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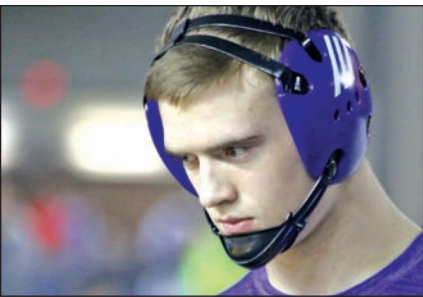
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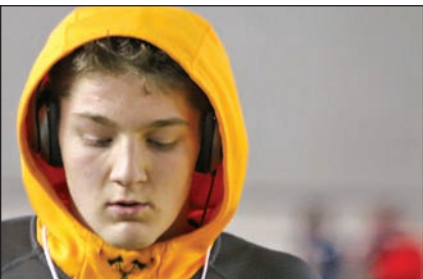
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Survivor of one of the worst periods of human history, Noémi Ban told her sober story to CHS students—and left them with an uplifting message. *Page 3.*



Olmstead brings home 2nd place medal

Concrete sophomore Hunter Olmstead took 2nd place at 220 lbs. during the Mat Classic state wrestling tournament on Feb. 16. *Page 8.*



Franke claims 2nd at Mat Classic

Darrington junior Johnny Franke captured the 2nd place medal at 195 lbs. Teammates Lucas Reuswaat (160) and Joe Monchak (138) took 4th and 6th, respectively. *Page 24.*

The best pizza on the planet



Most of the crew that makes Annie's Pizza famous, from left, are Josie Nuetzel, Josh and Dani Howard, founder Anne Bussiere, Bryan Mellor, and George Brookings. The littlest pizza-makers are Tim, Leilani, and Liliu'okalani Howard.

Annie's Pizza Station celebrates 25 years of perfection this month. *Page 11.*



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From the editor

Snow brought out the best—and worst

The February snow storms were unique in their force and longevity, dropping upwards of 3 feet of the white stuff in the Upper Valley in little more than 72 hours. Residents and public works crews scrambled and struggled to keep up with the snow, which seemed to accumulate to the same depth as soon as the plows had gone through.

Perhaps predictably, Facebook was chock full of praise and jeers for anyone charged with removing snow. Farther south, one enterprising young man from out of state made \$35,000 in about a week plowing in Seattle, and reaped the same mixed bag of reviews. Closer to our neck of the woods, people seemed to fall into one of two camps: Those who understood the situation and chose to respond with kindness and grace, and those who used the situation to complain about it and everything else they could think of.

This is not a hand-slapping editorial, by the way. This is only a nudge for all of us to pause and think about which response we chose. Were you pleased with your choice—or ashamed of it?

—J. K. M.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

We could not fly without you

Thank you all for a stellar season at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center, celebrating the winter migration of the bald eagles. This season the center faced power outages and the government shutdown. The general public assumed we received government funding and had to close. Our great team got the message out that neither was true. Now it is time to celebrate a great season and plan for the next. Thank you:

- Wonderful volunteers.
- SRBEAT Board Members, who strive to improve the program all year.
- Dedicated partners: Skagit County Parks and Recreation, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Service, Washington State Parks.
- Gifted environmental speakers.
- Amazing sponsors: No. 1, Cascadian Home Farm; visitors and their donations, City of Burlington and Skagit County.
- Local artisans.

To lose just one of you would shut the doors of a 22-year volunteer-driven program. This nonprofit program bolsters the winter economy for our local community and inspires visitors.

Judy Hemenway, treasurer
SRBEAT

Gratitude for Cascadian Home Farm

Cascadian Home Farm sponsored Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center with a charitable donation of \$2,500 to support K-12, as well as special needs students in our environmental education programs. Cascadian Home

Farm is a pioneer in the organic food movement; its parent company is General Mills. Cascadian Home Farms has worked to preserve the health of the Skagit River and protect the local ecosystem using sustainable organic methods.

The Skagit River Bald Interpretive Center focuses on habitat conservation, stewardship, and restoration in the spirit of celebration, education, and cooperation. Our school program is an opportunity to provide memorable outdoor learning experiences that cannot be duplicated in a classroom, with an introduction to our natural area and encouragement to explore the Skagit River environment with respect and wonder.

Cascadian Home Farm's charitable donation will support and improve the Skagit River Interpretive Center's environmental student programs. Our educational programs focus on natural science. The donation will facilitate purchasing materials to use in educating about runoff, landform, pollution, land use, salmon and eagle migration, and the water cycle. We are grateful for the farm's continued support and for all they do for the community.

Judy Hemenway, board member
SRBEAT

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Holocaust survivor visits high school

Concrete High School students experienced a rarity on Jan. 29: They sat in the same room as a Holocaust survivor and heard her story.

Well-known speaker Noémi Ban came to the school and spoke to students in the shadow of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jan. 27). The Commons room was hushed as Ban, 96, spoke of her journey during the dark days of Hitler's rule. Born in Hungary, Ban was only 20 when she and her family were relegated to the ghetto with other Jews.

As Germany invaded and occupied Hungary, Ban was sent to Auschwitz with other family members. Only Ban survived. Dr. Josef Mengele himself transferred her later to Buchenwald, where she worked in a bomb factory.

"We learned we were making these bombs to be used against the very ones we were hoping would liberate us," she said. "So we messed up the bombs. We laughed because we knew the bombs wouldn't work."

Ban's journey was painful for students to hear. She told of 82 people crammed into cattle cars. She stood in front of Josef Mengele and saw the horse whip in his hand. She ate soup laced with an additive to prevent pregnancy, and still managed later to have five sons.



Clockwise from above: Holocaust survivor Noémi Ban speaks to Concrete students during a special gathering on Jan. 29, to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27. Ban is greeted warmly by seniors Josie Acevedo (below) and Faith Daniels (below left).

"Mr. Hitler, what do you have to say to that?" she said. "I am a winner!"

"We were there to die," she said of Auschwitz.

Despite her past, Ban's message was upbeat. "I love life," she told the students. "And you should too. We are here to deal with our problems and live."



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New employees join town

Two new faces have joined the Town of Concrete Public Works staff.

Effective Jan. 1, Josh Massingale and Terry Coggins began work as Public Works Maintenance Workers.

Massingale, 37, comes from a logging and heavy equipment operation background.

Coggins, 42, has years of road-building, house-framing, and office cubicle construction under his belt. He's also done some tree work.

Both men's references had high praise for their work ethic and character.

Massingale and Coggins replaced Rich Philips and Jimmy Luttrell. Philips served the town for more than 17 years, and retired at the end of 2018. Luttrell served the town for four years, and left to begin a new career with Atlantic Power.

—J. K. M.



Massingale



Coggins

Law would eliminate personal objection to vaccines in Washington state

By Madeline Coats
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

OLYMPIA—A proposed bill would eliminate the philosophical or personal objection used to exempt children from vaccines required to attend schools in Washington state.

Senate Bill 5841 is co-sponsored by a group of 10 Democratic senators and introduced by Sen. Annette Cleveland, D-Vancouver.

There is a current measles outbreak in Clark County with 62 confirmed cases, Cleveland said. Gov. Jay Inslee declared a public health emergency in Clark County on Jan. 18.

"This outbreak threatens the health of not only unvaccinated children, but those that cannot receive vaccinations," said

Cleveland at a public hearing on Feb. 20. Under the bill, a child would be prohibited from attending a school or licensed day care center unless they have proof of full immunization or a certificate of exemption.

"In the 2017-18 school year, the rate of kindergarten personal belief exemptions was 3.7 percent, compared to only 0.2 percent for religious reasons and 0.8 percent for medical necessity," said Cleveland.

Full immunization includes vaccines for chickenpox, diphtheria, measles, German measles, haemophilus influenzae type B disease, hepatitis B, mumps, pneumococcal disease, polio, tetanus and whooping cough, the legislation states. Dr. John Wiesman, secretary of the state Department of Health, testified in support

House members propose task force on missing and murdered indigenous women

By Emma Scher
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

According to a report by the Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle has the most cases of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls than any other city in the country.

Washington state had the second-highest number of total cases, following only New Mexico.

House Bill 1713 aims to improve the law enforcement response to these cases by establishing a task force and Washington State Patrol liaisons to work with tribal communities and law enforcement. The bill has 24 bipartisan sponsors. According to its fiscal note, it is expected to cost the State Patrol more than \$500,000 to implement.

A number of Native American men and women testified, asking for the bill to take steps further. Some called for

the legislature to address missing and murdered indigenous men alongside women, to elevate tribal voices throughout the implementation process, and to increase of the number of liaison positions.

"This is not just an American Indian/Alaskan Native women issue, it is an American issue," said Earth-Feather Sovereign, an advocate for the group Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Washington. "We all have mothers and sisters and daughters, we need to protect all of them."

The advocacy group has organized multiple demonstrations in Washington, including the Seattle Women's March and a rally in opposition of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

HB 1723's prime sponsor, Rep. Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale, said that Sovereign and the 2017 movie Wind River inspired her to gather data and bring attention to this issue. She sponsored a related bill that passed the legislature last year to conduct a study on the missing and murdered indigenous women in Washington.

"There's a lot of discord between the tribes ... generationally," Mosbrucker said. "Urban and registered tribe members don't always get along and it becomes about personality instead of finding missing and murdered indigenous women."

of the bill. Once in use, vaccines are continuously monitored by the Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration and other organizations for safety reasons, he said.

"Vaccines are very safe and effective," said Wiesman. "Vaccines undergo much research and safety testing before they are licensed."

In order for a child to be exempt from all or part of the immunization requirement, they must provide a written certification signed by a health care practitioner that a particular vaccine is not advisable, as referenced in the measure. The same is required of a parent or guardian who believes their religious beliefs are contrary to the required immunization.

Jill Collier, a registered nurse, spoke in opposition of the bill. She said there

is nothing simple about obtaining a medical exemption. Medical providers are more hesitant than ever to find medical exemptions because of the increased hostility around this debate, she said.

"There is no guarantee a vaccine is going to be without risk," said Collier. "Unfortunately we learn about some of these kids' genetic susceptibilities in their autopsy reports."

Dr. Elias Kass, a naturopathic physician, works with vaccine hesitant families on a daily basis. He testified in support of the bill because of his belief that all kids deserve to be protected from disease.

"There are so many things we can't prevent, there is so much suffering available," said Kass. "Let's give all of our kids the opportunity to grow up without the diseases we can prevent."

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By J. K. M.

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3. Call the studio when a live DJ is present (see program schedule) and they can read it to you.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and is due by March 30.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs in Concrete and Sedro-Woolley will be open for Spring Break, April 1–5. Current members can register online at www.skagitclubs.org until March 15. New members are encouraged to contact their local club about membership. Registration is required for participation and the cost is \$160 per member for the week. More information can be found at www.skagitclubs.org. Waiting lists may apply.

- **Concrete Club**
Spring Break hours: 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Brian Gustafson

Middle School Hoops, cont. from p. 10

season-long strong offense, the defensive effort was incredible. Darrington was held to just 16 points, all with Concrete committing just seven team fouls the entire game. The significance of that stat may be lost on many people, but it reveals that Concrete played excellent team defense as they hounded Darrington every time they crossed half court without getting sloppy and fouling. The obvious improvement was a great way to finish the season.

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The annual **Skagit County Fire Dist. 10 Fireman's Dance** will be held this year at Lake Tyee HOA, 4571 Burpee Hill Rd., Concrete, on Sat., April 13, from 6 p.m. to midnight. The evening's lineup includes live music from the Dakota Poorman band, a potluck dinner, and a raffle. This event never disappoints and is a perfect date night. Contact Dist. 10 firefighters for tickets or buy them at the door; attendees must be 21+ to attend.

Check Out Washington, a new program that allows families to check out a special Washington State Parks Discover Pass from certain libraries, launched on March 1.

Pierce County, Spokane and Spokane County, and Mount Vernon public libraries will start lending "activity backpacks" with Discover Passes on a first-come-first-served basis, thanks to a partnership between State Parks and the Washington State Library. The backpacks, which contain binoculars, field guides, and other interpretive materials, will be available for one-week check-outs on March 1.

The Washington State Parks Foundation is funding the Check Out Washington program so users can access parks and recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Natural Resources.

I thank Sheena Daniels and Ruth Martinez for helping out with my scorebook when my bride was unable to be there. Thank you to Kayla Knuth for helping with the clock during one of our home games. Thank you to the family and friends who watched the home and away games, and provided much support and encouragement to the players. Most importantly, a special thank you to my bride, Kathy, for being my scorekeeper and a great coach's wife.

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Feb. 11 and 25. The following are summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

Feb. 11 regular meeting

- **Public Safety:** Deputy Esskew reported on the winter storm warning that is supposed to continue into tomorrow evening. He stated they are also staying on top of the trailers and vehicles parked illegally in town. Council approved Resolution 2019–03 and CMC 2.52, updating the town's personnel policy.
- Council discussed Resolution 2019–05 a lease for business incubator purposes. Councilmember Marla Reed asked about insurance requirements. Town attorney David Day stated there should be a sentence or paragraph in this regarding the tenant's requirement to provide their own insurance. He stated he has standard language he can send up to have added. Councilmember Reed stated that she wants to see that language added prior to approval. Council approved a 2019 Professional Services Agreement for CRH Engineering.
- Council approved a task order for an Inflow and Infiltration (I&) project supplement. Town engineer Cody Hart said they had originally thought they would be able to complete the work for less, but that this increase is still within the original funding budget.
- Council approved task orders for the Main Street Waterline project and the Townwide Metering project. Both projects are out for bid advertisement.
- Four airport lot leases changed hands per council approval. Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter reported that there were five leases turned back in to the town at the end of 2018.
- Council approved an agreement with Cameron Bailey for legislative representation during the current legislative session. Mayor Jason Miller said that Cameron Bailey was former Senator Pearson's legislative assistant for many years. He stated that he is now a lobbyist and contacted the town to offer assistance. Mayor Miller stated the cost for

the agreement would be \$1,000 per month during the session and would be well worth the cost, as the town pursues funding to help meet the requirements of its current wastewater permit with Dept. of Ecology.

Feb. 25 regular meeting

- Town engineer Hart reported on several major projects:
He is working with USDA and should be able to get the I&I project out to bid at the beginning of March. He is also moving forward with Dept. of Health on the water tank project and getting those plans approved so this one can be advertised for construction as well. He is also working with TIB and the town to finalize the Cedar Street/ S. Rietze plans, and will get this one out to bid soon as well.
- Council approved the revised lease for business incubator purposes. (This will be used first for healthcare provider Brianna Wilson, who plans to use the old police station as a branch office beginning April 1.)
- Council approved an agreement with Farmers Equipment to install an antenna and computer equipment at the Fire and Life Safety Facility for GPS services. Fichter stated that this GPS information can be used by farmers to plow, plant, and harvest without a human driver in the tractor itself; it can be done fully by GPS.
- On the topic of snow, Mayor Miller stated that, to his surprise, there are no laws in Washington that require municipalities to plow snow. He stated the town plows as a service, but is under no legal obligation to do so. He stated the town will provide the service and will do its best to improve that service, but wants to make sure people are aware that it is a service and not a legal obligation. He stated he will be working with staff to make any needed changes in how this service is provided, and also researching possible ordinances for future snow events, as well items pertaining to sidewalks.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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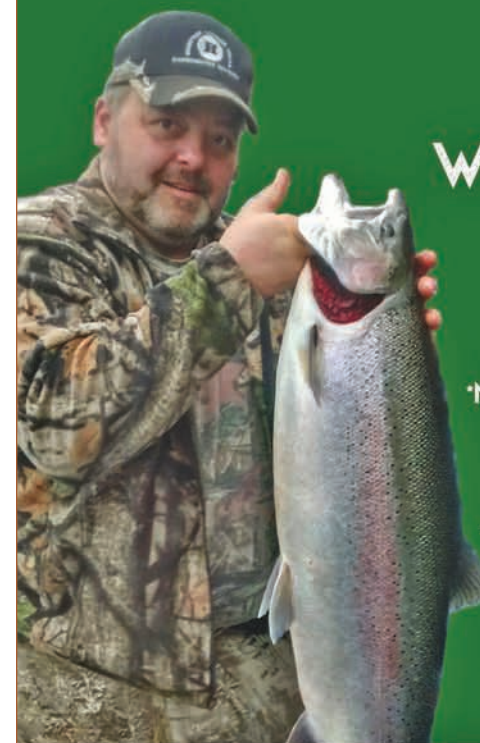
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Sports

Olmstead brings home 2nd place medal

Concrete sophomore Hunter Olmstead faced what could arguably called his nemesis at this year's Mat Class state wrestling tournament on Feb. 16. He'd met Kalama's Sutton Moon on the mat earlier in the season, at the Rubber Chicken Tournament in Moon's hometown, where he'd led Moon 15-2 at one point—before Moon pinned him.

