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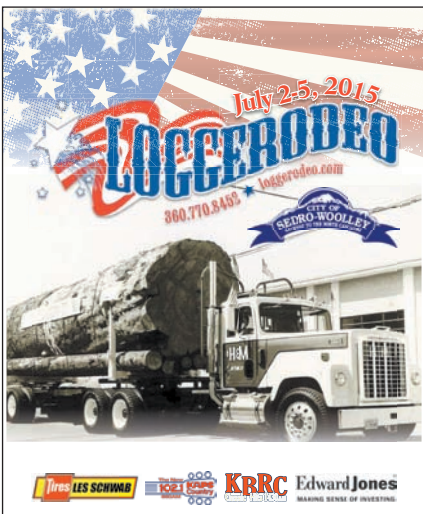
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From the editor

Volunteering: An exponential effect

Last month I was again reminded of the power of volunteers in our rural communities. When a task is placed before them, two people often will finish it in half the time. But as the number of volunteers increases, the outcome seems to multiply at an exponential rate. I've seen this theory at play in the community garden, in our parks and other public spaces, and in local fundraising efforts.

No question about it: Volunteering helps our communities in measurable and immeasurable ways. It doesn't matter where you choose to give your time; every effort you make will bear fruit. Just grab a root and growl. I get a phone call from someone new to the area every other week or so, asking me how they can get involved in the Concrete area on a volunteer basis. I always tell them to start by looking at the "Community Meetings" box on p. 15 of every issue of *Concrete Herald*, because so many opportunities are there. They simply need to find something that resonates with them and get on board. How would you like to give back to your community?

—J. K. M.

Blast from the Past

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Playhouse winner is grateful

At Woodfest 2015, held on April 11–12, I was the very lucky person to win the raffle of a wonderful playhouse (above) built by the Sedro-Woolley High School students from Mike Stewart's woodshop class of 2014.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mike Stewart; students from his class of 2014 who built the playhouse—Harrison Oudman, Jacob Macchi, Levi Weppler, and Bailey Meins—and the students of his 2015 class who helped to move the playhouse to its new home in my yard.

I am so happy to have it, and I know that all my grandchildren will have fun playing in the playhouse. I have named it the "Cub House," since all my children attended Sedro-Woolley schools and some of my grandchildren will also. Thank you!

Carol Torset
Sedro-Woolley

Thank you from Community Action

On behalf of Community Action of Skagit County, I want to thank Dr. Carl Bruner, the Mount Vernon School District, and the Washington Association of School Administrators for the "Community Leadership Award" given in recognition of outstanding community leadership and contributions to the improvement of public education.

We are honored to be partners in stabilizing families and equipping them for success.

Bill Henkel, Executive Director
Community Action, Mount Vernon

Thanks to YD, Boy Scouts

I couldn't be happier with the efforts put forth by Youth Dynamics and Boy Scout volunteers in the community garden in May.

During separate outings, the groups weeded more than a dozen of the largest raised beds, and spread landscape fabric and wood chips to smother weeds in the pathways.

Their hard work will make it easier for co-manager Marla Reed and I to plant more food for the food bank this year. We've harvested about 4,000 lbs. of produce for the food bank in four years.

Jason Miller, co-manager
Angele Cupples Community Garden

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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller



Town of Concrete received word on May 28 that the state transportation budget had passed the Legislature and was on its way to the governor's desk for his signature. We're very excited about this, because that budget includes \$477,000 for our planned **Park and Ride** facility along the west edge of Silo Park (where the undeveloped parking area is now).

We continue to keep our fingers crossed that money from a separate state budget will come through for our planned **Water Spray Park**, also to be built at Silo Park.

What a day May 16 was! More than 100 people showed up to help the town dedicate and celebrate the completion of our new **Fire and Life Safety Facility**. This project was a fine example of collaboration among several layers of government, and our town has every reason to be proud of the result.

Keep an eye on the south side of SR 20 this month (due south of Cascade Supply): We're installing a **wayfinding sign** that will advertise Town Center and area businesses to drivers. Because of stringent WSDOT regulations surrounding signage on historic byways, this sign is three years in the making. Big, big thanks to Deputy Clerk Corrina Hart for braving the WSDOT waters and finding a way for the town to advertise more of what it has to offer!

Recent conversations during council meetings compel me to explain **how we fund our major projects**: We have a list of what needs to be done above and below ground, and keep our ears to the ground daily for grant opportunities that will allow us to complete them. When an opportunity arises for a specific project type, we apply for it. Most of the time, we're successful; sometimes we have to wait for another chance. One thing to remember, however, is that our priorities don't override the parameters set by the grant administrators.

Concrete Mayor Jason Miller can be reached at goodwords@frontier.com or 360.853.8213.

Commentary

The lasting legacy of Andrew Carnegie

Andrew Carnegie was one of the people instrumental in the shaping of America at the turn of the last century. His origins and future seemed stark, being born into an extremely poor family in Scotland in 1835 while famine gripped that nation. His father borrowed money to afford passage for the family to emigrate to the United States in 1848 in search of a better life. Upon arrival, Andrew began working as a bobbin boy, changing spools of thread in a cotton mill, 12 hours a day, six days a week, for \$1.20 per week.

Andrew knew early on that he was destined for greater things. He was industrious, ambitious, a quick learner, and shrewd. Those characteristics drove him to seek, find, and excel at many jobs while establishing a network of contacts to help him further his aspirations. The era was one of forging new horizons and establishing new sets of rules for the economic system we now call capitalism. Many of the business practices and ethics used to attain fame and fortunes during that time would be considered illegal or unethical by today's standards, but at the time they were not uncommon.

Carnegie was not a man without principles, however. After he attained financial success, he charted a new course for his life and made a rather obscure word popular in our culture, that of philanthropy. Put in more popular terms, it means doing something for the greater good. While charity is merely giving a man a fish, philanthropy is providing the knowledge and the means to fish.

Carnegie's most well-known niche in this endeavor is of promoting and helping to build more than 1,700 public libraries around the United States. Locally, the construction of the original public libraries in Anacortes, Burlington, and Sedro-Woolley resulted from grants he bestowed.

Some people might get the impression that Carnegie was a do-gooder or a bleeding heart liberal. Nothing could be further from the truth; he was staunchly conservative in everything he did. He built libraries because he considered them to be good investments in the future. Carnegie didn't just throw money at library projects. He required proof that the community was willing to financially contribute to the initial construction and

ongoing support to operate it. He required that future operations be financed by tax revenues and that they be open to the public. In this way he also helped define what American Democracy is all about. He believed that citizens should have opportunities, but they also should bear responsibility for them.

That same concept continues today regarding public libraries. After all, a building in itself does not make a library—it needs the community's support to thrive. Not everyone can be an Andrew Carnegie who gave almost \$5 billion in today's currency to build libraries, but each of us can accept the responsibility to do our part.

Submitted by the Join the Library Committee.

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Concrete celebrates new Fire and Life Safety Facility

By Haley McNealey
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

Editor's note: Photos from the May 16 dedication and ribbon-cutting are on pages 20-21.

Concrete celebrated the official dedication of its Fire and Life Safety Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 16 commemorating the efforts of various entities within and outside of the community who helped bring the project to fruition during the past 15 years.

The Fire and Life Safety Facility is the result of the efforts of many individuals and groups who recognized the need for a new, relocated facility to protect the town and its firefighters. Historically, there have been many fires in Concrete, a few of which wiped out many of the wooden buildings that existed at the time. Over the years, the fire service has been improved with new equipment, and the fire service has evolved to respond to other emergencies in addition to fires. The Fire and Life Safety Facility is a leap

forward in that journey, serving as the new home of the Concrete Volunteer Fire Department. The new building has ample room for three engines and includes an office, a day room with kitchen facilities, a training area, a restroom, and ample storage. "Plus, the roof's not caving in," said one firefighter, referring to the department's previous accommodations.

Firefighter Corrina Hart welcomed the new building. "As a firefighter/EMT with the Town of Concrete, I am excited to finally have a first-rate facility to assist in providing improved training opportunities for our firefighters and continued emergency services to the Town of Concrete and my community," she said.

During the ceremony, some leaders of the project shared the story of how the project was brought to life. Among the speakers were Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, former Mayor Judd Wilson, Fire Chief Rich Philips, Senator Kirk Pearson, congressional liaison Karlee Deatheridge, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, former Commissioner Sharon Dillon, and grant writer Michelle Mazzola.

Mayor Miller began the ceremony by recognizing two people who were significantly responsible for this project, former Mayor Wilson and Fire Chief Philips. "What you're looking at here is an example of what can happen when town government, county government, state, and federal governments work together and all have their eyes on the same prize," Miller said. "We couldn't have done this without everyone's help."

In his remarks, Wilson extended gratitude and recognition to Mazzola, Dillon, Congressman Rick Larsen, Pearson, and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene for their role in helping the facility become a reality. Philips emphasized the efforts of former firefighter Tom Jones and other volunteers.

Mayor Miller introduced Senator Pearson, "who regularly goes to bat for this town, getting funding for us for several important projects that are going to help us regain our vitality."

Senator Pearson, who has been involved in legislature for 15 years, recalled touring the previous building, located at the east end of the town center, eight years ago. "We understood the problem, but we weren't able to get money in the capital

budget at that time," he recalled.

He went on to describe a second tour, about three years ago: "I could literally see how far the station was sliding down [toward] the Baker River."

Pearson concluded his portion of the ceremony by acknowledging the critical role community members have had in the success of the project. "I am very proud of this, but more importantly, I am proud of all of you for your letters of support," he said. "When our chairman of the capital budget committee heard the letters and saw that there was strong support, he knew that this had to take place. So thank you all. Give yourselves a pat on the back."

Representative Dan Kristiansen, 39th District, was unable to attend the ceremony, but expressed similar sentiments in a letter read by Mayor Miller. "I wish to thank and congratulate everyone who had a part in this project," his statement said in part. "Senator Kirk Pearson and I came to tour the old fire department structure, [and] it was evident that a replacement was greatly needed. [We] understood the importance of a new facility for the community, so we supported the drive to secure funding for a new public safety building. This will allow for proper storage of the community's fire trucks, it will serve as a training facility for many eastern Skagit County departments, and it is in a more centralized location, allowing for quicker response time. It will allow for future expansion of other city services. But, above all, this facility will be the central command station from which to save lives. This is a life-saving facility, and that is what makes it one of the most important structures within the town of Concrete."

Congresswoman DelBene was also unable to make it to the ceremony but plans to tour the facility during the summer. Deatheridge, congressional liaison, presented excerpts from a statement from the congresswoman, who shared her congratulations to the town. "This ceremony is to honor the years of hard work that will put Concrete's Volunteer Fire Department into a new home that meets the needs of a modern fire department."

Dillon, who was commissioner during the formation of the project, gave credit

to the parties involved in the completion of the project and expressed her approval of the final outcome. "I am truly honored to be just a very, very small part of this building. I am so proud of the people that have worked on it," she said. "This is a culmination of two people's dreams. When they planted the seed and they moved forward, they got everybody else involved—volunteers, all of the citizens of Concrete—and then they went wider: They went to Skagit County, they went to the state, and then the federal government... Congratulations to the town, to the former leaders of this town, and to the present leaders of this town. You guys do great work."

The final speaker for the dedication ceremony was Mazzola, who helped secure the grant from the Department of Commerce to fund the project. "There have been three keys to getting a grant funded, and that's the time, the place, and the people."

Mazzola went on to credit Wilson. "I needed a person with a dream, and that was Judd. He had a dream, he had a vision, and he would never give up." She also extended praise to Andrea Fichter, the town clerk, for her dedication to the project and to the town, and recognized elected officials and the community.

Mayor Miller concluded the ceremony by giving thanks to each of the speakers, members of town staff, firefighters, members of the town council, and the town engineer, Cody Hart, who worked closely with architects and the town to reduce costs for the project by more than \$200,000. The dedication was followed by the flag presentation, performed by Milo Sligar with Interwest Construction Incorporated.

The opening of the Fire and Life Safety Facility enables Concrete's volunteer fire department to better protect town citizens. Along with the many leaders and community members, its completion was also dependent on the commitment of the many brave volunteers who have served Concrete throughout the years.

Writer Haley McNealey is a 2015 graduate of Concrete High School. Editor Katy Tomasulo lives in Seattle. Fred Freeman contributed to this report.

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Concrete resident Tobī Stidman lays a wreath in honor of military service members who died during World War II at the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Park Cemetery near Concrete on May 25. The ceremony included special speakers, a reading of names of deceased members of the Upper Valley community, a gun salute by members of the George Baldrige American Legion Post 43 in Sedro-Woolley, and a playing of "Taps" by local musician Taylor Mathis. The ceremony was conducted by members of Heskett-Arnold American Legion Post 132 in Concrete.

On the ballot

The following individuals have filed for public office in Concrete and will be on the August and/or November ballots:

- Council Position 1: Jason Driver, Bill Sullivan, Rob Thomas, Chris Thun

- Council Position 2: Maryann Holbrook, David Pfeiffer
- Council Position 4: Marla Reed
- Council Position 5: Ginger Kyritsis

McNealey nabs legislative scholarship

Concrete High School senior and *Concrete Herald* reporter Haley McNealey is this year's recipient of the Washington state 39th Legislative District Democrats college scholarship for \$500.

McNealey's application included an essay in which she pointed out how Eleanor Roosevelt worked tirelessly to champion the causes of the underserved. Like Roosevelt, McNealey too hopes to be a voice for the people as a journalist.

McNealey already demonstrates leadership by helping other students be successful in school and volunteering in her community. As a budding journalist, she represents *Concrete Herald* at town meetings. Haley will pursue her academic dreams by attending Western Washington University.

Local nonprofit announces first annual 5k Walk for Kurt's Cause

A 5k walk is planned this month as a fundraiser for Kurt's Cause, a local nonprofit that was founded by family members after the death of Concrete student Kurt Hayes, who attended CHS with the class of 1982, but died in the Bering Sea just before his 17th birthday in 1981.

The walk will be held on Sat., June 20, at 10 a.m. at Challenger Ridge Vineyard & Cellars, 43095 Challenger Rd., about two miles west of Concrete. Activities will include the walk, drawings, prizes, and a quilt raffle.

The fundraiser also is designed to raise awareness for Kurt's Cause, whose goal is to "lessen the suffering of others one act of kindness at a time," according to its Web site.

Prepaid admission is \$20 per adult. Families pay \$15 for the first child and \$10 per each additional child. Prepaid admission must be received by June 15; price at the door is an additional \$5.

Payment can be made via PayPal on the nonprofit's Web site, www.kurtscause.org, or checks can be mailed to:

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Organizers also plan to accept new or gently used books for a partner organization, www.readingrecycled.org. For more information, e-mail kandy@kurtscause.org.

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THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

First things first: A hearty happy birthday greeting to **Barb Hoover** of Concrete, who turned 88 in May.

A meeting to discuss current **water rights issues in Skagit County** and corresponding legislation in Olympia is scheduled for Thur., June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 45952 Main St., Concrete.

Attending the meeting will be Mike Newman, Realtor and water rights advocate, Skagit Co. Citizen's Alliance for Property Rights; Representative Elizabeth Scott, 39th District; and Dr. Gary Clancey, Skagit Co. Citizen's Alliance for Property Rights.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Tina Champeaux-Wolner at 425.350.0217 or tinac21747@aol.com, or Vern McCarty at 425.330.3468 or vmccarty1@live.com.

