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Guest editorial

A note from the fire chief

By Darrel Reed

We have appreciated a relatively low number of calls with no major fires for many years now. This fact is due in large part to the safety measures our citizens practice. Please maintain your vigilance and continue your safety practices. Perform checks on your smoke detectors. A little-known fact is they have a 10-year life span because the material used internally breaks down with time. Replace them if they are 10 years old or older.

I am also compelled to mention the permanent burn ban placed in Concrete in January 2007—the moment the Washington State Clean Air Act went into effect in town. Shortly after that, the Northwest Clean Air Agency gave the town a chipper, because by state

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance

On Memorial Day, let us rededicate ourselves to the task of remembering those whose service and sacrifice have purchased our freedoms on battlefields around the globe.

Let us honor all of our fallen warriors, their commitment to our country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifices. By giving their lives for the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans.

If we wish peace in the years ahead, we must love and honor those who have paid the ultimate price to keep us free. This is the best memorial we can endorse.

On this most sacred of days, we all should vow that none of our fallen heroes shall ever be forgotten. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance.

America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be aware of and recall on special occasions the deaths of their fellow citizens during wartime.

Fred Vineyard
Amvets Post 911

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

KSVU gets great benefit

After yet another successful benefit on May 5, we at Upriver Community Radio KSVU humbly thank all involved. From the dozens of raffle and silent auction donors, to the terrific band "Undecided," to all the volunteers working the event, we are so very grateful. The funds generated will, once again, keep us on the air for at least a few more months.

Now in its 7th year of existence broadcasting from the Concrete studio, KSVU has truly become a voice for the Upper Skagit, playing from a

wide variety of music genres, hosting local news and interviews, emergency service announcements, and even live, local performances of your friends and neighbors. In fact, if you tune in to 90.1 FM on Thur., June 7 at noon, you will hear the Concrete High School Jazz Band play on the air!

Once again, thanks for listening.

Christie Fairchild
Rockport

Gratitude for helpful community

I would like to give a very big thank you to Town of Concrete employee Dale Angell for stopping and asking if I needed help. He gave me a battery for my vehicle. Also for the coffee and orange juice.

To the Concrete Lions Club for the Memorial Day lunch. Thank you for giving me and my kids leftovers. Thank you to Community Action for making it possible for me to take my kids camping. Thank you to two amazing bus drivers—my kids have Terry Walters and Aimee Bendio-Massingale. My kids love you two and think you're amazing. You have gone above and beyond your jobs to make my kids enjoy their hour-long bus ride to school.

There is nothing I can do to repay any

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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

After much thought, I have decided to stop publishing this mayor's column in Concrete Herald.

While I am not the only small-town mayor in the U.S. who also publishes the hometown newspaper, and while I have taken specific and well-publicized steps to separate the influence I as mayor have over our newspaper, there clearly remains concern over these two hats that I wear.

I am concerned about people getting the wrong impression about my integrity and the integrity of the newspaper; therefore, while I believe there has been no breach, I am removing this column in an effort to remove anything that could give the appearance of a conflict.

This column will end with this June 2018 issue of Concrete Herald. Look for this column to resume on my Facebook

page, Jason Miller Concrete Mayor, and perhaps other formats over which I have little or no control.

Concrete Mayor Jason Miller can be reached at goodwords@frontier.com or 360.853.8213, or by sending correspondence to P.O. Box 39, Concrete, WA 98237.

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Department of Ecology issues Town of Concrete notice of penalty

Mayor plans to appeal \$12,800 fine, cited for neglected equipment, influent flow bypasses, and other violations.

By Chazlyn Lovely
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

The Department of Ecology has issued a Notice of Penalty to the Town of Concrete for a sum of \$12,800, due within 30 days. The fines stem from violations of a Revised Code of Washington, the Washington Administrative Code, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit at the town-owned wastewater treatment plant. Town officials received phone calls and emails explaining the violations, which occurred between 2014-2017.

The treatment plant, which provides sewage service for around 400 connections, caught the attention of the Department of Ecology in October

2016, according to the notice, and at that point a larger investigation began into its operations and maintenance. The department conducted an inspection of the plant in December 2016 with aid from temporary contract operators Water & Wastewater Services, resulting in a letter sent to the town expressing concerns and issuing recommendations. In particular, the letter noted neglected equipment that appeared disassembled or not installed, influent (untreated wastewater coming into the plant) flows being bypassed into a nearby lagoon, membrane cleaning systems that were not functioning properly, and high mixed-liquor (raw

wastewater and activated sludge combination within an aeration tank) concentrations. It also claimed that the town had broken and damaged equipment, was not proactive in maintenance, needed work done on infiltration and inflow, and did not notify the Department of Ecology when it used a non-permitted lagoon for bypasses.

In January 2017, Water & Wastewater Services returned to the site to aid in cleaning, inspection, and operating strategies. In February, the Department of Ecology contacted Town of Concrete Public Works Director Alan Wilkins to discuss plant operations and conduct

a records review. It was at this time that Wilkins noted difficulties with the membranes, which he said could not be cleaned properly, and that the amount of grit coming into the plant was impeding infiltration and inflow. He also noted that no sludge was sent to the lagoon. While a bypass log was provided, according to the Department of Ecology, Wilkins did state that while maintenance occurred it was not documented. The department did not find these records satisfactory, taking care to mention in their notice to the town that some of these records were handwritten and in places illegible, that many records would mark the start of a process but never indicate its finish, and that some requested documents were never submitted at all.

In total, the Department of Ecology cited 69 dates between 2014 and 2017 with bypasses directed toward the lagoon in which they were not notified. While special circumstances exist where the town could use a bypass procedure, the lagoon, which is unlined and only 200 feet from the Baker River, is not an approved destination, and none of the special circumstances, such as necessity to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage, and no feasible alternatives to the bypass, were met. Even if these conditions had been met, they still would have required immediate reporting. The notice also lists three different documents that were not received, the lack of a daily logbook in either paper or electronic form, and a month-long violation where the effluent limit was exceeded.

At the May 29 Town Council meeting, Mayor Jason Miller broke the news to the council, though at the time he had not had the chance to go through the notice in detail. The mayor expressed surprise about the fine—he briefly mentioned that he felt that the Department of Ecology had been talking to the town and attempting to help them solve the problems with the treatment plant, and that the two organizations had just finished working on a plan of attack for the next five years.

When asked for a comment later, the mayor expressed frustration with the situation and noted that it is a far more complex issue than the notice would make it seem. "It's important to understand the 'why' behind all of this," he said. "This is an issue that's been going on for years, and I, as mayor, have been trying to figure out how much of the fault lies with maintenance and how much lies with

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of you for the help. You all are my kids heroes.

Layna Stalkfleet
Concrete area

Senators should work to overturn Citizens United

In November 2016 Washington became the eighteenth state to officially call for a constitutional amendment to overturn the 2010 Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. Washingtonians passed Initiative 735 by 63 percent statewide, a super majority, by 60 percent in the first congressional district, and by 66 percent in the second congressional district.

This initiative calls on present and future Washington State delegations to the federal Congress to propose, then ratify, a joint resolution for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to overturn Citizens United. This Supreme Court decision opened the flood gates for Big Money to dominate our elections.

Nationally, 53 members of the U.S. House of Representatives have signed on to H.J.R. 48, the bill leading to the amendment that will overturn Citizens United. Representatives Del Bene of the 1st congressional district, Kilmer (CD 6), Jayapal (CD 7), A. Smith (CD 9), and Heck (CD 10) are among these co-signers. Our state's Initiative 735 was closely aligned with H.J.R. 48. Not only do we need to convince more members of Congress to cosponsor H.J.R. 48, including WA Congressman Rick Larsen, we also need to find a U.S. senator to introduce a companion bill to H.J.R. 48 into the U.S. Senate.

This would be an auspicious task for Senator(s) Murray and/or Cantwell, and would certainly prove that they work diligently to carry out the will of the people who voted them into office. If

you agree that Big Money, multi-national corporations, and billionaires now wield too much power over our elections, please contact these senators' offices and ask them to follow the will of Washingtonians by introducing into the Senate the companion bill to H.J.R. 48. Asking Congressman Larsen to co-sponsor H.J.R. 48 will help as well.

Thank you.

Matt May
La Conner

May issue a "bunch of crap"

I read the May issue and I could not keep from laughing it's the biggest bunch of crap I have ever heard. Starting with the title "the town on wheels" is totally degrading and insulting to the entire home & business owners that haft to put up with all the crime in Hamilton. Being a business owner of the First Class RV Park I have had my fair share of child molesters, drug addicts, derelicts, bums. Nobody has any money but there is always money there for drugs and alcohol & cigarettes.

We currently not any travelers guide and who would want to stop and stay at any RV park here in Hamilton. You go down any street you'll see burnt out buildings, shaky old dilapidated buildings and RV trailers all over town. Take a tour and begin on Water Street and turn left down Cumberland to the end then take a look at the shaky old trailers in the Bend in the river RV Park it's a disgrace. Hamilton gets all the old junky trailers.

This is the prime reason why no one comes off the HWY 20 and spends the night they all go to the State park or to KOA to spend their money. Hamilton has nothing to bring RV customers off the highway. Having a mayor who has never in forced a town code in 4 years of being in office is why the town is in the shape it's in.

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PSE to test new siren system in July

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) plans to commission a newly upgraded early-warning siren system for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. As a part of its comprehensive Dam Safety Program, PSE upgraded the siren system to provide a distinctly unique siren tone and verbal messages to avoid confusion with other sirens used by emergency response personnel in the area. The commissioning is scheduled for the week of July 16 to 20.

The siren system upgrade increased the sound coverage area, taking the system from three sirens to eight. In the unlikely event of a dam breach, the siren system would provide early-warning and immediate mass notification to the town of Concrete and the surrounding communities of Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdview.

With the upgraded siren system now installed, PSE will commission the system by conducting sound testing. The sound testing will involve testing of the current three-siren system and the upgraded eight-

siren system. During the sound testing the sirens will produce siren tones and two verbal messages. The verbal messages include a message for the monthly siren test and a message that would be used in dam safety emergency. The emergency message communicates the need for residents to evacuate. Since the sound testing for commissioning the new system is being performed for test purposes, residents do not need to evacuate.

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

What to expect

- Sound testing of the sirens will involve periodic sounding of the current three-siren system and each of the new eight sirens. During the sound testing, the sirens will produce a tone and two verbal messages. This is a scheduled test and only a test of the siren system. If the sirens sound during this timeframe, residents are

not called to evacuate.

- The sirens to be tested are located in and around the town of Concrete, including Van Horn, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdview. Locations of the sirens are provided on a map that is available online at pse.com/bakerriver or at PSE's Visitor Center at Lower Baker Office in Concrete.
- PSE and contractor personnel will conduct the testing.
- Starting on July 16 and continuing through July 20, 2018. Personnel are planned to work Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once the siren system is fully commissioned the former three-siren system will be removed, however, in keeping with the current siren system testing schedule, PSE will test the new sirens on the second Monday of the month at 6pm. If the sirens sound at any other time, without prior notice to the local media, it is not a test. Residents are to evacuate and to head for higher ground, in the north and south direction, away from the Skagit River.

For more information, go to www.pse.com/bakerriver. Questions can be addressed to damsafety@pse.com or by calling 888.404.8773.

—Submitted by PSE

THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

A **Solar Workshop** will be presented by Banner Power Solutions at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete. The workshop will be held on June 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 360.755.3030.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial literacy workshops are now available in Concrete. Since May, Community Action has offered free financial empowerment services at the East County Resource Center in Concrete.

The program provides free financial workshops and one-on-one financial coaching for anyone who wants to better understand their financial situation.

Workshops are offered in personal budgeting and building credit, and may expand to other financial topics.

Workshops are offered on Wednesdays

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the known defective equipment that was installed in the plant in the first place."

Mayor Miller explained that there are multiple external factors outside of just the treatment plant that went into the decision to bypass into the lagoon, pointing out an aging sewer infrastructure that "allows far too much rainwater into it so that it overloads the plant," and inflow and infiltration—something the town has been working on with a grant acquired in 2017 from the USDA and is projected to be complete in 2019. The "I&I Project" will include repairs and replacements to pipes, side sewers, and manholes, trenchless infiltration and inflow, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, trenchless spot repairs, and pressure grouting.

"Ecology says it's unlawful for you to discharge into your lagoon now that the treatment plant has been built," Miller noted. "But when you have this separate problem exacerbating the issue, you don't have a lot of choices. You either go into the lagoon or you go into the Baker River. Take your pick. It makes for some very hard choices where there's no winner anywhere."

The next step for Miller is to determine what was due to improper maintenance and what was caused by known equipment issues from the moment it was installed. "The three most problematic issues on the equipment side are the membranes, the blowers, and the screening apparatus at the headworks," he said. "So far the town has replaced the blowers and the membranes. We are seeking funding to install a new screen at the headworks where the influent begins its journey through the plant. They were flawed from the get-go. The screen was too large, the blowers were not energy efficient and couldn't keep up with the load, and the membranes were prone to caking so they needed cleaning far more often than they should have, so they were wildly inefficient."

In terms of "operator error" and record-

keeping, Miller said he will do a "deep-dive into those allegations" and will make decisions in the future based on those findings.

Town of Concrete plans to appeal the decision with the Pollution Control Hearings Board. "We will appeal the decision in part because we have little choice," Miller said. "The amount of the fine will certainly be a hardship on the town, and does nothing to aid us in our ongoing attempts to bring the plant into compliance."

Miller plans to sit down with Wilkins and Town Clerk-Treasurer/Public Records Officer Andrea Fichter to "figure out the logic" for the appeal before sitting down with Wilkins again for a detailed, line-by-line interpretation of the notice from Ecology and making follow-up calls to Water and Wastewater Services. "I perceive some very tough conversations in my future."

