

The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

Concrete Herald

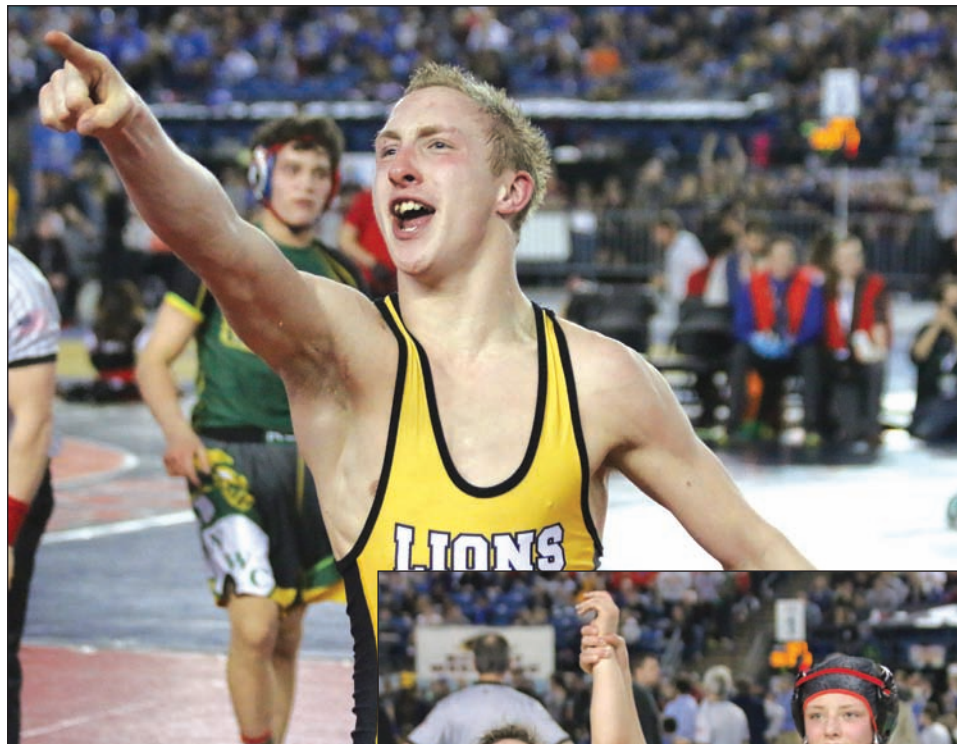
Vol. 100, No. 3

March 2017

concrete-herald.com

50 cents

Clear Lake • Sedro-Woolley • Lyman • Day Creek • Punkin Center • Hamilton • Birdsvie • Grasmere • Concrete • Cape Horn • Sauk City • Sauk Valley • Rockport • Van Horn • Darrington • Corkindale • Marblemount • Bullerville • Newhalem • Diablo



Area wrestlers grab State medals

Olsen, Burtenshaw, Ketchum,
Storms, Woodward make their
hometowns proud. Pages 8, 16, 24.



Tires LES SCHWAB
Pat Rimmer Tire Center

**BEST BRAKE
VALUE PROMISE**

204 W. Moore St. • Sedro-Woolley

**3-Year,
25,000-Mile
Warranty!**

More Than 30 Years' Brake
Experience
PLUS...
Shocks, Front-end Work,
Alignments, and More!

360.855.1033

Concrete Herald

The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

WNPA

Washington Newspaper Publishers Association

EST. 1987

Jason K. Miller, publisher and editor 360.853.8213 / editor@concrete-herald.com

Concrete Herald owes its success to citizen journalists and photographers. **Reporter:** Haley McNealey; **Proofreading:** Katy Tomasulo; **Ad Production:** Lynn Jefferson; **Bookkeeping:** Upriver Bookkeeping Services. **Local contributors are welcome:** call or e-mail Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

Contacts
Newsroom: 360.853.8213 / editor@concrete-herald.com // **Advertising:** 360.853.8213 / ads@concrete-herald.com
Letters: P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237 / letters@concrete-herald.com // **Classifieds:** P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237 / classifieds@concrete-herald.com

Concrete Herald is published the first Wednesday of each month and distributed via newspaper racks and retail businesses from Clear Lake to Newhalem and Darrington, Wash. A complete list of distribution points is posted online at www.concrete-herald.com/about-the-herald/distribution-points. Mail subscriptions are \$27 annually for U.S. addresses, \$39 for Canadian addresses. Other subscription options are listed on the "Subscribe" page at www.concrete-herald.com. Physical address: 7674 Cedar Park, Concrete, WA 98237. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Concrete Herald, P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237. Printed by Skagit Publishing, Mount Vernon, Wash. Contents © 2017 Concrete Herald LLC.

From the editor

Small Business of the Year

On Feb. 1, *Concrete Herald* was named "Small Business of the Year" by the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce. What an honor!

The newspaper is no stranger to the spotlight, with past editors like Charles M. Dwelley and Robert Fader, for example, being recognized for their efforts. I'm honored and humbled to follow in their and Anne Bussiere's footsteps, and I'm hoping this will be the first of more awards to follow for our hometown newspaper.

Concrete Herald returned to a monthly publishing schedule in May 2009, after folding in 1992 after more than 90 years of publishing. Next month will mark exactly eight years of the newspaper on my watch, but be assured I am well aware I am simply the current caretaker of *our* newspaper. Feel free to let me know what you want to see in its pages. You can reach me at editor@concrete-herald.com or 360.853.8213.

—J. K. M.

the Y

LET'S BUILD IT TOGETHER!

SKAGIT VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

DAY OF GIVING

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH

March 9th Open Houses

9:30-11:30am · Skagit Valley Family YMCA

12-3pm · YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter

4:30-6pm · YMCA Downtown Campaign Office

www.letsbuildit2019.org

Opinion

Letters to the editor

Wright family grateful for support

The family of Dave Wright would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, food, and words of encouragement during this difficult time.

Thanks also to those of who donated to the Concrete Lions Club scholarship fund in Dave's name.

A big thank-you to all.

*Ellamae Wright, Robin Dudley,
Robert Wright, Patty Goldner
Concrete*

Why doesn't WDFW obey elk law?

Did you know that more than 90 recorded elk/vehicle collisions happen each year on SR 20 between Sedro-Woolley and Concrete? This number does not include the many more elk/vehicle collisions that go unreported. Recently, a newer-model, full-size pickup was totaled from an elk collision.

Many commuters on this stretch of SR 20 have experienced near misses with elk on the road. What would you do while traveling 55 mph and within an instant you are approaching a dark blob with four legs standing in your lane of traffic? If you swerve into the oncoming lane and hit someone, you are at fault and liable. If you swerve to the right, a guardrail or ditch is your choice. That leaves hitting a 1,000- to 1,200-lb. elk head on and taking your chances.

Why don't Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) officials, as managers of the elk herds, obey the law—RCW 77.04.012—by keeping their elk off of private property as the law mandates them to do? In my opinion, if WDFW obeyed the law, elk would not be on the highways. Shouldn't WDFW be liable to pay for elk/vehicle collision damages?

As livestock owners, we are. Why should vehicle insurance companies be forced to pay for elk/vehicle collision damages that WDFW has caused by not complying with the law? How long will it take before WDFW officials who now have elk blood on their hands have human blood on their hands also?

*Randy Good
Sedro-Woolley*

Don't repeal Affordable Care Act

There is no problem with President Trump's plan to repeal Obamacare (known also as Romney Care and the Affordable Care Act), as long as you or anyone you care about does not have a pre-existing medical condition, will always be healthy, will not age, and will always have enough money to pay for future medical treatment. If you fit into any or even all of the above circumstances, the repeal will not present significant issues for you.

If you don't fit into the above circumstances, you may want to consider your options, one of which is to contact your U.S. senators and representatives and tell them you want them to oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

It is your health, dear reader. Do you

See **Letters**, p. 38

Letters policy

Letters of 200 words or fewer may be e-mailed to letters@concrete-herald.com or sent to Concrete Herald, P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237. Writers must include their name and town or community for publication, plus a daytime telephone number for confirmation purposes. *Concrete Herald* reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity, accuracy, spelling, grammar, and potentially libelous statements. So be nice.

Inside			
Opinion	2	Lyman	18
Sports	8	Day Creek	19
Academics	12	Hamilton	22
Clear Lake	14	Rockport	23
Community Calendar	15	Darrington	24
Community Meetings	15	Marblemount	26
Sedro-Woolley	16	Newhalem	27
		Seniors	28
		Sunday School lesson	30
		Obituaries	30
		Sheriff's blotter	31
		Local columns	32
		Business Directory	33
		Out & About	34
		Smile	36
		Classifieds	39

Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

Good news! Town of Concrete citizens can now pay their utility bill or other town-related bills using a debit or credit card. The town can accept payment in person or over the phone, and once its Web site is updated, we should be able to also set up online payments. I'm pretty happy that we can now offer this level of convenience.

Please read Crissie Wilson's letter to the community on this page. This month includes several opportunities for everyone in the Concrete School District to provide additional feedback regarding the search for a new superintendent. This is a pivotal moment for the district. Let them hear from you!

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



An open letter to the Concrete School District community

By Crissie Wilson

Dear Concrete School District Community Members:

The Concrete School Board is in the process of searching for a new superintendent of schools as our current superintendent, Barbara Hawkings, is retiring in June 2017. Mark Venn and Dr. Wayne Robertson, executive search consultants with Northwest Leadership Associates, will assist the Concrete School Board throughout the search process. The board will work with Northwest Leadership Associates to select six preliminary candidates from a pool of applicants during an executive (closed) meeting on Tue., March 14.

On Sat., March 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Concrete High School Commons, the board will hold a special meeting open to the public, during which each of the

six semifinalists will have a scheduled time to be interviewed. The board invites community members to attend and complete feedback forms on each semifinalist during this time. The feedback forms will assist the board in selecting three finalists.

On Tue., March 21; Wed., March 22; and Thur., March 23, the three finalists will be on campus to visit Concrete School District staff and students, one candidate per day. Community members are invited to attend these important public forums each day from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Concrete High School Commons for Q&A sessions.

On Fri., March 24, the board will convene at 8 a.m. in an executive (closed) meeting in the high school library. Following the executive (closed) meeting, the board will reconvene in a regular

(open) meeting for the announcement of our new superintendent.

The Concrete School Board values your participation and hopes that you will be able to find time in your schedule to participate in the above-listed open meetings.

For more information and agendas on the superintendent search, go to www.concrete.k12.wa.us/superintendent-search/. If you have questions, call Lynda Stout at the Concrete School District at 360.853.4000. Your help in this process is an integral part of helping our board select the best possible candidate for your new superintendent.

Crissie Wilson is school board president for Concrete School District.

CASCADE SUPPLY

Do it Best

manager's special

\$2 Mail-in Rebate

While Supplies Last!

7⁹⁷

1 Cu. Ft. Moisture Control Potting Mix

726801

Sale ends 3/31/17

Special of the Month

Your Choice

While Supplies Last!

4⁹⁷ Each

Square or Round Point Shovel, Garden Rake or Hoe

710537 710608 710662 710671

Sale ends 3/31/17

spotlight on savings

While Supplies Last!

4⁹⁷

16-Pellet Greenhouse Seed Starter Kit

702104

Sale ends 3/31/17

Spring is coming! Stay warm! We have heaters and tarps!

cascadesupply.com

doitbest.com

45900 Main St., Concrete • 360.853.8811 • Mon.—Sat., 8:30 to 5:30

Town Council reviews current projects

By Haley McNealey

Edited by Katy Tomasulo

During its February 13 regular meeting, the Concrete Town Council reviewed the status of several projects planned for the coming year.

Superior Building demolition

Funding has been secured by a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$23,000 for planning documents to demolish the historic structure; CRH Engineering has taken on the planning phase, which will likely be completed by the end of March. CRH Engineering will continue to coordinate with the mayor and council throughout the year to devise a source for demolition construction funds.

Spray park project at Silo Park

The town has found a solution to runoff concerns for the spray park. The town initially struggled to determine a strategy for what to do with runoff water. First the town investigated filtering and

recirculating runoff water; however, it was too cost prohibitive. The town then explored the option of installing a large onsite septic system, but in addition to impractical expenses, this proposal failed because the ground does not percolate in a way that would allow for such a system. Ultimately, the design team at CRH Engineering was able to successfully negotiate with the Department of Health and the Department of Ecology, and the town was granted permission to utilize the existing park and ride stormwater infiltration pond and underground infiltration beds for spray park runoff water.

Concrete appears to be the first town in the state to be granted approval for this approach and will set a precedent for future facilities around the state. The anticipated strategy for infiltration will save the town more than \$100,000 compared to the cost of alternative approaches. The estimated total cost for

the completion of the project is \$199,013 and will be fully funded through a grant the town received from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The design team is proceeding with the Department of Ecology permitting process, and the facility should be available for public use no later than July 4.

Main Street road and sidewalk improvements from Superior Ave. to Grassmere Rd.

The town is coordinating with Tuttle Engineering and Management for this project, and advertisement for bids will occur between March and May. Construction is expected to be completed by Sept. 5.

To minimize complications with this project's funding, which was secured through three programs provided by the Washington State Department of Transportation and one program from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board totaling approximately \$1,040,000, a separate project for sanitary sewer dig-out repairs and water system improvements on Superior Ave. will need to be completed prior to or in conjunction with construction of the Main Street project. The separate project addressing utilities will be funded through loans from the Department of Commerce and Department of Health.

During a Feb. 13 Town Council meeting, several citizens who reside on Main St. expressed concerns regarding changes to parking arrangements and other inconveniences they fear will result from the project. In response to ongoing concerns, Mayor Jason Miller stated, "Safety improvements to this corridor are long overdue. I am very pleased that we have finally secured funding for this project, which will make the area much safer for children in particular."

Water storage and system improvements

This project will entail installation of a meter at the spring to track the volume of water being extracted, in addition to replacing the existing wooden (fir) water tank north of Town Center with a new concrete tank that has a 200,000-gallon

capacity. It will also include water line improvements. According to Town Engineer Cody Hart, the water line improvements are required by the Department of Health, enabling the town to keep record of water that leaks out of the system but is not consumed by residents; water efficiency is the incentive. Currently, the design team is developing the formal proposal for final design documents so that advertisement to bid can occur around mid-summer. Funding will be provided through loans the town is receiving from the Department of Health and Department of Commerce, and total cost is estimated at \$1,119,000; the town may be eligible for a maximum \$330,000 debt forgiveness.

Cedar St. road and pedestrian improvements

This project will include construction of sidewalks, gutters, and curbs along the south side of Cedar St. between Park and Superior Ave. Design is scheduled to begin in 2018 when funding is allocated from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board in the amount of \$85,000; construction is estimated to cost \$300,000. There will be a 13.5 percent match from the town on grant funding. The town will pursue Transportation Improvement Board grants in 2017 and/or 2018 for the remaining improvements, which will encompass repairs to the travel lanes. Prior to or during road improvements, it will be essential to determine a strategy for funding and executing underground utility work, which will include maintenance of the water main and replacement of service lines.

First St. water line extension

Water line improvements in the western urban growth area along the south side of State Route 20 will stretch from First St. as far west as Grasmere Village and Albert's Red Apple. According to Hart, this project supports local businesses that, without the Skagit County grant, would have been required to pay partial costs included in this project. The project is currently in the design phase with ongoing coordination from the Washington State Department of Transportation; the design portion of the project is funded by the town. Construction is projected for June 2017. The construction portion of the project will be funded by \$350,000 of Skagit County grant funds.

Celebrations

After 37 years as a United States Postal Service worker, Robert Goodin has decided to retire.

Before working for the post office, Bob served with the United States Marines for four years. Bob transferred to Concrete after working in Langley, Oak Harbor, Coupeville, and Greenbank. It's been great to work with him as he finishes his career.

Thank you, Bob, and congratulations!
Sheena Daniels



Preserving your photos

Concrete Heritage Museum will host a free presentation on how to care for photographic prints, slides, and negatives, by Samantha Richert of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex.

The event will be held at the Concrete Heritage Museum, 7380 Thompson Ave., Concrete (behind the Concrete Theatre) on Tue., March 16, from 6 to 8 pm. Space is limited; to sign up, call 360.854.7343.

Old photographs, by their nature, are chemically unstable and over time deteriorate. Benefit from Richert's

extensive experience as curator for the National Park Service. She encourages you to bring a sampling of your own photo collections if you'd like advice on specific issues.

The museum is always interested in scanning historically significant photos of the Upper Skagit Valley to add to the collection on its Web site (www.concreteheritagemuseum.org). A scanner will be available the evening of the presentation or you may contact Bill Pfeifer at billpfeifer@yahoo.com for more information.

—John Boggs

Projects, cont. from p. 4

Town-wide metering improvements

This project is mandated, like the water storage and system improvements, by the Department of Health. Meters will be installed to all water systems currently under a fixed monthly fee. CRH Engineering's design team is coordinating with the Public Works Department to identify the work item inventory so a cost analysis and bid documents can be developed. Currently, the town is reviewing final plans that have been prepared by the design team. Construction is scheduled for summer 2017. The cost for the project is included in the water systems and storage improvement costs listed above.

Main St. water line improvements from North Superior to A Ave.

This project endeavors to improve water lines on Main Street from the intersection of North Superior to A Ave., including replacing an estimated 800 linear feet of piping. To minimize administrative costs and increase the potential for competitive bidding, CRH Engineering's design team has combined this project with

anticipated contract work for the town-wide metering improvements project. The town is currently reviewing final plans, and construction is scheduled for summer 2017. The cost for the project, like the metering improvements, is included in the water systems and storage improvement project.

South Dillard overlay project

Transportation Improvement Board grant funds in the amount of \$188,000 have been secured for road improvements on South Dillard from the intersection of State Route 20 to the intersection of Benjamin St. The grant requires a 5 percent match from the town. This project will include a hot mix asphalt (HMA) surface overlay of the road, in addition to minor Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, including installation of ramps at crossroads. Construction is anticipated for summer 2017.

Writer Haley McNealey is a 2015 graduate of Concrete High School. Editor Katy Tomasulo lives in Seattle.

You'll want to be part of this!

Imagine Concrete Workshop: Branding Concrete



Saturday, April 15
9 a.m. to noon

Concrete High School Commons Room

Join your fellow Concrete citizens to chart our course!

What is Concrete?

How do we want the world to see us?

How do we imagine our future?



For more information, contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.

Fierce Language:
Fall in Love with Poetry

Sun., March 19 • 1 p.m.
Concrete Theatre
45920 Main St. • Concrete

Meet poet and performer Judith Adams at the Upper Skagit Library Foundation annual meeting.

This event will include a presentation from Adams, updates from the foundation, and a brief business meeting.



Judith Adams

FREE admission!

Co-sponsored by the Concrete Theatre and Upper Skagit Library.
For more information, e-mail info@UpperSkagitLibraryFoundation.org

THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M. and C. F.

Economic Development Commission seeks to fill vacancy

Town of Concrete is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on its seven-member Economic Development Commission.

The deadline to submit applications is May 2 at 4:30 p.m. Application packets are available at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, WA 98237, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applicants may be asked to attend the commission meeting on May 10 at 6 p.m., at Town Hall for interviews.

Water quality subject of annual meeting

Skagit Conservation District, Padilla Bay Research Reserve, and Skagit County will host a free event designed to educate the general public about the water quality health of Skagit County streams, rivers, and watersheds.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
— Chinese Proverb

Tree Planting Parties:
About WAY more
than just salmon!

Marblemount Boat Launch
March 11, 10am-1pm

Carey's Slough, Hamilton
March 18, 10am-1pm

juvenile salmon scining demo afterward



For details and
directions visit
skagitfisheries.org

Please RSVP
sfeg@skagitfisheries.org
360-336-0172

The meeting will be held on Wed., March 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Padilla Bay Research Reserve, located at 10441 Bay View Edison Rd.