Town of Concrete **Residential Garbage and Recycling Clean-Up Days** are back, from June 12-14 this year. If you live within town limits, you should already have received a flier in the mail that you'll need to bring with you when you show up to drop off your garbage or recyclables. The location is the same: just east of the Superior Bldg. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all three days.

South Skagit Highway closed from milepost 1.78 to milepost 4.70 on May 20 for approximately 40 days, through June 30.

The closure will allow the Skagit Public Utility District to repair a waterline break that feeds the City of Sedro-Woolley. A detour route is being provided via Old Day Creek Rd. to SR 9.

For more information, call 360.424.7104.

This year's **Project Homeless Connect** will be held on Sept. 11. The event is open to all families and individuals looking to overcome their barriers to stable housing. Services include, but are not limited to, haircuts, DSHS services, photo IDs, medical exams, dental care, eye exams, children's services, clothing, veterinary care, bicycle repair, school supplies, and veterans' services.

For more information, call 360.420.3973.

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on May 11 and 26. The following is a summary of those two meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

May 11 regular council meeting

- **Public safety:** SCSO Sgt. Chris Kading reported that calls are up significantly from March and said this can be attributed to the summer season arriving early.

He reported the suicide of a local resident. He also reported this was the first day of the construction work at Superior and SR 20, and they are working with the contractor and the school district, as well as the crossing guard, and so far it is going well.

Sgt. Kading also reported they have been given some names of the juveniles who may be responsible for the graffiti on the retaining wall at the new Fire and Life Safety Facility. Town engineer Cody Hart reported on a possible funding option that he

came across for the Superior Building site. He discussed some options that may be available for turning the site where the Superior Building is now into a visitor's center or other multiuse facility. Council voted to have Hart move forward with the grant application through TAP for a visitor's center or other multiuse facility on the site east of the fire hall.

- Parks Committee Chair Marla Reed reported the committee met tonight at the Silo Park playground and looked at the space and some different equipment, and are going to research some surplus Web sites to see if they may have some less-expensive equipment for sale.
- **Economic Development Task Force:** Councilmember Ginger Kyritsis reported on an EDASC workshop she attended titled "So You Want to Start a Business." She reported it was a great meeting and that she was told Frontier has grants for providing broadband services.

May 26 regular meeting

- Council numbers were a bit shy for this meeting, but a quorum was present.

Sgt. Kading reported on graffiti on the north side of the silos regarding a local citizen. He stated that it has been painted over by Public Works. He reported the juveniles involved are currently in a feud between families.

Sgt. Kading also reported on a local resident who was released from jail, but now has a warrant for his arrest and will most likely be going back to jail. He also reported traffic is going well within the SR 20 and Superior Ave. project area.

Engineer Hart discussed conceptual ideas for a zip line in Silo Park. He stated he has drafted four different orientations for the council to review. He stated that three of these sit at the lower slope and are about 400 feet in length. Cody reported the fourth conceptual is drafted to come off of the old generator building and would run approximately 550 feet. He reported the costs for any of these orientations are relatively low. He stated the town would need to purchase cable, harnesses, brakes, and other items that would add up to approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 for the total system.

Discussion topics included liability,

maintenance, and who would run the zip line. Council consensus was to move forward with further research on this idea, including information from the town's insurance provider and discussing the employment items.

- Mike Bartel was chosen as mayor pro tem for June 1 through Dec. 31, 2015.
- Council discussed the option to continue or withdrawal from Skagit Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SIRTPO). Kevin Murphy, executive director for Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG), was present to answer questions. Council discussed the pros and cons, and decided to wait until its June 8 meeting, when all councilmembers were present, to make a final decision. Clerk Andrea Fichter will provide sample resolutions to continue or withdraw.

Keep track of your council

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Sports



Softball team effort commendable

Baseball team closes season with 8–6 league record

By Jason Miller

The Concrete Lions baseball team ended its season with a May 16 loss to La Conner during the second round of District semi-finals, but Head Coach Randy Sweeney was optimistic about the team's effort this year and next.

A May 13 play-in game found the Darrington Loggers on Concrete turf, with the Lions coming out on top 4–0.

Pitcher Gibson Fichter "went the distance," said Sweeney. "But this was a great game all around; the credit shouldn't go to just one player. That win was a total and complete team victory. Every single guy in our lineup did something to contribute to that win. Everybody had a hit; everybody played great defense, backing up Gibson's pitching. We executed a couple sacrifice bunts, ran the bases well. Everything we'd worked on all year came together that afternoon. The most exciting thing for me was Gibson having a great high school career, and getting to pitch that winning game."

The Lions headed south to Stanwood on May 16, where they ran headlong into La Conner, losing 8–1 to the Braves.

"La Conner's been a kind of nemesis for us," said Sweeney. "They're a really good team, and we just weren't ready to beat them yet. We left 13 players on bases that

game, and couldn't get the hits when we needed it."

Dylan Clark struggled on the mound that day and La Conner took advantage, scoring all their runs during the first two innings. Sweeney switched pitchers, bringing in Fichter, who shut down the Braves for the remaining innings.

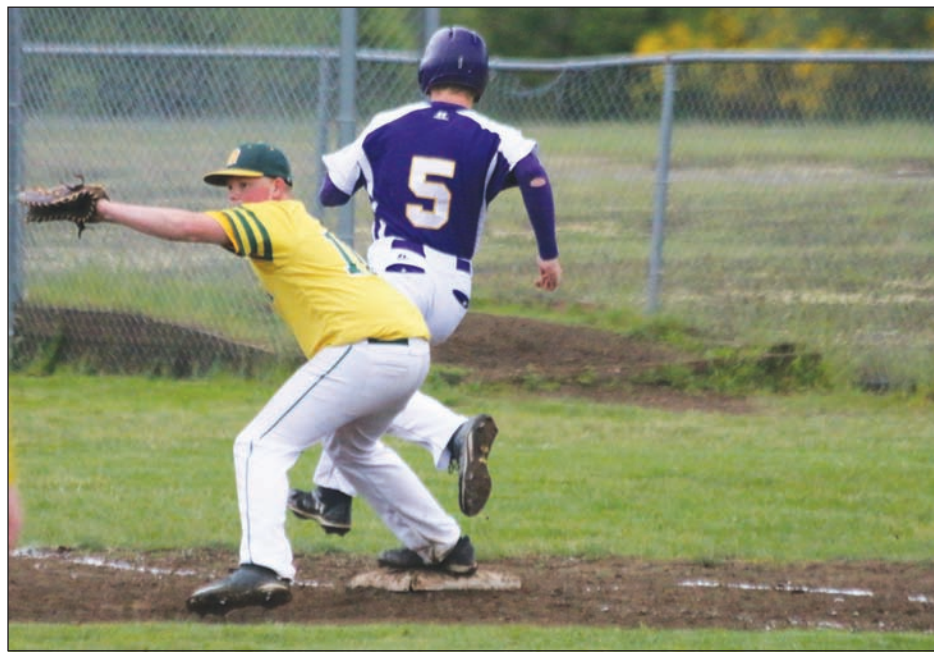
But the damage was done, and Concrete never matched La Conner's bats. "We left a lot of guys on bases," said Sweeney. "We threatened; we always had chances, but it just didn't happen for us."

This season was full of interesting and different challenges, said Sweeney. The team started with a good headcount and lost several players for a variety of reasons.

But Sweeney already is playing the long game, looking at what he has now and what players are in the pipeline.

"Next year and the year after, as we gain experience, we'll get those hits," he said. "We have a young outfield, but those kids are solid. They're not going anywhere. Next year, 10 freshman will likely come out for baseball."

"We had a great group of kids this year. Any failures we had certainly didn't come from lack of effort. They learned, I learned, we're all getting better."



Tyler Labrousse beats the throw to first as the Lions tangle with Darrington in a May 13 play-in game to advance to the playoffs. Concrete won the game 4–0 and went on to face La Conner in Stanwood on May 16.



Solomon Holman lays down a sacrifice bunt to advance a Concrete runner to third base during the May 13 match against Darrington.

By Adam Woodworth, Head Coach

It's been an interesting season for the Concrete Lady Lions softball team. Battling constant injury, illness, ineligibility, coupled with the hindrance of a solo coach and the still primarily youthful experience level of the team, the Lions put forth a commendable effort throughout what ended up being a bit of a disappointing season.

A year ago, this team missed a berth to the State Tournament by a single run at the Bi-District Tournament, and the returning squad was feeling very confident about their chances to return and grab one of the seeds to State this season. This

year only a single team out of the top four from the district would be allocated to the State Tournament in Yakima. That made the road a little more of a challenge, and amongst a league of teams that all compete quite evenly, it was anyone's guess who might snag that lone spot.

The Lions' season consisted of a number of one-run differential ball games, most falling to their opponents favor, but the group continued to fight, always challenging teams late in games and making it difficult for opposing pitchers and defenses to close out what might have felt like an easy win. The Lions were never shut out, an improvement from last season when the Lions failed to score twice and only scored a single run in two games.

The team also decreased opponents' average scoring this year. This is a sign of consistency and growth within the young group. Defensively, errors continued to be a problem for the squad, but more of the errors this season were due to bobbling a ball or making an errant throw, where last season the errors were more of a mental issue and not always making the right play in a situation. Pitching improved this year as well, with ERAs, walks, hit batters, and pitch counts all dropping closer to desirable ranges, while strikeouts increased for the staff.

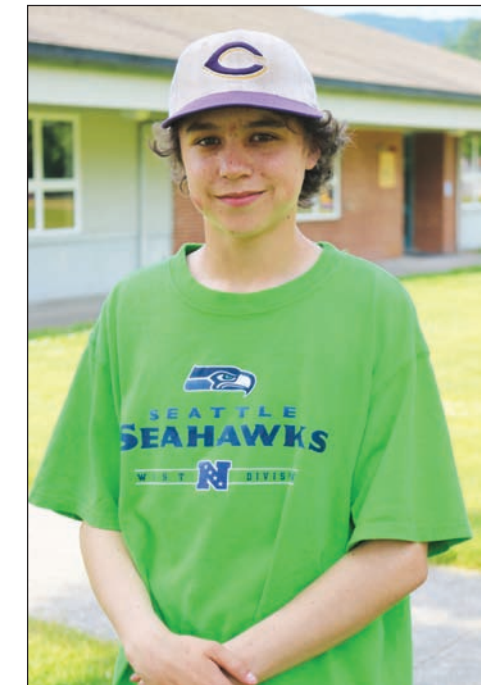
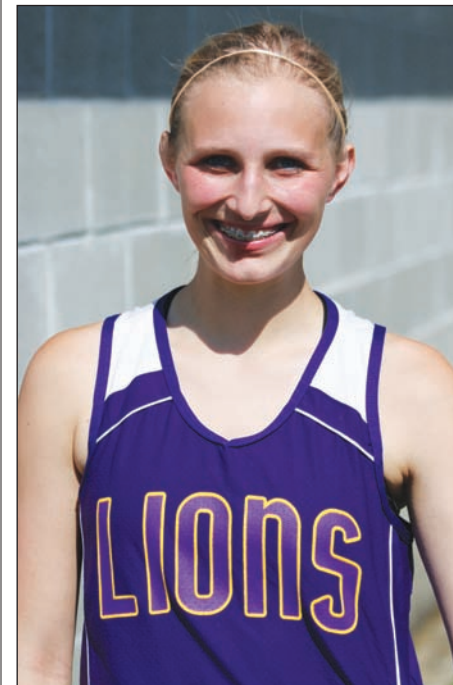
In the end the goal is always to make it to the finish line and win the last game of the season, and while the team didn't reach that goal this year, this race isn't over. Once again the team expects to return everyone next season with another year of maturity and confidence under their belts. This off season may be the best thing for the team right now. Next March will be here soon enough, and the bar will continue to rise for these talented players.

Left: Victoria Sheahan snags a fly to left field as the Lady Lions faced La Conner in their first playoff game on May 21 in Stanwood.

Right: Chloe Stidman swings for the fence—and clears it—during the fourth inning of a May 19 home field game against Orcas Island.



Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month are Tessa Coffell and Riley Fichter

Sophomore pitcher Tessa Coffell is the Concrete softball team's "workhorse," said Head Coach Adam Woodworth. "She pitches the majority of the games and still has the energy to be a consistent offensive team leader." Coffell finished the season with five wins, 57 strikeouts, and a 6.88 ERA. She had the team's only triple this season and batted .375, driving in 10 runs and scoring 11. When she's not pitching, she plays outfield and first base. "She works well with the team's catchers and young pitching staff, and is constantly working to better her game," said Woodworth.

Freshman second baseman Riley Fichter was pulled from JV into Varsity games halfway through the season. "He answered the bell," said Head Coach Randy Sweeney. "It was a tough place to put him in as a freshman, but he worked hard for the Varsity spot. I saw the effort he put into it, working outside of practice with his dad and brother. That kind of effort deserves to be recognized."

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



BASEBALL AWARDS

Most Valuable Hitter: Dylan Clark (.452 avg, 21 RBI, 18 runs, 14 steals). **Most Valuable Pitcher/Glove:** Gibson Fichter (59 innings, 54 strikeouts, 1.78 ERA). **Most Improved:** Randall Beacham. **Team Captain:** Gibson Fichter. **Most Valuable Teammate:** Robert Nevin. **NW 1A/2B/1B League Baseball All-League First Team:** Dylan Clark, infield; Gibson Fichter, pitcher. **NW 1A/2B/1B League Baseball All-League Second Team:** Tyler Labrousse, outfield.

TRACK AWARDS

Mr. Prompt: Brian Torheim (manager). **Miss Keep an Eye on Her:** Becky Azure. **Mr. I've Got the Runs:** Blaine Storms. **Miss Three's the Key:** Jasmine Hopfield. **Miss Coachable, Lovable, and Accident Prone-able:** Hannah Kononen. **Mr. Take a Bow:** Dawson Bass. **Mr. Majestic:** Josh Gentry. **Miss Girl Just Wants to Have Fun:** Sarah Lamb. **Miss Hey Look at Me Now:** Becca Torheim. **Mr. Hot Shot:** River Lee. **Most Dedicated:** Becca Torheim. **Most Inspirational:** Blaine Storms. **Coaches' Award:** River Lee. **Most Valuable Teammate:** Josh Gentry.

Sports schedules:
nw1a2bathletics.com

"A day of seconds"

By Jason Miller, asst. coach

This year the WIAA rules changed in a way that prevented several Concrete Track athletes from going to State: Only the first place winner in the District competition went on to the State tournament.

Coach Vanessa Williams summed up the second day of the two-day District competition succinctly: "It was a day of seconds."

Almost every Concrete athlete had a second place to their name on May 22.

Blaine Storms placed second in the 1600m, the 100m, and the 200m.

Josh Gentry took second in the long jump and triple jump, losing to first place jumper Budda Luna of La Conner by only an inch and a quarter.

Jasmine Hopfield placed second in the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles, falling to La Conner's Sofie Thulen in both races. Hopfield also snared a fourth-place ribbon in javelin.

River Lee placed second in the shotput and fourth in the discus.

Becca Torheim took second in javelin and fourth in shotput. Becky Azure placed sixth in shotput and discus.

Dawson Bass mixed things up a bit, placing third in the javelin with a PR throw of 124 feet 9 inches. Bass also took sixth in the 100m and seventh in the 200m sprints.

First-timer Hannah Kononen placed third in long jump and sixth in javelin.



Above: Hannah Kononen competes in the long jump.