"That was a wake-up call for both of us, so we wrestled really hard at State," said Olmstead, who wrestles at 220 lbs.

Head Coach Jesse Dellinger said the plan was to take the championship match round by round, "because we knew it would be tough."

First round: no scores. Second round: 1-0 in Olmstead's favor after an escape. But then Moon threw Olmstead and suddenly it was 5-1 in Moon's favor. Olmstead squeaked out of a pin: 5-2. In the end, the match went to Moon in an 8-2 decision.

"Hunter didn't quit; he wrestled tough," said Dellinger. "And remember, last year he didn't place at all. For him to come in the next year and take 2nd is a huge

accomplishment. It's bittersweet for him, but he has nothing to be ashamed of.

There aren't a lot of kids who go to state as a sophomore. Second place is a win."

Olmstead was level-headed about the outcome. "There were some things I wish I could have done better, but that's just how it goes," he said.

Concrete sent eight wrestlers to this year's Mat Classic: Olmstead, Peyton Sanchez (145), Killian McCormack (145), Blake Carpenter (170), Robert Reed (126), Sean French (132), Jaydon Craig (120), and Skyler Ottow (170).

Dellinger called freshman Robert Reed "Mr. Hustle." The only freshman to make it to Mat Classic, Reed "wrestled tough, works hard, and puts his mind to it. He's not going to slow down," said Dellinger.

Sanchez lost only to two wrestlers who ended up placing. Ottow was one match away from standing on the podium. Carpenter led his opponents in points before losing to them.

"We had a good season," said Dellinger. "We learned a ton. We took eight to State, and all of them won at least one match."



Above: Concrete sophomore Hunter Olmstead wrestles Sutton Moon of Kalama for the 220-lb. championship during Mat Classic in the Tacoma Dome on Feb. 16. **Below:** Freshman Robert Reed made it to state, where he dispatched Jonathan Remero of Darrington with a pin. Reed was the only Concrete freshman at State. **Below left:** With a fine display of sportsmanship that impressed the ref, Olmstead raises Moon's hand after losing to him in an 8-2 decision.



Right: First-year Head Coach Jesse Dellinger took eight wrestlers to the 2019 Mat Classic at the Tacoma Dome.

Standing, from left: Asst. Coach Don Olmstead, Dellinger, Hunter Olmstead, Killian McCormack, Peyton Sanchez, Robert Reed, Sean French, Skyler Ottow. Kneeling, from left: Jaydon Craig, Blake Carpenter.



Women's hoops closes out season

By Kevik Rensink, Head Coach

The Concrete Women's Basketball team concluded its season with a 50-23 loss at home to Orcas Island on Senior Night. There were four seniors on this year's team, and they each had the privilege to start in their last home game together.

Tiana Brookshire has been in the program all four years, has been a captain on the JV team, and a mentor to our younger players. Although "T-Rex" is one of my favorite nicknames for her, "Mother Hen" and "Mamma Bear" are also appropriate. In that spirit, my last word for Tiana is "Mamma" and my advice is for her to take care of the people around her, and they will take care of you.

Maddy Pritchard also played all four years and overcame several obstacles to do so. Because of this, my last word for Maddy is "Perseverance," and I would tell her she is always stronger than she thinks.

Jaidyn Swanson started playing basketball her sophomore year and gave us three unforgettable seasons. She has been a great teammate to everyone.

My final word to Jaidyn is "Never." It is "Never" because I never want her to get tired of trying to do the right thing. She built a basketball career from it and will build a solid life from those same principles.

My fourth senior is Josie Acevedo. Josie played her sophomore year, managed her junior year, and then managed/played her senior year. Whatever it took, Josie did it, and she did it with a smile. Because of that, my word for Josie is "Smile," because it can change the world.

We had a great time at our end-of-the-season banquet, where we ate and celebrated the last four months we have spent together. See the box at right for this season's awards and letters.

Since I gave my final words to the seniors, I will give some final thoughts to the rest of the team: Thanks for coming into the gym with a great attitude every day, and putting forth tremendous effort every single day. My appreciation and respect for each of you has grown as a result of being your coach this year. Now I need you to continue to get into the gym, follow through with your off-season workout programs, and play summer ball. The better you get in the off-season, the better we are next season.

WRESTLING AWARDS

Team Captain: Hunter Olmstead. **Coach's Award:** Hunter Olmstead. **Most Improved:** Jaydon Craig. **Get 'er Done Award in Memory of Mark Richmond:** Robert Reed. **Most Inspirational:** Charlie Bartel. **Gordy Evans Memorial Award:** Blake Carpenter. **WIAA Athlete of the Week:** Anna Spangler. **Varsity Letters:** Killian McCormack, Skyler Ottow, Hunter Olmstead, Dominic Cassell, Cody Carlson, Blake Carpenter, Peyton Sanchez, Corbin Coggins, Charlie Bartel, Sean French, Robert Reed, Jaydon Craig, Aunya Carpenter, Devon Howard, Anna Spangler. **Manager:** Leona Martinez.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AWARDS

Teammate Most Likely to Talk to a Random Stranger: Kassidy Smith. **Most Likely to Get Married First:** Tiana Brookshire. **Most Likely to Never Quit a Sport:** Kylie Clark. **Most Likely to Score for the Other Team:** Josie Acevedo. **Most Likely to Sleep Through an Earthquake:** Rebeka Rider. **Most Likely to Use More Words than Anyone Else in a Day:** Ebby Buchta. **Most Likely to Confront Their Issues Head-On:** Jaidyn Swanson. **Most Likely to Die First During a Zombie Apocalypse:** Sierra Rensink. **Most Likely to Always Trust Her Coach's Decision:** Izzy Ramos. **Most Likely to Break Into a Disney Song at Any Moment, Even on the Court:** Payton Dickinson. **Most Likely to Use Someone Else's Toothbrush and then Not Tell Them:** Carolyn Dominguez. **Varsity Letters:** Ashley Parker, Payton Dickinson, Rebeka Rider, Sierra Rensink, Kylie Clark, Kassidy Smith, Maddy Pritchard, Izzy Ramos, Jaidyn Swanson, Ebby Buchta, Andrea Rogers. **Manager:** Josie Acevedo, Tiana Brookshire. **Varsity Awards:** **Queen of the Boards (125 rebounds):** Kylie Clark. **Miss Hustle:** Kassidy Smith. **Most Improved:** Ebby Buchta. **Most Valuable Player:** Kylie Clark. **Players' Award:** Izzy Ramos.

JV Letters: Tiana Brookshire, Josie Acevedo, Carolyn Dominguez, Kayla Knuth, Kendra Knuth.

JV Awards: **Most Improved:** Carolyn Dominguez.

Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month: Ebby Buchta, Blake Carpenter, Tyler Coffell

Ebby Buchta is a junior point guard for the Concrete Lady Lions basketball team. She was asked to take on the role of point guard when the other two players who normally play the position were injured. Buchta stepped in to help the team and had a great season. She led the team in steals and assists, and was second on the team in rebounding and 3-pointers. This was only her second year of playing basketball. She has accomplished much in a short time. Buchta is a great athlete, a tremendous student, an exciting teammate, and a wonderful young lady to coach. Coach Rensink said Buchta was named by her teammates as the "Most Improved Player" this season, and "I believe this Athlete of the Month award helps to recognize all of her efforts. Thanks for a great season Ebby, this honor is much deserved."

Blake Carpenter was selected as an Athlete of the Month for wrestling. He is every coach's dream kid. He

works hard, never complains, and always smiles no matter the situation. He is a senior and will be greatly missed next year. Carpenter started the season not knowing anything about wrestling, but was willing to learn. The beginning was rough, but he didn't give up. He kept working hard at practice and it started to pay off. Midway through the season, he started to figure it out and started piling up wins. Toward the end of the season, he had a good shot at making it to state. He qualified and got to wrestle at Mat Classic. He wrestled tough all year long, and the team couldn't have asked for more from him. Coach Jesse Dellinger said, "He is an awesome young man and a delight to have around. I wish him the best moving forward, and I know no matter what he decides to do with his life, he will do it with 100 percent effort."

Tyler Coffell "TC" Coffell was an incredible captain for the men's

basketball program and consistently led by example. He not only led the team in 3-point percentage and free throw percentage, but he also led the team in steals. He was voted "Mr. Hustle" by his teammates, which goes to show that they recognized his effort and energy in games. He is an incredibly selfless human and puts others before himself. Even at the basketball banquet, he left early because he went to respond to a call with the fire department. He was a great teammate all year and constantly puts others' successes before his own. Coach Levi Stewart said, "We could always rely on TC when we needed him most. We are incredibly proud that he is part of our school, program, and community."

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

Middle School girls basketball wrap-up

By Rob Thomas, Coach

Resilient. There is no better word to describe the 2019 Concrete Middle School Girls basketball team. When practice began on Jan. 7, we were expecting a normal season filled with practices and eight games. Though basketball is an indoor sport, it is not immune from weather challenges. The extensive snow during a relatively brief season forced many practices to be cancelled, two games to be re-scheduled, one game cancelled, and the season extended by one week. And yet, seven 6th graders (Amelia, Emily, Hailie, Indie, Isabel, Kelsy, Laura); four 7th graders (Avalon, Bella, Hayley, Jayden); and one 8th grader (Aja) proved to be resilient throughout a challenging season.

The original schedule consisted of eight games: four home and four away. Our league includes competition against La Conner, Orcas, Darrington, and Mount Vernon Christian. Some of the schools had two complete teams, while other schools were in the same situation as Concrete, having limited numbers.

Often the Concrete girls played against more experienced and athletic 8th grade teams, but in every game they played with great attitude and effort, and never backed down from the competition. They played hard from the opening tip to game-ending whistle. The result was improvement throughout the season.

The low point of the season was our annual game against the Concrete High School Junior Varsity team. For a number of reasons, the middle school team was not able to get on track. Coach Tasha Nick had the JV team firing on all cylinders as they overwhelmed the middle schoolers offensively, defensively, and in their transition game. If a team is allowed to have one "ugly" game in the season, this was ours. In full disclosure, I was concerned about how we would come back, physically and mentally. The girls showed up at the next practice focused and ready to take the next step forward as a team—and that's how they played the rest of the season.

The high point of the season was what proved to be our final game of the season. We went to Darrington and played on the high school court, which was a real treat for the girls. While we continued our

The best pizza on the planet

Annie's Pizza Station celebrates 25 years of perfection this month.

This story begins in Federal Way, Wash., when Concrete restaurateur Annie Bussiere was 7 years old. She began building a storefront in her driveway, intending to sell candy.

"That dream ended when my dad came home—but it didn't die," she said.

Fast forward to March 1994. Bussiere is married with kids, she's lived in Concrete for almost 20 years, and she's been bitten by the entrepreneur bug. After 15 years of reporting for *Concrete Herald* about other people chasing their dreams, she's ready to chase her own.

"I wanted a storefront; I would have sold marshmallows," said Bussiere. "At first I was going to sell espresso or chocolate. But a pizza place—Pumphouse Pizza—was for sale. It existed. Some part of the plan was already there."

Bussiere had talked to Economic Development Association of Skagit County, had gone to a banker, and had refinanced the house to make her dream a reality. In 1994, it happened. Annie's Pizza Station opened that March. It began life in the old gas station in Concrete Town Center, at the intersection of Main

St. and N. Dillard. The old office housed the kitchen; the dining room was the service area—with the oil pit filled in.

"I didn't know what I was doing," Bussiere said. "I didn't know pizza. But I knew marketing and customer service," and (former owner) Judy Davis showed us how to make pizza."

That first day, they had three customers. And no cash register. They stuffed the money into a pistachio tin.

"We closed for a week to paint, clean, and reorganize, and when we reopened, it was crazy busy," said Bussiere.

Curious locals showed up to eat or even to help grate cheese. Bussiere's husband, Chuck, already a bus driver for Concrete School District and a driver for Skagit Readymix, added a third job to his plate: nighttime pizza delivery boy.

In 1995, Bussiere was asked to be an anchor tenant in Grasmere Village, where the restaurant currently resides.

"We realized our current location was inadequate," she said. "Not enough room for customers, and the kitchen was too small and poorly designed for ventilation. We needed more space."

Later that year, they made the move and added employees. The restaurant currently employs between five and seven employees.

Also that year, they traveled to Las Vegas for their first pizza convention (yes, that's a thing), where they "learned a whole lot about pizza," said Bussiere. "We upgraded our sauce and our meats, and came up with a flavor profile that I wanted. We wanted quality, friendliness, and a consistent product."

The lineup

Since those first struggling days, Annie's Pizza Station has hit its stride. It is known all over the state for its quality offerings; indeed, it's been in *Evening Magazine's* Best of Western Washington's top 10 for the past decade, and earned second place for Best Pizza the past two years. You'll find rave reviews for Annie's on Trip Advisor, Yelp, and Google. We're talking a reputation for stellar pizza, here, and the work ethic to back it up.

Annie's Pizza sells more than its namesake. Sure, you can find combo pizzas baked in its stone-lined oven, like Annie's Supreme, Oktoberfest Traveler, Doug's Self-Serve, and Chuck's Diesel—which includes every meat available—as well as chicken and vegetarian pizzas. There's even a gluten-free crust available for small pizzas. But the restaurant also likes to think "outside the pizza box," moving from calzones to sandwiches, pasta dishes, fresh green salads, soups, and desserts.

Speaking of soup, it bears mentioning that Josh Howard—Annie's son in law—is creating some offerings on that front that can be described as "inspired."

"He's gone nuts with that," said Bussiere with a laugh. "He comes up with some amazing flavors. He has figured out soup."

Howard and his wife, Dani—Bussiere's daughter—also dream up new pizza combinations. The restaurant held an open house several years ago, with varied pizza flavor options for people to sample and vote for, and all of them wound up on the menu.

Predictably, Annie's Pizza Station can be a hopping place any time of year. And



Annie's Pizza cook Bryan Mellor displays the pizza that pulls in customers from all over the state—and beyond.

because of that, Bussiere, 67, said she "can see Dani and Josh taking the helm at some point. We haven't figured out the details, but that seems to be the overall plan. I can't see selling it to someone from out of the area; those people try to put their own mark on things without knowing or caring about what the community needs or wants. I've seen that happen too many times."

In the meantime, Bussiere is perfectly happy being in the restaurant business.

"Cooking is creative; I like the creative side of things, and I like people and keeping busy—physical work. When I was a reporter, I enjoyed the conversations and driving around, but not the writing part—sitting still."

The restaurant has evolved into a community gathering place, where the Local Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and a book club hold their monthly meetings.

"A lot of customers feel like family now," said Bussiere. "When they don't come in, we worry or feel sad. It's a humanity thing—the humanity of it all. It gets a little crazy on Friday nights, when you can't even contemplate finishing an order without screaming and running out the door, but we get it done. It's satisfying to know that this little team of people have gotten something done."

—J. K. M.



Soup Chef Josh Howard created this "Louisianne Gumbo" for Mardi Gras in Concrete on

See **Middle School Hoops**, p. 6 March 2. Howard is known for his varied and delicious soup recipes. Submitted photo.

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For more information, call 425.350.5988.



Academics



Replacement levy passes

Concrete School District officials are breathing a sigh of relief after the district's replacement levy vote on Feb. 12 came out in the district's favor. Sixty-seven percent of the district's voters said yes to the levy.

For the school district, a lot was riding on the vote for its two-year replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy. In the near term, the renewed levy will allow the school district to fund staffing, student, and community programs; curriculum and staff development; facilities and grounds; technology; individual building needs; food services; transportation; and its district office. In the long-term, it lessens the district's anticipated budget crunch and gives the state legislature time to re-address school funding.

The vote comes after the McCleary Decision of the Washington State Supreme Court mandated that Washington State fully fund public K-12 education and end the practice of local school districts using levies to meet operating costs. The State Legislative process attempted to meet that mandate, but failed in ways that

affect mostly smaller, rural school districts like Concrete.

Some of the lingering problems stem from mismatches in the process, such as differences between the words and definitions used by the State Supreme Court, the State Legislature, and local school districts as directed by the Office of State Public Instruction. Thus, the legislature did not pass a funding plan to fully fund local school districts, only what they narrowly defined as "basic education."