If the town does not win its appeal, the payment that it makes to the Department of Ecology will go to their Coastal Protection Fund, which takes money from fines collected from violators of the Water Pollution Control Act and puts it into grants that will be awarded to projects addressing environmental restoration or enhancement—usually water quality issues and fish and wildlife habitat protection in state waters.

Miller emphasized that the fine will not affect the sewer utility rate, which increased earlier this year (*Concrete Herald*, February 2018). "That rate is tied to maintenance, operation of the plant, and the town's loan debt load for building [the wastewater treatment plant] in the first place. We don't ding our citizens when the town gets a fine like this."

Chazlyn Lovely is a freelance writer from Corkindale.

Katy Tomasulo is a freelance editor from Bainbridge Island.

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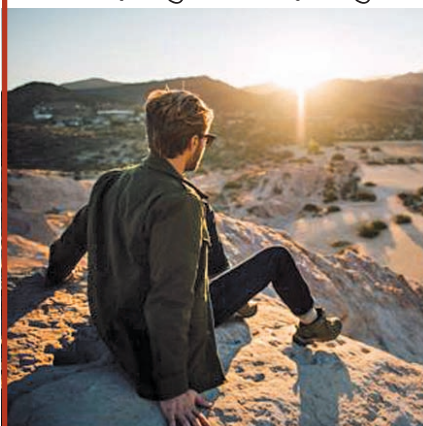
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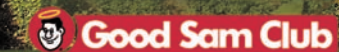
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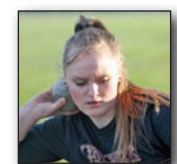


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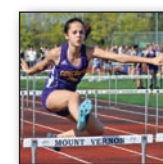
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Sports



Azure medals at State

Concrete High School senior Becky Azure finally made it to the podium. In her last bid for a state medal, Azure slung the discus 101' 7" and captured 7th place in the event on Fri., May 25.

The week before State, five Track athletes emerged from the 1B/2B Bi-District Championships on May 19 having punched their tickets to Cheney for this year's State Track Tournament.

When the dust settled, Azure had taken 2nd place in Girls javelin, shotput, and discus; freshman Kassidy Smith had captured 2nd in the Girls long jump; and the Concrete High School Girls 4x100m sneaked into the competition with a second-place finish—in a field of two.

The Concrete representatives showed plenty of moxie at Roos Field. The young relay team—all freshmen, composed of Sierra Rensink, Kassidy Smith, Rebekah Rider, and Anna Spangler—ran their hearts out, set a new personal record (PR) of 56.35 seconds, and left with the resolve to return next year.

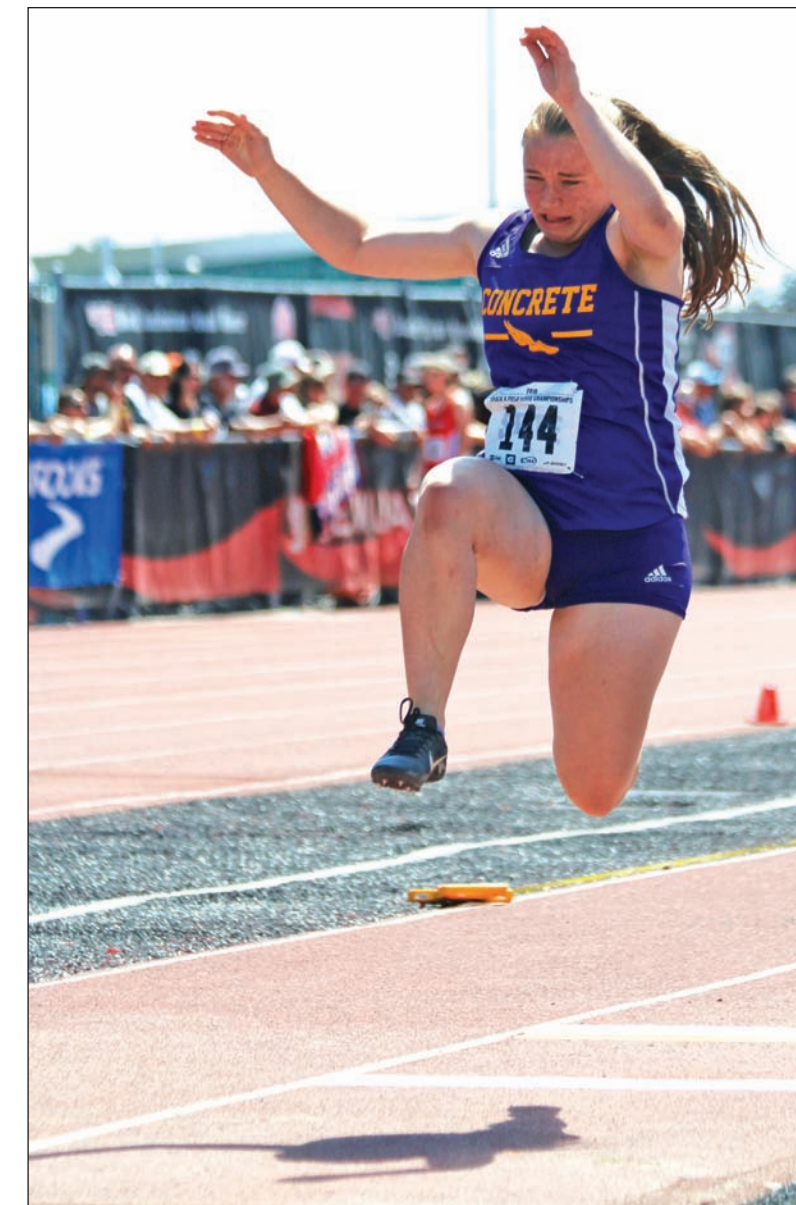
Smith placed 16th in the long jump field with an effort of 13' 3.5". Given her speed and power, the freshman has a bright future ahead of her with the team and should be a force in the league next year.

Azure flanked her medal-earning discus work with a javelin throw of 85' 7" (15th place) and a shotput toss of 27' 9.5" (15th place). It was during the shotput competition that Azure sustained an injury to her right (throwing) hand that ended the event for her and sent her to the medical tent. She later told *Concrete Herald* that no bones were broken, and that severe strain was the likely diagnosis.

—J. K. M.



The Concrete Lions Track team sent five athletes to the State tournament this year—all young women. Clockwise from top: Senior Becky Azure competes in the discus on her way to scoring a 7th place medal in the event. Azure was Concrete's strongest entry, competing in the javelin, shotput, and discus after placing second in all three events during the Bi-District Championships in Shoreline on May 19. Freshmen Rebekah Rider (right) and Anna Spangler exchange the baton during the Girls 4x100m Relay at State. The girls, joined by teammates Hannah Rensink and Kassidy Smith, skated into State by default: Only two teams competed at the Bi-District Championships, and the top two finishes advanced to State. Azure poses proudly with her 7th place medal for discus. Azure battled an injury to her throwing hand and was unable to place in the javelin and shotput.



Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month: Anna Spangler, Dalton Newby

Freshman sprinter and jumper Anna Spangler set a personal record in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.80. Anna has also been a constant in the long jump, placing 2nd in Blackhawk invite and NW 1B/2B Meet at Friday Harbor with jumps of 12' 7" and 10' 3" respectively. She set a personal record at the 1B/2B District 1 Championships and placed 3rd with a jump of 13' 2.5". Anna is also the anchor for the girls 4x100m relay team. The relay team qualified for the State tournament after finishing second at the 1B/2B Bi-District Championships. "Anna is a great teammate and works extremely hard to better herself for every event she enters," said Head Coach Marcus Carr.

Junior baseball player Dalton Newby played infield and a little bit of outfield for the Lions this spring, batting in the mid .300s. A three-sport athlete this year, Dalton is also an Honors Student and an ASB Officer. A coach's son, Dalton has a very high IQ for the game and works hard to improve himself and his team. "He is the kind of young man you like to have around to keep things upbeat and positive in the dugout (even if that means a slight concussion for me!)," said Head Coach Randy Sweeney. Dalton worked hard and made huge strides in his hitting this spring, getting hot and producing well during the team's push to make the playoffs. "We look forward to another year with Dalton," said Sweeney.

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

—Kathy Hurn

Top left: Freshman sprinter Sierra Rensink settles into her blocks before the Girls 4x100m Relay at this year's State Track Tournament in Cheney. Rensink was part of the all-freshman relay team, which included Kassidy Smith, Rebekah Rider, and Anna Spangler. *Photo by Kevik Rensink.*

Left: Freshman Kassidy Smith competes in the long jump at the State Track Tournament on May 26. Smith earned her trip to Cheney by placing 2nd in the event during the Bi-District Championships in Shoreline on May 19.

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Baseball season ends with heartbreaker

The CHS baseball team logged another season, ending with a close playoff game that sent the Lions packing.

In Bi-District play on May 8, Concrete faced Friday Harbor and got 10-runned despite strong hitting from Tyler Hansen.

On May 12 the Lions took on Crosspoint in the second round of Bi-Districts—and got their hearts broken.

“We gave up a couple unearned runs late in the game to give them the lead,” said Coach Randy Sweeney. “We battled back in the 7th inning, had the tying runs on base, but just couldn’t get the hits to knock them in. That ended our season.”

The month started out favorably for the hometown team, with a May 4 doubleheader at home against Darrington that found the Lions ravaging the Loggers 9-4 and 10-0.

Having secured their playoff berth, the Lions shredded Darrington in both games. In the first, Hansen had 4 RBIs, 3 hits, and 3 doubles. Dalton Newby

had a couple hits and 2 RBIs. The team was just as strong offensively, with Tyler Coffell throwing 5 strikeouts in 6 innings, and giving up only 2 runs. David O’Neil closed the game.

In the second game, Shayne Luttrell ruled the mound and beat the Loggers in 5 innings with 10 strikeouts, 0 hits, 0 runs, and 0 bases on balls. “He was one out away from throwing a perfect game, then we had an infield error,” mourned Sweeney.

Hansen continued his hot streak with a couple more hits and RBIs, along with Luttrell’s 4 hits and 4 RBIs.

“Hansen was unstoppable during the last games of the season, hitting two or three doubles every game,” said Sweeney. “In the last three games he went from .300 to .416. He was hitting everything they threw at him.”

“We’re really proud of what the kids were able to accomplish. We’re junior-dominated, so next year ...”

Softballers wrap season, skip playoffs

Playoffs weren’t a part of the picture for the Concrete High School fastpitch softball team this year, but the Lady Lions managed to eke out a couple wins in their closing regular-season games.

While the boys battled Darrington on May 4, the girls’ team took on the Lady

Loggers in their own doubleheader play. Concrete clawed their way to the top, with 10-8 and 17-6 wins that day.

Look for complete awards and letters info for all spring sports in the July issue of *Concrete Herald*.

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Top volunteer

Graduating Sedro-Woolley High School senior Colvin Swanberg logged 2,032 volunteer hours during his high school career—more than any other student in the nation.

Colvin Swanberg doesn’t think he’s special. An average 17-year-old about to graduate from Sedro-Woolley High School, Swanberg looks pretty much like most young people his age. You’d never guess what he’s been through.

Diagnosed in third grade with a learning disability that troubled his memory capacity, Swanberg wasn’t expected to graduate till he was 21. Fast-forward to 2014, his sophomore year in high school, when his parents separated and the family restaurant closed, eventually forcing his mother Melissa, older brother David, and himself into the ranks of the homeless in Skagit County, joining 40,000 homeless children in Washington, and more than 1,000 in Skagit County.

Many people—especially people Swanberg’s age—would be crushed by what life handed them. But not Swanberg.

After Family Promise of Skagit Valley gave Melissa and her boys a little help—including assistance with finding a home of their own—Colvin Swanberg decided to pay it forward by volunteering his time for Family Promise and other local organizations.

Swanberg gave back—in spades. At an awards ceremony for the Varsity in Volunteerism (ViV) program at Sedro-Woolley High School on May 23, the numbers came out: Swanberg had logged 1,331 volunteer hours during his senior year, and 2,032 hours during his high school career. According to United Way (one of the program supporters), that’s a record set right here in the Skagit Valley; no other student in the U.S. has matched it. In fact, the closest any student has come to Swanberg’s career mark is 800-plus hours.

“He’s an amazing kid,” said ViV program coach Travis Johns, who handed Swanberg his ViV letter and an Outstanding Volunteer Award plaque at the May 23 awards ceremony. “When you consider the dedication it took accomplish what he did—to do 1,331 hours—that’s 26

hours a week. I don’t know any adults that have the time to do that every week.”

Swanberg is a young man of action, not words, so his response was characteristic: “Lots of kids are homeless in Skagit County, so I’m helping. I was one of those kids, so I’ve always had a heart for kids. I believe that when God says you need to show God’s love, you do that. When I found out that there’s more than 1,000 kids in Skagit who are homeless, I thought, I could do one hour for each of those kids. Then when I hit 1,000, I thought, why stop? I can do more.”

Busy busy busy

With an emphasis on Family Promise, Swanberg’s laundry list of volunteer activities is exhaustive. Friendship House. Homeless backpacks. Boys & Girls Club of Sedro-Woolley. Salem Lutheran Church. Salem Village (a retirement community). He worked more than 12 hours a day during the summer at Boys & Girls Clubs, then waded into 90 acres of blackberries at a friend’s house so he could pick and sell the berries for money to buy his letterman’s jacket. When this writer called him for a phone interview, he was at Salem Lutheran, helping with a Boy Scout Court of Honor. He helps with spaghetti dinners, numerous fundraisers, work parties. He volunteers as a Vacation Bible School worker for five churches in Skagit County.

