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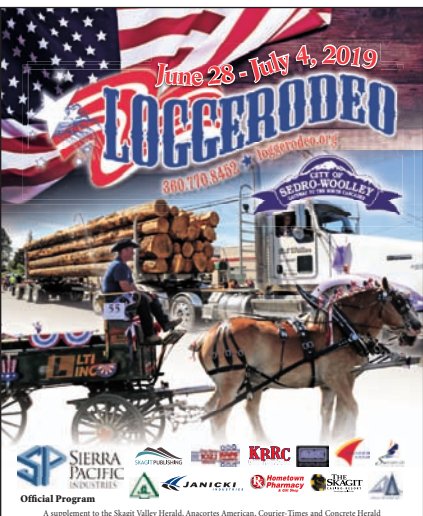
Nevin medals at State

Senior Tyler Nevin and junior Levi Lowry made the trip to Cheney this season, with Nevin capturing a medal for his long jump. *Page 8.*



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From the editor

Cascade Days, Lions Club need YOU

Every month I comb back through issues of *Concrete Herald* for the “Way Back When” column. And every month, I’m surprised at the number of service clubs and other, more loosely organized clubs that once existed in the Upper Skagit Valley. All were the norm “way back when.” The predecessor to our modern chamber of commerce also flourished. Today, efforts like these are needed more than ever, and the opportunities to serve still exist. Recently, the Cascade Days Committee and the Concrete Lions Club nudged me with a plea for more members. So let’s do this.

Cascade Days needs volunteers to help plan and run Cascade Days by joining the Cascade Days Committee. If more fresh faces don’t join the cause, Cascade Days will go away. It’s really that simple. The current committee members have been at it for many years, and will welcome your interest. If you want to “grab a root and growl,” as my dad says, contact Ember LaBounty at ember@cascaadedays.com or 360.770.8340.

The Concrete Lions Club puts their mission succinctly: “We serve.”

They also welcome new members. Lions Club International has around 30 local members and over 1.4 million members worldwide. Globally, they focus on diabetes, vision, hunger, the environment, and childhood cancer. Locally, they support many local events, including but not limited to Memorial Day services, Cascade Days, the Concrete Fly-In, Fishing Derby, Concrete Schools Halloween Party, Concrete Schools Hearing Tests, Concrete Schools Eyeglasses, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Activity Day, seasonal holiday celebrations, building wheelchair ramps, building sidewalks, and collecting medical support equipment to provide community members in need.

Concrete Lions Club meets the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, at 6 p.m., at Annie’s Pizza. Won’t you join them?

—J. K. M.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Nonprofit forms to oppose Marblemount quarry proposal

Skagit River Alliance (SRA) has written to nine of our state representatives in Congress and the Senate regarding the proposed jetty rock quarry in Marblemount.

SRA is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to educate and advocate for Skagit River communities and the watershed. Skagit County is completing its review of 724 comments about the proposed Marblemount Quarry, stating overwhelming opposition to the project. Thank you, community, for participating in the public comment process! The county is hoping to have this latest round of comments posted to its Web site by the end of the week.

For more information, updates, and ways to contribute, go to www.skaigitneighbors.com.

Andrea Weiser
Marblemount

KSVU and you

Volunteer powered. Noncommercial. Listener supported. Educational. Local news, views, and music. What a concept! Yes, that’s radio KSVU, 90.1 FM, broadcasting right here in Concrete. For you. But how did that come to be?

Back in 2007, Skagit Valley College’s Rip Robbins, General Manager for its station, KSVR, discovered that the FCC had announced it would accept applications for noncommercial, public radio stations—a rare opportunity!

Knowing that KSVR’s signal did not reach the Upper Skagit, Robbins hired an engineer to work out the broadcasting potential, and his application was eventually accepted with the college’s blessing. Hamilton was chosen for the license “home” as it was within 25 miles of the college (an FCC rule) and within the future KSVU signal area. Robbins contacted *Concrete Herald* and began the outreach for interested community members to support this effort.

It took a few years, especially the search for a potential broadcasting facility that had modern wiring and was centrally located, ideally in Concrete. Time was of the essence, and at the last minute, then-Concrete District School Superintendent Barbara Hawkings offered to rent us the unused, portable classroom B for KSVU’s studio. Space on the Burpee Hill commercial tower was leased, used and retired broadcasting and recording equipment loaned or purchased, and the first, local, on-air broadcast reached upriver homes on March 17, 2011.

The rest is history, right? Actually, no. As an all-volunteer, public service, we still have expenses. Lots of them: rents on the studio and the tower, utility bills, insurance, etc., with fundraising an ongoing concern.

So, since 2010 (before we were even on the air), we’ve been organizing and holding two annual events in spring and

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Open for business:

Marnie’s Boutique

On May 2, Marnie Russell opened a charming boutique in Concrete, on the corner of SR 20 and S. Dillard. An incurable crafter, Russell wanted a way to sell her sewn and other homemade products.

She’s found it. Marnie’s Boutique sells items “for women and their homes.”

“Anything that I think women would love to have for themselves or for the home—I have it,” said Russell.

She makes a good portion of her inventory, which includes jewelry, totes, handbags, wall hangings, afghans, knitted and crocheted scarves and hats, herbals (soaps and lotions), ornamentals for the home, and hand-turned wooden pens with journals to go with them. She’ll add clothing to the mix in August.

Don’t look for aprons or dishtowels; nothing that smacks of housework or meal preparation will be found on her shelves “except coasters to set your wine glass on!” she laughed.

Russell’s shop is cozy and welcoming, and includes some products from local craftspeople too.

Drop in and put your name and phone number in her basket for a June 14 drawing to win \$50 worth of merchandise from the store. “It’s a thank you to the community for coming in and checking things out,” she said.

—J. K. M.

At a glance:

Marnie’s Boutique

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fall, that not only raise funds to pay for those expenses, but provide welcomed fun and entertainment for our upriver communities.

Saturday, May 4 marked the 9th annual “Blast Open the Pass” Spring dance at the Marblemount Community Hall. As always, it was kicked off with the Maypole and potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by live music by our beloved local bands, Undecided and Jumbled Pie from 7 to 10 p.m. A raffle and a silent auction continued throughout the evening. It was a big success.

The second big fundraising event has been the Halloween/Harvest Fest dance, always held on the last Saturday in October. So, put it on your calendars now.

In addition, we host bake sales at various local events (Saturday Market, Fly-In, Cascade Days, etc.), so come by and support your radio station whenever you can. And we are always on the lookout for additional volunteers—show hosts, administrative and tech folks, fundraising ideas. Feel free to visit portable classroom B, behind the elementary school anytime, but especially for our monthly meetings, normally held on the second Tuesday at 4 p.m. Or call us: 360.853.8588.

Christie Fairchild
Rockport

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Commentary

The little bank that could

By Nicola Pearson

Back in the late 1980s, my husband and I were visited at our pottery shop by a couple that was building a home in Arlington. The couple was June and Jim Perry. Jim had retired after almost 30 years of hosting Card Sharks and Sale of the Century for NBC television, and June had been a model, gracing the front cover of many magazines in her youth, after which she raised a family and became a potter. They stopped at our place because we were a pottery shop and June wanted to see the work, but they happened past our place on SR 20 because they had just paid a visit to the State Bank of Concrete. “It’s one of the wealthiest banks in the State of Washington,” Jim told us, “So we came to make some investments.”

We were surprised to learn that the small, nonimposing, single-branch State Bank of Concrete was one of the wealthiest in the state. Husband and wife Walter and Mae Ross were encouraged to take on the bank back in 1914 by Lonestar Corporation, even though neither of them had any background in banking, because the town of Concrete then, as now, was facing the prospect of being without a bank. They accepted the challenge and in the 1980s the bank was being run by their sons Donald and Dudley. As far as we could tell, the Ross brothers didn’t seem prone to gimmicks to encourage people to open accounts, nor did we see much in the way of advertising for their bank, other than what supported local clubs and events and the newspaper. So how had they helped turn this bank into one of the wealthiest in the state?

Relationships, that’s how. They lived and worked in the community whose money they invested and loaned, and, consequently, they knew about the livelihoods that created that money. They knew, for example, that one of the local loggers might come to them in March needing money to tide him over after a long winter of being snowed out of the woods and yet by June, that logger would be back flush with earnings. They knew about the seasonal nature of the tourist-driven businesses in the Upper Skagit and could watch accounts, like fruit trees, yield heavy at the end of the long summer and offer savings certificates that would encourage business owners to store some of that money for a less fruitful season. And because these savings certificates offered high interest rates, they drew investors from other states.

I was sitting opposite Don Ross Sr. one day in the bank when a phone call came in for him from an unnamed senator in Washington, D.C., who wanted to renew a \$400,000 savings certificate. I remember thinking that what Jim Perry had told us about this little bank was known a lot farther afield than Arlington.

In addition to this, the Ross family’s personal relationships with the people whose money they watched over allowed them to add an element to every loan that no interest rate could match: trust. Because of this trust, the State Bank of Concrete, during the 80-plus years it was in business, never once repossessed a home, even during the Great Depression. Instead, clients were told that if they couldn’t make a mortgage payment for some reason, they should come in and talk to the bankers. And since being trusted often makes people trustworthy, patrons did not default on their loans.

A story that taught me a lot about our little bank came from my husband. He approached the State Bank of Concrete when no other bank would lend him money as a young, self-employed artist. Don Ross Sr. said he would take it up with the loan committee—a.k.a. his brother, Dudley—and the two men decided, over coffee at the old Mount Baker café, that they would approve the loan for the resident studio potter. Years later they told

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Marnie Russell

owns Marnie’s Boutique at 7460 S. Dillard in Concrete. The cozy storefront next to Your Relaxation Station carries products “for women and their homes,” said Russell.

Election 2019

Candidate hopefuls file for public office

Following filing week last month, the Upper Valley political landscape is poised for change in Hamilton, while likely staying the same in Concrete and Lyman. Here's a look at who filed for which positions in the *Concrete Herald* coverage area.

Town of Concrete

- Council Position 1: Rob Thomas (incumbent, unopposed).
- Council Position 2: Beth Easterday (incumbent, unopposed).
- Council Position 4: Marla Reed (incumbent, unopposed).

Concrete School District No. 11

- Dir. District 2: Michael Brondi (incumbent).
- Dir. District 4, At-Large: Sue Watts (incumbent)

- Dir. District 5, At-Large: Dolores Elliott (incumbent).

Cemetery District 5

- Commissioner Pos. 2: Richard Frank (incumbent).
- Commissioner Position 3: Mickey Zitkovich (incumbent).

Town of Hamilton

- Mayor: Joan Cromley (incumbent), Renee Barley, Carla Vandiver.
- Council Position 1: Billy Fisher, Timothy Morrison (incumbent).
- Council Position 2: Brian Kirkpatrick (incumbent), Travis Patrick, Theresa Boots.
- Council Position 3: Lisa Johnson (incumbent), Dean Vandiver.
- Council Position 5: Geoff Perkins (incumbent, partial term).

Town of Lyman

- Mayor: Eddie Hills (incumbent, unopposed).
- Council Position 3: Mike Swanson (incumbent, unopposed).
- Council Position 4: Mike Couch (incumbent, unopposed).
- Council Position 5: Ron Hodgins (incumbent, unopposed).

City of Sedro-Woolley

- Mayor: Julia Johnson (incumbent), Dennis O'Neil.
- Council Ward 1: Dave Bates, Judith Dunn Lee, Brenda McGoffin, Kevin Loy.
- Council Ward 4: Pola Kelley (incumbent), Glenn Allen.
- Council Ward 5: Justin Crossman, Corrin Hamburg, Charles Owen.

Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

- Dir. District 2: Christina Jepperson, Eric Lodjic.
- Dir. District 3: Danielle Baird Russell.
- Dir. District 5: Brandon Bond.

Hospital District 304

- Commissioner Pos. 3: Gary Kent, Morgan Steele.
- Commissioner Position 5: Robert Stanley (incumbent).

Port of Skagit

- Commissioner Pos. 1: Kevin Ware.

Darrington School District No. 330

- Dir. District 1: Jennie Requa.
- Dir. District 2: Marree Perrault.
- Dir. District 3: Larry Boyd.

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my husband that he was one of the best people they ever lent money to because he was always two or three months ahead in his payment. He was so concerned about not having enough to make a payment at some point that when he had a little extra, he passed it right along.

So how did this little bank that could turn into the little bank with the impending closure in September? Well, the Ross brothers got to that age where they wanted to retire and sold the State Bank of Concrete to a banker who sank much of its wealth into bricks and mortar branches down valley, where presumably he thought more people would equal more money. Except "sank" ended up being the common denominator in that particular equation and as Summit Bank went down, Columbia Bank stepped in to save it before it hit bottom. The Mount Vernon branch was immediately closed, I assume to give buoyancy to the branches in Burlington and Concrete, and now that they are back bobbing on the waters of financial solvency, Columbia Bank has determined that their branch in Concrete, which provided all the assets for the branch in Burlington in the first place, no longer needs to remain open. And so our once prized and healthily lucrative

bank in Concrete is being cast aside, like a middle-aged spouse, in favor of a newer model.

But as an article in this month's edition of *The Economist* proudly proclaims, "Don't write off the admirable bantamweights of America's banking industry." ("America's Community Banks: They Know Their Customers"; May 11, 2019) and my vote, if I have one in this particular debacle, is that we attract some new financial types to our Upper Valley who understand the full potential of owning a bank in a small community. Bankers who might be keen to give up the bumper-to-bumper city commute in favor of small town driving, where everyone ignores the "no left turn" sign at the exit to the bank's drive-through window and no one cares. Bankers who might enjoy drinking their morning coffee at the local bakery, where they can be a part of conversations about the general health of businesses "upriver." As the article in *The Economist* points out, "Local knowledge of the needs of small firms and family farms still counts," and any banker living and working in our community is apt to find this knowledge can earn dividends that might quickly put us back in the rankings as one of the wealthiest banks in Washington.