The legislature recognized this shortcoming and its future impacts, and compromised by allowing school districts to continue raising some funds using local levies. That compromise is far from perfect, because it placed a significant cap of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of property valuation on any levies, including those already passed at a higher amount. By the time the final state budget was finally approved, far less funding for our schools materialized than had been envisioned, but that levy cap remained in place.

—J. K. M. and John Boggs

CONCRETE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students at Concrete Middle School received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the first semester of the 2018–19 school year. An asterisk after a name denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Michael Bartel, Hayley Daniels, Jayden Hall, Trevor Howard, Camrin Hurley, Mariah Kelley, Lane Lloyd, Jasmine Lofton, Ashton Martin, Isabella Martinez, Jade McAdam.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Owen Aamot, Vanessa Aiken, Ethan Bounds, Anthony Culver, Hannah Hook, Aja Lee, Caleb Lewis, Vincent Preis, Melinda Scheer.

CONCRETE HIGH SCHOOL

The following students at Concrete High School received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the first semester of the 2018–19

school year. An asterisk after a name denotes a student with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Grade 9

Payton Dickinson, Tiffanie Hendry-Conrad, Carlen Herz, Devon Howard, Christian Joens*, Ashley Parker, Romie Salipot, Brylon Sipes, Keoni Vierra, Colby Whitford.

Grade 10

Collin Martin*, Leona Martinez, Hunter Olmstead, Eleanor Parent, Sadie Peif, Sierra Rensink, Rebekah Rider, Andrea Rogers, Kai Sahlun, Kassidy Smith, Lily Whitford.

Grade 11

William Baird, Christiann Barela, Cody Carlson, Aunya Carpenter, Amanda Gallagos, Izabela Ramos*, Troy Schmidt*, Iona Werda, Devin Wilbur-Blankenship.

Grade 12

Josabet Acevedo-Lara, Shanon Clemons*, Faith Daniels*, Marissa Huizar, Dalton Newby, David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, Charles Parent, Jonas Rensink, Jaidyn Swanson*, Karlie-Rose Vierra.

YD update

We started February by taking the high school students sledding up on Sauk Mountain. This was a very fun time, and gave us all a little taste of all the snow to come. We enjoyed a full day together playing in the snow, drinking hot chocolate, and eating expired donuts.

After snow canceled a Monday night, we hosted Indoor Game Night and had the basketball, footballs, volleyballs, and some board games out. It was another really fun time together.

We capped off February by bringing back Runway Night. A big thank you to thrift store Bargains Galore for letting us borrow a bunch of their clothes for this event. The students were split into teams of five, which included one model for each season (winter, spring, summer, and fall), and an emcee to announce them as they strutted down the runway wearing the outfits they had assembled, to the music they had chosen. It was a fabulous night, and I think many of the students got to live out their dream of being a supermodel.

This is a full month for us here at Concrete YD, and we couldn't be more excited. Just Better Night will be our first Monday Night event, so we are putting the town on notice now. Be ready for some high school students to knock at your door, offering to trade something for "something better." It is a fun competition, and a chance for us to raise money for this year's 30-Hour Famine. The 30-Hour Famine is a weekend retreat (March 8–9) where the students go hungry for 30 hours to raise awareness and money for World Vision. Each student is looking for sponsorships for every hour they go without food. Every dollar raised will go directly to World Vision, which then uses the money to feed malnourished children in third world countries. It is a rewarding thought that a group of teenagers in Concrete, Wash., can make such a difference worldwide. The reason we ask our students to go 30 hours with no food (only water) is because that's the average number of hours between meals for children in third world countries. The same hunger pangs our students feel once a year is what millions of kids feel every

day. So, if you see one of our teens, take the time to ask them about the famine, and sponsor them if you feel so led.

We will finish out March with the Amazing Race and Capture the Flag before we head into a well-deserved Spring Break.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink
Area Directors

Concrete Resource Coalition



February was an amazing month!

A big shout out to the Concrete Boys & Girls Club for hosting the College & Career Fair on Feb. 19. The coalition was happy to speak with so many students interested in prevention and making healthful, lifelong habits.

At the February coalition meeting, members picked two media campaigns around marijuana use. One is called "Under The Influence Of You"; this campaign is for parents of teens and stresses the importance of talking with youth about marijuana and their expectations around use. Parents can learn more by going to starttalkingnow.org.

The second campaign is called "You Can." This campaign is for middle school and high school students, reminding them that marijuana won't help them achieve their goals and to reconsider use before age 21.

In March our coalition will host a four-week Strengthening Families booster program and offer a PAX Good Behavior Game training for Concrete Elementary School teachers on March 23.

Our next coalition meeting is Thur., March 21, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the high school library. These meetings are always open to the public.

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

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



Puget Sound Energy Safety Consultant Kevik Rensink (in stocking cap) speaks with students from Concrete High School and Middle School during the Concrete Boys & Girls Club College & Career Fair, held Feb. 19 in the CHS gym. The event drew 37 vendors and well over 217 students.

College & Career Fair a success

The College & Career Fair is one for the history books, with vendors and attendees agreeing it was a successful venture.

Hosted by Concrete Boys & Girls Club and Concrete High School on Feb. 19, the fair drew 37 vendors and well over 200 students, as well as members of the general public, said organizer Cheryl Weston.

"Everyone was pleased with how it turned out; it was definitely considered a success," she said. "When we plan future fairs, however, we will make an extra effort to draw more local businesses to the vendor tables, as well as more members of the general public."

The free event was targeted to students and the community; organizers included local colleges and employers recruiting from healthcare, hospitality, paralegal, engineering, marketing, administration, retail, child care, information technology, manufacturing, recreation, armed services, law enforcement, and more.

Current students, alumni, parents, and community members seeking college information and jobs were invited.

Weston said many of the exhibitors gave the Concrete students high marks for preparedness and engagement with the event.

"Exhibitors said they were really impressed with the students," she said. "They said that typically, students don't come prepared with questions and sometimes are even rude. But ours were polite and inquisitive; they came prepared with questions and took time to talk with people. That was nice to hear."

The fair was "an eye-opener" for many students, said Weston, who hopes to host the fair every other year.

I think every other year would be the sweet spot," she said. "My hope is that we take what we started and build on it. Hopefully we'll do another one two years from now, with more local involvement."

—J. K. M.

March PTO calendar

See the Community Calendar on p. 15 for PTO events this month.

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

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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

Our photo this month is of John A. Isaacson, taken in 1885. John had come from Sweden at the age of 5, and lived in Rockford, Ill., until he was 18 in 1876. At that time he came to the La Conner flats, and the following year he came to the Clear Lake vicinity. When he was eligible at the age of 21, he acquired land under the Homestead Act. He had established himself in Clear Lake when he courted and married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kimble in 1885. She was the daughter of David and Minerva (Bozarth) Kimble, who had come west with Minerva's sister Marietta (Bozarth) Bartl and husband Xaver. Marietta and Xaver came from Missouri and settled below Mount Vernon. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.* If you have old photos of Clear Lake and/or Day Creek, please contact historian Deanna Ammons at 360.856.6798.



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—Deanna Ammons, historian

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also passed a resolution opposing the implementation of I-1639.

"The idea was that we needed to make some kind of a statement, but we didn't want to cross jurisdictional lines," Parker said. "It is really the jurisdiction of the sheriff and prosecutor to enforce these laws, so we didn't want to muddy the waters."

Stevens County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Rasmussen pointed out the Second Amendment says, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," so there should be no law telling people how to handle firearms in their own homes.

"People have a right to protect themselves," he said. "I support efforts to reduce gun violence, but not to the extent of depriving people of their constitutional rights."

Rasmussen believes portions of I-1639 will be found unconstitutional.

"The portion that holds a gun owner

accountable for actions of other people I do not believe will stand judicial scrutiny," he said.

Like Manke, Rasmussen said an 18-year-old who is eligible to serve in the military should not be prohibited from gun ownership.

"That is just nuts," he said.

He said many young people in Washington are taught by their parents how to safely handle guns and that is "family business and the government should not tell families how to conduct themselves."

All prosecution is based on a case-by-case analysis, said Rasmussen, which considers the facts and the application of the law.

For that reason, he said he could not predict his response to any hypothetical situation that could arise under I-1639 laws.

Parker believes I-1639 was approved because too many voters have not been

educated about how their constitutional rights play a vital role in protecting their personal liberties.

"We need to call out any law that violates the constitution," he said.

That's exactly what Republic Police Chief Loren Culp said he is doing by refusing to enforce laws that violate the Constitution.

He was pleased with the announcements of Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer, Pacific County Sheriff Robin Souvenir, Grays Harbor County Rick Scott, Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones, Lincoln County Sheriff Wade Magers, and Kittitas County Sheriff Gene Dana that they would not enforce I-1639 laws.

Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, Wahkiakum County Sheriff Mark Howie, Franklin County Sheriff Jim Raymond, Benton County Sheriff Jerry Hatcher, and Adams County Sheriff Dale Wagner have publicly stated that I-1639 "appears to violate the constitution" and for that reason is "unenforceable."

Skamania County Sheriff Dave Brown said he believes the law is unconstitutional and will wait for the courts to decide the issue before starting enforcement.

"I did not personally support this initiative, but I follow the rule of law," he said.

Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett took the same stance.

Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich has issued a statement against I-1639 and said he offered to join the opposition lawsuit, although sheriffs have no standing to become a party. He said there is nothing to enforce at this time and, until the day there is, "I'll evaluate it and if it is against the Constitutions of the state of Washington or that of the United States, I will stand against it."

Ferry County Sheriff Raymond Maycumber said he would not enforce provisions of the law that he believes are unconstitutional.

"As a person who has spent most of my adult life in service to our system of justice, I must have faith that the courts will fairly try and lawfully apply due process to the constitutionality of this initiative and find it lacking, as I do," he said.

Some gun shop owners, such as Matt Cieslar of Talos Tactical in West Richland, have joined the rebellion by continuing to sell semi-automatic rifles to adults ages 18–20.

Cieslar says there is a loophole in the law, that the definition of "assault rifle" will be determined and implemented on July 1.

I-1639 was approved Nov. 6 by a 60.33 percent margin statewide, but only 13 of Washington's 39 counties supported it. All but two counties—Spokane and Whitman counties—in favor were in Western Washington.

While Spokane approved the measure with 51.1 percent of the vote, Stevens County rejected it by 72.1 percent. Voters in Ferry County where Republic is located, opposed I-1639 by a nearly 80 percent margin.

To the sheriffs and police chiefs who say they have no choice but to enforce the law, Culp asks: "Would you have arrested Rosa Parks for not sitting in the back of the bus because she was breaking a law? Would you have arrested Jews because that was a Nazi law?"

No law approved by a state can supersede the rights protected in the U.S. Constitution, Culp said. "The supreme law of the land is the constitution and that's the law I uphold," he said.

His bid to have Republic declared a "sanctuary city" for Second Amendment rights is on hold pending further research by its city council, which he said is strongly supportive of his stand, as are local citizens.

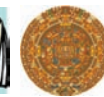
"When officers graduate from the academy, they are certified by the state as peace officers, not law enforcement officers," Culp said. "So, the argument that we have to enforce a law that doesn't keep the peace doesn't hold water."

He said the Legislature is considering more gun control laws and it's time for authorities and citizens alike to stand up and be counted or they will lose their Second Amendment rights.

"It will keep happening until enough police chiefs and sheriffs stand up against it," he said.

Roger Harnack contributed to this report.

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Community Calendar



MARCH

- 5 Drop-In Computer and Technology Tutoring, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 5 Town of Hamilton Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; public is welcome; info at 360.826.3027 and townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com
- 9 Seed & Plant Swap & Sale, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; info at concretesaturdaymarket1@gmail.com
- 9 Relay for Life kickoff event, Helping Hands Food Bank, Sedro-Woolley, 3 to 6 p.m.; see article, p. 16
- 10 Daylight Saving Time begins; set clocks forward 1 hour at 2 a.m.
- 10 "All About Beavers" presentation, Rockport State Park, 1 to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 23; info at 360.853.8461
- 13 Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County 2019 Annual Breakfast for GREAT Kids, McIntyre Hall, 2501 E. College Way, Mt. Vernon, 7:30 to 9 a.m.; free admission; register at www.skagitclubs.org; info at 360.419.3723, ext. 8 and heather.greenlaw@skagitclubs.org
- 13 Free Family Movie Night sponsored by Concrete PTO, Concrete Elementary School gym, 6 p.m.; concessions included
- 14 Kindergarten 2019–20 Registration Night, Concrete Elementary School Library, 5 to 6 p.m. (bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records)
- 14 Upper Skagit Library monthly board meeting, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 6 p.m.
- 16 Marblemount Boat Launch Planting with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 16 Heart to Heart Charity homeless bag work party; see article, p. 18
- 16 Heart to Heart Charity Family Freebies event; see article, p. 18
- 19 Free Day at Rasar and Rockport State Parks; see article, p. 23
- 19 Drop-In Computer and Technology Tutoring, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 22 Concrete PTO Carnival, Concrete Elementary School, 5 to 8 p.m.; tickets 50 cents
- 23 Wild Hope Women's Conference hosted by Women HAND in Hand, North Cascade Christian Fellowship, SR 20 and Ball St., Sedro-Woolley, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see ad, p. 3; info at womenhandinhand.com or 360.853.3066
- 23 Forest Bathing at Rockport State Park, see article, p. 23
- 23 Storytime at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m.
- 23 Grub 'n' Groove, Marblemount Community Hall, 6 p.m. potluck
- 30 Interactive Geology Lesson, Rockport State Park, 10 a.m. to noon; see article, p. 26; see article, p. 23; info at 360.853.8461 or rockport@parks.wa.gov

APRIL

- 2 Town of Hamilton Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; public is welcome; info at 360.826.3027 and townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com
- 6 Young Authors at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- 13 Skagit County Fire Dist. 10 Fireman's Dance, Lake Tyee HOA, 4571 Burpee Hill Rd., Concrete; 6 p.m. to midnight; contact Dist. 10 firefighters for tickets or buy at door; must be 21+ to attend
- 18 2019 Transition Fair, Mount Vernon High School, 314 N. 9th, Mt. Vernon, 5 to 7 p.m.; see ad, p. 5; info at melp@co.skagit.wa.us or 360.416.1525

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

Community meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a workshop on March 25 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 28 at 6 p.m., in the high school Commons room. 360.853.4000.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town

Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

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

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

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

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

Imagine Concrete meets the third 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 and volunteer meet, second Tue. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete Elementary School, 4 p.m., open to public. 360.853.8588.

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

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

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

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

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

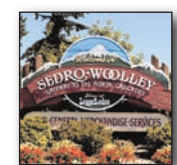
Sedro-Woolley School District Board: Meets March 11 at 7 p.m. at Central Elementary School for a regular meeting. A second regular meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 7 p.m. at Clear Lake Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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. sauksister@frontier.com or www.skagitaeagle.org.

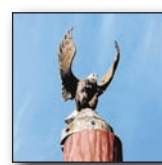
Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us.

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

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Sedro-Woolley



Sedro-Woolley High School wrestler Sven Lukner wrestles Isaiah Perez from Othello during the heavyweight championship match at Mat Classic on Feb. 16. Lukner left the Tacoma Dome with the 2nd place medal in the 285-lb. class after finding himself on the receiving end of a pin.

Relay for Life kicks off March 9

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Skagit County will host a kickoff event at Helping Hands Food Bank in Sedro-Woolley on Sat., March 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. as volunteers and participants launch fundraising efforts for the year.

The kickoff will honor cancer survivors and caregivers, and will provide community members an opportunity to register to participate for the Campout Against Cancer to be held at Burlington-

Edison High School from June 15 to 16, beginning at 2 p.m. through 10 a.m.

The world's largest grassroots fundraising movement, Relay For Life mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and provide participants with an opportunity to fight back against cancer.

This year, Relay For Life will take place in nearly 5,000 communities in the U.S. and 26 other countries, and will raise funds to support the mission of the American Cancer Society to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures, and fighting back.

For more information about the kickoff, contact Monique Brigham at 360.391.6001 or go to www.relayforlife.org/skagitcountywa.

DelBene, Cantwell introduce legislation to protect communities from landslides

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (D-WA) and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) on Feb. 14 introduced legislation in the House and Senate designed to help local communities prepare for and respond to landslides and other natural hazards.