“I want to make a difference by volunteering,” said Swanberg. “It is a joy and passion. Volunteering gives me the chance to give back to Family Promise for helping my family and be able to change people’s lives, including my own. I can show others who are in the same situation that I was once in, that there is hope. They are not alone. They too can get through this with help from people who care.”

Laying the groundwork

Swanberg didn’t develop his work ethic in a vacuum. Melissa instilled the

volunteer bug in him and his brother early on—really early on.

“Anytime that I volunteered, I brought them along,” said Melissa. “Colvin grew up volunteering at church, even when they were babies. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts too. Our rule at home was what you did at church was service to God. But you also had volunteer hours you should do outside of church.”

The boys were expected to perform 25 hours of volunteer work per year when they were 3 years old, and 50 hours per year as they grew older. Think a 3-year-old can’t volunteer? Melissa begs to differ.

“We volunteered for food baskets at church; Colvin would take one item from each area and put it in a bag. A 3-year-old can do that. They did that for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. He would help carry in items from the food pantry at the church. Boy Scouts requires service hours. At school they require service hours—and I wouldn’t let him ‘double dip’; they were separate efforts.”

A family of faith

The Swanbergs held fast to their faith during the trying times, finding their way to Salem Lutheran in Mount Vernon while receiving care from Family Promise. Pastor Mark Hander said that Colvin honed in on service-related ministries, from serving meals to helping with other families. “The family has joined our community and become real advocates for the Family Promise ministry,” he said.

Hander noted that Colvin and other youth from the church will travel to Houston at the end of June for the national Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathering—about 40,000 students from around the country, for learning and service opportunities. The team will travel in advance of the gathering for a separate volunteer opportunity.

“He’ll do almost anything we ask of him; he’s such a good-hearted guy,” said Hander. “If everybody gave about a tenth



Colvin Swanberg pauses for a photo after a May 23 Youth United Varsity in Volunteerism awards ceremony at Sedro-Woolley High School, during which he received his ViV letter and an Outstanding Volunteer Award plaque for notching 2,032 volunteer hours during his high school career.

of what Colvin gives, I think the world would be a much-changed place. As they’ve been graced, the Swanbergs want to share that grace with others.”

News of Swanberg’s exploits found its way to the Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County, which supports homeless families and others in poverty. Development Dir. Holly Miller said she invited Colvin to speak at their fundraiser auction. He did, and they benefited from his words, setting a new record for donations.

“People were laughing and crying during his speech,” said Miller. “He nailed it. It was wonderful. I give kudos to him for speaking in front of 375 people—that’s intimidating. To get up and speak in front of people about something so personal is very difficult. He spoke authentically. People were moved by his story. I was so proud of him. He did it out of the kindness of his heart. I’ve been super-impressed by him. He’s a hardworking kid who wants to do well. He’s a beautiful person, inside and out. It’s been an honor to meet him.”

“This world is so divisive; people like to tell you what’s wrong. If everybody did what Colvin does, we’d be a lot better off.”

—J. K. M.



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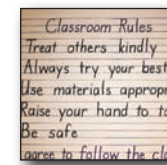
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Concrete Resource Coalition



Another school year is coming to a close. Looking back on the school year, the Concrete Resource Coalition has a lot to celebrate. From July 2017 to June 2018, we accomplished much:

- We held the 10th Annual Concrete Youth Activity Day, attended by more than 300 people and at least 25 partnering agencies.
- Six families completed our 7-week Strengthening Families program.
- Nine families completed our 14-week Incredible Years program.
- Six families completed our mail and phone-based Family Matters program.
- Seven local youth went to leadership conferences in Yakima and Grand Mound.
- Partnered with United General District 304 and Skagit County Sheriff to host a Drug Take Back event that collected 10 pounds of medications and gave out several lockable prescription drug bags.
- Supported four youth prevention groups.
- 63 middle and high school students received training in Life Skills.
- 230 elementary students played more than 10,000 minutes of PAX Good Behavior games to practice positive social skills.
- We hosted community trainings such as Hidden in Plain Sight, Marijuana and Opioid Education, and Cultural Competency.

Azure awarded American Legion scholarship

Post 132 of the American Legion (Concrete) has awarded its annual \$2,000 American Legion Living Legacy Trust Scholarship to Rebecca Azure of Newhalem to continue her education at Skagit Valley College.

"Rebecca's application was well-rounded, clearly demonstrating her past academic performance, commitment to the community, and future potential," the post said in a press release. "The Heskett-Arnold Post 132 of the American Legion has always been an integral part of Concrete since it was originally chartered in 1921. While our numbers have diminished over the years, our commitment to this community has never wavered."

After the sale of the post's Legion Hall in 2017, the post decided to set up the Heskett-Arnold Post 132, American Legion Living Legacy Trust, funded by investing the proceeds from the sale of the building so its membership could leave something that would continue to benefit the community for generations.

The purpose of the trust is to benefit the youth of Eastern Skagit County by promoting literacy and educational programs, of which the annual scholarship is just one facet.

—John Boggs



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Graduation ceremonies planned

The Concrete High School Senior Class of 2018 will graduate on June 8. The ceremonies will be in the high school gymnasium.

Valedictorian this year will be Emily Schmidt, with a 3.928 GPA. Our Salutatorian will be Hannah Haskett, with a 3.783 GPA.

Graduation week is June 1–8. Please note the following events honoring the Class of 2018:

- CPR Training for seniors will be on Tue.,

June 5 in the high school Commons. Seniors are to report to the Commons at 7:55 a.m. Locker clean out also will happen that morning.

- All-School BBQ: Wed., June 6 during lunch time.
- Yearbook signing: Wed., June 6 in the high school gymnasium.
- Seniors will complete checkout forms on Thur., June 7.
- Senior Class Dinner sponsored by Community Bible Church will be held Thur., June 7 at 5 p.m. at the church (45672 Limestone St., Concrete). Families of seniors are welcome.
- Baccalaureate: Thur., June 7, 6:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.
- Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria between Baccalaureate and

scholarship presentations.

- Scholarship night: Thur., June 7, 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.
- Graduation practice: Fri., June 8, at 8 a.m. Seniors are to come to school with their cap and gown on for the parade through the school buildings. Practice for the evening ceremony will be held after the parade. **Seniors must be at practice to be eligible to walk in the ceremony.** Following graduation practice, seniors will decorate the gym for the graduation ceremony.
- Graduation: Fri., June 8, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Seniors need to be at the high school by 6 p.m. before the ceremony.

—Sally Straathof

School district hosts strategic planning retreat

By Chazlyn Lovely

On April 27 and 28, the Concrete School District brought together a cross-section of school board members, administrators, parents, students, community leaders, and representatives from the North Cascades Institute for a planning retreat meant to guide the district forward in the next five years. Trillium Leadership Consulting's Patricia Hughes facilitated the two sessions—40 people for the first and 20 people for the second—which gave the community the opportunity to set goals for the school district and create actionable steps to reach them. By the end of the retreat a draft document had been created outlining six main goals (instructional, fiscal, community involvement, etc.) with clear objectives on what needs to happen in order to achieve them. Attendees also were able to discuss what indicators of success would look like, as well as rework the district's mission and vision statements. Superintendent Wayne Barrett notes that he was particularly happy to accomplish this, and that the new statements are shorter so that people will be able to remember them and clearly understand what they are.

While the goal-planning session targeted longer-term needs, Barrett said that the district will revisit the fruits of this workshop every year in order to evaluate progress. Barrett's own goal setting will be based upon it as well. He hoped to have a flyer containing a condensed version of the goals and mission/vision statements that came from the workshop approved by the board at its May 31 meeting, which will then be printed and available to anyone looking to learn more about what the school district stands for and what they hope to accomplish. He hopes that this flyer will give people a feel for "who we are as a community and who we are as a school district."

PTO calendar

An Art Show and Science Fair will be held on Tue., June 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Concrete Elementary School. Look for signs!

—Sheena Daniels



Above: Kayleann Kohnke plays "Green Leaf" and "Play that Song" on the piano during a talent show held at Concrete Elementary on May 16. Left: Tayler Dickerman and assistant sing "What does the Fox Say?" Photos by Sheena Daniels.

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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

Our photo this month is of Clear Lake Beach and some happy swimmers in the summer of 1947. At this time, Mr. and Mrs. Studebaker managed the beach, a refreshment stand, and boats for rent.

During the summer months in the 1940s and 1950s, a lifeguard was on duty. High school boys living in Clear Lake were usually hired

for this position and paid \$1.50 per hour. The requirements to be a lifeguard included being able to swim across Clear Lake and back, and to be skilled in the side stroke, breast stroke, and first aid. Tom Torgeson, Ron Beams, and Mickey Johnson were among those living in Clear Lake who were hired as lifeguards. Ken Driscoll and Milo Sande certified the lifeguards and gave swimming lessons. Betty Walley also was an instructor.

The beach has undergone several changes over the years, but it is still a popular destination for local swimmers and fishermen. Besides the swimming area, the beach still has a dock, picnic tables, and restrooms. Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department currently manages the beach. Hundreds

of children, now senior citizens, have fond memories of swimming at Clear Lake. Every summer the waters of Clear Lake welcome swimmers, young and old. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

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—Deanna Ammons, historian



Community Calendar



JUNE

- 5 Art Show and Science Fair, Concrete Elementary School, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 7 Skagit County Parks and Recreation presents 6-Year Comprehensive Plan, Sedro-Woolley Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Girls on the Run Bake Sale (proceeds to Skagit County Humane Society), Albert's Red Apple Market, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Sedro-Woolley High School Graduation Ceremony, 6 to 9 p.m.
- 8 Concrete High School Graduation Ceremony, CHS gym, 7 to 9 p.m.
- 9 Darrington High School Graduation Ceremony, Bluegrass Grounds, 1 p.m. (if weather is inclement, event moves to Darrington Community Center)
- 12 Last day of school for Concrete School District
- 12 State Street High School Graduation Ceremony, 7 to 9 p.m.
- 15 "Living Near an Active Volcano" dinner/presentation/discussion, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, 6 p.m.; free admission; see notice, p. 6
- 15–17 Berry Dairy Days, Burlington (various locations); info at <https://burlington-chamber.com/community-events/berry-dairy-days>
- 16 Media man John Sandifer at Sedro-Woolley Museum, 1 p.m.
- 19 Carey's Slough Community Information Meeting, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.
- 20–22 Wings of Freedom Tour, Skagit Regional Airport at Main Ramp, Burlington; info at 800.568.8924 ad www.cfdn.org
- 23–24 Darrington Timberbowl Rodeo, Darrington Rodeo Grounds, 42109 SR 530 NE, Darrington; 6 p.m. (Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sun.); info at www.timberbowlrodeo.com
- 28 Solar Workshop, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 6; info at 360.755.3030

JULY

- 7 Family Story Time at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 11 a.m.; free admission
- 13–15 Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In, Mears Field, Concrete
- 13–15 Woolley Fiber Quilters "Shades of the Northwest" quilt show, Cascade Middle School, 905 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley; see notice, p. 17
- 13–15 Vacation Bible School at Day Creek Chapel; details to follow
- 14 Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation All-Class Picnic, Riverfront Park, Sedro-Woolley; see notice, p. 17; info at sedrowoolleyhsalumni.official@gmail.com
- 15–20 Vacation Bible School at Community Bible Church, Concrete, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; ages 4–12
- 16–20 PSE tests new dam safety sirens; see article, p. 6
- 20–21 Day Creek Fire Dist. 16 Annual Garage Sale, Day Creek Fire Hall, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Fri.), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Sat.); see notice, p. 19

AUGUST

- 3–5 Rockport Volunteer Fire Dept. Garage Sale, Rockport; see notice, p. 23; info at 360.708.8594
- 4 Family Story Time at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 11 a.m.; free admission
- 5 Community Hall Salmon Bar-B-Que fundraiser, Marblemount Community Hall
- 17 Concrete High School Class of 1955 Reunion, Royal Star Buffet, 2300 Freeway Dr., Mount Vernon, 5 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 19 Rockport-Marblemount Old Timers & Friends Reunion, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 1 p.m.; see notice, p. 6

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

Community meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a work session on June 27 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on June 28 at 6 p.m., same location. 360.853.4000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sedro-Woolley School District Board: A work session is planned for June 11 at 7 p.m., at the Support Services Bldg. A regular session is scheduled for June 27 at 7 p.m., at the Support Services Bldg. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

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

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

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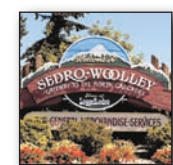
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Sedro-Woolley



Nelson awarded "Eye" scholarship

Sedro-Woolley High School senior Alex Nelson is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Cascade Eye/North Cascade Eye Associates in Mount Vernon.

Nelson plans to attend Washington State University, studying neuroscience with an eye toward medical school in the future. He is particularly interested in working with veterans someday.

For 16 years the eye care firm has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a local graduating high school student with an interest in the medical field. The firm's goal is to encourage students who want to be medical receptionists, coders, administrators, doctors, or nurses.



Nelson

Students receive STEM scholarships

Nine Sedro-Woolley students received the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) and are eligible to receive up to \$22,500 in financial aid to attend any eligible university or college in Washington state.

The students are Kailey Willard, Kiana Gaines, Jillian Guffie, Tiana Benham, Danyelle Counley, Matthew Clark, Ethan Chu, Dylan Peterson, and Brandon Paulson.

WSOS announced its newest group of 1,862 scholars, with 53 Skagit County recipients.

This group of scholarship recipients represents the seventh since WSOS was first created in 2011. The scholarship provides up to \$22,500 in financial aid along with innovative student support services designed to reduce barriers for students from low- and middle-income backgrounds to pursue a high-demand science, technology engineering, math (STEM), or health care degree and launch

a career in Washington state.

This year's applicant pool represents the most competitive yet, with nearly 5,000 applications submitted; more than 1,000 applicants from the previous year. Local STEM Networks, in partnership with the statewide nonprofit Washington STEM, have helped raise awareness of WSOS in communities throughout the state.