Top right: Blaine Storms runs the mile.

Right: Becky Azure throws the discus.

Far right: Dawson Bass blazes out of the starting blocks during the 200m sprint.

Bottom right: Becca Torheim heaves the javelin.

Below right: River Lee competes in the shotput.

Below: Jasmine Hopfield clears a hurdle during the 100m event.

Below left: Josh Gentry prepares to land during the triple jump.



POSITIVE POSSE

Concrete students focus on wise decisions.

By Jason Miller

Today's middle and high school students navigate a world strewn with land mines most adults never imagined during their younger years. Technology has made advertising a persistent presence, regardless of whether the product advertised could harm them or even lead to their untimely death. Teens are hammered with messaging that often is not in their best interests, and if they lack a strong support system, they can easily make unwise decisions.

One group at Concrete High School has formed to help guide teens' decisions, using peers as the messengers. The Concrete Prevention Posse (CPP) exists to create awareness around several issues faced by youth, and provide the information they need to make informed, healthful, positive choices.

Only two years old, the CPP already has tackled several projects that have a direct effect on their quality of life. They've surveyed area stores to see how alcohol and tobacco are marketed, and whether advertising for those products is physically close to products that minors would want or need. They've hosted two "Kick Butts Day" events at the high school, which include activities like running around the gym breathing through a straw, to experience the stress a smoker feels when he physically exerts himself. They organized Breast Cancer Awareness Month last October, complete with pink hair spray and pink-frosted cupcakes, in order to promote awareness of the disease.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. The gung-ho students not only perform the

research and then execute their ideas, they report them to a larger audience.

In May, five CPP students and two adult leaders attended the Spring Youth Forum in Grand Mound, Wash. The forum brought 40 youth teams together from throughout Washington to share about local prevention team efforts and hear from speakers on prevention topics. CPP team members Natalie Bertsch, Misty Carlson, Keighley Mitchell, Samantha Mitchell, and Lindsey Easterday presented their projects and attended workshops on youth leadership and tobacco prevention.

Senior Natalie Bertsch enjoyed the Breast Cancer Awareness Month project, because "we got to see how much it affects students at our school." CPP "makes me feel like I'm helping out. I like helping people, and being a part of something, a group," she said.

CPP member Lindsey Easterday said she joined the group so she "can help the community come together as one, and make it a better place for future generations."

"CPP educates students about important topics and healthy choices around those topics," said Prevention Intervention Specialist Chris Kennedy, who advises the group. "We try to do it in a positive way, make it a positive experience. If people get enough information about the benefits of making healthful choices—as well as the statistics about what can happen if you don't—maybe we can change the social norms about what's normal and okay to do."



Concrete Prevention Posse created its own version of the "Rise Above the Influence" logo, which it has displayed at school and around town. Look for it along SR 20 this summer.



Concrete Prevention Posse students attended the Spring Youth Forum in Grand Mound, Wash., May 13–14. The forum brought together 40 youth teams from throughout the state to share about local prevention efforts and hear speakers on several topics. From left, co-advisor Mary Janda, Keighley Mitchell, Samantha Mitchell, Natalie Bertsch, Lindsey Easterday, Misty Carlson, advisor Chris Kennedy. *Submitted photo.*

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Academics



Cherished memories and future aspirations

Concrete High School Class of 2015 looks back and imagines what's to come.

By Haley McNealey



Concrete Elementary students were honored May 29 at a "Character Assembly," during which children from each grade level were recognized for their interpretations of what the concept of "honesty" means to them. *Front row, from left:* Timmy Howard, Wesley Nieshe, Nehida Siqueros, Savannah Evans, Isabelle Rogers, Nathan Roemer, Olivia Coke, Camille Crawley, Sawyer Pulice. *Back row, from left:* Gena Beazer, Georgia Gregush, Shawn Powell, Gabe Thompson, Charlie Bartel, Alejandra Peterson.



Peggy Kerschner, Concrete Elementary School's Creative Design teacher, reached 100 miles at the 100 Mile Club on May 14. The feat made Kerschner the first teacher at the elementary school to complete more than 100 miles in a single school year. She joins 23 current and former students and parents from the past 12 years in this select group.

Kerschner shows up to the 100 Mile Club field every morning at 7:30 and walks four laps to start the school day. By the end of her fourth lap, she usually has four or five students accompanying her. Her dedication inspired both students and staff as the entire school logged nearly 3,500 miles (14,000 laps) this past school year.

The 100 Mile Club is one of many ways Concrete Elementary School students can meet the recommended 60 daily minutes of physical activity. It is offered every day of the school year (weather permitting) and is open to all students and their parents.

YD update

When I was a kid, my parents asked me what a perfect day would look like, and I have asked my children this same question.

Their answer sounded much like mine from so many years ago: sun, play, a visit to a lake or river, then Disneyland.

I love this John Wooden quote: "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

There is nothing more rewarding than giving to others and expecting nothing in return. One goal for us at Concrete Youth Dynamics is to create a culture where the young people can see the benefit of giving to others. They learn this type of attitude in many of the things we do, but mostly from the people they are around.

In May we had a community project night, and more than 20 students helped our mayor, Jason Miller, in the community garden for two hours. You can get a lot done in two hours with more than 20 people. Jason spoke to the kids about being proud of where you are from and who you are.

We have also had a lot of fun with our Spring Rave, Outdoor Game Night, and Fear Factor (Josiah Werda was our Fear Factor champion for a second year).

It has been a busy month, and we are heading toward the end of the school year. Our last Monday night YD was June 1 at Veterans Memorial Park, where we played softball, had a barbecue, and talked about the year's highlights.

We are preparing for our Rock-n-Roll retreat June 5-7. We have 20 students signed up for this whitewater adventure in Leavenworth. We will camp, hike, explore, and raft the Wenatchee River.

This has been a great year for Youth Dynamics and we are finishing strong. I would like to thank our wonderful staff (Marta Rensink, Zack Allard, Mary Janda, Paul Rider, and Kellen Russell) for demonstrating the selfless love John Wooden spoke of. They give so much and expect nothing in return. They are trying to live the "perfect day."

Have you had a perfect day lately? We hope you do!

—Kevik Rensink, director

As their time in high school draws to a close, the graduating Concrete High School class of 2015 told *Concrete Herald* what they'll remember—and what they plan to do next.

Ronnie Ater

My favorite memory from high school was freshman and sophomore year. My goal after I graduate is to have enough income to do what I want.

Kalysta Becker

My favorite memories from high school were the drive home from Omak during wrestling when all the guys had a mooning competition, and when I put a dead bird in Mrs. Newby's classroom knowing she's terrified of birds. My goal after high school is to always remain happy with whatever choices or path I choose to take.

Natalie Bertsch

My favorite memory from high school is last year, when I joined Concrete Prevention Posse and our group went to the Great Wolf Lodge to present on what we did all year. My goal after high school is to become a veterinary technician so I can help animals on a daily basis.

Kelse Cargile

My favorite memory is competing in sports. My goal after graduation is to be

successful.

Madeline Corn

One of my favorite high school memories was winning my first varsity wrestling match ever against a boy at our home meet. One goal I have after high school is to finish my college education and take on a career utilizing my English degree.

Jenny Curran

My goal after high school is to go to college and get a master's degree in children's education to become a teacher.

Shayane Gilbert

My favorite memory from high school was this year, when most of the class got their acts together and finally worked together to set up prom. My goal after I graduate is to go to Skagit for prerequisites, then transfer to Bellingham Technical College for the vet tech program.

Anjelika Koenig

My favorite memory from high school was taking eighth place at the state wrestling tournament. My goal after high school is to continue my education and attend medical school.

Haley McNealey

My favorite memories from high

school have been serving as National Honor Society President, competing in Future Business Leaders of America and varsity volleyball, and enjoying every homecoming and prom from my freshman year to my senior year with Spencer. A few of my goals after graduating high school are to continue my education at Western Washington University, to become the author of an esteemed novel, and to pursue a career I am passionate about, through which I can use my creativity and leadership skills to make a difference in my community.

Clay Nelson

My favorite memory from high school is my last day of high school and my goal after high school graduation is to be an Airborne Army Ranger.

Muriel Troka

My favorite memory from high school was being nervous and excited at my first varsity basketball game. My goal after high school is to pursue a career in the Forest Service, protecting and promoting ways to protect and enjoy the outdoors.

Marissa Wenneker

My favorite memory from high school was being on an amazing volleyball team during my senior year. My goal after high school is to become a police officer.

Area high schools plan graduation ceremonies

The four high schools in the *Concrete Herald* coverage area will hold their graduation ceremonies in June.

Concrete

The Senior Class of Concrete High School will hold Commencement exercises on Fri., June 5, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Graduation practice will be held in the gym at 8 a.m. that same day. This year's class of 2015 will graduate 21 students, including valedictorians Haley McNealey and Madeline Corn, and salutatorians Muriel Troka and Gibson Fichter.

On Thur., June 4, Baccalaureate will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Scholarships and Awards program at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Darrington

Darrington High School will hold its Commencement on Sat., June 6, at 1 p.m., at the Bluegrass amphitheater.

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley High School Commencement will be held on Fri., June 5, at 7 p.m.

Commencement exercises for State Street High School will be on Tue., June 9, at 7 p.m.

Summer food program for children

Concrete School District will again sponsor the Simplified Summer Food Program for all children ages 1 through 18.

Any child may come and eat meals at the specified times. Children do not need to be enrolled in any summer program in order to receive free meals. Children must consume all food in the cafeteria.

Meals will be made available Monday through Wednesday, from July 6 through Aug. 5, at Concrete High School cafeteria, 7830 S. Superior Ave., Concrete.

Breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12:30 to 1 p.m.



Members of the Varsity in Volunteerism

paused for a photo during a Recognition Celebration on May 27. *Back row from left:* Concrete VIV Advisor Chris Kennedy, Colvin Swanburg, Samantha Mitchell, Keighley Mitchell, Kayla Jarmin, Natalie Bertsch, Tavish Beals, WorkSource Skagit AmeriCorps member Kyla Yorkoski. *Front row from left:* Khyla Phillips, Lindsey Easterday, Misty Carlson, Kobe Woodruff, Jordan Chassaniol.

The students received pins for their service during the ceremony.



Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

November 30, 1909, brought heavy Chinook winds and volumes of water down from the Cascades into Skagit County towns, including Clear Lake and vicinity. The above photo was taken at the railroad bridge between Clear Lake and Sedro-Woolley. Ed Wood was Bridge Tender at this time.

An article from the *Skagit County Courier* dated Dec. 2, 1909, gives this report: "Fishing was good in the streets of Clear Lake Tuesday, although few availed themselves of the opportunity. However, one enterprising angler

caught a large dog salmon on the main street in front of the saloon." *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

—Deanna Ammons, historian
Clear Lake and Day Creek

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Community Calendar



JUNE

- 5 Concrete High School graduation ceremony, high school gym, 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 13
- 5 Sedro-Woolley High School graduation ceremony, 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 13
- 5–7 Blast from the Past, Sedro-Woolley; see article, p. 16; info at www.sedro-woolley.com
- 6 Darrington High School graduation ceremony at Bluegrass amphitheater, 1 p.m.; see notice, p. 13
- 6 Forest-owners workshop: "Ecological Forestry for Health, Income, and Wildlife," Sedro-Woolley High School library, Sedro-Woolley, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; \$15 admission; info at www.nnrg.org (search for "Skagit")
- 6, 13 Free Days at Rasar and Rockport State Parks: No Discover Pass needed for day-use visits (still required on WDFW and DNR lands both days)
- 9 "Welcome to Medicare" class, PeaceHealth United General Medical Center, 2000 Hospital Dr., Sedro-Woolley, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; free admission; info and registration at 360.707.5567
- 11 Water Rights Issues in Skagit County meeting, American Legion Hall, 45952 Main St., Concrete, 6:30 p.m.; free admission; see notice, p. 6; info at 425.350.0217 or tinac21747@aol.com
- 12–14 Town of Concrete Clean-Up Days, east side of Superior Bldg., Concrete; for residents within town limits only; see flyer mailed to all residents; info at 360.853.8401
- 12–14 North Mountain Lookout work party (Darrington area); see article, p. 24; info at 360.436.0686 or roselie.rasmussen@gmail.com
- 14 Marblemount Community Market opens for season, runs second Sunday each month through September; see article, p. 26; info at 360.853.8388
- 16 WSU Know & Grow Workshop: Water Features for the Home Landscape, WSU Mt. Vernon NWREC Sakuma Auditorium, 16650 SR 536 (Memorial Hwy.), 1 to 2:30 p.m.; free admission
- 17 Skagit County Assessor's Office accepts senior and disabled property tax exemption renewals and applications at East County Community Resource Center, 45770 Main St., Concrete; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; call ahead: 360.336.9370
- 18 Pressentin Park plan update meeting, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; info at 360.336.0172 ext. 302 or 360.416.1356
- 18–21 Berry Dairy Days, Burlington; see ad, p. 5; info at 360.757.0994 and www.burlington-chamber.com
- 19–20 United by Mud Festival, Darrington Rodeo grounds, 42109 SR 530 NE, Darrington; see notice p. 25; info at unitedbymud@gmail.com
- 20 1st Annual 5k Walk for Kurt's Cause, Challenger Ridge Vineyard, Concrete, 10 a.m.; see article, p. 6; info at kandy@kurtscouse.org
- 27 Join the Library Committee Bake Sale at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

JULY

- 2–5 Loggerodeo, Sedro-Woolley; see insert; info at www.loggerodeo.com
- 9 8th Annual Concrete Youth Activity Day, Silo Park, Concrete; 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (registration opens at 12:15 p.m.), free family movie at dusk (at Veterans Memorial Park across from Resource Center); free admission

AUGUST

- 1 Birdstock Festival @ Birdview Brewing Co., Birdview

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

Community meetings

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 Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at Mountain Loop Books and Coffee, 1085 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167

Concrete American Legion Post and Auxiliary meet the second Tue. of each month, Sept. through May, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building. 360.853.8940.

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

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

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 1 p.m., at the Concrete School District offices (usually in the north room at the eastern end of the building).

Concrete School Board will hold a workshop on May 26 or 27, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on May 28, at 6 p.m., in the Commons. 360.853.8141.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

Darrington Area Business Assn (DABA) 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 Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St., at 7 p.m. 360.436.1131 or darrcityhall@glacierview.net.

Forest Park Cemetery District No. 5 meets the second Wed. of each month at the cemetery office on Compton Lane in Concrete, at 8 a.m. 360.708.3656.

Hamilton Town Council meets the second

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

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

KSVU station info and host training, second Wed. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete K-8 School, 1 to 4 p.m. Call 360.416.7001 to confirm appointment.

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

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

Marblemount Community Hall board and staff meet the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2048 or 360.853.8388.

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

Saukrates Cafe meets the last Wed. of each month at Annie's Pizza Station in Concrete, at 6 p.m. Conversation topics are posted at Upper Skagit Library and <http://saukratescafe.wordpress.com>.

Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association meets the third Wed. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. 360.424.7243

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 will meet for regular meetings on June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Support Services Bldg., and June 22 at 7 p.m. at the Support Services Bldg. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center Board meets the second Tue. of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere. Open to the public. sauksister@frontier.com or www.skagiteagle.org.