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

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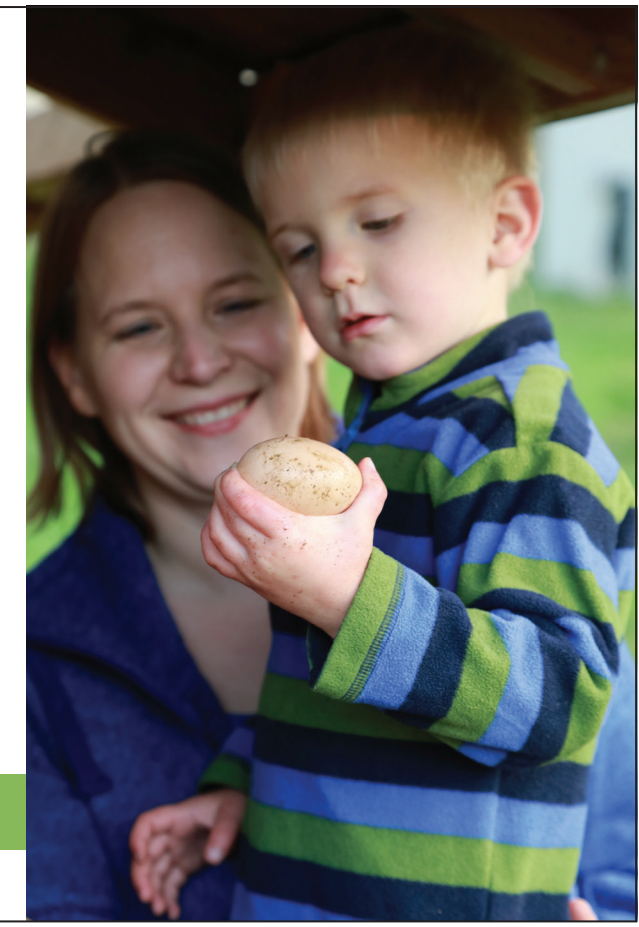
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Concrete plans July 4 celebration

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone is welcome! The July 4 festivities are sponsored by Puget Sound Energy, Concrete Theatre, and Encore Fitness, and coordinated by the Concrete Chamber and numerous volunteers.

For more information, contact the Concrete Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8784, Valerie Stafford at 360.466.8754 or chamber@concrete-wa.com.



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THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

The historic **World War II B-17 Bomber** "Sentimental Journey" from the Commemorative Air Force Airbase Arizona will be at Skagit Regional Airport in June.

The public is invited to see this historic aircraft when it stops at Skagit Regional Airport from Mon., June 24 to Sun., June 30, as part of the "Flying Legends of Victory Tour."

After arrival, the aircraft will be available for tours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$10 per person or \$20 per family, and flights can be booked on site or online at www.flyinglegendstour.com. These once-in-a-lifetime flights will take place on June 28, 29, and 30. It's a unique opportunity for aviation enthusiasts and history buffs young and old.

The restored WWII bomber is one of only 10 B-17G Bombers in the world still flying today, out of 13,000 produced. With a wingspan of 103 feet and length of 74 feet, this Flying Fortress will provide an up-close and personal look at aviation history.

Groups are welcome; airport staff ask that you notify them ahead of time so they can assist with parking. The Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing Aviation Museum maintains and flies several WWII aircraft including the Boeing B-17 'Sentimental Journey' and is located at Falcon Field airport, in Mesa, Arizona (<http://www.azcaf.org>).

Harmony Northwest Chorus, a part of Sweet Adelines International women's a cappella group singing four-part harmony barbershop style welcomes all voice parts, ages 15 and up. Reading music not required. Mondays 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave., Mount Vernon.

For more information, go to www.harmonynorthwest.org or contact Carol Ward at 425.232.9171 or contact@harmonynorthwest.org.

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Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on May 13 and 28. The following are summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

May 13 regular meeting

CHS graduate Rafe O'Connor presented to council an idea for installing a climbing wall on the north face of the silos. O'Connor addressed the council after meeting separately with Mayor Jason Miller and the Economic Development Commission. O'Connor explained the opportunity for capturing climbing enthusiasts who drive through Concrete on their way to climbing options in Eastern Washington. He discussed safety and liability issues with council. Councilmember Marla Reed said that she believed this is a great idea, but would like to see a plan. O'Connor said that he is requesting insurance quotes right now. It was stated the town would like to see the insurance quote, a design, construction plan, business plan, and site plan. Council also would like to hear from Craig Van Hoy, a professional climber whose business is based in Sedro-Woolley. O'Connor will work with the Economic Development Commission to develop the items requested by council.

Public Safety: Sgt. Greg Adams discussed the school officer program and that overtime has been approved for officers at the school until the end of the year, a couple days a week. He said that he is also working to reinstate a records day at the East Detachment, where people could come and get their fingerprints, or request cedar permits or concealed weapons permits. He's hoping to start with once a month and then maybe increase it after that.

Town engineer Cody Hart reported that the Cedar Street project is proceeding on schedule. The preconstruction meeting will be held in June, with construction starting in July.

Hart also reported an application for the secondary access projects has been submitted through SCOG, and then the town can pursue state funding to close up the remaining

budget and matching funds.

Hart also reported on the bids for the metering portion of the water system improvements project, and that Andrea Fichter is pursuing additional funding for the reservoir portion of the improvements.

May 28 regular meeting

- Town engineer Cody Hart reported on the preconstruction meeting for the cure-in-place-pipe and inflow & infiltration project that was held last week with town staff, the contractor, and USDA representatives. He stated the notice to proceed will be issued soon, with an estimated start date for the third week in July. He stated the contractor anticipates completing the work within 30 working days.
- **Parks:** Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles reported on the meeting that was held with PSE last week that she, the mayor, and Councilmember/Parks Committee Chair Marla Reed attended. She reported they discussed the money that PSE has available for trails in town and also did an onsite tour. They discovered a concrete slab in place near where a lookout was proposed to be located. She stated she is looking forward to working with PSE on this project. She also discussed the possible loop in the future that would connect to the PSE visitor's center, once completed. Manville-Ailles also described other areas and that a monument describing the bridge already exists and was hidden by vegetation. Fichter stated that she believes that monument is all that is needed to get a historical marker sign on the highway.
- Discussion ensued regarding the pocket park in East Concrete. It was stated that BNSF had decided not to sell the property to the town as originally planned so the town requested use of the area for access only. The cost to do so was prohibitive, so the park will be built without a parking area for vehicles.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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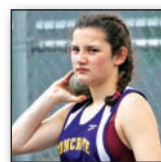
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Sports



Track team sends two to Cheney

When the dust settled after the Bi-District meet in Coupeville on May 18, two athletes from the Concrete track and field team found themselves headed to the State Tournament in Cheney.

Senior Tyler Nevin popped a personal best long jump of 20' 6.5", cementing his trip to the east side.

Junior Levi Lowry heaved the shot 42' 5.5" and rose to the top of the field. Lowry's toss was only 2 inches shy of his personal record, a 42' 7.5" throw he'd made at a March 13 league meet in La Conner.

At State, the two young men stayed in their wheelhouses, performing close to their records and reaping the benefits.

Nevin cranked out a 20-foot leap that put him on the podium with a 6th place medal around his neck.

Lowry threw the shot 41' 8.75" and earned 10th place—not enough to medal, but enough to get him to mutter, "Wait till next year."

Scheduling scare

Nevin's appearance almost wasn't. A third long jump scheduling change that was made without notifying the Concrete coaching team's knowledge made him late to the event and at first disqualified him. Head Coach Marcus Carr appealed the decision and was able to reverse it after learning that the schedule change had been announced during a coaches' meeting the day before—while the Concrete team was en route to Cheney in preparation for the next day's competition.

"Next year, we're coming over earlier than we need to, and the school district can just pay for the 'extra' night," said Carr. "That isn't going to happen again."

Bi-District performances

Even though the Bi-District meet produced only two state qualifiers, the rest of the Concrete track team also delivered solid performances in the sweltering Coupeville heat.

A heartbreaking 200m women's sprint found Anna Spangler not where she wanted to be, but still setting a PR at 28.29 seconds, which earned her 3rd place. Her 100m sprint was 13.52 seconds, which earned her 5th place.

The women's 4x100m relay—composed of Sierra Rensink, Kassidy Smith, Rebekah Rider, and Anna Spangler—took third with a 56.82-second effort.

Kassidy Smith PR'ed in the shot, tossing

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Right: Concrete High School senior Tyler Nevin shows his trademark spring while competing in the long jump during the State Track Tournament in Cheney on May 24. Nevin's effort of 20 feet earned him a spot on the podium with a 6th place medal.



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the ball 25' 2.5".

Rebekah Rider led the Concrete women in the discus, slinging it 71' 1".

In the long jump pit, Kassidy Smith sailed 14' 3.5", placing her in 2nd. Rebekah Rider PR'ed with 12' 8"—an impressive effort that came with no time to prepare.

The Concrete men notched solid numbers at Bi-Districts too. Hayden O'Neil placed 4th in the 100m sprint with a time of 12.48 sec. Up-and-comer Kai Sahlin was right on O'Neil's heels, at

12.70 sec. And Christian Joens PR'ed with a 13.28 time.

Joens also grabbed 6th place in the 200m (27.33 sec.) after feverishly preparing for the event: His effort at the District meet earned him the spot—even he was surprised to learn.

Hayden O'Neil took 4th in the javelin with a throw of 125' 9".

And with Nevin taking first, Kai Sahlin notched a respectable 5th place in the long jump, sailing 17' 7.5".

—J. K. M.



Concrete junior Levi Lowry sends the shot skyward during the 2B Boys shotput competition at the State Track Tournament in Cheney on May 24. Lowry's best toss of 41' 8.75" got him a 10th place showing. He vowed to return next year.

BASEBALL AWARDS

Varsity Letters: Owen Aamot, Corbin Coggins, Ethan Hall, Cohen Poolos, Shawn Powell, Brandon Downing, Killian McCormick, Seth Martinez, Peyton Sanchez, Vincent Wenneker, Dalton Newby, Shayne Luttrell, Marshall Fichter, Tyler Coffell, David O'Neil.

Cy Young Award: Shayne Luttrell. **Coach's Award:** David O'Neil. **Silver Slugger Award:** Dalton Newby. **Gold Glove Award:** Tyler Coffell.

1B/2B All-League: Shayne Luttrell, Co-MVP; Dalton Newby, 1st team; David O'Neil, 1st team; Tyler Coffell, 1st team; Peyton Sanchez, 2nd team.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL AWARDS

Varsity Letters: Josie Acevedo, Tiana Brookshire, Aunya Carpenter, Kylie Clark, Kylee Dobson, Kendra Knuth, Sadie Peif, Andrea Rogers, Jaidyn Swanson, Karlie-Rose Vierra, Raylee Ward, Kayla Knuth (manager), Autumn Neece (manager), Ashley Parker (manager).

Most Inspirational: Kylie Clark. **Best on Base Award:** Josie Acevedo. **Most Improved:** Kendra Knuth. **Tough as Nails Award:** Aunya Carpenter. **1B/2B All-League:** Aunya Carpenter, 2nd Team; Kylie Clark, 2nd Team; Andrea Rogers, Honorable Mention.

TRACK & FIELD AWARDS

Varsity Letters: Charlie Bartel, Michael Booker, Unity Reynolds, Kassidy Smith, Rebekah Rider, Anna Spangler, Devon Howard, Levi Lowry, Collin Martin, Christian Joens, Kai Sahlin, Hayden O'Neil, Jonas Rensink, Sierra Rensink, Tyler Nevin, Devin Blankenship.

Sportsmanship Award: Charlie Bartel. **Team Captain:** Hayden O'Neil. **Most Inspirational:** Anna Spangler. **Most Improved:** Levi Lowry. **Rookie of the Year:** Devon Howard.

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Athletes of the Month



Is the Library **OVERDUE?** Upper Skagit Library experiences delays in its plan to relocate.

It's been more than a year since the Upper Skagit Library took ownership of the old Legion Hall in Concrete Town Center, but a firm move-in date is nowhere in sight. Is the library overdue to move into its new, larger space?

Depends on who you ask. The entity in charge of overseeing the process—the Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees—would say no.

"Right now, we can't guarantee an opening date," wrote board of trustees member Em Beals in a commentary published in the May issue of *Concrete Herald*. "We want you to know that we are doing the best we can to keep the project moving, while at the same time providing patron services, transitioning to a new library director, and keeping on top of continually moving targets."

A brief history

The new library space was years in the making. After efforts to find a suitable building site for a new facility failed, a local couple, Barbara Trask and Ger van den Engh, quietly stepped up and purchased the American Legion Hall. They paid for its renovation and conversion to a library space, and donated the building to the library in December 2017.

The story should have ended there, but numerous factors delayed the move. The roof leaked, structural instabilities were discovered, and at one point, former library director Brooke Pederson said she opened an electrical panel and found standing water in it.

The district completed the new roof and interior structural repairs, and has turned its attention to interior tasks, which include carpentry and electrical work, according to Beals. Finding available contractors has been a challenge, however, and Pederson's resignation and the resignation of the project manager have slowed the process.

Delay is unnecessary

The delay is frustrating and unnecessary, according to Trask and van den Engh. Trask called out the board of trustees for

adding features to the wish list that were not "mission-critical." "The expense and delay are unjustified," she wrote in a letter to the editor published in the May issue of *Concrete Herald*.

"In fact, few tasks remain to make the building fully functional. Volunteers can finish the job quickly. I'm among those willing to pitch in," Trask wrote.

Board of trustees member Linden Jordan said that state law prohibits them from using volunteers for a public works building project. "Technically the building was finally ready for occupancy in March of this year," he said. "We're running as fast as we can, but we're running into all kinds of problems. My bottom line is, we all want the same thing, but the board of trustees is charged with the duty of making sure that it happens appropriately. And that's what we're doing."

Upper Skagit Library Foundation Vice President Valerie Stafford is pushing for all speed on the project. "I understand that there are barriers, but there are only half a dozen things to be done," she said. "There's a certain amount of red tape because it is a public building. But from the community and donors' perspective, I think a lot of the issue is inaction and not being very proactive. This has just been so frustrating. They need to figure out how to finish this project."

The foundation and folks like Trask and van den Engh are pushing for a July 1 opening—a date to which the board of trustees will not commit.