"This is a fantastic outcome for our students," said Michelle Judson, director of the Skagit STEM Network. "This was a record year for the number of Skagit students being accepted into the program (13 in 2016, 40 in 2017, 53 in 2018). This was also the first year that students from every school district in Skagit were accepted into the program. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the College and Career Counselors in each high school. They encouraged and supported students applying for the scholarship and did an outstanding job."

—Ruth Richardson



Washington State Opportunity Scholarship winners include Sedro-Woolley High School seniors (back row, from left) Kailey Willard, Kiana Gaines, Jillian Guffie, Tiana Benham, Danyelle Counley, (front row, from left) Matthew Clark, Ethan Chu, Dylan Peterson, and Brandon Paulson. Photo by Ruth Richardson.

Foundation plans picnic

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation will hold its 20th annual All-Class Picnic on Sat., July 14, at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley.

This year, food will be available for

purchase on site and no advance reservation is necessary. Admission to the picnic is \$5 per attendee to cover event costs. Gates open at noon. Classes planning to erect their own tents are encouraged to reserve a space by sending an e-mail with tent dimensions by July 1 to sedrowoolleyhsalumni.official@gmail.com.

—Judy Johnson

Summer Food Service Program begins this month

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Meals are available at no charge to children from 6 to 18 years old.

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

coverage area:

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

Lunch will be served from noon to 12:45 p.m., from June 18 to 29 and from Aug. 27 to 31.

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

For more information, call 360.856.1830, ext. 43.

Sedro-Woolley Lions Club helps SWSD with vision checks

Thanks to a local service club's

dedication to improving vision, children with undiagnosed vision issues may be identified earlier by school nurses.

The Sedro-Woolley Lions Club received a 50/50 matching grant from the Northwest Lions Foundation, allowing them to purchase the \$8,000 spot vision

screening device.

Cascade Middle School nurse and Lions Club member Rose Torset started the ball rolling in March when she asked the school district if they could purchase the screening device. There was no funding available, so she reached out to the Lions Club. Her sister-in-law, Carol Torset, knew the local club didn't have the necessary \$8,000.

"That's a lot of money for our club," Carol Torset said. "I ended up submitting a grant to the Northwest Lions Foundation."

The request for a 50/50 grant was approved within a week, she said. "Now they can test anyone in the school district," Carol Torset said.

Sedro-Woolley District Nurse Jennifer Young, Sedro-Woolley High School Nurse Shannon Moore, and Samish Elementary Nurse Heather Jackson were so impressed by the Lions' generosity that they decided

to join the local club. Now when they need help with vision screenings, they will have access to a strong volunteer network of dedicated Lions.

Young said the screening device is a huge time-saver for the district nurses. The state changed all of the guidelines for the 2017–18 school year, and the vision kits available from the state were cumbersome and time-consuming.

"It took us a lot longer than it had in years past," Young said.

State law mandates vision and hearing screenings for children enrolled in kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, and seventh grades.

"That's a lot of time out of the classroom learning environment," Young said.

With the spot vision screener, the nurses can check a student's vision in seconds. It screens and detects for six amblyopic risk factors in children as young as six months.

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Lori Stiles of Lyman (left) and Jahr Huber of Mount Vernon greet attendees at the Woolley Fiber Quilters quilt show last year. This year's event, "Shades of the Northwest," is slated for July 13–15 at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley. Photo by Judy Johnson.

Woolley Fiber Quilters announces show

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

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

vendors, and more.

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

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

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Lyman



Day Creek



Above left: Town of Lyman staff, volunteers, and visiting dignitaries watch as Lyman Mayor Eddie Hills cuts the ribbon on the town's new cook shack in Lyman Town Park on May 19. Above: Mayor Hills pauses for a photo with USDA State Director Kirk Pearson (left) and former Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell. Hills called Maxwell his mentor, who guided him to then-state senator Pearson for funding. Hills said the project's seed money was \$25,000 from the town's Car Show; an additional \$161,000 from the state made the project a reality. **Submitted photos.**



Left: Lyman Elementary School students remove invasive ivy from a tree on Pomona Grange property during a May 8 field trip. *Photo by Ruth Richardson.*

Community notes

Fire Dist. 16 Annual Garage Sale

This year's garage sale will be held on July 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on July 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pick-up date is July 14 at the fire hall, which will be open throughout the day. To arrange pick-up of large quantities or large items, call Travis at 360.826.5125.

WOMEN HAND in hand

WOMEN HAND in hand wants to lift up those in our community who are going through hard times by sending a care card filled with handwritten words of encouragement, along with an inspirational photo to brighten their day. These cards will tell your loved one that someone is thinking of them and praying for them.

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Vilardi at 360.961.0012 or leiavilardi@gmail.com.

Day Creek Community Youth Project

Currently the Day Creek Youth (6th to 12th grades) have an open invitation to a Sunday morning breakfast, prepared in the kitchen at Day Creek Chapel and served at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast is free and the friendships are forever.

The Day Creek Youth Group will be in charge of the cook shack at the Sedro-Woolley Rodeo grounds during Heavenly Horse Camp from June 23–26. If you would like to be involved with the food preparation and have a great time at the riding club, call 360.661.7976.

The youth have been planning summer events. Anyone who wants to be involved in that planning is encouraged to call Allison at 360.661.7976.

Day Creek Chapel events

Summer barbecues are planned for

June 17, July 15, and Aug. 19 at Miles Campground, at noon. Hamburgers and hotdogs are provided; bring a potluck side or dessert, and camp chairs. For more information, call 360.840.2576.

Vacation Bible School is planned for July 13–15; stay tuned for details.

Homework Club

The Homework Club meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. until June 12. Kids can ride the bus from school to Day Creek Chapel. Snacks are provided and adults help with homework needs.

Adults are needed and will be background-checked. Donations for snacks are graciously accepted. To RSVP, call 360.661.7976.

Friendship House Helping Hand

Day Creek Chapel serves dinner at Friendship House in Mt. Vernon on the last Sunday of every month. To help prepare and serve, call 360.391.1709.

Day Creek Community Potluck Gatherings

All Day Creekers are invited to attend the monthly Community Potluck Dinner at the Day Creek Fire Hall. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share and a story about your latest events in Day Creek or surrounding area.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and a full evening of laughter and fun is usually over by 8 p.m. For more information, call Bill Scalf at 360.826.3234.

Report illegal dumping

If you see anyone illegally dumping garbage, report the activity by calling 360.428.3211.

If you have an idea for community gatherings, call 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581, or send an e-mail to winningcircularchapel@gmail.com.

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Above: Concrete Lions Club members were again contributing to their community last month, this time at the Concrete Heritage Museum. They cut apart the old log car that was one of the museum's outdoor displays that was so rotted it was ready to fall apart. "Rebuilding that car will be a major industrial-level task," according to museum board member John Boggs, so where the car used to be, the Lions built a shelter for the museum's old dug-out canoe. From left, Bob Stafford (on the tractor), Bill Newby, Jim Parker, Larry Mosbey, and Tom Jones. Photo by John Boggs.



Above: Cail Wilson waits for the pitch during the Hitathon event on April 28 to raise money for Concrete Cal Ripken Majors. Wilson raised the most money: a whopping \$625! **Right:** The Hitathon event teamed the Rockies and the Royals to raise money for a group activity and for scholarship funds for future players. Together the teams raised \$2,052. The players competed against themselves to see how far they could hit the ball. Each player had 10 chances to get their best hit. The top two hitters were Owen Poolos with 249 feet and Hayley Daniels with a 241-foot hit. *Back row:* Morgan Rowe, Hayley Daniels, Owen Aamot, Zack Rogers, JR Janda, Xavier Martin. *Middle row:* Adam Culver, Trever Howard, Owen Poolos, Lane Lloyd, Liam Carnahan, Zach Link. *Front row:* Jacob West, CJ Evans, Cail Wilson, Timmy Howards, Mitchell DePue. Photos by Sheena Daniels.

May in pictures



Above: CHS graduating senior Becky Azure sings the National Anthem during the State 2B Track Tournament in Cheney on May 26. **Below:** Korean War Vet James Campbell (right) receives a certificate of award for 50 years of membership with the American Legion Post 132 in Concrete. Handing Campbell the award is Ron Howell, commander for Post 132.

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Above: Josiah Rider, a 5th grader at Concrete Elementary, finishes the lap that marks the second 100 miles he ran during the current school year. On May 9, Rider, 11, joined the ranks of very few students to log 200 miles in one school year. According to organizing teacher Paul Bianchini, the 100 Mile Club has never seen a student reach 100 miles in three separate school years—a goal Rider said he'd like to achieve, in addition to finishing at 135 this year and going for 180 next year. Photo by Paul Rider.



Left: Mosaic Contest winner Lois Wolf of Birdview poses with her winning creation. Wolf's effort garnered her the First Place and People's Choice awards in the annual contest, which is sponsored by Northwest Garden Bling in Grasmere Village. Second place went to Gladys Silrus of Concrete, with Lori Sniffing of Sedro-Woolley taking third. More than 100 people voted for the People's Choice category. Photo by Athena Hornsby.



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Hamilton



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Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting April 10. Following is a summary of that meeting.

- Council recessed for Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Session was expected to last 15 minutes. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Regular Council meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.
- Council voted to approve Resolution 2018-02, approving the Skagit County Solid Waste Plan.
- Councilmember Scott Bates

nominated himself as Mayor Pro-tem and was approved unanimously.

- **Water Dept.:** Cas Hancock reported a 6 percent water loss. Council reviewed the leak at 485 Noble St. It will be tabled until next month, after usage review.
- **Fire Dept.:** Fire trucks need wheel chocks. Egg hunt was a success. Burning flyer is approved and there are copies on each fire truck to hand out. Fire lines at Fire Hall need to be repainted.
- **Street Dept.:** Mowing season has begun.

—Compiled from staff notes

From the Mayor

Spot a weed, pull a weed. Wait, there's another—and another. Next thing you know, you've spent all day just pulling weeds. The problem with just pulling weeds all the time is that you need to keep in mind the bigger picture. Weeds are a problem, but if you don't pay attention to other tasks that need to be looked after, your garden is still an overgrown mess. Pruning, fertilizing, mulching need to be done on a regular basis as well. There is also the bigger task of checking that you have the right plant in the right place. Wrong choices need to be corrected, either by relocating or getting rid of it entirely. That tends to involve a tow chain and a four-wheel drive pickup at my house.

Town government can be very similar. You can pull weeds all day, trying to

correct things in a knee-jerk reaction as each problem comes up, which usually ends up needing more follow-up and more time. I have a long list of those. Reports that must be done for various State agencies, water bills to get out, people that need reminding that there are indeed rules regarding all kinds of things. Keep your head down and keep pulling. It can easily be overwhelming how fast those weeds just keep growing.

It's still important to look up, look around, and participate in the bigger picture. How are we affected by decisions at county, state, and federal levels? How can we influence those decisions so they help instead of hinder? Participating in those discussions can be just as important as pulling weeds, even if you don't get immediate results. Sometimes just the connections made while participating can lead to amazing new ideas.

You may want a nice shady vine maple to sit under and sip tea. First you need to plant the sapling. And keep weeding.

—Mayor Joan Cromley



Barnaby Reach Habitat Project update

A Dec. 12 community meeting in Rockport focused on culvert and drainage improvements that could help the community with access and localized flooding. Following the meeting, Devin Smith, the Barnaby project manager, worked with affected property owners along Martin Rd. and developed a preliminary grant request to fund improvements that would improve access during floods. This funding, if granted, may be available in summer 2019 to design those improvements. Copies of the presentations can be found on the project Web site, <https://barnabystudy.wordpress.com>.

At the February Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting, Leif Embertson of NSD (technical consultant) presented their work to date on a hydraulic model to represent river flow conditions on the Skagit and Sauk rivers. They were able to use the extensive water level data collected during the last year and during the November 2017 flood to add to other available data. Following the meeting, community representatives obtained detailed model flood prediction maps and videos from Leif to check model predictions with what south Rockport residents observed during the November 2017 flood. This "ground-truthing" is incredibly useful to the technical team

and project sponsors to make sure the model is as accurate as possible, and to understand where uncertainties lie so they can be addressed. NSD will use these observations to refine the model, and then the final calibrated model for existing conditions will be presented at a Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting in June or July.

The next Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting was May 30. This meeting focused on geomorphology of the Skagit River, including results from sediment sampling. Geomorphology describes river behavior—where it erodes and where it deposits sediment—a very important topic to understand for a project such as the Barnaby Reach Habitat Project.

No decisions have been made yet on what alternative configurations will be considered for the Barnaby Reach Project; that step will come later. The current project schedule calls for that discussion to begin this fall. The project sponsors will alert the community when that time approaches, and have committed to discussing alternative configuration with the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Community prior to beginning the work.

For more information, call or e-mail Devin Smith (360.391.1984, dsmith@skagitcoop.org).

State Parks announces two free days in June

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to two remaining free days at state parks in June. On free days, visitors don't need a Discover Pass for day-use visits by vehicle.

In the *Concrete Herald* coverage area, the free days affect Rasar State Park in Birdview and Rockport State Park in Rockport.

The two days are Sat., June 9 (National Get Outdoors Day) and Sun., June 10 (Free Fishing Day).

The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on

WDFW and DNR lands. The remaining 2018 State Parks free days are as follows:

- Sat., Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday
- Sat., Sept. 22: National Public Lands Day
- Sun., Nov. 11: Veterans Day

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors in state parks are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations; day access is included in the overnight fee.

Rasar State Park includes an overnight option; Rockport State Park is day use only.

For information about Discover Pass, go to www.discoverpass.wa.gov.