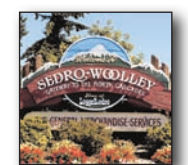
Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thurs. of each month at 5 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

Meeting to discuss Pressentin Park update

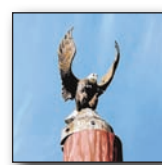
Skagit County Parks will co-host a community meeting Thur., June 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Marblemount Community Hall to discuss the undeveloped Pressentin Park and solicit community input regarding general long-term plans for the park.

Skagit County and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) have received funding for a fish habitat restoration project in the park.

Elements of a plan range from trails to interpretive signs and a salmon viewing station. The Parks Board and SFEG invite community members to learn more about this project and to provide feedback that will help with design and planning.



Sedro-Woolley



Blast from the Past brings history forward

Sedro-Woolley's three-day homage to all things historic and its premier summer kick-off event will descend on the city's downtown streets June 5-6 this year.

The popular event showcases craft and food vendors, a quilt show, an art show, old time contests (i.e., hula hoops, jump roping, and pie eating), and a car show on Sunday. Other draws include an art show, a quilt show, and a brand-new motorcycle show on Saturday, sponsored by North Cascades Harley Davidson, Herb's Chevron, and North Cascade Quick Lube. Live music will provide a lively backdrop for a street dance and all-around family fun on Friday night.

Quilt show

In lock step with Blast, Woolley Fiber Quilters will host its annual quilt show June 5-7 in downtown Sedro-Woolley. Look for more than 250 quilts on display, vendors, demonstrations, boutique, raffle quilt, and a "bed turning" featuring vintage quilts. This year's theme is Blast of Farms, to celebrate the farming community in Skagit County.

The show will be held in two locations on Metcalf Street: 817 and 903A Metcalf.

Quilt show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3.

Contests for all ages

Blast from the Past includes popular contests, with timeless games that reference the 1950s. Think hula hoops, jump ropes, and pie eating.

With contests broken into age groups, there's a chance for almost anyone to take home a prize. The winner of the red Solo cup trophy, however, has bragging rights that he or she has won the jump rope contest in the adult category.

The undisputed champion in that contest is David Bricka of Sedro-Woolley, although Kymber Self won it a few years back. Perennial challengers Mike "Mike in the Morning" Yeoman and Concrete Mayor Jason Miller will likely be on hand this year to see if they can steal the trophy from Bricka's hands.

For more information on Blast from the Past, go to www.sedro-woolley.com.



Reigning adult jump rope champion David Bricka (left) will defend his title during this year's competition against all comers, including Mike "Mike in the Morning" Yeoman (center), Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, and several players to be named later.

S-W and Concrete students honored at SVC reception

Several hundred students, family members, and friends attended the 58th annual Skagit Valley College (SVC) Mount Vernon Campus Honors Reception held May 21 in McIntyre Hall.

Scholarships and awards were given to more than 100 students during the ceremony, including several Sedro-Woolley and Concrete students.

Naomi Blankenship, James Nunley, Martha Thompson (Sedro-Woolley), and Cheyenne Hayes (Concrete) received the President's Medal for outstanding academic achievement. To qualify, each recipient must be a graduating sophomore, have all As or A-s, and have attended SVC for at least three quarters.

The Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award was presented to Alana Quigley of Mount Vernon. Quigley has been involved in many areas of the Mount Vernon campus, including working in the Norwood Cole Library and serving in the writing center, and as an AIM High mentor. Quigley was President of Phi Theta Kappa from 2012-14 and is helping to organize a new First Nations club and is the chair of the SVC Pow Wow Committee. Alana has moved on to Western Washington University, majoring in Human Services with a minor in Education and Social Justice.

The 1956 sophomore class of Skagit Valley Junior College established the Charles H. Lewis Memorial Award as tribute to Lewis, the first dean of the college. The award is given to a graduating sophomore who has been in attendance at SVC a minimum of one full school year and who exemplifies the qualities of Charles H. Lewis



Sedro-Woolley Lions Club members Wilfrid Dow and Gus Suryan pause for a photo during White Cane Days, the group's annual fundraiser on May 1 and 2. Each year, Lions have given out White Canes to patrons coming to the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion and shared with them the mission of Lions to help people who are visually impaired or hearing impaired. The money donated was given to Northwest Lions Foundation in Seattle, which uses it to help pay for hearing aids, vision exams, and eye surgeries. Submitted photo.

CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following 7th and 8th grade students at Cascade Middle School received honors for high marks for the third quarter of the 2014-15 school year. An asterisk denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Emma C. Adams, Josseline D. Aguirre, Anahy Alcazar Salinas, Stephanie Amaro, Delaney M. Aragon, Isabella R. Archer, Alexandra Bannister, Courtney M. Bawden, Angelina J. Benitez, Keegan A. Blaine, Kevi A. Blair Ruiz, Jazmine M. Bringham-Gonzalez, Lexani B. Brown, Kylee N. Bryan, Haylee A. Bryson, Cheyan K. Budrow*, Starlynn J. Burnside, Peyton X. Burrell, Lorianne V. Castellanos, Emma L. Cook, Camden J. Dowhaniuk*, Macy L. Evans, Eleanor R. Fair, Madelyn R. Farnham, Shauna C. Flores, Megan Friend*, Elliott G. Gahan*, Amy J. Graber, Devin A. Gray, Isaiah M. Guerero*, Jared C. Gunderson, Jacob M. Gwin, Mackenzie L. Hamilton*, John C. Hansen, Crista J. Harris, Brienne Heckle, Amber T. Helinski*, Karin A. Henderson, Fatima Hernandez-Lara, Tucker A. Hershaw, Madisyn R. Hill, Lily J. Himes, Caleb R. Hoogendam, Kyle J. Hoyt, Chloe N. Hynds, Jaiden M. Jenkins, Joseph L. Jennings, Shyanne J. Jewell, Morgan B. Johnson, Madison A. Lake, Alyssa J. Lecca La Cruz, Jacob N. Lennox*, Mark S. Leus*, Kelsey N. Loop*, Israel Lopez Martinez, Marcelino Lopez Martinez, Denisse Lopez Nolasco, Trinity R. Luchi, Alexa D. Lynn*, Logan E. Maloney, Emanuel Martinez, Asia A. McDermott, Kaitlyn M. McKibbin, Harleigh K. McSpadden, Mauricio Medina Mondragon, Destiny J. Mehlum, Rylee R. Moors, Jennifer Morales, Rachel M. Neeld, Jacob B. Norris*, Mitchel A. Pepper, Makenna A. Peterson*, Jerzee Pigford, Grace M. Pohl*, Elijah I. Price*, Endorra S. Priddy, Taylor R. Prokos, Ariel A. Resnik, Gabrielle C. Richardson, Cheyanne M. Robbins, Karsyn T. Rooks, Romel A. Saragena, Dylan J. Scheib, Alyssa J. Scherf, Natalya A. Schwetz*, Hallie J. Simpson, Zoe K. Slabodnik, Piper R. Smith, Tessa C. Smith*, Jared J. Snodgrass, Shelly L. Staples, Brandi E. Stewart, Liliana Tapia, Natalia R. Taylor, Kaylee M. Thomas, Madisun R. Tobisch, Ian A. Valdovinos*, Alejandro Vega-Macedo, Avery E. Wagner, Roweann A. Wagner*, Anna G. Waldrop,

Serina E. Wilson, Samantha R. Wise, Mitchell T. Wolkenhauer*, Alexis J. Wysong, Yasmin Zavala Mendoza.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Weston D. Abbott, Savannah M. Acton*, Oscar D. Aguilar-Cerna, Stephany Ayala-Cerna*, Nikolas R. Barron, Maya R. Becerra, Paris Y. Becker-Tidington, Janessa L. Belisle, Megan J. Benham, Nicole L. Bohme, Nana Lilja M. Braaten, Hailey N. Brooks, Tyler D. Bryson, Cody R. Buchanan, Edgar Bueno, Samantha R. Busadre, Gloria Cantu, Kristen Carlson, Adam P. Cassidy, Catalina Chaires, Cassidy R. Chambers, Nicole E. Christensen, Aspen M. Cole, Riley J. Conn, Ashleigh C. Cork, Anthony G. Corona, Amiaya M. Davies, Autumn R. Davis, Hollie J. Davis, Katie R. Davis, Eli J. DeJong*, Olivia A. Doom, Megan L. Dressor, Jacob C. Eason, Jazzelle B. Elias, Richard S. Ershig, Aidan M. Fitzpatrick, Sophia A. Fox, Beau T. Freiberg, Raul Gonzalez, Tyler D. Goss, Joie E. Hackney, Cody D. Hamilton, Gavin A. Hamilton, Abigail R. Hannan, Luke D. Hedberg, Erann T. Henry, Brandon A. Holdeman, Jacob D. Hollands*, Erin K. Hudson*, Tanner J. Huisman, Alex S. Jack*, Hunter L. Jackson*, Rachel I. Jackson*, Emily F. Jennings, Zoe A. Jennison, Canyon R. Jones, Lindsey A. Joyce, Kyah J. Lamb, Julia B. Layland, Sydney C. Light, Jasmine L. Lloyd, Reed A. Lloyd*, Bree L. Lobdell, Isabella Loy, Kindred J. Marden, Crystal M. Martin, Kathryn A. Matthews, Kelsie B. McCloud*, Averi N. McKay, Atalissa R. McLemore, Emma M. Mesman, Nahaleana M. Metcalf, Maren A. Mihelich*, Lillian M. Millison, Chandler E. Mitcham, Jillian T. Nelson*, Haley R. Nersten, Alaina A. O'Regan, Hunter Olsen, Kavin N. Palmer, Ashlyn N. Peden, Ben Y. Peden, Hanna S. Pleasant, Ephanie E. Prochaska-Wegley, Monica D. Quintanilla*, Leeann M. Reed, Karissa M. Rice, Lexi Rodriguez, Lucas A. Rodriguez, Shianna L. Samuelsen, Charlotte K. Saric*, Payton L. Simpson, Hayden M. Skiles*, Shaely Spilker, Elizabeth J. Staggs, Mckylee E. Stephenson, Eden Suchsland, Dayna R. Sumrall, Eleanor R. Taylor, William E. Taylor, Kylie Thornton, Adriana N. Timblin, Atziry R. Torres, Carter J. Trammell, Dimar G. Ugalde, Hannah L. Vanovermeiren, Sierra R. VanSweden, Delaney E. Warren, Conner L. Washington, Emmalee L. Weide, Emily D. Welcome, Bryson J. Wood, Brendan A. Woods.



City of Sedro-Woolley received the American Public Works Association (APWA) Washington Chapter Project of the Year award for infrastructure projects valued between \$5 and \$25 million for its SR 20/Cook Rd. Realignment and Extension Project. The \$7.7 million project was completed in 2014 and included construction of two new roundabout intersections and a new city arterial street, along with sidewalks and shared use paths, improvements to Bingham Park, and a new Skagit Transit bus transfer and Park and Ride facility. The award recognizes excellence in management and administration to successfully complete public works projects. The award was presented to the city at the APWA Spring Conference awards banquet held on April 2 in Tacoma. The project also received the 2015 Engineering Excellence Bronze Award by the Washington Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). Submitted photo.

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Santos is the son of Celerina Flores and Elpidio Santos of Sedro-Woolley. He is a 2011 graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School.

In The Service

Army Pvt. Mario J. Santos has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition, core values, and physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet

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Lyman



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On the ballot

The following individuals have filed for public office in Town of Lyman and will be on the November ballot:

- Mayor: Edward Hills
- Council Position 3: Mike Swanson, Charles (Dick) Saunders
- Council Position 4: Ryein Kitchen, Mike Couch
- Council Position 5: Donald Frye, Gail Ganga

Inslee expands drought emergency to include more of Washington

Snowmelt projected to be lowest on record in 64 years.

Worsening drought and snowpack conditions in Washington prompted Gov. Inslee to expand the state's drought emergency on April 17. Nearly half the state is now expected to experience hardships from this year's drought.

With more snow lost than added over the past month, runoff from snowmelt this summer is projected to be the lowest on record in 64 years. Snowmelt feeds rivers and streams, and in turn provides critical water supply for farms and fish.

"This is an ongoing emergency, and we're going to have some long, hard months ahead of us," Inslee said. "We're

moving quickly so that we're prepared to provide relief to farms and fish this summer."

Snowpack statewide remains only 24 percent of normal. That's lower than when the last statewide drought was declared in 2005.

In mid-April, 24 river basins among 62 in Washington were expected to experience hardships from drought. This includes 16 watersheds in Western Washington and eight in Eastern Washington, where water supplies will be short. This equates to roughly 44 percent of the state.

Eleven watersheds were identified in a drought declaration on March 13; six west of the Cascades and five east of the Cascades.

"We've never experienced a drought like this before: normal rainfall but with very little snow in the mountains," said Department of Ecology Director Maia Bellon. "We're engaging now with

farmers, irrigation districts, and partners in state, tribal, and local governments to prepare for the hardships ahead."

Department of Ecology is working with available funds to lease water rights and develop grant programs that will boost stream flows, provide water for farming, and create alternative water supplies.

Ecology has requested \$9 million in drought funding from the Legislature. The money would be used in drought-declared areas for agricultural and fisheries projects, emergency water-right permits, changes to existing water rights, and to approve water right transfers.

Statewide, public water systems have not reported any problems with water supplies. Large municipal water providers in Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett have adequate reservoir storage and do not expect problems this year.

Homeowners and businesses with questions about water use should contact their utility district.

Five mistakes that can torpedo your finances

By Stephen F. Lovell

The investment world comes with such a maze of options and pitfalls that it's little wonder people routinely become entangled in monumental and costly mistakes.

Tax implications lurk behind nearly every move. Investment risks vary from negligible to moderate to great.

And it's not just a matter of making the right financial decisions. It's making them at the right time. Doing the right thing at the wrong time makes it the wrong thing to do.

Don't despair. By asking the right questions or taking the right precautions, you can sidestep these common financial mistakes:

- **Becoming infatuated with the latest hot investment.** It's easy to be seduced by whatever is creating the greatest buzz. Resist the temptation. Momentary sizzle doesn't guarantee long-term success. Hot investments are like ice cubes. They're solid when you get them, but they soon liquefy and when you liquidate, your gains trickle away.
- **Neglecting to consider all the options.** Savvy investors use different kinds of investments to satisfy different financial needs. Don't neglect the full array of available investments. Relying only on stocks, bonds, and cash puts you at a disadvantage.
- **Failing to account for investment costs and tax ramifications.** Investing isn't free. Usually, there is some sort of fee attached and those fees can gnaw away at your returns. Taxes can, too. Don't diminish the importance of investment costs because they diminish your wealth. Take time to learn about the costs that are applied to each type of investment.
- **Spending all that comes in.** Too

Community notes

June Potluck Barbecue

The June Potluck Barbecue will be held at Mike and Donna Pulver's home, 32392 S. Lyman Ferry Rd., at 6:30 p.m. Diners are encouraged to bring their favorite barbecue dish. For more information, call 360.826.3003.

