project in the amount of \$800,000. He stated the engineering is complete and the right-of-way funding also has been awarded, and now we will need to apply for the remaining funds for full construction.

Mayor Miller reported on his plan for the lagoon decommissioning and that he will contact the Ovenells regarding land application of the bio-solids that are removed. Alan Wilkins stated Dept. of Ecology also would need to be contacted.

Rafael O'Connor was appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

Council discussed an inquiry from the Upper Skagit Tribe, gauging whether the town would be interested in selling a parcel it owns on the east side of the Baker River, near its confluence with the Skagit River. Councilmembers agreed that selling the property would not be in the best

interest of the town.

### June 24 regular meeting

- Council discussed whether it would have a quorum at its July 8 meeting, and determined that it would not. The July 8 meeting will likely be canceled.
- Representatives from PSE presented an update on its clubhouse visitors center project to the east of the current visitors center. Councilmembers were given an information packet that included a timeline, drawings, aerial views, and details about the components within and near the clubhouse building. Construction on the project is estimated to run from July 2019 through June 2020.
- East County Resource Center Coordinator Claudia Marken also presented an update to the council. She touched on individual programs that are showing success at the resource center and Concrete Community Center. Community Action manages several programs in East County, with the following being unique to Concrete:
  - \* Community Thrift Store
  - \* Meal Program
  - \* Culinary Skills Based Training

Marken also included in the packet a spreadsheet that provided numbers for monthly client contacts thus far in 2019. She reported the meal program in particular is logging large numbers, and the thrift store is more popular than ever.

- Airport:** The spoils pile has been spread and seeded with grass, and will be rolled tonight or tomorrow.
- Parks:** The spray park site will get its concrete poured this Saturday. The concrete portion of the project is being managed by volunteer concrete contractor Jaron Peterson.
- Economic Development Commission:** The commission is working on a white paper for the "market village" idea, and working with Rafe O'Connor to develop a business plan for the climbing wall proposal.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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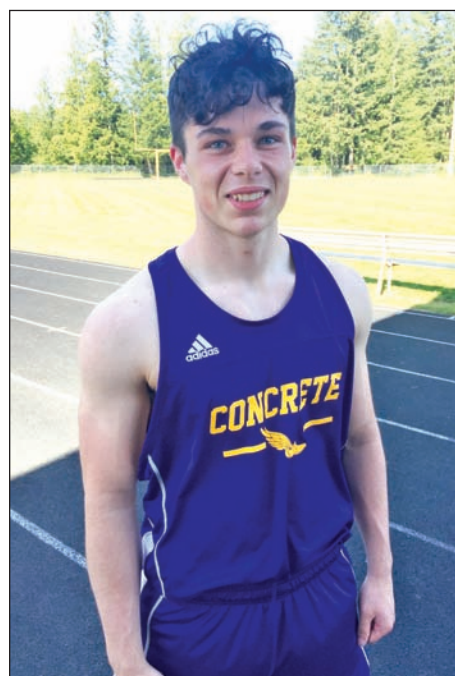
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# Sports

## Athletes of the Month



**Athletes of the Month: Anna Spangler, Hayden O'Neil, Devon Howard, Kai Sahlin**

Sophomore **Anna Spangler** is May track Athlete of the Month. She set a personal record of 13.92 seconds in the 100m sprint at the NW 1B/2B League meet in La Conner, which earned her a third place medal. Anna also set a personal record at the same meet in the long jump, where she jumped 14' 4" and finished 4th. Anna

consistently chose to push through the pain of shin splints during the track season; this and her work ethic earned her the Most Inspirational award for the season.

Senior **Hayden O'Neil** was selected as April track Athlete of the Month. He set a personal record in the 100m

sprint with a time of 12.54 seconds at the Friday Harbor meet. At the NW 1B/2B league meet hosted by Mt. Vernon Christian, he surpassed his old discus record with a throw of 90' 6". Coach Marcus Carr said the third personal record he set was at the La Conner meet, with a throw of 123' 3". Hayden was named team captain because of his incredible work ethic, his tenacity, and his commitment to consistent improvement.

Sophomore **Kai Sahlin** was chosen as May track Athlete of the Month. While participating in the Skagit County Championships, Kai set a personal record in the long jump, with a leap of 18' 2.75". He also ran a 12.69-second 100m sprint in the NW League Championship meet in La Conner. Kai is naturally gifted, coachable, and mature beyond his years. He is one athlete to keep an eye on during his next two years of high school.

Freshman **Devon Howard** earned April track Athlete of the Month. She established several personal records this season. At the Friday Harbor meet, Devon ran 14.34 seconds in the 100m sprint. Her last two records were set at the La Conner meet, where she threw the discus 67' 10" and the shot put 21' 5.5". Devon was named Rookie of the Year at the end of the season for her natural talent, her team-focused attitude, her exponential improvement, and her hair bun.

**Spangler, O'Neil, Howard, and Sahlin** were selected by Concrete Lions Booster Club members based on their leadership, being team players, and demonstrating sportsmanship and character.

—Kathy Hurn

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# Concrete Club Volleyball wrap-up

The Concrete Club Volleyball season takes place each year beginning the first week of March and ending the second week of May. This league is for girls who attend Concrete schools and who are in grades 3–8.

The league championships were held in La Conner this year, and we brought two teams from Concrete. The 5th and 6th grade girls lost to La Conner in the championship match 3–0, but were competitive and played hard throughout.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls lost in the championship match to La Conner 3–2

(25–125, 25–19, 25–22, 25–23, 15–13). It was a great evening and an awesome way to end our season.

All of the girls worked extremely hard, learned a lot about volleyball, and had great attitudes throughout the season. It was a privilege to coach alongside Dana Rogers and Payton Dickinson, and I appreciate both of them for taking their time and investing it in our younger players. A big thanks to all of the players and parents for another great season.

See you all next year!

—Kevik Rensink

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# Crying out in Clear Lake

Artist and activist Doug Sanasac says overweight trucks are ruining SR 9, his home, and other Clear Lake properties. Is anyone listening to him?

Imagine living only a few feet from a state highway. There's enough room to park your car, but only if you're parallel to the roadway. Ten feet from your front door, vehicles of all shapes, sizes, and weights—including oversize ones—roar past, sometimes exceeding the speed limit.

Doug Sanasac knows exactly what that feels like. Sanasac, 61, lives on a narrow shoulder of land on SR 9 in Clear Lake, just south of the Francis Rd./Old Day Creek Rd. roundabout, hemmed in by low, flood-prone land to the west and the state highway to the east. Sanasac has filled his home and covered his walls with his and others' artwork; when big trucks go by, the whole house shudders.

Sanasac, a renter, lives with the inconvenience, but he's not happy about the havoc he believes the larger trucks are wreaking on his home and property—and Clear Lake.

"They're overweight and they're ruining my property and Clear Lake," he said.

No scales exist for that section of SR 9, and Sanasac said his background in construction helps him to spot overweight trucks. Their presence is consistent, even though their number has dropped in the years following Sanasac's efforts to curb them.

"You look at the highway and see big cracks," said Sanasac. "You look at the Texaco station, at that house, at that house"—he points to houses across SR 9

from his—"they're all falling apart, and it's because of the overweight trucks."

## Fighting back

Sanasac has been documenting and reporting his findings and data for about five years. He said he's spoken with Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, the Dept. of Ecology, the DNR, Gov. Inslee's office, Senator Kirk Wagoner's office, Skagit County Director of Planning and Development Services Hal Hart, and WSDOT. In an effort to stop the damage, Sanasac filed a tort claim with Olympia in 2014; that claim is still open.

"When I filed it, I stipulated that the claim was for starters," he said. "Our whole county is in absolute shambles around our county roads and state highways. The claim is for the whole county, and it's still open."

Sanasac recognizes that lack of funding might play a role in WSDOT's response to his claim, but he remains relentless in his goal to stop what he views as unchecked destruction of county roads and state highways, including the one at his front door.

"There's a massive amount of destruction going on in this part of the county," he said. "I've had several conversations with Inslee's office. I've been waiting more than four years for him to do something, but he's done nothing. Why is he allowing this destruction?"

## Is anyone listening?

In response to his tort claim, Sanasac received visits from WSDOT officials and a series of letters in response to his grievances, which Sanasac provided to *Concrete Herald*.

In short, WSDOT does not share Sanasac's concerns.

On the subject of Sanasac's retaining wall slumping and threatening to fail completely, WSDOT Planning and Engineering Services Manager Todd Carlson wrote in a June 27, 2017, letter, "At this time we see no imminent concern with this wall failing and causing any impact to the highway or to the property you care-take."

Regarding Sanasac's claim for damages arising from the collapse of the Skagit River Bridge, Carlson wrote, "I have learned that your claims were closed."

"Wrong," said Sanasac.

As for truck traffic, such as testing trucks driven by Burlington-based Paccar,

which Sanasac singled out as offenders, Carlson maintained that "Currently, SR 9 experiences an average number of trucks, including large semi-truck trailer combinations (such as the ones you mentioned from Paccar). The truck percentage for this segment of SR 9 south of Sedro-Woolley and north of Big Rock is less than 10 percent. These typical truck percentages are normal for state highways, and appropriate."

"Wrong," said Sanasac.

But in earlier correspondence, dated May 1, 2017, WSDOT Tort Claims Investigator Scott Britain stated in response to a photo to a Paccar truck on SR 9 near Sanasac's house, "[That] vehicle ... is typically legal to operate in Washington up to 81,200 lbs.

Those vehicles are legal to operate on Washington highways if they do not exceed legal axle limits ... or exceed road or bridge restrictions on the highway they are traveling on. ... The WSDOT Permits Office also stated that there are no curfews for legal loads on our highways."

The WSDOT response to Sanasac's inquiry into possibly rerouting SR 9 away from Clear Lake was outright rejection: "We have no plans or notions to re-route SR 9 away from the Clear Lake area," wrote Carlson in his letter.

Sanasac also registered concern over the Big Rock bridge over Nookachamps

See Clear Lake, p. 11



Clear Lake artist Doug Sanasac shows his homemade attempt to brace a concrete retaining wall from further movement away from SR 9. Sanasac believes that overweight trucks and their vibrations, passing only several feet from his house, are responsible for structural damage like the large crack visible in this photo.



An oversize truck passes by Doug Sanasac's Clear Lake home in April 2018. Sanasac believes larger rigs like these are likely overweight and wants WSDOT to build a weigh station and monitor large trucks more closely. Photo by Doug Sanasac.

## Clear Lake, cont. from p. 10

Creek near the roundabout at SR 9 and E. College Way. In a letter to Sanasac dated Feb. 9, 2017, Britain wrote that the state bridge preservation engineer analyzed WSDOT's most recent bridge inspection

records and "didn't find any evidence that the heavy, frequent truck loads are having any impact on the bridge or are causing any damage." This is because it

is a "Luten Arch" bridge, a type of bridge known to last hundreds of years with few problems, said Britain. The Big Rock bridge was built in 1920.

## "A precarious position"

Sanasac has a sympathetic ear with Skagit County Planning Dir. Hal Hart, who said he has set a meeting with



Doug Sanasac's Clear Lake home lies only about 10 feet from SR 9 in Clear Lake, just south of the recently built Francis Rd./Old Day Creek Rd. roundabout and outside of WSDOT right of way.



Doug Sanasac points to a section of retaining wall just south of his house. A portion of the wall is visibly separating. Sanasac blames the vibration and weight from large trucks passing by on SR 9, only a few feet from the wall.

Carlson and other WSDOT officials for July 1—press day for this issue of *Concrete Herald*.

"We're getting ready to engage with DOT to talk about regional, planning issues, and SR 9, which passes through Clear Lake," said Hart. "The road vibration issue might be real, but I'd first like to get into a dialogue with WSDOT. Let's have that conversation, including heavy trucks. We have a very large permit for expansion at Paccar, which will amount to another 130 jobs out there. Their footprint is getting bigger, but we should pay attention to make sure their trucks aren't creating issues in some places."