The results of water quality monitoring data from the 2015/2016 monitoring season will be presented by Skagit County Public Works and the Skagit Stream Team and Storm Team volunteers. The annual event provides an opportunity for local residents to be updated on water quality in our community and how they can help protect neighborhood streams. The annual Stream Team report will also be available at the event.

For more information, contact Kristi Carpenter at kristi@skagitcd.org or 360.428.4313.

Judith Adams at library meeting

Poet and performer **Judith Adams** will be the guest speaker at the next Annual Members' Meeting of the Upper Skagit Library Foundation (USLF). The meeting will be held March 19 at 1 p.m. in the Concrete Theatre.

Adams was born in England and now lives on Whidbey Island. Her March 19 talk is titled "A Fierce Language: Falling in Love with Poetry." She will draw on diverse poets to take us on a journey to discover the music, power, humor, and strength of poetry, showing how it can radically enhance, change, and even save our lives. After her talk, Adams will discuss with her audience any questions and will be eager to hear their poetic experiences.

The event is free and open to the public, and will include announcements and a brief business meeting before Adams' presentation, as well as opportunity for members to pay their 2017 dues and purchase Adams' CDs and books. Co-sponsors of the event are USLF, Concrete Theatre, and Upper Skagit Library.

Young Authors at Upper Skagit Library

Upper Skagit Library will offer local young authors the opportunity to have their books become part of the library's permanent collection.

The Concrete School District's Young Authors after-school program, which culminates in the annual Young Authors Conference at Skagit Valley College in March, is an opportunity for students to work on writing and illustrating their own stories. At the conference, students are able to attend hands-on workshops with professional authors and illustrators.

The Upper Skagit Library will partner with the Concrete School District and

its Young Authors program by hosting a Young Authors reading event at the library on March 25, where they can showcase their work and add their books with ceremony to their own community library collection.

John Burmaster of Baker River Woodworks is designing and building a custom shelf for the books. The shelf will be made of walnut and alder, all locally harvested. The display shelf will be a distinctive addition to the library and a unique home for the children's books. To celebrate the hard work and creativity of our local young authors, and to formally accept the books into the library's collection, the library invites all the young authors, their families, and the public to an afternoon reading and sharing event at the library on Sat., March 25, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Upper Skagit Library.

For more information, contact Brooke Pederson at bpederson@upperskagit.lib.wa.us or 360.853.7939.

Call to artists

Northwest Garden Bling in Concrete is hosting its 2nd Annual Mosaic Challenge. The contest began Feb. 18 and will culminate with a juried presentation of entered artwork from May 5 through 14.

Upon entry, participants receive glass inclusions to incorporate into their mosaic. Artwork will be judged by an independent jury with first, second, third, and People's Choice being awarded.

Entry fee required. Call 360.708.3279 or e-mail nwgardenbling@frontier.com for information regarding the challenge.

Muzzleloading Arms and Pioneer Craft Show

On March 11 and 12, the Cascade Mountain Men (CMM) will host its annual Muzzleloading Arms and Pioneer Craft Show. CMM has proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary as a club.

The event will be held at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe on Sat., March 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sun., March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be traditional muzzleloading firearms, shooting supplies, parts, and accessories, as well as leather and fur goods, period clothing, and camping gear. For the craft person, Native American crafts, beadwork and beading materials, and arts and crafts material will be available for purchase.

Demonstrations will include fire starting with flint and steel, blacksmithing, wood carving, and muzzleloader barrel making.

There will be more than 300 tables representing 100 vendors from across the country.

Admission is \$8 per day; ages 12 and under are free. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about Cascade Mountain Men or the Muzzleloading Arms and Pioneer Craft Show, call 206.300.1481 or go to www.cascademountainmen.com.

PSE plans siren upgrade

Puget Sound Energy plans to upgrade its early-warning alert system for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. The upgrade will increase the sound coverage area, taking the system from three sirens to seven.

PSE will host an open house on Wed., March 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grasmere Fire Station. PSE encourages interested residents to drop in and learn more about the new siren system.

The reasons for the new system are twofold. In the unlikely event of a dam failure, the new alert system will provide early-warning and immediate mass notification to the downstream communities of Van Horn, Concrete, Grasmere, Cape Horn, and Birdview. The new system also will use a unique tone, one that cannot be confused with the local fire stations. Feedback from the communities drove these two changes.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the drop-in open house on March 15, where residents can learn about the new system and talk to experts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, and share their thoughts.

Read
Concrete Herald
The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

SEDRO-WOOLLEY MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

"Logs to Lumber"
March 18 • 12:30 and 2 p.m.

725 Murdock St. | 360.855.2390
www.sedrowoolleymuseum.org

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Feb. 13 and 27. Following is a summary of the Feb. 13 meeting; the Feb. 27 meeting occurred after the March issue of Concrete Herald went to press, and will be included in the April issue. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

Feb. 13 regular meeting

- Several Concrete residents who live along W. Main St. spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting. Comments were focused on the planned renovation of W. Main St., and included concerns about a nondiscrimination clause in a WSDOT document that the town is required to sign in order to receive WSDOT funding for a portion of the project, the amount of time and number of opportunities residents were given to learn more about the project and provide feedback, and accessibility issues that some of the residents feel will be created by the street renovation project.
- Council voted to begin accepting debit and credit card payments from residents, using Vantiv as the service provider.
- Public safety:** Sgt. Chris Kading reported there were 56 calls in January. He stated it has been pretty quiet. He also reported on the burglary that occurred at the Forest Service building: Three suspects have been arrested, and more may be arrested soon. He stated when these types of criminals are arrested and in jail, it cuts down on the amount of crime occurring and makes things a little quieter.
- Mayor Jason Miller reported on a second Dept. of Ecology inspection of the town's wastewater treatment plant that occurred today, and directed council to a report from DOE, reflecting its December 2016 findings.
—Compiled from staff minutes

Keep track of your council

To have Concrete Town Council agendas and meeting minutes e-mailed to you automatically, e-mail your request to andrea@concretewa.gov or call 360.853.8401. Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

Japanese, cont. from p. 18

utilities ..."

In 1983, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, a commission appointed by Congress to study President Roosevelt's Executive Order and its effect on Japanese Americans, found that the order was based on "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership."

According to Moriwaki, the Japanese internment was based on fear, and now the Trump administration is promoting fear reminiscent of the World War II era.

On Sept. 11, 2001, when airplane hijackers attacked the World Trade Center in New York City, Moriwaki heard many say that 9/11 was this generation's Pearl Harbor.

"The first thing that went through my mind was, I sure hope not," Moriwaki said. "I was worried about my Muslim-American friends and neighbors. Were they going to be vilified and victimized and harassed or worse?"

In criticizing Trump's travel ban, Moriwaki pointed out that the 9/11 attackers came from countries like Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which are countries not included in the ban.

"They've proven they can create terrorists, if that's your measure," Moriwaki said. "But that's really a false measure. Just because you're from a country it doesn't mean you're a terrorist. It's just a false narrative, and it's so un-American. It's not what we're about."

However, the country has made significant progress since World War II, Moriwaki concluded, citing the Women's March and various protests after Trump's inauguration.

"But we have to keep telling our story," Moriwaki said. "The only thing we have to do is stand up."

In 1942, private citizens and public officials showed little resistance to Executive Order 9066, according to Ikeda. Last month thousands flocked to airports after President Trump signed his travel ban.

"This gives me hope for today," Ikeda said. "The hope I have is that because of this strong and vocal opposition, that this won't happen again."

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Reach reporter Enrique Pérez de la Rosa at perezenrique17@gmail.com.



MyEClinic schedules:
around nap time

Quiet time is hard to come by. MyEClinic is always ready when I am.

Time can be hard to come by. With MyEClinic I can call when the time is right for me. I request a visit, answer a few questions, and get a call back in 30 minutes or less. I'll receive a professional diagnosis and treatment, all for just \$40. And once the call is completed, a visit summary is forwarded to my primary care provider. It's all very efficient and what I need at this time in my life.

MyEClinic.org is Efficient
Talk to a Provider • 24/7 • 365 Days a Year • \$40
855-901-9139 www.MyEClinic.org

Skagit Regional Health
Skagit Valley Hospital • Skagit Regional Clinics



Sports

Concrete wrestlers earn State medals

By Jason Miller

Concrete sent three wrestlers to Mat Classic XXIX this year. Two came home with medals, and one came home with the goal of standing on the podium in 2018.

Seniors Blaine Storms (126) and Louie Ketchum (132) stormed the mats early, but couldn't keep their records untarnished. Each moved through the consolation brackets, however, and ended up on the podium, with Ketchum taking third and Storms taking fifth in their respective weight brackets.

Louie Ketchum

Ketchum was noticeably hampered by a late-season start, which affected his "gas tank"—as Coach David Dellinger put it—when he was faced with an equally talented opponent from Mabton.

"He was good enough to be there, but when you haven't been on the mat wrestling all year, you're not in wrestling shape," said Dellinger. "Louie was the better wrestler, but he didn't have the gas."

Ketchum bulled his way into his final match with trademark gusto, said Dellinger. "He's always had the determination."

The third-place victory was an emotional win for Ketchum, who tore off his head gear and pointed into the crowd. "That's for you, Dad," he bellowed. "I love you."

Blaine Storms

Storms continued his trademark style at State, wrestling with swiftness and ferocity.

"I'd like to have a whole team of Blaines," said Dellinger. "He was the captain for a reason. Never a complaint. Go, go, go, like the Energizer bunny. Sometimes he'd get in too big of a hurry, and that may be why he ended up in fifth. He's kind of like a pit bull in a fight: 100 miles per hour."

Storms kept the dream alive, moving steadily up the back side of the brackets, eventually facing Lucas Ashley of Adna and beating him by decision, 7-2.

Riley Fichter

Junior Riley Fichter (113) continues to show tremendous promise. As a sophomore he made it to the show, but went two and out.

Not so this year. Fichter kept the dream alive into Saturday's matches, where he fell to Ilwaco's Ghannon Whelden by decision, 9-2.

"We'll have him back next year," said Dellinger. "He's a better wrestler than what he showed at State. The kid who was ranked No. 2 in the state only beat him by one point, so I definitely have high hopes for him next year."

From top right to bottom right: Blaine Storms performs his signature move on Tonasket's Chris Rivera. Louie Ketchum crushes Graham Rocha of Northwest Christian for the pin and the win, earning Ketchum a third-place medal. Riley Fichter ties Reardan's Ethan Hull in knots.



Three Concrete wrestlers made it to Mat Classic XXIX this year with two medalizing and one hungry for the podium next year. From left, Coach David Dellinger, Louie Ketchum, Blaine Storms, Riley Fichter, Coach Jesse Dellinger.

Plumeria Breezes Travel – Specializing in Destination Weddings & Honeymoons, Cruises, Family, All-Inclusives!

Monique Brigham
360-391-6001
Monique@PlumeriaBreezesTravel.com
www.PlumeriaBreezesTravel.com

810 METCALF STREET SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WA 98284

LET'S KEEP HISTORY FLYING IN CONCRETE, WA !

Join Us at the North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum

NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Join at vintageaircraftmuseum.org as a member and/or volunteer!

360-770-4848

Wed-Sun 10-4: Apr-Sept / Mon-Fri 10-4: Oct-Mar / by appointment

FLY-IN & FLY DAYS

6 HANGARS TO EXPLORE !

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT RESTORATION



Basketball teams wrap seasons

Both Concrete High School basketball teams ended their seasons in early February, neither notching enough wins to advance into the playoffs.

The women's team closed their season with three games, starting with a Jan. 30 home-court barn-burner against Darrington that saw the Lions besting the Loggers 72-37.

On Feb. 1, the Lions traveled to Shoreline Christian and won a low-scoring game 35-15.

Feb. 3 found the Lions back at home for a fun match against some of their own former teammates. The popular alumni game was a see-saw battle, with the alumni on top at the final buzzer, 55-53.

The Lady Lions ended their season with

a 4-8 league record, 6-10 overall.

Final men's games

On the men's side of the court, three games also rounded out the season.

They started with a Jan. 30 home game against Darrington, winning just as handily as the women had, 52-44.

A second home game against Bush the next day found Concrete on the short side of the scoreboard, losing 51-31.

The Lions' final regular season game was at Shoreline Christian, which handed them a 63-59 loss.

The men's team ended their season with a 3-9 league record, 4-14 overall.

—J. K. M.

Above: The Lady Lions basketball team closed out its season with a high-spirited game against its alumni on Feb. 3. The final score saw the alumni edging this year's team by a narrow 55-53 margin.

Below and right: Concrete hosted Darrington for a Jan. 30 blowout on the Concrete home court, with Concrete on top 72-37. Below, Diane Bergsma considers a free throw.



Cassie Bridge races for a layup as a speeding Darrington defender attempts to block the shot during the Jan. 30 game between rivals.



Above: Solomon Holman looks for a clear pass during a home-court match against Darrington on Jan. 30.

Above left: Grayson Luttrell releases a shot during the Jan. 30 game against the Loggers. Concrete came out on top that night, 52-44.

Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month: Madisyn Renzelman and David O'Neil

Junior guard Madisyn Renzelman plays one of the toughest spots on the floor and never gets the credit she deserves, says women's basketball Coach Kevik Rensink. "She plays the top of our defense and matches up with the other team's best player, regardless of size. Madisyn works extremely hard and loves being a part of the team. She sacrifices a lot of herself for the better of the team, and I appreciate her efforts."

Sophomore wrestler David O'Neil fought through an injury this season and still persevered. At 170 lbs., "he's one of those kids who'd never wrestled before, but came out just to try it," says Coach David Dellinger. "When he does something, he gives it his all. He didn't miss turnouts, but got hurt and couldn't come back till subregionals, where he took first. He couldn't get past regionals, but he never got beaten badly. It just shows the kind of drive he has, to miss that much time and perform that well."

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

Grow your own food in the
Angele Cupples
Community Garden

Concrete, WA

BED RENTALS:

4' x 8'
\$15
/year

4' x 10'
\$25
/year

4' x 12'
\$35
/year

It's fun!
It's cheap!
It's
healthful!



Bed rental questions:
360.853.8401 or chaun@concretewa.gov

All other questions:
Jason Miller, co-manager
360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com

Free seeds available for all bed renters.
Free beds available in the Children's
Garden for kids under 18 years.

FREE income tax prep

Feb. 2 through April 13
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Concrete Community Center

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Call 360.853.7667 for appt.

Sponsored by AARP and IRS



Northwest
Garden
Bling

- Gift shop
- Stained glass & glass supplies
- Souvenirs

360-708-3279

nwgardenbling@frontier.com
44574 Highway 20 - Concrete, WA 98237



Academics



Concrete Elementary School students gathered for a Jan. 17 Recognition Breakfast in honor of their special academic efforts. *Front row, from left:* Maddy Murcray, tremendous growth in skills; Victor Gallegos, big improvement in reading and math; James Elder, being an outstanding student who perseveres; Mason Couture, effort and focus; Chynna Casey, empathy, kindness, and helpfulness; Bella Dreyer, great role model; Brennan Alberts, kind and thoughtful. *Back row, from left:* Owen Aamot, effort, attitude, and achievement; Shane Maloy, consistently participating and behaving respectfully in the classroom; Falkyn Smith, creativity, composition, and craftsmanship in art; Ashlyn Morgareidge, modeling exemplary learning attitude and behavior; Prudence Star, being a super student twice; Hunter O'Neil, Pax leader every day; Zoie Rodriguez, perseverance to learn, kindness, and responsible behavior. *Photo by Jaci Gallagher.*

Family Health and Fitness Night planned

Concrete Elementary School P.E. department, Hope Heart Institute, and several local health, fitness, and community outreach agencies will host a Family Health and Fitness Night at Concrete Elementary School on Mon., March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

All students, faculty, and family members are invited to attend the event. The evening will include fitness games and activities, dinner for attending families, and an opportunity to access health-based resources in the community.

Organizations such as Concrete Farm to School, United General District 304

Community Health Outreach, food stamps, Concrete Resource Coalition, Skagit County Sheriff's Dept., Cancer Center, Head Start, and other community resource agencies will provide information and answer questions. Dinner will be provided by the Concrete School District food services.

For more information, contact Paul Bianchini at Concrete Elementary School.

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.

Kitchen classroom renovation

The Farm to School program at Concrete Elementary has begun renovating its kitchen classroom. During February and March, donations toward the project will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000, kicking off a campaign to cover project costs of \$20,000.

Donations can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/farmtoschool-donations> or by check payable to Foundation of District 304, with "Farm to School Kitchen Classroom" on the memo line.

For more information about getting involved with this effort to bring valuable gardening and culinary education to students and families of the Concrete School District, call 206.552.1737 or e-mail concretefarmtoschool@gmail.com.

YD update

The ability to connect with a teenager on a personal level is not always easy or natural, but the ability to show consistency and love to them is beyond compare.

Through Concrete Youth Dynamics, this ability is achievable. We meet with our local high school students every Monday night for a fun event, lots of food, and a time to share a part of our life, in hopes they can have a better chance of truly living theirs. We also go on several retreats throughout the year. Every year we are able to send high school students on life-changing trips because of the dollars that are so generously given to Concrete YD. Without scholarships, we would be unable to send as many young people as we do on these retreats.

In January we took 12 students to Leavenworth on a four-day snow retreat called 'Hotdoggin'. The students had a blast playing in the snow and participating in group activities with other high schools, but the highlight of the weekend was the number of lives that come back to Concrete with a new perspective.

Last summer, Concrete YD took 13 teenagers on a three-day kayak trip down the Methow River in Eastern Washington. The scenery, the rapids, and the late talks on the beach at night were some of the greatest memories for our staff and students.

We ask that every student put down an out-of-pocket deposit to lock in a spot on these adventure trips, and then every student gives community service hours to help raise the remainder of the money for the trip. Every student typically receives at least a partial scholarship to cover the remaining balance.

There are three more retreats planned this year. If you want to help give a Concrete student that opportunity of a lifetime by giving a scholarship in their name, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of you who give to Concrete Youth Dynamics. Without your help, there would be fewer opportunities for changed minds, changed hearts, and dynamic relationships.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink
Concrete YD Area Directors



Several students were inducted into the Concrete High School National Honor Society during a Feb. 15 ceremony. The 2017 inductees are, from left, Dalton Newby, Tyler Coffell, Jonathan Akers, Charles Parent, Nora Towner, Thalen Cambo, Grace Clemons, Jaidyn Swanson, Madelynn Pritchard, Faith Daniels, and Josebet Acevedo. Not pictured: Tiana Brookshire.

FBLA students headed to state conference

Several Concrete High School students involved with Future Business Leaders of America will head to Spokane to compete in the 2017 FBLA State Conference from April 19–22.

The students' path to the state competition began in Feb. at the Northwest Regional competition at Mount Vernon High School, where several notched strong performances.

- John Hansen took fifth place in Computer Problem Solving.
- Thalen Cambo and Nora Towner earned second and fifth place in Introduction to Business.
- William Baird took fifth place in Intro to Information Technology.
- Samantha Mitchell took second place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure.

- Emily Schmidt, Mary Spangler, and Nora Towner shared a third place honor in Emerging Business Issues.

At the State Conference in Spokane, the students will compete in the following categories:

- Business Plan: Michael Booker, Erica Knuth, Troy Schmidt.
- Community Service Project: Charles Parent, Nora Towner, Madisyn Renzelman.
- Computer Problem Solving: John Hansen.
- Emerging Business Issues: Emily Schmidt, Mary Spangler, Nora Towner.
- Introduction to Business: Thalen Cambo, Nora Towner.
- Introduction to Information Technology: William Baird.
- Introduction to Financial Math: Ebby Buchta.
- Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure: Samantha Mitchell.