Garden dirt

- Geraniums need at least six hours of full sun per day or they will bloom poorly. Keep the soil dry; only water when the top 1 inch is dry. They are hearty eaters, so feed them often using a 10-10-10 liquid fertilizer or an occasional boost of 1 teaspoon Epsom salt to 1 gallon of water. Be sure to water from the bottom if possible; the fertilizer will cause spots on the leaves.
- Asters and chrysanthemums should be pinched 3 inches off to make a bushier plant this fall.
- I put coffee grounds around the blueberry bushes for extra acid.
- June is the time I start to trim the rhododendrons, but this year they are slow to bloom. I might not get to that trimming project till the last of June.
- After filling in as much as I can with annuals and perennials, I like to make small areas of sedums. You can mix them up, tall, short, with lots of different colors. All they really like is a spot that is hot, dry, less-than-perfect soil. They are very near perfect for the no-fuss plant.
- The white cabbage butterfly is a destructive creature. Herbs will help repel them, so plant peppermint, rosemary, sage, thyme, and hyssop among your vegetables.
- Artichokes are also heavy eaters, so give them extra compost around the

plant this time of year.

- I hope you have placed a chair somewhere in your garden areas, so you can take some time to enjoy all that is growing and becoming a beautiful show just for you.

Movie Night

Monthly Movie Night continues at Day Creek Chapel. A free movie is shown every third Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks are provided. Bring the kids; they have their own room and their own movie. Lots of family fun! For more information, call 360.840.2576.

AA meeting

A weekly AA meeting is held at Day Creek Chapel on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Diane at 360.770.3984 for more info.

Kingdom Builders

Donna Pulver and Kathy Henderson, co-directors of Kingdom Builders, are reaching out to those in the Day Creek community who need help with trips to the doctor, hospital visits, store runs, and more. If you would like to become available to be a community helper, call 360.826.3003, 360.826.3581, or 360.826.3822.

Walkie Talkies walking group

The Day Creek Walkie Talkies are up and at 'em. Every day around 7 a.m., there is a group walking the streets of Day Creek. For more information, call 360.826.4375.

Day Creek Book Club

The club meets at Cedar Springs Lodge on Barben Rd. on the third Monday of each month. New members are welcome. All members are welcome to host a club meeting at their favorite hangout spot.

For more information, call

360.661.0247.

WOMEN HAND in hand

WOMEN HAND in hand holds its 2nd Annual Dessert Theater Fundraiser featuring Fishnet Theater's production "Redeeming Love" on Sat., June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at North Cascade Christian Fellowship, located at SR 20 and Ball St. in Sedro-Woolley. Reservations are necessary.

There is no charge, but donations will support our free teen daughter/mom event with recording artist Jaime Jamgochian on Sept. 19.

For more information or reservations, call 360.826.3067.

If you are interested in helping at the Loggerodeo rodeo during the July 4 weekend, call 360.391.1709 or 360.826.3581.

WOMEN HAND in hand can be followed on its Facebook page or on its Web site.

To join WOMEN HAND in hand, call 360.826.3067.

News and tips should be sent via e-mail to winningcircularchapel@gmail.com.

—Compiled by Kathy Henderson

2015 Community Potluck dates

June 16, 6:30 p.m.
July 21, 6:30 p.m.
August 18, 6:30 p.m.
September 15, 6:30 p.m.
October 20, 6:30 p.m.
November 17, 6:30 p.m.
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Stephen F. Lovell is a financial professional and president of Lovell Wealth Legacy (www.lovellwealthlegacy.com).

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May 16, 2015: Concrete dedicates Fire and Life Safety Facility



Above: Concrete volunteer firefighters watch the flag being raised. *Photo by Bill Pfeifer.* **Right:** Chief Philips cuts the firehouse-themed cake. *Photo by Denise DuVarney.*



Above: Concrete volunteer firefighters raise the flag donated to the town by contractor Interwest Construction. From left, Chief Rich Philips, Jimmy Luttrell, Corrina Hart. *Photo by Denise DuVarney.*



Above: The new Fire and Life Safety Facility in all its glory. **Left:** Construction contractor foreman Milo Sligar with Interwest Construction presents the building's flag to the town at the May 16 ceremony. *Photo by Alan Wilkins.* **Below, left to right:** Fire Chief Rich Philips' mother, Bea, cuts the left bay ribbon. *Photo by Denise DuVarney.* Flanked by Chief Philips and Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, former Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson cuts the center bay ribbon—an old fire hose—with a power saw. *Photo by Milo Sligar.* Senator Kirk Pearson cuts the right bay ribbon while Concrete volunteer firefighters watch. *Photo by Bill Pfeifer.*



Photo by Bill Pfeifer



Clockwise from right: Former Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson, Fire Chief Rich Philips, Senator Kirk Pearson, and Concrete Mayor Jason Miller speak during the May 16 dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Wilson and Philips joined with Pearson and Congresswoman Suzan Del Bene to fund the structure, which was built during Miller's time in office. *Upper photos by Denise DuVarney.*



Left: Grant writer Michelle Mazzola speaks during the ceremony. Mazzola wrote the grant that secured \$1 million in CDBG funds. *Photo by Denise DuVarney.*



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Council summary

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

- The meeting began with a public hearing during which planner Margaret Fleek spoke about the Growth Management Act of 1990 and the update of Ordinance 292: Criteria Areas. Susan Madsen from Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group talked about the culverts.
- Three letters of interest were received for the open council position. Council voted to name Brian Kirkpatrick as the new councilmember. Kirkpatrick took his oath of office.
- Mayor Cromley addressed the budget review and stated that overall the town is doing well financially.
- **Water Dept.:** Mayor Cromley announced that this month we have

- a 12 percent unaccounted for water loss.
- **Fire Dept.:** Councilmember Bates announced that the pancake feed went well and that approximately 57 children were present at the egg hunt. Councilmember Betlem asked that we send a thank-you card to Cash-n-Carry for its donation to the pancake feed. Mayor Cromley stated that the siren is moving along. There is no update on the new ambulance. Ambulances are expected to be replaced after 11 years or 120k miles.
- **Street Dept.:** The ditch on South St. was filled in; there are still drainage issues though. Mayor Cromley announced that on the table is an updated copy of the Nuisance Enforcement and Municipal Code Dog Chapter for anyone interested.
- The Shoreline Master Plan is still out for comment.

—Compiled from staff minutes

On the ballot

The following individuals have filed for public office and will be on the August and/or November ballots:

- Mayor: Renee Barley, Mathew Coker, Joan Cromley

- Council Position 1: Timothy Morrison
- Council Position 2: Brian Kirkpatrick
- Council Position 3: Bethany Betlem
- Council Position 4: James S. Bates
- Council Position 5: Mike Brockman, Lisa R. Johnson

From the Mayor

Last month was Staff Appreciation Week at my children's school. We celebrate every staff person, not just the teachers, all week. It takes a lot of different people to make a school operate, and it made me stop and think about all the people who help make Hamilton a better place.

I appreciate all the hard work that Angela, Tom, and Dave do for our town. They keep our town operating day in and day out. I appreciate all of our firefighters. They make do without the newest equipment, and they care about the people who live here and stay prepared for any emergency.

I appreciate Tammy and Bill Roberts for their involvement with the Heart to Heart Charity Kids Club, providing activities for some of our youngest residents. I appreciate Susan West-Mani and her efforts to get a reading club going. Hopefully we can try again soon and work together to get some museum updating done as well!

I appreciate our Town Council. In a small community, it can be hard to get anyone to be willing to take that responsibility. All of the current members have signed on for another two to four years. There are three people who are running for office for the first time (two for mayor, one for council). I appreciate that you've accepted the challenge of running for office and are willing to participate in our government.

I appreciate all the people who come to our council meetings. It can be boring stuff, but it can be nice to have the prompt feedback.

The position of mayor will be on the ballot in both August and November. Please register to vote if you have not already! If you haven't received a ballot in the past year, contact the Skagit County Elections Department (360.336.9305) and they will get it sorted out. The last day to update registration before the August election is July 6.

Town Hall hours have changed a bit. It is now open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. E-mails to townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com are monitored daily.

—Mayor Joan Cromley



Birdsview Buzz

Happy summer, everyone. It's been a great spring and now on to summer.

June birthdays

- 2 Short Hurn
- 21 Julian Voigt
- 24 Sara Voigt

No events are planned for June, but July and August look busy.

In July, the brewery will celebrate

its 9th anniversary. We have a Salmon Barbecue planned (by the famous Hershey Brothers), as well as some other bands during the month.

Birdstock will be held on Aug. 1. On Aug. 8 we will join other breweries in Mount Vernon for the Lincoln Theater benefit (formerly Porterfest, but moved to a new location this year).

Cascade Days is Aug. 15–16 this year.

Follow us on Facebook or our Web site for all the latest happenings. As always, please support local businesses.

—Kris Voigt



Rockport's own Howard Stafford was honored May 30 for 40 years' service as a volunteer firefighter and longtime district fire commissioner for District 19. During a surprise party at the Lee and Lisa Fenley home, Stafford was treated to good food, great stories, and a plaque that read, in part, "Howard has donated countless hours in service to the Upper Skagit Valley community during floods, natural disasters, fire, and medical emergencies, and in providing leadership for our fire district to provide critical response capacity for members of our community and travelers ... Howard represents the best of our citizens and has contributed greatly to make our community a wonderful place to live."

At the party, Stafford said, "It's been a long time, but it's been a good time." Stafford is not retiring, but his position as Fire Chief has been passed to Denton Moore.

WWIA to host heroes

Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation (WWIA) will bring four Purple Heart recipients to Rockport this month for its Skagit River Chinook fishing event.

WWIA Associate and owner of John's Guide Service John Koenig, and his wife Dawn, will host the veterans at their retreat, Camp Stillwater, for a weekend of salmon fishing June 5–8.

Veterans Tom, Christopher, Bill, and Leonard will fish for Chinook salmon for two days and will attend a salmon feed in honor of WWIA on Sat., June 6, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion in Oak Harbor. The salmon feed will allow the veterans the chance to be honored by the community; they'll also experience live music, homemade food, auctions, raffles

and door prizes, and more.

Spending time experiencing the soothing qualities of nature, hanging out with other veterans around the Camp Stillwater fire pit, and sharing similar experiences can help calm the spirit. And when the excitement of hooking a big fish or attending a community event together is added, veterans often feel satisfaction and accomplishment that can be missing from their lives. WWIA also works to connect veterans with each other by always hosting small groups, which gives them the opportunity to recreate the camaraderie they previously shared with others in deployed situations.

Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation (WWIA) is a national nonprofit dedicated to serving U.S. combat wounded Purple Heart recipients by providing world-class outdoor sporting activities. For more information, go to www.wwiaf.org or www.facebook.com/wwiaf, or send an e-mail to info@wwiaf.org.



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Darrington



Sheriff's Office launches home visit program for seniors and disabled

SNOHOMISH COUNTY — The Sheriff's Office announced May 27 it has launched "You Are Not Alone" (YANA), a free service provided by volunteers who make regularly scheduled home visits or other contact with seniors or the disabled in Snohomish County.

YANA is a resource for residents who live independently in their own home, but do not have friends or family who can regularly check on them.

"The idea behind You Are Not Alone is to prevent emergencies for the county's most vulnerable residents living on their

own," said Sheriff Ty Trenary. "The program is a proactive approach to public safety by connecting volunteers with people confined to their homes, reducing isolation and improving quality of life."

Once a person has registered with YANA, trained Sheriff's Office volunteers will make scheduled telephone calls and home visits at prearranged times. If the participant does not answer the phone or the door at the prearranged time, a series of steps are followed to ensure the participant's safety and well-being, including sending a Sheriff's deputy to check on them.

Those interested in participating should submit a registration form. Participation is free, with the only requirement being that participants be able to answer the phone and provide at least one emergency contact.

For more information or to refer someone to the program, contact the YANA program at 425.388.7375 or yana@snoco.org.

Briefly ...

Darrington Library announces "A Summer of Authors," with visits from renowned writers through September:

- June 24: Jerilyn Tyner, *The Canterbury Question*
- July 29: Jillian Anderson Coats, *The Wicked and the Just*
- Aug. 26: William Dietrich, *The North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby*

- Sept. 16: Jay Jacobs, *The Widow Wave: A True Courtroom Drama of Tragedy at Sea*

Darrington Library is located at 1005 Cascade St., Darrington. For more information, call 360.436.1600

The Spur Festival plays the Darrington Music Park from June 26–28. The park is located at 42109 SR 530 NE, Darrington. For more information, e-mail thespurfestival@gmail.com.



Austin



Schroder



Cabe



Nemnich

Firefighters honored at appreciation dinner

Darrington firefighters gathered at Whitehorse Grange on May 9 for their annual appreciation dinner.

Numerous awards were given during the festivities, including:

- Firefighter of the Year: Larry Schroder
- EMT of the Year: Jessica Nemnich
- Officer of the Year: Rocky Cabe

—J. K. M.

- Most Improved Firefighter: Catherine Austin

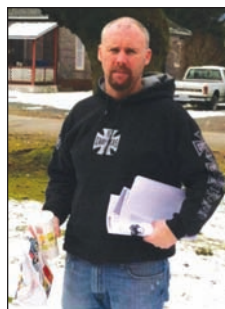
Nations still missing

Dustin Kane Nations, 39, lifelong resident of Darrington, is still missing, and has been since June 9, 2014.

Nations had been living in Concrete with his wife, Crissy Stratton, two children, and a friend. On June 9, 2014, Nations walked out the door at some point during the day. It was unusual for Nations not to keep in contact with his family. It is believed he was attempting to walk from Concrete to Darrington in a southern direction, along SR 20 to its intersection with SR 530 in Rockport, and eventually to Darrington. It has been established he was going to Darrington to see his father.

Nations stands 5 foot, 10 inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds. He has short gray hair and blue eyes.

Law enforcement in Skagit and Snohomish Counties are continuing to follow leads in the case. The public is urged to share anything they might have seen on or around June 9, 2014, and report to law enforcement at 425.388.3845 or dial 911.



North Mountain Lookout work party planned

Friends of North Mountain will conduct its first work party on June 12, 13, and 14.

In an e-mail to volunteers, coordinator Roselie Rasmussen laid out a rough schedule of events:

June 12

Do framing work inside cabin to remove rot from knee wall (without damaging window frames) in preparation for roofing work.

June 13

Replace old roofing.

June 14

Finish up.

Rasmussen said she'd also like to fix the concrete piers, which will require mixing and applying concrete, and demolish at least the upper mid-tower structure. Other tasks include brush cutting and garbage pick-up.

Lodging may be available for anyone who wants to work on the lookout.

For more information and to RSVP for the work party, contact Rasmussen at 360.436.0686 or roselle.rasmussen@gmail.com.

—J. K. M.

United by Mud plans two-day event

United by Mud, a gathering of folks who were involved in many ways with the SR 530 slide, will be held at the Darrington Rodeo Grounds, 42109 SR 530 N.E., on June 19 and 20.

The festival will include members of the IMT Teams, FEMA WA Task Force 1, FEMA Sacramento Task Force 7, and 50 members of the National Guard, and also will include many volunteers from the Darrington community and surrounding areas.

The festival is the brainchild of Darrington local Shari Brewer and her daughter, Rhonda Cook. The pair designed the event to reunite the bonds formed in

the mud and show appreciation to such an amazing group of people.

During the Friday night dinner from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Little River Band will entertain, starting at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, a brunch will be served from 8 to 11 a.m., with dinner served that night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Starting at noon on Saturday, there will be a car and bike show. Along with kids' activities, there will be a horseshoe tournament hosted by the Oso Fire Department for adults beginning at 7 p.m.

At 5 p.m., local band Ragged Edge will perform, followed by the Harvey Creek Band at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact unitedbymud@gmail.com

—Marla Skaglund

Small rockslide closes Mountain Loop Hwy

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the scene of a small rockslide that covered a portion of the Mountain Loop Hwy between Darrington and Granite Falls on May 20. The slide was reported around 7 a.m. near National Forest Service Rd. 2095.