The National Landslide Preparedness Act would help protect communities and property, save lives, and improve emergency preparedness and planning by targeting key gaps in current science and mapping critical to understanding landslide hazards and risks, according to a release from DelBene's office.

On March 22, 2014, a massive landslide near Oso killed 43 people, engulfed 42 homes, and severely damaged public infrastructure and private property. The tragedy highlighted the need to close the gaps in science and mapping needed to better understand and prepare for landslide hazards. The DelBene-Cantwell landslide bill establishes a program to address these needs and help keep communities safe.

"I remember vividly the horrors of that tragic scene near Oso that took 43 precious lives and left countless families and a community shattered," said Congresswoman DelBene. "This legislation is born out of that experience and would help our region and others around the country be better prepared for the possibility of a landslide. With a commitment to using state-of-the-art technology to target vulnerable terrain, we can take important steps toward saving lives all across the country."

In addition, the DelBene-Cantwell legislation would establish a National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to better identify and understand landslide risks, protect communities, save lives and property, and help improve emergency preparedness.

The bill also would direct the USGS to implement a 3D Elevation Program to update and coordinate the collection of elevation data across the country, using enhanced, high-resolution data. Enhanced elevation data are critical for numerous reasons: to help communities

plan for and respond to natural hazards, to update the nation's topographical maps, and to inform myriad uses, including public safety, national security, planning, infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, and natural resource management.

High-resolution elevation data has been collected for only about a quarter of the U.S. Much of the country relies on data collected more than 30 years ago using older techniques that do not provide the same resolution and benefits. An ongoing federal-state partnership has collected such data for about three-quarters of Alaska—an accomplishment that is an example for the rest of the country.

"Five years ago, we saw how devastating landslides can be, when the Oso landslide tragically killed 43 people and caused millions of dollars in damage," said Senator Cantwell. "This bill will help keep communities and infrastructure safe by improving preparedness for landslides and other natural hazards."

Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA), Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA) are all original cosponsors of legislation in the House, and Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Cory Gardner (R-CO) are original co-sponsors in the Senate.

"What happened in Oso was a tragedy that no community should have to experience," said Congressman Derek Kilmer. "These investments will support efforts to identify risks, protect key infrastructure, and give our communities the critical time and resources they need to save lives and prevent future tragedy."

"The Oso landslide was a stark reminder of the need to better prepare for and respond to natural disasters," said Rep. Adam Smith.

"Protecting the safety of Americans is one of the key roles of government," said Congressman Cartwright. "This legislation will help save lives by making sure we're prepared for landslides. We must do all we can to keep our communities out of harm's way."

Briefly ...

Boys & Girls Clubs in Concrete and Sedro-Woolley will be open for Spring Break, April 1-5. Current members can register online at www.skagitclubs.org until March 15. New members are encouraged to contact their local club about membership. Registration is required for participation and the cost is \$160 per member for the week. More information can be found at www.skagitclubs.org. Waiting listings may apply.

- Concrete Club
Spring Break hours: 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Brian Gustafson
brian.gustafson@skagitclubs.org
360.419.3723, x46
- Sedro-Woolley Club
Spring Break hours: 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Shane Collins
shane@skagitclubs.org
360.419.3723, x43

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

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

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

Legislators seek to reduce pollution by limiting plastic bag use

Lawmakers aim to reduce pollution from plastic bags by establishing higher standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.

Substitute House Bill 1205 is co-sponsored by 16 Democratic representatives and introduced by Rep. Strom Peterson, D-Edmonds.

The legislation restricts the provision of single-use plastic carryout bags in grocery and retail stores across Washington state. Plastic bags are made of nonrenewable resources and never biodegrade, posing a threat to animal life and the food chain, the bill states.

Single-use plastic bags cause damage to the recycling stream and place a burden on resource conservation goals, explained Peterson at a public hearing on the substitute bill. The bill promotes environmental education, as well as good business and economic sense, he said. SHB 1205 requires establishments to collect a pass-through charge of at least 10 cents for each recycled-content paper carryout bag in order to reduce waste, litter, and marine pollution. The goal is not for people to pay a fee, but to remember to grab that reusable bag from the trunk, Peterson said.

The substitute bill clarifies that the charge may not be collected from people using electronic benefits cards or vouchers

under state and federal food assistance programs.

According to the legislation, compostable film bags provided to customers by retail establishments, food banks, and food assistance programs must be tinted brown or green. Reusable carryout bags made of film plastic must have a minimum thickness of .003 inches and be made from at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled content material.

Bruce Wishart testified in support of the bill on behalf of Zero Waste Washington. He emphasized the serious and growing problem with single-use plastics on marine life.

"We think it's important to provide an incentive for people to move from paper bags to the durable reusable bag," Wishart said.

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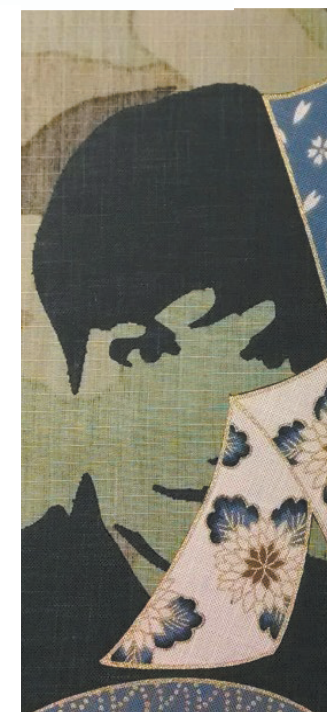
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Lyman



Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held a regular meeting on Jan. 15. Following is a summary of that meeting. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall.

Jan. 15 regular meeting

- Council voted to accept the minutes from the December public hearings and the regular meeting, to accept the treasurer's report, and to pay the January bills, including a new chainsaw purchase.
- Mayor Eddie Hills swore in Ron Hodgkin at council position 5.
- Mayor Hills tells council that TMG Services will be coming in for February charges of about \$3,500.

- Water loss report: 12 percent.
- Mayor Hills called an executive session for 10 minutes, for employee changes. He closed the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m. The council and mayor returned to the regular meeting and Mayor Hills called the meeting back to order at 7:26 p.m.
- New business: Integrity Electric will replace the old panel for an estimated cost of \$1,950.
- Council is interested in permanent and portable speed signs. The clerk will get information and bring it to next meeting.
- Niche wall needs to move soon. The clerk will research and repost on an additional niche wall.
- No citizen comments were heard.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

—Compiled from staff notes

A Lyman Community Work Day

organized by new Councilman Ron Hodgkin was held on Sat., Feb. 2. The day was a success by all accounts, reports Lyman Clerk Debbie Boyd. Volunteers included Mayor Hills; Councilmen Mike Swanson, Ron

Hodgkin, and Mark Harris; Lyman Public Works; and many more. Pizza was served to everyone afterward.

The next work day is planned for Sat., April 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Heart to Heart Charity has volunteered to make and serve food afterward.

Heart to Heart Charity announces coming events

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity will host several events in March and May.

On Sat., March 16, the charity will hold a homeless bag work party from 10 a.m. to noon at 8334 W. Third St. in Lyman (behind the Fire Dept.). Donations will be accepted from 10 to 11 a.m., and the work party will run from 11 a.m. to noon. Contact Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com for details or donation information. Donations of nonperishable food items, hygiene products, and used bags/duffle bags are needed.

That same day, March 16, and at the same location, the charity will host a Family Freebies event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "It's like an indoor yard sale, but

everything is free," said event organizer Tammie Werner.

Parking is allowed only on S. Main St., and registration for this event is required. Werner is accepting donations for this event, but items must be pre-approved. Contact Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com for registration or donation questions.

A Mommy/Son Dinner & Dance fundraiser for Heart to Heart Charity is planned for Sat., May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Nate Beasley building on W. 3rd St. in Lyman (behind the Fire Dept.). A live DJ, free 4x6 professional photographs, dinner/dessert, and a raffle are among the items on the program. Tickets are \$25 per couple (mom and son) and \$5 for additional sons. For tickets/info, contact hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. Early ticket purchases are recommended.

More information about the charity and these events can be found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/959866247552647/>

—J. K. M.

Continued resistance against gun control initiative; Attorney General defends law

By Madeline Coats
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

The state attorney general has stepped in with a warning to more than half the state's county law enforcement officials who say they refuse to fully enforce the gun control measures voters approved in November.

Police chiefs and sheriffs will be held liable if they refuse to perform background checks required by I-1639, said Attorney General Bob Ferguson on Feb. 13 in an open letter to the law enforcement officers who oppose the measure.

"I will defend Initiative 1639 against any challenge," wrote Ferguson. "My office defeated the legal challenge to the previous gun safety initiative passed by the people, and I am confident we will defeat any constitutional challenge to Initiative 1639 as well."

"Local law enforcement are entitled to their opinions about the constitutionality of any law, but those personal views do not absolve us of our duty to enforce Washington laws and protect the public," he said.

The Washington State Sheriffs Association issued a statement on its Web site in early February regarding their public opposition of I-1639. They expressed concerns about rights protected by the Second Amendment. Law enforcement officials in at least 21 of Washington's 39 counties have said they will not actively enforce the measure.

"The initiative placed greater restrictions on law-abiding citizens while creating unreasonable expectations regarding how such restrictions would be enforced," said the statement.

Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich believes Initiative 1639 is unconstitutional at the state and federal level.

"As Sheriff there is nothing, at this time,

for me to enforce as it pertains to 1639," said Knezovich in a statement from his spokesperson. "As it is now, 1639 is not constitutional, is being challenged in court, and there is nothing for me to enforce."

I-1639 was intended to increase public safety by reducing gun violence and accidents. The law creates an enhanced background check system, requires individuals to complete a firearm safety training course, raises the age of possession to 21 years, and establishes standards for safe storage of guns.

The provision with the most pushback relates to standards of gun storage. Under the measure, a person who leaves a firearm in a place where another person could potentially gain access to the weapon would be guilty of community endangerment.

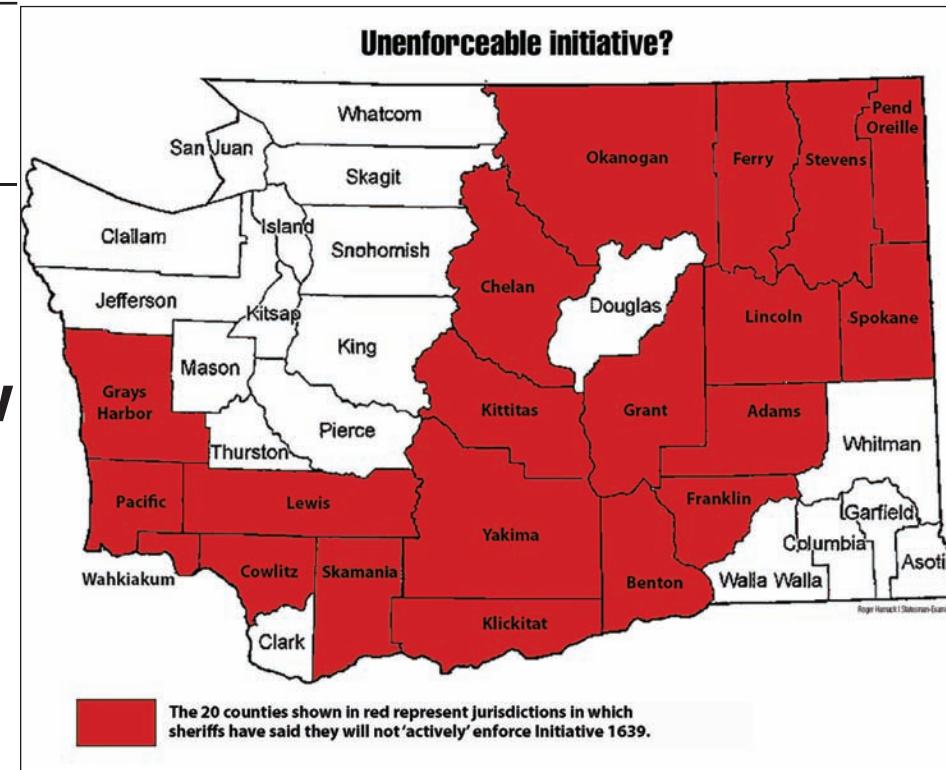
According to the initiative, shootings involving semi-automatic assault rifles have resulted in hundreds of injuries and lives lost. Such incidents can have lasting psychological impacts on survivors and their communities, states I-1639. These weapons have been used in the country's deadliest mass shootings within the past couple decades.

One week after the general election, the National Rifle Association and the Second Amendment Foundation filed a joint lawsuit against Washington state and Attorney General Ferguson. The two organizations claim that the initiative violates the U.S. and Washington state constitutions.

"You can own a house or car before 21, but you can't own a firearm to protect your house or car," said Lars Dalseide of the National Rifle Association. The law denies protection for individuals between the ages of 18 and 21, he said.

According to the office of the Secretary of State, I-1639 was adopted as state law

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The graphic above shows counties where law enforcement won't actively enforce the gun control measure. Graphic courtesy of Statesman-Examiner.

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by nearly 60 percent of the people.

"No action by a city council or county commission can change this state law or the responsibilities and duties that the law vests in Washington's law enforcement agencies," said Ferguson in his letter.

The Alliance for Gun Responsibility supports the provision, said communications manager Kristen Ellingboe. She believes the law is the most comprehensive gun violence measure in the nation.

Some law enforcement officers shun state's new gun control law

By RaeLynn Ricarte
Statesman-Examiner

The number of Washington law enforcement and government leaders balking at upholding gun control measures approved by voters in November, is growing.

Stevens County Sheriff Brad Manke said his deputies will not actively seek out violators unless there is an imminent threat to public safety.

The alliance's focus has been on trying to correct misunderstandings that have sparked opposition. While Ellingboe said there has been an overwhelming amount of support in the initiative, she is disappointed to see sheriffs and law enforcement officials oppose the law. "We are counting on the fact that when the time really comes, the sheriffs will follow the law," she said. "If they continue to stand in opposition, I would expect that they are opening themselves up to legal vulnerabilities."

"I took an oath to defend the Constitution and uphold the laws of the state of Washington, so I don't feel I can say I will not enforce a law under any circumstances," he said. "However, it would have to be a pretty extreme circumstance for us to ever make a custodial arrest for a violation."

"As a sheriff, you have a lot of discretion and I will say that we are going to respect the Second Amendment."

Initiative-1639 passed with more than

60 percent of the vote, with the majority of "yes" votes coming from heavily populated, more urban counties west of the Cascades, while voters on the east side of the state mostly gave it a thumbs down. The measure raises the minimum age for adults to buy a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21, redefines semi-automatic rifles as "assault rifles," and mandates safety classes for purchases. In addition, it requires firearms dealers to sell trigger locks and gun safes, and prevents them from selling to out-of-state residents.

The law would also make firearm owners criminally liable if their guns were involved in any criminal incidents, even if the weapons were stolen.

The measure is being challenged for its constitutionality in U.S. District Court by the Second Amendment Foundation, as well as the National Rifle Association. Manke said he opposed I-1639 and is hopeful the NRA-led challenge will ultimately prevail.

"When my 19-year-old daughter can't carry a .22 rifle off our property but we can send her off to war—I don't agree with that at all," he said.

Manke concedes there could be huge liabilities for jurisdictions refusing to enforce the law altogether if an underage subject uses a gun for a violent crime and authorities knew about weapons access and failed to act.

A motion to dismiss the NRA suit was filed by state Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Safe Schools Safe Communities, the leading proponents of I-1639; it was to be heard Feb. 15. Attorney General Office policy director Kate Kelly released this statement about the resistance rising in Eastern Washington:

"We are aware of this situation and are actively monitoring developments as they occur. Attorney General Ferguson has been clear that he is committed to protecting the legal and constitutional rights of Washingtonians, and upholding the will of the state's voters in passing I-1639."

At least 20 county sheriffs statewide have said they would not "actively" enforce the measure.

She said the AG's office was confident I-1639 would be found constitutional. She referred people wanting further information to <http://www.atg.wa.gov/initiative-1639>.

Pend Orielle Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee shares Manke's views and they are working with other authorities on the east side to consolidate concerns about "nonspecific and vague" language in

I-1639 that is open to interpretation. They plan to ask the Legislature to further define the issues they identify.

"We are trying to make as much sense of I-1639 as we can," Blakeslee said. After doing research, he learned that the definition of "assault rifle" in the measure is more restrictive than even that of the United Nations and California.

"It's much too broad for my comfort," he said. "This definition could end up being applied to every semi-automatic handgun or shotgun." He said the requirements for storage are also too vague and could be interpreted differently by someone on the west side of the state than on the east.