"The district needs to redeem its responsibility to complete all due diligence on the structural integrity of the building, as well as account for the proper functioning of the building environment," wrote Beals in her commentary. "The district would be liable for any deficiencies that were not properly addressed prior to occupancy. A larger district would employ an architect to guide this process. Due to our small size, we are acting as owner-builders, and are relying on a volunteer task force and the guidance of our project manager to complete these tasks. This means that projects aren't always sequenced

as quickly as they might be on a major project. Additionally, it is challenging to find contractors who want to work in our remote location, and we may pay a premium to those who do."

Jordan said substantial progress has been made in just the past 30 days:

- "We are engaged in discussions on code compliance with the Town of Concrete building official and fire chief.
- "We are contacting potential project managers who responded to our ad for that position.
- "The electrical engineer is preparing contract specifications for lighting, data, and wiring.
- "A mechanical engineer is assessing

the current HVAC system and will make recommendations.

- "We are contacting potential contractors who may be interested in work on the project.
- "The flooring contractor will be updating their bid.
- "We have closed the application process for a new library director. We have several interested candidates. Interviews will start the week of June 3."

"We will have a relocated library, and when we do, time will pass, and what is going on right now will be a blip on the radar screen. I have great confidence in those who are getting it done," he said.

—J. K. M.

Athletes of the Month: Jaidyn Swanson, Dalton Newby, Kylie Clark, Tyler Coffell

Fast-pitch standout **Jaidyn Swanson** is a senior at Concrete High School and has made the move from outfield to infield, taking over the shortstop position. This was a new position for her and it didn't take her long to get the idea on how the position works. Jaidyn is a good student of the game and pays attention to detail. She also has the ability to pass her knowledge on to others to help them understand their roles on the field. "She picks up on the information, remembers specific details, and helps me convey this to the players," said head coach Bob Hickman.

"I can see Jaidyn in other sports doing what ever she can to help others with their roles in that sport also. I see her also being involved in many programs and after-school projects that would help her community. Jaidyn worked and got herself the leadoff spot in the batting order, and along with this and other abilities, helped in the respect from the rest of the team. I believe Jaidyn will do good things if she sticks to her guns and pursue her dreams. It was a real pleasure coaching her this season."

Dalton Newby is at a new position this spring as first baseman and leadoff hitter for the CHS baseball team. He has responded well to his new spot and done an excellent job in the field and at the

plate. "As a co-captain, he has been a leader for us and does a great job helping out our younger guys," said head coach Randy Sweeney. He is second in the club in batting average and RBIs, and leads the team in runs scored. Newby also is an Honor Society student and upon graduation is headed for a career with the U.S. Air Force. "He always has been a great representative of Lion athletics in his 4-year career."

Kylie Clark is a sophomore at Concrete High School and is "the only pitcher we have that is ready for varsity softball," said Coach Hickman. "She told me she started out as a slow thrower; as I see it she has progressed into a pitcher who has talent." She is a fast learner and can make adjustments very quickly. Hickman said he's been working on some new pitches for her, such as a curve, rise, change, and two-seam and four-seam fastballs. "One thing I have noticed with her is she is a very competitive person who loves the game of softball. I believe that she does real well in school and all the other sports she plays because of her approach."

"I noticed that not only does she do really well in pitching, Kylie also is a very good hitter, not leaving anything to chance with her swing. In one of our games, the bases were loaded and she was so

determined to make contact she drove the ball over the fence for a grand slam home run. I really am looking forward to next season so we can pick up where we left off."

Tyler Coffell is the Concrete Lions baseball team's catcher, and also pitched for the team this spring. A senior this year, "T.C." is "probably our most experienced ballplayer, and he runs the show on the field for us," said Coach Sweeney. Coffell hits in the No. 3 slot and is always a consistent producer. "We count on him for a lot of things on the field, such as calling pitches and setting the defense. His steady demeanor and calm attitude make him a great role model for our younger players as well." Coffell also is extremely active with the Grasmere Fire Dept. and is working toward a career in firefighting. "He's a great kid to have on our squad," said Sweeney.

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

—Kathy Hurn

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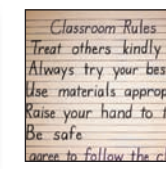
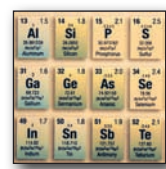
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Academics



YD update

Our last Monday night event was during Memorial Day Weekend, where we all got together at Veterans Memorial Park for some softball, and a good old-fashioned cookout. Ron Voelkel, a Dutch oven Master Chef, cooked for our students and staff—Thank you, Ron!

After the softball game, the students were able to come together and share their highlights, memories, and life-changing experiences they have had during the course of the school year. Many of our seniors shared how YD had affected their lives during their high school careers, and how they don't know where they would be right now without it.

There are three adventure trips this summer, Rock-n-Roll (our annual camping, hiking, whitewater rafting trip) is always the first weekend of June, and takes place in Leavenworth. We are expecting around 30 students from Concrete High School to attend, and about 10 students from Sedro-Woolley will join us as well.

Our next two trips will be in August (Mount Baker Summit, Aug. 8–11 and Methow River Kayak Aug. 14–16). We have one spot remaining for a student who would like to summit Mount Baker this summer, and four openings for any students who want to kayak the Methow River from Carlton to Pateros. There are costs associated with all three of these trips, and we accept cash, checks, or volunteer hours.

If you would like to sponsor a student financially or if you have some yard work for a student, you can contact me at 360.630.6063, or mail a check to 49947 Sauk Store Rd., Concrete, WA 98237 (please make checks out to Concrete Youth Dynamics).

We had 26 students show up for a volunteer project at the community garden a couple of weeks ago, and each of them were able to get two hours of community service toward one of their upcoming trips!

We kicked off May with a RAVE (techno music and glow sticks for two hours) and Jell-O wrestling. Congratulations to Charlie Bartel and Hayden O'Neil for their winning dancing and wrestling skills.

Another congratulations to all our graduating seniors! We are so proud of all of you, and we hope and pray for a very bright future for each and every one of you.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink

Civil Air Patrol cadets experience orientation flights

Three cadets from the Concrete group of Skagit Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (CAP), U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, last month took to the sky with a trained pilot to experience the wonder of flying through orientation flights.

The Concrete cadets—Robert Reed, Skyler Ottow, and Cody Carlson—were accompanied in a Cessna 182 by pilot 2d Lt. Kevin Jessee from CAP's South Sound Composite Squadron in Olympia.

Lt. Jessee also flies commercially for a charter service. The day marked the cadets' first official orientation flights. After giving the cadets an orientation of the Cessna 182 and doing a pre-flight check, Reed went first, taking off from Mears Field in Concrete and flying in the co-pilot seat the entire ride over Skagit Valley and the flats, up into Whatcom County over Chuckanut Bay and Puget Sound, back down to Skagit and over South Mount Vernon and Burlington, then back up to Mears Field. The flight was about 2.5 hours. The same flight occurred for Ottow and Carlson, with a stop at Bellingham International Airport so the cadets could switch from back to front. The cadets were allowed to take the controls for periods during the flights.

Reed, a freshman at Concrete High School, was enthusiastic about the experience. "It's easier to fly than drive a car," he said. "You're free; you can go anywhere up there."

Why flights?

"Orientation flights are provided for free to cadets as a learning and motivational experience," said 2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke with the Concrete CAP group. "Pilots who take cadets on these flights are trained and prepared specifically to provide the orientation flights, teaching those on the ride about flying and navigation throughout the flight."

CAP has a fleet of about 560 single engine and glider aircraft scattered around the country and assigned to squadrons. CAP performs roughly 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, saving an average of 80 lives annually. CAP pilots come from all walks of life: current and former military, commercial pilots, and pilots who have held only private pilot's licenses.

Cadets can not only become qualified by CAP to assist in air search and rescue as mission observers and photographers, but they can also become pilots through the Flight Scholarship and CAP's National Advanced Flight Academy program. After a cadet earns their solo badge or have graduated from a CAP aerospace-related activity course, they can apply for a flight scholarship to train in CAP aircraft with a CAP instructor or at a flight academy.

—J. K. M.



Three cadets from the Concrete group of Civil Air Patrol experienced their first orientation flight in May. Cadets Robert Reed, Skyler Ottow, and Cody Carlson were accompanied in a Cessna 182 by pilot 2d Lt. Kevin Jessee from CAP's South Sound Composite Squadron in Olympia. **Top: Moments before leaving,** Reed and Jessee pause for a photo.

Above: Jessee gives Reed an orientation of the Cessna 182 and explains the pre-flight check.

Left: Reed and Jessee take off from Mears Field for Reed's orientation flight, which lasted about 2.5 hours.



Concrete Resource Coalition



As we wind down the last few weeks of the school year, I want to remind parents that summer is a great time to get your youth involved with the local Boys and Girls Club. They will offer a free summer program for 1st-7th graders from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 24–Aug. 16. Please fill out a registration form at any of the schools to reserve a spot.

Highlights for May included taking six high school students to a prevention training at the Great Wolf Lodge on May 22.

On May 30 we celebrated students from the Concrete Prevention Posse, ViV, and Boys and Girls Club. All are doing great things in our community.

Our next meeting is Thur., June 13, at 2 p.m. in the high school library. The coalition will approve its action plan for the next school year. A big thank you to the leadership team of the coalition. With their help, East Skagit County continues to be a great place to work, play, and live!

Last, save the date for the next Concrete Youth Activity Day, Fri., July 12. I hope to see you there!

For more information, contact me at stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org or 360.854.7179.

—Stephanie Morgareidge, coordinator
Concrete Resource Coalition
United General District 304

May PTO calendar

June 14: Free Family movie night, "LEGO 2," 6 p.m., at the elementary school. The high school football team will sell concessions.



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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

Our picture this month shows the 1935 Skagit County Track championship team, with Ruby Stroebe

helping to hold the pennant. Ruby was a fast runner and competed, along with the boys, on the track team for Baker Heights School. Being a girl, Ruby was required to wear either a dress or skirt at all times. When competing in track events, the teacher pinned her dress with safety pins so she could run faster. 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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The Clear Lake Historical Association has new office hours: Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. For more information, send an e-mail to clha1987@gmail.com or call 360.856.6798.

—Deanna Ammons, historian



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Community Calendar



JUNE

- 4 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 5 Hamilton Community Conversation hosted by Forterra, Hamilton Town Park, Hamilton, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; see article, p. 22; info at 206.905.6916 or bnicolello@forterra.org
- 7–9 Blast from the Past, Sedro-Woolley, various locations; info at <http://sedro-woolley.chambermaster.com/events/details/blast-from-the-past-2019-1315>
- 8 Blast of Color 5K Family Fun Run/Walk, Downtown Sedro-Woolley, registration at 8:30 a.m., race starts at 10 a.m.; see ad, p. 16; info at Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce; register at www.databarevents.com/blastofcolor5k
- 8–9 Anglers fish for free in Washington; see notice, p. 34
- 13 Concrete Elementary School Science Fair
- 14 Free Family Movie Night: “LEGO 2,” Concrete Elementary School, 6 p.m.
- 15 Concrete Saturday Market hosts Furs ‘N Things 4-H Bake Sale and Sunday Night Jammers music, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 18 Active Shooter Scenario Exercise at Concrete Elementary, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 21–22 Lyman Townwide Yard Sale; see notice, p. 18; info at 360.941.3091
- 24–28 “Giddyup Junction” Vacation Bible School at The Church of God, 8312 S. Main St., Lyman, 6 to 8 p.m.; for ages up to 15; info at 360.503.9465
- 29 Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley 70th Anniversary celebration, The Walnut Tree thrift shop, 713 Puget, Sedro-Woolley, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; see notice, p. 17

JULY

- 2 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 4 July 4 in Concrete, see article, p. 6
- 12 Woolley Fiber Quilters 10th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show, Cascade Middle School, Sedro-Woolley; info at www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com or e-mail: woolleyfiberquilters@yahoo.com
- 12 Youth Activity Day, Veterans Memorial Park, Concrete, noon to 4 p.m.
- 13–14 Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In, Mears Field, Concrete, dawn to dusk
- 14 “Let the River Sing” fundraiser concert to oppose Kiewit quarry project, Howard Miller Steelhead Park clubhouse and vicinity, Rockport, 2 to 6 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted; bring chairs and blankets; info at 360.873.4504 or medicinekate@gmail.com
- 14–19 Vacation Bible School at Community Bible Church, 45672 Limestone St., Concrete, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; info at maureenford@ymail.com or 626.221.9590
- 27 Heart to Heart Charity 5th Annual Motorcycle Poker Run, Bingham Park, Sedro-Woolley; info at 360.826.3818 or hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com

AUGUST

- 2 Space Quest at Upper Skagit Library lawn, Concrete, 3 to 4 p.m.
- 4 Marblemount Community Club Salmon BBQ, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount
- 17–18 Cascade Days, Concrete; info at www.cascadedays.com, 360.770.8340, or ember@cascadedays.com

*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@cascadedays.com.

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

Coffee Talk with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller meets the third Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at 5b's Bakery in Concrete. 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 workshop on June 26 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on June 27 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. 360.853.4000.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m.

360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ohana Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.416.1733.

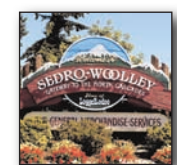
Sedro-Woolley Town Council meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Metcalf St. 360.855.1661.

Sedro-Woolley School District Board: Meets June 10 at 7 p.m. at the Support Svcs Bldg. for a regular meeting. A second regular meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Support Svcs Bldg. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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



Sedro-Woolley



Sedro-Woolley School District teachers are regional winners

Clear Lake Elementary School's Sue Malone and Sedro-Woolley High School's Kathy Chace have been named regional winners in the second year of the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge.

Sponsored by Shell Oil Company and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the competition encouraged K-12 teachers who have found innovative ways to deliver quality lab experiences, with limited school and laboratory resources, to share their approaches for a chance to win a school science lab makeover support package.

"We are extremely proud of this year's regional winners. Their innovative approaches, creative ideas, and unwavering commitment to give their very best to their students—and to society, as they engage and motivate the STEM leaders of tomorrow—is commendable and inspiring," said Dr. Frazier Wilson, Director, Shell Workforce Development & Diversity Outreach. "We are so pleased to have the opportunity to partner with teachers to help in furthering quality science education in the classroom."