There were no reported injuries or property damage associated with the slide,

and the road was closed in that area for approximately 24 hours.

Snohomish County Public Works confirmed on May 21 that crews were able to reopen the section of the highway that had been closed because of the rockslide.

—SCSO

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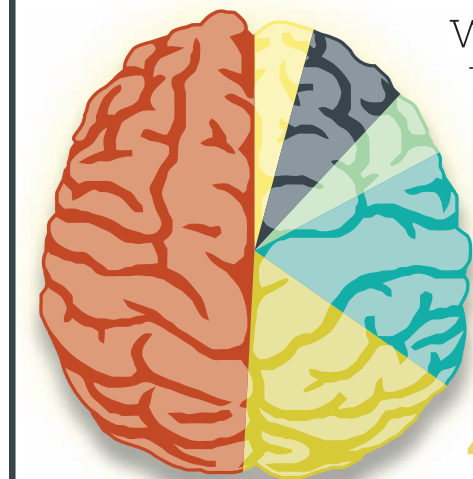
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Marblemount



Newhalem



Above: Jumbled Pie provided music for the annual benefit dinner, dance, and raffle for KSVU community radio at Marblemount Community Hall on May 2.

Right: Marblemount community members wrapped the maypole during the May 2 event. The maypole has become a popular tradition for young and old alike. Photos by Christie Fairchild.



Meeting to discuss Pressentin Park update

Skagit County Parks will co-host a community meeting Thur., June 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Marblemount Community Hall to discuss the undeveloped Pressentin Park and solicit community input regarding general long-term plans for the park.

Skagit County and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) have received funding for a fish habitat restoration project in the park.

Elements of a plan range from trails to interpretive signs and a salmon viewing station. The Parks Board and SFEG invite community members to learn more about this project and to provide feedback that will help with design and planning.

Hall hosts Farmers' Market

Fresh, organically grown produce, garden starts, herbs, potted plants, stone fruits from the Okanogan, local honey and eggs, handcrafted jams and preserves, fresh sandwich wraps, free coffee, and live music will welcome shoppers to the opening day of the Marblemount Community Market on Sun., June 14, from noon to 4 p.m.

Held on the front lawns of the Marblemount Community Hall just east of milepost 106, the market will host other vendors offering high-quality, locally made arts and crafts, including watercolors, notecards, photography, jewelry, repurposed items, soaps and lotions, handspun yarns, and pet toys, to list a few.

More vendors are welcome, but applications must be submitted, received, and accepted before market day. Applications are available online at: www.marblemountcommunityhall.org/events. Paper copies can be picked up from the "mailbox" by the hall's main door. Follow the directions on the application. The once-a-month markets are again scheduled for the second Sunday of each summer month—June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 13—so mark your calendars now.

The June market also will host its annual Spring Cleaning Yard Sale on Sun., June 14, with the yard sale set up behind the fire hall on the ball field. Vendor space is \$10 and folks must bring their own table and canopy, if needed.

More exciting news at the hall includes the Upper Skagit Library's contribution of a book drop and free Wi-Fi! We hope this allows more upriver residents to enjoy those services without having to travel the 40-mile round-trip to Concrete.

We also now have a phone number and message machine in the hall: 360.873.2323.

We hope to see you at the hall. Happy summer!

—Christie Fairchild

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The good news is ... Low levels on Diablo Lake

By Sasa and Starwalker

Quote Du Jour: "Biomimicry ushers in an era based not on what we can extract from nature, but on what we can learn from her." —Janine Benyus

We hear about going green or being green—well, how about green roofs, which transform unused space into beneficial and sustainable modes of energy and food, as well as enjoyable environment for visiting birds and crawling critters? Rainwater can be harvested, thereby reducing runoff problems of the cities. France just enacted a new law that mandates all new buildings within commercial zones in France must be at least partially covered in plants or solar panels.

Benefits of green roofs

Green roofs offer multiple benefits; here are some major ones:

- Add natural beauty and major aesthetic improvement to buildings, increasing investments.
- Keep building materials out of landfills and prolong building life by extending the product life of HVAC systems.
- Assist with storm water resource management with plants utilizing more of the water, decreasing the amount of runoff and acting as a filter.
- Green roof plants help with pollution and deposition, and act as a filter for noxious gases.
- Creation of community gardens and community recreational space.

There are many creative ways to become more harmonious with Mother Nature. All we need to do is slow down, smell the roses, and know there is infinite wisdom within ourselves and our environment.

Anyone who wants to contribute to Sasa and Starwalker's efforts may contact them at cascadiaeffect@gmail.com. Experiences also may be shared at the accompanying blog at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com> and on Facebook: Cascadia Effect

May 11

Seattle City Light announced May 11 that it would draw down Diablo Lake as low as 1,192 feet above sea level (10 feet below normal operating conditions) to accommodate necessary maintenance of the Ross Dam barge landing and ferry facilities.

Low lake levels will occur through June 15, and again Sept. 15 through Oct. 31. During these times, Diablo Lake and the Colonial Creek Campground boat ramp will be inaccessible to motorboats and it will be difficult for paddlecraft to launch.

Lake levels will fluctuate during the draw down, but boaters should be aware that Seattle City Light may rapidly vary the lake level without notice. City Light recommends that boaters refrain from using their vessels on Diablo Lake through June 15, and again from Sept. 15 through Oct. 31 so as not to be stranded.

Normal lake levels will resume June 16 through Sept. 14, and again on approximately Nov. 1.

Seattle City Light will also complete work on the docks located on the east side of Diablo Lake near Ross Haul Rd. These facilities will be open to visitors on June 12. Ross Haul Rd. between Ross power house and the tunnel, as well as the Diablo Lake Trail Bridge, will be closed through June 20 and again from Sept. 7 through Nov. 4.

Campground fees increased

Colonial Creek, Newhalem, and Goodell campgrounds saw a fee increase to \$16 per night beginning May 23. The additional revenue will be used to provide enhanced visitor services, including repair and maintenance of facilities, resource protection, and additional visitor programs and services. More campsites also will be added to www.reservation.gov so that visitors will be able to reserve and pay for their campsites online.



Memorial Day observed in Newhalem

Seattle City Light employees gathered in Newhalem on May 21 for a flag ceremony in observance of Memorial Day. Joining them were members of Heskett-Arnold American Legion Post 132 in Concrete. Submitted photo.

This year's Newhalem flag ceremony in observance of Memorial Day was held on Thur., May 21, at 8 a.m.

Seattle City Light employees gathered for the ceremony, which was performed by members of Heskett-Arnold American Legion Post 132 in Concrete.

The ceremony included comments from American Legion member John Boggs, who said Memorial Day is a day to "gather to recognize the losses that we as families, communities, and a nation have endured, and to show our appreciation for those who gave their lives for us."

"We must remember that mourning those we've lost is not the same as honoring them. To sincerely honor them is not a one-day, once-a-year affair; it should be an integral part of our daily lives."

Heskett-Arnold American Legion Post 132 members traveled from Concrete to Newhalem to perform the flag ceremony on May 21. From left, John Boggs, Adolph Nieshe, Ron Howe, and Phil Jorgensen. Photo by Gail Boggs.





Seniors

Coffee Break Traveling

By Patrick M. Kennedy

Traveling for seniors is better attempted in the late spring or summer months, especially if they are driving. The weather is mostly warm and the roads are mostly clear. The attitude is mostly clear too, not befuddled by winter snow, rain, and ice. Travel is for travel's sake, the game of getting away.

Of course, air travel can be a different game. You pack a bag, call a cab that will get you to the airport main door, where a redcap can get a wheelchair and roll you to the gate. On return the opposite is true: Redcap rolls you to the main door, where a friend or relative is waiting in a car, or you board a cab for the ride back home. Not quite as eventful as roaming the open road.

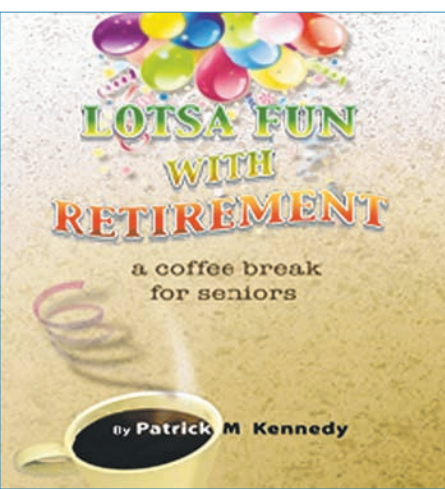
Travel really is to go on a trip or journey, to go to another place and especially one that is far away, to move from one place to another. Uh oh, you say. I have trouble getting from the bedroom to the bathroom, or my easy chair to the front door to pick up the paper.

That is where some planning and preparation comes in. You have to be able to comfortably walk from the front door to the car, and on the trip from the car to a hotel/motel room, or even a roadside restaurant to eat—unless you have a packed meal box in the passenger seat or a traveling mate who slips you a bite once in a while. Never go on trips with someone you don't love, or at least like a lot.

Walking your neighborhood before the trip is necessary to get strength and flexibility back into those old legs that have been perched up on the easy chair day after day. Remember your camera; travel becomes a strategy for accumulating photographs for the album to show off to your friends when you return. Make sure you get a good supply of your medications before you travel, and plenty of comfortable clothes.

If you haven't yet, do yourself a favor and travel solo at least once. It's one of the best ways to learn and challenge oneself. Of course, traveling by yourself doesn't mean you have to be alone, unless that's what you're looking for. Sure, you might start a trip by yourself, but you'll soon discover that small-group trips allow you to experience your world in a way you'd never manage on your own. One thing about traveling is that you return with a mind full of experiences and possibly new ideas that will make those retirement hours pass faster. You have things to talk about when socializing with those friends.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of Lotsa Fun with Retirement. Find it at Amazon.com.



Way Back When

80 years ago

June 27, 1935: In order to raise funds for their annual camping trip, the Concrete Girl Scouts will entertain at the Concrete Theatre next Tuesday evening with a film, "Servant's Entrance," and a program of musical numbers and dancing.

The program after the picture will be entirely local talent; a group of fine numbers are being worked up.

60 years ago

June 2, 1955: The volunteer

work project that gave Newhalem a lighted ball field was a model of what can be done when community spirit is fanned to a right pitch. The ball field was dedicated last week.

The project began March 27 while snow was still on the ground. Daily time records were kept of the volunteer labor. At the time of the dedication, with the work 95 percent complete, the 140 volunteers had put in 1,150 hours of work. Many times work was done in the rain and often by extension lights or truck headlights after dark.

June 9, 1955: The High Lead Tavern in Hamilton was the scene of a wild free-for-all fight Saturday night when Claude Setton

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From left, John Boggs, Bill Sullivan, and Museum Board President John Lloyd work on May 27 to finish the interior of the Concrete Heritage Museum annex. The space will provide more room for exhibits that are in storage. Photo by Bill Pfeifer.

Concrete Center

June 2015 Activities

Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch served Tue. - Fri., noon

Mondays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
Noon Coffee Bar
Noon Birthday Party, 6/29
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo, Wii Bowling

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
Noon Lunch
**No lunch service on June 9; center will be open*
12:30 p.m. Leap of Faith, 6/23
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. SHIBA Medicare assistance by appt. only, 6/9

Wednesdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
10:30 a.m. Advisory Board mtg., 6/10
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo
12:30 p.m. Bingo, 6/10, 6/24

Thursdays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Farmers' Mkt vouchers
Noon Lunch
Noon Father's Day Lunch, 6/18
12:30 p.m. Skip Bo
12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 6/4, 6/18

Fridays

10 a.m. Jigsaw puzzles
Noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Dominoes, Skip Bo, watercolor painting

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and Chuck Metcalf got into an argument with the proprietor that ended with a battle that smashed fixtures and broke bottles and glasses all over the place. Metcalf was reported to have been knocked through the window in the melee.

By the time the Sheriff's deputy arrived, Setton and Metcalf had left, but they were subsequently arrested in Clear Lake.

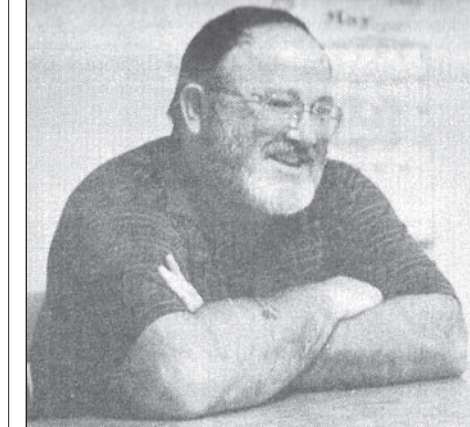
June 23, 1955: E. H. Walker of Rockport was lying in critical condition in the Memorial Hospital today, but with good chance of recovery from having his abdomen slit open by his wife, Lilian, at their home Wednesday. The couple had been drinking and arguing.

50 years ago

June 24, 1965: A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the large barn at the Vernon Craft farm in Birdsvie Tuesday evening, and in doing so exacted considerable losses in farm machinery and other valuable materials. The fire was discovered about 10 p.m. by Vivian Bates, nearby farmer, who called Craft from his bed to alert him of the blaze. As the farm was full of baled hay, the fire spread so rapidly that Craft was only able to save his pickup before the heat became too intense for further salvage. He burned his hand on the door handle while entering the car to drive it out of the barn.

—Compiled from archives

30 years ago. Iconic Concrete High School employee Jack Bradley retired in 1985 after 28 years of service, and was called a "dear friend, counselor, teacher, coach, and co-worker" by *Concrete Herald* Editor Anne Bussiere in its June 13, 1985, issue. Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.



30 years ago. A profile piece in the June 13, 1985, issue of *Concrete Herald* focused on the 19-member Upper Skagit Mountain Search and Rescue team, which was formed in 1984. The above photo shows three of the officers of the rescue team, from left, Mike Brondi, Christie Fairchild, and Arte Olson, standing with their World War II ambulance, which was used for rescue missions. The bright orange, four-wheel-drive vehicle was fully equipped with everything needed to conduct a mountain rescue in all types of terrain. Team members also kept fully equipped backpacks of personal gear ready at all times. Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.

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Obituaries

David "Too Tall" Glenn

Friends of David came together on Sat., May 16, 2015, a beautiful summer day in Concrete, to bid him goodbye and share their stories. Memories were shared; there were many entertaining stories. Dave and Sandy Mitchell, Guitar Davey, Bob Austin, Mark Thomas, and others hosted a lovely get together; Gracie Nieshe and Sandy Mitchell gave an inspiring invocation and "send off" for David. Friends and neighbors caught up with each other and had a potluck luncheon; the food was plentiful and delicious, and the love and remembrances of "Too Tall" were shared by all. David was a free spirit and had lived in East County for more than 30 years. One friend commented, "when I met him he was living in a container in Rockport, no facilities, no heat, no access to human or social services. He was heading downhill, living by his wits."

But that's not where David's story begins. David worked for private individuals as a landscaper, gardener, and pruner of trees in the Upper Skagit Valley. He spent his time hiking the many trails of this valley and could tell you where the "old" historic sites were located.

Sadly, most of that is lost with his passing. He was one of the best mushroom hunters in the area. He was a landscaper as well, learning his trade from his father. He worked in Marblemount for many years and was very knowledgeable about plants and the



forest and the outdoors. He would bring beautiful wildflowers and morels to the Resource Center as gifts and grace them with his stories. He was a common sight walking along Hwy. 20, with his trademark stocking hat and Carhartts. Standing almost 7 feet tall, he couldn't be missed. Most who knew him would stop, give him a lift if needed, but most times he would say "no, just walking" or "I'm good, thank you ... have a nice day and God bless."

