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Guest editorial

## Memorial Day 2018

By John Boggs

On May 28 we will memorialize those who not only served our country, as we do on Veterans Day, but those who died preserving it. Few of us can truly imagine actually making that sacrifice, and even fewer will be called upon to do it. Those men and women from all walks of life and branches of service did not merely throw their lives away. They invested them in our collective future. To properly honor that sacrifice, we must carefully manage the nation they left us. That nation whose declaration to the world in 1776 was at the time but an idea, but that eloquent declaration gave notice to the whole world that we as a people were embarking on a new path into the future. That idea became a seed that has continued to be nurtured, to grow, and to bear

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Elk invasion subjects citizens to undue hardship

Founded in the early 1940s, Double O Ranch near Concrete has always been home to an abundance of wildlife including deer and an occasional elk. There has never been a elk herd until fall of 2012 when we were inundated with about 50 head.

After more than 6 years of feeding 30-60 head of elk during late summer, fall and winter we are experiencing losses from diminishing returns. Elk constantly overgraze pastures destroying our grass production making it a continuous battle to restore hay and grazing capacity. This year alone we spent \$16,000.00 to purchase hay to replace feed consumed by elk. When you add costs of increased fertilizer, pasture damage, fencing, purchasing hay and spoilage from torn bales, timber losses, and useless hazing it makes it difficult for a small family to continue ranching.

The legality of the elk invasion of our properties lies at the core of the whole elk issue. As law abiding, tax paying citizens of Washington we should not be subjected to undue hardships that threaten our livelihood and our safety. Why has WDFW and Tribes ignored state laws? We would be subject to fines and jail time. Why didn't WDFW and Tribes plan for this before their negligence created this problem?

Cindy Kleinhuizen  
Concrete

### School board should reconsider Garth Haynes' release

I don't go to Concrete High School anymore, but last year I did. My year was very difficult, I got bullied a lot, and I

always had two people to talk to about it: Mr. Haynes and Miss Whitney. My whole friend group loved Mr. Haynes; he was always there for us and always made sure everyone was having a good day. His love for the students was very well known, he loved his job, and he was very good at it. He let us create our own ideas for lessons and even let us teach the class some days. He stretched our abilities and pushed us to strive. He never tolerated bullying or drama in his class; if there was talk of it, he would sit us all down and talk the whole period to work it out.

I've had a lot of teachers, but Mr. Haynes will always be my favorite. He is a very special man and I think he is exactly what the school needs. He showed up just in time for kids who needed him, including me. I honestly don't think I would've made it through the school year without him. We need him, and I think in a way he needs us. I hope the school board reconsiders and brings him back.

Bethany Werda  
Concrete

### More support for Haynes

I've never been really interested in going to public school, especially in Concrete. But last year in August, I

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## Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

You've probably figured out by now that I'm a big fan of volunteers. I'm always amazed at how much work can be done in a relatively short period when enough people show up to "grab a root and growl." This month, for example, we'll again welcome the Youth Dynamics young people to our community garden during the evening of May 21, where they'll do their customary swarm and accomplish about 38 hours of work in an hour and a half. Yowza.



In April the town benefited greatly when a group of men from Community Bible Church donated their time to remove the old fence leading into our Town Center in preparation for installing a new one. Big thanks to Gene, Lonnie, Rob, Justin, Jim, Ed, Paul, Dick, and Doyle for their commitment on a cold, rainy Saturday.

On April 22, a workday at the community garden organized by garden co-manager Beth Easterday found many hands do indeed make light work. We weeded like crazy and began spreading stone sand in the pathways. Thanks to Beth, Jody Blair, Betty Seguin, Lynette Gentry, Leslie Benjamin, Gladys Silrus, Kristi Arnold, Jeff Maher, Anja Roozen, Mia Roozen, the Albert Family of four, Jasmine Kerr, Stacy Hoffman, and Maxwell Hoffman.

Concrete is a small town with a small budget. The more work we can accomplish via volunteers, the more amenities we can maintain and enjoy. Please take a moment and think about how you might help your hometown, and I hope you'll consider throwing your hat in the ring at some point. If you've always wanted to volunteer your time for the greater good, please reach out to me and let me know how you'd like to help.