To enter the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge, K-12 science teachers located in select school districts near Shell assets

were asked to describe their school's current laboratory resources, explain why laboratory upgrade support is needed, and describe their approach to science education instruction utilizing their school's current lab facilities. A panel of science educators then reviewed and selected the top entries.

"These science teachers are model educators for teachers across the country," said Dr. David Evans, NSTA Executive Director. "We are thrilled to honor all of them for their creativity, resourcefulness, and commitment to their students and quality science teaching."

The regional winners each received a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$10,000 (for the elementary and middle levels) and \$15,000 (for the high school level).

The winning teachers now advance to the national phase of the competition, where they will have a chance to win an additional \$5,000 of support to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in Boston, Mass., from April 2 to 5. The three grand prize winners and their principals will be honored at the Shell reception and Teachers Awards Gala, taking place during the conference.

—Ruth Richardson



Clear Lake Elementary School's Sue Malone and Sedro-Woolley High School's Kathy Chace have been named regional winners in the second year of the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge. From left: Christina Wall, Shell rep. Sarah Crist, Jessica Browning (holding baby), Sue Malone, SWSD Superintendent Phil Brockman, Clear Lake Principal Dina Fox, and Marie Huggins. Inset photo: Crist and Kathy Chace. Submitted photos.

State Patrol seeks additional witnesses to fatality collision

On April 30 at 5:35 a.m., Washington State Patrol (WSP) responded to a fatality collision southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) at milepost 221, in which two Sedro-Woolley residents were involved.

The initial investigation shows that traffic was stopped or traveling a slow rate in the area just prior to the collision, when a box truck failed to stop and collided with several vehicles. One driver died at the scene and several others were injured

and transported to the hospital. One of the injured was Nathan Wilcox, 37, of Sedro-Woolley. The other Sedro-Woolley driver, Jeffrey Jensen, 57, was not injured, but his vehicle was damaged and towed.

WSP detectives are examining all aspects that led to this collision and are seeking additional witnesses who may have information about the collision. Anyone with additional information is asked to e-mail or call Detective Sgt. Jason Kraus at 360.870.4598 or jason.kraus@wsp.wa.gov, or Detective Russ Haake at russ.haake@wsp.wa.gov or 425.401.7717.

—Submitted by WSP

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Wilderness Information Center changes hours

Effective May 24, the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) in Marblemount will change its hours of operations. Because of budgetary constraints, the WIC will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through the summer season.

Permits are required for overnight stays in the backcountry. Walk up and reservation permits must be picked up in person during operating hours only. Self-issue permits are not available during the

summer season.

Backcountry permits protect users' wilderness experience and minimize the potential for overcrowding at camps or climbing routes, provide for opportunities for solitude, and protect natural and cultural resources so that all visitors can enjoy them. Permits also serve an important safety function in the event of an emergency or wildfire.

The Wilderness Information Center is the main backcountry permit office for the park complex. Wilderness rangers are on hand to provide trip planning advice for all wilderness and backcountry areas of the park.

Briefly ...

Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley will celebrate 70 years at an anniversary event on Sat., June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Walnut Tree thrift shop, 713 Puget, in Sedro-Woolley. Chartered on June 17, 1949, local Soroptimists have enjoyed service to the community and friendship through seven decades of changing American life. The celebration will include refreshments and open hours for The Walnut Tree. The public is invited.

Woolley Fiber Quilters is planning its 10th annual quilt and fiber show, slated for July 12 to 14 at Cascade Middle School in Sedro-Woolley.

This year's show theme is "United We Stand" and will feature 250-plus quilts, vendors, member boutique demonstrations, bed turning, and local fiber artist Louise Harris. Show registrations begin in May.

For more information or to become

involved, go to www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com or contact the group via e-mail at woolleyfiberquilters@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

—J. K. M.

Summer meals kick off July 1

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

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

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

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

—Ruth Richardson



Conn named Athlete of the Week

Sedro-Woolley softball player Riley Conn was named a WIAA Athlete of the Week for May 5–11.

Conn helped the Cubs take down Schome 8–3 with both her arm and bat. The winning pitcher struck out eight and scattered seven hits. Hitting, she was 3 for 4 with a pair of singles, a double, and four RBI.

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Call for quilt & fiber show entries

Woolley Fiber Quilters is now accepting registrations for quilts to be displayed in the annual quilt and fiber show to be held July 12–14. Everyone is welcome to enter. The show will again be held at Cascade Middle School on McGarigle Rd. in Sedro-Woolley, with more than 250 quilts on display, a member boutique, bed turning, vendors, and special exhibits. Youth are encouraged to enter. Obtain a hard copy of the form at Cascade Fabrics in Sedro-Woolley or download an electronic copy from www.woolleyfiberquilters.blogspot.com. **Entry forms are due June 29.**



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Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held a public meeting on April 9, followed by its regular monthly meeting. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.

April 9 public meeting

- The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the land trade, boundary line adjustment (BLA), extending the Lyman Cemetery and giving access to parcel No. 41322 off of W. Main St., and deciding the new placement of

the niche wall.

- A condition placed on the cemetery by the Knights of Pythias was discussed. The Knights of Pythias have agreed to a resolution removing any and all conditions placed on the cemetery in 1937, when they deeded the Eagle Cemetery to Town of Lyman. This will allow the Riches and Town of Lyman to do a BLA expanding the cemetery and giving them access to their property.
- Moving the niche wall and possibly purchasing a new one to further extend the Lyman Cemetery was also discussed. Cascade Monuments will be represented at the May meeting

to show council the options on new niche walls.

April 9 regular meeting

- Water loss report: 18 percent.
- The new YMCA in Mt. Vernon is open and will contact Lyman with the date that Lyman residents can swim free each month.
- Three bids/quotes were reviewed from Radarsign, Traffic Safety, and Western Systems.
- The Lyman Car & Craft Show wants to donate a lawn mower to the cemetery. The cost is \$1,170.33. Council approved the donation.

—Compiled from staff notes

On the Lyman calendar

June and July will be busy for Lyman and surrounding communities.

Lyman Community Townwide Yard Sale

The Lyman Community Townwide Yard Sales will be Fri. and Sat. June 21–22. Sale times vary, but most are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a yearly event organized by Patty Cook. Contact Patty Cook at 360.941.3091 for more information or to let her know your address if you are having a sale.

Lyman Historical Committee will be having a yard sale during the townwide sale from June 21–22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Town Hall, 8405 S. Main St. They are seeking donations of sellable items for this fundraiser sale. No broken or unusable items will be accepted, nor will items with missing parts. For more information or to donate, call 360.826.4175.

Poker Run fundraiser

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity's 5th annual motorcycle Poker Run fundraiser will be on Sat., July 27. The event will start at Bingham Park in

Sedro-Woolley and end at Lyman Town Park across from the cemetery in Lyman. Registration runs from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the park, with kickstands up at 11 a.m. Participants will receive one poker hand, a wonderful scenic ride and a free lunch. The end party will include a live DJ this year, and it's free for anyone to come enjoy at the end of the event.

Poker Run admission is \$20 for one bike/rider and \$30 for bike/rider/passenger if paid before July 20; add \$5 to each fee if paid after July 20. Registration forms available on the charity's event page, or e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com to request one. The first 10 prepaid registrations will receive a biker's gift bag.

Volunteers are needed for this event, as well as businesses that would like to donate prizes. Contact Tammie Werner via the e-mail above or 360.826.3818 for more details. The event is to benefit all the activities the charity organizes for children of low-income families, including homeless bags, assistance, and its Christmas Angel Tree program. The event is listed on the charity's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hearttoheartcharity.

—Tammie Werner

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Right: The Concrete Middle School Track team traveled to Anacortes High School for the Middle School Finals meet on May 22. Several athletes placed solidly in their events, as follows:

- Anthony Culver (8th grade): 7th in 100m hurdles
 - Trevor Howard (7th grade): 7th in mile, 3rd in javelin
 - Adam Culver (7th grade): 4th in javelin, 3rd in shot
 - Ashton Martin (7th grade): 4th in shot, 3rd in discus
 - James Lockrem (7th grade): 5th in shot
 - Camrin Hurley (8th grade): 10th in shot
 - Hayley Daniels (7th grade): 2nd in javelin
 - Destiny Gilbert (7th grade): 2nd in shot
- Photo by Sheena Daniels.*



Above: May 11 brought the perennial Prom back to Concrete High School, and with it a new round of royalty. Back row: Prince Dalton Newby, Princess Grace Clemons, Princess Karlie-Rose Vierra, Prince Marshall Fichter. Front row is the Queen and King, Jaidyn Swanson and Tyler Nevin. *Photo by Sheena Daniels.*

Above left: Concrete High School Varsity in Volunteerism Coordinator Sheena Daniels was honored during a May 30 celebration for her efforts and commitment to the program. More photos from the event, which included Concrete Prevention Posse participants, will be published in the July issue of *Concrete Herald*.

May in pictures



Above: Honor Guard members from the American Legion, George Baldrige Post 43 in Sedro-Woolley were on hand at the Seattle City Light complex in Newhalem for its annual Memorial Day ceremony, held this year on May 21. On hand for the ceremony were Seattle City Light Facilities and Oversight Services Officer Jim Baggs, Seattle City Light employees, and a contingent from the American Legion Post 132 in Concrete. The ceremony was organized by Seattle City Light Wellness and Engagement Coordinator Jenn Tucci. *Photo by Gail Boggs.*



Above: Runners take off at the start of the **Cement City Trail Run**, held this year on April 20. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Concrete Booster Club, and draws dozens of running enthusiasts every year. *Photo by Bryan Mellor.*



Top: Concrete American Legion Post 132 member John Boggs speaks during the Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Park Cemetery near Concrete on May 27.



Above: Peter Borreggine performs Taps during the May 27 ceremony. Borreggine is a member of Bugles Across America, an all-volunteer group of 7,000 buglers who play Taps live.



Parents! Get involved in your PTO! Concrete Elementary PTO meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m., in the Concrete Elementary School library. For more information, call 425.350.5988.

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From the Mayor

The county is updating its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are an “annex,” of the plan, so we will update information about critical facilities and what our strategies are to reduce risk from volcanoes, wildfire, landslides, and flooding, among other things. The plan is important for awareness of our natural hazards and what can be



done to minimize risk, and is a factor in getting federal aid if a disaster hits.

If you have concerns about any of our hazards, ideas for new ways to reduce risk, or questions about the process, please e-mail me. There will be public meetings held throughout the county to give input later in the year.

If you want to receive the council agenda when it is available, please send an e-mail to townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com to be added to the list. You also can request to have the minutes sent to you once they have been approved by council.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

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Forterra purchases Lawson property for town expansion project

In late April, land use advocate Forterra purchased the former Lawson property off of Walders Rd. in Hamilton, the location for the proposed Hamilton Center project. The organization plans to install a fence and grow hay on the land to keep it active while it moves into the design phase of the project. Anyone with questions about management of the property is encouraged to contact Stu Watson at Forterra, at 206.905.6954 or swatson@forterra.org.

Forterra has held two community meetings so far, plus additional conversations with Hamilton residents and neighbors to learn more about housing needs and desired outcomes of the project. Anyone who hasn't been able to provide feedback is encouraged to contact Bree Nicolello at Forterra, at 206.905.6916 or bnicolello@forterra.org.

Community conversation, June 5

Forterra will host a barbecue and community conversation on Wed., June 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the town park west of Town Hall at the corner of Maple St. and Petit St. The evening will kick off with a picnic at the park before moving to Town Hall, rain or shine. The event is an opportunity for Forterra to report back to Hamilton residents what was said during the community meetings and one-on-one conversations. An opportunity for further conversation about the design of Hamilton Center is another goal. Anyone who needs language interpretation services, assistive listening devices, or assistance

in accessing the park or Town Hall is encouraged to contact Nicolello.

The plan to expand

In 2007, the Hamilton Town Council, Public Development Authority, and others helped to bring the Lawson property into Hamilton's Urban Growth Area with a goal of providing high-quality and affordably-priced housing outside of the floodplain for local residents. During the past year, the town has worked with Forterra on a plan to purchase the property.

Forterra's priority is to provide housing opportunities for Hamilton residents outside of the floodplain. “We want to make sure there is attainable housing available for residents to live on higher ground if they choose to do so, as well as community and retail space,” said Bree Nicolello, a Forterra project manager.

Forterra NW is a nonprofit that is dedicated to regional sustainability. Forterra has worked for three decades to secure places across Washington's landscape that are keystones of our shared future. Using skills in community-building, negotiation, real estate and finance, land stewardship, and policy development, Forterra has been part of more than 450 land transactions that have protected greater than 275,000 acres of wildlands, farms, and urban property for affordable housing and community health.

—J. K. M.

Barnaby Reach Habitat Project update

The Barnaby Reach habitat project reached a significant milestone early this year: Existing Conditions Analyses are complete. This includes technical analyses performed during the last two years to gain a better understanding about the Skagit and Sauk Rivers: flow levels, flooding, erosion, sediment transport and channel migration, geology, groundwater, and tributary drainage in the Barnaby Reach. The technical consultant (NSD) has completed its reports describing these existing conditions analyses, and those reports are available on the project Web site: <https://barnabystudy.wordpress.com/documents>.

The completed work includes an Existing Conditions Report and Hatchery Infrastructure Removal Preliminary Design Documents, and does not include larger restoration project alternatives for the Barnaby Habitat Restoration Project. The existing conditions analyses are an important foundation for the identification and evaluation of habitat project alternatives.

The four project sponsor entities—Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Seattle City Light, The Nature Conservancy, and Skagit River System Cooperative—have identified potential alternatives to analyze for the habitat

project. NSD is initially looking into two ideas for the project:

- Base alternative: removing hatchery infrastructure at Barnaby Slough and completing Martin Rd. drainage improvements/fish barrier removals.
- Illabot Creek connection: directing some flow from Illabot Creek into Upper Harrison Pond. This concept would provide flow input to the sloughs that Chinook salmon prefer.