Hart said he's had several conversations with Sanasac, and understands his concerns as big changes have come to Clear Lake in the past few decades.

"From my standpoint, Doug is in a precarious position, because he's not the landowner, and he's tight to the road, and his back is to a lake. So he's trying to preserve the property, and I get that. I don't know that the deterioration he's talking about is anything more than an old home, and the water in the area, and the deterioration around having water that close, freezing and thawing, freezing and thawing."

"Clear Lake was an amazing center of commerce at one point—and his building is part of that history. It sits in a bigger, broader context, and his specific concerns lie within that history."

Meanwhile, Sanasac's priorities are clear: "My 60-foot retaining wall, the gas station, and the highway. We need to save them."

—J. K. M.

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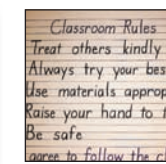
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# Academics



**Concrete High School students** gathered May 30 for a celebration of their involvement in the Varsity in Volunteerism and Concrete Prevention Posse programs.

**Left: Concrete Prevention Posse** members pose with their certificates of recognition. From left, Anna Spangler, club advisor Mitch Metcalf, Sadie Peif, Leona Martinez, Ellie Parent, Andrea Rogers, Carissa Cross, Cheyenne Lewis. Not pictured: Raylee Ward, Autumn Neece.

**Below: Varsity in Volunteerism** members pose with their certificates of recognition. From left, Karlie-Rose Vierra, Mariah McKinney, coach Sheena Daniels, Cheyenne Lewis, Shawn Powell.

## Summer food service at Concrete School District

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

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

- Monday through Friday, June 24 through July 3 and July 8 through Aug. 16.
- Breakfast: 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

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

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



## YD update

With the school year ending, Concrete Youth Dynamics has come to a close. We had our last Monday Night event in May, and then we took 39 high school students to Leavenworth the first weekend of June for our annual Rock-n-Roll Retreat. All of the kids had a ton of fun camping, hiking, swimming, exploring, and whitewater rafting.

We have two more adventure trips planned for this summer. The first one will be summiting Mount Baker. There is currently one spot still open for this trip, so if you are a high school student who wants to summit Mount Baker, please let me know as soon as possible.

Our second trip is a 3-day kayak trip of the Methow River from Carlton to Pateros. I still have four openings for this trip.

Thanks to our volunteer staff for all they do to speak into the lives of our teens, the time they take away from their families, and the selfless example they show week in and week out. Thank you Marta Rensink, Mary Janda, Zack Allard, Paul Rider, Kirstin Rider, Kellen Russell, and Emily Bridge. You all rock! I look forward to our two remaining trips in August, as well as next school year. In the meantime, I will enjoy a little bit of a break and spend some much-needed time with my family. Have a great summer, and we will see you all next year!

—Kevik Rensink, Area Director

## 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 2018–19 school year. An asterisk after a name denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

### Grade 7

Michael Bartel, Cooper Brink, Hayley Daniels, Georgia-Lynn Driver, Zackerias Hendry-Conrad, Trevor Howard, Camrin Hurley, Mariah Kelley, Marcos Lazaro, Lane Lloyd, Jasmine Lofton, Ashton Martin\*, Isabella Martinez\*, Jade McAdam.

### Grade 8

Vanessa Aiken, Tomas Buchta, Anthony Culver, Hannah Hook, Aja Lee, Vincent Preis, Melinda Scheer.

## CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Strong showing for CHS students at Woodfest

Concrete High School's Wood Shop program participated in Sedro-Woolley's Woodfest competition April 27–28, going up against Sedro-Woolley, Stanwood, Liberty Bell, and Mount Vernon Christian high schools. Instructors from the opposing schools were impressed with the quality of work that the students from Concrete exhibited.

Concrete had 26 entries in the competition this year, up from 19 last year. Concrete's award winners were as follows:

- 1st place: Troy Schmidt for his end table.
- 2nd place: Grace Clemons for her wood burnings.
- 3rd place: Shayne Luttrell for his end table.
- 4th place: Kassidy Smith (above right) for her table.
- 5th place: Kadin Cockrum (far right) for his stool.
- 6th place: Blake Carpenter (below right) for his coffee table.

More entries came from Maddy Pritchard, Marshall Fichter, Dalton Newby, Cody Carlson, Killian

a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

### Grade 9

Jake Bronoske, Payton Dickinson, Tiffanie Hendry-Conrad, Carlen Herz, Devon Howard, Christian Joens\*, Rigoberto Lazaro\*, Ashley Parker, Romie Salipot, Brylon Sipes, Colby Whitford.

### Grade 10

Collin Martin\*, Leona Martinez, Hunter Olmstead, Eleanor Parent\*, Rebekah Rider, Blake Robinson, Andrea Rogers, Kai Sahlin, Kassidy Smith, Lily Whitford.

### Grade 11

William Baird, Cody Carlson, Jacob Compton, Izabela Ramos, Peyton Sanchez, Troy Schmidt\*.

### Grade 12

Josabet Acevedo-Lara, Jonathan Akers Reed, Violet Bryan-Goforth, Blake Carpenter, Shanon Clemons\*, Faith Daniels\*, Marissa Huizar, Dalton Newby, David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, Charles Parent\*, Jonas Rensink, Unity Reynolds, Jaidyn Swanson\*, Karlie-Rose Vierra\*.



McCormack, Hunter Olmstead, Michael Booker, Anna Spangler, Sierra Rensink, and Jonas Rensink.

Also winning one of the top three prestigious awards was Troy Schmidt, winning the Mike Chandler Memorial Award. Schmidt took home a power SkilSaw, a DeWalt cordless drill/driver, a plaque from the Chandler family, and a \$50 gift certificate to Windsor Plywood.

—Jim Newby

Photos by Jim Newby







# Clear Lake



## Darius Kinsey tribute planned

Clear Lake Historical Association will present "A Tribute to Darius Kinsey" on Sun., July 21, at 2 p.m. at the Clear Lake Historical Association Hall, 12655 SR 9 in Clear Lake.

Advanced ticket purchases are available for \$10 by calling 360.391.1479 or 360.856.6798, or by going to the hall Tuesday or Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon.

Information on the Kinseys, the cameras used, and some information on the photos shown will be presented, along with lively music by three musicians on piano, banjo, and guitar. Attendees are encouraged to

purchase their tickets ahead of the event. A limited number of tickets are available, and sales at door will be available only if not sold out.

### Historical association meeting

A regular meeting of the Clear Lake Historical Association will be held Tue., July 23, at 7 p.m. at the association's hall at 12655 SR 9, Clear Lake. Meetings are held only every three months, so please join us to learn more about our local history and our current projects.

—*Sylvia Matterand, president  
Clear Lake Historical Association*

The Clear Lake Historical Assn is open most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. To set an appointment, contact Deanna Ammons at clha1987@gmail.com and allow up to a week for a response.

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## Community Calendar

### JULY

- 1-4 Loggerodeo, Sedro-Woolley, various locations; see notice, p. 6; info and schedule at [www.loggerodeo.org](http://www.loggerodeo.org) or 360.770.8452
- 2 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at [townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com](mailto:townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com) or 360.826.3027
- 4 July 4 in Concrete, see article, p. 6
- 12-14 Woolley Fiber Quilters 10th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show, Cascade Middle School, Sedro-Woolley; see article, p. 17; info at [www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com](http://www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com) or e-mail: [woolleyfiberquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:woolleyfiberquilters@yahoo.com)
- 12 Youth Activity Day, Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see ad, p. 2
- 13 Lyman Car & Craft Show, Lyman, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 18
- 13 Sedro-Woolley High School All Class Picnic, Riverfront Park, Sedro-Woolley, 11 a.m.; see notice, p. 17; info at [www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com](http://www.swhsalumni.blogspot.com)
- 13-14 Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In, Mears Field, Concrete, dawn to dusk
- 14 "Let the River Sing" fundraiser concert to oppose Kiewit quarry project, Howard Miller Steelhead Park clubhouse and vicinity, Rockport, 2 to 6 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted; bring chairs and blankets; info at 360.873.4504 or [medicinekat@gmail.com](mailto:medicinekat@gmail.com)
- 14-19 Vacation Bible School at Community Bible Church, 45672 Limestone St., Concrete, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; info at [maureenford@ymail.com](mailto:maureenford@ymail.com) or 626.221.9590
- 21 "A Tribute to Darius Kinsey," Clear Lake Historical Assn Hall, 12655 SR 9, Clear Lake, 2 p.m.; admission \$10; see article, p. 14; info and tickets at 360.391.1479 or 360.856.6798
- 23 Clear Lake Historical Assn regular meeting, 12655 SR 9, Clear Lake, 7 p.m.; info at 360.391.1479
- 27 Heart to Heart Charity 5th Annual Motorcycle Poker Run, Bingham Park, Sedro-Woolley; info at 360.826.3818 or [hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com)
- 28 Skagit Land Trust Annual Picnic at Cascadian Home Farm, milepost 101 SR 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; RSVP and more info at [www.skagitlandtrust.org](http://www.skagitlandtrust.org) or 360.428.7878
- 31 East County Public Forum, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad St., Concrete; 5:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 3; info at [commissioners@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:commissioners@co.skagit.wa.us) or 360.416.1300.

### AUGUST

- 2-4 Rockport Volunteer Fire Dept. Garage Sale, Rockport Fire Hall, Alfred St., Rockport, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; gently used donations accepted; no mattresses, car seats, or cribs; info at 360.708.8594
- 3 Darrington Street Fair, various locations, including rodeo grounds, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; info and vendor registration forms at 360.399.8037 or [darringtonstreetfair@frontier.com](mailto:darringtonstreetfair@frontier.com)
- 3 Birdstock, Birdview Brewing Co., Birdview, noon to 9 p.m.; see notice, p. 22
- 4 Marblemount Community Club Salmon BBQ, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount
- 6 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at [townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com](mailto:townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com) or 360.826.3027
- 17 Big August Hoobajoob, Darrington; see notice, p. 25; info at 360.436.0711
- 17-18 Cascade Days, Concrete; info at [www.cascadedays.com](http://www.cascadedays.com), 360.770.8340, or [ember@cascadedays.com](mailto:ember@cascadedays.com)

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

## Community meetings

**Cascade Days planning meetings** will be held the third Mon. of each month, at 7460 S. Dillard, Ste. A (corner of SR 20 and Dillard), at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are not mandatory for volunteers. Info at [ember@cascadedays.com](mailto: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](mailto:cmachapter39@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

**Concrete Elementary PTO** meets the second Wed. of each month at 5 p.m. in the Concrete 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](mailto:concretechamber@mac.com).

**Concrete Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](http://www.concreteheritagemuseum.org).

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

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

**Concrete School District Board:** The board will hold a workshop on July 22 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on July 25 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room.

360.853.4000.

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

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

**Darrington Town Council** meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St. 360.436.1131 or [darrcityhall@frontier.com](mailto:darrcityhall@frontier.com).

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

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

**Imagine Concrete** meets the third Thur. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com).

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

**Lyman Town Council** meets the second Tue. of each month at Lyman Town Hall (Minkler Mansion), 8405 S. Main St., Lyman, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3033 or [clerk\\_lyman@msn.com](mailto:clerk_lyman@msn.com).

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

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

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

**Sedro-Woolley School District Board:** Meets July 8 at 5 p.m. at the Support Svcs Bldg. for a regular meeting. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us).

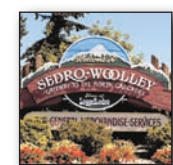
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**Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board** meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or [info@upperskagitlibrary.org](mailto:info@upperskagitlibrary.org)

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

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# Sedro-Woolley



## Summer meals kick off July 1

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about how children will continue to eat healthfully while school is out. Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local school districts and organizations like the Sedro-Woolley School District to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer.