"I want my citizens to have guns accessible where they can get to them in an emergency. I don't like this law and I'm going to use a lot of discretion when enforcing it," he said.

Existing state law provides exemptions for underage possession of a firearm, such as target shooting and hunting, Blakeslee said.

He is going to follow those regulations and believes that will be important given that I-1639 does not specify whether guns already purchased by 18- to 20-year-olds are "grandfathered" and legal.

"We are going to rely heavily on those exemptions," he said.

Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley said I-1639 has the potential to "re-victimize victims."

"If someone has guns stolen and then we prosecute them for not storing them correctly, we are re-victimizing that individual," he said.

"I don't like this law. My interpretation of I-1639 is that the language is so contradictory it's unenforceable. Until that's cleared up, we will do an investigation and document our findings, and then turn them over to the prosecutor."

Stevens County Commission Vice Chairman Steve Parker said a proclamation is being drafted by the elected body in opposition of the new gun control laws.

A proclamation is a statement of principal, as opposed to an ordinance, which is local law, or a resolution, a legislative stance, he said.

The commission has taken time to research statements made by other counties, such as Franklin County's resolution announcing that its officials don't want the new laws enforced within their jurisdiction. Cowlitz County has

See **Law Shunned**, p. 19



Above: A fire destroyed the rear of bus 19, belonging to Concrete School District, on Feb. 22. District Transportation Co-Director Marla Reed said the cause of the fire was being investigated, and that the cause had been narrowed to a handful of possible mechanical failures. Submitted photo.

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Above: Smoke billows from Concrete School District's bus 19 during an unexplained fire that destroyed the rearmost portion of the bus and totaled the vehicle on Feb. 22. No children were on board at the time of the accident; the bus was returning to the bus garage after completing its after-school route. Submitted photo.

February in pictures



Above: Elizabeth Williams cuts a rug—er, the gym floor—with Jesse Aldridge during the Father-Daughter Masquerade Dance at Concrete Elementary School on Feb. 15. Photo by Sheena Daniels.



Above: Kelsy Martin and her dad, David Martin, mug for the camera during the Father-Daughter Dance at Concrete Elementary School on Feb. 15. Photo by Sheena Daniels.

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Hamilton



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Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Jan. 8. Following is a summary of that meeting.

Jan. 8 regular meeting

- Joan Cromley, 613 Shiloh Lane, answered questions asked during public comment last month regarding Public Works wages, excavator rental, and the stop sign in front of Boots Bar & Grill.
- Councilmember Perkins suggested scheduling council workshops. It was decided the first workshop would be Tue., Feb. 5, at 7 p.m.
- Paid Family Medical Leave: Treasurer/Clerk Easterday presented information about the new state requirement for family medical leave.
- Carey Slough update from Cody Hart/Mayor Cromley: Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group is continuing work on culvert design. They will have geotech surveying done Jan. 15 and 16.
- Urban Growth Area/Forterra update: Forterra plans to close on the purchase of land in mid-March. They

will hold a public meeting on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Hamilton First Baptist Church.

- Ordinance Revision Update: Discussion ensued about fines and civil penalties for noncompliance; contracts for a hearing examiner or a municipal court will be pursued.
- Water: Council approved a one-time water forgiveness of \$529 for the Johnson water forgiveness application.
- Mayor Cromley presented the water report submitted by Brad Ferris. The 8 percent water loss is well below the loss the state allows.
- Fire Dept.: Fire Dept. incentive call sheets were submitted for July 2018 to December 2018. Tim Morrison would like to waive his incentive pay.
- Asst. Fire Chief Scott Bates asked to attend the Fire Code and Fire Protection Expo in Columbus, Ohio, from Feb. 25–26. Council approved.
- A spring date and logistics for Junk Cleanup Day were discussed.
- Clerk Elizabeth Easterday discussed training requirements.

—Compiled from staff notes

From the Mayor

The Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept. Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 14 at 1 p.m. Donations of candy and prizes are accepted at the Hamilton Market and Cafe. The Egg Hunt is open to kids of all ages.



I had a discussion with some teens

a while back about what kind of park equipment they would like to see. The consensus was America Ninja Warrior/parkour/challenge course spaces. Jenna Snyder is interested in planning what that might look like as her Silver Award for Girl Scouts, with possibly progressing to building and installing it for a Gold Project. She would like to present some ideas to the Town Council soon. If you have suggestions of specific equipment, please let me know and I can pass the information on to her.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

House passes bill to raise age limit for tobacco sales

By Madeline Coats
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

A proposed law to raise the minimum age of vapor and tobacco sales from 18 to 21 was passed in a 66-30 vote by the House of Representatives in Washington state on Feb. 20.

House Bill 1074 was introduced by House Minority Leader Rep. Paul Harris, R-Vancouver, and requested by State

Attorney General Bob Ferguson and the Department of Health. The legislation was co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of 29 representatives.

The law would prohibit the selling or purchasing of tobacco or vapor products by any person under the age of 21. Raising the age aims to decrease the number of eligible buyers in high school and limit access of students to tobacco products, the bill states.

According to the legislation, six states and more than 350 cities and counties in 21 states have raised the minimum age to 21 years old.

The companion bill, Senate Bill 5057, is currently under consideration in the Senate.

- March 19
- April 20, 22
- June 1, 8, 9
- Aug. 25
- Sept. 28
- Nov. 11, 29

State Parks, in coordination with

Washington State Parks overhauls reservation system

New system simplifies online booking, increases staff efficiency

People planning outings and vacations at Washington state parks have a new online tool to help them. The state agency launched an updated central reservations system on Jan. 16.

The new site can be accessed via www.parks.state.wa.us.

The enhanced system offers 90 additional campsites and 38 cabins at two parks that were not previously reservable. The system also adds seven day-use facilities statewide and six group camps on the San Juan Islands. The site shows the availability of retreat centers and environmental learning centers in state parks. While not reservable online, the centers and their open dates are viewable.

Other new features:

- The new system is smartphone and tablet-friendly.

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

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

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

- Specials and promotions will now be visible near the bottom of the page.
- When a specific campsite is only available for part of a customer's stay, the customer can enter a different, available campsite on the same reservation for the remainder of the stay.
- Reservations can be made for multiple parks in one online session, though fees and confirmation letters will be different for each park.

State park users will experience expedited check-ins at the park via a bar code on their confirmation letter, printed or on their phones, and they can pre-purchase extra vehicle permits online. The system will also save pertinent information in park users' profiles, such as trailer lengths or discount pass numbers, allowing for greater efficiency when planning travel.

The new system promotes staff efficiency by reducing paper use. It streamlines processes via an online dashboard that allows park staff to find reservations and quickly provide updated information. Staff at some parks will be able to sell Discover passes and merchandise at parks.

March programs on tap at Rockport State Park

A fun lineup of programs is planned for learners of all ages at Rockport State Park in March.

"All About Beavers" is planned for Sun., March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Discovery Center. Learn how to live with beavers and why we should care about these amazing neighbors, with Elyssa Kerr from Beavers Northwest.

On Sat., March 23, Michael Stein-Ross is on hand to talk about the Japanese practice of Shinrin Yoku, or "Forest Bathing." Stein-Ross, the founder and guide of Cascadia Forest Therapy, will lead a slow walk involving all five senses

open to the messages and wisdom of the forest. This event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Dress for the weather and bring a beverage. Free admission.

Experience an interactive geology lesson at the park on Sat., March 30, 10 a.m. to noon. Join Gina Roberti from the North Cascades Institute for a presentation about the geologic history of the North Cascades. Learn about volcanoes and metamorphism, and why the North Cascades mountains are so tall. Hear stories behind real rock samples and about the geologic processes that form such "gneiss" rocks. This free event will be held in the Discovery Center.

Rockport State Park is located at milepost 96 or SR 20 in Rockport. A Discover Pass is required for vehicle access. For more information, call 360.853.8461 or send an e-mail to rockport@parks.wa.gov.

—J. K. M.

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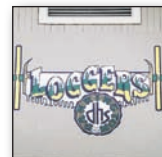
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Darrington



Franke claims 2nd at Mat Classic

Johnny Franke came home a little heavier on Feb. 16. The 195-lb. Darrington High School junior captured the 2nd place medal in his weight class at this year's Mat Classic state wrestling tournament.

Franke wasn't alone. His teammates, Lucas Reuwsaat (160) and Joe Monchak (138), also medaled, claiming 4th and 6th places, respectively, in their weight classes. It was a good day for Darrington. Franke wrestled Isaac Gomez from Tonasket in the championship match at the Tacoma Dome, whom Asst. Coach Pete Selvig respectfully referred to as a "tree trunk." The Logger made the Tiger work for the 5-3 win, a narrow margin for Gomez, who earlier in February was named 2B Wrestler of the Year in Dist. 6. "This was one of the most anticipated matches I've ever wrestled," said Franke, who left the stadium prior to the championship match to get mentally prepared and go over his game plan with Asst. Coach Mason McKenzie.

"After that, I laced up my shoes and started getting loose and ready to go battle a tough wrestler," he said.

Franke's march to the championship mat was unmarred by defeat, in large part due to his mental focus.

"My goal was to win, but going into the tournament I knew I was going to have a couple tough kids in my bracket," said Franke. "I was excited to go out on the mat and perform at the highest level."

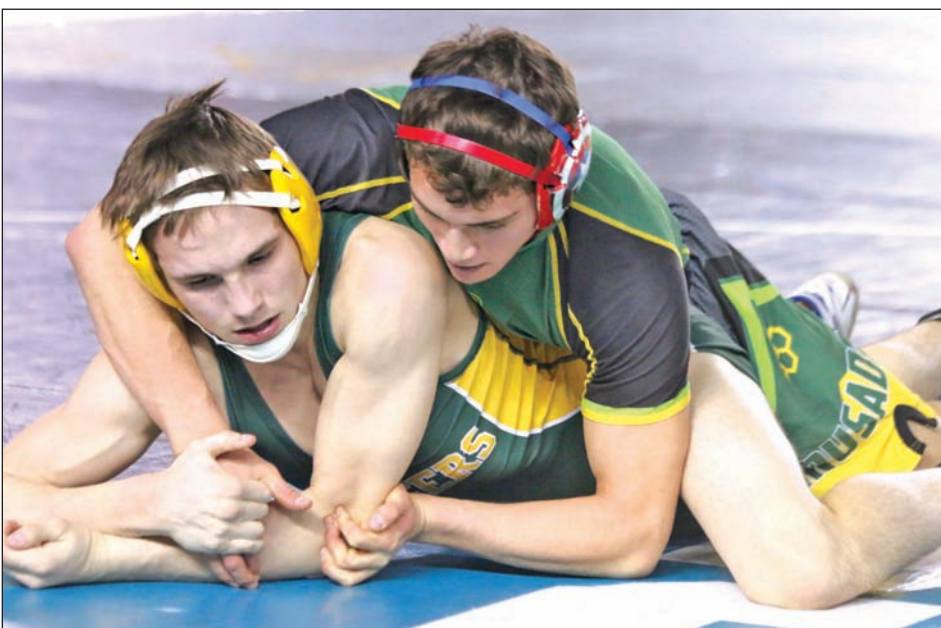
Darrington had another strong showing at this year's Mat Classic, sending 10 men and one woman—Laura Langer (135)—to the Tacoma Dome. In addition to Franke, Reuwsaat, and Joe Monchak, Loggers Nick Requa (106), Bobby Monchak (113), Darin Sedenius (113), Ashton Weidmen (132), Landon Brown (152), and Elrik Lynd (182) were on the mats.

Reuwsaat and Joe Monchak climbed the ranks through the consolation rounds after losing one match each, to earn their respective places on the podium.

—J. K. M.



Above: Johnny Franke wrestles Isaac Gomez from Tonasket for the 195-lb. championship. Gomez squeaked by with a 5-3 win over the Logger. **Below: Lucas Reuwsaat** turns White Swan's Gilberto Palma into a pretzel during his climb up the back side of the 160-lb. consolation bracket. **Below left: Joe Monchak** considers his options while grappling with Graham Rocha of Northwest Christian at the Mat Classic state wrestling tournament on Feb. 16, in the Tacoma Dome.



Darrington Collaborative receives grant

Darrington Collaborative has been granted funding from the new "All Lands Restoration Grant Program" and "Building Forest Partnerships Grant."

Darrington's was one of nine collaboratives selected by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, with \$125,000 coming from the DNR grants and a \$25,000 match from Hampton Lumber, and will begin moving on to a project covering 30,000 acres around the Darrington Ranger District.

The Darrington Collaborative was established in 2015 and is composed of a 10-member board made up of representatives from Washington Wild, Hampton Lumber, American Whitewater, Glacier Peak Institute, and local residents. Its goal is to increase sustainable timber harvests while improving the ecological function of forests and watersheds in the Darrington Ranger District of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

Darrington Collaborative has been focusing on small projects to help build shared understanding about different forest management approaches. The Washington Legislature approved two new forest health grant programs in 2018 to help organizations conduct landscape scale forest restoration and management.

In 2018, DNR distributed \$1.8 million under the new grant programs and has requested \$2 million in the 2019-21 biennium to continue these programs. Eighteen hundred acres will receive forest

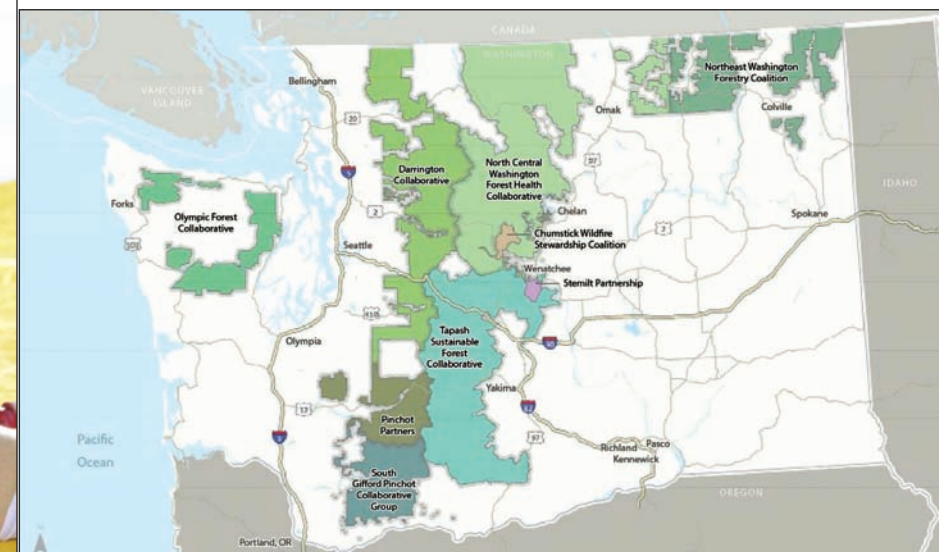
health treatments and 120,400 acres will be analyzed for future forest health treatments. Through the Building Forest Partnerships Grant Program, DNR has awarded \$207,000 to help collaboratives engage their communities and grow their partnerships through public meetings, Web site development, and more. Darrington Collaborative's focus will be on outreach, thinning, monitoring, and planning.

This project will gather the technical information necessary for forest health treatments that enhance old growth characteristics, thin overstocked second-growth stands, and improve roads and aquatic conditions. This investment will expand the U.S. Forest Services' ability to get work done in the forest, accelerating the timeline for treatments in the area by more than a year.

Glacier Peak Institute will lead a team of Darrington High School students to collect and analyze data so the collaborative can monitor the ecological impact of the project.

Local companies will benefit from contracting restoration work and from timber harvests in the thinned second-growth stands. The surrounding community will benefit from additional recreational opportunities, and wildlife dependent on old growth forests will benefit from improved habitat conditions.

—Marla Skaglund



This graphic shows the Darrington Collaborative's intended area of influence.

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for regular meetings on Jan. 9 and Feb. 13, 2019 (the Jan. 24 meeting was cancelled). The following is summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

Jan. 9 regular meeting

- Council discussed with guest speaker Joann Melton adding Rally to Remember Oso as an expansion to the street fair. Eighty to 100 bikes are expected. The idea gained tentative approval from council.
- Council approved a plan to move trees from Darrington St. to the Old School Park.
- The town has an inquiry in to WSDOT regarding the 35 mph limit heading west out of town. WSDOT has not yet responded. The speed limit between the coffee stand and the cemetery is too high for ATV users to comply with town ordinances.
- The maintenance crew have two different solar lights that they have tested for the entrance signs. The one that the crew states works the best has 240-watt lights; two more have been ordered. The crew intend to mount the lights on the ecology blocks.
- Council discussed the Snohomish County Sheriff Department contract and two amendments to the current interlocals.
- The town will need to fund \$24,000 to complete the Riddle water line project. Council decided to move forward with the project.
- Council voted to approve a six-month contract with certified water operator Charles R. White. White is a Type 2 certified water operator. He works for the City of Granit Falls.