No decisions on what to build have been made except to remove hatchery infrastructure and construct Martin Rd. drainage improvements. After considering estimated benefits and potential impacts from the two options above, the project sponsors will likely refine and add/eliminate other ideas. Their aim is to have this information to share with stakeholders and area residents for their next meeting—likely in July or August.

For more information, contact project consultant Cynthia Carlstad at 206.661.2110 or cynthia@carlstadconsulting.com, or project manager Devin Smith at 360.391.1984 or dsmith@skagitcoop.org.

—Cynthia Carlstad, principal northwest hydraulic consultants

State Parks announces free days

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission again offered 12 free days this year, in which day-use visitors won't need a Discover Pass to visit state parks by vehicle. In the Concrete Herald coverage area, the free days program affects Rarar State Park in Birdview and Rockport State Park near Rockport.

The remaining 2019 State Parks free days are:

- June 8–9
- Aug. 25
- Sept. 28
- Nov. 11, 29

State Parks, in coordination with WDFW, will once again offer a free day

on Sun., June 9, as part of WDFW's Free Fishing Weekend. This day, combined with the June 8 free day for National Get Outdoors Day, will give visitors an entire weekend to explore state parks for free.

State Parks free days are in keeping with 2011 legislation that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 annually or \$10 for a one-day visit. The pass is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, WDFW, and the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation directed State Parks to designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

For more information about the Discover Pass, go to www.discoverpass.wa.gov. Find a park here: <http://parks.state.wa.us/281/find-a-park>.

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Darrington



Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

May 2

A Darrington driver was uninjured after striking a pedestrian who had ventured onto I-5.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., Guy Granroos, 44, of Seattle, crossed the southbound lanes on I-5 from east to west. A Chevrolet Silverado driven by Michael Nelson, 63, of Marysville, struck Granroos in lane three. Gary Sotomish, 44, of Darrington, who was behind Nelson, also struck Granroos with his Dodge Ram.

Granroos was injured and transported to Providence Medical Center. Neither Nelson nor Sotomish were injured; both of their vehicles were drivable and were driven from the scene.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, as are charges.

May 2

The Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit (CIU) is investigating a fatal collision near the 17000 block of Engebretsen Rd. in Granite Falls. Just before 2 a.m., deputies responded to a single-vehicle motorcycle crash. The driver of the motorcycle, a 54-year-old Lake Stevens man, died at the scene.

Detectives believe the motorcycle went around a corner and slid into a guardrail. The motorcycle was reported stolen out of Mukilteo. Detectives remained on scene for several hours during the investigation this morning. CIU is still working to determine the cause of the collision. Identification of the deceased, as well as

cause and manner, are pending from the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

May 10

North County Property Crimes detectives are seeking the public's help to locate 44-year-old Timothy Curtis, who is suspected of using a fake identification and a fraudulent check to obtain high-value items.

Curtis is suspected of using a fake identification at Pilchuck Rentals in Marysville to obtain a HCS18 Pro Sod cutter valued at \$5,000.

Curtis is also suspected of entering a second Marysville business and purchasing more than \$2,000 in building materials using a fake identification and a fraudulent check.

Curtis may be driving a dark-colored F150, which he attempted to disguise by adding camouflage decals. He has recently been attempting to sell the vehicle.

Curtis currently has a nationwide extraditable felony warrant out of Snohomish County.

Curtis has ties to the Everett and North Snohomish County area and may be doing business as a landscaper. He is 6'0" and weighs approximately 240 lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact Detective Tolbert at jtoltbert@marysvillewa.gov or 360.363.8471.



Curtis

May 26

A Granite Falls woman lost her life in a motorcycle accident in Whatcom County today. Linda Loney, 68, was riding on a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by Gerald McConnell, 62, also of Granite Falls, southbound on Mosquito Lake Rd.

At approximately 11:10 a.m., McConnell failed to negotiate a curve, crossed into the northbound lane, and collided with the guardrail.

McConnell was injured and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital. The motorcycle was totaled and impounded. Both individuals were wearing helmets.

According to a WSDOT accident report, the cause of the crash was speed too fast for conditions. No charges had been filed at press time.

—Submitted by SCSO

Effort to restore Suiattle guard station

Volunteers and students are needed to restore a building that's the last of its kind.

Set near the Suiattle River and surrounded by mountain peaks and old-growth forest, the Suiattle Guard Station is a historic log cabin that was constructed in 1913 by Tommy Thompson, Assistant Ranger of the Suiattle-Finney District, 1904–1943, to serve as a dwelling as well as an office headquarters.

Before a road existed, the Suiattle River drainage was a cross-mountain range travel route for native peoples who used both canoe and trail on their passage up what is today known as the Suiattle River.

In 1913 the guard station was built in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A road extended approximately 5 miles upriver with remaining access by trail, to house a forest guard working in the Suiattle drainage. The guard was responsible for fire prevention and suppression, issuing fire permits to campers and hikers, and patrol campgrounds along the Suiattle River.

The guard was usually the first person on the scene of a wildfire. Of the seven guard stations built, only the Suiattle Guard Station remains.

Prior to World War I, Forest Service construction budgets were limited and building costs could not exceed \$800. It is a testament to Ranger Thompson's skill, such as the half-dovetail notching, that the cabin survives to this day as one of the oldest administrative buildings in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The Suiattle Guard Station was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. In 1935/36, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) added a garage for storing fire tools. Erika Morris, Darrington Historical Society and Forest Service Staff, was the last paid employee at the cabin.

The cabin was placed on the national registry for vacation rentals until the road washed out in 2003. The plan is to have the cabin ready for rental beginning Memorial Day weekend 2020.

The plan to restore

Ashely Ross, Public Service staff at the Darrington Forest Service Ranger Station, in a partnership with the Darrington Historical Society and Adrienne Hall, have created the Suiattle Guard Station Restoration Project with a Snohomish County Historical Funding grant. The Forest Service received a grant from Snohomish County, which will aid in the restoration.

Volunteers and students are needed to complete the work necessary to bring the cabin up to date. Vegetation removal, painting, digging, and roof repair are some of the opportunities available. Volunteer service agreements will be provided by the Darrington Historical Society.

The one-bedroom cabin contains one full-sized bed, a table, two benches, one futon couch/bed, two chairs, a propane

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Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for regular meetings on April 10 and 25, and May 8, 2019. The following is summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

April 10 regular meeting

- Council approved a 10x10 stage design, allowing Rick Knight to build the stage at Pioneer Park depending on approval of the building inspector.
- A vote of the audience and council members named Toni and Laurence Larson as July 4 Grand Marshals.
- Council set set Sat., July 6 as this year's scheduled fireworks town display.
- Councilmember Gary Willis voiced concern about the new gateway signs. There seems to be rust running down the back side of the concrete of the sign on the west side of town.
- Council approved another 10-year contract with Waste Management.
- Councilmember Kerry Frable asked if there are sharps containers available to be placed to help prevent needles in the park. Public Works staff have sharps containers and special pickers to pick up the needles. A part of their rounds is to check the parks and keep an eye out for needles.

- Darrington from DNR.
- An application to add Mickey Coleman to the Cemetery Board was postponed until the board can discuss it at its next meeting.
- Movies in the Park are scheduled for July 11 and 18 at Old School Park, and sponsored by Snohomish County Parks.

May 8 regular meeting

- Neil from Rivertime Brewing requested a variety of street closures for several coming events, including the car show, Darrington Days, and Labor Day. Council approved the closures.
- The Cemetery Board recommended appointing Mickey Coleman to the open Cemetery Board position.
- WSDOT studied a portion of SR 530 and decided that there was not enough room for a speed limit change from 55 mph to 35 mph, so it will not approve the request. Council discussed, and requested that a phone conference or a meeting be set up with WSDOT to discuss this issue.
- Updates to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office contract should be complete by mid-May.

—Compiled from staff minutes

For more Darrington information, go to www.destinationdarrington.com, www.facebook.com/destinationdarringtonwa, or <https://www.instagram.com/destinationdarrington>.

April 25 regular meeting

- Council approved a letter of intent for a land transfer to the Town of

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refrigerator, a hot water heater, and a wood stove. A bathroom with a flush toilet and shower is located at the back of the guard station. An outhouse is located 20 feet from the building. The water source to the building consists of a spring that is run into a small collection box on the hillside behind the cabin and piped into the building. Firewood will be available to split outside the cabin. There is room on-site for up to four tents and two RVs, although no electrical hookups are available. The water is not drinkable and is to be used only for the toilet. Drinking water is not available. Guests must bring enough water for drinking and cooking. Propane canisters will not be provided

for the lantern, so guests must bring their own. Other items to bring include food, a backup light source, sleeping bags, towels, dish soap, matches, a first aid kit, toilet paper and garbage bags. All trash and food must be packed out, and guests are expected to clean the cabin before leaving. The cabin is accessible by car and supplies are available for purchase in Darrington, located 26 miles to the west. The cabin is also one mile east of Buck Creek Campground.

June 28 will be the first work day scheduled. For more information, contact Morris at the Darrington Forest Service Ranger Station, 360.436.1155..

—Marla Skaglund

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Marblemount



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Community Club update

Marblemount Community Club's annual meeting was held on May 8. Undersheriff Chad Clark and Deputy Wolfe spoke to the group about community safety concerns, with burglary-prevention information. They distributed weatherproof block-sign and window decals.

Steve Wilson and Merlene Buller were elected trustees to serve through 2021, leaving two 2017 cohort positions and one 2019 cohort position left to fill.

The membership voted to reinstate dues at \$25 per person per year or \$40 per couple per year. Membership is open to everyone in the Concrete School District east of Concrete Town limits, and is warmly welcomed. Residency requirements can be waived by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, and associate membership is available upon application and board approval.

The next scheduled event is the Salmon BBQ, always the first Sunday in August—the 4th this year. Fresh Skagit salmon barbecued to perfection, with baked beans, coleslaw, pasta salad, garlic bread, beverages and cake—all for under \$15. Hot dog plates are available, too.

A Sasquatch Festival is scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, and a Harvest Dinner/Dance for the last Saturday in October. The Holiday Bazaar will be the first Sunday in December.

—Merlene Buller



Mondo Restaurant owner Sam Shim gives the landmark eatery a fresh coat of paint on April 30. The facelift was one of several improvements that Shim has made to the building and grounds. He also has been working on the outdoor seating areas. Photo by Sarah Fierbaugh.

Washington Congressional Democrats voice opposition to mining in Upper Skagit River Watershed

Nine members of the Washington congressional delegation, led by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), on May 22 sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, voicing opposition to a proposed mine in the headwaters of the Upper Skagit River in British Columbia because of its potential impact on Washington state.

Imperial Metals, a British Columbian mining company, has submitted a proposal to conduct exploratory copper and gold mining operations on unprotected land in the Upper Skagit River Watershed. However, copper is highly toxic to salmon, and concerns have been raised that heavy metals from mining could pollute the river, harming fisheries as far downstream as Puget Sound and threatening recreation on the Skagit River.

Those signing include: U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray and U.S. Representatives Suzan DelBene (WA-1), Rick Larsen (WA-2), Derek Kilmer (WA-6), Pramila Jayapal (WA-7), Kim Schrier (WA-8), Adam Smith (WA-9), and Denny Heck (WA-10).

"We write in opposition to a proposed mining development in the Upper Skagit River Watershed in British Columbia, Canada," the members of Congress wrote. "This proposed mine in the Skagit River headwaters could negatively impact Washington state's tourism and recreation economy, the public health of citizens, and our state's cultural and natural resources, including economically and ecologically valuable fish populations that are dependent upon the health of the transboundary watershed."

The "Treaty Between the United States and Canada Relating to the Skagit River and Ross Lake, and the Seven Mile Reservoir on the Pend d'Oreille River," ratified on December 14, 1984, resolves disputes related to hydropower electric generation at the Ross Dam and includes the British Columbia-Seattle Agreement, which preceded the ratification of the

Treaty.

In their letter, the members highlighted one primary component of the Treaty: the protection of wilderness, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities in the Skagit River Watershed—goals that the delegates believe are undermined by the mining proposal.

"Mining in the Upper Skagit River Watershed could be detrimental to the Endangered Species Act-threatened fish and other sensitive wildlife populations, such as salmon and orca. This watershed provides over 30 percent of the freshwater flowing into Puget Sound and supports a diverse fish and wildlife population that are of local, regional, and national importance, including the largest population of threatened steelhead and Chinook salmon in Puget Sound and the largest run of chum salmon in the contiguous United States," the members continued.

Two mining proposals

The news comes on the heels of an application filed with the Skagit County Planning Dept. on Jan. 22, by Vancouver, Wash.-based Kiewit Infrastructure Co. The company proposes to expand an existing 20-acre quarry to an approximately 79-acre operation. The proposal would remove approximately 3.8 million cubic yards of quarry stone during a projected 100-year period.

Skagit River Alliance, a newly formed nonprofit focused on advocacy for the Upper Skagit River watershed and communities, has written the congressional delegates who have voiced their concerns with the Imperial Metals proposal to point out that the proposed quarry mine in Marblemount has the same level of potential devastating impacts on the ecosystem and citizens throughout the Skagit River watershed as the Imperial

—J. K. M.

Recreation opportunities on Ross Lake to be affected by low water levels

Because of a decline in snow pack and rainfall in the Skagit basin, Seattle City Light is predicting water levels in the Ross reservoir at the utility's Skagit Hydroelectric Project will be significantly lower than normal during the upcoming summer months.

Ross reservoir and the surrounding Ross Lake National Recreation Area, administered by the National Park Service, will be open to visitors. However, the lower level of the reservoir will affect the availability of some visitor facilities,

services, and recreational opportunities. Lake levels and recreation on Diablo and Gorge Lakes should not be affected.

Effective immediately, the following areas in Ross Lake National Recreation Area are closed:

- All campsites accessed by boat on Ross Lake are closed to overnight use.
- The exposed lakebed to the full pool line unless in designated areas; and the boat ramps at Hozomeen.

These temporary closures are in effect for public health, safety, and resource protection. The low lake levels affect the park's ability to pump out the vault toilets, the exposed lakebed provides difficult terrain and hazards from unstable trees, and visitor use within the exposed lakebed could affect park resources.

Lake levels and ongoing management assessments will determine when campsites and boat ramps reopen.