FUND A STUDENT'S FUTURE!

Donate to the Concrete Community Scholarship Fund!

☐ **YES**, I want to donate! Amount: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Make check payable to Concrete Community Scholarship Fund

MAIL TO:
 Concrete Community
 Scholarship Fund
 P.O. Box 123
 Concrete, WA 98237

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 253.651.4700
concretescholarship@gmail.com
www.concretescholarship.wordpress.com



Concrete Community Scholarship Fund accepts donations in cash, personal check, or credit card. Your gift is tax-deductible! Receipts are sent by e-mail, mail, or text.



Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

The Clear Lake Historical Association was organizing some of its artifacts the other day and ran across the 1905 ad at right for Modern Dental Parlors in Bellingham. It reminded our historian of a story of a dentist who visited Clear Lake a long time ago.

Charles Hyatt, in his book, *Memories of Clear Lake*, was once asked by Clear Lake Historian Deanna Ammons about dental care in the community. Here is a summary of his recollection:

Charles was at the Clear Lake Post Office helping Postmaster Deanna Ammons plan for the town's upcoming centennial on June 9.

"How many times did the dentist come

to town, Chuck?" Deanna asked. "Once a week?"

"Nope," he replied.

"Once a month?"

"Nope."

"Well then, how often?"

"Once," he replied, a clear note of finality ringing in his voice.

"Once?" asked Deanna.

"Yep," said Charles. "That was Painless Parker. He came in and set up a chair in the back of his truck. The whole town turned out to watch. Pretty soon a logger who needed his tooth pulled got into the chair and ol' Parker gave him his 'painless dentistry' spiel. Then he got to work, and before too long we knew the logger didn't

like it even a little bit. He jumped out of that chair and took off running for all he was worth."

At this point in the story, Charles paused for a few moments. "Nope," he said. "I don't ever remember ol' Parker ever coming back to town again."

Photos 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.

Like the Clear Lake Historical Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clearlakehistory.

—Deanna Ammons, historian

Modern Dental Parlors
AT BELLINGHAM

Have the Best Dental Equipment on the Coast, including the latest Electrical Engines, Electrical Gold Annealers, Electrical Gold Mallets, Electrical Root Canal Driers, Patent Fountain Cuspidors, Etc., and in fact every modern apparatus to make dentistry a pleasure to the patient.

Bridge Work or Teeth without Plates is our Specialty. The most durable and beautiful of all dental work. Never wears out, always looks like the natural teeth, and used as the natural teeth.

Plates made from Vulcanite, Rubber, Celluloid, Zylite, Aluminum, Gold and Silver and guaranteed 12 years.

Without Pain Teeth extracted without pain by our new botanical discovery, simply applied to the gums. Extracting, so easy. New teeth the same day if desired.

No Pain! We extract teeth without pain and without bad after effects. No Cocaine. No sleep. No dread of our operating chair.

Special to Skagit Co. 3 Operators 3
A return ticket to those who have 220 or more work done. Ready to wait upon you the way you are in Bellingham.

MODERN DENTAL PARLORS
DR. O. C. GILBERT, Mgr.
Holly Bldg. 108 W. Holly St. BELLINGHAM, WASH.



Clear Lake student serves as page for Sen. Pearson

Serina Wilson, a freshman at Sedro-Woolley High School, recently spent a week at the Capitol working as a page for the Washington State Senate. Serina was one of 13 students who served as Senate pages for the sixth week of the 2017 legislative session.

She was sponsored by Sen. Kirk Pearson, who represents the 39th Legislative District.

"I'm glad Serina got the chance to page for us this week," said Pearson, R-Monroe. "Seeing the lawmaking process up close is a valuable learning experience."

The Senate Page Program is an opportunity for Washington students to spend a week working in the Legislature. Students are responsible for transporting documents between offices, as well as delivering messages and mail. Pages spend time in the Senate chamber and attend page school to learn about parliamentary procedure and the legislative process. Students also draft their own bills and engage in a mock session.

Serina's interest in the Legislature started in middle school while using a computer program

to draft bills in class. "My teacher said I was exemplary at drafting, and then she told me about the page program."

Serina initially thought she wanted to go to law school, but has since gravitated toward the arts. When asked what she will do instead of law school, she said, "I'll always be interested in government, but I think I want to go to the Seattle Art Institute to study design."

"I've had a great time," Serina said when asked about her experiences in the Senate Page Program. "I've been able to meet a lot of interesting people from all over the state." She was especially excited to meet many new friends in the program.

Serina and her grandparents, Greg and Linda Wilson, are passionate about the outdoors. They try to hike twice a week during the summer time.

Serina also enjoys swimming, drawing, and singing. She plays the piano, the trumpet, and the French horn as well.

She is the daughter of Eric and Rebecca Wilson of Clear Lake.



Community Calendar



MARCH

- 1-31 March Into Spring Food Drive for Skagit Food Distribution Center; online donations at www.communityactionskagit.org; info at tracym@communityactionskagit.org
- 4 "Town Talk" with Rep. Rick Larsen, Sedro-Woolley City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Metcalf St., Sedro-Woolley, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 4 DASSH (Doing a Sprint for Samish Health) 5K Family Fun Run/Walk, Allen Elementary School, 17145 Cook Rd., Bow; registration opens at 8:30 a.m. or pre-register at www.databarevents.com/dassh; info at cwaterskagit@gmail.com or 360.428.4313
- 6 Presentation regarding end-of-life decisions, Concrete Community Center, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; free admission; see article, p. 3 of Feb. issue
- 6 Whatcom County Dahlia Society hosts speaker Wayne Loubagh, Laurel Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Bellingham, 7 to 9 p.m.; free admission, refreshments served; info at wcdspubcity@gmail.com
- 11 Tree-planting party hosted by Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Marblemount Boat Launch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; see ad, p. 26
- 11 Skagit County Fire District 19 Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, Marblemount Community Hall; info at 360.873.2501 or 360.853.8889
- 18 Concrete School District Superintendent applicant interviews (open to the public), Concrete High School Commons, 8 a.m.
- 18 Tree-planting party hosted by Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Carey's Slough, Hamilton, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; see ad, p. 22
- 19 "Ride to Remember Oso." Two rides, both starting at 8:15 a.m.; \$30 registration fee; see article, p. 24 of Feb. issue; info and registration at www.ridetorememberoso.com
- 19 Free Day at Rasar and Rockport State Parks (no Discover Pass for day visits); see notice, p. 23
- 19 "Fierce Language: Falling in Love with Poetry" and Upper Skagit Library Foundation Annual Meeting, Concrete Theatre, 1 p.m.; see ad, p. 4; info at info@upperskagitlibraryfoundation.org
- 20 Map Your Neighborhood Open Community Meeting, Concrete Community Center, Concrete, 5 p.m.; info at em@5bsbakery.com
- 21 Concrete School District Superintendent candidates public forum, Concrete High School Commons, 6 to 7 p.m.
- 24 Concrete School District Board meeting executive (closed) session, Concrete High School Library, 8 a.m., followed by regular (open) meeting to announce the new superintendent
- 25 Clear Lake Fire Dept. Pancake Feed and Raffle, Clear Lake Fire Hall, 23624 Jackson St., Clear Lake, 7 to 11 a.m.
- 25 Fredonia Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; full breakfast \$8, half breakfast \$4
- 30 Open house celebrating Skagit Food Distribution Center volunteers, donors and community partners, 236 W. Moore Street, Sedro-Woolley, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

APRIL

- 1-2 Woodfest, Sedro-Woolley High School gym, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.; see ad, p. 17; info at www.sedro-woolley.com
- 7-8 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Garage Sale, see ad, p. 39
- 15 Imagine Concrete Workshop: "Branding Concrete"; Concrete High School Commons Room, 9 a.m. to noon; see ad, p. 5; info at 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com
- 29 8th Annual Have a Heart Run, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.; register at www.haveaheartun.org

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

Community meetings

Cascade Days Committee Board of Directors meets the third Mon. of each month at 5:30 p.m., in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field, Concrete. 360.853.7867, ember@cascaadedays.com, info@cascaadedays.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

Darrington 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 Economic Development Commission meets quarterly at Concrete Town Hall. Its first meeting is Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. 503.333.2406

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

Concrete School District Board will hold its next work session on March 27, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 30 at 6 p.m. in the same location. 360.853.4000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

KSVU station info and host training, second Wed. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete K-8 School, 11 a.m., open to public. Call 360.416.7001 to confirm appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

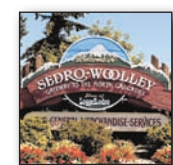
Sedro-Woolley School District Board will meet on March 13, at 7 p.m. at the Support Services Bldg. They'll meet again on March 27, at 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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. sauskister@frontier.com or www.skagiteagle.org.

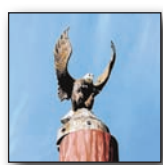
Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

Upper Skagit Writers Group meets the fourth Mon. of each month at 7 p.m., at 5b's Bakery, Concrete. Open to the public and all skill levels. cthomas@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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.



Sedro-Woolley



Museum to screen "Logs to Lumber"

The Sedro-Woolley Museum will show "Logs to Lumber," a video on a local saw mill, narrated by Danny Vandenburg, who made the DVD in 1992 at the Skagit Lumber Co. (formerly Willis, Rogers and Pearson).

The DVD starts with logs being unloaded, then takes viewers through each process to the finished lumber.

Vandenburg also will take questions and answers, and will entertain stories from

audience members.

Two shows are scheduled for the screenings:

- Sat., March 18, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- Sat., March 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Reservations are recommended. Call the museum, 360.855.2390.

—Carolyn Freeman

CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following 7th and 8th grade students at Cascade Middle School received honors for high marks for the first semester of the 2016–17 school year. An asterisk denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Jacob T. Acton, Graci L. Adkerson, Lauren L. Anderson, Roclynn Atterberry, Kaiden J. Bair, Jamie L. Bartok*, Aspen C. Beierle, Hayden Birkle*, Arriann J. Bockenkamp*, Natalie A. Boyd, Chloe T. Brase, Lilli Brooks, Tyson M. Brown, Michael J. Brumley, Jordan N. Burke, Taylor A. Burke*, Miah G. Castilleja, Gally Celaya-Martinez, Natally Celaya-Martinez, Emily M. Chevez*, Evan D. Coker, Connor S. Davis*, William R. Dean*, Tiernan C. Deitz, Madelynn A. Deleon, Janet Delgado Guillen, Dharma A. Denmark, Lashelle F. Denunzio, Lily S. Devries*, Benjamin N. Dinh*, Rhianalyn Dodson, Grace Donelon, Kiara K. Dreyer, Olivia I. Elias, Keara Fellers, Kennedy Fosheim, Anker B. Frye*, Mabel R. Gahan*, Ashley J. Gaines, Amber F. Gant, Ryan B. Garcia, Rebecca J. Geary, Roger E. Geisendorf*, Lyric Graham, Lucas D. Greening, Stacy D. Griffith*, Darius S. Guidry, Josselyn D. Guizar, Ashton Hall, Ameliah R. Hanson, Bode J. Hanson, Kaylie A. Hanson, Mia K. Hanson, Kaden Harris*, Benjamin Hedberg, Amarie R. Hemmerich*, Tia R. Hershaw, Taryn I. Higgins, Briley Hixson, Leah M. Hoogendam*, Jasmine R. Horton, Josselyn A. Howell, Delilah S. Huey, Ashlyn J. Huisman, Nicole E. Hulst*, Maxwell Hynds*, Jacob W. Jepperson*, Becka N. Johnson, Madison S. Justice, Braldin U. Ketah, Brady E. Kinsella, Shelby M. Lee, Emma Litke, Kaitlyn M. Loehr, Elki M. Longfellow, Isabella R. Lopez, Lezzeth Lopez Martinez, Sheyla A. Macedo-De La Torre, Annalise R. Mahaffie, Myah M. Maloney, Hailey M. Martin, Arturo A. Martinez, Grayson A. Mast*, Katelynn G. Mathias, Myles O. McKee, Jackson D. McLemore*, Noah R. Messmer, Emmett Mihelich*, Dawson D. Mills, Nicolas J. Miranda*, Kyla S. Mitcham, Beau P. Mitchell, Madisyn L. Moore, Jayden M. Moors, Madison L. Nasin, Torrie S. Nasin*, Hunter J. Nelson, Cora A. Pierce, Maxim A. Porter, Mattie M. Powers, Peter Pusateri*, Jacinda R. Rana, Hanah A. Richter, Olivia Rinne, Keely M. Ross, Xavier L. Saldivar, Karissa I. Sanchez, Moises P. Santiago, Arianna L. Saragena, David M. Sittton, Shawna R. Sloniker, Sabrina Smith, Rhiley A. Snider, Baker J. Sparks, Emma J. Sullivan*, Christian C. Sylvia, Leigha G. Taylor, Nathan A. Thornbrough, Alexa J. Thorndike*, Braedyn Tinklepaugh*, Nylah J. Torgerson, Annabel C. Torres, Kiah A. Trammell*,

Justice Trevithick, Reina I. Uzunov, Heather L. Vanderbeek, Abby Virata*, Baylor Virata*, Carson Virata*, Collin I. Wages, Grace A. Wartchow, Jaelle L. Werner*, Ariana Westfall, Cameron H. Wilbur, Lauryn H. Wilson, Cameron L. Wolkenhauer, Collyn I. Zerby.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Bryce H. Abbott, Elizabeth L. Abhold, Kalin J. Adkerson, Magali Antonio Salgado, Gabrielle M. Ashton, Katie L. Backstrom*, Kaiden J. Baker-Ellis, Paula C. Banda, Megan L. Bawden, Kian Beisler, Noelle G. Belanger, Camryn A. Benham, Lauren A. Benham, Brady O. Biggs, Christian J. Bowers, Diego Bueno, Jayda M. Carter, Megan E. Christensen*, Marcus Q. Christian, Ashton C. Constantine, Dalton J. Cook, Eliot S. Cooper, Wyatt J. Covert, James A. Cukierski, Victoria D'Arienzo*, Erin R. Davis, Brandon Deleon, Beau G. Elder, Jessica R. Eldridge, Norma N. Equihua, Harmony L. Fetterly, Nathaly Flores, Dakota R. Fox, Johnathon R. Francisco, Colsen J. Friedrichs, Alexis Frizzell, Shawn Froneberger, Lillian M. Fulford, Bryan Garcia Cervantes, Kylie R. Gibson, Mackenzie E. Grimm, Savannah K. Halverson, Ethan J. Hasenoehrl, Leslie C. Hastings, Carson A. Hawkins, Joshua E. Heath, Claire Hindman, Jacenda M. Hoagland, Arrora L. Hoelzle, Christopher J. Hoffman, Meghan N. Hudson, Savannah G. Hupp*, Olivia M. Isakson*, Benjamin Johnson*, Emily C. Johnson, Madilyn C. Johnson*, Kathryn Johnston, Hannah K. Jutte, Laura A. Kester, Sommer A. King, Curtis M. Klaus, Evan C. Kolb, Brynna K. Lee, Monique I. Leer, Ember L. Leese, Noel N. Levai, Max A. Lloyd, Emma C. Martinson, Ekaterina Matsko*, Gabriel Z. Maxson, Deja S. McGrue, Noelan T. Melton, Samantha L. Meyer, Charles J. Moore, Isabella M. Moore, Leonel W. Morales, Owen S. Murdock*, Ty A. Neal, Annalee R. Nersten, Shawn B. Newman, Camree L. Nilsen, Alexis M. Noyes, Karlee M. Nurmi, Amanda F. Paulson, Troy L. Peterson, Jeffrey C. Prestmo, Logan R. Purdy, Cameron Queen, Emily M. Redling*, Xander M. Renkema*, Madelyn A. Requa, Isabella G. Rinne, London A. Roberts, Jessica L. Robertson, Lyric P. Robinette, Isaak E. Sanders, Emily J. Sanford, Jeffrey Z. Sheridan*, Keaton Skiles*, Madesyn C. Skinner, Katelynn S. Snodgrass, Vanessa Soto Lopez*, Nicholas Souza, Seth Sternhill-Tift, Jakob E. Storm, Bode J. Stout, Lila Suchsland*, Xavier M. Swanson, Pedro I. Tamayo, Keyaira L. Taylor, Keely A. Thibodeau, Abigail H. Thomas, Cassie G. Thomas, Gabriella M. Timblin, Mikayla R. Townsend, Layne A. Tucker, Carmen E. Ugalde, Kaylynn E. Vahovick*, Amelia R. Vaith*, Josiah A. Vellegas*, Josie M. Weppler, Gracie A. Wesson, Devon M. Whitney, Tess A. Wimer*, Jason S. Winship, Heidi M. Winters.

Third time's the charm: Olsen takes first in State

Sedro-Woolley High School senior Leah Olsen logged her third trip to Mat Classic last month, this time bringing home a first-place medal in the 100-lb. weight class.

Last year, her efforts came up just shy of the prize, with second place. And during her sophomore year, she finished seventh.

The championship came after a 7–1 decision in her favor as she bested Enumclaw freshman Kenzie Cormier.

"I think she was pretty determined," said Coach Barb Morgan of her young athlete. "She'd lost earlier in the season and realized our young team looks up to her.

We sort of crumbled a bit, and I think she realized what she meant to our team."

Morgan and Olsen looked ahead to the state tournament and saw Maria Reyes of Grandview standing in her way, wrestling at 105 lbs., where Olsen was earlier in the season. They decided she'd drop the small amount of weight to stay away from that weight class, but later discovered Reyes

had done the same thing, and there she stood at Mat Classic, daring Olsen to go through her.

But go through Olsen did, eventually ending up on the championship mat with Cormier.

"I reminded her that she'd been here before, and Kenzie was a freshman," said Morgan. "Her nerves will play a part. So Leah really controlled the match, and I think it was the difference between a freshman and a senior. She dominated the match, but it couldn't have been two better girls in the finals—a great matchup."

Olsen was the sole medal earner for Sedro-Woolley this year, with her teammates failing to make it to the Saturday brackets.

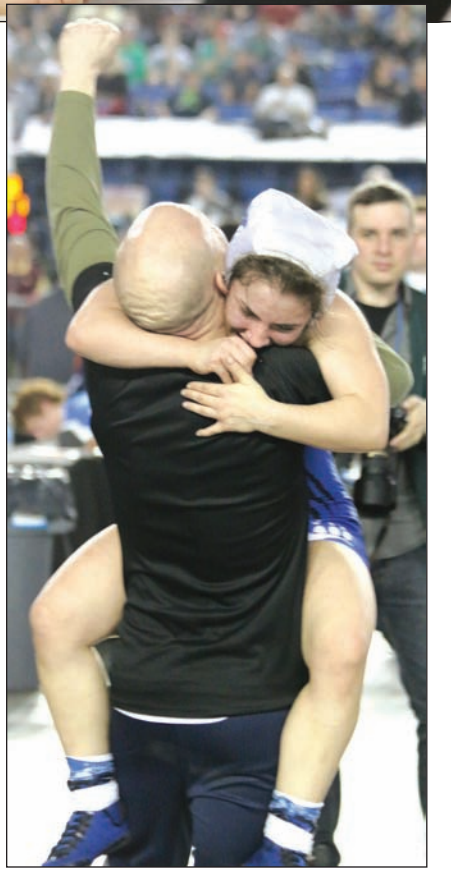
Morgan said Olsen's wrestling career likely will continue into her college years.

—J. K. M.



Above: Leah Olsen pressures Kenzie Cormier of Enumclaw during the 100-lb. championship match at Mat Classic XXIX on Feb. 18. Olsen won by decision, 7–1, earning her first state championship.