Girders coming for new Illabot Creek bridges

Construction on the new Illabot Creek bridge and habitat restoration project near Rockport will reach a milestone June 7 and 8. Girders for the two new bridges will arrive by truck along Rockport-Cascade Rd. and be set during the course of two days.

Drivers who regularly use Rockport-Cascade Rd. should expect intermittent daytime delays of up to 15 minutes as trucks carrying the girders arrive, and as the girders are set in place.

Trucks will reach the project site using northbound Interstate 5, Cook Rd., SR 20, SR 530, then Rockport-Cascade Rd. Drivers on these roads should expect minor delays as the oversize loads travel to the project site.

Find more information about the Illabot Creek Alluvial Fan Restoration

project online at www.skagitcounty.net/illabotcreek.

For questions or more details, contact Project Manager Jennifer Swanson at jennifers@co.skagit.wa.us or 360.416.1400.

Donations being accepted for Rockport Volunteer Fire Dept. Garage Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department Garage Sale, which is slated for Aug. 3–5.

For more information, contact Jessica Moore at 360.708.8594.

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Community meeting planned

Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Town of Hamilton, and Skagit Land Trust will host a community information meeting to update residents on the Carey's Slough Restoration planning process and present information on new grant opportunities.

The meeting will be held at Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton on Tue., June 19 at 6:30 p.m.



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Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

May 5

At approximately 10:45 a.m., the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue unit and volunteers from Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue responded to an injured climber at Index Town Wall.

An adult climber had slipped and fallen approximately 20 feet and sustained a serious back injury. Fire District 26 arrived on scene first and made contact with the patient at the base of the wall. SnoHAWK10 arrived at the scene shortly after and lowered a rescue technician and flight medic to the patient. After stabilizing the patient, fire personnel and the Helicopter Rescue Team were able to move the patient to a small clearing, where SnoHAWK10 was able to extract the patient. SnoHAWK10 transported the

patient directly to Providence Regional Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

May 28

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office responded to two backcountry incidents this afternoon.

Around 3:30 p.m. a call came in to 911 that an adult female hiker had broken her leg in the Gothic Basin/Foggy Peak area (Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest). SnoHAWK10 responded and airlifted the woman to Providence Regional Medical Center. Her injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

In a separate incident, a call came in to 911 just before 4 p.m. that a 24-year-old Woodinville man had jumped into the water near Eagle Falls (between Index and Baring) in the South Fork of the Skykomish River and had not resurfaced. The Sheriff's Office Dive Team responded. After an extended search



Above and right: A helicopter rescues an injured climber at Index Town Wall on May 5. Submitted photos.



of the area, the male was not located. Operations were suspended for the night and were to resume the next morning.

June 2

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue and Dive Team Units recovered the body of the 24-year-old Monroe man who went missing at Eagle Falls on May 28. He was found in about 10 feet of water 50 yards upriver from the falls. Identification of the man, as well as cause and manner of death, was to be determined by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

This is the third drowning incident in backcountry rivers near waterfalls this year:

- On April 24, a 30-year-old Bothell

woman went into the water at Wallace Falls State Park. Her body was recovered the same day.

- On April 12, a 22-year-old Monroe woman went into the water at Cedar Ponds. Her body was recovered on April 21.

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

—Compiled from SCSO releases



Sweet Bites opens for business

Darrington has a new place to satisfy its sweet tooth: Sweet Bites. Owner and operator Erin Reynolds-Roberts (above) recently shared how she got started and what was needed to get her home-based country cottage business up and running at a recent Darrington Strong monthly meeting.

Erin said that while growing up she had always baked with her grandmother and was interested in starting her own business baking sweets. Several years ago, she looked at an application for starting a cottage business and found the 90-some-page application too daunting. She had been baking for many years and decided to have a legitimate business plan. In January 2018, she quit her job as Branch Manager of Coastal Bank in Marysville to pursue baking full time. Her main form of

advertising has been social media, so she decided not to have a Web site.

Washington State Department of Agriculture regulates exactly what she can and cannot do. All of her recipes are written with each ingredient measured in grams and listed in order. They also wanted to see the label she planned to use. Water testing, a food handlers card, and a business license were all she needed then. She had to submit a floor plan showing how her kitchen was arranged, keeping her personal items separate. She is not allowed to have a commercial kitchen and has not had to modify the one she has. Storage has been solved by using one of the extra bedrooms in the house. She has three freezers and an extra refrigerator in the garage.

The Agriculture Department has implemented rules and regulations for owning and operating a cottage business. Erin is only allowed to gross \$25,000 per year. She can't participate at any farmers' markets because of Health Department

Arrest made in 1987 double homicide cold case

Detectives from the Snohomish County and Skagit County Sheriff's Offices announced May 18 they had arrested a 55-year-old SeaTac man for the November 1987 murders of 20-year-old Jay Cook and 18-year-old Tanya Van Cuylenborg.

William Earl Talbott II was taken into custody without incident on May 17 at 6 p.m., in Seattle. He was booked into the Snohomish County jail on one count of first-degree murder for the killing of Van Cuylenborg on a warrant out of Skagit County. Detectives continue to gather and process evidence and interview witnesses related to the investigation of Cook's murder.

Because of this arrest, detectives are asking for people to come forward with information, specifically anyone who:

- Knew Talbott or knew of his activities in 1987 or 1988 (he would have been 24 years old at the time of the murders).
- Saw Talbott associated with the Cook family van in November 1987.
- Saw Talbott with a 35mm Minolta camera that Van Cuylenborg had

in her possession when she was murdered. (The camera's lens was recovered and traced to a pawn shop in Portland, Ore., in 1990, but the camera body is still missing.

- Has information about Talbott having a serious back injury. Fire District 26 access to a light blue blanket, or know arrived on scene first and made contact where this type of blanket might have with the patient at the base of the wall. come from around the time the crimes were committed.

Detectives believe Talbott was living in the Woodinville area in 1987; his parents' residence was approximately seven miles from where Cook's body was found.

On Nov. 18, 1987, Cook and Van Cuylenborg left Saanich, B.C., traveling in Cook's family van, a bronze 1977 Ford Club wagon, to Gensco Heating, a company in Seattle. Cook and Van Cuylenborg planned to pick up a part for Cook's father and return to Canada the next day via I-5. They took the ferry from Victoria, B.C., to Port Angeles, arriving around 4 p.m. Their last-known whereabouts were when they purchased a ticket at 10:16 p.m. in Bremerton for the Seattle ferry. Neither Cook nor Van Cuylenborg were seen or heard from again.

On Nov. 24, Van Cuylenborg's partially clothed body was found in Skagit County in a ditch in a wooded area off Parson's

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rules, or wholesale to larger businesses for resale or mail order. She is restricted to an orders-only market where customers order a particular item and come to her home for pick-up. She is allowed to deliver. In April, for example, Erin sold 1,200 cookies and a dozen cakes. A local coffee stand gives out her cookies on special occasions and has been a good source of getting the word out. She is booked until September with orders.

One of the issues she would change in the process is being able to submit the application online. Her application is filled with typed and handwritten recipes. She was happy to find the renewal application is only six pages. The cost of the initial application was \$230 and if she had made any changes, it would have been another

\$230.

Erin's long-term goal is to start a blog, sell advertising, and write a cookbook. She would have a separate business for that goal. She has a calendar where everything important to the business is written and documented.

"Being organized is very important for running a successful business," Erin said. "It makes planning easier."

The Darrington Library has hosted several classes and workshops on starting a home business. The next presentation will be a free class, "Business Pros: Starting a Home-Based Business," which will be held on Sat., Sept. 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

—Marla Skaglund

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Creek Rd. between Old Hwy 99 and Prairie Rd. On Nov. 25, Cook's van was located locked and abandoned in a Blue Diamond parking lot near State and Holly Streets in Bellingham. On Nov. 26, Cook's body was found in Snohomish County along Crescent Lake Rd., near High Bridge Rd., on the Snoqualmie River, approximately three-quarters of a mile west of the old Washington State Reformatory's Honor Farm near Monroe.

"We never gave up hope that we would find Jay and Tanya's killer," said Snohomish County Sheriff Ty Trenary. "Yesterday's arrest shows how powerful it can be to combine new DNA technology with the relentless determination of detectives."

"After 31 years, we are one step closer to justice," said Skagit County Sheriff Will Reichardt. "We would not be here without the persistence of detectives in our office and in Snohomish County, and without the invaluable support from Parabon."

Talbott was identified as a suspect through the use of genetic genealogy,



Cook



Van Cuylenborg

which is the use of DNA testing in combination with traditional genealogical methods to establish the relationship between an individual and their ancestors. Successful identification of Talbott was established with assistance from Parabon NanoLabs (Parabon), a DNA technology company in Virginia that performed genetic genealogy analysis for the case. A digital file containing DNA genotype data derived from evidence at the crime scene was uploaded to GEDmatch, a public genetic genealogy Web site, and promising matches were found for two of the suspect's relatives. After Parabon's genealogists deduced Talbott's identity, police subsequently acquired an abandoned DNA sample from a cup he had used. Washington State Patrol's crime lab confirmed that it positively matched the DNA profile from the crime scene evidence.

This is the first arrest of a murder suspect using results from Parabon's genetic genealogy service, which became generally available less than two weeks prior to the arrest.

"We are honored to have helped solve this case," said Dr. Steven Armentrout, CEO of Parabon. "Given the power of these new methods, we believe it is but the first of many."

Anyone with information related to this case or suspect, is asked to call the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office tip line: 425.388.3845.

—Snohomish County Sheriff's Office

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Marblemount Community Hall doin's

After a successful "Blast Open the Pass" benefit for KSVU 90.1 FM on May 5, the hall has seen multiple events, with more scheduled throughout the summer months.

On May 24 the hall hosted folks from Skagit County Parks and Recreation to present their newly completed 6-Year Comprehensive Plan. If you missed that one, there will be one more opportunity to learn about it on June 7 at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, the Upper Skagit Library will host family "Story Times" this summer at the hall. Currently scheduled for Sat., July 7 and Aug. 4 at 11 a.m., library staff will have wonderful stories to share, plus numerous fun activities for the kids. Stay tuned for more date possibilities as the season unfolds.

Don't forget the umpteenth annual Community Hall Salmon Bar-B-Que fundraiser on Sun., Aug. 5, as well as the annual Rockport-Marblemount Old Timers' Picnic on August 19 (Cascade Days weekend).

So mark your calendars now—summer will be upon us before we know it.

—Christie Fairchild

North Cascades Highway reopens

Despite challenges with spring snow and avalanche conditions, State Route 20/ North Cascade Highway reopened at 10 a.m. on Fri., May 11.

During the several weeks leading up to the reopening, maintenance crews from the Washington State Department of Transportation worked on opposite ends of the 37-mile closed section of road. They met near Rainey Pass on May 7.

Final steps

The avalanche team cleared remaining snow from chutes above the roadway during the final days before the reopening. Additional work included clearing snow from turnouts, cleaning ditches of debris, and reinstalling signs and guardrails, before the gates swung open.

Challenging spring conditions

Historically, clearing the highway takes four to six weeks. This year it took seven weeks because of soft snow and risky avalanche conditions. Oftentimes chutes would dump snow onto portions of the road that were previously plowed. Although clearing took longer than usual, the gates still opened in time for this weekend's '49er Days in Winthrop.

Using the seasonal stretch

Opening this stretch of highway provides travelers another route across the Cascades, improves access to North Cascades National Park, and reconnects US Bike Route 10 to eastern and western Washington.

The highway will remain open until avalanche danger forces its closure for the winter months, usually around Thanksgiving.

—WSDOT



A Memorial Day ceremony held May 17 at the Newhalem facility of Seattle City Light drew several participants. At far left is Reagen Price from SCL's Race and Social Justice Initiative Program, which sponsors the annual event. Price provided introductory remarks about how Memorial Day started out as Decoration Day and gradually evolved into today's Memorial Day. Also on hand were the Honor Guard from American Legion Post 43 (Sedro-Woolley) and John Boggs and Ron Howell, Commander of Post 132 (Concrete). *Photo by Gail Boggs.*

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Marblemount

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11 a.m.–4 p.m.
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601 Cook Rd., Sedro-Woolley
Wed., 10–11:30 a.m. and 12:30–4 p.m.
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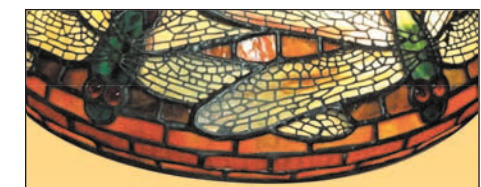
Safety flock: Plastic flamingos and bird kites help keep North Cascades Pass clearing crews safe

By Barbara LaBoe

When you see a plastic flamingo yard ornament or a kite decorated like an eagle, you likely don't think safety. But for WSDOT avalanche and maintenance crews clearing State Route 20, these mascots can be the reason they return home at the end of their shift.

The flamingos and other feathered friends help them during their work to clear popular destinations like the North Cascades Highway, which reopened May 11.

It's tough work clearing up to 11 feet of snow from roadways closed for the season—especially given the historic avalanche chutes that make the roads unsafe during the winter months.



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Seniors

Way Back When

70 years ago

June 3, 1948: A special meeting of the Town Council was held last evening at the Town Hall at the request of the members of the council, who had become perturbed by the rise of rowdiness in the town and the apparent lack of efficient law enforcement.

The result was an ultimatum served upon Mayor Gates that unless the recently installed disorderly house was given immediate notice to leave town, four members of the council were ready to resign their positions.

They also requested immediate action in securing a new chief of police.

Members of the council pointed out that they had repeatedly warned the mayor that no disorderly house would be permitted here, both when first rumors of the place were heard and after it had been allegedly placed in operation. When it continued to operate with no attempt by the local police to close it, they found it necessary to bring the subject into the open with a special meeting attended by several prominent citizens.