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Cascade River Road opens for season

Cascade River Rd. opened in May to all vehicles to its end at Cascade Pass Trailhead. The road had been closed for the winter at the National Park boundary, five miles below the Cascade Pass Trailhead.

The opening of Cascade River Rd. to the trailhead is two months earlier than most years. Early season conditions still exist in the high country. Backcountry travelers should expect steep, firm snow and watch for potential changing snow conditions.

Warm temperatures continue to release occasional avalanches. Hikers should be prepared with appropriate skills and equipment.

Cascade River Rd. provides access to the Cascade Pass, Horseshoe Basin, and Sahale Arm Trails, as well as a scenic route for visitors hiking across the park to Stehekin. Boston Basin is a popular climbing area, with access to Forbidden, Sahale, and Sharkfin peaks, and is also accessed via Cascade River Rd.



Verna's Kitchen
 By Verna McClure
Condensed Milk



This recipe is about equal to one can of condensed milk. The texture may not be the same, but it works well.

1 cup powdered milk
 1/3 cup boiling water
 2/3 cup granulated white sugar
 3 Tablespoons real butter

- Mix together milk, water, sugar, and butter in a blender.
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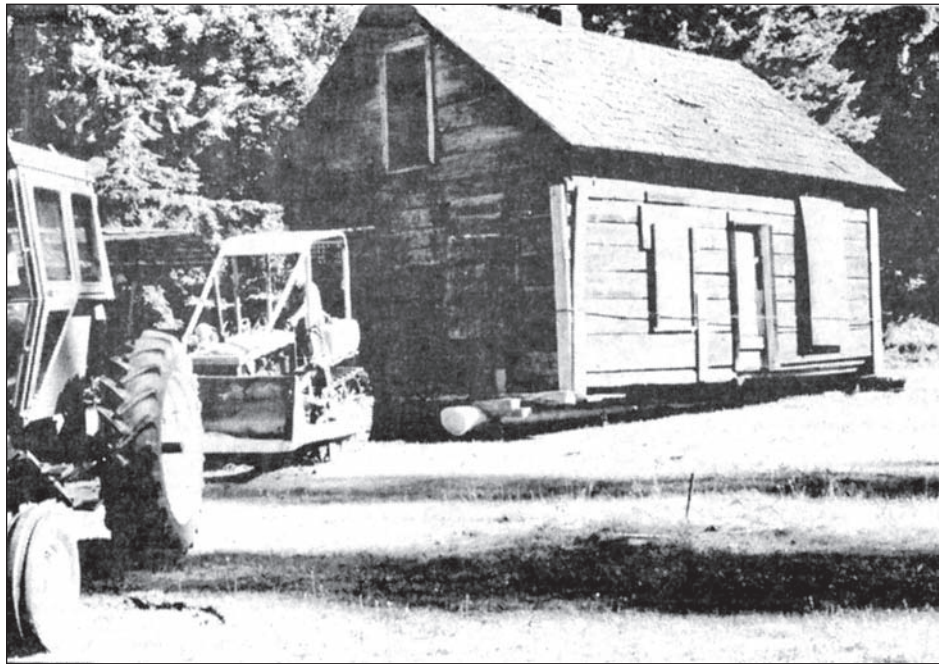
100 years ago
June 28, 1919: A large and well-equipped still for the manufacture of moonshine whiskey was found and destroyed in the foothills of the Cascades above Marblemount last Saturday evening by Sheriff Stevenson and his deputies. That the operators of the still were warned of the approach of the officers is indicated by the fact that when they reached the still, they found a fire burning under a large kettle of mash, 10 gallons of which already had been run through. Four hundred gallons of mash were destroyed.

The spot was an isolated one and was only reached by following an almost impassable trail for four miles through the forest. From all appearances, the still has been operated for more than a year. Sheriff Stevenson was accompanied by Deputies Bardsley, Pickens, and Vercoe. The officers say that they have a good

idea as to who has been operating the still, but that no arrests will be made until further evidence has been secured.

90 years ago
June 20, 1929: About 100 people attended the outdoor church service and picnic held at Diobsud Creek near Marblemount on Sunday. The workers in the Marblemount Sunday School had prepared the grounds and erected tables. Tempting “eats,” such as only farmers’ wives know how to cook, were in great variety and abundance, and a big fire added to the cheer. And the sun shone!

Group singing, with special vocal and instrumental selections, were featured, and Mr. Scheyer



40 years ago, June 28, 1979: Moving the historic Porter House was the first step toward renovations at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport. Tom Porter built this house in 1887 from logs hewed with a broad ax, for his wife and six children. They homesteaded land on the south side of the Skagit River near Rockport, and the house was later moved to the park. *Archive photo.*

and “Parson Pete” gave talks on the Sunday School lesson. In addition to the Marblemount residents, people were present from Rockport, the Cascade valley, Concrete, and Everett.

70 years ago
June 16, 1949: Seattle City Light will contribute \$160,000 to Concrete’s proposed new high school, according to an announcement released this week. Superintendent E. R. Hoffman of City Light asked the Seattle City Council Monday to make the appropriation from City Light funds, pointing out that an agreement on the amount of the

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contribution had been reached between the council and the school district. City Light also has expressed its willingness to pay its proportionate share of the operation and the maintenance cost annually of the new high school.
 —*Compiled from archives*

Concrete Community Center

June 2019 Activities

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All	10 a.m.	Community Closet
Tuesday		
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Wednesday		
All	10 a.m.	Community Closet
6/12	6 p.m.	WSU: Waterbath and Pressure Canning

Thursday		
6/6	12:30 p.m.	Pinochle
6/20	12:30 p.m.	Pinochle
Friday		
All	10 a.m.	Community Closet
6/21	10:30 a.m.	Comm. Ctr. Adv. Board
6/21	12:30 p.m.	Commissioner Janicki

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

Sunday		
6/9	6 p.m.	Concrete & Upriver Community Safety meeting



There’s a bear in there! 40 years ago, June 7, 1979: Howard Stafford chainsaws initial cuts on a 12-foot by 6.5-foot cedar log under the watchful eye of carver Jon Sehlin, who will complete the cutting of a 12-foot bear. The bear will stand near the train depot with a “Welcome to Concrete” sign. The cedar was donated by Herb Larsen, Retail Merchants Committee president. *Archive photo.*


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Obituaries

Ralph (Pete) Rohweder

Ralph (Pete) Rohweder was born on Oct. 8, 1938, in Burlington to Ralph and June Rohweder. Pete attended school in Concrete and in 1958 enlisted in the army. In the mid-1960s, he moved to Alaska and was successful in establishing Rohweder Equipment Company. After 40 years in Alaska, they moved to the Spokane area, then more recently settled in Boise, Idaho. Pete had many health challenges and passed from this life on April 27, 2019. He is survived by his wife Carole, children, and numerous family members. A memorial service will be held at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boise on June 7 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Idaho State Veterans home would be appreciated. A celebration of life will be held in Mt. Vernon in July.



youth outdoors, scouting the North Cascades, and, as a young man, cultivating his entrepreneurial spirit with ingenious odd jobs in and around the Marblemount area. He worked in the timber business helping his father. Jerry graduated from Concrete High School, Class of '55, and went on to apprentice at Boeing while attending the University of Washington in mechanical engineering. He also worked for PACCAR on the Bradley Fighting Machine. Jerry took a break and motorcycled through Mexico, and then began his long career as Lucas Machine owner, making parts for NASA and Los Alamos. During this time, Jerry built his home in Kent on a 25-acre "hobby farm" while simultaneously building a house for his parents in their much-loved hometown of Rockport. He made a yearly journey to compete in the big fish contest in Kona, HI, eventually landing a 614-lb. Blue Marlin. After retiring, Jerry enjoyed more fishing, hunting, farming, gardening, traveling, and sailing. He was a live-aboard sailor on the "Kings Ransom" sailboat for five years before making his home in La Conner and a second love nest in Arizona. So lived Jerry. Big-hearted, kind, generous, brutally honest, and a man of his word. Caring father, loving husband, and loyal friend. Self-made man, natural-born salesman, life-long sailor, and master storyteller. He was preceded in death by his parents, Phrona and Ralph; and his daughter, Kimberly (7). Jerry is survived by his wife, Diane Keller (married June 13, 1998); daughters Teresa (Curt) Allen and Kristina Keller; stepdaughters Shannon Bowerman, Dawn (Damon) Laird, Colleen (Damon) Stewart, and Heather (Kelly) Devlin; grandchild Coral Schoonejans; and step-grandchildren Cameron Laird, Ashley Laird,



Emma Stewart, and Owen Stewart. A celebration to honor Jerry's life will be held on Sat., June 15, at 2 p.m., at the La Conner United Methodist Church, officiated by the Rev. Marcella Baker. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to La Conner United Methodist Church, 601 S. 2nd St., La Conner, WA 98257. Special thanks to the skilled and caring staff at Island Hospital. Arrangements are in the care of Evans Funeral Chapel and Crematory Inc., Anacortes and the San Juan Islands. To share memories of Jerry, please sign the online guest register at www.evanschapel.com.

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Jerrold ("Jerry") Ralph Keller

Jerrold "Jerry" Ralph Keller (81) of La Conner, passed away at Island Hospital in Anacortes the evening of May 25, 2019, after a courageous struggle with declining health. He was born on July 25, 1937, in Morganton, NC, the devoted only child of Phrona (Benfield) and Ralph Keller. The Kellers moved west, where Jerry spent his

Sunday School lesson

Three-word sermons

By Rob Thomas

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Poetic language

describing the power of words.

There is a story that is told of Ernest Hemingway, an American journalist, novelist, and short-story writer who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954, but sadly took his life seven years later. The story is that Hemingway was having lunch with a group of fellow writers when he bet them he could write a short story in just six words. His companions had their doubts and each wagered \$10 to put Hemingway to the test. As the tale is told, Hemingway believed the resulting story to be his finest work ever. Like all stories, it has the basics: a beginning, a middle, and an end. It has all the things that make a story great: emotion, detail, and interest. Hemingway's six-word short story was: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." Six words. Just six words. And yet, those six words are pregnant with interest, emotion, and just enough detail to capture the attention of the reader/listener.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, I have been preaching to the congregation of Community Bible Church a series of "Three-Word Sermons" by Jesus as found in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus had the unique ability to say so much in so few words. Three-word sermons that have the power to change our lives, both now and for all of eternity. One such three-word sermon is found in Matthew's Gospel, the 11th chapter. Jesus simply says, "Come unto Me."

The constraints of this article do not allow me to fully unfold the depth and

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extent of Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30. However, allow me to provide a brief outline.

- I. The request: "Come unto Me."
 - II. The reason: "All ye who labor and are heavy laden" (in other words, all of you who are tired and worn out).
 - III. The requirement: "Take my yoke ... and learn of Me."
 - IV. The result: "Ye shall find rest."
- (The complete sermon can be found at cbcconcrete.org.)

Here are two truths that I want to convey. First, Jesus extends his invitation to all of us. No one is excluded from the invitation.

Second, Jesus invites us to Himself. Not to a pastor or church or denomination. Not to a political party or a civic organization. It is an invitation to a relationship, not to a religion. I often remind the congregation of Community Bible that Jesus loves us enough to accept us as we are, but He also loves us enough not to leave us that way.

Three words. Come unto Me. Just three words. And in those three words Jesus promises that if we simply come unto Him, our lives will never be the same. We will find a rest that so many are desperately longing for and a rest that we all desperately need.

Rob Thomas is pastor for Community Bible Church in Concrete.

April 25

A report of road rage at Cascade Burgers in Concrete was given to Deputy Devero. The reporting party said two people were out front, screaming at each other. When he arrived he found the two people involved laughing and having a friendly conversation. They advised there had been a misunderstanding, but they had talked about it and worked it out.

While patrolling the Lake Shannon boat launch, Deputy Mullen discovered a Jeep with a broken side window. It appeared that someone had thrown a rock through the window. He attempted to find the owner, but was unsuccessful. Later he received a call from the owner, who had been kayaking for a few days on the lake. The owner said there was nothing missing from the Jeep. He was given the case number for insurance purposes. There are no suspects.

April 26

Deputy Wiggins contacted three suspects trespassing at the Lake Shannon quarry. He escorted the suspects off the property. Deputy Wiggins was able to gather the information needed to refer them later for trespass charges.

Residents in the 7600 block of Healy Rd. reported a burglary to their shed located at that address. A male in a white Toyota 4runner was seen on video getting out and running into the shed, where he took a gas can, threw it in the back of his vehicle, then left. Deputy Brown checked the area, but could not locate the vehicle. It was later found parked on Hamilton Cemetery Rd., but no one was around.

April 28

A resident who lives in the 45500 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., reported that her ex-boyfriend had come over to her house while she was gone and had taken \$200 from her dresser. A witness who was at the house confirmed he saw the suspect rummaging in the dresser, then leave. Deputy Wiggins attempted to find the suspect, but was unable to locate him. The suspect will be referred for third-degree theft.

While on patrol, Deputy Hill observed a vehicle northbound on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., and SR 20. He ran the plate and discovered the registered owner's driving status was suspended. He stopped the car and confirmed the driver was also the registered owner. He cited the driver for driving with a suspended license and warned her not to drive.

April 29

As he was patrolling the Lake Shannon area, Deputy Wiggins found two more

people trespassing on PSE property. The suspects said they had gone up to the "Devil's Tower" area to get a better look at the lake. Deputy Wiggins pointed out that they had walked by numerous No Trespassing signs, in addition to walking past a locked gate. Deputy Wiggins gathered the suspect's information for later referral of possible charges.

A bag full of miscellaneous crochet items was found sitting along the Cascade Trail property between Superior Ave. N. and Douglas Vose III Way in Concrete. The bags were dry, leading Deputy Moore to believe that they probably had not been there long. The items were taken to the East Detachment office in case the owner was located.

May 1

A citizen who lives on Baker Loop in Cedar Grove called to advise he had found a small boys bike at the back of his property in some long grass. Deputy Moore recovered a Hyper brand bike that he will put into evidence for safekeeping.