Right and below: An emotional Olsen celebrates her championship win with her father, Jerome Olsen, and her coach, Barb Morgan. The win was especially sweet for Olsen, who is a senior this year: she took second place last year and seventh in 2015.



SEDRO-WOOLLEY MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP

"Logs to Lumber"
March 18 • 12:30 and 2 p.m.

725 Murdock St. | 360.855.2390
www.sedrowoolleymuseum.org

Northwest Garden Bling

- Gift shop
- Stained glass & glass supplies
- Souvenirs

360-708-3279
nwgardenbling@frontier.com
44574 Highway 20 – Concrete, WA 98237

Sedro-Woolley merchants bring you Concrete Herald each month. Please support them!

Briefly ...

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County will hold its 2017 Annual Breakfast for GREAT Kids on Wed., March 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon. The Annual Breakfast, sponsored by Trico Companies, stands as the wrap-up to the Club's Annual Campaign for GREAT Kids. Proceeds from the event directly fund Targeted Programs that support the Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles for more than 1,700 youth in Skagit County.

Online registration is available at www.skagitclubs.org. Attendees can also register by calling or emailing Katelynn Sullivan at 360.419.3723 ext. 8, or ksullivan@skagitclubs.org.

A pilot program for backcountry permit reservations will begin March 15 for popular backcountry areas within North Cascades National Park Service Complex. A \$20 cost recovery fee will be charged for the reservation application. Reservation requests can be submitted from March 15 to May 15 for camping

March 2017 • Concrete Herald • 17
between the dates of May 15 through Sept. 30. Reservations can be made for 60 percent of the available sites, with the remainder of the campsites available for no-cost walk-up permits on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservations can be made for the following areas:

- Ross Lake (including the East Bank Trail)
- Diablo Lake
- Copper Ridge area (including ridge camps and Chilliwack Valley camps)
- Cascade Pass area (including Sahale, Pelton Basin, Basin Creek, Johannesburg, and Cottonwood)
- Stehekin area (Lakeview, Purple Point, and Harlequin)
- Climbing areas—all cross-country zones around Mt. Shuksan, Forbidden and Sharkfin Peaks (including Boston Basin), Eldorado, and Mt. Triumph

Stock camps within these areas can be reserved with priority given to stock parties. For more information, go to <https://www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/backcountry-reservations.htm>.

—J. K. M.

WOOD FEST

SEDRO-WOOLLEY

SKAGIT VALLEY TULIP FESTIVAL
APRIL

APRIL 1 — 9 am to 4 pm

APRIL 2 — 10 am to 3 pm

Student competition, vendors, demonstrations by carvers & wood turners, featured speakers, raffle prizes and more

at www.sedro-woolley.com

SEDRO-WOOLLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sedro-Woolley High School Gym

THE CASCADE LOOP
WASHINGTON'S ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP



Lyman



Day Creek



Trump travel ban echoes Japanese-Americans' internment

By Enrique Pérez de la Rosa
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

On March 30, 1942, about four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, then-22-year-old Kay Sakai was removed from her home on Bainbridge Island and taken by ferry to Seattle under armed guard. “Will I ever see my home again? How long are we going to be gone? Where are we going?” Sakai asked herself as she saw the island get smaller and smaller behind her, she said. “It goes through your mind. No answers.”

It was the first leg of a three-day journey to the Manzanar War Relocation Center in Owens Valley, Calif., one of the camps built to incarcerate Japanese Americans during World War II after President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942.

In the current climate of a proposed travel ban against Muslims, some hear an unsettling echo of the events that unfolded 75 years ago.

The anniversary of Executive Order 9066 fell less than a month after President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13769, which prohibited the entry of nationals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Critics of the seven-country travel ban say it unfairly targets Muslims. They cite Trump’s promise during the election for a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims

entering the United States.”

During a news conference at the White House on Feb. 16, President Trump said his administration would release a new executive order the following week, restructuring the travel ban after a federal judge in Seattle issued a temporary injunction on the original order.

“Bainbridge Island has lived this story,” said Clarence Moriwaki, founder of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial.

The 1942 order authorized the U.S. Secretary of War to prescribe certain areas as military zones and forcibly remove and incarcerate Japanese Americans on the West Coast to concentration camps.

Approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II, about 95 percent of the nation’s Japanese American population at the time. Two-thirds were American citizens by birth, according to the Densho Encyclopedia, an online encyclopedia dedicated to the history of the Japanese-American World War II experience.

Residents from Bainbridge Island were the first to be removed because of their proximity to U.S. Navy facilities. On March 24, 1942, Civilian Exclusion Order No. 1 gave the Japanese Americans living on the island less than a week to sell farms, say goodbye to neighbors, and pack their belongings.

Sakai, now 97 years old, was one of the American citizens detained. At that point, she had never visited Japan, she said.

“I always felt American,” Sakai said. “I didn’t even know Japan or anything until I was a mature person and I visited Japan.”

Sakai has lived on Bainbridge Island her entire life, except for the three-and-a-half years she spent in Manzanar and the Minidoka War Relocation Center in southern Idaho. The Bainbridge Island residents first sent to Manzanar were relocated to Minidoka after 11 months. She never thought about going anywhere

else when she returned, Sakai said.

“Bainbridge Island is a little different from other communities,” Sakai said. “The community is very understanding and supportive and they’re always kind. That’s Bainbridge Island. The best place ever.”

Sakai and her family left behind the strawberry farm where she grew up. Even so, Sakai said she had no ill feelings toward other Americans.

“I wasn’t bitter,” Sakai said. “I was really sad. The strawberries were in bloom one month earlier than usual and it was going to be the best crop ever, you could just tell. And to leave that in March, that was heartbreaking.”

Today, the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial stands at the site of the Eagledale Ferry Dock where Sakai and other Bainbridge Islanders started their journey to the concentration camps.

The memorial is a wall built of old-growth red cedar, basalt, and granite. The wall is 276 feet long, one foot for each Japanese American who lived on the island at the time of the forced internment. Each of their names is featured on the wall.

The first section of the wall features an inscription that reads “Nidoto Nai Yoni,” meaning “Let It Not Happen Again,” similar to the vow used after the Holocaust: “Never Again.”

Moriwaki said the memorial is meant to be a hopeful look to the future.

“This is not about shame or blame or guilt or any of those kind of feelings,” Moriwaki said. “What we wanted this to be was to look forward and to say, ‘Be inspired. Don’t let it happen again.’”

Tom Ikeda, executive director of Densho, an organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the story of the Japanese internment during World War II, said he sees many ominous parallels between the Japanese internment and anti-Muslim sentiment today.

Discrimination against Japanese Americans went on for decades before Pearl Harbor, he stated.

The informal “Gentleman’s Agreement of 1907” between the U.S. and Japan, as well as the 1924 federal Immigration Act, stopped immigration from Japan and “alien land laws” in Western states



Kay Sakai points at her name on the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, which includes the name of every Japanese American resident of the island removed under Civilian Exclusion Order No. 1 in 1942. Behind her stands Clarence Moriwaki, founder of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. Photo by Enrique Pérez de la Rosa, WNPA Olympia News Bureau.

attempted to limit the presence of Japanese immigrants, according to the Densho encyclopedia.

“It’s the process that started by preventing people from coming to the country,” Ikeda said. “With that kind of setting, the country was poised to take these sorts of actions.”

To Ikeda, the most inconceivable aspect of the internment is that it required all Japanese Americans on the West Coast to be forcibly removed from their homes, from babies to 90-year-olds.

“That astounds me,” Ikeda said. “It was so un-American for us to do that. Treat people as individuals. Don’t just lump everyone together. That’s what I really don’t understand.”

People feared that during the war, Japanese Americans would organize and wait for a signal from the Japanese Empire to launch an attack on the United States, Ikeda stated.

“You hear the same thing about Muslims, that there are terrorist cells imbedded in our country,” Ikeda said.

The reasons for the executive order are in the first sentence: “Whereas the successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and against sabotage to national-defense material, national-defense premises, and national-defense

See Japanese, p. 7

Democrats seek to shield Washingtonians from President’s executive orders

By Enrique Pérez de la Rosa
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

Washington State Democrats have introduced legislation they say will protect residents from recent presidential executive orders.

At a Feb. 15 news conference called by House Democrats, Sen. Guy Palumbo (D-Maltby) said the legislation is meant to shield the state from affairs in the Nation’s Capital related to President Donald Trump’s executive orders.

“Democrats are trying to find a way to build a wall around Washington State to keep D.C. out, and this hateful rhetoric and all these actions,” Palumbo said.

On the same day, the Washington State House of Representatives commemorated the 75th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. Signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the order ultimately led to the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans on the West Coast. Among those removed and incarcerated, 12,000 were from Washington State.

Rep. Jessyn Farrell (D-Seattle) said the scheduling of the media event was no accident.

“We made very grave mistakes as a country 75 years ago,” Farrell said at the news conference. “Senate Democrats and House Democrats are committed to making sure that we do not make mistakes like that again.”

Democrats’ proposals to accomplish their aims are now moving through the legislative process.

Among them, House Bill 2029, sponsored by Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo), would create a toll-free telephone hotline and Web site for individuals seeking information and assistance related to immigration and citizenship.

“We refuse not to learn from the past, and we’re going to stand up,” Ortiz-Self said. “I never thought we’d have to introduce a bill that protects, that

gives resources to those who are being discriminated against.”

HB 2029’s companion bill, Senate Bill 5801, is sponsored by Sen. Rebecca Saldaña (D-Seattle), who said it is important to recognize the role immigrants play in Washington State.

“It is important that policy is moved forward in a way that creates opportunities and pathways for economic opportunities for people to bring their full gifts to Washington State,” Saldaña said. “And that policy must never be about fear and racism.”

Saldaña highlighted the importance of remembering the Japanese internment in light of recent events, such as the arrest of Daniel Ramirez Medina, a 23-year-old Mexican immigrant who was granted temporary permission to live and work in the U.S. under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

On Feb. 16, the U.S. Justice Department said in court documents that Ramirez admitted to having gang ties. Lawyers for Ramirez denied the allegation.

“We had clear policy set forward for him to be legally here and have legal status, and that status was undermined by an unlawful detention,” Saldaña said. “We are still waiting to hear more details about that particular case, but it’s really critical that residents of Washington know that we will stand up against discrimination.”

HB 2029 was reported out of the House Judiciary committee with a do-pass recommendation on Feb. 16 with 11 votes to two votes.

Rep. Brad Klippert (R-Kennewick) voted against the bill, calling it unnecessary because the state already provides information via the Washington Information Network 2-1-1 telephone service on health and human services. Rep. Matt Shea (R-Spokane Valley) also voted against the bill.

Rep. Ortiz-Self also sponsored House Bill 1988, which would create a new process for immigrant youth between the ages of 18 to 21 to petition for court-appointed guardians if they have been abandoned, abused, or neglected by one or both parents. Currently, Washington State juvenile courts do not have authority to do this.

The bill was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee with a do-pass

recommendation with 10 votes to three votes. Reps. Klippert, Shea, and Larry Haler (R-Richland) voted against the bill. SSB 5559, a companion to the House version sponsored by Sen. Jeannie Darneille, D-Tacoma, moved from the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Housing Feb. 14 with a 6-1 do-pass vote.

HB 2097, sponsored by Rep. Derek Stanford (D-Bothell), seeks to protect religious freedom by prohibiting state or local government agencies from providing, collecting, and disclosing information about an individual’s religious affiliation.

The bill is a way for Washington to stand up for religious communities in the face of President Trump’s past proposals of religious discrimination and prosecution, Stanford said, citing the travel ban and the Muslim registry Trump discussed during his presidential campaign.

“My legislation will prohibit our state from enabling this reprehensible activity,” Stanford said. “We must not stand by silently and watch the scapegoating of an entire faith community.”

HB 2097 was reported out of the House Judiciary Committee Feb. 16 with a unanimous do-pass recommendation. Its companion Senate bill, SB 5828, sponsored by Sen. Guy Palumbo, D-Maltby, has yet to be considered by the Law and Justice Committee in that chamber.

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Reach reporter Enrique Pérez de la Rosa at perezhenrique17@gmail.com.

Continue the cycle

Please recycle this newspaper



Community notes

Day Creek Community Pancake Feed

The annual Day Creek Community Pancake Feed is scheduled for May 13. More information will follow.

Financial Peace class

Day Creek Chapel is offering a practical plan that can help you budget, manage your debt, and save for the future. This nine-week class taught by money expert Dave Ramsey can change your financial story in a matter of weeks. The start date will be announced soon. If you’d like to attend this class, call 360.840.2576. Materials for the class cost \$110.

WOMEN HAND in hand

See the ad on p. 20 of this issue for information about this month’s event.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.womenhandinhand.com and follow Eventbrite for ticket information, or call 360.853.3066.

Follow WOMEN HAND in hand on Facebook. To join WOMEN HAND in hand, call 360.826.3696.

Got an idea for a community gathering? Call 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581.

—Kathy Henderson

2017 Community Potluck dates

March 21, 6:30 p.m.
April 18, 6:30 p.m.
May 16, 6:30 p.m.
June 20, 6:30 p.m.
July 18, 6:30 p.m.
August 15, 6:30 p.m.
September 19, 6:30 p.m.
October 17, 6:30 p.m.
November 21, 6:30 p.m.
December 19, 6:30 p.m.

NEW library hours

The Free Library in Lyman is no longer open on Wednesday.

The new hours are Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

February in pictures



Left: *Concrete Herald* contributor Christie Fairchild from Rockport snapped this photo of her mule, "Junior," and horse, "Arrow," patiently waiting out the Upper Valley's latest snowfall in February. Photo by Christie Fairchild.

I WILL...HOPE

Women's Conference



Jane Bateman

Jane Bateman's audiences are drawn by her humor, candor, and heart-wrenching story of raising a son with a severe head injury. You'll want to hold your laugh button with both hands but keep your Kleenex handy. Jane has a huge heart for hurting women. She is the mother of 3 incredible children & grandmother of 8 totally perfect grandchildren.

FRI., March 17th, 6:30 pm

Glad Tidings Assembly of God

1272 State Route 530 NE, Darrington

& All Day SAT., March 18th

9:30 am - 4:00 pm, includes Lunch!

Sedro Woolley High School

Cost: \$15 for Friday | \$20 for Saturday
or \$20 for both events!

**** Sat. features 3 sessions w/speaker, lunch included! ****

TICKET INFO:

Go to our website
womenhandinhand.com

& follow the
Eventbrite

link to purchase your tickets!

For further Info
Call Deborah at 360-853-3066



Above: Pianist Jerry Sommerseth tickles the ivories in his Sedro-Woolley home last month. On Sun., Feb. 26, Sommerseth was honored for 59 years of service to Central United Methodist Church in Sedro-Woolley. Add that to the 49 years he played at Bay View United Methodist Church, and you get an astonishing 108 years of piano playing. Sommerseth taught music in the Sedro-Woolley School District and privately for many years. He will become "accompanist emeritus" for CUMC, playing only the prelude and special music on Sunday mornings. Photo by Judy Johnson.

Right: A February photo of the interior of the former American Legion Building in Concrete Town Center reveals the front room looking decidedly different. Crews continue to work to renovate the building to accommodate its new tenant, the Upper Skagit Library, which hopes to open its doors at the new location this fall. Photo by John Boggs.



Troy M. Duong

Above: "Show of Force," the grand prize winner of the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center 20-20 Photo Contest, was submitted by Troy M. Duong, who snapped the altercation between mature and juvenile bald eagles along the Skagit River. Photo by Troy M. Duong.



Left: Christie Fairchild of Rockport makes good use of her Norwegian kick sled after yet another storm dumped several inches of snow into the Upper Valley. Submitted photo.



Hamilton



Rockport



Council summary

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

- Mayor Joan Cromley introduced the town's replacement clerk, Denise DuVarney.
- **Public comments:** Councilmember Morrison asked about driving golf carts on the streets in town.
- Mayor Cromley proposed to council that Hamilton sign a contract with EDASC (Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County). Council approved.
- **Water Dept.:** Mayor Cromley talked about the proposed water rate increase. Water rates will increase 5 percent on consumption only. Council approved the rate increase.
Mayor Cromley announced a 0

- percent water loss.
- **Fire Dept.:** Councilman Bates talked about the fire at 414 Michigan St. Almost 13,000 gallons were pumped through town equipment.
- **Street Dept.:** The maintenance crew stated that it's still icy.
- Council decided to move its February meeting to Wed., Feb. 15, since the second Tuesday in February is Valentine's Day.
- A public meeting regarding the slough project will be in the middle of February. Information will be presented to council in March.
- Mayor Cromley will sign the roofing contract on Jan. 13.
- Councilmember Bethany Betlem's absence was discussed. Council decided that a letter should be the first step in taking action.

—Compiled from staff minutes

From the Mayor

The Hamilton Town Council Seat No. 3 is open. If you are interested in serving on the council, please submit a letter of interest to Town Hall by Fri., March 10, and attend the council meeting on March 14 at 7 p.m.
Skagit Fishery Enhancement Group



is having a planting party at the slough on the west side of town on March 18. Come help us get started on creating some good habitat for wildlife.

Please remember to keep your dogs on a leash and under control if they aren't in a fenced yard.

Keep your eyes peeled for the Fire Department Children's Egg Hunt flier! It's usually the Sunday before Easter. Donations for candy and treats gladly accepted at the Market or Town Hall.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

Birdsview Buzz

Happy spring, everyone!

A little catch-up is needed. A belated birthday in February to Katy Daley, Matt Slater, Lisa Sanders, Rudy Giecek, Pam Giecek, Jason Miller, and Ian Peif. And belated anniversary wishes to Jim and Erin Havens.

Now for this month's birthdays:

6	Dusty Claybo
10	Eric Warner
13	Mark McKibbin
21	Bob Lahr
25	Jaydon Voigt

Also this month, Kyle Hunsaker has

been with the brewery for a year now. And Julie Voigt has been brewing for five years! She has really kicked her dad into high gear and has come up with some great beers. Look for her anniversary beer out this month.

Do you crochet, knit, sew, or quilt? Join us the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. for the Upriver Hookers and Needle Pushers meeting. Or maybe you just want to learn? Or need help with a project? We are a fun group. Come join us.

If you have news or happenings that you want people to know about, please stop in and let me know.

Until next month, have a good one.

—Kris Voigt

Senate advances bill to give sexual assault victims fair notice

On Feb. 8, the Senate unanimously agreed to Sen. Kirk Pearson's Senate Bill 5083 to give sexual assault victims notification if their attacker is trying to avoid registering as a sex offender. Currently, sex offenders are required to notify only their local district attorney of their petition to be removed from registering as a sex offender.

Currently there is no process for victims of the abuse or the original prosecuting attorney on the case to be made aware of the offender's petition, especially if it is submitted in a different jurisdiction. SB

5083 would require that the prosecuting attorney make reasonable effort to notify the victim of the offender's petition for relief from registration.

"It's only fair that victims of these assaults get to speak up for themselves if a sex offender wants to be let off the hook," said Pearson, R-Monroe. "Many victims of these crimes struggle to live with the damage for long after an offender has the legal ability to get off the registry. It isn't right that an offender can apply for lenience without giving the victims the chance to have a say in the decision."

The bill proceeds to the House for consideration.

—Submitted by Jess Honcoop
Public Information Officer

Legislative proposal overhauls initiative review process to ensure constitutionality

By Tim Gruver
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

A lot of time and money goes into writing initiatives you vote on each November, all of which goes to waste if those proposals are struck down as unconstitutional by our state Supreme Court.

SB 5386 would ease the process by which state lawyers can challenge the constitutionality of an initiative before it reaches the ballot.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle, believes that it would better ensure constitutionally sound initiatives to survive court review.