Feb. 13 regular meeting

- A proposal was heard to install a street light at a specific location on Emens Ave N. There is a pole where they are proposing putting in the new light. The Colemans are proposing that the town puts a regular street light where the old light was. The concern is that citizens go down that road at a fast speed when there are kids out when it is dark out. Council agreed with a directive to install the light.
- Council approved the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Certified Water Operator contract.
- Council approved the contract with Welwest Construction for the Givens Street sidewalk project (TIB funded).
- Council approved the contract amendment with SRV Construction for the Fullerton and Riddle waterline project.
- Council awarded and approved the contract with N.W. Cascade Cabins and Remodeling for the fire station reroof project.
- Council approved a contract with Willamette Cultural Resources Associates for a cultural resources assessment on a parcel considered for a possible Wood Innovation Center.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

Community Dance

- Sat., April 20, potluck at 6 p.m., dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Mansford Grange. Music by Cobbler.
- Admission by suggested donation of \$7.
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Marblemount



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March into the hall this month

Grub 'n' Groove has set March 23 for a get-together potluck at 6 p.m., then signing up for the open mic at the Marblemount Community Hall. Beginning around 7 p.m., performances may include singing, dancing, poetry reading, skits, and such, until about 9 or 9:30. Music is generally acoustic, though amplifiers are not banned. These are no-liquor, all-age gatherings, and youngsters are welcomed to present their own skits, etc. Participation is not required of anyone; audience-only people are warmly welcomed. Everyone always has a good time at these functions.

Next month's news will include who has been elected president of the community hall board, as Matt Del Bosque has stepped down. We'll also appoint four new trustees to fill vacancies, having replaced one trustee this month, to fill the board to the nine trustees specified in our by-laws. Again, we've been hard hit, with too many of us having too much to do—imagine that!

—Merlene Buller

Grub N' Groove

Sat. Mar. 23, 2019
6pm potluck and sign-up
7pm Open Mic

Marblemount Community Hall

Law would support full recovery of gray wolves

By Madeline Coats
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

OLYMPIA—A proposed bill would support the full recovery of gray wolves in Washington state, as well as protect the livestock industry and their coexistence with wolves.

House Bill 2097 was co-sponsored by 11 bipartisan representatives and introduced by the Deputy Minority Leader Rep. Joel Kretz, R-Wauconda.

The gray wolf, otherwise known as *Canis lupus*, is protected under state law and the federal Endangered Species Act in the western two-thirds of Washington, according to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wolves in the eastern third of Washington were removed from federal protection on May 5, 2011.

"I think this is a pretty modest attempt to bring some solutions," said Kretz at a public hearing on Friday. The primary sponsor has been working to perfect this bill for many years, he explained.

HB 2097 requires the department to immediately review the status of the gray wolf as an endangered, threatened, or sensitive species to determine if the population is no longer in danger.

Under the Conservation and Management Plan, the gray wolf will be considered for removal from the

Endangered Species Act if the department discovers more than 18 successful breeding pairs, distributed within each recovery region.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission must consider a change in the statewide or regional listing status upon the review, the bill states.

Neil Beaver testified on behalf of The Lands Council in Spokane because of disagreements about delisting processes. He hopes to bridge the gap between long-term problems that exist within the Northeast Washington forests, such as overgrown meadows that deter cows from herding themselves for protection.

"We are certainly interested in bringing parties together to resolve the social conflict and find long-term solutions so wolves and cows can exist in Northeast Washington," said Beaver.

The legislation aims to manage the conflict between wolves and livestock in order to improve public acceptance of the animal in rural areas as the population grows. To maintain the economic value of the livestock industry, the bill intends to expand funding to minimize the need for the lethal removal of wolves.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided assistance toward developing many nonlethal control methods, such as secure fencing, guard

dogs, and hazing or scaring devices.

Kretz described his district as having about 90 percent of the wolves in the state. They have been seen in people's backyards, as well as at ranches and farms in the country, he explained.

"Every rancher's main job is to take care of your animals," Kretz said. "If we don't do something, even this tiny modest approach, I don't know if I can go back and look anybody in the eye and tell them to hang on a little longer."

Lawmakers propose new watercraft restrictions to save orcas

By Sean Harding
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

Olympia—Lawmakers, whale watchers, and environmentalists reached a rare consensus at a Feb. 13 hearing on a proposed speed limit for boats operating near Puget Sound's endangered southern resident orcas. They were less successful, however, when it came to measures that would restrict commercial and other whale-watching activities in the area.

Senate Bill 5577 would make it illegal for a person to operate a vessel more than seven knots in speed within a half nautical mile of southern resident orcas. It would also be unlawful for any whale-watch vessel to approach within 650 yards of the orcas until Jan. 1, 2023.

Current regulations prohibit vessels from approaching within 200 yards of a southern resident orca or positioning themselves within 400 yards of the expected path of the animals.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by 10 Democratic senators, with Sen. Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island, the prime sponsor.

Temporary closures for peregrine nesting

Certain established climbing management areas are closed to all public use from March 1 to July 15 to protect peregrine falcon nesting aeries.

Newhalem Crag East
Newhalem Crag West (Ryan's Wall)

Nest sites will be monitored to ensure reopening of these areas once the young falcons have fledged or if nesting did not occur on a specific wall during this period.

The peregrine falcon is a federally-protected species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and is a special status species in North Cascades National Park Service Complex because of its sensitivity to disturbance during the nesting season.

Sport climbing outside the four established climbing areas (Diablo Crag,

Newhalem East and West, and Town Crag) within North Cascades National Park Service Complex is prohibited.

"Resource damage in nonclimbing management areas, including a bolted route directly through a recently used peregrine nesting site, has caused concern," said Park Superintendent, Karen Taylor-Goodrich. "We are seeing expanded use of sport climbing activities outside the established climbing management areas and are reviewing the effects on the natural and cultural resources in the park."

As outlined in the Ross Lake National Recreation Area General Management Plan, sport climbing is allowed only in designated climbing management areas, and park staff will review proposed new climbing management areas. Currently, NOCA staff are reviewing a proposal to include Space Wall, east of Newhalem, as an established climbing management area.

WDFW invites public participation in 2019 salmon season-setting process

In addition to attending meetings, other ways the public can participate include:

- Online comments: Beginning in mid-March, fishery proposals will be posted on WDFW's Web site at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/>, where the public can submit comments electronically.
- Plenary session: State and tribal co-managers plan to hold an informal discussion during a public meeting on Wed., April 3, in Lynnwood. Details will be available on the Web page listed above.
- Meetings on video: The department intends to provide video of several public meetings. More information will be available online soon.

The annual process of setting salmon fishing seasons is called "North of Falcon" and is held in conjunction with public meetings conducted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). The PFMC is expected to adopt final ocean fishing seasons and harvest levels at its April 11–15 meeting in Rohnert Park, Calif.

—Submitted by WDFW

Deadline to apply for multiple-season hunt tags: March 31

Deer and elk hunters have until March 31 to enter their names into the drawing for a 2018 multiple-season tag.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will hold the drawing in mid-April, randomly selecting names for 8,500 multiple-season deer tags and 1,000 multiple-season elk tags.

Winners of the drawing can purchase a special tag allowing them to participate in archery, muzzleloader, and modern firearm general hunting seasons for deer or elk in 2019. Winners who purchase the multiple-season elk tag can participate in general elk hunting seasons in eastern and western Washington. The deadline to purchase the multiple-season elk tag is July 31.

Winners also may choose any weapon type when applying for a special hunt permit for deer or elk.

Hunters can apply only once for each species and their bag limit remains one deer or elk.

A multiple season application can be purchased from authorized license dealers, online at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>, or by calling 866.246.9453. The application costs \$7.10 for residents and \$110.50 for nonresidents.

A 2019 hunting license is not required to submit an application, but winners of the drawing must purchase one before they can purchase a multiple season tag.

For more information, go to WDFW's Web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>, or call the Licensing Division at 360.902.2464.

—Submitted by WDFW

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By Verna McClure

Verna's Rhubarb Cream Pie



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¾ teaspoon nutmeg
2 slightly beaten eggs
4 cups sliced rhubarb
2 tablespoons butter

1. Blend sugar, flour, and nutmeg.
2. Add to eggs and beat until smooth.
3. Add rhubarb.
4. Bake at 400 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

This is a very good recipe; I've used it for years!

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Way Back When

100 years ago

March 15, 1919: The first of the Concrete soldiers to return home after service with the expeditionary forces in France was mechanic Guy Powell, company F, 161st infantry, who came up from Camp Lewis last Saturday evening for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Powell. He returned to Camp Lewis Monday evening, expecting to receive his discharge within a week or 10 days.

Young Powell arrived in France in December 1917, and soon after was made a truck driver in his regiment. After several months of this work, he was transferred to the machine shop. He did not get into action on the firing line, but made several trips to the front while driving truck.

Another Concrete boy in the same company, who returned to Camp Lewis with the regiment, is Sgt. Fred Ross. He has not visited Concrete since his return from overseas, but is expected here at

any time. There were many Skagit County boys in the contingent that returned to Camp Lewis last Saturday, most of whom are from Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley.

80 years ago

March 16, 1939: J. D. Ross, for years superintendent of City Light and of late administrator of the Bonneville project in Oregon,

died Tuesday at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He had undergone an operation and was apparently on the way to recovery when he was seized with a heart attack.

Ross was very well known throughout the valley, having visited here hundreds of times

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40 years ago, March 15, 1979: Nine Concrete High School music students of Daryl Cooper have been selected to participate in the San Juan Music Educators District concert in Burlington next Monday. The group will rehearse during the day, then stage a public concert at 7:30 p.m. at Burlington-Edison High School. Band and choir members participating are, from left, Rob Eldridge, Shana Turnbull, Judy Martin, Kelly Siebecke, Patty Cress, Troy Woodworth, Laura Turnbull, Jeff Kelly, and Dave Ramsey. *Archive photo.*

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during the planning and building of the huge City Light power project at Diablo and Ruby. He is given the credit for these projects, and spent much of his time watching them

Concrete Community Center

March 2019 Activities

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

For an Energy Assistance appointment, call 360.428.1011, beginning 8:30 a.m., the first Wednesday of every month.

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All subject to change. For latest information, call 360.416.1733.

Monday

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

Tuesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
All 1 p.m. Oasis Teen Shelter Outreach (at Resource Center)

Wednesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
3/27 1:30 p.m. End of Life Series

Thursday

All 10 a.m. Income tax assistance (at Resource Center)
All 10 a.m. Community Closet
3/7 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
3/14 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group
3/21 12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet
3/22 10:30 a.m. Community Center Advisory Board
3/22 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki

Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting
3/9 10 a.m. Seed & Plant Swap & Sale

grow under his guidance.

He first became connected with Seattle's light department in 1903 and rose rapidly to the superintendency, holding that position until the past few years when, with other posts tendered him, he turned the major part of his work over to subordinates. W. J. McKean is at present acting as superintendent at City Light.

Ross' body will be transported to Seattle for funeral services, after which the body will be cremated and the ashes buried in an urn on Ross Mountain, near his beloved power project on the Upper Skagit.

—Compiled from archives

30 years ago, March 30, 1989: Rose Oliver, portraying Mrs. Medlock, goes over her lines while she awaits her turn on stage during the play "The Secret Garden." Sixth and seventh grade members of the drama class at Concrete Elementary School presented the play last Thursday afternoon to the entire student body of the school. Drama is one of the elective classes available to sixth and seventh graders on a quarterly basis. *Archive photo.*



30 years ago, March 23, 1989: The 3rd and 4th grade boys team from Concrete ended its season in the YMCA play last Saturday with an 8-0 season record, placing them in first place in their league division. From left, clockwise, are team members Jon Falavolito, Cory Blankenship, Chris Hedgepath, Larse Berg, Vinnie Kucera, Jared Sutherland, Tony Rapp, Jesse Howell, and Kyle Brown. The team surrounds coach Colin Howell. *Archive photo.*

Obituaries

William Albert Blunt

When the sun rose over the Cascade Mountains on Feb. 8, 1936, the Northeaster was howling out of the Fraser Canyon and across eastern Whatcom County, and William Albert Blunt was born, the fourth child of Dwight Lynn Sr. and Florence Edna Blunt.



Preceding William in birth were two sisters, Marlene Elaine and Roselene Gail; and a brother, Dwight Lynn Jr. Two later siblings were Karen Lea and Cheryl Margaret.

William's early years were in areas around Bellingham. He started 1st grade in Marrietta and 3rd grade at Roosevelt Grade School before the family moved to Ferndale, where he attended West Mt. View Grade School.

A 1954½ year graduate of Ferndale High School, he enlisted in the USMC Reserve in 1953 and ended his service in 1961. Active duty was 1955-1957.

In 1958 he was married to Patsey Ann Brown. They produced three children: Tamara Jane, Gordon William, and Rodney Allen.

After working at the local pulp mill, in a service station, a sawmill, and at Northwest Airlines, Bill decided to give college a try. As he was not a solid scholar in high school, there were more than a few doubters.

He quit Northwest Airlines in 1962, which was thought by some to be unwise, as during 1962 his

salary was nearly \$8,000.

William graduated from Western Washington State College in 1965 and accepted a teaching position at Concrete High School at a salary of \$4,100. I'm sure everyone knows that teachers don't get paid vacations, holidays, or overtime—they even have to pay their college fees for classes that are required to keep their jobs.

One of the classes William taught at CHS was Traffic Safety, so he accepted an offer to be the Concrete Municipal Court Judge and held that position for many years.

Bill also assisted in coaching, as well as his major of Biology. (Dad left off here and the kids finished it for him.)

Bill taught for 27 years, and influenced and encouraged many young men and women to achieve their full potential.

Retirement didn't slow him down. In his post-retirement activities, Bill served on the Skagit County Board of Equalization, promoted landowner rights, and continued to be involved with students at CHS by reviewing senior class projects for many years.

Bill's many grandchildren and great-grandchild also kept him busy, as tractor rides with Grandpa and stopping for ice cream when Grandma wasn't around were standard fare.

Bill is survived by Patsey, his loving wife of 60 years; his children, Tamara, Gordon (Kris), and Rodney (Karee); and many grandchildren, Kyle, Chelsea, Ethan (the one great-grandchild), Courtney, Melissa, Abigail, Lane, Madeline, Olivia, Jackson, Elijah, Sophia, and Isabella.

Bill leaves a legacy of having inspired many. Our challenge is to keep that legacy alive and healthy.

Bill will be remembered at a Celebration of Life on Sat., March 16, at 2 p.m., at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center, 703 Pacific St., in Sedro-Woolley.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the

Northwest, 227 Freeway Drive, Ste. A, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. Share memories of Bill and sign the online guest register at www.lemleychapel.com.

Obituaries published in Concrete Herald

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

For more information, contact Concrete Herald at 360.853.8213

or editor@concrete-herald.com.

Sunday School lesson

Think on these things

By Bruce Martin

The first column I wrote for *Concrete Herald* was taken from the fourth chapter of the New Testament book of Philippians. The Apostle Paul was writing a letter of encouragement and instruction to a new church in present day Macedonia.

Paul, despite writing from a prison cell, extended a wonderful message of faith and encouragement. He reminded the believers not to forget the many miracles God had performed to bring this church to life. I believe as Paul brought to mind these events and the many faces of the people whose lives had been transformed,

he could not help but rejoice in God's goodness and encourage the Philippians to do the same.

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. And I am sure that God who began the good work in you will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again" (1:4).

The Apostle Paul was convinced that the church, which blossomed from a prayer meeting down by the river to a vibrant body of believers, was indeed authored by the Holy Spirit and would continue to grow as they remained focused on Jesus.

In the fourth chapter, we find an admonition from the apostle to the Philippian believers that we too can take to heart: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done" (4:6).

Then Paul reminds them of God's promise: "If you do that, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" (4:7 NLT).

What we think about and focus our thoughts upon will determine how we act. There are so many things competing for our attention that we have to ask the Lord to help us dwell on things that are worth thinking about; things that honor God, build us up spiritually, and make us a blessing to those around us. If we spent

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

Skagit County Sheriff's deputies have been working with the Town of Concrete Public Works team to remove abandoned vehicles and trailers in a timely manner.