After receiving several complaints about a suspect continually violating an order in the 400 block of Noble St. in Hamilton, Deputy Wiggins started to monitor the address. He stopped by the residence and overheard the suspect in the trailer of the person who had the order against him. After listening to the suspect for several minutes, Deputy Wiggins made contact and arrested the suspect for violation of the order. He was taken to jail and booked.

May 2

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a suspicious male in Concrete. The reporting party advised Deputy Wiggins she had left her residence on Ridgeway Court on her way to the library to return a book. A male started to follow her, singing sexually suggestive songs and offering her drugs. At one point the victim said that the male tried to rub her neck. When she returned home about an hour later, the male left. She was able to provide enough information that Deputy Wiggins was able to determine the identity of the male. He will attempt to contact the male suspect.

May 3

Deputy Devero investigated a possible assault at Cascade Mercantile in Lyman. The reporting party said that a person they knew confronted her son and attempted to assault him. After his investigation, it was unclear who actually assaulted whom. The report will be sent to the prosecutor to determine if any charges are filed.

May 4

A report of an overturned sail boat on Lake Shannon was reported to dispatch.

Up River Water Rescue was paged, but was called off shortly afterward. Deputy Holmes responded and discovered that a small sail boat had overturned on the lake because of high winds. The people on the boat were rescued by another boat, and the overturned sail boat was dragged back to shore. No one was hurt.

A clerk at Logger's Landing in Concrete reported that a male customer had just punched the front door to the business, causing it to shatter. The damage was estimated at more than \$400. Deputy Devero attempted to contact the suspect whom he identified by the video, but was not successful. Later Deputy Devero referred the suspect for malicious mischief.

May 7

While on his nightly Lake Shannon patrol, Deputy Wiggins found three more people trespassing on the property known

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Level 3 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

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

Davis, Dale Preston

Age: 61
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 6'
Weight: 280
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Address: 352xx Shangri La Dr., Hamilton



Davis was convicted of first-degree child molestation in 1992, in Whatcom County. He also was convicted of first-degree statutory rape in 1987, also in Whatcom County.

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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

Worship directory

Assembly of God

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

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

Baptist

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

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

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

Catholic

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

Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

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

Free Methodist

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

Lutheran

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

Methodist

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

360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com
<http://centralumcsw.org>
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Mormon

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

Nondenominational

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

Community Bible Church

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

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

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

Wildwood Chapel

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

Presbyterian

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

Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

April 24

Near the 9300 Block of Colony Ln. off Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., a citizen reported a burglary at his travel trailer and shed. Deputy Devero investigated and discovered that someone had broken into the trailer by prying the door open and then took approximately \$150 worth of fishing equipment. There are no suspects at this time.

Deputy Wolfe responded to a suspicious call in the 50000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The caller advised that two females were parked along the road in a Red Dodge pickup. Recently the Sheriff's Office has had burglaries that involved a red truck. Deputy Wolfe checked the area, but the truck was already gone.

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

What's in a Name—Part 3

Cement City, Mich., now classed as a village, had several names after being first settled as Kelly's Corner. The name Cement City was taken in 1901 for a pending cement plant, although it was not incorporated until 1953. Satellite pictures show no evidence of any current or abandoned plant in the area. The biggest patch of concrete is 6 miles away at the Michigan International Speedway.

Cement City, Mo., is more an area and a shipping port on the Missouri River than an incorporated town. It has the common feature of cement plants and does not have the normal open pit quarry, but instead mines the limestone.

Last but not least is Cement City, Texas. This town, now part of west Dallas, was created to support the workers at the local cement plants exploiting the rich deposits of chalk, limestone, and shale found there during the 1880s. By 1900 investors had formed the Texas Portland Cement Company and built one cement plant, then another, only to be bought out by the dominant company in 1908. The first mayor was elected that year and the population reached 503 by the 1910 census. Although it appears to have been considered a separate locale for years,

it lacked a governing body after 1913. Lone Star Cement Company, which also later owned our local plant after acquiring it from the Superior Portland Cement Company, purchased the holdings there in 1935. Lone Star expanded in the 1950s and continued operations there until 1970, when the limestone deposit was depleted. Being part of greater Dallas, the land had value and the company went on to develop Lone Star Business Park at the site, with one remaining smokestack from the plant as the business park's centerpiece. Cement City, Texas, is also famous for being where Bonnie Parker—of Bonnie & Clyde fame—lived with her mother, went to high school, and married her first husband at 16.

Our Town of Concrete certainly has seen different times, but it's still an active municipality. Our community has changed over the years; the skies may not always be sunny, but hydrochloric acid is no longer required to clean the cement dust off your windows.

The museum is now open every Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. through September. Special tours may be arranged by calling/e-mailing 360.853.8347 (jboggs@wawg.com) or 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com).

—John Boggs

Civil Air Patrol

Skagit Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, has been busy with events and planning activities for the summer. Our cadets, along with the Burlington High School Navy Junior ROTC, attended the annual swim qualification activity facilitated by Navy divers and aviation training personnel at NNAS Whidbey Island on May 1.

On May 5, three cadets from the Concrete group of Skagit Composite Squadron went on their first official CAP orientation flights from Mears Field in Concrete. For more details, see the article in this issue of *Concrete Herald*.

On July 13, look for Skagit Composite Squadron at the Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In at Mears Field, where the squadron will be hosting an information and recruitment booth. There will be activities at the booth for kids and their

families, such as paper rockets to build and pre-assembled foam rockets to fly, and we also will have a flight simulator available to test your flying skills. Along with brochures on what CAP is about and how interested individuals can join, the squadron will have cadets and senior members on hand to answer questions—we hope to see you there!

If you'd like to attend a meeting, the Concrete group of Skagit Composite Squadron meets all but the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at Concrete High School; the Burlington group meets at Skagit Regional Airport, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. E-mail inquiries can be sent to kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov or the squadron commander at robert.shupe@wawg.cap.gov.

—2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke

At the Upper Skagit Library

Thank you to all who participated in National Photography Month by checking out photography books, going on a Photo Walk with Chazlyn, and entering our photo contest. We had some beautiful entries. Now that the photo contest entries are in, it is time for you to vote. Stop by the library and cast your vote for your favorite pictures, or go to our Web site and cast your vote there. Judging closes at 3 p.m. on June 14, and we will announce the winners on Sat., June 15. Good luck, everyone!

Drop-In Computer Tutoring continues on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop in with your computer, smartphone, or tablet questions and we will do what we can to help.

The Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees Meeting will be June 13, 6 p.m. The public is always welcome.

Summer is just around the corner, and that means the Summer Reading Program is, too. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories!" Drop by the library on or after June 15 to sign up, then pick up your reading packet and read your way to a free book and other great prizes.

2019 summer programs

- Silly Saturdays: Drop-in, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location: Upper Skagit Library. Find five silly things in the library and win a small prize! For all ages. Saturdays June 15 to Aug. 10.
- Out of this World Crafternoon: Every Wednesday in July, 3 to 4 p.m. Location: Upper Skagit Library. Come get your super-craftiness on as

we make cool universe themed crafts. For all ages.

- Concrete Youth Activity Day: July 12, 11:30 to 3 p.m. Location: Veterans Memorial Park. Activity Day is a free day for youth and families. Special entertainment sponsored by the Upper Skagit Library at 1:30 p.m.: Wren & Della Circus Show!
- Space Quest with Heidi Larson: Aug. 2, 3 to 4 p.m. Location: library lawn. Explore space at each station: Test real meteorites with robots, peer into an infinity star box, create a planetary object and watch it orbit in space, spin a vortex dome and play with a gravity well, experience Space VR, make clouds and lightning, and more.
- Reptile Man: Aug. 9, 4 to 5 p.m. Location: library lawn. See and learn about exotic reptiles from around the world. Reptile Man will show a variety of reptiles and talk about their importance to the balance of nature.

We're having another Adult Summer Reading Program. Stop by the library on or after June 15 to get your reading challenge log. Finish by Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. and be entered to win reading-related prizes.

In keeping with the theme of "A Universe of Stories," on Aug. 23 at 5:30 p.m., Astronomer Bob Scott will present "The Moon and the Space Race." For all program details and what's new in books, audiobooks, and movies, check us out at our new Web site: www.upperskagitlibrary.org.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

June at the Darrington Library

Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, June 5–26; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.
- LEGO Club, Wed., June 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Explore Summer: Space Quest, presented by IdeaHatch, Sat., June 29, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tweens & Teens

- Explore Summer: Constellation Bookmarks, Thur., June 27, 3 p.m.

Adults

- Darrington Book Group Book Discussion: *The Sellout*, by Paul Beatty, Fri., June 7, 4:30 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.

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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as "Devil's Tower." He contacted the three and identified them. One suspect had trouble remembering who he was and when he was born. Further investigation allowed Deputy Wiggins to discover the suspect's true name and date of birth. After checking the suspect, Deputy Wiggins found the suspect had a first-degree theft felony warrant out of Oregon. The suspect was arrested for providing false information to a police officer and for the felony warrant.

Deputy Kitchens checked for a suspicious vehicle reported in the 8300 block of Cedar Grove. The reporting party said that an SUV that looked like a white Ford Explorer pulled up to his neighbor's fence, then drove off. Deputy Kitchens checked the area, but was unable to find the suspect vehicle.

May 8

As he was sitting at Superior Ave. and SR 20 in Concrete, monitoring the school zone, Sgt. Adams observed a male walk across SR 20 from the area of Logger's

Landing wearing a pistol in a holster and with a rifle strapped to his backpack. Sgt. Adams contacted the subject and explained he was in a school zone and could not be carrying weapons. The subject said he was traveling from Canada to Montana to find work. He had been dropped off at the store and was waiting to catch the SKAT bus, and was not aware he was in a school zone. Sgt. Adams ran the subject for warrants and criminal history. After investigating, it appeared that the subject was telling the truth. He was allowed to board the SKAT bus and leave.

May 11

Deputy Holmes and Deputy Esskew investigated a possible fight near Hub Tavern in Concrete. A subject said that he had been assaulted by several patrons while at Hub Tavern. The victim said he was using a spiked pinch collar on his service dog and the patrons felt that was cruel. Later it was discovered that the subject was never assaulted. The tavern employees told deputies that they had asked him to leave because he was extremely intoxicated. They also said

that they told him that they needed to see the papers for his service dog since they didn't believe the dog was a legitimate service dog. Deputy Esskew explained that the subject didn't have to show papers for the dog, and explained to them the rules regarding service animals. Since there had been no crime, no action was taken by deputies.

May 14

Sgt. Adams investigated an alleged assault on Baker St. in Hamilton. After contacting the reporting party, it was determined that there had been no assault, nor any crime. It appeared that this was possibly a drug issue into which the reporting party had unknowingly wandered. The reporting party was able to leave the area.

May 15

While conducting foot patrol on Noble St. in Hamilton, Deputy Wiggins discovered a domestic violence suspect violating a valid no-contact order at a residence. When he contacted the residence, the victim tried to lie for the suspect. Eventually Deputy Wiggins was

able to convince the suspect to come out of the residence. He was arrested and taken to jail.

May 16

An inmate at the Skagit County Jail called to advise that several people had attempted to move into his house in Cedar Grove after he was arrested. The inmate said that his mother had found several people at his house, moving their stuff into the residence. The inmate said he had told the people, who were acquaintances, that they could not be at this house. Deputies removed the subjects and told them not to return.

Deputy Wiggins investigated another violation of a no-contact order involving the suspect from the previous day and on May 1. The suspect on this day was sending texts and messages to the victim via Facebook. After developing probable cause to believe the suspect had violated the order again, Deputy Wiggins located the suspect and took him to jail, again.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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45292 State Route 20, Concrete
Featuring great burgers, fries, and milkshakes in a 1950s, family-style atmosphere!
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Inside & upstairs at Gold Nugget Pawn Shop
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44574 Highway 20 – Concrete, WA 98237



Out & About



State

Anglers can fish for free June 8–9

Each year, thousands of Washingtonians go fishing without a license—legally—on “Free Fishing Weekend,” scheduled for June 8–9.

During those two days, no license will be required to fish or gather shellfish in any waters open to fishing in Washington State.

Some options available on Free Fishing Weekend include:

- Trout in lowland lakes, and in the many rivers open to trout fishing throughout the state.
- Lingcod on the coast.
- Bass, crappie, perch, and other

warmwater fish biting in lakes throughout Washington.

- Shad on the Columbia River.
- Hatchery steelhead on rivers on the Olympic Peninsula.

For those who want fishing advice, WDFW’s YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/thewdfw>) provides “how to” fishing videos designed to introduce techniques to both new and seasoned anglers.

Anglers who take part in free fishing weekend can also participate in the department’s 2019 Trout Fishing Derby and redeem blue tags from fish caught over the weekend. Interested anglers should check for details online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/Home/FishingDerby>.

No vehicle access pass or Discover Pass will be required during Free Fishing Weekend to park at water-access sites maintained by WDFW or Washington State Parks.

Wagoner appointed to workgroup on aerial herbicide applications in forestlands

Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, has been appointed to the workgroup on aerial herbicide applications in forestlands.

The newly formed workgroup will review roles of all management and regulatory agencies in approving herbicides for use and applications on forestlands in Washington state.

Almost 1.8 million acres of federally granted forestlands in Washington state are used to provide revenue for common schools.

“I look forward to serving on this workgroup,” said Wagoner. “Our state forestlands provide good, sustainable forest industry jobs, funding for our school districts, and many recreational and environmental benefits—it is vital that we keep our forestlands healthy and thriving by using the best and safest herbicide management practices.”

Additionally, the workgroup must review research, reports, and data from government agencies, institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and landowners regarding the most frequently used herbicides in forest practices.

Mount Vernon

Hero Craft Fair seeks vendors for November fundraiser

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

“Our craft fair is unique; we try to help the wonderful and talented crafters who put in a great deal of time, and we also

raise funds for the three groups,” said organizer Robert Longdon.

Longdon hopes to include 50 vendors at the nonprofit event this year. The rental fee is \$75, which includes an 8’ x 10’ space and free coffee. A table, a chair, and electricity are available for a small additional fee. Registration is due by Sept. 16. Checks should be made payable to Robert Longdon and mailed to him at P.O. Box 672, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

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

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

Interested vendors and anyone who wants to learn more about the event should contact Longdon at 360.399.3069 herocraftfairmv@gmail.com.