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

## Port of Skagit looks to expand Internet options for constituents

The Port of Skagit and partners, including Skagit PUD; Skagit County; EDASC; the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley; and the towns of La Conner and Concrete, have been making headway on their efforts to develop high-speed dark fiber infrastructure for the benefit of Skagit-area citizens and businesses.

On April 20, the Port of Skagit Board of Commissioners directed staff to pursue securing a secondary access to fiber optic strands on the I-5 corridor from Vancouver, B.C., to Portland, Ore., in support of the development of an open access network in Skagit County.

Port of Skagit Commission President Dr. Kevin E. Ware said, "High-speed fiber optic Internet is critical to the economic progress of our county. The action we took today goes a long way to bringing

that about."

In March 2017, the Port of Skagit and many local community organizations partnered on a Community Fiber Optic Network Strategic Plan to develop a countywide, carrier grade, open-access fiber optic network that will deliver affordable high-speed Internet access to the citizens of Skagit County.

Patsy Martin, Executive Director for the Port of Skagit said, "Modern businesses looking to locate to Skagit County find many of the desired assets already in place, such as a major transportation corridor, high-quality schools, quality healthcare, and many other amenities. However, one piece of the puzzle was missing: a countywide plan to develop infrastructure for high-speed data transfer. This I-5 corridor project connects all the dots needed to develop a high-speed, carrier-grade network."

—Submitted by Port of Skagit

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# Training Day

## Scheduled burn educates local firefighters

By Chazlyn Lovely

On March 31, firefighters from the District 10 Fire Department (Grasmere and Birdsvie stations) and the Concrete Volunteer Fire Department participated in a training burn on a single-family structure in Concrete.

Neighbors pulled out lawn chairs and watched from a safe distance as firefighters spent most of the day building vital skills as they battled the flames at 7235 Franks Place under the watchful eyes of more experienced colleagues such as District 10 Fire Chief Rod Coffell, Concrete Fire Chief Darrel Reed, and Fire

Protection District 8 Commissioner and East Battalion Safety Officer Jonathan LaCount.

The live fire practical training exercise was part of District 10's first in-house hosting of a firefighting academy aimed at educating and equipping firefighters with the tools they need. After inviting the Concrete Fire Department to join them, at least 25 firefighters—most of whom are volunteers—participated in the exercise, which allows academy students to experience a controlled burn situation and watch demonstrations of fire behavior.

Training burns begin with safety precautions: The structure is prepped

and inspected before academy students even arrive. A state-trained and certified director of the academy sets up a burn lab: drywall is set up in the structure to close off certain areas so that it allows a controlled burn. Concrete Fire Chief Darrell Reed likened it to a very large fireplace in a room.

Metal walls are also put in place so that firefighters have some control over how fast the fire burns. The slower the burn, the more time for instruction. After the students as a whole complete the fire behavior portion of the course, they are broken down into smaller groups who are then sent into the structure with an instructor who, for as long as the building is safe, demonstrates fire control and the different ways to “attack” a fire so that damage is minimized. According to LaCount, “whether you do an indirect attack or a direct attack, there’s different methods to the madness, so to speak. You want new people to learn that different stuff.”

Experiencing a fire first-hand is vital. LaCount said that “we want the new people to see the fire’s behavior as it gets

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## Library relocation delayed

Anyone who has ever worked on any project knows there are lots of unforeseen gremlins waiting to ambush your efforts. The bigger the project, or the longer you want the results to last, the truer that statement rings.

For the Upper Skagit Library Board, both of these qualifiers are true. It’s the biggest project they have ever attempted and they recognize their new building will not be a temporary location for the library, but a long-term home.

Many improvements to the building were completed before the old Legion Hall was signed over to the Library District this past December, and the Board was anxious to finish up the work for the anticipated grand opening originally conceived to be this spring. However, a previous building inspection raised a red flag that required a professional follow-up inspection of the structural integrity of the roof and ceiling.

This follow-up inspection identified that numerous leaks in the roof have caused some key roof/ceiling components to rot. These structural components need to be repaired to ensure the building’s long-term viability. To properly fix all the roof leaks, the current roof also will have to be removed and replaced. Current building codes restrict how many layers of roofing a building can have because of the extra weight involved, and the building already has more than the allowable number. The existing roof also has tested positive for asbestos, which adds that removal effort and expense. In an effort to minimize interior water damage, this will not be attempted until our drier weather season arrives. As attractive as the insides look now, any structural issues need to be addressed before any further interior work is completed and the migration to the new facility begins.