David never failed to touch your heart with his honest, sincere, simple way of life. He didn't need much—a smile, a touch, a good piece of chocolate—and in return, he would thank you with his unspoken gratitude.

With a lot of help from friends, social services, and Skagit County, after hearing of his plight, they were able to get David a small house in Concrete and get him some good medical attention. His last couple years were happy, and he was finally at peace.

Donations were accepted at David's memorial to help defray burial costs and return his ashes to his family in Florida, but also to add a plaque at the Memory Garden within the Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete in his memory, with an inscription along the lines of "David 'TOO TALL' Glenn, rest in peace dear friend, from your East Skagit County family."

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Sunday School lesson

A heart after God

By Bruce Martin

The Psalmist David is described by God Himself as "a man after His own heart" (1 Sam. 13:14). The life of David that is recorded in Scripture for us reveals a very real man, one who experienced times of blessing, tragedy, and hardship. One who knew victory as well as disappointment. Yet in his writings he encourages us to trust the Lord despite cost or circumstance. He challenges us also to be men and women after God's own heart.

The account of the prophet Samuel's journey to David's father's house helps us to understand that God looks at our heart to see who we really are (1 Sam. 16:1-13). Samuel went to the house of Jesse directed by the Lord himself to anoint a new king, promising to indicate which of Jesse's sons was the one he had chosen.

As each of seven sons passed before Samuel, God was silent, so Samuel asked Jesse, "Do you have any more sons?"

Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Call him and we will wait for him."

When David arrived, the Lord told Samuel, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

Samuel was surprised that day, but God taught him an important truth. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at.

Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

To have a heart after God is to be in right relationship to God and others. It is to be responsive and obedient to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and Scripture, desiring above all else to please and honor God. It is to be a person with passion for God and compassion for others. It is to be a person who is broken and contrite spiritually before God.

These are a few of the many characteristics that describe a person after God's own heart. Let's consider three more described by David in the Psalms.

First, a heart after God is a searchable heart. David wrote in Psalm 139:23-24, "Search Me O God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

A searchable heart is one that is open and honest before the Lord. It is true God knows our very thoughts, yet he gives us the freedom to choose to walk in his ways.

In his letter to the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul reminded the believers that "the Spirit searches all things even the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:10). Remember, when God searches our hearts, his purposes are always redemptive. His desire is to build us up and strengthen us in our relationship to Him.

Second, a heart after God is a trusting heart. David wrote in Psalm 25:1-2, "To you O Lord I lift up my soul. In you I trust

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

May 1

Deputies responded to the Marblemount area on a tip that a wanted man was in a residence. The man was wanted for a felony Department of Corrections violation, as well as being a suspect in a burglary and stolen car from Hamilton. Apparently he knew he was wanted, since he fought with the two deputies upon their arrival. The man appeared to be on methamphetamine and made quite a ruckus all the way to jail. He was seen by medics prior to being booked on several felonies.

Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

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

Rocker, Michael Joseph

Age: 30
 Race: W Sex: M
 Height: 5' 10"
 Weight: 430
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Brown
 Address: 454xx Main St., Concrete
 A Level II sex offender, Rocker was convicted of two counts of communication with a minor for immoral purposes, attempting to intimidate a witness, and two counts of failure to register as a sex offender in Skagit County. His victims were females between 8 and 10 years old, who were not related to him. Rocker frequently stays in the Big Lake, Marihugh Rd., and Pressentin Creek areas.



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 Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m.
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 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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

May 4

Deputies responded to a possible burglary at the old bank building on Maple St. in Hamilton. Persons were rumored to have been coming and going from the building, but deputies were unable to locate anyone. The property owner will secure the building more thoroughly.

A property owner on the east end of Main St. in Concrete removed a transient taking on the role of full-time babysitter. This means kids home alone or watching siblings while their parents go to work. Here are a few tips for parents and kids to keep everyone safe.

May 7

A resident near Hamilton Cemetery Rd. near Hamilton reported harassment. Unfortunately, a relative is currently involved in a substance abuse issue. That relative doesn't live there, but unsavory characters have been showing up there looking to buy drugs. The family member has been contacted to try and keep her "friends" away from this residence.

A resident off Colony Lane in Rockport reported someone had stolen his portable carport. It is approximately 10 x 20 feet and is nowhere to be found. There are no suspects, but if you happen to notice your neighbor has a new 10 x 20 tan-colored garage, give us a call.

May 10

A 37-year-old male was found hanged near the Baker River access in Concrete. The man was found by relatives at approximately 4:30 p.m. and was deceased when found. Deputies investigated the incident and found the fatality to be apparently self-inflicted, with no evidence of foul play. The deceased was later identified as Robert Gillock.

The bartender at The Hub in Concrete called to report a fight brewing. The bartender said that they would use pepper spray to break up the fight if needed. Well, it was needed. The deputy arrived to find all the involved persons gone, but a noticeable aroma of pepper in the air.

May 12

A crook broke into a man's shed on Hamilton Cemetery Rd. near Hamilton. The suspect took a generator and nothing else. There are no suspects at this time. There is, however, one disappointed crook, because the stolen generator has been broken for some time. I think the brand name may have been "Karma."

A caller walking on Burpee Hill just outside of Concrete discovered several personal items along the road. A deputy responded and found ID in the items and located the female a short distance

Sergeant's corner

Stay safe, families

By Chris Kading



Summer's nearly here. A few kids will spend their summers taking on the role of full-time babysitter. This means kids home alone or watching siblings while their parents go to work. Here are a few tips for parents and kids to keep everyone safe.

Parents, use the "reasonableness test" as far as leaving kids home alone. Can they act reasonably under the scenarios you present to them. Ask them:

1. What do the kids do as soon as you leave the house?
2. Do they ensure the door is locked?
3. Keep the phone ready. Do they have your phone number and 911 readily available?
4. Do they know who the neighbors are, and do they have the neighbor's phone number available?
5. Do they know their home address in case they need to call 911?
6. Do they know what to do if there is a fire, and can they get themselves and their siblings out of the house? With the hot weather here, are windows left open?

Kids, follow these tips to stay safe:

1. Always check with your parents before you go anywhere or do anything. Be sure to check in regularly with your parents when you're not with them.
2. Always take a friend with you when

playing or going anywhere. It's safer and more fun.

3. Don't be tricked by people who offer you special treats or gifts. Never accept anything from anyone without your parents' permission.
4. Stay safer when you're home alone: Keep the door locked.

Do not open the door for or talk to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative, and the visit has been pre-approved by your parents or guardians.

Never tell anyone who calls that you're home by yourself.

Before you are home alone, talk to your parents about a neighbor or trusted adult you can call if you feel scared or uncomfortable, or there's an emergency.

5. Be careful when you play. Never take shortcuts unless you have your parents' or guardians' permission. Don't play near busy streets or deserted areas.
6. Never get into a vehicle or go near a vehicle with anyone in it unless you are with your parents or a trusted adult.
7. Don't be afraid to say NO and GET AWAY from any situation making you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. TRUST YOUR FEELINGS, and be sure to TELL a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.

More information is available at www.missingkids.com, where you can download a Safety Tip sheet.

Chris Kading is sergeant for the Skagit County Sheriff's Office East County Detachment in Concrete.

away. She had a warrant and was actually awaiting sentencing. She got a ride to jail and went off to prison for 33 months.

May 14

Deputies and medics responded to a two-car accident just east of the Dalles Bridge near Concrete. Upon arrival they discovered one man had stopped his truck in the roadway and a smaller SUV was unable to stop in time, rear-ending the truck. The truck driver had no license or insurance; he was arrested. The SUV driver was taken to the ER, but also was issued a ticket for being unable to stop in time.

May 15

A caller from South Cascade Rd. near Marblemount reported a burglary. Someone damaged the lock securing a trailer and appeared to have rummaged through it. They also apparently slept in the bed, but didn't take anything. There are no suspects at this time.

May 19

A community block watch meeting hosted by the SCSO was held in Lyman tonight in the Old Town Hall meeting room (next to the fire hall).

A resident of Carpenter Rd. in Lyman

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 39

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.
 Bruce Martin, pastor

North Cascade Community Church
 59850 SR 20, Marblemount
 360.873.2504 // www.mmag.net
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Thur.: Men's meeting, 8 a.m.
 Thur.: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
 Dave Nichols, pastor
 E-mail: pastordave@fastmail.fm

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.
 Father Martin Bourke, pastor
www.svcv.us/scm

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.
 John Batts, pastor
 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.
 Ron Edwards, pastor

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

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
 Tim Hedberg, pastor

Free Methodist

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

Methodist
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<http://centralumcsw.org>
 Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m.
 Marilyn Kallshian, pastor

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.
 Tom Ross, pastor

Lutheran
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
 46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.8814
 Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
 Chris Anderson, pastor

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

Community Bible Church
 45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

We have a busy summer for the museum this year. **We are officially open** for the season, every Saturday from noon till 4 p.m., through September.

In August the museum will work in collaboration with the Concrete Theatre to bring you Gary Meador's presentation about the famous photographer **Darius Kinsey**. The presentation will be held on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. If you didn't already know, Darius Kinsey became famous through his photographs and documentation of the old-growth trees and the budding logging industry, starting in Whatcom County. He later expanded to the greater Northwest with his captivating landscapes, town lives, portraits, and photos of various local industries. Kinsey worked with his wife, Tabitha Kinsey, for 50 years. He took the pictures and Tabitha developed them in the dark room from the original negative plates. Kinsey's renowned images of the Northwest countryside have been displayed next to some of America's greatest photographers, such as Timothy O'Sullivan and William

Henry Jackson.

An event not to be missed, our annual **August potluck** will be hosted on Wed., Aug. 19.

Again this year we will co-host the popular **Ghost Walk** with the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. A month-long event, the Ghost Walk is held each Saturday in October. We will include more details on the Ghost Walk as they develop.

For more information about any of the planned events listed here or information about the museum in general, you can contact the museum through John Lloyd, president, at 484.575.6374, or John Boggs at 360.853.8347. Another option is our Web site, www.concreteheritagemuseum.org, which has an online archive of *Concrete Herald* issues dating back before the 1920s.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, starting at 7 p.m. at the museum, always open to the public. We encourage everyone to join us.

—Bowen Beals

At the Upper Skagit Library

The Upper Skagit Library Foundation Book Sale on May 23 was a success! Our daily total was \$630. Thank you for supporting your local library. We also thank our dedicated volunteers.

Get your Superhero on with "Every Hero Has a Story" **Summer Reading Program** (SRP), beginning June 13. Get ready for reading challenges, prizes, special programs, and activities, including Silly Saturdays and Super Crafts. A library card is not required to participate in SRP. Open for ages 0–17. Sign up on or after June 13. More details at www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

The library returns to the **Marblemount Market** every second Sunday of the month from June through September: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 13. We provide books for checkout and for sale, library information, kids' activities, and library card sign-up.

Our **One-on-One Tutoring Program** has expanded to every Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sit down with a library staff member and focus on basic computer skills and more. Schedule an appointment in person or by phone by calling 360.853.7939.

Silly Saturdays will return June 13! Every Saturday through July, kids are welcome to find five silly things in the library and win a small prize.

New arrivals

In adult fiction, James Patterson's newest thriller, *14th Deadly Sin*. In adult autobiography, Willie Nelson has a story to tell in *It's a Long Story: My Life*. In Children's, learn the ropes for becoming a hero in *Ten Rules of Being a Superhero*.

The next Upper Skagit Library Board meeting will be June 11 at 5 p.m.

—Cora Thomas, library associate

Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 31

reported her small pickup truck missing. She believed it may have been taken without permission by a high school-age relative. Sure enough, the next day the Sedro-Woolley police got a report of that same pickup truck involved in a minor crash at the high school. The truck was ultimately returned to the owner, and one 16-year-old youngster will need to explain this situation to a judge.

May 20

Deputies contacted a wanted couple at Loggers Landing in Concrete. They are residents of Cedar Grove and were wanted by deputies for several issues. The male was taken to Snohomish County on a felony theft warrant. The female was booked into Skagit County Jail on several local charges. Yes, there is still room in the jail for chronic offenders.

Two employees of the Resource Center in Concrete reported flat tires. They hope it's a coincidence and not a disgruntled client. Both car tires had nails in them. Deputies are trying to determine if this was intentional. No additional nails were

located nearby. If anyone has information relevant to this, please call the SCSO.

Deputies responded to the area of Finney Creek and South Skagit Highway near Marblemount to a known wood thief possibly stealing wood. No persons were located, but deputies did visit his residence in Cedar Grove. Once there, they found a suspicious large metal box containing electronic gear. It turns out this item was a National Parks radio repeater recently stolen from the Finney Creek area. The fact that this piece of equipment was missing from its location on a mountaintop, and not functioning, could very well have put many lives in danger. Federal authorities are looking into this case with SCSO deputies.

May 23

A resident of Lyman had some threatening messages written on his residence. Although somewhat menacing in nature, the threats were written in chalk and appeared to be a random act of graffiti.

A deputy and an aid crew responded to an off-road vehicle accident on Nielson Lane in Hamilton. The driver of the quad

was thrown off after possibly striking the handlebars. He was not wearing a helmet, and, coupled with the impressive dismount, he was knocked out cold. Luckily it doesn't appear he was seriously injured. He may still get a ticket from the deputy. Please always wear your helmet.

May 25

A caller from a small lake on Burpee Hill reported a disturbance. One grumpy fisherman was unhappy about the way another man had parked his truck. He decided to lay on the horn to get the fisherman's attention out on the lake. The deputy arrived and found no issues or illegal parking occurring. The only crime was disrupting a nice fishing trip.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading

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June at the Darrington Library

Children's programs

- Wildfire Prevention Event, June 8, 3 to 4 p.m.
- Explore Summer: Environmental Heroes, June 17, 11 a.m. to noon
- Explore Summer: Catapult Attack! June 24, 11 a.m. to noon

- "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," June 9, 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- Teen DIY Crafts: Summer Cool Tie Dye T-shirts, June 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

Adult programs

- Darrington Bibliophiles discuss *The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot*, by

See **Darrington library**, this page

Teen programs

- Escape the Ordinary Teen Movie:



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Lions ROAR



June's meeting will be our last until fall. The meeting will be held June 3 at Annie's Pizza. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group that gathers around 6 p.m. to eat and socialize before the meeting starts. All existing members mark your calendar. For those interested in becoming a member, submitting a request, or just want to see what we are about, please feel free to stop in.

The Lions Club will travel to Heart Lake near Anacortes to barbecue for the **Children's Fishing Derby** on June 5.

The Lions Club has access to **medical equipment**, such as wheelchairs, walkers,

shower chairs, and commodes, that can be loaned out to those in need. Please contact any Lions Club member and we will do our best to help you.

As we enter summer, it is the time to think about our commitment to ourselves and others. I encourage members of our community to think about and **join your local Lions Club**. Our club is your club. We are a club to serve you and our community. Our hope for 2015 is to increase our membership numbers times two. We all have friends and family who have seen the outreach of your local Lions Club, so now is the time to give great thought about being a member! For those interested in becoming a member, submitting a request, or just wanting to see what we are about, please feel free to stop in to one of our meetings.