After a frank discussion of the problem, the majority of those present insisted that the owners of the place be notified that they will not be permitted to operate here. Mayor Gates, who said he had no knowledge of such a place, agreed finally that this would be done.

A committee was then appointed to seek new applicants for the position of marshal here, preferably an experienced law officer from some outside source.

Editor's note: The Free Legal Dictionary defines "disorderly house" as a place where individuals reside or which they

frequent for purposes that pose a threat to public health, morals, convenience, or safety, and that may create a public nuisance. A disorderly house is an all-inclusive term that may be used to describe such places as a house of prostitution, an illegal gambling casino, or a site where drugs are constantly bought and sold. It is any place where unlawful practices are habitually carried on by the public.

60 years ago

June 26, 1958: The store of Frank A. McGovern at Sauk was entered by vandalous burglars last Thursday evening in what appeared to be a spur-of-the-moment affair. From evidence about the store and pieced together from the stories of a party of motorists who were questioned about the robbery, it appeared that two men had come to the store to try to get gasoline when their car stalled down the road. The store was closed and no one was at home, so the men broke in the back way, turned on the pump switch, and tried to get their own gas.

It happened that the pumps were dry, so they cut the hose and

smashed a padlock on the pumps before going back into the store and loading up on beer, cigarettes, some clothing, and all the small change they could find.

The State Forestry crew will be busy this summer with a new project: the Rockport State Park. A healthy appropriation has been received from the park department for clearing and "parking" as much of the roadside park as the money will allow.

The standby crew will work on the park when not engaged in fire control work and at other times when a man or two are available.

The park department will provide a comprehensive plan for the development of the park, put in a water system, and furnish tables and other facilities.

Forestry officials report that unfortunately, a lot of money will be spent clearing away garbage dumped in the park, along the old roads. Violators in the future will be flirting with heavy fines.

50 years ago

June 19, 1968: Members of the Concrete School District Board met with the Darrington School Board at Darrington this week to consider problems associated with the possible consolidation of the two districts. Superintendents from Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish counties and a representative from the office of Lewis Bruno, state superintendent of schools, also attended.

Problems of consolidation probably will be under study for a year before any definite steps are taken.

—Compiled from archives

Concrete Community Center

June 2018 Activities

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

Monday through Friday

Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, more

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

All subject to change. For latest information: www.facebook.com/concretecommunity or call 360.416.1377.

Monday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet

Tuesday

6/12 6 p.m. WSU Canning and Food Preservation

Wednesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
6/6 1 p.m. GED preparation
6/13 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group
6/27 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group

Thursday

6/7 1 p.m. GED preparation
6/7 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
6/21 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
6/28 6:30 p.m. Banner Power (solar power presentation; see p. 6)

Friday

6/8 10 a.m. East County Advisory Board
6/8 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki
6/15 6 p.m. Dinner & Discussion: "Living Near an Active Volcano"
RSVP: 360.416.1860

Saturday

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

Right: 40 years ago, June 1, 1978: Members of a vocational production class at Concrete High School Bud Sutherland, Terry Reese, Rich Riehl, Kelly Graham, and Nick Rupert (from left) are completing their second fiberglass



boat, a 10-footer, and a 16-foot fiberglass canoe. The boat mold was lent to CHS by Sehome High

School. Instructor Rich Riehl said students are learning basic skills that can lead to employment in

either the carpentry or fiberglass fields. *Archive photo.*

Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

Tingalings

6 oz. pkg. chocolate chips
1 cup corn flakes
½ cup salted peanuts
½ cup flaked coconut
1 teaspoon vanilla
A few cut dates (optional)

1. Melt chocolate chips over hot water.
2. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
3. Drop by spoonfulls on wax paper and refrigerate.

Enjoy!



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Obituaries

Roland "Roy" Alvin Leishman went to be with his Lord on Fri., May 18, 2018. Roy was born to Alvin and Hilda Leishman in Spokane, Wash., on July 22, 1923, and grew up in Marysville, Wash. He was married to Marian Hoffman on Sept. 19, 1942.



At age 9, Roy took over a paper route for a major Seattle newspaper, and by the time he graduated high school, World War II had broken out, so he went to work in the shipyards as an electrician. He ran an appliance store after the war, and then went to work as a salesman for children's clothing manufacturers, covering the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. In 1962 he went to work for an audio-visual company in Seattle. In 1972 he started his own business named MARVL Productions, where he and Marian ran a recording business for conferences, seminars, and retreats from coast to coast. This gave them the opportunity to see the country, meet many and varied people, and work together for 35 years. When not working, Roy spent many hours building houses and gardening, and was a passionate firewood cutter. Roy is survived by his wife Marian of Concrete; brother Gilbert Leishman of Moses Lake, Wash.; son Terry (Susan) Leishman of Rockport; son Jack (Brenda) Leishman of Ashland, Ore.; son Craig Leishman of Kennewick, Wash.; daughter Kim

(Roger) Babcock of Concrete; grandchildren Stacy Novy, Jessica Dickinson, Nathan Leishman, Cooper Leishman, Allecia Olson, Jesse Babcock, Rebecca Sample, and Joe Babcock; great-grandchildren Brandon Decker, Dillon Decker, Mariah Allen, Payton Dickinson, Tyler Dickinson, Wyatt Leishman, Ava Jones, Olivia Olson, and Morgan Sample; and great-great-granddaughter Olivia Decker, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Hilda Leishman, his sister and brother-in-law Enid and Chaunce Wight, his half-brother Roy E. Leishman, and granddaughter Christy Eubanks. The family wishes to thank the entire staff at Where The Heart Is memory care facility, for making Roy's last two years ones of peace and comfort. A memorial service will be held on July 21, at Community Bible Church in Concrete.

Dennis Joe Mapes was born in Anthony, Kansas, on July 2, 1942, to Verle and Lola (Broome) Mapes. He passed away at his home in Concrete on May 20, 2018. Dennis' father served in WW II, and after moving to various places in the Southwest, Dennis and his parents moved to Anacortes. He graduated from Anacortes High School in 1960. He was so proud to be a Seahawk and the annual reunions with his classmates were certainly some of his favorite times. Dennis attended the University of Washington and earned a B.A. in Business in 1964. Go Huskies! After a 9-month



stint with the IRS, he was drafted into the Army and was scheduled to go to Vietnam, but at the last minute, due to his ability to type, he was asked to go to Germany as a company clerk instead. He was stationed in Augsburg, Germany. As an educated soldier, Dennis was recruited into the Central Intelligence Division and worked as an investigator and Military Policeman. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to his work at the IRS, where he worked until 1976. It was there that he met Karen, his wife of more than 44 years, and began a new, blended family. Throughout the years, Dennis worked as credit manager for both Skagit Valley and Virginia Mason Hospitals. Among his family he was known as a "Jack of All Trades," building a home in Concrete, managing rental properties, owning a car lot, fixing computers (and most anything else), arranging flights to Las Vegas, and finally finishing his work career as a real estate broker for John L. Scott Realty on Bainbridge Island. Aside from his beloved family, Dennis loved so many things in life: gardening, cooking, fly-tying and fly fishing, hunting and shooting, photography, spy novels and history, dogs, movies, but most of all, traveling. Dennis and Karen enjoyed countless trips to Mexico throughout the years, camping, cruising, and navigating Europe, trips around the U.S., camping with their kids in Eastern Washington and on the Oregon Coast, and finally their trip to Tanzania last summer, which truly seemed to be a highlight of Dennis' life. He was a genuine, hard-working, tell-it-like-it-is, compassionate, intelligent, detail-oriented, funny man who always put the welfare of his family at the top of every one of the many lists he loved to write. Dennis is survived by his loving wife and partner, Karen of Concrete; his daughter, Renata Mapes of Bellingham; son Paul Mapes (Lisa) Crosby of Marysville; stepdaughters Paige (Gillian Parke) Moore of Seattle and Kimberly (Daniel) Poe of Fairview,

Ore.; granddaughter Emma Moore; grandson Michael Moore; sister Debbie (Rob) Nickerson of Concrete; and nephews Carl and Christopher Nickerson, Brian Stroh, and Chris Gallagher. Memorials are suggested to the Safi School Project, furthering the education of children in Tanzania. A memorial service for Dennis was held on Sat., May 26, 2018, at Evans Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are in the care of Evans Funeral Chapel of Anacortes. To share a memory of Dennis please sign the online guest register at www.evanschapel.com.

Obituaries published in Concrete Herald from May 2009 to present are posted online at: www.concrete-herald.com/obituaries. For more information, contact Concrete Herald at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

Sunday School lesson
The rummage sale

By Cindy Myatt
"About every 500 years, the church has a rummage sale, and cleans out the old forms of spirituality and replaces it with new ones."
—Phyllis Tickle
Okay, world, we are at the 500-year mark. What would you clean out? What
See Sunday School, p. 31

Skagit County Sheriff's Office
Blotter

April 25
A citizen on Main St. in Concrete reported that a male came to her door asking for food. The citizen told him to wait at the door and she would go get him some food. When she returned, the male was exposing himself. She pushed him away from the door and told him to leave. The citizen waited to call the Sheriff's Office until after the suspect had left the area.
A citizen who saw the information on Facebook was able to provide a video of a possible suspect. Deputies attempted to get the victim to meet them to identify the suspect, but she did not cooperate. Deputy Moore advised he thought he saw the suspect walking westbound near Hamilton, but that was prior to the victim calling. Deputies attempted to relocate the suspect with negative results. At this time the victim still has not contacted the sheriff's office to identify the suspect.
Deputy Brannon took a theft complaint that occurred on Main St. in Concrete. The reporting party advised that her grandchildren's bikes had been stolen. One was a red Big Wheel; one a pink, white, and purple girl's bike with training wheels; and a BMX bike with black wheels. The bikes are still missing.
April 26
While patrolling near Superior St. in Concrete, Deputy Wolfe saw a driver not wearing his seatbelt. He stopped the vehicle. The driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited for not wearing a seatbelt and for driving with a suspended license.
April 27
Deputy Devero responded to a Concrete call referencing a caregiver possibly abusing a client. After investigating, the case was referred over to Adult Protective Services and the Detectives division.
Deputy Wolfe contacted a Concrete citizen who advised she was attacked by her cat. When Deputy Wolfe arrived, the victim advised that the cat had acted possessed and attacked her. She asked that the Sheriff's Office Animal Control Officer come and take the cat. The victim was advised ACO would not be called out to take the cat, but the victim could take the cat to the Humane Society in the morning if needed.
April 29

An employee at Logger's Landing in Concrete reported that a customer had a knife pulled on him in the parking lot. The victim and suspect were still at the location. When Deputy Passovoy arrived, she contacted the person who was initially identified as the suspect. He said that he and two friends had driven from Marblemount to Concrete to buy beer. When they arrived, he and his friend got into an argument and the friend pulled a knife on him. He then dropped the knife and fled into the store. Deputy Passovoy then talked to the other party involved. He advised that the first person Deputy Passovoy talked with had pulled a knife on him after an argument and he had fled into the store to hide. There were no other witnesses and the video was inconclusive. Deputy Passovoy was unable to determine what had actually occurred, but will refer the case to the Prosecutor's Office for a review of charges.
May 2
A Lyman citizen reported that someone had stolen antique wagon wheels from a residence she owned on Cockreham Island Rd. Deputy Esskew investigated the theft. The next day the victim called and advised she had located the stolen wheels at an antique store in Sedro-Woolley. Deputy Esskew contacted the store. He was able to recover the stolen wheels and identify the suspect. Deputy Esskew will continue the investigation.
May 3
The Sheriff's Office received a report of a subject who had been assaulted near Lake Tyee on Burpee Hill. Deputy Wolfe contacted the victim. He advised he had been arguing with two others regarding fishing in Vogler Lake. The suspects assaulted the victim, then left in a blue Ford truck. The victim was able to drive himself to the gate at Lake Tyee where a citizen found him lying on the ground. He was unable to identify the suspects.
Deputies responded to Hamilton Avenue in Hamilton to investigate a domestic dispute. Deputy Passovoy contacted the victim, who had a bloody nose. She explained that her boyfriend had been upset because he may have to spend six months in jail on a previous charge, and hit her. Later deputies located the suspect and arrested him for assault. He was taken to jail and booked.
May 5
Deputy Moore took a threats complaint on Fir St. in Concrete. The victim advised that a male had threatened him with a knife. Witnesses told Deputy Moore that the suspect and victim were arguing, but

that the suspect didn't have a knife. They advised that he was holding a travel mug in his hand, not a knife. The suspect had left before Deputy Moore arrived. Deputy Moore determined that no crime was committed; it was only an argument.
Around 4:30 p.m., Deputy Moore received a call about a possible motor vehicle accident near milepost 7 on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. When he arrived he found a truck in the ditch. It appeared the truck had been driven in the ditch for 25 to 30 feet before coming to rest in the mud. While he was investigating, a female arrived and said that the truck belonged to her and had been taken from her house earlier during a barbeque. She said someone had called her about her truck being in the ditch. She said she had no idea who was driving. The truck was registered to a male who lives in Sedro-Woolley. The truck was towed and the female was advised that the registered owner would need to contact the tow

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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.

Reames, Dennis Avery
Age: 42
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 210
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Address: 3xx Alger Cain Lake Rd., Sedro-Woolley
Reames was convicted of first-degree conspiracy to commit rape of a child. In 2010 he was convicted of third-degree child molestation in Whatcom County. Reames is not wanted by the police at this time. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate, or harass registered sex or kidnap offenders is a punishable offense and also could result in the removal of the online notification resource.