"Cynics might say there are some people who might bring initiatives to us who purposely draft them in a way that is unconstitutional," Pedersen said. "But it is absolutely the case that over the last few years, or over probably the last 20 years, we've seen initiatives that were very popular at the ballot box, but were struck down by courts or had to be reconsidered in the legislative process."

Pedersen's bill requires initiatives to undergo a mandatory 45-day review by the state code reviser and attorney general before review by the secretary of state, to qualify for the ballot. Additionally, a 28-day public notice and comment period

would apply to all initiative measures.

Currently the secretary of state and code reviser review an initiative within seven business days of filing before it is examined by the state attorney general, who has five business days to complete his review.

The bill also raises the filing fee for initiative measures from \$5 to \$500. The increase is aimed at paying for more state attorneys to oversee and quicken the initiative review process.

"We can all think of examples of things that wouldn't have happened in the initiative process if it had been through this proposed review requirement and with the opportunity for public comment," Pedersen said. "I think as inclusive as initiative sponsors try to be, it's the nature of that process ... you're not going to get as many points of view unless you have an opportunity for a 28-day notice and public comment period."

Sen. Mark Miloscia, R-Federal Way, expressed concerns that the 45-day review would increase partisan attempts to stall initiatives before they are subject to adequate debate.

"Someone can go to Thurston (County) court and say, 'Look what Senator Miloscia's doing.' Before I work the process, you get an injunction to stop it," Miloscia said. "Doesn't that pre-motion shut down, or could be used to shut down initiatives?"

Rory O'Sullivan, an attorney with the King County Bar Association, believes that the 45-day review would better develop initiatives and promote discussion over the course of the review.

Barnaby Reach Project update

Barnaby Reach Project sponsors plan to hold a field trip for community members and other stakeholders in April or early May. A date has not been set yet, but will likely be on a Saturday and will be published in the April issue of *Concrete Herald*. A community potluck and an open meeting likely will follow the field trip, held at the Howard Miller Steelhead Park Clubhouse.

A meeting summary for the Jan. 24 Stakeholder Advisory Committee

meeting is available on the project Web site, <https://barnabystudy.wordpress.com>. Hard copies of project reports, meeting summaries, goals and objectives, etc., are also available for review at the Upper Skagit Library in Concrete. Data collection and technical analysis has begun again on the project, but the project team will not be considering or examining project alternative configurations for at least six months.

For more information on this project proposal and its history, go to www.skagitupriverneighbors.com.

—Christie Fairchild, member
Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Next state parks free day is March 19

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has announced that Sun., March 19 is the next state parks free day, when visitors are not required to display the Discover Pass for day visits at state parks, such as Rasar and Rockport

state parks in the Upper Skagit Valley.

The March 19 free day is in honor of Washington State Parks' 104th birthday.

The "free days" for 2017 are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, which designated up to 12 free days each year when the pass is not required to visit state parks. The Discover Pass is still required to access lands managed by WDFW and DNR on these days.

"We see the 45-day process as not just where you submit an initiative, and 45 days later, you get an answer," O'Sullivan said. Sponsors have a chance to submit an initiative and code revisers give feedback, back and forth, during the vetting process, he noted.

The bill awaits further consideration in the Senate State Government Committee.

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Contact reporter Tim Gruver at timgruver92@gmail.com.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
—Chinese Proverb



Tree Planting Parties:
About WAY more than just salmon!
Marblemount Boat Launch
March 11, 10am-1pm
Carey's Slough, Hamilton
March 18, 10am-1pm
juvenile salmon seining demo afterward



For details and directions visit
skagitfisheries.org

Please RSVP
sfeg@skagitfisheries.org
360-336-0172



A 1940's-style Bakery

- Espresso
- Hand packed ice cream
- Handcrafted pies
- Artisan breads
- Daily Specials
- Grab-and-go-lunches
- Outdoor Dining

7-5 daily
Closed Tuesdays

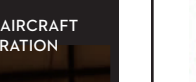
360.853.8700
5bsbakery.com
45597 Main Street
Concrete WA 98237

LET'S KEEP HISTORY FLYING IN CONCRETE, WA!



Join Us at the
North Cascades Vintage
Aircraft Museum
NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
Join at
vintageaircraftmuseum.org
as a member and/or volunteer!

360-770-4848



Wed-Sun 10-4: Apr-Sept / Mon-Fri 10-4: Oct-Mar / by appointment

Nick VanJaarsveld Financial Advisor



913 Metcalf Street
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
Bus. 360-855-0239 Fax 866-816-2219
Cell 360-333-4849
nick.vanjaarsveld@edwardjones.com
www.edwardjones.com



Darrington



Burtenshaw, Woodward medal at Mat Classic

Darrington wrestlers stormed the Tacoma Dome for Mat Classic XXIX in February and put two of their own on the podiums before heading home.

Hitting the mats this year were Joseph Monchak, Johnny Franke, Gage Burtenshaw, William Woodward, Lucas Reuwsaat, and Cameron Kintop. The coaching team included Andy West, Ray Franke, Pete Selvig, and DHS grad Mason McKenzie.

Burtenshaw and Woodward moved through the brackets ably, ending up with first- and sixth-place medals, respectively.

A 160-lb. junior, Burtenshaw powered through his four matches, fulfilling Coach West's gut feeling about his performance. "I knew Gage fundamentally had the skills and strength to blow right through all that competition," said West. "He had his mind right; he came to win. He needed to attack, and he did. His nickname is 'Snake' for a reason: Once he gets his legs in, wrapped around you, you're not going anywhere."

Senior William Woodward took a couple losses along the way, but pushed through the consolation bracket to claim sixth place in the 152-lb. class.

"William is a big success story," said West. "He came in as a soft middle schooler, but lost weight every year, getting better and better. He kept his mental toughness; that's what put him on the podium. He believed he belonged there. His technique was incredible, and I'm so proud of him."



Above: The Darrington contingent. Coach Andy West, Coach Pete Selvig, Joseph Monchak, Johnny Franke, Gage Burtenshaw, William Woodward, Lucas Reuwsaat, Cameron Kintop, Coach Ray Franke, Mason McKenzie. Kneeling in front: Kade West, Bobby Monchak. **Right:** Burtenshaw wrestles Gabe Garcia of Brewster, on his way to a 15-0 win.



Above: William Woodward wrestles Carsen Walton of Tonasket for the fifth- and sixth-place berths at Mat Classic XXIX in the Tacoma Dome on Feb. 18. Woodward lost the match by decision, 9-3, but his efforts put him on the podium with a sixth-place medal around his neck.

Below: Gage Burtenshaw ponders his next move against Joe Peasley of Wilbur-Creston during the championship match in the 160-lb. weight class. Burtenshaw dominated the match with his technical proficiency and strength, winning by decision 10-2.



New thrift store plans March grand opening

With newly painted walls, new flooring, and a completely new look inside, Cascade Thrift Store will have its grand opening in mid-March, in the former beauty salon, located at 1125 Darrington St., next to the Cascade Senior Center.

Local retired contractor Jim Alexander has been working on the project for many months. It has been a goal—17 years in the making—of the senior center to have a thrift store and will be a way to generate money needed to provide services already in place and more added as time goes on.

Featuring gently used items, the thrift store will be open five days a week and staffed with volunteers of all ages.

Cascade Senior Center is always a hub of activity with weekly craft classes, exercising Mondays and Thursdays, and bridge on Tuesdays. Game Day Thursday is another activity that will start within the month. The center also serves lunch daily and a county lunch twice a month.

"This has been quite an undertaking," said Jan Ring, current president of the senior center. "We're excited to offer this service to the public."

Items have been donated, inspected, and put out for sale at reasonable prices. There will be something for everyone.

—Marla Skaglund

Darrington merchants bring you Concrete Herald each month.

Please support them!

Smart businesses advertise in the



Travelers' Guide!

Reach visitors to the Upper Skagit Valley by advertising in the 2017 North Cascadian Travelers' Guide.

Publication Date
May 2017

Circulation: 15,000
Pages: 56

Deadline for ads and payment:
April 17, 2017

The Travelers' Guide showcases the history and events for visitors to:

Clear Lake, Sedro-Woolley, Lyman, Hamilton, Birdview, Grasmere, Concrete, Rockport, Darrington, Marblemount, Newhalem, and Diablo.

A **Concrete Herald** Publication

For more information or to request an advertising rate card, send an e-mail to editor@concrete-herald.com

Call 360.853.8213

"Hometown Proud"

Locally owned by people you can trust!

Darrington IGA

Randy Ashe, Kevin and Sheila Ashe, owners.

1090 Seeman St. • Darrington
Mon. - Sat.: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. • Sun. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

360.436.0141
d.iga@frontier.com



Marblemount



Newhalem



Community Hall doin's

The hall will host a number of important events this spring.

March 11 will see friends and neighbors filling the hall to raise funds for the annual Fire District 19 Scholarship Dance. A potluck supper followed by live music and dancing takes place from 7 p.m. to midnight, so come have a great evening and support efforts to provide a scholarship for some worthy high school senior living in Fire District 19 (Rockport-Marblemount).

Next on the calendar is the April 22 Community Hall's fundraiser Spaghetti Feed. With ongoing bills to pay, a generator to repair, and the need to keep our doors open, this evening of great food, fun, and music will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 6 is this year's date for the annual KSVU fundraiser dance, "Blast Open the Pass"! Named for the pass re-

opening, this potluck dinner and dance is a very important event to keep the local community radio station on the air, as well as a great way to kick off your winter blues! So mark your calendars now and stay tuned to KSVU 90.1 FM and to the April issue of *Concrete Herald* for more information.

The Hall's annual Open House & Community Meeting is scheduled for Wed., May 10 at 6 p.m. Starting off with a dessert potluck, current hall officers and board of directors will share the successes and challenges of the past year and plans for this year, and also host elections for open positions. Please attend; it is only with the interest and participation of the community that the hall will continue to function as a venue for numerous types of events, as well as the Red Cross emergency shelter for upriver.

For more information, leave a phone message at 360.873.2323 and someone will get back to you.

—Christie Fairchild

Open for business Caboose Cuts

The cute little red caboose on the south side of SR 20 in Marblemount has a new occupant: Caboose Cuts hair salon, owned and operated by Kristina Lamont.

Kristina offers an impressive list of services to her prospective clients, including haircuts, bang and beard trims, styling, color, foil treatments, perms, updos, conditioning spa, shampoo set, and waxing. Facebook chatter indicates that her pricing is very reasonable.

As a professional hair stylist, Kristina says she has had a passion for the hair and beauty industry for most of her life.

"I have been licensed for more than 17 years in Washington State. In that time I have mastered a wide range of hair techniques, including long hair, cutting,

The good news is ...

By Sasa, Starwalker, and 2 Hats

When we look at a problem too long, we see more problems, but when we look for solutions, we find an abundant resource within our heart's creative energy.

Here is a very informative video on the current situation at Fukushima: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AF05-slHnNk>

"On the one hand, we're told that we are frail and powerless beings who live in a world where things just 'happen' for no apparent reason. On the other hand, our most ancient and cherished spiritual traditions tell us that there's a force that lives within every one of us, a power that nothing in the world can touch. With it comes the promise of surviving the darkest moments of life and the reassurance that difficult times are only part of a journey that leads to a place where bad things can't happen any longer. It's no wonder that we feel confused, helpless, and sometimes even angry as we witness the suffering of our loved ones

and share the agony of what sometimes seems like hell in the world around us.

"So which is it? Are we hopelessly fragile victims of events that are beyond our control, or are we powerful creators harboring dormant abilities that we are only beginning to understand? The answer may reveal the truth of one of the deepest mysteries of our past. It is also the focus of some of the greatest controversy in scientific discussions today. The reason? Both questions have the same answer: Yes!" —Gregg Braden

Yes, we are occasionally victims of circumstance. And yes, we are sometimes the powerful creators of those same circumstances. Which of these roles we experience is determined by choices that we make in our lives, choices based upon our beliefs. Through the godlike power of human belief, we are given the equally divine ability to bring what we believe to life in the matrix of energy that bathes and surrounds us.

So we have a choice here to be angry, fearful, and helpless about the current

See Good News, p. 38

and updos; however, my specialty and passion is color. I use a wide range of Redken and Paul Mitchell and L'Oreal color products.

"I strive to stay at the forefront of my field with my knowledge of new products and services available in order to provide excellent service to my clientele. I specialize in cutting-edge coloring techniques, foil highlights and lowlights, color correction, gray reduction, fashion cuts, modern cuts, razor cuts, men's cuts, kids' cuts, styling, special-occasion hair dressing, waxing, and airbrush make-up."

At a glance: Caboose Cuts

Where: 60076 SR 20, Marblemount

Hours: Call for appt.

Phone: 360.873.2395

E-mail: caboosecuts@frontier.com



Kristina Lamont owns and operates Caboose Cuts in Marblemount.

Kill them or move them?

Wolf control options weigh on wildlife panel.

By Matt Spaw

WNPA Olympia News Bureau

In a surprising turn, a state panel discussing studies of lethal means to control wolves preying on farm animals and invading humans' territory found that nonlethal control is a more effective option.

Wildlife experts and members of the public came together at a Feb. 10 Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting to discuss wolf removal.

According to the panel, most of the state's wolf packs are in northeastern Washington, with some in the North Cascades region. The panel was made up of Department of Wildlife experts specializing in wolves, wildlife conflict, and carnivores.

Wolves present a challenge for livestock owners. Wolves are reestablishing themselves after being nearly eradicated in the early 1900s, but ranchers and others face the problem of protecting their livestock from wolf predation.

"We need to hone in on our objective. Is it tolerance? Is it to stop depredations forever?" said Donny Martorello, wolf policy lead for the state agency.

The panel went over studies about the culling of wolf populations. The studies were all peer-reviewed, but taken together were not conclusive. The primary focus of the Feb. 10 meeting was on using lethal methods to cull wolf populations, although nonlethal means also were discussed and debated.

Most of the studies examined Friday found nonlethal methods to be more effective than lethal methods at preventing livestock death. Four of the five nonlethal tests had preventive effects, while only two of the seven lethal tests had preventive effects. Two of the lethal tests increased predation.

Nonlethal methods include fladry, which involves hanging flags that flap in the breeze and scare wolves, as well as using

guard dogs for livestock.

In some areas the desired effect of culling wolf populations occurred. "Less livestock were killed. In some areas it did not work," Martorello said. "It drives home the message that there is no perfect solution."

The department suspended the controversial killing of Profanity Peak wolves in October. That program, aimed at killing a pack of 11 wolves, resulted in the deaths of seven and cost \$135,000 before being suspended. The wolves had attacked or killed about 15 cattle.

"Wolves are one of the most studied animals on the planet," said Scott Becker, state wolf specialist. The large number of recent studies used by the panel supported that statement. Panel members said their own anecdotal evidence and personal experience also provide important information about wolf populations and control.

The panelists also examined public opinion of wolves and what studies say about perception.

"If one has a positive valuation of wolves, they generally like to focus on the benefits," Becker said. "If one has a negative value of wolves, they generally focus on those costs."

Only 61 of 358 Northern Rocky Mountain region wolf packs in the United States—or about 17 percent—were involved in at least one confirmed livestock killing, according to Becker. People are willing to accept some level of conflict with wolves, but 50 to 70 percent of that conflict occurs on private property, which could affect public perceptions.

At the meeting, public comments centered on opposition to lethal methods of wolf removal.

"We spend too much time talking about lethal removal. Could we have a panel on nonlethal control?" asked Melinda Hirsch of Conservation Northwest. "The studies

are showing that those are the ones that are effective."

The meeting will be used by the department's Wolf Advisory Group to inform future recommendations. The group of landowners, conservationists, hunters, and other interests work together to recommend strategies for reducing conflict with wolves.

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State



Wolves like this one pose a deadly problem for Washington livestock owners and state wildlife managers because they frequently share the same territory with farm animals. Photo courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Contact reporter Matt Spaw at matthewspaw@gmail.com.

Subscribe Today!

Your life. Your stories. Your news.

**1 Year
Subscription Options**

..... 12 ISSUES

Print \$27	E-edition* \$15	Combo Print and E-edition \$36
----------------------	---------------------------	---

Send your check, payable to Concrete Herald, to:
Concrete Herald
P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237

Prefer to pay with a credit card?
Go to www.concrete-herald.com and click on "Subscribe"

Concrete Herald
The Voice of Eastern Skagit County

Save a tree!

Subscribe to the new e-edition of Concrete Herald!

*E-edition sent via e-mail as a PDF attachment(s); include e-mail address with order. See www.concrete-herald.com for Canadian and overseas rates.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
—Chinese Proverb

Tree Planting Parties:
About WAY more than just salmon!
Marblemount Boat Launch
March 11, 10am-1pm
Carey's Slough, Hamilton
March 18, 10am-1pm
juvenile salmon scining demo afterward



For details and directions visit skagitfisheries.org

Please RSVP
sfcg@skagitfisheries.org
360-336-0172



Seniors

Coffee Break When guests attack

By Patrick M. Kennedy

Visitors — guests — can change your lifestyle for a period. Old friends, relatives, and strangers can pop in at any time. What to do? Where do they stay? Are they single, married, other seniors, teens and kids, or both in a guest attack?

If you live in a house with spare rooms, it might not be so bad. It may be uncomfortable, yes, and a pain in the schedule. You can clean up a bedroom or two, buy some more food for the pantry, and shake out your welcome mat.

If you live in an apartment or a condo, though, it can become a geographical nightmare. Noise will increase and elbow room will decrease, and neighbor complaints could escalate.

How are they getting here? Car? Plane? Train? Bike? Any method can be uncomfortable if you have to pick them up at the airport or the train station, or just meet them at the end of a popular and busy highway.

And where do they park their car

or RV after they arrive? Are they single, married, have kids, or are they just traveling teens on a trip? Soon, these people could look like something else; soon crimes come to your mind: assault and battery, kidnapping, dognapping ...

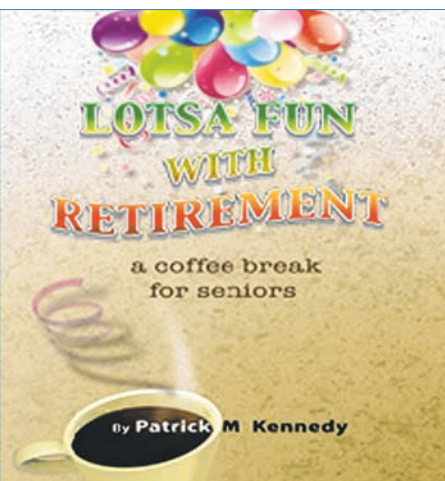
Visitor, caller, guest, are terms for a person who comes to stay with others. A visitor often stays for social pleasure, for business, sightseeing, etc.: a visitor at our neighbor's house. A caller comes for a brief formal visit. A guest is anyone receiving hospitality, and the word has been extended to include anyone who pays for meals and lodging: a welcome guest or a hotel guest.

Whatever the definition is, the real meaning can be a temporary pain-in-the-neck stopover by a sorta-know-yah or sorta-relative.

But maybe it can be a temporary break from the monotony of life.

Everything has a positive side, even when guests attack.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of Lotsa Fun with Retirement. Find it at Amazon.com. For more, go to www.funwithretirement.com.



FREE income tax prep

Feb. 2 through April 13
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Concrete Community Center

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Call 360.853.7667 for appt.

Sponsored by AARP and IRS

Way Back When

50 years ago

March 22, 1967: The Dept. of the Interior has submitted to Congress proposed legislation to establish a North Cascades National Park, a new National Recreation Area, a National Forest Wilderness, and two extensions to an existing National Forest Wilderness, all in the area adjacent to the Upper Skagit Valley.