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

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

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

—Ruth Richardson

## School district to provide K–6 supplies Families will need to supply backpacks

The Sedro-Woolley School District will furnish all school supplies, except for a backpack and a lunch box, in the 2019–20 school year for elementary students (K–6).

Parents or guardians should alert their school's principal in August if they need help with a backpack so the district can work with local partners for help.

The district created a School-Supply Taskforce two years ago to identify the school supplies parents and guardians provide for their students along with classroom fees. The ultimate goal of the taskforce was to relieve the burden from local households that didn't have the money to pay for the necessary supplies.

The money for the supplies will be allocated from the Educational Programs and Operations levy the community passed in February 2018.

—Ruth Richardson

Meltdown festival in August.

The Woolley Market's doors were open to festival attendees and the Cedar stage was booked by several musicians throughout the weekend, including: Lazy Acres, The Speakeasy Jazz Cats, King Strang, Lightnin' Luke, and Clyde McGee and the Milltailers.

The event showcased local talents and united community members under a shared remembrance for the "good ol' days."

*Madisun Tobisch is a senior at Sedro-Woolley High School and editor-in-chief of The Cub.*

## Community gathers for annual "Blast" in Sedro-Woolley

By Madisun Tobisch

Sedro-Woolley hosted the annual Blast from the Past festival on the first weekend of June in the heart of downtown. This year's festival revolved around the town's take on the 1969 music festival Woodstock, and was themed "Woolleyfest."

The third annual Blast of Color 5k kicked off Saturday's list of events, with more than 200 participants pre-registered and an estimated 100 day-of registrations. The event's director, Tami Staub, has organized the 5k since it began, and urges that the race is all inclusive and fun for the whole family.

"We had participants ranging from under a year old to a 73-year-old couple who finished running across the finish hand in hand," said Staub.

The event was sponsored by Staub's place of work, Marathon Refining, which provided shirts for participants, as well as the funding needed for the colored chalk, which covered the route long after the racers had finished.

This festival marked the first of many street fairs on the summer circuit for local vendors. Many vendors made their debut at the festival, including Shannon Bowen, who along with a friend, used the opportunity to sell bath bombs and

jewelry on the weekends. Bowen said she cherishes the time away from work and interacting with community members.

Although the team had never set up at Blast to the Past before, Bowen estimates the pair has been to between 75 and 80 events across the state.

The scent of fried food wafted down Metcalf as vendors advertised their dishes, including deep fried cheese on a stick, elephant ears, and apple pie fries.

Hannah Arney and her husband started their side business only six months prior to this year's festival. Their converted trailer is now PNW Espresso, and despite Friday's dreary weather, Arney believes the weekend was a success in sales.

Yet another newcomer was Poutine Your Mouth, which was located just outside of Local 20 Taproom. The boldly painted "art cart" specializes in a variety of fries with unique toppings like gravy, cheese, chili, and bacon and eggs.

"I thought we would be slinging fries like a ninja or something," said one of the vendor's employees. The cloudy weather may have had an impact on the number of customers waiting in line, but Poutine Your Mouth representatives believed that the sales were consistent throughout the weekend. Blast from the Past is only one stop on their busy summer schedule, as they prepare for Darrington's Summer



Skagit County pirate Keith Kirchgesler got the win this year in the 16-and-up category of the jump rope contest during Blast from the Past on June 8.



Bed-turning team (from left) Noni Moody, Teri Bever, and Linda Stearns prepare for the 2019 presentation of vintage quilts and their stories at the Woolley Fiber Quilters' annual quilt and fiber show July 12–14. Submitted photo.

## Quilt and fiber show, July 12–14

Woolley Fiber Quilters will present their 10th annual quilt and fiber show from July 12–14 at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley.

This year's theme is "United We Stand," with a category for patriotic quilts.

Louise Harris of Sedro-Woolley is the featured quilter. Louise has achieved international fame with her innovative art quilts.

The show will include more than 250 quilts, a member boutique with handmade

items for sale, vendors, People's Choice voting, challenge quilts with a "bug" theme, and the popular bed turning. Food will be available for purchase on site.

Cascade Middle School is located at 905 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley. The show will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

For more information, go to [www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com](http://www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com).

—Judy Johnson

## Briefly ...

**Open Door Community Kitchen** in Sedro-Woolley seeks volunteers to help cook fresh, healthful homemade meals for community members during the last full week of each month.

The free suppers are served from 5 to 6 p.m., and social hour is at 4 p.m. Most volunteers donate several hours during one day a month. Everyone is cordially invited to the dinners. The goal is to help people through the rough time in the month when money is scarce and cupboards are often bare.

The meals are served at Central United Methodist Church, 1013 Polte Rd. The

church graciously allows Open Door to use its kitchen and dining room for the meals.

For more information about volunteering, donating to Open Door, or coming to the meals, call 360.854.5502.

The 2019 **Sedro-Woolley High School All Class Picnic** will be held Sat., July 13, at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley. Food will be available to purchase on site from local food truck vendors or attendees may bring their own picnic.

No advance registration is required. \$5 admission per person. Net proceeds benefit local scholarships. Gate opens at 11 a.m.; food trucks start serving at noon. Each class is encouraged to bring signage.



Caroline Davis (left) and Executive Director Sandra Jensen. Submitted photo.

## Davis wins nursing award

Village Concepts of Sedro-Woolley's Resident Care Director Caroline Davis has been awarded the Assisted Living Nurse of the Year award for Washington state.

On May 22, Davis attended the Washington Health Care Association's Quality Awards Luncheon in Vancouver, Wash., at the Hilton Hotel, where she received the award, which recognizes an assisted living nurse who demonstrates outstanding innovation, achievement, and capabilities in their provision of high quality, person-centered care in a service-oriented culture in an assisted living community.

In attendance with Caroline Davis was Director of Corporate Development Tracy Willis, Corporate Director of Regulatory Compliance Vicki McNealley, and Executive Director of Village Concepts of Sedro-Woolley Sandra Whiton.

—J. K. M.

Golf cart transportation from the parking lot will be available for those who need a boost up the hill.

Sponsors are Sims Honda/Sims family, and the Keith Sorestad State Farm office.

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# Lyman



## Council summary

*The Lyman Town Council held a monthly meeting on May 14. Following is a summary of that meeting. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.*

### May 14 regular meeting

- Mayor Eddie Hills called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Water loss report: 19 percent.
- Councilmember Mike Swanson reported that he had looked over the sign comparisons and recommended to council that they go with the Radarsign company.
- An executive session was called at 7:09 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss the letter from attorney re: Davis Lane. Council returned from executive session at 7:18 p.m. Mayor

- Hills called the regular meeting back to order at 7:19.
- Council voted to purchase two solar speed signs.
- Gary Lohman was present to discuss the geotech report on the Kaaland property. He is waiting for another report, which will determine if he will continue with the project.
- Renne Cain from Cascade Monuments was present to discuss niche walls and other options there are to extend the life of the cemetery.
- Frank Cook was present to dispute a bill for an IPERL meter. He wanted to split the cost. Council voted to accommodate Cook.
- There were no citizen comments.
- Mayor Hills adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

—Compiled from staff notes

## On the Lyman calendar

July brings two fun events to Lyman.

### Lyman Car & Craft Show

The perennial favorite is back, slated this year for Sat., July 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. South Main Street will fill with cars from every vintage, paired with local crafts and homemade wonders from all over Skagit County in the field next to Minkler Mansion.

In its 19th year, the event is free and includes booths at the Minkler Mansion (Lyman Town Hall). Booth space rentals are \$40 for 10 x 10 or \$65 for a 10 x 20 space. Contact Mayor Eddie Hills for rental registration at 360.770.3308 and for more details.

The family-friendly event will close S. Main St. to through traffic between 2nd and 3rd St. Residents who live along all of S. Main St. are asked not to park on the road after 5 a.m. on July 13.

### Poker Run fundraiser

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity's

5th annual motorcycle Poker Run fundraiser will be on Sat., July 27. The event will start at Bingham Park in Sedro-Woolley and end at Lyman Town Park across from the cemetery in Lyman. Registration runs from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the park, with kickstands up at 11 a.m. Participants will receive one poker hand, a scenic ride, and a free lunch. The end party will include a live DJ this year, and it's free for anyone to come enjoy at the end of the event.

Poker Run admission is \$20 for one bike/rider and \$30 for bike/rider/passenger if paid before July 20; add \$5 to each fee if paid after July 20. Registration forms are available on the charity's event page on Facebook, or e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com to request one. The first 10 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. Contact Tammie Werner via the e-mail above or 360.826.3818 for more details. The event is to benefit all the activities the charity organizes for children of low-income families, including homeless bags, assistance, and its Christmas Angel Tree program. The event is listed on the charity's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hearttoheartcharity.

—Tammie Werner

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# June in pictures



**Above:** These Concrete Elementary School students are smiling for a reason: All of them walked/ran 100 miles this school year by participating in the 100-Mile Club. Josiah Rider (middle) has accomplished the 100-mile goal for 3 years in a row. From left: Hunter Anderson and Rhiannon Helgeson (kindergarten), Josiah Rider (6th grade), Dylan Meiers and Barrett Pritchard (kindergarten). "Awesome job students!" said Principal Jaci Gallagher. *Submitted photo.*



**Above:** With a final shove, Brian Massingale brings down father Arnold Massingale's cedar shake shop in Concrete on June 27. The shop was built in 1970; Arnold's company, Concrete Shake Co., was active till about a year before his death in 2018. Arnold's daughter, Karla Massingale, watched the demolition with tears in her eyes. "It didn't go down easily," she said. "Just like Dad."



**Above:** Mount Baker Ultra marathon organizer Dan Probst (center) stands with the top two finishers of this year's race. Levi Webb, 38, of Mill Valley, Calif. (right) took first place with an unofficial time of 11 hours and 50 minutes. Jeremy Anderson, 29, of Kingston, Wash. (left), took second, with a time of 12 hours and 53 minutes. **Left:** Michels workers tend a sewer pipe repair location in Concrete on June 26. The process begins by inserting a vinyl liner "sock" into failing sewer lines and pressurizing it to expand it against the interior of the existing pipe. The sock is then cured using heat and moisture. Workers maintain temperature and pressure for 30–45 minutes; the end result is a new pipe within the old pipe, about 1/4 inch thick, and tough as PVC.



**The commencement ceremony for the graduating class of Concrete High School** brought hundreds of family members and well wishers to the CHS gym on June 7. From left: Salutatorian Shanon Clemons delivers her speech. Valedictorian Jaidyn Swanson shares her thoughts with the audience. The class of 2019 stand before receiving their diplomas. *Photos by Jason Cormier.*



**Above:** Concrete Public Works employees Josh Massingale (left) and Terry Coggins carefully disassemble a picnic shelter in Silo Park on June 13. The picnic shelter was built in 2006 by Boy Scout Jake Scherer for his Eagle project, and had to be moved when the Park & Ride was built at Silo Park. The Public Works team salvaged the treated lumber from the shelter, which will be incorporated into a new, larger picnic pavilion planned for construction in 2020 at the east end of the spray park.



**Above right:** Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Wolfe handcuffs Skagit Search and Rescue member Josh Timmerman (gray shirt) during an active shooter scenario drill at Concrete Elementary School on June 18 while Undersheriff Chad Clark observes. Timmerman played the role of a disgruntled individual who took lives and injured others at the school before being apprehended. **Right:** Members of Dist. 10 Volunteer Fire Dept. transport a "wounded" person from the school to waiting Aero Skagit transport during the drill. The drill involved dozens of first responders, Concrete School District employees, and a handful of Concrete students. Two drills were conducted that day, back to back.







# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting May 14. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

### May 14 regular meeting

- The meeting began with a public hearing for the \$24,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a planning grant for which Town of Hamilton is applying, and for which Forterra is the subrecipient. Mayor Joan Cromley opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.
- Steve Wells with Forterra reported on Dept. of Ecology rules and regulations surrounding water and wastewater that will need to be addressed as the town goes through the permitting process. He provided a list of work items that DOE wants the town to consider before it moves forward.
- Council and attendees discussed possible wastewater treatment options, including examples from other municipalities and locally, such as Sedron's technology. The task at hand is to collect raw data and decide what the need will be, followed by a conversation with an engineer to learn what system options are available, as well as their costs and ongoing maintenance costs and needs.
- Mayor Cromley closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
- Councilmember Perkins pointed out that the town paid a late fee to the IRS from 2014. Mayor Cromley explained that all clerks for four years have had problems with the IRS accepting reports and payments. Clerk Beth Easterday decided to pay the fee in an effort to clear it up. Clerk Easterday explained that this has to do with the 941 deductions from staff paychecks.
- Council approved Resolution 05–2019, the CDBG application with Forterra.
- Council approved Resolution 04–2019, award of contract to dive water tank.
- Water:** Council approved a water payment to Chris Harris' water bill in the amount of \$120 for time volunteered.
- Council approved a leak forgiveness request for \$114.56 to Mr. Loewen.
- Council approved a leak forgiveness request for \$229.15 to Mr. Ewing.
- Mayor Cromley discussed the report of 10 percent unaccounted-for water loss from NW Waterworks.
- Fire Dept.:** Council approved purchasing one radio from Motorola.
- Streets: Tom Selin reported that they have been mowing and burning brush, and the town offers chipping of branches to residents. Clerk Easterday will post that message on Facebook.

—Compiled from staff notes

## From the Mayor

Tim Bates became mayor of Hamilton in 1985. He saw some of the worst floods in Hamilton's history. Tim witnessed houses lost, jobs lost, and Hamilton barely holding status quo as the rest of the county grew. Regulations required by state and federal agencies restricted development in the floodway. Areas were annexed in 1991 and 1995, each holding the promise of homes for people who wanted to move out of the floodplain, but neither lived up to their



—Mayor Joan Cromley

expectations.

The 2003 flood brought water up to the street signs in some areas and damaged many homes. Tim fought again for a designated Urban Growth Area outside of the floodplain, and with the help of many partners, it was approved in 2008.

Hamilton didn't have the resources to push the project beyond that, and the owner wouldn't sell even if they had. That changed in 2018, which is why the Urban Growth Area is moving forward again. This project was part of Tim's vision for Hamilton. It has been part of Hamilton's Comprehensive Plan for more than 10 years. We're using old and new partners, and we're following the plan.

## Birdsview Buzz

On May 5, Birdsview Brewery held a fundraiser for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. The money raised goes for injured and fallen firefighters. We made a special beer with spruce tips from our trees and called it Hop Shot in honor of our local Hot Shot fire crew based up Baker Lake Rd. Through silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, donations and proceeds from the Hop Shot beer, we raised \$2,600.

On June 8, the brewery held a fundraiser for S.A.I.N. & The Humane Society of Skagit Valley. Again through silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, donations, and the proceeds from a special beer, "Chewy Brewy," in honor of our beloved dog, Chewy, we raised \$2,400, which was split between the two organizations.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the silent auction items and all those attended.

Our next fundraiser at the brewery is the biggie: Birdstock! This year it will be held on Sat., Aug. 3, from noon to 9 p.m.

Birdstock is a benefit for the Birdsview Volunteer Fire Dept. It's their main fundraiser and provides money for their scholarship fund. For the 2018–19 school

year, they were able to give out seven scholarships.

This year the band line up is as follows:

- The Last Resort
- Marcia Kester
- The Kickin Names
- Lazy Acres
- Barefeet
- Gin Gypsy
- Jack Mattingly & Whiskey Fever

There is a \$5 cover charge per person, and please do not bring outside alcohol, drugs, or pets. Please do not bring your pets and leave them in the car. Please leave your food at home, too, and support the firefighters, as they will serve burgers, brats, and pizza.

A big thank-you to RainySunday Ranch for bringing their super cute baby goats to Birdsview Brewery for people to cuddle and learn more about the ranch and what they do. The next day we hosted Shakespeare NW performing nursery rhymes.

We will be closed July 4, but come celebrate 13 years with us in July. We've made a special beer for the occasion. Have a great month.

—Kris Voigt

## Commission reviews Skagit elk action plan

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed a new Skagit elk management plan during its June 14–15 meeting in Port Angeles.

The commission, a citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), also received public comments about Skagit elk populations, the grizzly bear status review, and fall black bear season setting.

WDFW staff, several Point Elliott Treaty Tribes, representatives from Skagit County, and the Cattleman's Association presented about Skagit elk. WDFW staff

outlined a new plan, developed with the Point Elliott Treaty Tribes, for managing elk in the Skagit valley, including targeting specific neighborhoods, elk fencing, improving the landowner permit process, and allowing landowners to charge access fees on their property.

Landowners with Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements do not always need to provide public access, and a landowner may provide a hunter with a WDFW-issued Damage Prevention Permit (DPP). A hunter that is hunting under a valid DPP must have a valid hunting license and damage tag and hunt within the designated area indicated on the DPP.

Several Skagit County residents testified during the public comment period. Comments ranged from public safety issues to elk damage to agriculture in Skagit County.

—Submitted by WDFW

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## Quarry opposition plans fundraiser

A July fundraiser is scheduled to help support opposition to the proposed Kiewit Infrastructure quarry project near Marblemount.

"Let the River Sing" is an afternoon of song, featuring two popular bands with close ties to the Upper Skagit communities: Jumbled Pie and Jenny and the Tomcats.

A raffle and silent auction also are planned.

The event will be held at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport on Sun., July 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and pocketbooks.

The fundraiser is hosted by Skagit River Alliance, a newly formed, nonprofit corporation that has begun the process of retaining legal representation to block what opponents refer to as "an

environmental disaster." Funds raised at the event will help pay legal fees and other expenses incurred for the opposition to the proposed quarry.

Donation boxes will be present at the event, and refreshments and t-shirts also will be available to purchase. Donation checks also may be mailed to:

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Receipts for tax purposes will be sent to all donors.

Organizers have requested no alcohol be brought to the event.

For more information about this event, call 360.873.4504 or send an e-mail to medicinekat@gmail.com.

—J. K. M.

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# Darrington



## Wildfire Protection Plan open house held

Residents of the Darrington area, along with representatives from Darrington and Oso fire departments, Snohomish County Emergency Management, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service gathered at the Wildfire Protection Plan Open House at the Darrington Fire Station on June 22.

Western Washington has been declared a hotspot for fire weather outlook and severity, including the risk of smoke from fires in Canada and Eastern Washington. Agencies have been working on making the public aware of the fire danger through various educational Web sites and meetings throughout Washington. Materials on danger and prevention can be found online and at the Darrington Fire Station.

Displays of maps, fire prevention, and protection information were available to view, with folks available to answer questions and to make suggestions for residents on an individual basis.

Information provided covered home preparedness during fire season, preventative measures, and emergency plans.

A Wildfire Risk Assessment sheet was available to assess the wildfire risk rating

of individual homes through numbered fire risk ratings. Firewise Online Learning Center is a Web site that also is designed to assist homeowners in evaluating fire risk. A handout from Firewise included 10 safety tips for wildfire risk reduction. The Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group, along with the Department of Natural Resources, has compiled a booklet titled "Living With Fire: A Guide for the Homeowner," giving valuable information on the fire environment, making a defensive space, and what to do if a wildfire approaches. Included in the written material were ways to prevent a campfire from turning into a wildfire. A 45-page pamphlet, with the assistance of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and Snohomish County Fire Districts 24 and 25, was completed with the support of residents, businesses, first responders, Snohomish County Emergency Management, U.S. Forest Service, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources, has information on past wildfires, wildfire behaviors, risks, response resources, risk management, and maps, tables, and figures explaining the dangers and prevention measures.

—Marla Skaglund

## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

June 6

A Darrington man died today after colliding with a dump truck near the Oso Landslide Memorial.

According to a Washington State Patrol press memo, Douglas Buchanan, 46, of Darrington was driving eastbound on SR 530 at milepost 37 when his Jeep Cherokee crossed the centerline, striking the Mack dump truck driven by Tammara Murphy, 60, of Stanwood, who was eastbound.

Buchanan was pronounced dead at the scene. It was unknown whether he'd been wearing his seatbelt. His vehicle was totaled and impounded. Murphy was not injured; her truck was damaged and towed. She had been wearing her seatbelt.

No charges had been filed at press time.

June 17

A head-on collision today resulted in injuries to both drivers involved.

The collision occurred on SR 9 and 156th St. NE, 3 miles south of Arlington. A Chevrolet Suburban driven by Dylan Elftmann, 26, of Arlington, was southbound on SR 9 when it crossed the centerline and struck a Dodge Dart driven northbound by Darrick Hays, 45, of Marysville. Elftmann's vehicle came to rest in the southbound ditch. Hays' vehicle ended up in the northbound ditch.

Both drivers were injured. Elftmann was booked into the Snohomish County Jail and his vehicle was impounded. Hays was transported to Cascade Valley Hospital and his vehicle was impounded.

The cause of the accident and possible charges were under investigation at press time.

June 22

A two-car accident on I-5 claimed the

life of a Granite Falls man today.

According to a Washington State Patrol press memo, a Honda Accord driven by Daniel Aquino Indalecio, 22, of Granite Falls, was stopped or traveling at a very slow rate southbound on I-5 at milepost 198, in lane one. Andrew Heitman, 27, of Everett, driving a Ford F350 pickup, struck Indalecio from behind. Indalecio's vehicle struck the guardrail and came to rest on the right shoulder. Heitman's vehicle rolled and slid on its roof, struck the guardrail, and came to rest on its top, facing northbound on the right shoulder and partially in lane one.

Indalecio was pronounced deceased at the scene. His car was totaled and impounded. Heitman was injured and transported to Providence Hospital. His vehicle was totaled and impounded.

The cause of the collision was under investigation at press time, as were possible charges.

June 26

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office detectives seek the public's help locating 38-year-old Namig Bekirov of Bothell, who has not been heard from since Fri., June 7.

Namig's 2017 silver Dodge truck with license plate No. C66888K also is missing. The truck has a Monster Energy decal on the center rear window. Namig does not have a known history of mental health or substance abuse issues.

Family members are concerned because it is unusual for Namig to be out of contact for such a long time. Namig has brown hair, is 6'4" tall, and weighs approximately 220 lbs.

Anyone with information about Namig or his whereabouts is asked to call 911.

—Submitted by SCSO and WSP

## Artist Point on Mount Baker cleared for early-season opening

The wait is over for people planning to visit one of the Pacific Northwest's most scenic viewpoints. At 8 a.m. on June 9, WSDOT crews opened the seasonal section of State Route 542, known as the road to Artist Point.

A stretch of sunny weather and a smaller-than-usual snowpack helped crews clear the 2.7-mile section of highway in just 12 days—nearly half the time of last year's clearing. This is the second-earliest opening date in the last 20 years.

WSDOT crews started clearing the highway on May 28. Crews worked 10-

hour days, seven 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.

People planning to visit Artist Point should prepare to encounter snow-covered trails and research current conditions before departing for the viewpoint.

When the highway is open, an average of 660 vehicles a day travel to Artist Point. From there, visitors can hike, camp, or take in the view. Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest says close to 40,000 people visit its Glacier Public Service Center throughout the year to get required permits and check weather conditions ahead of their outdoor adventures.

Summer visitors help boost the economies of the small towns along Mount Baker Highway.

It costs about \$60,000 to clear this stretch each year, depending on the amount of snow. It is usually opens between July and October.