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.
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59850 SR 20, Marblemount
360.873.2504
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www.citipointchurch.com
E-mail: matt@citipointchurch.com
Baptist
First Baptist Church
12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake
360.856.2767
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wed.: 7 p.m.
E-mail: pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com

Hamilton First Baptist Church
797 Hamilton Cemetery Rd. at SR 20
Office: 360.826.3307
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Lyman Church
31441 W. Main St., Lyman
Office: 360.826.3287
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.
Catholic
St. Catherine Mission Church
45603 Limestone St., Concrete
Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley
Office: 360.855.0077
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Pre-service fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. service: 10 a.m.
Sun. eve. Bible study: 5 p.m.
Wildwood Chapel
41382 SR 20, Concrete
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.
Bible studies: Call for times
360.708.4330

See Sunday School, p. 35

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

We're now **open for the season**, every Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September. Special tours at other times may be arranged by calling 360.853.8347 or emailing your requests to jboggs@concreteherald.com or autohistory@hotmail.com.

News was received in June 1915 from Greece that Sam Lapipas who was accused of killing George Haralanbolos near Faber the year before was finally arrested in Greece after he fled there. The victim's body was found with several gunshot wounds and badly mangled, with the head severed from the body, one leg missing, with the remainder showing signs of being gnawed or eaten by wild animals. He would be tried in the Kingdom of Greece for the murder. No results of that trial are known.

In 1916, when Company C of the Washington Field Artillery of the Washington National Guard was formed, World War I continued to siphon off the areas' young men as 15 young men from Concrete would soon depart for duty. Even in 1920 Eastern Skagit County lacked political clout, as evidenced by the decision that the route to Mount Baker would be via Glacier rather than the north end of Baker Lake. Nine years later, in June 1929, a call was made for bids to complete the road. Even today when you visit Artist's Point and look down and see Baker Lake, you have to wonder how Concrete's future would have been different if the route from Concrete had been chosen.

In June 1928, the Washington State Park Board was inspecting the future site

of what became Rockport State Park for possible purchase. They agreed that site would be ideal, but there was no money to purchase the land from the Sound Timber Company. A year later the tract had not yet been purchased by the state, but the commissioners waged the battle to save the timber on the site from harvest.

The June 14, 1928, edition of *Concrete Herald* announced the death of A. J. Collins, who owned half interest in this newspaper. His widow, now residing in Everett, sold that share to G. L. Leonard, which made him the sole owner. G. L. Leonard also served at various times as the town attorney and town clerk.

That same year, the June 28 edition noted that William Moran, one of the earliest pioneers of the Upper Valley, died at the Burlington Hospital after a long illness. Born in St. Patrick, Quebec, Canada, on Feb. 25, 1845, he came to this country at age 12 and settled in Ohio. At age 20 he joined Co. H, 20th Ohio Volunteers and served under Gen. Sherman during the Civil War. He then settled in New Hampshire and married Margaret Dooley on July 4, 1874, who bore him one son. On May 25, 1885, he married Mary Limieux. To this union 10 children were born, all living in Washington at the time of his death. In June 1890 he came west and settled at Sauk, where he lived for 38 years until his death. He was survived by his wife, five daughters, and six sons. The Moran Ranch still exists today.

—John Boggs

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At the Upper Skagit Library

Summer is finally here! The Upper Skagit Library has many different activities and events planned to help you enjoy the sweet, sunny days.

Need help with your computer or smartphone? Want to learn more about that laptop that is sitting forlornly in the corner collecting dust? Maybe set up an e-mail account or look for instructive videos on fly-fishing? Come in every first and third Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and we will do our best to answer all your questions.

Upper Skagit Library is hosting **Home Rule Skagit**. They will present an educational meeting about county charters on June 13 at 7 p.m., here at the library. Bring your questions. For more information, go to www.homeruleskagit.org.

The Upper Skagit Library **Board meeting** will be held Thur., June 14 at 5 p.m. The public is always welcome.

Summer is on its way, and so is our **Summer Reading Program**. Kids can

sign up for Summer Reading anytime during the summer. Starting June 16 through Aug. 4, the Upper Skagit Library has Silly Saturdays, STEAM Series craft sessions, Wren and Della circus performers, Idea Hatch Music Maker, drummer Ray Soriano, Kids and Teens Only Gaming Afternoon, Tune Trivia, and more. Find out more at upperskagit.lib.wa.us or 360.853.7939.

We also will have **Adult Summer Reading Bingo!** Pick up your Bingo! card at the library starting June 16 and try and read your way to Bingo! for a prize.

We have a new bunch of new large-print fiction and so many new titles in fiction that we cannot begin to list them here! I will just say: Elly Griffiths—*The Dark Angel*, David Baldacci—*The Fallen*, Michael Ondaatje—*Warlight*, Rachel Kushner—*The Mars Room*, and Richard Powers—*The Overstory*. Come in and check out all the new books and movies.

Happy Summer Reading!

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

June/July at the Darrington Library

Children and family programs

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, June 6–27 at 11 a.m.; all ages welcome, caregiver required.
- Make a Father's Day Card, Tue., June 12; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Explore Summer – Summer of Musicals: "The Music Man," Wed., June 13, 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- Explore Summer: Music Maker – Presented by Heidi Larsen From Idea Hatch, Sat., June 30, 11 a.m. to noon. Experiment with sound at different stations. Make music with a wind tunnel and experience a musical bench. Make a musical light show when you move, or test out PVC pipe instruments.

- Explore Summer – Summer of Musicals: "1776," Tue., July 3, 3 to 5:30 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.

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company to get it back.

May 7

A fisherman called to advise that he had parked his truck near milepost 14 on the South Skagit Hwy and had returned to find it stolen. With the assistance of Tribal Officer Couch, Deputy Devero located the vehicle near the 41000 block of Cape Horn Dr. The truck was undamaged. It was later returned to the owner.

A citizen called to report that several months ago, one of her cows had died near the area of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. At the time she felt that it was suspicious. She advised Deputy Devero that she had gotten the lab results back and it appeared the cow had been poisoned. She told Deputy Devero that she suspected it may have been someone at a local nearby drug house, but had no way to prove it.

Deputy Wiggins responded to a call of a male in his underwear running down SR 530 south of Rockport. When he arrived the victim advised he had been assaulted

by another male whom he was driving home to Darrington. He had fled the area, but the suspect was still near the car south of his location. Deputy Wiggins located the suspect still in his underwear, sitting in the car and waving his arms wildly. When Deputy Wiggins attempted to restrain him, the suspect became agitated and began to flail around, saying Deputy Wiggins was going to kill him. Deputy Wiggins then backed off to prevent further escalation and waited for other deputies to arrive. The suspect was eventually restrained. He was transported to a hospital for medical treatment. He will be referred for fourth-degree assault.

May 9

A citizen who lives on SR 20 near Lyman called to report someone had taken a diamond ring from her residence valued at \$3,000. There are no suspects at this time.

May 14

A female called dispatch, asking, "Is this the police?" When advised that it wasn't, that it was dispatch, she hung up. Deputy Esskew responded to the residence on

Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove to check on the welfare of the female. When he arrived he heard arguing in the back of the residence. He identified one of the subjects who had a felony warrant for his arrest. There was also a no-contact order between him and the female who was arguing with him. Deputy Esskew arrested the subject on the warrant and violation of the order. He was booked into jail.

May 15

At approximately 8 p.m., Deputy Clark investigated a report of a burglary on SR 20 near Lyman. The victim said that within the last two hours, someone had pried open her door and ransacked her house. Jewelry and guns were taken. At this time there are no suspects.

May 16

Deputy Esskew and Deputy Adams responded to a possible domestic disturbance that occurred on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. When they arrived they found the victim sitting in the front seat of a vehicle parked in the driveway. She was putting ice on her right eye, and her nose was bleeding profusely. She told

deputies that her son had hit her several times; she believed he had broken her nose. An unidentified male subject saw the suspect hitting the victim and intervened, punching the suspect and knocking him to the ground. The suspect then got up and fled. He was contacted later by deputies and arrested for second-degree assault. He was taken to jail.

May 20

Early in the morning the Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible assault on S. Rietze St. in Concrete. Deputy Moore responded and contacted the victim. The victim said that he had been assaulted by a male who was the son of an ex-girlfriend. The suspect also had a no-contact order that restricted him from being at the address. During the investigation Deputy Moore discovered conflicting evidence. At this time the investigation is continuing.

May 24

Deputies investigated an assault on South Shore Dr. in Cape Horn. The victim said that he was beaten with crowbars

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Out & About



Farmers' Markets: A good choice for your health

By Shujun Chen

Area farmers' markets are in full swing, with more and more vegetable and fruit crops coming into market each week. The markets are fun, colorful places where you can get the freshest fruits and vegetables; shop for lovely local, handmade arts and crafts; and perhaps listen to live music. They are worth a visit just to see the variety of local products on display. But don't go home empty-handed. Here are four reasons why shopping at one of our area farmers' markets—listed below—is a great choice.

1. **Fresh is best.** The produce at farmers' markets was often still growing just a day or two before you see it. That puts those fruits and veggies at their peak of flavor when you buy them. Fresh produce also is full of antioxidants and other substances that promote health.
2. **New foods can be fun.** Ever had gooseberries or kohlrabi? You may find some unique produce at a farmers' market that you won't see at a supermarket. Share the adventure of trying new foods with your kids—it can help them enjoy a healthful

3. **You can talk to the experts.** The farmers who grow these foods can give you ideas about how to store, prepare, and serve them.
4. **Local foods help local folks.** Foods and other products sold at farmers' markets may cost less than in the supermarket. Plus the money you spend at a farmers' market circulates locally.

To get the most from your farmers' market visit, try to be flexible. If the food you want isn't ready to harvest yet, try something else. And don't worry about produce that isn't perfectly shaped or has minor blemishes—it's still packed with flavor and nutrients.

Next Saturday, stroll through the farmers' market(s) in your community. You never know what healthful, fresh food item you'll find.

- Concrete Saturday Market
Concrete Community Center
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Skagit Up River Farmers' Market
Cement City Swap Meet field
(west of Loggers Landing, Concrete)
Friday–Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sedro-Woolley Farmers' Market
Hammer Heritage Park
Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.

Shujun Chen is a nurse practitioner with PeaceHealth Medical Group – Family Medicine in Burlington.



beautiful picture of the daffodil fields this year and post to Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #LaConnerDaffodils. A variety of entries were received, each with a different perspective of the sunny flower. The La Conner Chamber of Commerce selected nine finalists to be posted on the event's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/laconnerdaffodilfestival, and its Instagram page: www.instagram.com/

LoveLaConner. Visitors were asked to "like" their favorite photo.

The La Conner chamber will use the photo while marketing the 2019 Daffodil Festival and will create an official poster featuring the photograph.

The annual La Conner Daffodil Festival is celebrated each March with acres of daffodils, events, and activities.

Burlington

Competitions bring together top horsemen working with novice animals

Colt Starting Challenge USA (CSC) will present a competition at the Butler Hill Equestrian Center's Indoor Arena in Burlington on Friday and Saturday, June 15–16, starting at 6 p.m. both nights. Tickets are \$15 per night at the door, and the audience is to bring their own chairs.

The goal of the competition is to start an untrained horse in less than three and a half hours during the two evenings, then ride the horse through an obstacle course. Competitors can range from the

seasoned horseman who has started hundreds of colts to one of the young guns of the horse industry who is just starting to make a name for themselves.

All disciplines of horsemanship trainers are welcome to enter the competition whether it be a dressage trainer, hunter jumper, vaquero, or western, as long as they have effective training techniques in gentling a young horse.

Colt Starting Challenge USE founder Russell Beatty lives in Burlington. A horseman and colt starter, Beatty wanted to create an opportunity for all unknown horse trainers to be able to share and express their horsemanship techniques in the most challenging way possible.

For more information and a video, go to www.coltstartingchallengeusa.com

—Steve Stevens



A competitor ropes a metal barrel during a Colt Starting Challenge USA competition. The event See photo, p. 35 is coming to Burlington June 15–16. See story, p. 34. Submitted photo.

Skagit County

Runners to pass through Skagit Valley during 11,000-mile route

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, an international torch relay, will come to the Skagit Valley on Mon., June 18. An estimated 50,000 children in more than 1,000 cities and towns on the North American route are expected to participate when the Peace Run (www.peacerun.org) visits schools and youth organizations.

Runners will offer educational presentations that promote self-esteem and the oneness of humanity.

For more than 30 years, the Peace Run has traversed more than 150 nations throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia,

Africa, and Australia as a symbol of humanity's universal aspiration for a more peaceful world.

A team left from New York City in mid-April, passing the torch along the more-than 11,000-mile route. The continuous relay will link Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. during its 4-month journey before arriving back in New York mid-August.

Since the inaugural run in 1987, more than 6 million people have participated. Carl Lewis, nine-time Olympic gold medalist, said, "By carrying the torch, you will be bridging cultural and social barriers, and all the boundaries that separate nation from nation. You will be the living proof of the ancient vision of having a beautiful and harmonious world."

The Peace Run was inspired by Sri Chinmoy as a way to give citizens a dynamic way to express their own hopes and dreams for a more harmonious world. An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician, and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world harmony. "How can we have peace? Not by talking about peace, but by walking along the road of peace," he said.

The torch relay run will arrive in Sedro-Woolley at 11 a.m. on June 18, then depart at 11:30 a.m. with the run following the beautiful Cascade Trail to Lyman and Concrete, arriving at 3 p.m. The day's run will conclude at Diablo.

Everyone is invited to participate in this fun and free event. For more information, contact Daulot Peter Fountain, volunteer regional coordinator, at 206.353.5099 or ordfountain9@gmail.com.

La Conner

Photo contest winner chosen for La Conner Daffodil Festival

Mara Leite of Seattle is the winner of the annual La Conner Daffodil Festival Photo Contest. Leite's photograph, titled "Golden Hour" (above), was chosen for its representation of the Skagit Valley.