Feb. 1

Deputy Wolfe continues his reign of terror on individuals who continue to violate traffic laws. Deputy Wolfe saw a vehicle traveling southbound on Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove when it failed to engage its turn signal while turning onto Baker Dr. Deputy Wolfe cited the driver for several violations.

Feb. 3

Deputy Devero received a complaint of abandoned vehicles on Baker Lake Rd. The vehicles were determined to be on DNR property.

Feb. 4

Deputies received a complaint of "Taking Motor Vehicle" on Pandora Circle in Marblemount. Deputies obtained information that the vehicle that was reportedly taken did not belong to the reporting party. The owner of the vehicle wanted it back, as the reporting party had had it too long. Deputies arrested the reporting party for outstanding warrants and possession of a controlled substance.

Feb. 4

Deputy Wolfe responded to Concrete High School to investigate a drug problem. He contacted Concrete

Superintendent Wayne Barrett, who also was acting as the high school principal, and spoke to him about the incident. Barrett had received information that one of his middle school students was in possession of marijuana and a folding knife. Deputy Wolfe contacted the student, who was with a parent in the principal's office. Based on information he'd obtained, Deputy Wolfe asked the student and parent if they would be interested in enrolling into the Education Citation Program. This program focuses on first-time offenders for minors in possession of alcohol and/or marijuana. Deputy Wolfe explained that this option was voluntary and that student would be required to attend educational courses provided through the school district. The student stated that he understood and, with his parent's approval, agreed to the program. Deputy Wolfe filled out an Education Citation Program citation and served it to student, which he signed. The student's mother also signed, because of the student's age.

Feb. 6

Deputies received a report of a suspicious person in the area of S. Park Ave. and Cedar St. in Concrete. The individual was described as a white male, wearing a black beanie, blue jeans, and a black backpack. The individual was walking around the neighborhood looking through a rifle scoop into the yards of residences. Deputies checked the area but were unable to locate him.

Feb. 11

Deputy Esskew took a found property report for a wooden toolbox located on

a property on Baker Loop Dr. in Cedar Grove. Deputy Esskew took the toolbox, which contained miscellaneous tools, and transported them to the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for safekeeping.

Feb. 12

Deputy Devero responded to a possible motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Main St. and Superior Ave. N. in Concrete. Deputy Devero located the driver and determined she was DUI. She was processed at the Concrete Detachment and later booked for Driving Under the Influence.

Feb. 15

Deputies received a report of a traffic issue in the 45000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The property owner was upset with the plow trucks pushing snow into his driveway. Deputies were able to explain to property owner the need to keep the roadways clear.

Feb. 16

Sgt. Chris Kading received information on a suspect who was had several warrants for his arrest. The suspect was located on Main St. in Concrete, where Sgt. Kading arrested him for the outstanding warrants.

Feb. 17

Deputies responded to a burglary and hit-and-run complaint on Bryson Rd. in

Darrington. The suspects left a residence from which several firearms were stolen. While doing so, witnesses had their vehicle rammed while the suspect was attempting to get away. Several days later, deputies located the suspect, a 28-year-old Darrington man, and booked him into the Skagit County Criminal Justice Center for first-degree burglary and hit-and-run.

Feb. 18

Deputies responded to a domestic dispute at an address on Main St. in Concrete. Deputies contacted the parties involved and it was determined that one of the parties had broken into the residence after not living there for several months. While investigating the incident, the female party became belligerent and refused to cooperate with deputies. She was then arrested for domestic violence assault, third-degree assault against a law enforcement officer, and residential burglary.

Feb. 19

Deputies responded to the Shell Station in Marblemount for a trespass complaint. In contacting the suspect, deputies were made aware of his arrest warrants. He was booked into the Skagit County Criminal

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Worship directory

Assembly of God

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

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

Baptist

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

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

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

Catholic

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

Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

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

Free Methodist

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

Lutheran

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

Methodist

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

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

Mormon

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

Nondenominational

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

Community Bible Church

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

The RIVER Gathering

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

Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

Wildwood Chapel

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

Presbyterian

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

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as much time praying as we do worrying, where would we find ourselves? Instead the apostle challenges us to set our minds on things that will produce good fruit.

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure, lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise" (4:8).

We have learned that eating nutritious food produces health in our bodies. That truth applies to our spiritual lives as well. In the same way we make smart and thoughtful decisions in what we eat and feed our children, we should be careful what we put in our minds. Spend time meditating on God's Word, the Bible. Let us purpose with God's help to fill our hearts and minds with the kind of ideas,

truths, and thoughts that produce spiritual growth and the transformation of our characters.

It has been more than 30 years since I penned that first column, "Think On These Things." From the humble beginnings of our assembly, which met in a home, moved to the elementary school cafeteria, and finally to our present location, God has been faithful. The many miracles of salvation, healing, and the transformation of numerous lives have proved to me that these truths lived out bring nothing but good things. What God begins he will continue until the day we see him face to face.

Bruce Martin is pastor for Concrete Assembly of God Church in Concrete.



[Chief Darrel Reed]

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CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

This past month, one of the most frequently discussed topics was the weather. The 1930s February and March editions of *Concrete Herald* contain stories that may help put this winter in perspective. The collapsing of roofs under the weight of a heavy snow is not a recent calamity. In February 1937, Mrs. Jewitt, who resided in the Ross Cottage next to the school, was injured when she stepped out of her house and the roof between the home and the woodshed collapsed on her. Neighbors heard her cries for help and secured assistance to dig her out and transport her to the hospital.

Just a week later, yet another snowstorm wreaked havoc on the local roads. The town had just finished clearing Main Street when the snow began to pile up again. A county bulldozer was dispatched to work clearing Main Street, which at the time was still a county road. As the snow continued to pile up, a week later the scheduled train between Rockport and Newhalem was caught between two snow slides and marooned until a crew from the Civilian Conservation Corps from Bacon Creek cleared the tracks.

Snow slides were also responsible for destroying the 100-foot wooden bridge 6 miles up Cascade Rd. shortly after. The bridge was 35 feet high and only two pieces of the bridge remained to show

where it had been. Heavy snows were also responsible for collapsing the flume delivering water to the Bear Creek power station. Leonard Everett led a crew of men into the back country to make the needed repairs.

Another popular topic relates to the seemingly relentless petty crimes that occur in the Upper Skagit Valley. Considering the inclement weather occurring during the winter of 1936–37, the story from a December 1936 edition seems to add insult to injury. Mrs. J. L. Pape had rented a home one mile south of Birdview and went there to make arrangements to move into a warm cabin during the difficult winter. When she arrived at the property, all that was left of her prospective home was the roof. The framework, doors, and windows were evidently much desired by someone who had no special use for the roof. The house was a two-room building erected several years ago by Bill Smith. It had been on state land, which had been leased by Mrs. Pape for a home. The Sheriff's Office was on the lookout for the missing parts.

The museum is now closed for the winter, but special tours may be arranged by calling/emailing 360.853.8347 (jboggswash@aol.com) or 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com).

—John Boggs

Civil Air Patrol

A little more than 77 years ago, Civil Air Patrol was created to aid in the country's efforts during WWII. Following the war, CAP became the civilian auxiliary of the Air Force. As it evolved, a set of core values was adopted: Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect.

The value of excellence is a must during a CAP disaster relief or search and rescue mission, on the ground or in the air. CAP members, from teens to adults, strive to embrace excellence as an expectation of conduct while in uniform and out. For members, the meaning of excellence is not perfection; rather, going beyond what is expected.

One recent example: Four of Skagit Composite Squadron's cadet members demonstrated excellence in the successful completion of their 2018–19 wrestling

season for Concrete High School. Two of those cadets, Robert Reed and Hunter Olmstead, along with cadet recruit Skyler Ottow, went on to the state tournament in February, with Cadet Olmstead finishing 2nd in the state for his 220-lb. weight class.

Successfully balancing school, sports, home, and CAP can be a difficult task, but all our cadets regularly do it, showing their commitment to the Core Value of "Excellence."

Are you or your child age 12 and up interested in Civil Air Patrol? If so, we want you! Find out what we are about at our meetings at Concrete High School on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

E-mail inquiries can be sent to kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov. We hope to see you there soon!

—2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke

At the Upper Skagit Library

Thank you to all of you who participated in **Winter Reading Fitness Bingo**. And congratulations to the winner of the \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

All month long the Upper Skagit Library will celebrate **Women's History Month**. This year's theme is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence." Come learn about important women of the past and present who effect change through peaceful and nonviolent means, through a display with their histories, books, handouts, and more. You can also participate by sharing with us a few words about a woman in history you admire, and why.

Drop-In Computer & Technology Tutoring continues from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday the 5th and 19th. Drop in with your laptop, smartphone, or other device you need assistance with and Tess and Chazlyn will help you however they can. **Storytime** is on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Families are welcome to join us March 9 and 23 at 11 a.m. for stories and a simple craft.

On March 14 at 6 p.m., the Upper Skagit Library Board will have its **monthly board meeting**. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

Young Authors Event at the library: To celebrate the hard work and creativity of our local young authors, and to formally accept the books into our collection, the library invites all the young authors and their families to an afternoon reading and sharing event at the library on Sat.,

April 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Food and beverages are provided.

There is a new link on our Web page to **lynda.com**. On lynda.com you will have access to hundreds of learning opportunities, such as software development, photography, improving problem-solving skills, music producing, and even becoming a black belt. All free! Also, be on the lookout for a revamped library Web site, coming soon.

New titles

In fiction by Paul Doiron, the *Mike Bowditch Mystery* series—all nine of them. In young adult, *Courting Darkness: The Wolves are Always Waiting* by Robin LaFevers. In biography, *Room to Dream*, about the filmmaker David Lynch. In juvenile, a six-book set of *The Unofficial Guide to Minecraft*. And in Audiobook, *The Dream of Enlightenment: the Rise of Modern Philosophy* by Anthony Gottlieb.

Come by the library during open hours to find all the new books, audiobooks, and DVDs we have added to the collection recently. You also can grab an Events Calendar for all the happenings at the library, check us out at www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us, or find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

If you subscribe to our newsletter, we will send you a monthly update of everything new and happening at the library!

Happy spring, everyone!

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

March at the Darrington Library

Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, March 6–27; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.
- LEGO Club, Wed., March 13 (second Thur. each month), 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Children's Craft Day, Thur., March 14, 3:30 p.m.

Tweens & Teens

- DIY Handwarmers, pattern and materials provided; Mon., March 11, 3:30 p.m.

All Ages

- "Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey," film, Thur., March 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

Adults

- Lushootseed Language Classes, Tuesdays, March 5–26, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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Justice Center.

Feb. 23

Deputies received information of a possible drug problem in the area of Baker Loop Rd. and Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. Extra patrol was requested.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

Boys & Girls Clubs plans Breakfast for GREAT Kids

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County will hold its 2019 Annual Breakfast for GREAT Kids at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon on Wed., March 13 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The annual breakfast stands as the wrap-up to the Club's Annual Campaign for GREAT Kids and is designed to be a visible way of recognizing and celebrating the support received from major partners

in the community, while increasing the depth and breadth of that support. Proceeds from the event fund targeted programs that support the academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthful lifestyles for more than 1,700 youth in Skagit County.

The morning will feature youth speakers, including 2019 Youth of the Year Kyla Whiton. The clubs invite community members to consider a table sponsorship of \$1,000 (includes recognition and a table for 10 guests). An RSVP is required, available thru www.skagitclubs.org or by contacting Heather Greenlaw at 360.419.3723, ext. 8 or heather.greenlaw@skagitclubs.org.

The breakfast is sponsored by Trico Companies.

—Submitted by

Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County

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Scheduled training dates

The Backyard Conservation Short Course will begin on Wed., March 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and will continue every Wednesday evening through April 24. The program also will include two Saturday field trips, scheduled for April 6 and 13. The evening trainings will be held at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, located at 10441 Bay View Edison Rd.

Registration

The program is being offered free of charge to local residents. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is March 15. Contact Kristi Carpenter, Skagit Conservation District at 360.428.4313 or kristi@skagited.org.

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Out & About



State

Sutherland introduces bill to cap property taxes

Law would eliminate personal objection to vaccines

By Madeline Coats
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

OLYMPIA — A proposed bill would eliminate the philosophical or personal objection used to exempt children from vaccines required to attend schools in Washington state.

Senate Bill 5841 is co-sponsored by a group of 10 Democratic senators and introduced by Sen. Annette Cleveland, D-Vancouver.

There is a current measles outbreak in Clark County with 62 confirmed cases, Cleveland said. Gov. Jay Inslee declared a public health emergency in Clark County on Jan. 18.

"This outbreak threatens the health of not only unvaccinated children, but those who cannot receive vaccinations," said Cleveland at a public hearing on Wednesday.

Under the bill, a child would be prohibited from attending a school or licensed day care center unless they have proof of full immunization or a certificate of exemption.

"In the 2017-18 school year, the rate of kindergarten personal belief exemptions was 3.7 percent, compared to only .2 percent for religious reasons and .8 percent for medical necessity," said Cleveland.

Full immunization includes vaccines for chickenpox, diphtheria, measles, German measles, haemophilus influenzae type B disease, hepatitis B, mumps, pneumococcal disease, polio, tetanus, and whooping cough, the legislation states. Dr. John Wiesman, secretary of the state Department of Health, testified in support of the bill. Once in use, vaccines are continuously monitored by the Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration and other organizations for safety reasons, he said.

"Vaccines are very safe and effective," said Wiesman. "Vaccines undergo much research and safety testing before they are licensed."

In order for a child to be exempt from all or part of the immunization requirement, they must provide a written certification signed by a health care practitioner that a particular vaccine is not advisable, as referenced in the measure. The same is required of a parent or guardian who believes their religious beliefs are contrary to the required immunization.

Rep. Robert J. Sutherland, R-Granite Falls, has introduced a bill during the current legislative session that would cap the amount of residential property value that is subject to taxation for state purposes.

House Bill 2106 would cap state property taxes for current and future homeowners. Under the bill, the residential real property value subject to property taxation for state purposes would be the lesser of that property's assessed value in the assessment year, or of that property's assessed value in 2019.

The state's property tax levy rate has increased by 43 percent over the past several years. During that time, the housing market also has experienced record growth. The combination of increased state property tax rates and the increase in home values has resulted in unprecedented high state property tax bills, putting an extraordinary financial burden on homeowners, said Sutherland in a news release.

"One of my top legislative priorities is to ease the increasing property tax burden on homeowners. Our state property taxes are too high. It's increasing homelessness. It also makes it very difficult for first-time home buyers," said Sutherland. "This is a simple, common-sense solution with a major impact on homeowners across the state. It will slow the rate of property tax increases by placing a cap on the tax rate when a home's value is assessed moving forward."

"The impact property taxes have on the ability for some people to remain in their homes is sometimes overlooked," said Sutherland. "For some homeowners, the financial burden of the constant increases is the last straw. They can't afford to stay in their home. Hopefully by creating a cap on their property taxes, many of those who are financially strapped will have a bit of relief."

Sutherland's bill has been referred to the House Finance Committee, where it awaits further committee action.

The IPZ team has developed and approved the regional identity and Federal Certification Mark for Skagit agricultural products, which will help achieve these goals. The "Genuine Skagit Valley" mark will be used to enhance the Skagit Valley's agricultural region's perception and reputation as a premier, preferred, and distinctive origin brand, Martin explained.

A list of criteria has been developed that growers and producers must meet in order to use the "Genuine Skagit Valley" Mark. Northwest Agriculture Business Center, under the leadership of David Bauermeister, will lead the administration of the Federal Certification Mark. This mark is an important component of the overall brand strategy for Skagit agriculture, to increase awareness and demand for the benefit of local farms, local businesses, and our community.

Learned Commercial expands

Learned Commercial, Inc. (LCI) of Burlington last month announced the addition of Jarrod Ball to its team. Jarrod has a background in title insurance and escrow, as well as 1031 exchange.



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Innovation Partnership Zone announces "Genuine Skagit Valley" certification mark

During a presentation on innovation at the Feb. 8 Skagit Ag Summit, Port of Skagit Executive Director Patsy Martin spoke about enhancing the success of the county's local agricultural economy by highlighting the high-quality agricultural products grown and produced within the Skagit Valley. Presenting alongside City of Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau and WSU Bread Lab Director Dr. Stephen Jones, Martin introduced "Genuine Skagit Valley," a Federal Certification Mark for Skagit agricultural products.