## Big August Hoobajoob planned

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

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

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

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

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**Way Back When:** The July 20, 1989, issue of *Concrete Herald* included this photo of the bluegrass festival stage under construction in Darrington at the time. The 32' x 18' building was to house the new center stage, as well as a soundproof warmup room behind the stage. Covered seating also was offered that year at the 13th annual festival. This year, the stage will host the Darrington Bluegrass Festival from July 19-21, and Summer Meltdown from July 31 to Aug. 4. *Concrete Herald archive photo.*

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# Marblemount



# Newhalem



## Salmon barbecue on tap for August

Marblemount Community Hall's big news is the upcoming Salmon BBQ, coming the first Sunday in August—Aug. 4. This is the hall's primary fundraiser every year, and it's always a lot of fun. The Salmon BBQ is a great meal: Skagit's own salmon expertly barbecued, with all the customary condiments, and including coleslaw, baked beans, pasta salad, and french bread. Beverages and cake also grace the menu. Of course, there is the hot dog meal with the same sides available for those who don't relish salmon. The meal will be served from noon to 6 p.m. at Marblemount Community Hall, right around the corner in Marblemount: 660155 SR 20.

—Merlene Buller

### Volunteers needed for Fire District 19, Marblemount Fire Department

Stop by the Fire Hall for an application on meeting nights, the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m., or call Vanessa at 360.630.3900 for more info. This position is subject to a background check.

## Accident claims one life near Marblemount

A Wellpinit woman lost her life in a June 3 single-vehicle accident near Marblemount.

The accident occurred near milepost 109, 2 miles east of Marblemount. A Ford Explorer driven by Ronnie Tom, 43, of Nespelem, was eastbound on SR 20 when Tom failed to negotiate a curve, went off the roadway, and struck a tree.

Tom was injured; he was transported and treated at Skagit Valley Hospital. His adult passenger, a 33-year-old female from Wellpinit, lost her life in the accident. Her name was not released pending next-of-kin notification. She was not wearing her seat belt.

Tom's second passenger, a 7-year-old male, was not injured.

Drugs or alcohol were involved in the crash, but the exact cause was under investigation, according to the Washington State Patrol accident report. Charges also were pending.

Tom's vehicle was totaled and impounded to the Washington State Patrol Burlington office.

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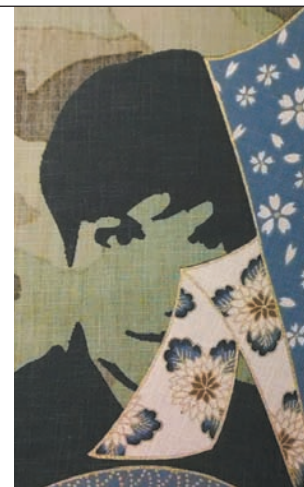
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## Agencies to begin second year of translocating mountain goats from the Olympics to the Cascades

Starting July 8, a coalition of state and federal agencies, with support from local tribes, will begin the second two-week round of translocating mountain goats from Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest to the northern Cascade Mountains to meet wildlife management goals in all three areas.

This effort is a partnership among the National Park Service (NPS), the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and numerous tribes to re-establish and assist in connecting depleted populations of mountain goats in the Washington Cascades while also removing non-native goats from the Olympic Mountains. Mountain goats were introduced to the Olympics in the 1920s.

In May 2018, the NPS released the final Mountain Goat Management Plan, which outlined the effort to remove mountain goats on the Olympic Peninsula. The population of mountain goats at that time was estimated at 725. The plan and the associated environmental impact statement were finalized after an extensive public review process that began in 2014.

The first two-week capture period in Sept. 2018 removed 115 mountain goats from the population in the park. An additional two-week period is planned for this year beginning Aug. 19 through 30.

"Mountain goat relocation will allow these animals to reoccupy historical range areas in the Cascades and increase population viability," said Jesse Plumage, USFS Wildlife Biologist.

While some mountain goat populations in the north Cascades have recovered since the 1990s, the species is still absent from many areas of its historic range. Aerial capture operations will be

conducted through a contract with Leading Edge Aviation, a private company that specializes in the capture and transport of wild animals. The helicopter crew will use immobilizing darts and net guns to capture mountain goats and transport them in specially made slings to staging areas.

While capture operations will be conducted throughout the park and national forest for both two-week periods, a few locations that are known to have a high number of mountain goats will be areas of focus for the capture crew. On the first two days of the capture period, the emphasis will be on the Klahhane Ridge and Appleton Pass areas. The Seven Lakes Basin area and the Lake of the Angels area in the southeast have a high number of mountain goats that the capture crew will be working to remove. In August, Mount Ellinor in Olympic National Forest will be an area of focus.

The animals will be cared for by veterinarians before WDFW wildlife managers transport them to staging areas in the North Cascades for release. To maximize success, goats will be airlifted in their crates by helicopter directly to alpine habitats that have been selected for appropriate characteristics.

WDFW plans to release the mountain goats at six sites in the Cascades in July. Three of the release sites will be staged from the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS). These release sites include the Chikamin area on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Preacher Mountain on the MBS, and Hardscrabble Ridge on an inholding owned by Forterra. Two release areas are near mountain peaks south of Darrington on the Darrington District of the MBS. The other is near Mt. Index on the Skykomish Ranger District of the MBS.

Mountain goats follow and approach hikers because they are attracted to the salt from their sweat, urine, and food. That behavior is less likely in the North Cascades, where visitors are more widely distributed than those at Olympic National Park, said Dr. Rich Harris, a WDFW wildlife manager who specializes in mountain goats.

"In addition, the north Cascades has natural salt licks," Harris said.

## First fire spotted June 26

A less-than-one-acre fire was reported active June 27 above Pyramid Lake in North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Smoke from the lightning-caused Pyramid Fire was detected the evening of June 26 and was visible from SR 20 and Diablo Lake Overlook.

A three-person ground crew assigned to the Pyramid Fire assessed the conditions following approximately .4 inches of rain in the previous 24 hours. Weather forecasts included a chance of showers and thunderstorms throughout the area for the following few days.

Fire plays a natural role in healthy ecosystems; however, because of the close proximity to roads and park infrastructure, fire managers assessed the situation and considered suppression efforts.

All trails and climbing routes remained open as of June 29.



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### Concrete

#### Concrete Food Bank

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Noon—3 p.m.  
360.853.8505

### Darrington

#### Darrington Food Bank

First Baptist Church  
1205 Emmens St., Darrington  
First and third week each month:  
Wed. and Thur., 10—noon and 1–2 p.m.  
360.436.9603

### Hamilton

Hamilton Community Food Bank  
951 Petit St., Hamilton

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360.826.4090

### Marblemount

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# Seniors

## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

### Cowboy Cookies



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- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups oats
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 cup raisins or nut mix

1. Blend eggs, margarine and sugar.
2. Mix dry ingredients and add to above.
3. Stir in vanilla, oats, raisins or nuts, and chocolate chips.
4. Drop onto a greased cookie sheet from a teaspoon.
5. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 5 dozen.

## Way Back When

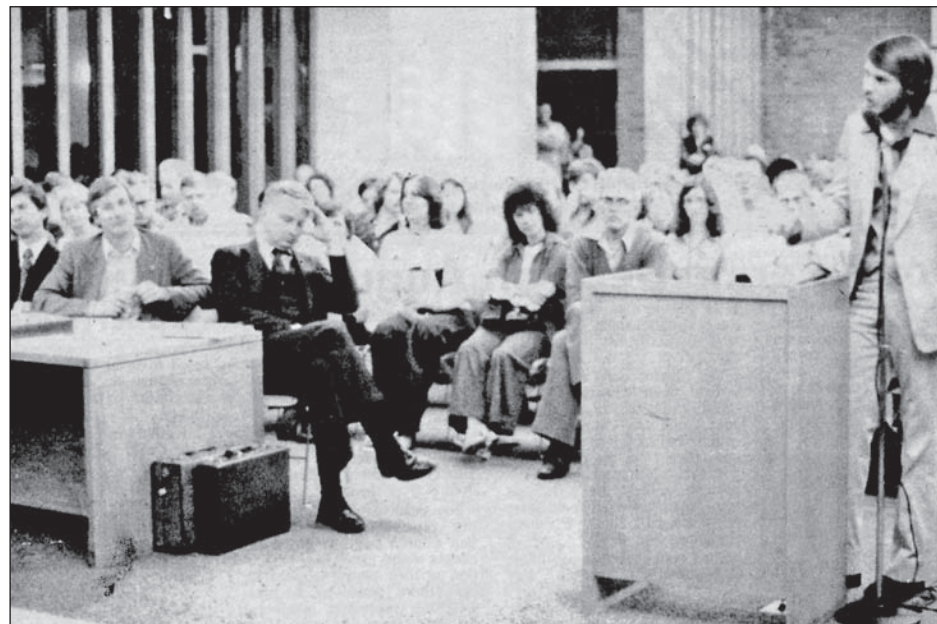
### 70 years ago

July 8, 1949: The land that would eventually become Rockport State Park dodged a bullet last Friday, after after representatives from the office of state land commissioner came to Concrete and checked a petition received from J. L. Pape and Sons of Concrete, asking that a strip of timber 320 feet wide on each side of the highway through Rockport park be logged as a "safety measure."

The officials found that the the timber in that area was in good condition and too valuable as a park to be touched.

It had been the general belief in the Upper Valley that the grove was a state park, the property having been received by the state about 20 years prior in a trade with a timber company, which was about to log it. The Rockport land was set aside at that time, but

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**Top, 40 years ago, July 19, 1979:** Rev. Gilbert gunderson, pastor of American Alps Community Church, Marblemount, describes community fear of Unification Church ("Moon") followers and urged Skagit County Board of Adjustment to deny the Unification Church a permit to build a Bible camp near his community. *Photo by Helen Warinsky.*

**Above, 40 years ago, July 12, 1979:** Skagit County officials broke ground for extension and renovation of Steelhead Park in Rockport, last week. From left: Geneva Sansett, Tim Roetman, John Aarstad, Howard Miller, "Bud" Norris, Don McKee. *Photo by Helen Warinsky.*

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never officially named as a state park by the legislature. An effort will be made to have the park so designated at the next legislature.

## Concrete East County

### July 2019 Activities

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

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

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

All 9 a.m. United Health Care rep.

#### Wednesday

All 9 a.m. VA Service Officer  
All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
7/3 Noon DVSAS  
7/10 6 p.m. WSU: Water Bath & Pressure Canning (CCC)  
7/31 5:30 p.m. Public Forum (CCC)

#### Thursday

7/11 10 a.m. WIC  
7/18 10 a.m. DVSAS  
7/18 12:30 p.m. Pinochle (CCC)  
7/25 9 a.m. Indentigo/MorphoTrust Fingerprinting  
7/25 10 a.m. WIC

#### Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
7/12 11:30 a.m. Youth Activity Day (Veterans Memorial Park)  
7/19 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki (CCC)

#### Saturday

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

### 70 years ago

July 16, 1959: There was no speeches or flag waving, but a large number of visitors crowded the observation points at the Upper Baker River Dam last Thursday

to watch the workmen "drop the plug" to start the lake filling. Company officials from all parts of the district were on hand for the first big milestone in completion of the project. The 30-ton cement and

steel gates were dropped shortly after 2 p.m., and by the time the visitors left, the water had covered the Baker River outlet portals and was rising rapidly on the dam.  
—Compiled from archives



**30 years ago, July 13, 1989:** Sara, Nicki, and Jason Voigt built a large sign that said, "Honk if you love America," and placed it and themselves on top of a family vehicle at their home, located east of Concrete on SR 20. The sign was an experiment to see how patriotic people were feeling. During their hour-long experiment on July 4, 73 out of 78 cars honked. *Archive photo.*

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## Vacation Bible School at Community Bible Church

July 14-19  
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Community Bible Church is located at  
45672 Limestone St., Concrete

For more information:  
maureenford@ymail.com  
360.853.8182

## Sunday School lesson

### "No Camping" this space

By Bruce Martin

Some years ago, a few friends and I were traveling on our motorcycles. Right after work we packed up, jumped on our bikes, and headed out of Seattle up and over Stevens Pass on Hwy 2. By the time we dropped into Leavenworth, it was almost dark. The nearest campground was nearby at Icicle Creek a couple miles out of town. As we circled the campground, we noted only one space that had remained vacant. Tired after a long day, we threw out our sleeping bags and dozed off. The next morning as the sunlight woke me up I discovered I was sleeping under a large sign that read, "NO CAMPING THIS SPACE."