The contest is part of the month-long festival. The rules were simple: Take a

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by three male suspects. Deputies located one of the suspects in Day Creek. He was taken into custody for second-degree assault and booked into jail. The investigation is continuing.

May 26

Deputy Moore investigated a possible theft on Moen Rd. The victim said that he had purchased some parts for his car and discovered that the parts had been returned for cash to the store. Deputy Moore contacted the store and discovered that a female and male had returned the parts and had a receipt for them. The employee said the victim buys lots of parts from them and thought that this was

suspicious, so he called and let him know. At this time Deputy Moore is still trying to I.D. the suspects.

May 28

At approximately 8 p.m., Deputy Wiggins was patrolling the area near the Lake Shannon Quarry, locally known as "Devil's Tower." He found a car parked at the gate. He located two individuals past the gate near the old Lone Star buildings. He explained to them that they were on private property, that it was clearly marked "no trespassing," and that the owners had a zero tolerance policy and wanted anyone who trespasses arrested. Both individuals were cited for trespass, then removed.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

Sunday School, cont. from p. 31

compassion, and hospitality because all people are children of God and therefore deserve love.

It's okay to feel uncomfortable when the Holy Spirit blows upon us, sending us out into the world, because the Holy Spirit

will remove our fear and grant us courage. Courage to travel in this turbulent world and enable us to encourage and love the other with no expectations.

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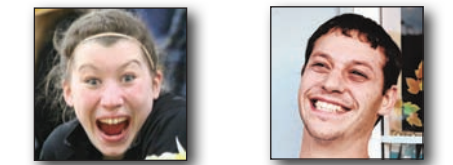


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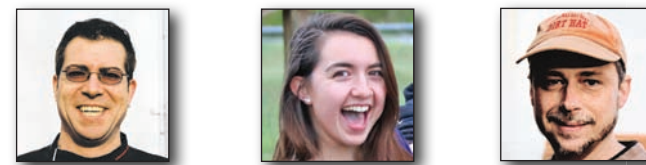
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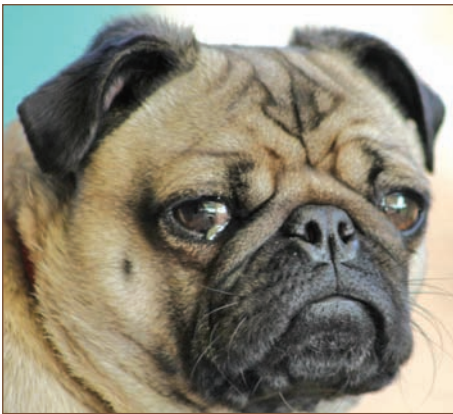


Smile



Pet Patch

Wally the pug belongs to Becky Taft from Sedro-Woolley. "Wally has his own Facebook page and loves to share his little face quite often with all his friends," says Becky. "His favorite pastime is hanging out in the sunshine on our front porch and barking at the neighbors."



Want to share your pet with your fellow **Concrete Herald** readers? E-mail the highest quality photo you can, along with your name, city or town of residence, and your pet's name, breed, etc., plus a few extra words about your pet, to: editor@concrete-herald.com

Dwelleysms

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

"Our government doesn't know where it's going. It just needs the money to have the directional signs made up in case somebody decides."
"Prophets of gloom just happen to be having their era. The only way to maintain a calm mind is to read the predictions carefully, then glory in how many failed to occur yesterday."
"'You are what you eat,' says a diet authority. Maybe he's right. We see a lot of kids with stomachs that look like hamburger buns."
—March 27, 1968

"For sheer confusion, try to explain to a modern child which came first: the Easter bunny or the egg."
"A man with brains will marry a smart woman. A woman with brains will see that he does it."
"Pity not the man who has everything. Figure out a way for him to get it all in a trailer and you'll be rich yourself."
"To be thought well of, listen well before you think, think well before you speak, and speak well before the subject is exhausted."
—April 3, 1968

"If the wheel had never been invented, somebody still would have found a way to make people restless. All the wheel did was take us quickly a long way from where we'd rather be after we get there."
—April 10, 1968

Public Service Announcement



Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



By Stig Kristensen

Crossword: "Sports Legends"

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Across

- Blunt weapon
- Cultivate
- Kind of spray
- Big oil company
- 1948 Hitchcock thriller
- Are relevant
- Enlarge, as a hole
- First murder victim
- Way to walk
- 1971 World Series MVP
- Bearing
- Seven, in ancient Rome
- Masters
- Lab eggs
- Greenish blue
- Biting
- Litmus reddeners
- Bonanza find
- 1986 Kentucky Derby winner
- Compass dir.
- Pitch
- Companion of Artemis
- Banquet
- Crew need
- Crania
- Pouch
- "Excuse me ..."
- 1960 NBA Rookie of the Year

Down

- Singer Vikki
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Healing sign
- Youth gang member
- Free
- Automaton
- Grp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
- Healthy
- Biblical woman from Bethlehem
- Relating to a breathing condition
- Extent
- Came to rest
- Instrument for Orpheus
- Synagogue figures

Down

- Dodge
- Hewn
- Drupelets
- She had "the face that launched a thousand ships"
- Orangish yellow
- Six-stringed instrument
- Bumpkin
- "He's _____ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
- Social misfits
- Marco Polo crossed it
- Tobacco user
- Geologic period
- Calla
- Honor
- Four Seasons hit
- Lots of land
- Lower
- Trace
- Aviation acronym
- Foreign money
- Be next to
- Fit together
- Asian buffalo
- Matinee _____
- Zero

Sudoku

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

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THE BODY IN THE BLACKBERRIES

By Nicola Pearson

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Lange hoofed it around the yellow gate and passed two guys walking toward him. They were wearing simple shirts and jeans, but had paper booties over their shoes so he guessed they were from forensics. He nodded a greeting and stole a glance at their evidence bags, but they were deep in conversation so they didn't pay attention to him.

"What'd you find?" he asked Collins, who was standing alone by the downed fir tree, having released his two deputies. It was the first time Lange had seen Collins in a suit and tie. "Congratulations by the way."

"On what?" asked Collins. There were small beads of sweat on his forehead and Lange imagined he was hot his suit, which he was required to wear to set him apart from the uniformed deputies.

"On making detective."

"Oh. Yes. Thanks." The thick-bodied, 30-something detective cracked a smile and Lange realized it was the first time he'd seen him do that too. "How did it go with Mrs. Doyle?" Collins asked.

Lange filled him in on the conversation at the Doyle house and René's advancing dementia.

"Had she even figured out that Bob didn't come home last night?" Collins asked.

"Not that I could tell. She seemed fixated on the idea that he was outside with Kevin, cutting up a fir log, even though Kevin was in the room with us."

"Were you able to get her to understand that Bob was dead?"

"I wasn't." Lange looked down at his feet, the sound of René's howl coming back to him. "Kevin was, though."

Collins clucked ruefully, a faraway look in his eyes. "I told my wife, if I ever get to a place like that, take me hiking up in the mountains and let me get lost."

Lange blinked at such a revelation from this young, solidly built detective who breathed like his nose was plugged all the time. "I didn't know you were a hiker," he

remarked.

"Used to be," said Collins. "Used to be my favorite thing to do with my wife." His eyes took on that faraway look again. "We went on more'n one hike where we ended up getting turned around together and I still get a kick out of that." His focus came back to Lange, his tone matter-of-fact. "I've got Alzheimer's on both sides of my family and I'd rather be in a place where I think I'm out with my wife than in a place where I can't think who my wife is."

He paused, the air heavy with breezeless heat around them, then looked down at the spiral notebook in his hand. "Okay, so our drug-sniffing K9 marked three places on this road." He pointed with his pen toward the ditch beside them. "The first was here, where Kojak found the white powder. Forensics took a sample of that." His pen moved to indicate farther up the road. "The second was on the road just out a ways from Doyle's body."

"Was there a rock on the road in that place?"

"Yes. Agent Pate-Swenson said she thought you might have put it there."

"I did. Because Kojak came back to it twice."

"We couldn't see anything there ..."

"Me either."

"But I had forensics take a sample from the surface of the road because I trust the K9s."

Lange nodded his agreement. "Here's what we know," Collins went on, stepping closer to the small fir tree lying at an angle from the uphill bank down across the road. "Something went down both here and up by Doyle's body. Here—in addition to the check with the bloody fingerprint on it—we found some blood on this broken branch." He pointed with his pen at the jagged end coming out of the tree's trunk.

Lange leaned over and saw the brownish stains. "Clarkson turned up at work yesterday with a swollen lip and a cut on

his forehead," he told Collins.

The detective nodded. "Could be someone punched him and he fell sideways onto the this?" he suggested, still pointing at the blood on the broken branch. "But whether that happened before or after Bob Doyle got killed is anybody's guess."

"You're sure Doyle was murdered then?" asked Lange.

"Looks that way. Somebody hit him in the face and he fell backward onto the rock. Either blow could have killed him."

"Did you get a time of death?"

"The coroner guessed early in the morning yesterday. But he said to wait for the autopsy."

"Okay, so how about this?" began Lange, climbing over the downed fir and marching Collins up the road toward the blackberries. "Bob Doyle is up here with Kevin and Kyle, trying to talk his grandson out of getting involved in this drug stuff. Clarkson just wants to get the drugs and get out of there, so he punches the older Doyle, snatches up the shipment, and starts down the road. Kevin wants to help his grandpa, but he's also flaming mad at Clarkson, so he chases after Kyle and they fight down by the tree."

"You're thinking Wayne Clarkson wasn't part of this?"

They'd arrived at the blackberries and Lange was looking back down the road, toward the fir tree. His eyes glazed over as he thought. He was trying to get a feel as to what had happened here, but the air was still around him, and faintly winy from the warm, ripe blackberries.

"Lange?"

"I can see both Clarksons here more easily than I can see Kevin Doyle," he admitted finally.

"Because?"

"Because Kevin looked genuinely devastated when I told him his grandfather was dead. And the way he takes care of his grandmother, I don't see him leaving Bob to die in this ditch." Lange stroked his jaw with his hand. "You said your dog marked a third place."

"Yes." The young detective started walking Lange back toward the fir tree. "Again, we couldn't see anything there either, although we did find something interesting close by. We're just not sure it's relevant."

"What was it?"

"A 9 millimeter cartridge, lodged in the road. We might never have seen it but one of the deputies needed to take a leak and dropped over the bank to find someplace private. When he came back up, the road was at eye level and the ambient light

must have hit it just right for him to notice this groove on the surface." He stopped up and pointed down at a short pencil line in the graveled surface of the road with a hole at the end of it.

Lange heard a plaintive whine and looked up to see Max standing on top of the downed fir, leaning forward like he wanted to spring into Lange's arms. "That's Bob Doyle's dog," he told Collins.

"Bob Doyle had a dog?"

"Uh huh. And he was up here with him yesterday."

"How d'you know?"

"He ended up at my place, hiding." A thought suddenly occurred to Lange.

"Don't dogs usually stay with their masters if there's a problem?"

"Depends," shrugged Collins. "He's only a little guy so maybe hunger got the better of him."

"I s'pose. He had a fresh wound on his right shoulder, so maybe he came looking for help after he tore himself up."

Collins made a small hmmm of doubt.

"Dogs are pretty stoic when it comes to that kind of thing. It's more likely he was chased off by whoever was here yesterday."

"Which, again, makes me think Kevin wasn't here," said Lange.

"Why?"

"Because he would've just taken Max home with him."

The dog whined again.

"Mind if I call him over?" asked Lange

"No. Go right ahead."

Lange threw his left arm out and motioned it back toward himself. "Come on, Max. Come."

The dog didn't move.

Kojak leapt over the little fir tree, leading Michelle and Suleka. "You want this one?" asked Michelle, scooping Max up in her arms as she climbed over the tree.

"Thanks," smiled Lange.

She started walking toward him, but Max twisted and scrabbled in her arms so frantically she finally let him down. He ran right back to his position on the fir tree.

"Why doesn't he want to come over?" wondered Lange out loud.

"That is strange," said Suleka, coming up alongside him.

"He and Kojak were playing so well together," Michelle added, looking down at her German shepherd.

"You don't think ...?" said Collins to Lange. He looked down at the ground where the bullet had been, then back up at

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Max.

"Oh now that's a thought," Lange concurred.

"What?" asked Michelle.

Collins took two steps across the road, toward the ditch on the uphill side. "Our K9 marked this spot," he said, pointing close to his feet, where a patch of small alders had encroached on the road. "What if whoever killed Doyle was taking off with the drugs and the dog came after him, making him drop the shipment ..."

"... so he shot at the dog and clipped him," finished Lange, looking back at Max.

"I can't see Kevin shooting Max anymore than I can see him killing his grandfather," Suleka warned them all.

"At this point I agree with you," said Lange.

"We ran a check on Kyle Clarkson," interjected Collins, "and there's no violence in his record. His brother, on the other hand ..."

"See, that's what I'm thinking," said Suleka, wagging her finger at Collins like he was right. "Substitute Wayne Clarkson for Kyle in that little scenario, and I'd say you're on to something."

"But we found that check made out to Kyle," said Michelle.

"So maybe it was just the two brothers," suggested Collins, "and Kyle does what you said Kevin did. He comes up to get the drugs with his brother, but gets into a fight with him after Wayne kills Bob Doyle. Or maybe even after Wayne shoots at the dog because guns weren't supposed to be part of their deal."

"But then I come back to why is Bob Doyle here if Kevin isn't somehow involved?" argued Lange.

"Unless he was just out for a walk with his dog," said Suleka.

They all turned and looked at her in syncopated silence, contemplating this possibility as it grew on them in value. "But if that's the case," theorized Lange, looking back toward the yellow gate. "Then where's Bob Doyle's pick-up truck?"

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