“Ask a Master Gardener” event slated for June 29

Want to grow better vegetables? Have a garden problem you can’t solve? Need landscape solutions? A free “Ask a Master Gardener” event will be held on Sat., June 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Discovery Garden, 16650 SR 536 (Memorial Highway) in Mount Vernon.

The event is focused on providing homeowners with advice and solutions to typical garden and landscape problems. Attendees will be paired with a Master Gardener for a one-on-one session to get answers to all their garden questions.

This year the event will include experts from the Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation and the Salal Native Plant Garden to answer questions about fruit propagation and landscaping with native plants.

Free tours of the Discovery Garden will be offered on a regular basis during the day to provide homeowners with ideas for both landscape solutions and hints

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for growing bigger, better vegetables in Skagit County.

“Plant clinic” tables will be set up, where homeowners can bring branches or leaves from poorly performing plants to get problems diagnosed on site. A “Plant ID” table will help gardeners identify unknown plants.

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

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

For more information, go to www.skagitmg.org.

Anacortes

March Point Run & Walk invites all

Racers of all ages and abilities (and friendly canines) are invited to participate in the 25th annual March Point Run & Walk, a charity event scheduled for Sat.,

June 22 in Anacortes.

This event attracts a variety of participants, from fun-seeking families to serious 5K, 10K, and half-marathon competitors. All proceeds will be donated to “CHOW,” a weekend program aimed at eliminating childhood hunger in Skagit County.

The run begins on the grounds of the refinery at the north tip of March Point in Anacortes. It then takes runners over beautiful shoreline routes on March’s Point Road, across the Point and back to the refinery. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. A free, half-mile run for kids starts at 8:30 a.m. Parents are asked to pre-register their children. Runners/walkers in the 5K, 10K, and half-marathon start their races together at 9 a.m. The races are USATF-certified, with chip times.

Pre-registration is encouraged at www.marchpointfunrun.com. Day-of registration will be available. For details, go to www.marchpointfunrun.com.

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’Tis the season for sneezing and drippy noses

The formal name is allergic rhinitis, but most people simply refer to these symptoms as allergies or hay fever. Either way, allergic rhinitis occurs when your immune system overreacts to particles in the air that you breathe. Your immune system attacks the particles in your body, causing symptoms such as sneezing and a runny nose. The particles are called allergens.

People with allergies usually have symptoms for many years. You may have symptoms often during the year, or only at certain times. You also may get other problems such as sinusitis and ear infections as a result of your allergies. Over time, allergens may begin to affect you less, and your symptoms may not be as severe.

What are the symptoms of allergic rhinitis? In most cases, when you have allergic rhinitis:

- You sneeze again and again, especially after you wake up in the morning.
- You have a runny nose and postnasal drip. The drainage from a runny nose caused by allergies is usually clear and thin. But it may become thicker and cloudy or yellowish if you get a nasal or sinus infection.
- Your eyes are watery and itchy.
- Your ears, nose, and throat are itchy.

Which allergens commonly cause allergic rhinitis? You probably know that pollens from trees, grasses, and weeds cause allergic rhinitis. Many people have allergies to dust mites, animal dander,

cockroaches, and mold as well. Things in the workplace, such as cereal grain, wood dust, chemicals, or lab animals, can also cause allergic rhinitis.

If you are allergic to pollens, you may have symptoms only at certain times of the year. If you are allergic to dust mites and indoor allergens, you may have symptoms all the time.

How is allergic rhinitis diagnosed? To find out if you have allergies, your doctor will ask about your symptoms and examine you. Knowing what symptoms you have, when you get them, and what makes them worse or better can help your doctor know whether you have allergies or another problem. If you have severe symptoms, you may need to have allergy tests to find out what you are allergic to. How is it treated? There is no cure for allergic rhinitis. One of the best things you can do is to avoid the things that cause your allergies. You may need to clean your house often to get rid of dust, animal dander, or molds. Or you may need to stay indoors when pollen counts are high. Unless you have another health problem, such as asthma, you may take over-the-counter medicines to treat your symptoms at home. If you have another problem, talk to your doctor first. Others who also should talk to their doctor before starting self-treatment include older adults, children, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

If your allergies bother you a lot and you cannot avoid the things you are allergic to, immunotherapy (such as allergy shots) may help to prevent or reduce your symptoms. To have this treatment, you first need to know what you are allergic to.

Finding the treatment that works best for you may take a little time.

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"My socks started going to the gym. I had to throw them away, because they got too ripped."



"Did you say you are subject to fits?"
"Yes."
"What do you do when you have one?"
"Oh, just walk back and froth."
— § —
A panhandler was seen standing on the corner holding a hat in each hand. A stranger approached and asked what was the idea of two hats. The bum grinned: "Business has been so good, I've opened a branch office."
— § —
"Hey, cook, the gang didn't go for the hash very strong today."
Cook: "That's all right. Just put some raisins in it and we'll have mince pie tomorrow."
— § —
Whatever became of the baby's mitten?

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

"Ever get the idea that in the great moves forward, the world is merely rolling downhill?"
"For their past delinquencies, the state legislators are now in tax reform school."
"Better to be a poor starter than a nonfinisher."
—March 26, 1969

"Spring is said to be mostly a state of mind. The weather just gives us an excuse to change it—often."
"Words can start a fight or win a friend, design a new world or tear down old ideals. Same words, just a matter of how you line them up and how and when you say them."
"Happily, for all those who don't know enough to come in out of the rain, there is always a fellow who can invent an umbrella."
"Somehow there is something a little discouraging in the behavior of man, who centuries ago wore little clothing and cooked his meat over an open fire, then became civilized and enlightened to the point where he now wears shorts and presides as chef over a barbecue rotisserie."
—April 2, 1969

"A man with an idea in his head often has more ready wealth than one with a pocketful of cash."
—March 12, 1969

"A Decency Rally ended in a fist fight. There are times when a poke in the eye seems the only decent approach to a subject."
—April 23, 1969

Public Service Announcement



Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



By Stig Kristensen

Crossword: "Looking Sharp"

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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63						64						65		
66						67						68		

- Across**
- 1. Bird-to-be
 - 4. Supports, in a way
 - 9. Bluenose
 - 14. Grazing ground
 - 15. Being deficient in moisture
 - 16. Moves like honey
 - 17. Not getting it
 - 20. Refine, as metal
 - 21. Coffee choice
 - 22. Burn
 - 23. Skirt sound
 - 26. Kind of fingerprint
 - 29. Possesses a perspective
 - 33. "Don't ____!"
 - 34. Certain apartment
 - 35. Mike holder
 - 36. Don Juan
 - 39. Very, in music
 - 42. Crowd sound
 - 43. Health resort
 - 46. Place where turning back is impossible
 - 50. Drop
 - 51. "It ____ All Velvet" (Mel Tormé autobiography)
 - 52. Got gray
 - 53. Traveler
 - 55. Scintillas
 - 57. Blames
 - 63. Depth charge target
 - 64. Defiant one
 - 65. "I" problem
 - 66. It's spotted in westerns
 - 67. Affirm
 - 68. Morning moisture
- Down**
- 1. "Slippery" tree
 - 2. Japanese entertainers
 - 3. Respirator
 - 4. Angle
 - 5. Shaped furniture material
 - 6. A little bit of work
 - 7. Small bird
 - 8. Metamorphic rock
 - 9. Bishop of Rome
 - 10. Cross
 - 11. Arm of Israel
 - 12. Cubby hole?
 - 13. Best guess: Abbr.
 - 18. Word repeated after "Que"
 - 19. Close imitation
 - 22. When doubled, a dance
 - 24. Old 45 player
 - 25. "ER" extras
 - 26. Decline
 - 27. Known formerly as
 - 28. Carpentry tool
 - 30. Braid
 - 31. Danger signal
 - 32. Delivery vehicle
 - 36. PC linkup
 - 37. Sometime today, say
 - 38. Strict disciplinarian
 - 39. King Kong, e.g.
 - 40. Cry loudly
 - 41. Bro, for one
 - 43. Sweetened
 - 44. Foreshadow
 - 45. "Go on"
 - 47. Has a tab
 - 48. Electrical units
 - 49. "Soap" family name
 - 53. Buzzing pest
 - 54. "How to Make an American Quilt" author Whitney ____
 - 56. Cruel person
 - 57. Part of a litter
 - 58. Japanese sash
 - 59. Charge carrier
 - 60. Lucrative
 - 61. Bank offering, for short
 - 62. Kind of truck

Sudoku

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

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

*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

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

- "Purchasing nectarines at Costco. Expectation: Casually chowing down on delicious nectarines over the course of the week. Reality: SHOVING A DOZEN NECTARINES DOWN YOUR THROAT IN THE 24-HOUR WINDOW BETWEEN UNRIPE AND ROTTEN."
- "I'm not saying my eyesight is getting worse but yesterday in the car I spent 15 minutes letting a hedgehog cross the road...then I realized it was a pine cone!"

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May 18

The National Park Service called and advised that they had a report of a climber who had possibly fallen into a snow hole about 500 feet below Cascade Pass. The Park Service had attempted to locate the victim, but was unable to find the climber. They advised that the search will continue, but felt that it was a recovery mission at this time. It was unknown if the SAR personnel would be able to get to the victim because of the treacherous terrain and risk that the rapidly melting snow was creating.

Deputy Holmes contacted a victim of a domestic dispute at the Sedro-Woolley Police Dept. The victim said that she and her boyfriend had been driving to Marblemount when they got into an argument. The suspect got upset at her and backhanded her, striking her on the face. The victim was able to get the suspect to stop the car, at which time she fled. She was able to call her brother and was later picked up by her brother, who took her to SWPD. Deputy Holmes was unable to locate the suspect, but will refer him for assault.

May 19

A citizen reported a possible burglary at the former Hi. Lo. Country Bar and Grill building in Concrete. Deputy Wolfe discovered that the citizen believed that an ex-tenant of an apartment next door had gone through the back gate of the old bar and grill to try to gain access to her old apartment next door. No one saw her actually on the property and the apartment had not been unlawfully entered. It appears that no crime had been committed.

Deputy Devero investigated a possible domestic violence assault that occurred at the Glacier Peak Resort in Marblemount. Initially a female called, but the call was cut short. A male then called to report that his girlfriend had assaulted him. After investigating the incident, each of the two people involved accused the other of assaulting them. From what Deputy Devero could determine, the male had been the primary aggressor and had probably assaulted the female first. The male suspect was arrested and taken to jail.

May 20

Deputy Brown and Sgt. Adams responded to a removal request at the

Concrete School District office. School staff advised that a father had shown up at the elementary school, asking about jobs and housing in the area. The school staff believed that there was an order against him that prohibits him from being at the school. When deputies arrived, they determined that there was no order restricting him from the school or contacting the children. The only order against him restricted him from contacting his ex-wife, who was not at the school. The subject was cooperative and voluntarily left. A short time later, deputies were called to Logger's Landing in reference to a violation of an order. When they arrived, they contacted the same subject's ex-wife, who had been at Logger's Landing getting gas when she was confronted by her ex-husband. Since there was a valid no-contact order out of Oregon restricting the male from contacting his ex-wife, he was arrested and taken to jail.

A vehicle matching the description of one involved in suspicious activity in Cedar Grove was seen by Deputy Wiggins near SR 20 and Superior Ave. in Concrete. When he attempted to follow the vehicle, it pulled into the medical center on D Ave., which was closed. When he turned around to investigate, he discovered the vehicle had stopped in the middle of the street and the driver had exited the vehicle. Deputy Wiggins contacted the driver and discovered that his license was suspended and he was required to have an alcohol interlock device. Deputy Wiggins checked the vehicle; it did not have an interlock device. The suspect was arrested for both violations.

May 21

The school reported a break-in at the concession stand near the baseball field. Deputy Brown investigated the burglary and was able to locate a witness, who identified the suspects. All the suspects were students at the school. They admitted to committing the burglary and will be referred for charges.

Concrete Chamber of Commerce called to advise that an elderly man was at their office and seemed to be very confused. Deputies contacted the man and determined that he was suffering from dementia. Sergeant Adams attempted to contact the man's wife, but could not locate her. The man was taken to United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley. Apparently the wife showed up and took her husband against hospital advice. According to the hospital, she also seemed disoriented and confused. Deputies

later determined that both subjects had probable medical issues. Adult Protective Services were advised. Later, deputies were able to locate family members who said they would check on them.

Deputy Brown and Sgt. Adams responded to a fight in progress on S. Dillard St. in Concrete. When they arrived, they discovered a large group of people standing in the street. Deputies determined that the fight was between two juvenile brothers over a disagreement regarding bicycles. No one wanted to prosecute. The brothers were separated and turned over their parents.

May 22

On his nightly patrol through Concrete, Deputy Wiggins observed a car traveling on Main St. with an obstructed license plate. The car pulled into the Skate Park and allowed Deputy Wiggins to go by, after which it immediately pulled back out and went the other way. Feeling this was suspicious, Deputy Wiggins turned and followed the vehicle back into town. He contacted the driver, who had parked across from the library. The driver attempted to walk away from Deputy Wiggins. Deputy Wiggins stopped the driver, who didn't have a valid license. He was cited for driving with a suspended driver's license and told not to drive.

A homeowner called to advise that his mother had chased a prowler off his property in the 53000 block of Rockport Cascade Rd. The reporting party did not know who the person was and requested that the Sheriff's Office conduct more patrols in his neighborhood.

May 24

Deputies were dispatched to the 46000 block of Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said that there were people at a residence taking items and putting them in their car. When confronted, the suspects left in a black truck and a red truck. When he arrived, Deputy Eichman discovered that one of the neighbors had taken a video of the suspects. Deputy Wolfe was able to identify the female suspect. After confirming that a burglary had occurred, Deputy Eichman filed an attempt to locate on the female, with probable cause to arrest her. Deputies are still attempting to identify the male suspects.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

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Sudoku solution

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

Crossword solution

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44	E	B	B	47	W	A	S	N	T	48	A	G	E	D	
49	G	O	E	51	I	O	T	A	S	52	P	O	I	N	T
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57	P	I	N	T	O	58	S	T	A	T	E	59	D	E	W

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