As we seek God's leadership and blessing in our lives, I believe there are places and spaces where He has placed a NO CAMPING sign. They are places God does not want us to dwell and places where we should not set up spiritual camp. Let me share four of them with you.

#### No camping: Weaknesses

The first place God does not want us to camp is by our weaknesses. It is natural for us to dwell upon our weaknesses and our shortcomings. We all have them and we all deal with them on a daily basis. But what a difference God's forgiveness

makes! May we draw upon the grace and power of the Holy Spirit in our time of weakness and need.

The Apostle Paul put it this way for us in Philipians 4:13: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

It does not matter where we have come from. When we experience forgiveness in Jesus Christ, we become "new creations" empowered with true spiritual strength to face the challenges of this life.

#### No camping: Resentments

A second place God does not want us to camp is by our resentments. Sad to say, even people who call themselves Christians may not treat you right. If you and I are going to keep our hearts right and retain the joy of our salvation, we must learn to forgive. Forgiving one another will keep us free and in right relationship to the Lord and others. You and I must choose to forgive. The disciple Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has wronged him. He said "the Pharisees say three," Peter generously suggested seven, but Jesus said, "no, I say 70 times 7."

Was Jesus saying that 490 was the right number of forgivenesses? No! He was saying that we should forgive in the same way God our Heavenly Father has forgiven us: completely, unconditionally.

Colossians 3:13 tells us, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

#### No camping: Failures

A third place the Lord does not want us to camp is by our failures. The truth is almost everything you and I do well today began with failure. Anything worthwhile is learned by trial and error. In many instances we could say that our failures are God's true opportunities. God will not always keep us from falling, but He will always help us get up. If God's grace is at work in our lives, we will always learn from our failures. The testimony of God's Word is full of people who failed, but who did not give up. In those difficult times, we can draw from God's strength and presence. Jesus said to the Apostle Paul when he prayed for strength and deliverance, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Paul understood (v. 10): "For when I am weak then I am strong." The principle is simple dear friends: When we have exhausted all our own strength, we are most willing to invite the Spirit of the Living God to flow through our lives in His strength, power, and love.

#### No camping: Success

Finally, believe it or not, God does not want us to camp by our successes. We are surrounded by people who have built their lives on something that happened many years ago.

There are many believers who live their present lives in the spiritual past. God

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## Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

### May 28

Deputy Struiksma responded to a attempted burglary at Concrete High School. Suspects attempted to gain entry into a concession stand, but were unsuccessful. Damage estimate was \$75. Deputy Struiksma's investigation lead him to two high school students who had recently been suspended. They were both referred to the Skagit County Prosecutor for 2nd-degree criminal trespass and 3rd-degree malicious mischief.

Deputy Struiksma received information that a registered sex offender was walking

### Level 3 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.

#### Self, Ricky Leonard

Age: 59  
Race: W  
Sex: M  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 180  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Address: 341xx  
Hamilton Cemetery  
Rd., Hamilton



Self was convicted of two counts of 3rd-degree rape of a child in Skagit County, in Feb. 2007. His victims were the 9-year-old daughter of his girlfriend and her 11- to 13-year-old sister. Self also was convicted of 2nd-degree attempted child molestation in Skagit County in September 1994. His victim was the 13-year-old daughter of a friend.

Self 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

children to school in Concrete. Deputy Struiksma spoke with Laurie Jarolmik, who is in charge of registration and compliance for the Skagit County Sheriffs Office. It was determined that there was no violation.

### May 29

Deputy Struiksma responded to a vehicle prowling on S. Park St. in Concrete. The victim said that she accidentally left a Washington Apples box in the back portion of her truck on May 26. In that box were ceramic squirrels, angels, and a 1-foot-tall frog standing on two feet near a mailbox. These items were very sentimental to the victim and were considered priceless. These items were given to her by her mother, who has now passed away. There are no suspects at this time.

An anonymous person called and advised there was a female at Loggers Landing whom they believed had a Dept. of Corrections (DOC) warrant. Deputies contacted that individual and the warrant was confirmed. DOC advised that they would not be able to take custody of the individual for 4.5 hours. The female was given a courtesy ride and released.

### May 30

Deputy Moses and K-9 Espo contacted the Concrete School District superintendent at Concrete High School. The superintendent was requesting assistance from them in deploying Espo throughout the high school and middle school in hopes to detect and deter illegal drugs. Espo began searching around vehicles in the parking lot, lockers in the hallways, and the locker room. At one point, Espo showed a change of behavior around lockers, which is an indication of possible drugs. This information was given to the school superintendent.

Sergeant Haagland and Deputy Slack contacted a victim of domestic violence assault on B Ave. in Concrete. The victim explained to them that she had gotten into an argument with her son and he had pushed her from behind, causing her to fall. The suspect had left prior to the deputies' arrival. They searched the area and were unable to locate him. The son was referred to the prosecutor for domestic violence assault.

Deputies were dispatched to an assault call at 45914 Main St., at The Hub tavern in Concrete. The reporting party, an employee with The Hub, advised that bear mace had been sprayed because of a physical altercation. Deputies were advised while en route that the altercation was no longer inside The Hub, and the

three males that were fighting were now outside. Deputies arrived on scene and were told by the bartender that three subjects were trying to fight with other patrons inside the tavern. They were asked to leave and upon failing to do so, the bartender used the bear mace. The results of the investigation led to two of the suspects receiving citations and being released. One of the suspects was booked into the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center for disorderly conduct, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

### June 2

On June 1 at approximately 10:53 p.m., Skagit 911 received a removal complaint from The Hub tavern at 45914 Main St. in Concrete. The bartender reported that a subject she identified by name was in the bar refusing to leave, and that he had previously been banned from the bar by staff. While the bartender was on the phone with Dispatch, patrons were able to get the subject out of the tavern. The subject was able to break back in and assaulted the bartender and patrons with pepper spray. When deputies arrived on scene, they found two of the patrons holding down the subject in the doorway of the tavern. Deputy Wiggins identified

himself to the subject. The subject was not compliant and had continued to spit blood at one of the patrons. Deputies and SCSO officers and Sedro-Woolley Police Dept. began to arrive on scene. They placed a spit mask on the subject, as well as leg restraints, because of his combative behavior. The subject was transported to United General Hospital and then to the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center, where he was booked for 1st-degree burglary, two counts of 2nd-degree assault, and resisting arrest.

Deputies responded to a residence on Pettit St. in Hamilton for a violaton of a no-contact order. The victim told deputies that she was continuing to receive text messages from her ex-boyfriend. The suspect was referred to the Skagit County Prosecutors Office for charges.

### June 4

Deputy Devero received a call to Silo Park at the intersection of N. Superior Ave. and Main St. in Concrete. The reporting party spoke with 911 and said that several youth were in the park, throwing rocks at the bathroom and the lights in the park. Deputy Devero

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## Worship directory

### Assembly of God

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

### Citipoint Church North Cascade

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

### Baptist

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

### Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

### Lyman Church

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

### Catholic

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

### Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

### Episcopal

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

### Free Methodist

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

### Lutheran

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

### Methodist

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

360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com

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

### Mormon

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

### Nondenominational

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

### Community Bible Church

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

### The RIVER Gathering

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

### Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

### Wildwood Chapel

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

### Presbyterian

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



## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

I was undecided about what to write for this month's article—that is, until I noticed the newest edition of *Yanica* waiting for me at the museum. (*Yanica* is the yearbook for Concrete High School.)

On numerous occasions I have found the museum's collection of yearbooks intriguing. I do a lot of research combing through the *Concrete Herald* archives looking for notable stories about the people and places of the Upper Skagit Valley. It may seem hard for current

graduates to recognize there once was a

time when the newspapers did not include pictures to go with every story, whether they were heartwarming tales or major disasters. For that reason I often take a break from reading an article from the old newspapers and delve into the old yearbooks to try and find photos of the people involved in the stories. Doing so makes the news story more relatable, even though the school photo was often taken years before they made the news.

For many young people, graduation from high school marks their entry into the "real" world—the world where they will have the opportunity to make history. There is a popular misconception that their history will only be important if it leads to fame and fortune. As a student

of history, I can assure everyone that notion is folly. We all make important contributions to the future that will become "history." As our graduates go out into the world, assure them that making history has little to do with being famous. For every inventor's great idea, it took countless others to make that idea a reality. The fact that the inventor exists took a seemingly endless number of people in their ancestral line to make the body, and maybe an equal number to shape the person they became.

I realize that many like to read this article because I write about the history of years past, but every day we make tomorrow's history. Today's graduates are full of promise and potential, as we all are. The difference is they have yet to become shackled to the notions about all the things they can't do. Therein lies the hope for our collective future.

Now open every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. through September, the museum already has attracted visitors from around the world. Arrange special tours by calling/e-mailing 360.853.8347 (jboggs@wawg.com) or 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com).

—John Boggs

## Civil Air Patrol

The Concrete Civil Air Patrol group of Skagit Composite Squadron has a new home! In June the Concrete Town Council voted to allow our group to meet in the pilot's lounge at Mears Field airport on an ongoing basis. We look forward to a long relationship with Town of Concrete as our group continues to grow with both new cadets and new senior members. Many thanks to Mayor Jason Miller and the council members for their support of Civil Air Patrol in Concrete.

Upcoming events for your local Civil Air Patrol squadron: June 27–July 6, squadron Deputy Commander Lt. Siebecke and Chaplain Lt. Elliott will attend and work as Senior Training Officers at Cascade Falcon Encampment—a week-long mini-boot camp experience for cadets at Camp Casey in Coupeville. Of the 196 registered

from eight states, seven from our squadron will be attending.

On July 13, Concrete Old Fashioned Fly-In at Mears Field. Look for Skagit Composite Squadron at our information and recruitment booth, where we will host activities for kids and their families, with paper rockets to build, pre-assembled foam rockets to fly, and a flight simulator.

Our meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, 6 p.m. This month in Concrete we will meet only on July 9 and 30, but will be back to a regular weekly schedule starting Aug. 6 for our once-a-month meeting in Burlington.

If you have any questions, please email either kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov or the squadron commander at robert.shupe@wawg.cap.gov.

—2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Thank you to all of you who voted on the entries from the **Photography Contest** we held for National Photography Month in May. Congratulations to our winners:

- Tina Warren, 1st place in Nature/Landscape.
- Wayne Carter, 1st place in Black & White.
- Taleah Swanson, 1st place in Texture/Macro.

### Drop-In Tech Tutoring continues.

On the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., stop in with your computer, smartphone, or tablet questions and we will help.

**Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees meeting** will be July 11 at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome.

Summer has arrived, and that means it is time for the **Summer Reading Program**. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." Drop by the library anytime this summer to sign up, then pick up your reading packet and read your way to a free book and other great prizes!

**Silly Saturdays:** Drop in, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find five silly things in the library and win a small prize. For all ages. Saturdays, June 15 to Aug. 10.

**Out of this World Craftnemoons:** Every Wednesday in July, 3 to 4 p.m. at the library. Get your super-craftiness on as we make free, universe-themed crafts. All ages.