President Johnson has recommended that the 90th Congress establish a national park in the North Cascades, provided wilderness and recreation areas are safeguarded.

The bill proposes a North Cascades National Park, consisting of approximately 570,000 acres, a Ross Lake National Recreation Area of about 100,000 acres, including portions of the Skagit River and Ross, Diablo, and Gorge Lakes and surrounding lands. Park headquarters will be located near Newhalem. Major road access will be via SR 20, now under construction.

Development of Ross Lake National Recreation Area would be focused on recreation activities, including winter sports. Two major developments on Ross Lake at Roland Point and Hozomeen would include campgrounds, lodges, a store, and boat-docking facilities. Other points along the lake would be accessible by tour boat for picnicking, camping, and for access into the Picket Range to the west and proposed Pasayten

Wilderness to the east. Other access points to the park would be provided from the west.

A major visitor and interpretive center is proposed along SR 20, adjacent to Ruby Mountain. An aerial tramway to the top of Ruby Mountain is under consideration, which would provide visitors with a magnificent 360-degree view of the many glaciers and mountains. A second aerial tram in the recreation area might transport visitors from the boat dock on Ross Lake at Arctic Creek into the North Cascades National Park, where nature trails would lead into the Picket Range.

40 years ago

March 31, 1977: A pre-dawn fire swept Concrete Drug Company Tuesday, completely gutting the Main Street store building.

The concrete fire walls and quick work by Concrete and Grasmere volunteer firemen prevented spread of the blaze to adjoining structures, Eagles Hall and a vacant store building.

The fire was first reported at 3:48 a.m. Tuesday. Greg Rupert, a half block away in the Mount Baker Hotel, heard the explosion as intense heat blew out front windows of the drug store, saw flames, and telephoned in the alarm. The building was fully involved by that time and firemen fought for approximately two hours before bringing the flames under control.

Owner Jerry Crinklaw estimated his loss at \$90,000, partially covered by insurance. A fluorescent lighting fixture was the apparent cause of the fire.

—Compiled from archives

Concrete Community Center

March 2017 Activities

Mon. – Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch served at noon

East County Veterans Center meets Mon.,
Tue., Wed., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, card games,
dominos, and more

Mondays and Fridays

1:45–2 p.m. Exercise
2–2:50 p.m. Bingo

Wednesdays

1:45–2 p.m. Exercise
2–2:50 p.m. Board Games

Thursdays

1:45–2 p.m. Exercise
2–2:50 p.m. Arts and Crafts

Monday

3/6 6:30 p.m. Death and Dying Seminar
3/20 5 p.m. Emergency Action Plan
Map Your Neighborhood

Tuesday

All 5:30 p.m. BEAM class

Wednesday

All 4 p.m. Incredible Years Class

Thursday

All 10 a.m. Senior Tax Prep
3/2 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
3/16 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
All 5:30 p.m. BEAM class

Friday

3/10 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki

Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA Meeting



Above: 30 years ago, April 2, 1987: Creative writing students from first through seventh grade at Concrete Elementary School recently participated in an all-day Young Authors Conference at Skagit Valley College. The 27 students, selected by their teachers, submitted manuscripts and shared them at the conference in addition to attending workshops. Manuscripts will be judged locally and displayed at the school library. Back row, from left: Kathy Young, Dale Woodruff, Brian Kinsman, Robert Lahr, Torry Brouillard, Hahne Damitz. Third row: Courtney Thompson, Wendy Evans, Bill Warner, Laura Flores, Tinze McNeale, Sara Goad. Second row: Ian Wilson, Trisha Cobbin, Leah Berg, Tony Hundahl, Tara Claybo, Harmony Huntington, Shanan Slocum. Front row: Pam Alberts, Lars Berg, Amy Harr, Kyle Tate, Noah Weaver, Judy Keener, Jennifer Thomas. The students' advisor is teacher Deborah Money. *Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.*

Right, below: Reader Cindy Kleinhuizen submitted these photos of calving season at Double O Ranch, then and now.



Obituaries

Mara Lynn

Greene, age 70, died on Jan. 22, 2017, at her home in Spokane, Wash.

Born in Everett, Wash., on Sept. 13, 1946, Mara attended and graduated (1964) from Concrete schools. She attended Multnomah College in Portland and graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in social work. For a short time, she worked as a mediator and at Fircrest School in Shoreline.

Mara was primarily self-employed, owning a fast-food restaurant, boarding house, youth hostel, and craft shop. She lived in Marblemount, Bellingham, Soap Lake, and Spokane.

Mara and Delbert Johnson were married in Bellingham. Following their divorce, they remained friends until his death in 2012.

Mara was a social, active woman who was deeply involved in many causes most of her life. She enjoyed community theater, the arts, and her beloved four-legged canine companions: first Moachie and then Luisa. Ever restless and eager to travel, Mara lived in many circumstances, hitchhiking with friends to California in 1968, to Virginia in 1969, and then traveling with the carnival when she was in her 20s. During her time in Soap Lake, she enjoyed traveling to healing events with her mentor and friend Rosetta Hazan. In her 60s, Mara traveled throughout the Southwest in a van with her Chihuahua Luisa. Always a community activist, Mara created the



Skagit Bald Eagle Festival, built sets at Masquers Theater in Soap Lake, and initiated what was to become the Art Guild of the Soap Lake Area. Greene-Ware, Mara's gallery and studio in Soap Lake, was a cornerstone of the Soap Lake arts community for years. In addition to displaying Mara's signature mugs, Greene-Ware was a venue for the work of other artisans.

Mara eventually moved to Spokane and joined like-minded artists. With a friend, Mara co-founded the original little art space Manic Moon Studios, where she sold her unique hand-crafted and -painted ceramic mugs.

Mara's family and friends will always remember her as passionate, creative, loyal, and spirited.

She lived with amazing self-sufficiency and independence. Her sense of humor and commitment to her ideals will be missed. Mara was a unique and beloved friend and family member.

Mara is survived by nieces and nephews Marke Greene of Seattle, Stefani Koetje of Edmonds, Jeff Greene of Redmond, and Jessica Kincaid of Bellingham. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Jewel Greene of Marblemount; her brothers, Jon and Richard Greene of Marblemount; and her nephew, R. Scott Greene of Bellingham. She will be especially missed by special friends, affectionately referred to by Mara as "my tribe."

At her request there will be no service. Mara's friends and family will gather in the spring.

Donations in Mara's name may be made to hospice, #NoDPL, or a local animal shelter.

Obituaries published in Concrete Herald

from May 2009 to present are posted online at: www.concrete-herald.com/obituaries.

For more information, contact Concrete Herald at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

Stuart Colby

Reynolds went home to be with the Lord peacefully after a battle with a rare blood cancer. While in the hospital and then under hospice care for the week prior to his death, he was visited many times by family members and friends.

He lived a long life (90 years), born in Concrete on Aug. 15, 1926. His parents were both older when he was born, so he came from a true pioneering family of the Upper Skagit Valley. His father, Roland C. Reynolds, had moved to the Skagit Valley area in 1900 with his extended family, and his mother, Cordelia (Trudeau) Reynolds had migrated to the area with her family shortly thereafter. Pioneer spirit was in his blood you might say, as he could trace his ancestors in North America from both his father and mother to the early mid-17th century. Perhaps because of the relative remoteness of the area at the time, it afforded great opportunities for hunting and fishing. He enjoyed both of these outdoor activities throughout his entire life.

He had an older brother, LeRoy Reynolds, who became the youngest postmaster in the United States at the time in the 1920s, and an older sister, Eleanor. Eleanor married Joseph Lang, also from an early settler family in the area.

A graduate of Concrete High School in 1945, he was a star athlete in football, basketball, and especially baseball during his prep years. During this time he met the first love of his life, Marjorie Ann Richmyer. She grew up in nearby Birdview, but attended Hamilton Schools until that district closed the high school in Margie's junior year.



Like many young men of that era, he joined the Army right out of high school. As fate would have it, WWII ended that May through August, and Stuart was assigned to occupation duty in both Korea and Japan. On Oct. 22, 1945, while home on leave, Stuart and Margie were married.

Since he was a gifted pitcher, he was able to play baseball in the armed forces league in Asia during some of his stint in the Army. His team won the Asian Armed Forces Championship. This was no small feat as there were many major-league players in the service at that time. When he came home, he was drafted by the Dodgers organization and later traded to the Cardinals organization. He played professional baseball in the Santa Barbara and Los Angeles areas until he injured his throwing arm during a game.

After baseball, he came back home to Concrete and worked at the Lone Star Cement plant for several years. He always knew what he wanted to be in life. His first choice was to be a professional baseball player, and if that did not work out, then become a police officer. He joined the Skagit County Sheriff's Office in 1955 as a deputy sheriff for a couple of years. In 1957 Stuart was accepted by the Washington State Patrol (WSP). After training, coincidentally, there was an opening for a trooper position in the Skagit Valley and he was able to remain in the area. In 1963 he accepted a job to train new cadets at the WSP Academy in Shelton.

He made sergeant in 1968, and the family moved to Ephrata. His next assignment was lieutenant for the Special Crime Unit in Olympia. He and Margie then moved briefly to Kennewick (they were empty nesters by this time) for an anticipated captain assignment. That promotion materialized a year later in Everett, and he and Margie loaded up the moving truck yet again. Stuart's last promotion took him back to

Obituaries, cont. from p. 30

Olympia in about 1981 until his retirement from the patrol in Nov. 1983.

During his working career, he belonged to the Lions Club and also volunteered for the Knights of Columbus as he was a devout Catholic. He continued to be involved in his retirement.

He became an avid golfer in his 40s, so it seemed a natural thing that he and Margie would become snowbirds and live during the summer months at their home in Tumwater and spend the winter months in Florence, Arizona. Both Stu and Margie loved their time in retirement, playing golf and enjoying all the activities that went on at the village in Florence. Unfortunately, Margie was stricken with cancer and passed away in 1992. They were married for nearly 47 years and had five children.

It seems God has a plan for good people and later that year he became reacquainted with an old friend and classmate at the Good Old Days celebration in Concrete. Stuart and Helen Leonard (Humphries) had been neighbors from childhood through high school graduation. In fact, their mothers, Cordelia and Alice,

Sunday School lesson Thinking of Lent

By D. Lowell Chilton

I grew up in Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. Even after 10 years in the Pacific Northwest, it still startles me just how dark it gets here in the winter and even more so how quickly the days become longer in the spring. It seems like only yesterday that the days were pitch black at half past four in the afternoon.

This lengthening of days is the root of the word "Lent." In many Christian churches, we take note of this lengthening of days by taking time out of our day to gather and reflect on God's presence in our lives and our relationship with God and with one another.

In the early days of the Church, these days were literally a time of preparation, when new members of the Christian community studied and prayed, preparing to join the church. During the Great Vigil of Easter, beginning at sundown Saturday evening, these new members were then welcomed into the church through baptism.

Over the years, this time became something else, a time for people to "give up something," something that really was something they probably should be giving up already anyway. It became a sort of

had been old friends, and the Reynolds siblings and the Leonard siblings had also been friends growing up. Helen had lost her spouse a few years earlier as well, so it seemed a natural and beautiful blessing that Helen would become the last love of his life.

He and Helen resided in Des Moines, Wash., for several years before eventually relocating to Sumner. They continued to enjoy the snowbird life as Helen was also an avid golfer. Upon Stuart's passing they were married for 24 years.

Stuart was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, and brother, as well as his first wife, Margie. He is survived by wife Helen, son Randy and wife Rosie, daughter Janie Pedferri and husband Joseph, son Craig and wife Annette, son Kevin and wife Mary Ann, and son Kelly and significant other Linda. He also is survived by Helen's children Ann and husband Glenn, son Steve and wife Leigh, and daughter Cathy and significant other Mike. Stuart also is survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

"religious self-help" time, and not a time of consideration of God's relationship to us through Jesus Christ and our relationship to God.

For centuries, the 40 days before Easter have marked a fast, a time of extra contemplation and preparation of the community to celebrate the risen Christ.

These 40 days are patterned on the 40-day fast of Jesus in the desert, and the 40-year journey of the Israelites in the wilderness. When Jesus was thrown out into the wilderness following his baptism, he encountered himself. During the 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus encountered the temptation to claim the dominating power available to him. He confronted the lure of sin to use power for himself, to live comfortably, and to rule as an earthly king. Through the slow contemplation of those 40 days, Jesus grappled with the reality of his humanity and the reality of his divinity and grappled with what it means to truly walk with God.

At the heart of Lent is this same struggle. We walk with Jesus in this journey, pondering our relationship with God. We ponder the mystery of God being incarnate in Jesus Christ, facing human struggles and also being fully God. We ponder the mystery of God dying in Christ on the cross, dying a death that is the utmost humiliation and a death as an outcast. We ponder with wonder the mystery of God in Christ rising on Easter,

See Sunday School, p. 38

Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

Feb. 2

A deputy assisted Upper Skagit tribal officers as they discovered a man inside a stolen car near South Cascade Rd. The deputy took the man into custody and awaited a response for the vehicle owner to confirm they wanted to pursue charges. The man decided he didn't want to wait, so he kicked out the deputy's rear window and fled the scene. After an icy foot chase, the man got away, briefly.

On Feb. 17, several deputies descended on a trailer where the wanted man was hiding. He tried escaping out a window, where he was met by a pair of deputies. He immediately began fighting with them but after a struggle and much cussing and gnashing of teeth, the man was restrained. He was put in a back seat where, you guessed it, he began kicking out the truck window. He was unsuccessful, but was restrained for a trip to jail. He is facing several charges. The funny part is, the original car theft victim didn't want to pursue charges. If the impatient felon could have waited a few minutes more, he'd have been released, entirely free of any charges. Not now.

Feb. 3

A deputy responded to a person squatting on private property on Cockreham Island near Lyman. A 57-year-old female said she had permission from the previous owner to reside there. The property has changed owners, and the woman was forced to move along. She was found to have a misdemeanor warrant and was given a new court date by the deputy.

Feb. 7

A man reported a black Ford Ranger pickup had backed into his Toyota truck while they were in Hamilton. The truck was easy to identify: It had no taillights and was carrying two snowmobiles. The deputy visited the best place in town for information—the bar—and discovered who owned the truck. After a few days, he located the truck, and the driver was referred to the prosecuting attorney for two counts of hit and run of an attended motor vehicle.

A man was cited for malicious mischief for damaging the Rockport Pub. He decided to drive his SUV into a post on the front of the building. He had apparently been in a dispute involving relatives of the pub owner and felt the

best way to resolve this was to damage property at the pub. He is scheduled to go to court in about two weeks and explain to the judge why this was such a good idea. Feb. 8

A Concrete-area resident known to many in town was given a trespass warning keeping him out of the Upper Skagit Library for a period of one year. This person had previously been in violation of several policies, and staff felt he was becoming inconsiderate of others who were also using the library. A deputy took a report, and if the man is seen back inside the library within that year, he will be escorted out and booked into jail for trespass.

Feb. 10

A two-car, minor-damage accident occurred on SR 20 near Loggers Landing in Concrete. The parties exchanged information prior to the deputy arriving. The deputy later issued on of the parties a ticket for not having mandatory liability insurance.

Feb. 11

A resident on Hamilton Cemetery Rd. near Hamilton reported damage to a fence from a Ford vehicle. The resident found a taillight with a Ford emblem on it near their fence. A deputy responded and curiosity got the best of one of the neighbors. He came over to inquire about the deputy being there. Come to find out, he often backed his Ford truck out of the driveway near the fence. After a few versions of where he was during the night in question, the deputy cited the curious truck driver for hit-and-run property damage.

A young Rockport man recently bought a pickup truck from a man in Oregon. When he got home, he discovered a pistol inside the truck and wanted to know if he could keep it. The deputy ran the serial number and discovered the man in Oregon had just reported the pistol stolen, as he'd forgot he left it in the truck. The deputy retrieved the pistol and will arrange to have it shipped back to its owner.

Feb. 13

A resident living on the Baker Bar Rd. area by the Baker River in Concrete reported someone had just stolen her four-month-old pit bull puppy. The suspects were driving a blue truck, and the deputy knew exactly who they were based on previous contacts. The deputy located two men driving the blue truck and contacted them. They said they'd found the dog, which was false. The puppy owner was satisfied she got her pooch back, and

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 33

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: 10:30 a.m.
www.citipointchurch.com
E-mail: matt@citipointchurch.com

Baptist

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

Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

Lyman Church

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

Catholic

St. Catherine Mission Church
45603 Limestone St., Concrete
Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley
Office: 360.855.0077
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.

Methodist

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

Presbyterian

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.

Lutheran

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

Nondenominational

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

Community Bible Church

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

The RIVER Gathering

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

Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

Wildwood Chapel

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

See Obituaries, p. 31

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

The weather is slowly improving and soon, we hope, winter will be just another memory. As you begin to thaw and prepare for another busy growing season, consider this: You too, should have the opportunity to sprout and bloom.

The Museum Association is looking for new members. We keep our meetings to a minimum, and we don't push you out of your comfort zone when it comes to volunteering. However, we do have lots of opportunities to gradually work into participating. And yes, some might consider the preceding statements as mere fertilizer, but if you want to grow, come see us. If you want to check us out first, special tours can still be arranged during our winter season by calling 360.853.8347 or emailing your requests to jboggs@concreteheritagemuseum.org.

We are still developing our strategic plan for the upcoming year. This plan will be the big topic of discussion at our next meeting. Among projects being

considered are finishing the interior of our annex, installing storm windows, enclosing our breezeway, developing new displays, and adding a paved walkway and parking area.

The association thanks everyone who bought baked goods from us during Mardi Gras. If you missed the opportunity, we will have an expanded selection at our Easter Bake Sale beginning at 9 a.m. on Good Friday, April 14, at Albert's Red Apple. It's not too early to pre-order a cake or pie.

In conjunction with the Photo Preservation Workshop being held on March 16 at the museum from 6 to 8 p.m. (see p. 5, this issue), we will again offer to scan locally historic photos to add to the museum's Web site (www.concreteheritagemuseum.org). Reservations are required because of limited seating.

—John Boggs

At the Upper Skagit Library

Upper Skagit Library Foundation (USLF) **annual members' meeting** will be held on March 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Concrete Theatre. Special guest, poet Judith Adams, will present "A Fierce Language: Falling in Love with Poetry," a reflection on how poetry can radically enhance, change, and even save our lives. The meeting will include announcements, a brief business meeting, and an opportunity for the public to join the USLF. The event is free and open to everyone.

Young Authors Event, March 25, 3:30 to 5 p.m. The Upper Skagit Library will partner with the Concrete School District and its Young Authors Program by hosting a Young Authors reading event at the library. The public is invited to celebrate the hard work and creativity of our local Young Authors and the books they created. During the event the library will accept the books into its collection. For more details, see the notice on page 6 of this issue of *Concrete Herald*.

March is the last month to play **Winter Book Bingo**. Read books from 25 specific categories on your Bingo Card, available at the library or on our Web site. Get a Bingo or a Blackout and you could win a \$50 Amazon gift card or a book and DVD pairing. Book Bingo ends March 31.

Teens! This month is your last chance to win great prizes by reading nonfiction young adult books. Read one book from at least five Dewey Decimal categories before March 31 and be entered to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Pick up a reading challenge form at the library.

The **Library Tutor Program** is now Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Library staff can help improve your computer and mobile device skills, and assist with resumes, cover letters, and job applications. Call the library or visit us to schedule an appointment, 360.853.7939.

Storytime with Miss Brooke: Mark your calendars for March 4 and 18. Families with young children are invited to join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft on the first and third Saturdays through May, at 11 a.m.

New on our shelves

In Adult Fiction, *Racing the Devil* by Charles Todd.