—Connie Smithhart

Darrington Library, cont.

Robert McFarlane, June 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- Wildfire Prevention Event for Children and Homeowners, June 8; children's event from 3 to 4 p.m.; homeowners' event from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Summer of Authors Series at Mountain Loop Books & Coffee,

June 24, 6 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 or call 360.436.1600.

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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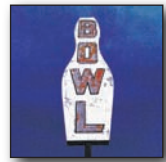
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Out & About



Home & Garden



Above, from left: Mount Vernon School District Superintendent Dr. Carl Bruner and Community Action of Skagit County Adult Education Program Coordinator Sandi York, Community Services Director Lynn Christofersen, and Executive Director Bill Henkel. *Submitted photo.*

Mount Vernon

Community Action wins award

On April 23, Community Action of Skagit County received a "Community Leadership Award" from the Washington Association of School Administrators.

Each year, districts in our region select an outstanding community partner to recognize. The Mount Vernon School District (MVSD) chose Community Action to receive the prestigious award for Skagit County.

Dr. Carl Bruner, superintendent of MVSD, said, "Executive Director Bill Henkel and his team repeatedly demonstrate how will, persistence, and understanding can break down institutional barriers and lead to powerful and successful partnerships that truly make a difference."

In addition to serving as a vital resource for many families, Community Action has

partnered with the MVSD over the years to:

- Help educate the staff about the effects of poverty in our community.
- Provide English as a Second Language classes for parents and families.
- Provide and supervise VISTA and AmeriCorps volunteers to work with struggling readers and, more recently, to help build Community Action's network of community-based learning centers.
- Serve as a resource to counselors, administrators, and bilingual liaisons looking to connect families with resources.



Archuletta

Seattle

Lecture discussed Concrete successes and challenges

Navy planner and Antioch University graduate Eric Archuletta (above) spoke at the Seattle institution May 9. The town of Concrete was his lecture topic.

Archuletta was joined by Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, who shared stories from the trenches of Concrete's successes and challenges as it tries to revitalize its economy. The town flourished from the early 1900s through the 1960s because of its cement-producing plants, but has struggled ever since the companies left, and is currently classified by the state as a low-income community.

Archuletta's comments covered efforts made by town government, the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, the grassroots Imagine Concrete organization, and everyday citizens.

Skagit County

Janicki appointed to state road administration board

Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki is one of three recent appointees to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

On May 6 the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Board of Directors appointed Janicki to the board, along with King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert and Pierce County Engineer Brian Stacy.

CRAB was created by the Legislature in 1965 to provide statutory oversight of Washington's 39 county road departments. The agency is funded from a portion of the counties' fuel tax that is withheld for state supervision, and from a small portion of the two grant programs that it administers.

The mission of CRAB is to "preserve and enhance the transportation infrastructure of Washington counties by providing standards of good practice, fair administration of funding programs, visionary leadership, and integrated, progressive, and professional technical services."

The agency is governed by a nine-member board that meets quarterly and is composed of six county commissioners/councilmembers and three county engineers.

"This appointment is a good alignment of my skill set with the needs of local government," said Janicki. "I am excited to bring my private sector experience, working on large projects and with engineers, into this role with the County Road Administration Board."

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About 30 Youth Dynamics volunteers descended on the Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete again this year for their annual community service night. The May 18 visit found area young people spreading landscape fabric and wood chips, weeding ... and weeding. Their work prepared several rental beds for use this year.



Concrete brothers Jonathan Akers (above left, in orange shirt) and Robert Rushin (above right, wearing cap) showed a couple friends how to prepare a raised bed and plant it during a May visit to the Children's Garden within the Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete. The brothers had learned the basics of gardening only two years ago, said mother and co-manager Marla Reed, and were more than happy to share their knowledge. *Photos by Marla Reed.*



Left: Members of Boy Scout Troop 4074 gathered at the community garden on May 16, and while the Fire and Life Safety Facility ribbon-cutting ceremony was held next door, quietly removed weeds from 10 beds in the garden, including all of the beds earmarked for the Concrete Food Bank. Garden co-managers Marla Reed and Jason Miller will plant those beds this month.

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Whatcom County

SR 542 opens to Artist Point

The lack of snow this winter was tough on skiers and snowboarders, but

it's great news for fans of Artist Point on Mount Baker. The Washington State Department of Transportation opened the final 2.7 miles of State Route 542

to the scenic destination at about 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon, May 14. This is the earliest opening of the road on record; the previous was June 29, 2005.



Smile



Dwelleysms

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

"It takes a good judge of character to make the best choice in an election. Those who try, however, are not doing their own character any harm."

"A real old-timer tells us even advanced age has its brighter moments, like when you wake up in the morning and don't hurt anywhere."

"The joint checking account provides a parallel to the frontier day face-off. It's a matter of who is quickest on the draw."

—Oct. 28, 1965

"After reviewing the news in Sunday morning's paper, church-goers have little difficulty believing the pastor when he says there is a better world somewhere beyond."

—Nov. 4, 1965

"The career politicians are aroused at the thought of cutting state expenditures by efficiency methods. A lot of deserving party workers would lose their jobs and what in the world would a taxpayer do with the money saved? Probably spend it foolishly on himself."

"Strike your blow for freedom from the forces that hold you down! Hold credit card burnings! Uphold the right to pay

cash and suffer while you save."

"There are 10 million blind people in this world—plus about three times that number who can't see beyond their own doorstep."

"A Tennessee group says that state's law against nudist colonies is unconstitutional. The right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness apparently didn't spell out proper attire for the occasion."

"Leadership is the gift of persuasion. Only drawback is that too often the leader marches off in the wrong direction just because the crowd happens to be facing that way at the moment."

—Nov. 11, 1965

"In order that they may be adequately prepared for life in the cold, cruel world after graduation, our students should be given another required course—in what to do when the power goes out."

—Nov. 18, 1965

"One scientist says that dust on the moon may be made of diamonds. If so, the power of suggestion has been felt here for centuries. More diamonds have been obtained by watching the moon with a sweetheart than a spaceship could carry back in a dozen trips."

—Nov. 25, 1965

"There is a tool for everything these days, but to get anyone to do anything for you, the first thing is to check the person's built-in 'can't-ometer.' The prospect of

physical effort often sets a high reading."

—Dec. 2, 1965

"DeGaulle's vain attempt to save France again with his personality pitch was not unexpected. Being grateful at being rescued is one thing, but not when there is a suspicion that it is by the same guy who held your head under."

—Dec. 9, 1965

"There is such a thing as luck. It's when all goes well without any effort."

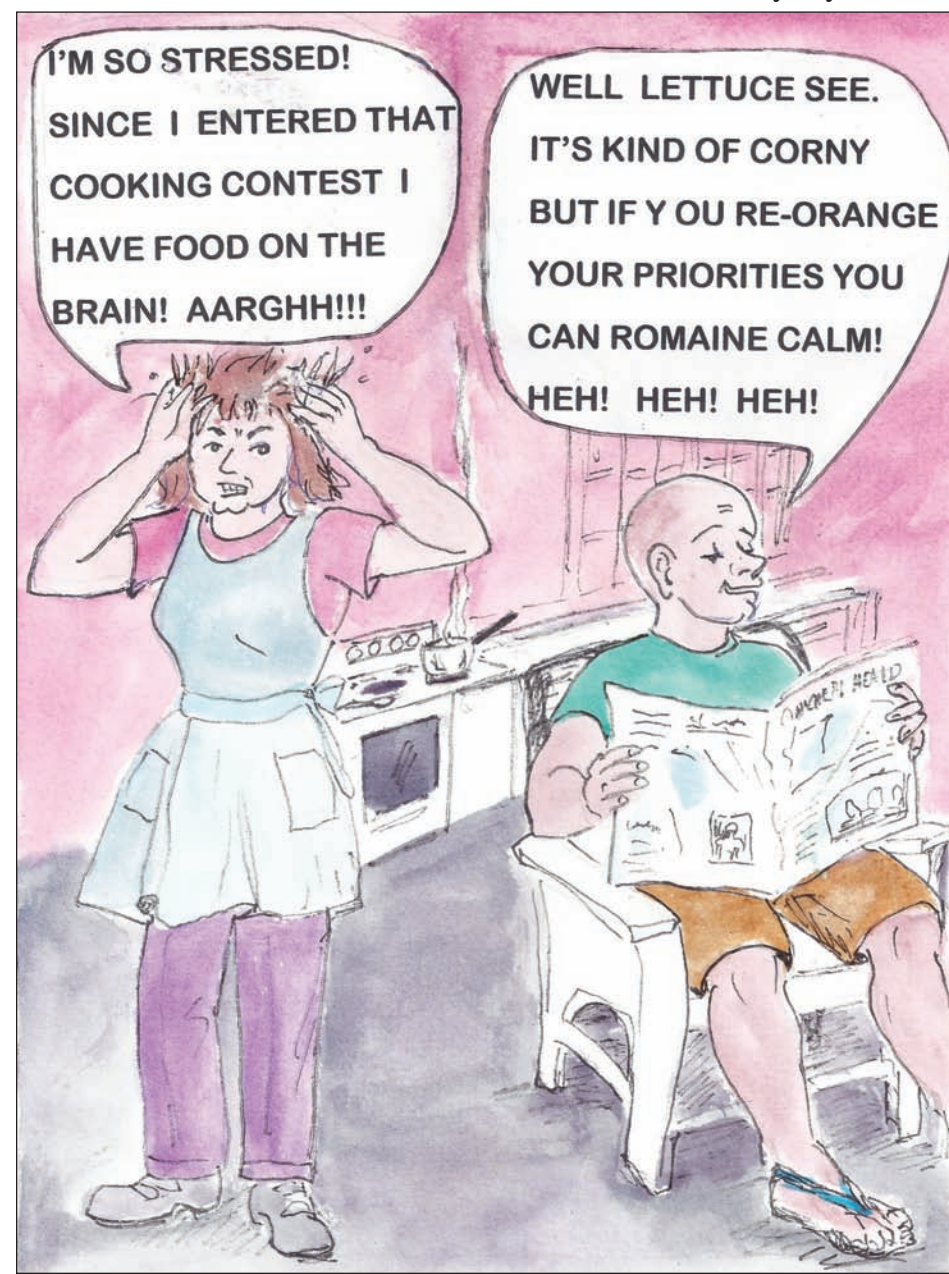
"We were just looking at the new styles. A good thing witch-burning went out some years ago. Many of the fashion models would be suspect at first glance."

"A malady is both blessing and curse to the Youth Corps. Kids join when they get sick of home, and leave when they get homesick."

—Dec. 16, 1965

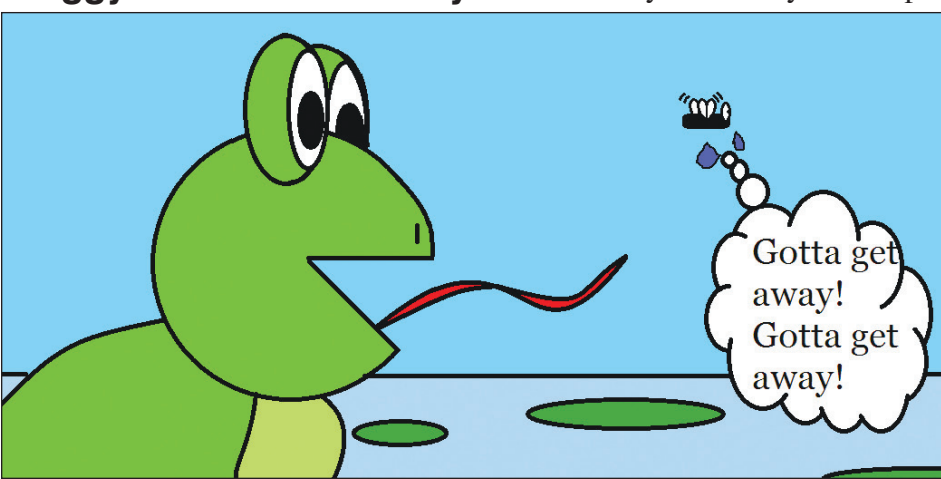
Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Froggy and the Frantic Fly

By Jasara Taylor-Temple



Crossword: "Tasty treats"

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8. Bolivian ____
13. Mild laxative
15. Laughs, maybe
17. Tasty treat
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20. Content of some bags
21. Start of some cloud names
22. Sapporo sash
24. It's definite
27. Car nut
28. Tasty treats
34. Not digital
35. Arise
36. Little kick
37. Class-conscious grp.
38. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
42. Way to walk
45. Charge
47. Tasty treat
51. General in gray
52. Tropical snake
53. Possessive pronoun
54. Some bends
56. Taboos
58. Beach item
62. Tasty treat

Down

1. A sparkling wine
2. Shade of blue
3. Remote control button
4. Overly decorous
5. Salad topper
6. Bus. card abbr.
7. Related on one side
8. Grand ____ ("Evangeline" setting)
9. Common Market letters
10. 1986 #1 hit for Starship
11. Simple eyes
12. Carved figure
14. Coupling
16. Smoke and fog mixtures
18. Chain
22. Sean ____ Lennon
23. Breathalyzer attachment
25. Dupes
26. Easily tamed bird
28. Dracula, at times
29. " ____ Ng" (They Might Be

67. Folklore creature
68. Nodule
69. Certain print
70. Deflects
- Giants song)
30. Photographer Goldin
31. Star in Perseus
32. Bark in?
33. Copper coins
37. Caribe
39. Away
40. D.C. setting
41. Science writer, Willy
43. Colo. neighbor
44. Blood-typing letters
45. Nest builder
46. Good buddies use them
47. Smart guys?
48. City in Ontario
49. Jai alai ball
50. Smell the coffee
55. Sean Connery, for one
57. Baseball great
58. Engine sound
59. Fungal spore sacs
60. Beach site
61. Dregs
63. Crumb
64. Get prone
65. Second degree?
66. Across, in verse

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.

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

*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in April.

- "So I've been thinking about taking drawing lessons from a wonderful local artist. Love her work, especially her animal water colors. But she's charging an arm and a leg for the sessions. You'd think my 9-year-old would cut her dad a deal ..."
- "Note, if ever the cassette toilet in a campervan is allowed to become too full, the only suggestion from the manufacturer, Thetford, is, 'Never let the cassette become too full.' Oh boy, off to the supermarket to buy a bucket, rubber gloves, a sponge, paper towels, bleach, and a stick of butter. Why the butter? Because we needed it, and buying it with that other stuff is hilarious."
- "Do you ever just forget you don't always have an overweight dog following you around eating everything you drop, and when you drop something you actually have to pick it up?"
- "There was a time in my life when I could drive 800 miles in a day with no potty stops and still be walking the next day. Now I drive 450 miles with so many potty stops my dog thinks I'm marking his territory. AND oh yeah, now I walk with a limp like grandpa McCoy."
- "Caught some flies doing it on one of my roses. How romantic."
- "Cute little bitty girl walks up to me in the store and says, 'excuse me, do you ever get any 16-year-old cowboys in here?'"
- "Nothing says Memorial Day and the Start of Summer dinner like ... red beans and rice? Whatever. I make what they ask for. Maybe we'll do BBQ next year."
- "Sunday is my one off day at the gym for the week. This Monday the gym is closed. My solution is that I've talked myself out of going today to make up for the holiday closure and am going to make cinnamon rolls instead. I. Am. Genius."
- "I'm about to see if two carrot sticks can undo the damage of three margaritas and six hot dogs."

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