**Concrete Youth Activity Day:** July 12, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location: Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete. Enjoy a free day for youth and families, with field games, hands-on activities, live music and

entertainment, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, drinks, connection with resource providers, prizes, and an outdoor movie. Special entertainment sponsored by Upper Skagit Library at 1:30 p.m.: Wren & Della Circus Show!

**50-year moon landing anniversary,** July 20. Watch footage of the moon landing and learn how to do cool space things on your phone or computer. Drop in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All ages. Free event.

**Space Quest with Heidi Larson:** Aug. 2, 3 to 4 p.m. Location: library lawn. Explore space at each station. All ages. Free event.

**The Reptile Man:** Aug. 9, 4 to 5 p.m. Location: library lawn. See and learn about exotic reptiles from around the world. All dangerous snakes have been surgically de venomized. All ages. Free event.

Also, like last year, we are having an **Adult Summer Reading Program**. Stop by the library to get your reading challenge log! Finish by Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. and be entered to win reading-related prizes! And, in keeping with the theme of "A Universe of Stories," on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m., Astronomer Bob Scott will present a talk titled "The Moon and the Space Race." Free adult event. Refreshments provided.

For all program details and what's new in books, audiobooks, and movies check us out at our new Web site, [www.upper-skagitlibrary.org](http://www.upper-skagitlibrary.org). You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

## July at the Darrington Library

### Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, July 3–31; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.
- Explore Summer: Create Your Own Galaxy, Thur., July 11, 3 to 4:30 p.m., ages 7 and up.
- Explore Summer: Alien Space Craft (create your own pom-pom alien), Thur., July 25, 3 p.m., ages 7 and up.

### Tweens & Teens

- Explore Summer: Galaxy Slime, Tue.,

July 16, 3 p.m.; wear old clothes, ages 9 and up.

### All Ages

- Friends of the Darrington Library meeting, Wed., July 17, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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intercepted the three juveniles in question. It turned out they had not done any damage to any of the lights or the bathroom or the fence, which they were throwing rocks at. Deputy Devero did advise them that actions like this would not be tolerated and should it continue he would cite them for malicious mischief.

Deputies responded to Loggers Landing as there was a report of a subject there with a warrant for his arrest. The subject was refusing to come out of the bathroom, but with assistance from his mother, deputies were able to talk the subject into coming out. He was arrested and booked into the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center on the outstanding warrant.

Deputy Struiksma responded to a Domestic Violence Assault on E. Cascade Rd. near Marblemount. The victim told Deputy Struiksma that her boyfriend, who was intoxicated, had pushed her down and kicked her several times. The suspect was not located and was referred to the Skagit County Prosecutors Office for domestic

violence assault charges.

### June 7

Deputy Moore observed a driver going 34 mph at Douglas Vose III and SR 20 in Concrete when a dog ran out into the roadway. The driver swerved, but still struck the dog. Then dog suffered facial injuries and an injured front leg. The owner of the dog transported the dog to the vet.

### June 8

Deputies responded to Boots Bar & Grill in Hamilton for a fight. Deputies spoke with several patrons, who appeared to be highly intoxicated. Deputies were told that the bartender had been assaulted. Deputies looked for the bartender, but she had gone home for the evening. The owner was advised that if there was an assault inside his business, he is required to call 911 and not to let his employee go home per the requirements of his liquor license. The owner was cited for over service and referred to the Liquor Control Board.

### June 9

Deputy Montgomery responded to the

Cascade River Park in Marblemount for a graffiti complaint. An employee reported someone had spray painted the public telephone. Deputy Montgomery located the suspect, who told him she was upset that she had hurt herself and when she went to use the phone to call 911, it wasn't working. She became upset and spray painted the phone. She was given a citation for 3rd-degree malicious mischief.

### June 10

Deputy Wolfe responded to Concrete High School for a fight between two students. It was determined that the two students were fighting over a girl. The school principal advised they would handle the incident internally.

Deputy Devero responded to the Marblemount Fire Hall after receiving a complaint of someone doing doughnuts in the parking lot. He contacted two individuals in a vehicle, who were using the WiFi. They denied any involvement and were asked to leave.

### June 11

Deputy Tweit responded to an animal complaint on Rietze Ave. in Concrete.

The complainant said that her neighbor had sicced his dog on her as she was walking by. Deputy Tweit was told that that she has a good relationship with this individual and could not understand why he would sic his dog on her. Deputy Tweit tried to make contact with the individual, but he wouldn't answer the door.

### June 13

Deputy Montgomery located a vehicle stalled in the roadway at the intersection of Sauk Valley Rd. and SR 20. He had the driver pull off the roadway and notice that the registration displayed had expired. He contacted the driver and, after asking for her license, was told she did not have one. The driver told him that she only had an ID card and that her driver's license was suspended. Deputy Montgomery issued the driver a citation for 3rd-degree driving with a suspended license.

### June 16

Deputy Wiggins received a complaint from the owner of 5b's Bakery on Main St. in Concrete of someone shooting

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# Out & About



## State

### State proposes to increase ferry fares

Ferry customers and anyone with an interest in Washington State Ferries fares are being asked to weigh in on a new fare proposal that would take effect starting this October.

The Washington State Transportation Commission has released its proposal to increase ferry fares during the next two years. The proposed increase must generate \$407 million in fare revenue between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2021, as required in the recently passed two-year state transportation budget for Washington State Ferries operations.

The commission's proposal includes two ferry fare increases during the next two

years and an increase in the current capital surcharge paid on each fare, as required by the Legislature to support construction of a new vessel. The commission proposed these increases after considering input from Washington State Ferries, the Ferry Advisory Committee on Tariffs, and public input gathered through a series of ferry community meetings in April and May 2019.

A summary of the ferry fare and policy proposal is as follows:

- Proposed fare increase for Oct. 1, 2019: 2.5 percent fare increase for vehicles. An additional 5 percent fare increase for oversize vehicles on the Anacortes/Sidney, B.C., route. Two percent fare increase for passengers.
- Reservation no-show fee will be increased up to 100 percent of the one-way fare paid, based on a standard-sized vehicle.
- The time in which transfers can be

made on the San Juan Islands Inter-island ferry is valid through the end of the service day it was issued.

- Proposed fare increase for May 1, 2020: 2.5 percent fare increase for small and standard sized vehicles. An additional 5 percent fare increase for oversize vehicles on the Anacortes/Sidney, B.C., route. Two percent fare increase for passengers. 25-cent increase for the capital surcharge, dedicated to the construction of a new vessel.

This proposal also allows Washington State Ferries to pursue two different potential pilot programs to test changes to fares and fare collection methods:

- Low Income Fare Pilot: Starting no earlier than 2020 and contingent on receiving funding from the State Legislature and approval from the commission, this pilot would test a special passenger fare for low-income customers. If implemented, the pilot would run for no more than three years.
- "Good to Go!" Pilot: This pilot would test the use of the "Good to Go!" system currently used to collect tolls on highways and bridges, to also collect ferry fares. Special fares might be established as part of this pilot, with approval from the commission. If implemented, the pilot would run for up to three years.

The commission will hold its final hearing on the fare proposal on Tue., Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Puget Sound Regional Council's Board Room, 1011 Western Ave., Ste. 500, Seattle. Public comment will be taken and the commission is expected to vote on the final fare and policy changes at this hearing.

Through Monday, July 29, the public is encouraged to provide comments on all of the proposed fare changes. Comments can be provided in the following formats:

- Online open house: Learn more about the fare proposal and "vote" on each proposed change at [ferryfarecomments.participate.online](http://ferryfarecomments.participate.online).

- E-mail: [transc@wstc.wa.gov](mailto:transc@wstc.wa.gov). Indicate "Ferry Fares" in the subject line.
- In writing: Washington State Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47308  
Olympia, WA 98504-7308

For more information on the transportation commission or its ferry fare proposal, go to the commission's Web site: [www.wstc.wa.gov](http://www.wstc.wa.gov).

### Eslick to be recognized for expanding behavioral health care access

Rep. Carolyn Eslick, R-Sultan, has been selected by members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to receive their 2019 Behavioral Health Champion Award for her work on improving access to adolescent behavioral health care.

NAMI members will present the award to Eslick on Wed., July 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sultan City Council Chambers, 319 Main St., Sultan.

During the 2019 legislative session, the 39th District lawmaker co-sponsored House Bill 1874, recently signed into law by the governor, which makes changes to the parent-initiated treatment process for adolescents over the age of 13.

"Rep. Eslick's efforts to expand youth access to behavioral health services in the 2019 session will benefit countless young people and families," said Brad Forbes, NAMI Washington's director of public policy. "We were fortunate to work with her to update Parent Initiated Treatment law, providing families more tools to help

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their struggling teenagers access needed care."

Eslick says the changes were long overdue.

"Children's mental health matters. Many parents feel helpless when their kids need treatment. Thought and attention need to be given to this important aspect of their lives," said Eslick. "As incredibly honored as I am to receive this award, I'm more pleased to see our state begin to take the right steps toward providing better care for the mental and emotional needs of children."

NAMI Washington is a grassroots advocacy organization representing the interests of people living with mental illness and their families.

## Mt. Vernon

### Shakespeare Festival runs July 19–Aug. 17

Spend a night with Shakespeare at the beautiful Rexville-Blackrock

Amphitheatre for Shakespeare Northwest's 18th Annual Skagit River Shakespeare Festival. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to enjoy Shakespeare outdoors and under the stars.

This year offers two shows of love and romance: "Twelfth Night" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," playing many evenings between July 19 and Aug. 17. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 4 p.m.

All performances take place at the Rexville-Blackrock Amphitheatre, located at 19299 Rexville Grange Rd. in Mount Vernon. Tickets can be purchased online on Facebook, [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com), soon at [www.shakesnw.org](http://www.shakesnw.org), or at the gate.

An "Ironman" performance will be held on July 27: one day, three shows, one collector's t-shirt. The day begins with a matinee performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," followed by "Once Upon A Shakespearean Tale," followed by "Twelfth Night."

For cast lists and a schedule, go to the Shakespeare Northwest Facebook page or [www.shakesnw.org](http://www.shakesnw.org) for more information. Twitter and Instagram: @ShakespeareNW.

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### Hero Craft Fair seeks vendors for November fundraiser

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

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

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

fee is \$75, which includes an 8' x 10' space and free coffee. A table, a chair, and electricity are available for a small additional fee. Registration is due by Sept. 16. Checks should be made payable to Robert Longdon and mailed to him at P.O. Box 672, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Hero Craft Fair will be held at the Heritage Flight Museum, 15053 Crosswind Dr., Burlington. The fair will be open:

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

Interested vendors and anyone who wants to learn more about the event should contact Longdon at 360.399.3069 [herocraftfairmv@gmail.com](mailto:herocraftfairmv@gmail.com).

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a BB gun at the front windows of her business. A customer reported seeing a white vehicle driving by at the time of the shooting. There was no further description.

#### June 17

Deputy Wolfe responded to Concrete High School for a vandalism complaint. He contacted Superintendent Wayne Barrett, who reported multiple students damaging a school bus on school property during the previous weekend. Deputy Wolfe learned that three males, all Concrete students, had been involved in coming to school property sometime on Fri., June 14. While the students were on the property, they were loitering around the grandstands. Next to the grandstands was a school bus that had caught fire earlier in the year. The school bus windows were now damaged, which appeared to be caused by rocks being thrown at the windows. The incident was captured on school video surveillance. One of the students involved was contacted and expelled. Other individuals involved will be contacted at a later time.

#### June 18

Deputy Devero responded to the intersection of N. Park Ave. and Main St. in Concrete for a suspicious male parked on the hill, looking around with binoculars. He contacted a male who told him that he parked on the hill because he was trying to see if his ex-girlfriend was going to pick up her new friend. Deputy Devero told him that it was extremely suspicious that he was there looking

around with binoculars. He also advised that spying on his ex like that could be considered stalking and he could find himself in trouble for that. The man said he would leave and go home.