In Adult Nonfiction, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

In Young Adult, *Beauty and the Beast: Lost in a Book*.

In Children's, *This Book is Magic*.

Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on March 9 at 5 p.m. —Cora Thomas, Library Associate

Lions R-O-A-R



This month's Concrete Lions Club **regular meeting** will be on March 1 at Annie's Pizza. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group that gathers around 6 p.m. to eat and socialize before the meeting starts. All existing members, mark your calendars.

Craving some **corned beef and cabbage**? Join the Concrete Lions Club as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Dinner is open to the public in the Concrete High School commons room on Wed., March 15, at 6 p.m. No reservation needed; just show up and enjoy a scrumptious meal for only \$16 per person.

The Lions Club annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on April 15 at noon at the Concrete Elementary School.

On May 5 and 6, donation stations will be set up at Albert's Red Apple and the

Post Office for **White Cane Days**. Please stop by and learn more about the Lions Club and the help that can be given to those who are visually impaired.

For those interested in **becoming a member**, submitting a request, or just want to see what we are about, please feel free to visit any of our regular meetings.

The Concrete Lions Club has access to **medical equipment**, such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, and commodes, which can be lent to help those in need. Contact any Lions Club member and we will do our best to help you.

I encourage members of our community to think about and join your local Lions Club. Now is the time to give great thought to becoming a member!

—Connie Smithhart

Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 31

didn't want to pursue charges for theft. Doggone.

A deputy and the Fire Marshal responded to a burned-up travel trailer on SR 530 near Illabot Creek, south of Rockport. The fire was likely an act of arson, and there are currently no suspects. The trailer had been seen at various locations of the eastern county before it met its demise on Illabot Creek Rd.

Feb. 16

A deputy assisted a WDFW wildlife agent at Robinson Road Park in Lyman. The wildlife agent had stopped to check on two men changing the tire on a car. The car was discovered to have been stolen from Mount Vernon just hours earlier. Both men were questioned and one was taken into custody for possession of a stolen car, and he had a substance in his pocket that appeared to be heroin. The other man was found to have warrants, but

the jail was unable to accept him. Sadly, people seem to visit this park for two things, and one of them is heroin use.

Feb. 19

Deputies and the Animal Control Officer will be investigating why two horses were found dead near the edge of Concrete. It seems the property owner agreed to trade pasture use for feeding of his horse. That horse died, and another horse was also found dead. The deputy is looking to speak with two persons who were supposed to be caring for these animals, and charges may be forthcoming.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

To add your business to this directory, call 360.853.8213 or e-mail editor@concrete-herald.com

Bookkeeping

UpRiver Bookkeeping Services

360.853.7667 or 360.708.9761
upriver21@hotmail.com
Reasonable rates
Payroll services to full-charge bookkeeping

Brew pubs

Birdsview Brewing Co.

Fresh micro beer brewed on our premises
Great food! Family friendly!
Open Tuesdays through Sundays
38302 SR 20, Birdsview // 360.826.3406
www.birdsviewbrewingcompany.com

Construction

Don Payne's Backhoe Services

Extensive experience, reasonable rates
Trenching for electrical and plumbing lines, site preparation, road- and lot-clearing
360.853.7838 / 770.0178 / #PAYNE*066BC
dpaynes2001@yahoo.com

Donald K. Moore Construction

Dump truck / Sand / Gravel / Topsoil
Complete excavation and lots, to acreage cleared / log loads, underground utilities avail.
Licensed, bonded, and insured
360.853.8525 / Reg. #DONALKMO15KE

Gifts

All Valley Storage & Gifts

31687 SR 20, Ste. 102, Lyman/Sedro-Woolley
Our prices can't be beat! Beanpod candles, home/garden items, decorating ideas, more!
360.826.6001 / allvalleystorageinc@live.com
Online: www.allvalleystorageinc.com

Hair salons

Hair Fitness

Complete family hair care, specializing in: PERMS / COLOR & CUTS / WAXING
More than 25 years' experience!
Call Kathy Monrad and Becki Hoover for appt
360.853.8684

Liquor stores

Concrete Liquor Store & Convenience Store

45895 Main Street, Concrete // 360.853.7149
Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Gifts, Rocks, Tobacco, Cigars, and more!

Pawn shops

Gold Nugget Jewelry & Loan

New & Used guns, ammo, sporting goods
We Buy, Sell, & Loan Guns, gold, coins
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington
Mon.-Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5
360.436.1029 www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com

Ranches

Double O Ranch, LLC

46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., Concrete
360.770.5380, 9–5 M-F, by appt. weekends.
All natural, grass-fed, USDA inspected beef by the package, ¼ and ½ beef orders.
Burger available at Albert's Red Apple.

Restaurants

Cascade Burgers

45292 State Route 20, Concrete
Featuring great burgers, fries, and milkshakes in a 1950s, family-style atmosphere!
OPEN DAILY: Mon.-Sat. 11–7, Sun. 11–6
Ask about our daily specials! 360.853.7580

Perks Espresso & Deli

Full breakfast, espresso, sub sandwiches, drive-thru and take-out. Find us on Facebook.
M–F, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sa.–Su. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
44586 SR 20, Concrete
360.853.9006

Self-storage

Concrete Self-storage

Located on Fir Street, Concrete
Heated and nonheated, security surveillance, coded entry, 4x5 to 15x32 units, locks for sale.
Customer service is our top priority!
360.853.8100/concreteselfstorageinc@live.com

Septic services

Cinema Septic

Inspection, troubleshooting and pumping
Serving all of Skagit County
Fred West, owner. 360.466.8753
fred@cinemaseptic.com
www.cinemaseptic.com

Thrift stores

Second Floor Thrift Store

Antiques, Vintage, Collectibles, Thrift
Inside & upstairs at Gold Nugget Pawn Shop
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington
Tue.-Fri. noon–6, Sat. 10–5
360.436.1029 www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com

Towing services

Cascades Towing

Professional roadside assistance. Flatbed towing and winch-outs. Lockouts, jumpstarts, fuel delivery, and motorcycle towing. Licensed and insured. Lowest prices around!
360.853.8599 // www.cascadestowing.com

Dave's Towing 360.853.7433, Concrete, WA

For all your roadside service needs.
Call Dave's towing for fast, courteous response.
10 years' experience can get any job done.
We tow all motorcycles, RVs, and trailers.
Storage, cash for clunkers, remove junk autos.
Registered, insured, bonded. 360.853.7433

March at the Darrington Library

Children and family programs

- Family Storytime, Wed., March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11 to 11:45 a.m.; all ages welcome, caregiver required.
- LEGO Club Robotics, Wed., March 1; 1 to 2 p.m.; ages 7 and up.
- LEGO Club Free Play, Wed., March 8, 1 to 2 p.m. Ages 5 and up.
- Half-Day Movie Matinee: "Zootopia": Wed., March 15, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Half Day Movie Matinee: "The BFG," Wed., Feb. 15; 1 to 3:30 p.m.; craft a dreamcatcher while watching.
- Writers Ink, Fri., March 17; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; a group for any age writer to improve their skill.
- Drop-In Scratch Studio, Tue., March 28 and Thur., March 30; 1 to 2:30 p.m.; basic coding skills introduced and expanded; save your work by creating a SCRATCH login at <https://scratch.mit.edu>. Grades 3 and up.
- Sharpie Tie-Dye Totes, Wed., March 29; 1 to 2 p.m.; all supplies provided.

- Shrinky Dink Charm Fun, Fri., March 31; 1 to 2:15 p.m. Supplies provided.
- Bikes for Book Talks Spring Reading Challenge, March 20 through April 24. Read books and talk for a chance to win a new bike. For K-8 students.

Darrington Book Group

Discussing *The Heart of Everything That Is* by Bob Drury. Wed., March 1; 5:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Potluck optional.

Friends of the Darrington Library

- Meeting on Wed., March 8; 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Annual Book Sale, Sat., March 18, 10 a.m. to 3 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



Out & About



State

Prisoners release early or late spark corrective act

By Tim Gruver
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

Sloppy paperwork could be costing countless prisoners in the state's Department of Corrections custody incorrect terms, in some instances early releases not intended by the courts.

When an offender enters prison, courts submit a paper document called a "judgment and sentencing form," which details the length and conditions of an offender's confinement. Illegible handwriting or legal errors have led to sentences that extended or shortened offenders' time behind bars, unintended by courts' decisions.

Gov. Jay Inslee and corrections officials announced in 2015 that at least 2,700 Washington offenders have seen early release because of sentence-calculating errors during the past several years.

In 2016 an error on a judgment and sentencing form released five sex offenders early without appropriate supervision, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Budget committee approves Pearson measure to jumpstart diseased wildlife response

An uncured disease affecting elk herds has been spreading across the state and into Oregon without a committed response from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On Feb. 23, the budget-writing Senate

The process can be complicated. Many of the state's 39 counties use their own forms, and some sentences carry enhanced punishments depending on the type of crime, from drug felonies to sex offenses. By law, the state Department of Corrections must still enforce the court's order regardless of any errors it may contain.

HB 1680 would give the Department of Corrections 90 days to petition the state's court of appeals to review any incomplete or illegible sentencing orders issued on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

Sponsored by Rep. Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland, the bill creates a sentencing elements worksheet outlining clear and concise punishments for each county's judgment and sentencing documents.

Goodman believes that creating a statewide judgment and sentence form, as the bill originally proposed, would be impractical given the time and legal changes it would take for counties to implement it.

"One proposal was to have a uniform judgment and sentencing form across the state, but that's not workable because of the lag time that would take place for the counties and the Administrative Office of the Courts to come up with a uniform form and change it repeatedly," Goodman said. "The sentencing worksheet, the piece of paper that each county would use to calculate sentences across the state for their own judgment and sentencing forms, is workable."

Goodman said it is critical that state

Ways and Means Committee passed a measure sponsored by Sen. Kirk Pearson, R-Monroe, to jumpstart the response to contain and eradicate elk hoof disease.

"The lack of urgency to act by our wildlife managers when there's clear evidence of a spreading disease is disappointing," said Pearson, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee. "This is not a new problem, and we can't wait any longer to get it under control. The health of our state's elk herds is in danger without a serious commitment to solving the problem."

Pearson's bill, Senate Bill 5474, puts limits on any attempt to move diseased

sentences retain a wide variety of criteria for the range of defendants that courts judge.

"If the system were less complex, it would be less sophisticated to treat differently situated offenders as well as address class and race," Goodman said.

Julie Martin, assistant secretary of administration operations at the Department of Corrections, believes that the bill could greatly simplify the forms the department reviews.

"There are close to a hundred different judgment sentence forms that we receive every year from the 39 different counties," Martin said. "We believe that having information in one central place will make it more efficient for the courts to enter all the sentencing elements, as well as for DOC's staff to locate all the information."

The bill's substitute version requires the Department of Corrections to consult with legal counsel, such as the Washington State Superior Court Judges' Association and the Washington Defender Association, while developing the mandatory sentencing elements worksheet.

Sometimes the Department of Corrections may make such requests as placing prisoners in a facility better suited for their sentences, which courts can overrule. This conflict often complicates sentencing orders.

Tom McBride of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys believes that sentences can depend on differences of opinion rather than legality alone.

elk in a way that might spread the disease further. It also shifts authority to the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine for identifying causes and creating solutions to eradicate the disease.

"Not enough has been done to carefully manage the state's elk herds," said Pearson. "This bill will get us moving toward a real solution to this disease so we can stop this problem once and for all."

The bill moved next to the Senate floor for a vote to pass it to the House for consideration.

—Submitted by Jess Honcoop
Public Information Officer

"Sometimes these things aren't accidents, they're disputes," McBride said. "Sometimes what happens in the sentencing isn't a mistake; sometimes it's the court saying, 'I'm going to do this a different way,' and sometimes a party, whether it's a defendant or the prosecution, may say, 'that's not enough of a reason for us to appeal this [judgment and sentence].'"

Martin believes that steady communication between the Department of Corrections and the courts is among the most important means of ensuring fair sentences.

"The courts and the attorneys do their best to try to respond to us when we see that there's perhaps a conflict in law or a need for clarification," Martin said. "The courts have been very clear that we as a department don't have the authority to make the change if the [sentencing order] is erroneous or confusing. It is the courts' decision, and we need to reach out to them."

The bill was passed through the House Public Safety Committee by a unanimous vote and referred to the Rules Committee for full House consideration.

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Contact reporter Tim Gruver at timgruver92@gmail.com.

FREE income tax prep

Feb. 2 through April 13
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Concrete Community Center

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Call 360.853.7667 for appt.

Sponsored by AARP and IRS

Thriving state marijuana market gets potful of legislative attention

By Tim Gruver
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

A number of bills in the Washington Legislature could change the way people buy, sell, and grow marijuana.

The bills received hearings during the week of Feb. 20 in the House Committee on Commerce and Gaming with a wide range of proposals and opinions. Marijuana became a legal commodity in the state on July 8, 2014, one of few states at that time to legalize the plant for public use. It remains an illegal substance within the federal legal framework.

Bringing marijuana to your door

You could be buying marijuana in your pajamas, thanks to a new bill that would allow delivery services straight to your door.

HB 1712 allows licensed marijuana retailers to fulfill orders by phone or online for users age 21 and up. Current law allows marijuana purchases only at brick-and-mortar stores.

An opponent said such purchases would compromise customer and employee safety by encouraging transactions in insecure locations.

"So what this bill does is take away the walls, it takes away the witnesses, it takes away the cameras and the security protocols and any sort of alarms," said John Kingsbury, a member of medical-marijuana advocacy group Patients United. "I have to think that the first kid that gets stabbed or shot or beaten—you're going to feel a little bit responsible for that. If this isn't a recipe for disaster, I don't know what is."

Bill sponsor Rep. David Sawyer, D-Tacoma, believes the measure's risk to users is minimal and that increasing access to marijuana is critical to undermining black-market distributors.

Sawyer said the state Liquor and Cannabis Board would have to figure out how much one driver can carry. "Our whole goal is that we're taking down the black market, the cartels, and that we're running a safe, legal market. We want to compete on convenience and a fair price point."

Licensing homegrown pot

Medical marijuana patients looking to grow a cannabis crop at home may

receive some help: HB 2021 licenses adult medical marijuana users to grow and possess unlimited marijuana seeds at their residence.

Current law enables medical marijuana patients listed in the state's medical marijuana authorization database to buy and possess up to six marijuana plants and eight ounces of marijuana produced from those plants. Patients not in the database may grow up to four marijuana plants and possess up to six ounces.

"This bill closes a gap, and it's important that we close this gap because there are folks who qualify to have marijuana plants but they don't have access to them," said Rep. Jessyn Farrell, D-Seattle.

"This bill is very important because there are a lot of people out there who can no longer get plants because dispensaries closed that used to sell clones and seeds," medical marijuana patient Laurie Jackson told a House committee.

Kirk Ludden, a lobbyist for the marijuana advocacy group Viper PAC, noted the state's initial efforts to legalize cannabis did not adequately guarantee medical marijuana patients like himself access to seeds or plant clones, which helps users save money.

"It was a mishap that it was left out that patients could not even find a place to get their seeds and clones," Ludden said. "Many people are not experienced growers and can very easily have that male plant seed for the entire crop. You could have 100 seeds and now you're a felon."

Viper PAC director John Novak stated the bill benefits medical marijuana growers disgruntled with the retail industry's red tape. Medical marijuana patients licensed to distribute must also register with the marijuana traceability system and file daily reports related to the production, transportation, and sale of marijuana.

"As a licensee, I don't like the idea of having to go into a retail shop and not know whether I was put into the registry, the traceability system, or what," Novak said. "We're much better off going straight to the growers than the middle man at the retail level."

Protecting hemp growers

The word cannabis brings to mind images of burning joints or smoldering bongs, but the plant has just as much to do with hemp products as it does with marijuana.

Industrial hemp is found in thousands of household products, including paper, textiles, and health foods.

Under the federal Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1970, marijuana is classified as a schedule one substance, or a drug with a high risk of abuse with no accepted medical use.

HB 2064 removes industrial hemp from the state's schedule of controlled substances.

Federal law defines marijuana as a cannabis strain containing 0.3 percent or more of the psychoactive chemical component THC. Industrial hemp, which is unrelated to drug usage, contains less than 0.3 percent of THC.

In 2016, Washington created an industrial hemp research program under the Department of Agriculture to study the growth, cultivation, and marketing of industrial hemp. At least 30 states have industrial hemp research programs, studies, or commercial programs.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane, spoke about the importance of removing hemp from the state's drug schedule to better combat future federal suits against hemp farmers.

"The whole reason that Washington had to adopt a separate controlled substances act was because Washington State has separate jurisdiction from the federal government on this issue," Shea said. This bill intends to "make it very clear that Washington, right now, is removing hemp from the scheduling act, so it gives us better legal grounds to defend against any sort of federal intrusion later to prosecute people growing hemp here," he added.



Northwest
Garden
Bling

- Gift shop
- Stained glass & glass supplies
- Souvenirs

360-708-3279

nwgardenbling@frontier.com

44574 Highway 20 - Concrete, WA 98237

Marijuana activist John Worthington urged the Legislature to remove all varieties of cannabis from the state drug schedule. Ending cannabis's status as a controlled substance, Worthington argued, would curb the federal government's ability to seize imports under the federal Interstate Commerce Clause should newly installed U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions decide to further challenge state cannabis laws.

Bailey Hershberg of the state marijuana advocacy group NORML PAC believes encouraging hemp farming in the state could have a positive environmental impact through crop rotation.

HB 1712, 2021, and 2064 were all passed out of committee by a majority vote and await further deliberation by the House Rules and House Appropriations committees.

This story is part of a series of news reports from the Washington State Legislature provided through a reporting internship sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Reach reporter Tim Gruver at timgruver92@gmail.com.



GROCERIES / PRODUCE / MEAT

- Fishing Tackle & Licenses
- 24-Hour Ice
- LOTTO & Cash Machine
- Western Union
- Copies / FAX Service
- Movie Rentals
- Spirits



Take-Out from our Deli!

Hot Dogs - BBQ Roasted Chicken - Pizza

Monday thru Saturday | 9 AM - 8 PM
Sunday | 10 AM - 6 PM

44546 State Route 20, Concrete
360.853.8540 | FAX 360.853.8208

www.redapplemarkets.com



Smile



... from the Concrete Herald archives ...

A man decides to build a brick fence in front of his house. He isn't sure how many pallets of bricks to buy, so he asks his neighbor, who recently built a brick fence. "How many pallets of bricks did you get?"

"Ten."
So the man buys 10 pallets of bricks. When he was finished, he had six pallets left. He stormed over to his neighbor's house, none too pleased.

"Hey! I just finished my fence and I have six pallets left over!"
"Yep," says the neighbor, "so did I."
— § —

The Japanese eat little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat lots of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like; speaking English is apparently what kills you.

— § —
From the police blotter:

- A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle stopping at mailboxes. It was the mail carrier.
- A resident said someone had entered his home at night and taken 5 lbs. of bacon. Upon further investigation, police discovered his wife had gotten up for a late-night snack.