The branding strategy was developed by members of the Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ). The IPZ, made up of public and private entities and local farmers, focuses on value-added agriculture with the goal of creating new jobs and a robust economy centered on the valley's rich agricultural resources and heritage.

Martin explained that one of the goals of the IPZ is to encourage innovation to create a "terroir" brand that increases the recognition of and demand for Skagit products worldwide. "Terroir" is defined as the characteristic taste and flavor imparted to a product by the environment in which it is produced, including factors such as the soil, topography, and climate—all factors that set Skagit agriculture apart from other growing regions.

Laboratory at Washington State University, where TAHD was confirmed through diagnostic testing. WSU's veterinary college is where the state has based a program to monitor and research elk hoof disease.

First documented in the early 2000s, TAHD has since spread to 14 counties in Washington, and has been found in Oregon and Idaho. Last April, WDFW confirmed the presence of the disease in Klickitat County, the first such finding in Washington state east of the Cascade Range.

The disease causes hoof deformities, which can make elk walk with a pronounced limp. Elk may eventually slough the infected hooves, threatening their survival.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent TAHD, nor are there any proven options for treating it in the field. There is no evidence that the disease affects humans.

Kyle Garrison, WDFW hoof disease coordinator, said the department plans to increase efforts to identify other diseased elk in the Blue Mountains, and will look for limping elk in March during scheduled aerial surveys.

State wildlife managers also are asking hunters and other members to report any observations of limping elk, or elk with abnormal hooves, via WDFW's online reporting tool at https://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/health/hoof_disease/.

Testing conducted in 2014 identified treponeme bacteria in lesions from affected elk, suggesting the disease can be spread between animals and by contaminated materials, explained Margaret Wild, a veterinarian and WSU elk hoof disease research leader.

"Much remains to be learned about the disease," she said. "We are further investigating treponeme bacteria and other potential pathogens, and we will also look at factors that may increase the susceptibility of elk contracting the disease."

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Elk hoof disease confirmed in Walla Walla County

SPOKANE—Test results from an elk shot by a hunter in Walla Walla County have confirmed the presence of elk hoof disease, known scientifically as treponeme-associated hoof disease (TAHD).

A muzzleloader hunter shot the cow elk on Jan. 17 in the Pikes Peak area of the Blue Mountains. After noticing that the hooves were deformed, he submitted the hooves to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Samples were submitted to the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic

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How to encourage healthful habits

By Julie Keffee, RN

Two to four servings of fruit and vegetables each day provides key nutrients that reduce the risk of diseases such as type 2 diabetes, stroke, heart disease, and high blood pressure. However, in Skagit County, only one in three kids consume the recommended amount.

To change this, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) is working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County to engage 360 local children in health and fitness activities, including healthful meals and nutrition education. Last year, 6,600 healthful snacks and meals were served to kids in Skagit County.

Through these programs, kids were able to establish the foundation of healthful living and share those fundamentals with their families. If kids incorporate these healthful habits earlier in life, they are more likely to eat properly and exercise as adults and live longer, more healthful lives.

As we begin 2019, here are a few tips to engage your kids in a healthful lifestyle:

1. Get outside and play. We all know kids can have a lot of energy. Help them burn it off with walks outside, sports, and games to encourage

activity. At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day is recommended to promote overall health.

2. Start a small garden. Kids can be picky eaters, but when they participate in growing fruits and vegetables, they are more likely to eat what they grow. Don't have a yard? Try an indoor vertical garden or visit your local community garden, such as the Angele Cupples Community Garden, where kids 18 years old and younger can garden for free. First come, first served (call 360.630.4303 for details).
3. Include kids in grocery shopping. Let your kids help decide what to eat. Create a list of things you need for the week, such as proteins, fruits, vegetables, and grains, and let your kids choose what they want to eat.
4. Talk about health and nutrition. Talk to your kids about why healthful habits are important and why you encourage eating healthful foods and physical activity.

Developing these and other healthful habits are critical to long-term health. What your kids learn about health in childhood will carry over to adulthood.

Julie Keffee is a registered nurse in Washington, and works with Community Health Plan of Washington to share her knowledge about health.

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Smile



“It’s funny,” remarked the visitor, “but this town’s population never seems to increase. Don’t you have any births here?”
“Sure,” came the reply, “but every time there is one, about three fellows leave town.”

A woman was called in for jury duty, but refused to serve because she didn’t believe in capital punishment.

“Trying to persuade her, the judge explained, “This is merely a case where a wife is suing her husband because she gave him a thousand dollars to make a down payment on a fur coat and he lost the money in a poker game.”

“I’ll serve,” said the woman, “I could be wrong about capital punishment.”

One of the town ladies, a self-appointed supervisor of village morals, accused a workman of having reverted to drink because “with her own eyes” she had seen his car standing outside a beer parlor.

The accused man made no verbal defense, but that evening he left his car parked in front of her house all night.

A minister told his flock he had a “call” to go to another church. One of the deacons asked how much more he was offered. “Five hundred dollars,” was the reply.

“I don’t blame you for going,” remarked the deacon, “but you should be more exact in your language, parson. That isn’t a ‘call,’ that’s a ‘raise.’”

Dwelleysms:

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

“A year may not be long enough to do everything that should be done, as this sort of thing can go into extreme detail if pursued. For the present, let’s confine our efforts to the broad picture and by spring have at least a half smile on the welcoming face that Concrete presents to the world.”

“Keeping up with the world today is something like watching a three-ring circus with a wildcat in your lap.”

“Higher education for low mentalities isn’t doing so well in practice. The dimwit who thinks with a loud mouth and a handful of rocks cannot be expected to be seeking knowledge. Just excitement.”

“The news coverage of the snow slides at Diablo points out the lack of rugged individualism among our citizens these days. The fact that anyone might be blocked from driving a car seems a tragedy worth headlines. Diablo residents accept an occasional interruption of traffic with fortitude and the knowledge that if they can’t get out, at least no tourists can get in.”

“According to the Chinese calendar, this is the year of the Rooster. Now if we can just get him something to crow about.”

“There is actually no generation gap except the short space of time between when you want to grow up and the time you find out you already did.”

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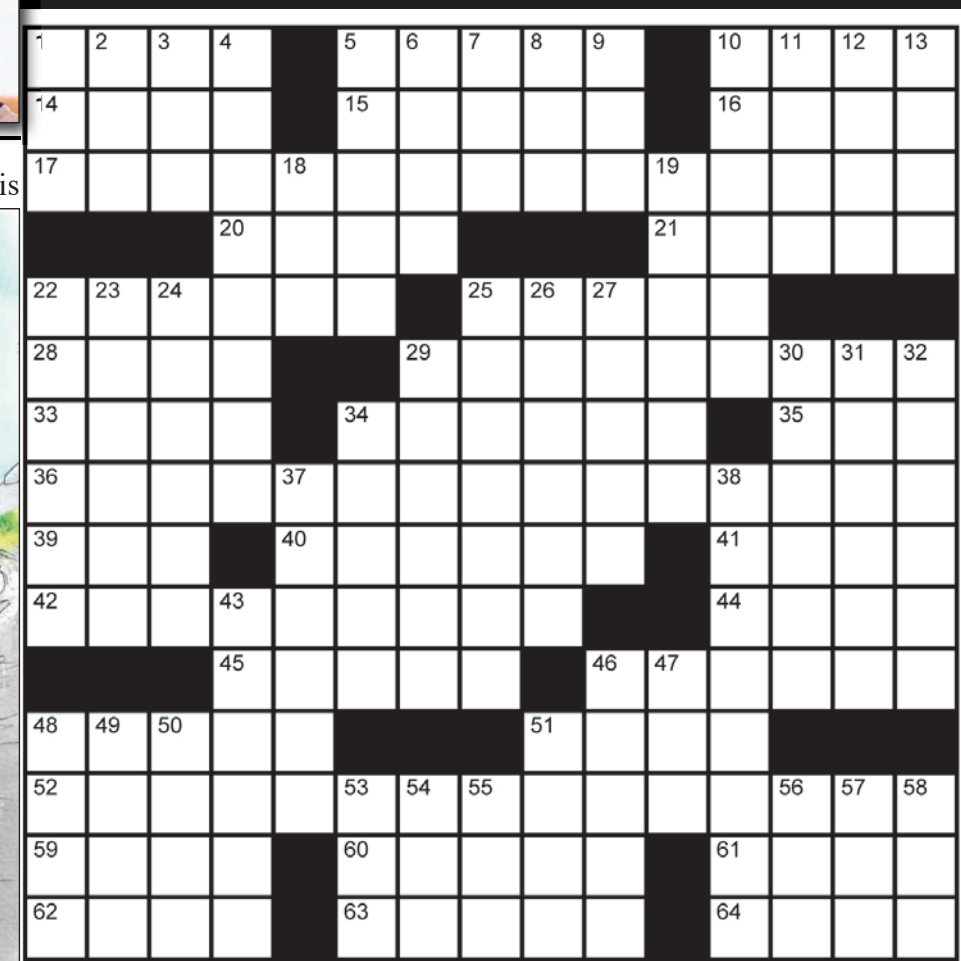
Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



By Stig Kristensen

Crossword: “Get a Clue!”



Across

- 1. After-bath powder
- 5. More rational
- 10. Combustible heap
- 14. Above
- 15. Greenish
- 16. Course
- 17. Set in motion
- 20. “See ya!”
- 21. Part of a TV feed
- 22. Kind of doughnut eater
- 25. Vichyssoise vegetables
- 28. Slender reed
- 29. Health facilities
- 33. Gossip
- 34. Mellow
- 35. Calendar square
- 36. Discovering some dirt
- 39. Old English letter
- 40. Charmers
- 41. Complex dwelling
- 42. Puzzling one
- 44. All alternative
- 45. Allude (to)
- 46. Certain fir
- 48. Follows

Down

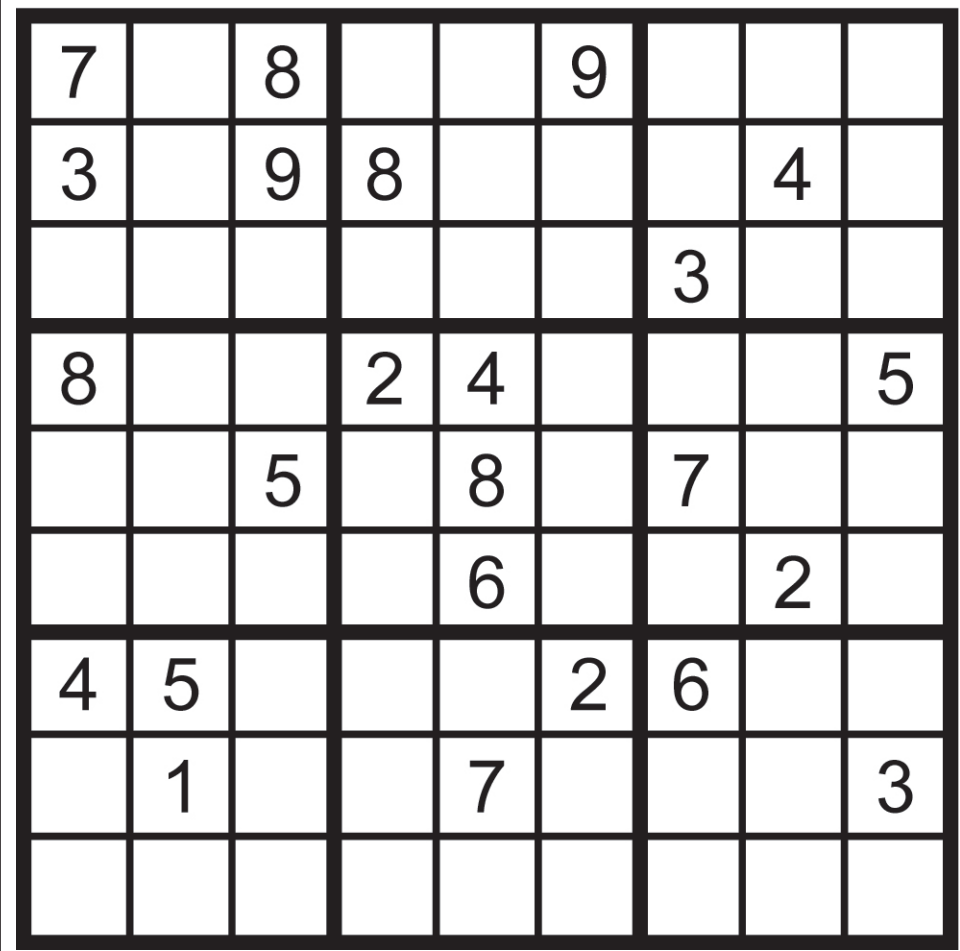
- 1. Deck (out)
- 2. Mad. ____
- 3. Authorize
- 4. Legendary Davy
- 5. As yet
- 6. Middle part
- 7. Fed. agency
- 8. Christmas ____
- 9. Coffee order: Abbr.
- 10. French novelist
- 11. Common contraction
- 12. Hindu princess
- 13. Taro variety
- 18. Cry of disgust
- 19. Gathering leaves
- 22. Bumper car

Across

- 23. The state of existing in space
- 24. Ollie and kin
- 25. Higher
- 26. Book before Job
- 27. Old weapons
- 29. Immobilize
- 30. Beloved of Aphrodite
- 31. Pretentious
- 32. Modus operandi
- 34. Tobacco product
- 37. Most aloof
- 38. Deviations
- 43. Assignations
- 46. Bungle
- 47. Disposed
- 48. Gawk at
- 49. Oktoberfest serving
- 50. Lab item
- 51. Bunch
- 53. Towel stitching
- 54. Guinness Book suffix
- 55. Call to Bo-peep
- 56. No longer working: Abbr.
- 57. Tribute, of sorts
- 58. Dandy

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. 39.

Funny as Facebook

The following funny was pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in February:

- “If you ever find yourself feeling like you need to touch up the baseboards behind your cast iron, claw foot tub, and you believe that it can be easily accomplished, think again. I assure you that it will be easier to carry said tub out of the room, rather than navigate around it within the small nook in which it sits. You may decide in the future to bypass this area ... and if anyone should notice that you opted against painting the area, encourage them to get a hobby. Signed: A Painting Contortionist”

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Puget Sound's southern resident orcas, who use echo-location to find food, would be protected by a new speed limit for vessels approaching the endangered species. *Photo by Ken Rea, SpiritofOrca.com.*

Orcas, cont. from p. 26

The bill incorporates several recommendations from the Southern Resident Orca Task Force, which Governor Jay Inslee formed last year to develop a long-term plan for protecting the species. A companion bill also has been introduced in the House.

"Why do we need to quiet the waters?" asked Todd Hass, who led the vessels working group for the task force. "Because orcas are highly-auditory animals and take advantage of the typically great benefits of using sound-based signaling and hearing rather than vision."

Watercraft operated by the federal government would not be subject to the regulations, nor would state, local, and tribal vessels conducting law enforcement, search and rescue, and public safety missions.

The bill also would establish a permit system for whale-watching operations in the inland waters of Washington. With permitting, regulators could refine the distance, the number of vessels and amount of time spent with the whales. The annual fees would range from \$425 to \$2,925 depending on the number of passengers carried. Only some operators with previous whale watch experience in Washington waters could be licensed.

"Slow boats are quiet boats," said Shane Aggergaard, captain and general manager at Island Adventures Whale Watching, who has been operating tours since 1996. "My 30-meter catamaran that carries 150 passengers is quieter than my 28-foot

Boston Whaler."

Aggergaard said he agreed with the speed limit but opposed the 650-yard viewing distance for whale watch operators.

"If you increase the viewing distance, it's essentially a moratorium," he said. "If you have a moratorium, there won't be boats on scene to lead as an example."

"They do act as a sentinel around those whales," said Steve Finney, vice president of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington. "They are professional. They know what they're doing, and the recreational boaters do respect them for that."

The bill's supporters said that given the precariousness of the orcas' continued existence, every measure should be taken to ensure their survival.

"The Southern residents are looking a lot like the canaries in the coal mine in the Salish Sea and Puget Sound," said Captain Alan "Hobbes" Buchanan, a Friday Harbor-based whale watch operator. He said he closed his whale-watching business last October when he said he realized he was "part of the problem."

"We need to take a precautionary approach given the severity and urgency of the situation," said Nora Nickum on behalf of the Seattle Aquarium. "And we believe that means advancing all of the measures in this bill."

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

Crossword solution

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