#### June 19

Deputies responded to Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove for a report of a woman walking down the road screaming at a male in a white Pontiac. Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate the subjects involved.

#### June 20

Deputy Devero received a fraud complaint at a residence on Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. The complainant had received a phone call from someone who wanted them to take a PSE survey. The complainant did not believe that this was a valid survey as the number was a private number from Bellevue. The complainant did not provide any information to the caller.

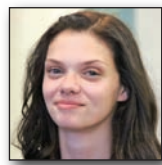
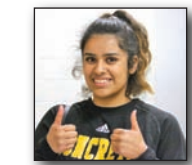
Animal Control Officer Diaz responded to Emmanuel Lane in Birdview regarding loose goats. She contacted the owner, who told Officer Diaz she was securing the goats right then.

#### June 24

Sgt. Dills responded to Cedar Grove for a fireworks complaint. Tribal Officer Backstrom was in the area as well, investigating a fireworks complaint on tribal land. The areas were checked; they were not able to locate anyone with fireworks.

—Compiled by Deputy Terry Esskew





# Smile



## Collin's realm of truly awful jokes

What do you call a concert on a mountain?  
Peak performance.



Yesterday while shopping, an employee was removing empty cardboard boxes from the shelves in the aisle near us. Approaching us and our three barely contained energetic boys, he asked, "Do you know how to tell if your kids are cat people or dog people?" Seth and I shrugged, the way you do when a complete stranger asks an odd question that is most likely leading to a punch line. The man took one of his large boxes and set it on the floor. Alistair, hesitating no more than half a second, climbed into the box. "Cat person!" The man announced, and walked away.

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Scenery: The green stuff you see between billboards.

## Dwelleysms:

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

"We know the key to success is hard work — it's just that we can't find a padlock in our color scheme."

—April 23, 1969

"It is generally considered that past generations have ruined our country to reap a profit. Natural resources, once unlimited, can now be tabulated, and the picture is not pretty. The repair work will be expensive for future generations who are unprepared to use any object that is not disposable."

"We are fairly safe from natural disasters for a while. Nobody has applied for television rights."

"The first rule of conduct for an overcrowded situation is to figure out how to get the rest of the group to make allowances for your failure to make allowances for their comfort."

"Many a man has started down the road to ruin, only to find that it was a detour instead of a shortcut to a life of pleasure."

"Daylight Saving Time, like Shakespeare's Macbeth, 'murders sleep.'"

"You are getting old and crabby when you can't remember the first real day of summer, but can recall in detail the first mosquito bite."

—April 30, 1969

"Political scandal once had a broader base. Now that sex is no longer an eye-lifter, money is going to have to bear the whole load."

—May 7, 1969

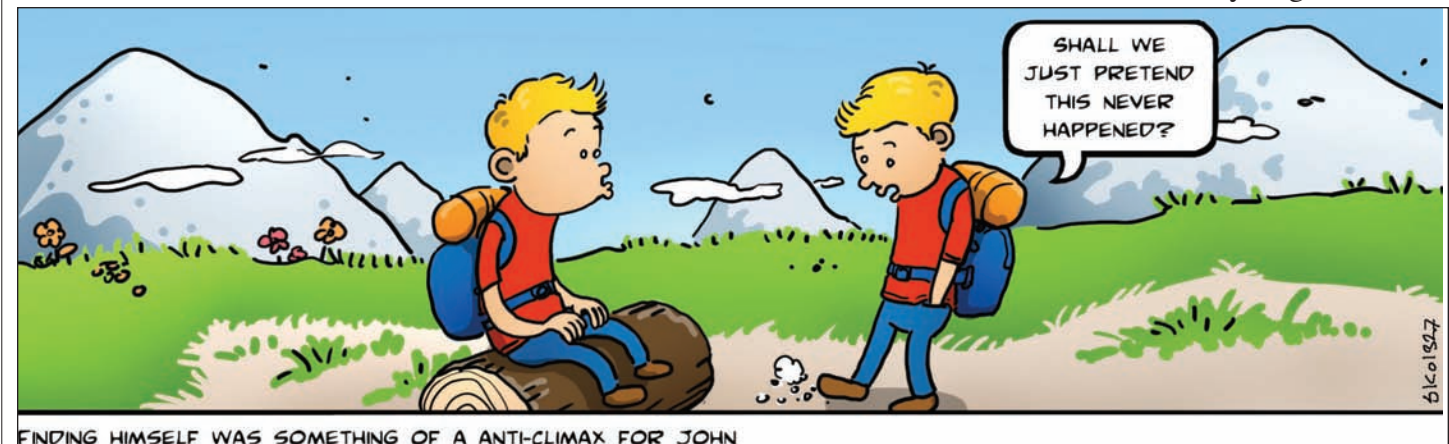
## Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



## Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



## Crossword: "Looking Sharp"

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17				18						19				
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			22			23				24	25	26	27	28
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60	61	62	63					64						
65					66						67			
68					69						70			

### Across

- Big name in mapmaking
- States of deep sleep
- \_\_\_-mutton
- On the safe side, at sea
- Holdup
- Let out
- Losing in a boxing match
- Scraps
- Ilk
- One-spots
- Close-knit group
- Enjoy a rebound romance, maybe
- Marker letters
- Ayatollah's land
- Sword handle
- Once
- Uncle Sam feature
- Gulf V.I.P.
- Celeb
- Sadlike structures
- "We're number \_\_\_!"
- Making a commitment
- Bowie's last stand
- Cast aspersions on
- Mishmash
- Bologna home

- Negative intuition
- Milano moolah
- Amber or umber
- Catalina, e.g.
- Jet black
- Jabs, in a way
- Small islands

### Down

- X-ray units
- \_\_\_ vera
- Former Speaker Gingrich
- \_\_\_hygienist
- Elect
- Done, to Donne
- Hand protector
- Far from ruddy
- Big first for a baby
- "Seinfeld" uncle
- It'll never get off the ground
- Kind of mill
- Giant Giant
- Central points
- Anatomical sacs
- Most artful
- Turkish title
- Inferior deity

- Firing up
- Main dish
- Religious celebration
- Relating to the trunk artery
- Capital of Zambia
- Spinachlike plant
- Differs
- Conclude
- Barber's job
- Catch
- Breakfast area
- Certain tools
- Cousin of a mandolin
- Language family
- Spank
- Knowing, as a secret
- Eye rakishly
- A Simpson
- With understanding
- Long, long time
- "Prince \_\_\_" ("Aladdin" song)
- Anger, e.g.
- Annoy
- Aye's opposite
- Adversary

## 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.

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

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

## Funny as Facebook

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

- "Is anyone else annoyed by multi-sentence FB posts that have no punctuation whatsoever?"
- "Can any former Troop 326 Boy Scouts explain why I woke up with the Camp Parsons Hullabaloo song stuck in my head? Stuff like this filling my brain is why I can't remember things."
- "Birch Bay Waterslides is overpriced. That is all."
- "Old people dinner: Ham steak with cabbage, carrots, onion. Mmmm."
- "Been in Tacoma five minutes and I've already encountered three large neck tattoos and a pile of malt liquor cans."

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does not want only our experience with Him to be a pleasant memory; it must be a present reality. Our past blessings are not enough to live on today! They were intended to strengthen our faith to trust God in the challenges we are facing now. He is faithful!

Let us embrace the strong admonition of the Apostle Paul when he encouraged us to be “forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead” (Philippians 3:13b), not camping by those things and in those places that will stunt our spiritual growth. Instead, let us embrace the resources and blessings God has freely given us that will build us up in our relationship to the Lord and others.

*Bruce Martin is pastor of Concrete Assembly of God.*

and eventually all of us would pay.

This is really the biggest political argument the state has ever had. The political arena is where it belongs. If some people think an income tax is a good idea, all they have to do is convince the rest of us. They’ve been trying for 90 years. No wonder they’d rather go to court.

*Mark Schoesler is a state senator for the 9th Legislative District.*

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order to prevent stormwater from entering the sewer system through them, repair cracks in concrete pipes, and prevent inflow and infiltration at side sewers that drain into existing CIPP lines.

#### Cedar Street road and pedestrian improvements

SRV Construction will begin improvements to Cedar Street this month, with completion expected by the end of September. The project includes construction of ADA-compliant sidewalks and curbs, new gutters, and cement/concrete driveway entrances, and replacement of the existing waterline with a 12-inch water main from Superior Ave. S. to S. Park. Funding for the project comes from a Transportation Improvement Board grant awarded in November 2017. The efforts are meant to facilitate pedestrian traffic in the area by making it more accessible.

#### South Rietze road, sidewalk, and waterline improvements

The sister project to the Cedar St. improvements, S. Rietze will see construction occurring at the same time, though funding for the projects is separate. Funds from the Town of Concrete will go toward waterline improvements on S. Rietze from the intersection of Cedar and moving south for 500 feet, while outside funding to the tune of \$86,000 was applied and awarded for road and sidewalk improvements in the same area. To maximize cost savings, work on S. Rietze has been incorporated into the Cedar St. project; both projects are anticipated for completion this fall.

#### Water storage/system improvements

This project includes replacement of the existing fir tank reservoir (a wooden water tank) with a 200,000-gallon concrete tank, plus waterline improvements. The project began in 2017, but was suspended because of state legislative budget issues. In February 2018, state funding became available and planning resumed in March. Final designs were submitted in September 2018, and construction was due to begin in 2019; however, delays outside of the town’s control, in addition to what Hart referred to as an “unadventurous spring bidding environment” have stalled the project once again. The town and the funding source have agreed to postpone further advertisement until fall, with the hopes that construction will finally begin in 2020.

The undertaking is required by the Department of Health and will enable the town to keep a record of water that leaves the system but is not consumed by residents in order to boost water efficiency.

#### Townwide metering improvements

Mandated by the Department of Health, the town is working to provide metered water service to all water system users currently under a fixed monthly fee. The Public Works Department continues to perform meter installations at existing setters, despite the fact that major progress has stalled once again. Like the water storage/system improvements, this project was suspended in 2017 due to state legislative budget issues, but resumed once funding became available again in February 2018. Design restarted in March, final design documents were submitted in September, and final administrative review occurred in October. Two attempts had been made this past spring to hire a contractor for the project; both attempts resulted in bids that were outside of the town’s financial abilities.

#### Secondary school access improvements

The east end of Airport Way will connect to SR 20, creating an alternate access route to the town airport and Concrete School District in addition to the current S. Superior Ave. access. This project has been pursued by the town for more than a decade, because it is unwise to have a single point of entry to critical infrastructure such as the airport and the school district in case of emergencies. So far, the town has received more than \$700,000 in funds from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant applications. Engineering design is complete, but right-of-way purchases from owners of land bordering the proposed roadway paths (fully funded via the FHWA) still need to be completed before construction can begin. In June the Skagit Council of Governments Surface Transportation Program recommended that this project be awarded an additional \$800,000 to complete. The town may also pursue additional funds from the Transportation Improvement Board, state appropriations, and other sources. It is hoped that construction can begin in 2021.

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Site: Tax Parcels P41077 and P41064.  
Petitioner: FORTERRA HAMILTON LLC, 901 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 2200, SEATTLE, WA 98164.

**Public Hearing:** The hearing will be conducted at a special meeting of the Hamilton Town Council on July 8, 2019, at 6:30 PM or soon thereafter, in the Hamilton First Baptist Church, 797 Hamilton Cemetery Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA.

**Public Comment:** The hearing is open to the public. All interested persons wishing to voice approval or disapproval regarding the proposed annexation are invited to appear at the public hearing and submit comment verbally or in writing.

**More Information:** Information on this proposal is contained in the official file available for public review during normal business hours at Hamilton Town Hall.

Town of Hamilton, Beth Easterday, Town Clerk

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