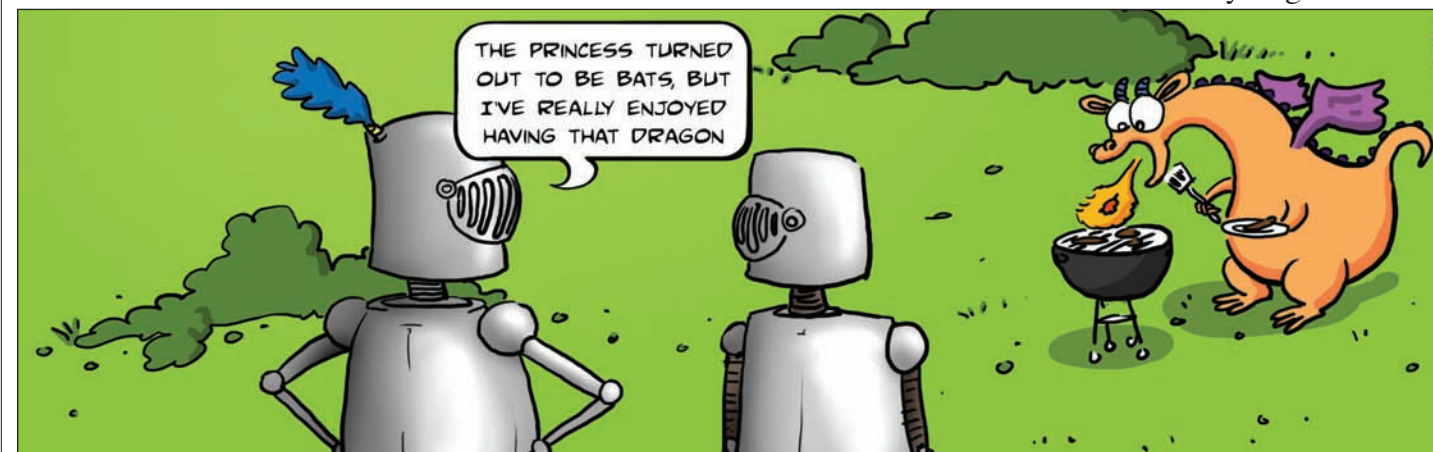
Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris

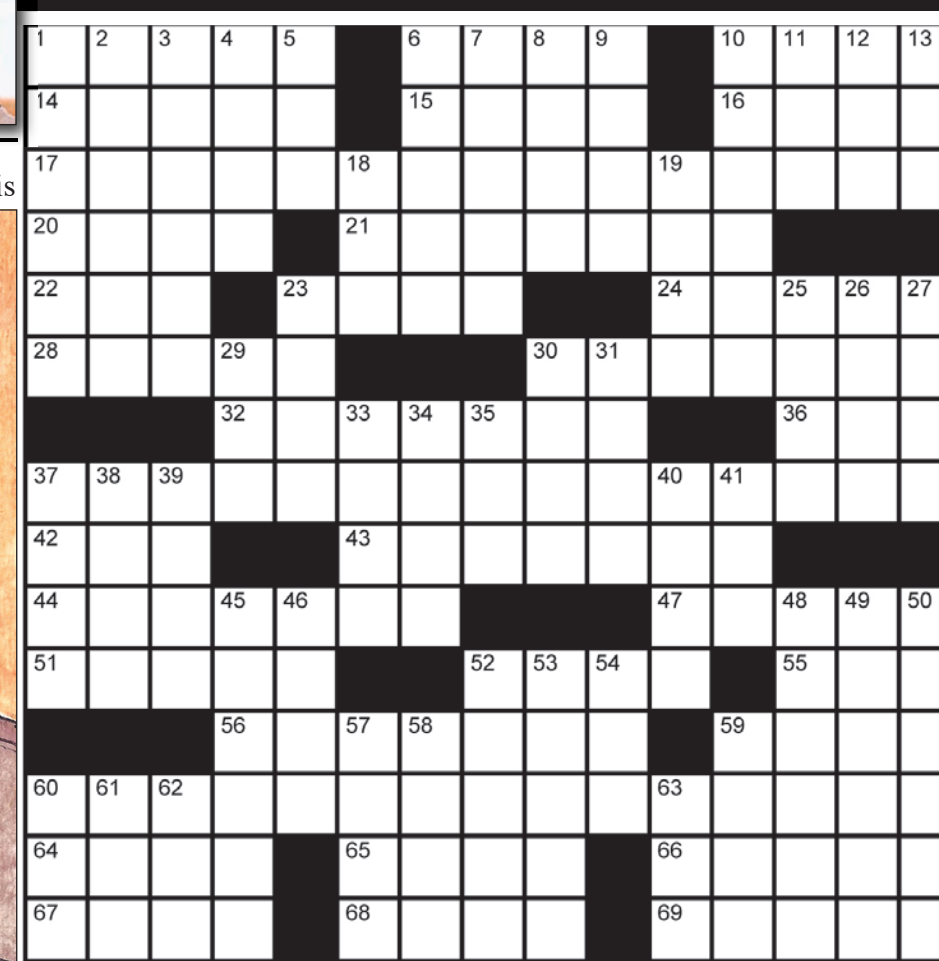


Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



Crossword: "In addition"



Across

1. Approval
6. Clink
10. Shoot
14. Escalator feature
15. River in Italy
16. Yawl call
17. Aging devil dog?
20. Debut of March 3, 1923
21. It can be criminal
22. King topper
23. Kind of job
24. "Forget it!"
28. Hawaiian island
30. Garden-variety
32. Ancient Roman coins
36. ____ in (eat)
37. Took a break to work on furniture?
42. Theater sound
43. Some art
44. Baton wielder
47. Orbital point
51. Absolute
52. Dateless
55. Grp. concerned with defense
56. IRS employee
59. Dish cooked in a pot

60. Pay-as-you-go college quarters?
64. ____ acid
65. "C'est la vie"
66. Romanian queen
67. Foe of the Iroquois
68. Cycle maker
69. Carmelite

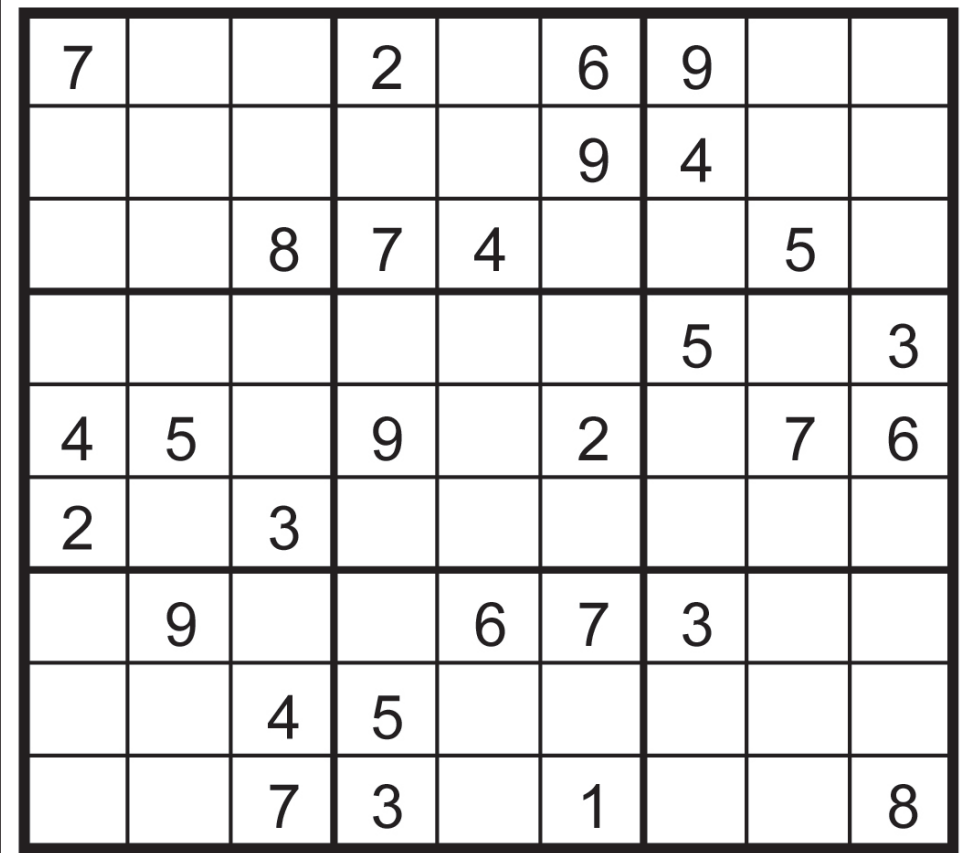
Down

1. Pertaining to Ohio, e.g.
2. It's used to treat bruises
3. Servant
4. Circular announcement
5. Anomalous
6. Biblical Assyrian king
7. Saw
8. Tranquil scene
9. Weak
10. Tailor
11. Key letter
12. Long stretch
13. River in Wales
18. African grazer
19. Teen spots
23. Bank holding
25. Dry riverbed
26. Opposed to, in dialect

27. Safecracker
29. Bustle
30. "____ it the truth!"
31. II x IV
33. Literary adverb
34. Big top?
35. Earth Summit site
37. Schools of thought
38. Literally, "king"
39. Butter
40. Destroy disk data
41. Accident
45. Medium meeting?
46. Align
48. Zen enlightenment
49. Spain and Portugal
50. Tom of fiction
52. Brown ermine
53. They may have abs of stone
54. Elbow's site
57. Time to act
58. Like some rumors
59. Have the lead
60. Signal
61. Hart Trophy winner, 1970-72
62. "Rocky ____"
63. Global financial overseer

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.



*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 38.

Funny as Facebook

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

- "What will a girl get for being my Valentine? Tacos. Now don't you all mob me at once; there is plenty to go around."
- "I am realizing approximately 97 percent of my diet was a carrier for either cheese or butter."
- "Couples with joint social media accounts ... stop it. It's like wearing matching track suits—it just ain't right."
- "Headed to REI to try on dog packs. Nox has to start being more useful, and carrying her own crap on the trail."



Plumeria Breezes Travel – Specializing in Destination Weddings & Honeymoons, Cruises, Family, All-Inclusives!



Monique Brigham
360-391-6001
Monique@PlumeriaBreezesTravel.com
www.PlumeriaBreezesTravel.com

810 METCALF STREET SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WA 98284

think the repealers give a whit what happens to you? If you believe you are worth it, call your senators and representatives and tell them to just say NO to the repeal attempt. It's that simple. Or just forget all this repeal stuff and turn to the obituary page. There are various conditions mentioned in the notices, some of which were pre-existing once upon a time.

*Gene Derig
Anacortes*

Bald Eagle Interpretive Center thanks supporters

The Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center at Howard Miller Steelhead Park had an outstanding 20th Anniversary season during December and January!

The December snowfall made for an interesting few months, but didn't scare away too many eagles or visitors. The center welcomed 2,939 people from across the region and country in only 34 open days. Through a variety of educational programming and events during the height of eagle migration, the facility provides a platform for exploring Skagit River ecosystem restoration and conservation.

The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team, the nonprofit that operates the center, acknowledges those individuals who contributed funds, time, and effort to ensure our success. We thank our close partners Howard Miller Steelhead Park (our home base), Skagit County Parks and Recreation, Skagit Eagle Watchers Program, U.S. Forest Service - Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, the Skagit Eagle Festival, and Concrete Chamber of Commerce. A special thank-you to Matt Riggen, U.S. Forest Service field ranger, for leading our popular Guided

Nature Hikes (15 total) and Skagit Eagle Watchers Program Coordinator Tanya Kitterman, USFS.

The center thanks our speakers for their expertise. We offered 10 public presentations on a variety of ecological subjects. Volunteers are the heart of our small nonprofit, and worked tirelessly to keep the center operating smoothly, clocking in a total of 541 hours!

Numerous organizations generously provided the needed funds to operate the Interpretive Center this season. Thank you, Skagit County, City of Burlington, Cascadian Farm, Columbia Bank, The Skagit Casino Resort, Skagit River Guide Service, and individual Deanna Ensley. Additionally, Skagit Valley artisans contributed items to our Nature Store, with a percentage of revenue supporting our mission.

Our first "20-20" Photo Contest was well received. The breadth of talent was breathtaking. Congratulations to our top 20 finalists! We thank participants for celebrating 20 years of eagle stewardship with us. The Grand Prize winner was Troy Duong of California; he captured a beautiful shot on the Skagit River of two eagles battling, titled "Show of Force." We also thank Skagit River Guide Service for sponsoring the Grand Prize. View the top 20 photos at www.skagiteagle.org.

We appreciate the public's significant donations and visitations, both a vote of confidence in our advocacy work.

Thank you all. With your support, we continue to educate the public about migratory bald eagles and their fragile habitat within the Skagit River Watershed.

*Cora Thomas, board president
Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team
Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center
Rockport*

Sunday School, cont. from p. 31

and living on with us now in all parts of creation.

Through the 40 days of Lent, we gather to ponder the enormity of God's love, to consider our own humanity and to confront the things that pull us away from God and from one another. We marvel at the lengthening of days and embrace the new light of Christ, which brings new life to all the world.

Lowell Chilton is vicar for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Concrete.

Good News, cont. from p. 26

events going on in our world, or we can choose to acknowledge the events by blessing them and all affected by it, then looking around our environment for Mother Earth's abundant healing remedies and figure out which ones to support our bodies while we go through this experience together and learn some very painful but valuable lessons.

Below are some alternatives to fear:

Essential oils to utilize

Melrose, frankincense, and tea tree, frankincense resin to burn essential oil sage.

Other natural remedies, according to global healing center

Nascent iodine, potassium orotate, calcium and magnesium, DMSO (Dimethylsulfoxide), zeolites/kaolin/red/benonite/fullers earth/French green and montmorillonite clays, activated charcoal, papain, bee pollen, beets, cold-pressed organic vegetable oils like olive oil and coconut oil, organic brewers yeast,

organic germanium-132. Sea veggies also help decontaminate radiation, but make sure to get them from a noncontaminated region of earth.

For those interested in flower essences and essential oils, fesflowers.com suggests yarrow, pink yarrow, golden yarrow, arnica, and echinacea infused in sea salt water base and preserved in either brandy or vinegar. Dr. Axe suggests milk thistle. Redice.tv mentions a sea salt and baking soda bath or take a trip to the Dead Sea. If you are not able to travel, using a tiny pinch of good quality sea salt in several glasses of distilled water each day filters out radiation as well as the sulfurated amino acids-cysteine, methionine, and cystine.

We can shift our diet to reflect our needs as well, such as integrating spirulina, chlorella, seaweed, kelp, black/green tea, garlic, onions, wheat grass, apples, and other fruits rich in pectin, lemon, parsley, beets, sauerkraut, ginger, avocado, horseradish, kale, and other leafy greens, broccoli, and coconut oil.

Hungry for Change states "The Swedish government monitored the radiation level of foods following the Chernobyl disaster. They found that most animal-based foods, including meat, dairy, and fish, had higher levels of radioactive substances than fruits, vegetables, grains, and potatoes. Eating plant-based foods can reduce exposure to radioactive substances by avoiding concentrations of these substances in animal fat and tissues."

Contact Sasa, Starwalker, and 2 Hats at cascadiaeffect@gmail.com. Experiences may be shared at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com> and on Facebook: Cascadia Effect.

Sudoku solution, from p. 37

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

Crossword solution, from p. 37

1	S	A	Y	S	O	6	J	A	I	L	9	10	S	P	E	13
14	T	R	E	A	D	15	A	D	D	A	16	A	H	O	Y	
17	A	N	O	L	D	18	G	R	A	Y	M	19	A	R	I	N
20	T	I	M	E	21	N	E	G	L	E	C	T				
22	A	C	E	L	U	B	E	23	N	O	W	A	Y			
26	L	A	N	A	I	29	A	V	E	R	A	G	E			
32	E	N	A	R	I	35	D	I	G							
37	I	S	G	O	N	E	F	I	N	I	S	H	I	N	G	
42	S	H	H	43	E	R	O	T	I	C	A					
44	M	A	E	S	T	R	O	46	A	P	S	I	S			
51	S	H	E	E	R	52	S	T	A	G	53	A	B	A		
56	A	U	D	I	T	O	R	57	S	T	E	W				
60	C	O	I	N	E	D	D	O	R	M	63	I	T	O	R	Y
64	U	R	I	C	65	A	L	A	S	66	M	A	R	I	E	
67	E	R	I	E	68	Y	E	T	I	69	F	R	I	A	R	

Classifieds

MOVIES & EVENTS AT THE HISTORIC CONCRETE THEATRE

WEEKEND MOVIE SCHEDULE:

Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 5 p.m. (Dollar off Sun. @ 5 p.m.)

TIX: \$8 general admission, \$7 for 65 and over/12 and under

24-hour MovieLine: 360.941.0403

www.concrete-theatre.com

FOR SALE

Truck: 1993 Ford Ranger 4x4 w/canopy, \$3,400 obo. 360.853.7433.

Truck: 1998 Chevrolet Silverado, \$4,200 obo. 360.853.7433.

FREE HOME-BUYING WORKSHOP

Everyone welcome. March 25, 11 a.m., at Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington. Learn everything about home buying and loans, and receive a certificate for downpayment assistance good for two years. Lunch will be served. No pressure! Call Dianne at Hendrickson Realty at 360.421.1112. Just show up!

Call to Artists

Artists join the fun! Northwest Garden Bling with Wolf Designs is hosting their **Annual Mosaic Challenge**. The contest begins now and culminates with a juried presentation of artwork May 5 through 14. First, 2nd, 3rd, and People's Choice Awards will be given. For information or to join the challenge, call 360.708.3279, e-mail nwngardenbling@frontier.com, or stop in at 44574 SR 20 in Grassmere Village. This is a fun competition designed to challenge yourself!



Northwest Garden Bling

- Gift shop
- Stained glass & glass supplies
- Souvenirs

360-708-3279
nwngardenbling@frontier.com
44574 Highway 20 – Concrete, WA 98237

GARAGE SALES

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1006 Wicker Rd., Sedro-Woolley. April 7 and 8; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Indoor/fundraiser to support church upkeep and Family Promise.

SERVICES

Gladys' Upholstery Shop. Quality work, reasonable prices. 360.826.4848.

Headstones. Traditional & One-Of-A-Kind. TODD'S MONUMENTS, 360.708.0403. www.toddsmonuments.com.

WANTED

Shop space wanted in or near Concrete, WA. Small specialty furniture manufacturer looking for shop space. Processes include metal lathe work, assembly and some spray painting. Please call Luke at 206 370 0730.

To place a Classified ad, call 360.853.8213 or e-mail ads@concrete-herald.com. Ads are \$5 per every 10 words. Payment is due at time of placement. Deadline for the April 2017 issue is March 27.

FREE income tax prep

Feb. 2 through April 13
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Concrete Community Center

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!
Call 360.853.7667 for appt.

Sponsored by AARP and IRS



[Chief Darrel Reed]

Interested?

Call Town Hall at **360.853.8213**
or drop in to fill out a quick application.



Applicants must live within town limits.

Smart businesses advertise in the



Travelers' Guide!

Reach visitors to the Upper Skagit Valley by advertising in the 2017 North Cascadian Travelers' Guide.

Publication Date
May 2017

Circulation: 15,000
Pages: 56

Deadline for ads and payment:
April 17, 2017

The Travelers' Guide showcases the history and events for visitors to:

Clear Lake, Sedro-Woolley, Lyman, Hamilton, Birdview, Grassmere, Concrete, Rockport, Darrington, Marblemount, Newhalem, and Diablo.

A **Concrete Herald** Publication

For more information or to request an advertising rate card, send an e-mail to editor@concrete-herald.com

Call 360.853.8213



LEMLEY CHAPEL
Funeral Directors

Rick Lemley
Doug Hutter
Tobi Stidman

360-855-1288
1008 Third St. • Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
www.lemleychapel.com info@lemleychapel.com

**Upriver
Starts here!**
Open every day
8am-10pm
1912 SR 20
Sedro-Woolley

360-746-9229

These products have intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults 21 and older. Keep out of reach of children.



Keep your beat

PeaceHealth doctors help care for your heart –
from preventative care to emergency procedures
– so you don't miss a beat.

Heart screenings ■ Heart specialists
Life-saving procedures



PeaceHealth

The Spirit of Health

peacehealth.org/heart