Finding qualified contractors that are willing to coordinate their efforts and perform these small but essential tasks during their busiest time of the year is a challenge. Compounding these issues is the time-consuming bid process required for publicly-owned buildings.

Although it might appear like no progress is being made, rest assured lots of things are going on behind the scenes to make the new library a building we can all be proud of.

—John Boggs

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became a student. Mr. Haynes was instantly my favorite teacher. He always opened his door to me, even when I showed up 30 minutes early. He had such a warm personality, making him very easy to approach. He gave me a sketch book for free because I didn’t have the money to pay for one. He encouraged me to continue drawing and broaden my artistic skills. Never once did I feel him looking down on me. Instead it was the complete opposite. He treated his students as adults. He let us express our opinions which is more than most of us teenagers get from our own parents. If we had a question, there was no doubt that he would try to answer it. And if you ever wanted to try something new, he would do his best to make that dream come true. He wanted us to experience all types of art.

If you ever just wanted someone to listen to your problems, he was the person to go to. He never bugged us about our problems, but he always had his door open if anyone needed to talk to an adult about a problem they were having. He supported all of us and our ideas, even the stupid ones. No one left his classroom feeling ignored or unwanted by him. He was there for us like every good teacher should be. You could tell he never cared about making money; teaching wasn’t just a job for him. It was a way of helping the students in Concrete, which, with most of the students in the school coming in with a background of some form of a broken home, he was a much-needed support. That is why so many were devastated to hear of his job loss.

Concrete will not be the same without Mr. Haynes. Taking away Mr. Haynes is the same as taking away a father from his children. He is needed and wanted by almost every student in Concrete. I have learned more about art from Mr. Haynes in one year than I have learned in my life. He has a gift to teach and it would be a shame to take that away.

Iona Werda  
Concrete

### Returning grizzlies to NCNP is reasonable and necessary

Fears are reasonable or unreasonable. The more you find out about the cause of fear, the more you can determine what is a reasonable or unreasonable fear. Once you do that, you can put aside hysteria and prepare to avoid or manage an actual threat.

There is plenty of objective, patiently gathered information about grizzly bears

thanks to the bear experts (i.e., those who have spent years studying bears) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, National Parks Conservation Association, and others. To learn if it’s reasonable to fear that grizzlies are about to roar out of the wilderness to attack, a couple of hours spent with the available facts will be reassuring. Occasions are rare when a grizzly might defend itself even if should you happen to tumble unprepared into the proposed habitat, 9,500 square miles of North Cascades National Park.

Motives for stoking unreasonable, false fears of grizzlies seem to be based on the hope to open park land for commerce. Commerce depends on roads. Roads pushed into wilderness would not get wide support. Fear-mongering is a tried and true method of disguising intent and building support for unpopular actions.

The goal to return grizzlies to their original habitat is both reasonable and necessary for the health of the Park. Re-introduction of grizzlies will take years. It is not an easy process of simply trucking some in. Their habitats and needs for survival are different from black bears. Reading the studies by the organizations mentioned provides information to the complicated re-introduction process, too long for a letter to the editor.

The value of returning this animal to its ancient home is no longer in question. Grizzly bears are an icon of intact wilderness. Intact wilderness is valuable. Secretary of the Interior Zinke and the crowd of grizzly-return supporters recently at Park headquarters in Sedro-Woolley agreed on that.

Joline Bettendorf  
Mount Vernon

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# East County Public Forum, May 7

A public forum for East County residents is planned for Mon., May 7, at 5:30 p.m. in the Concrete High School Commons room.

The annual forum will be hosted by Skagit County Commissioners, who will be joined by representatives from numerous county departments and local agencies. Residents are encouraged to attend to ask questions and discuss any issue of interest.

Slated to join county commissioners Lisa Janicki, Ron Wesen, and Ken Dahlstedt are:

- Will Reichardt, Sheriff
- Hal Hart and Ryan Walters, Planning and Development Services

- Jennifer Johnson, Public Health
- Dan Berentson and Chris Rowell, Public Works
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- Jeff Sargent, EMS
- Brian Adams and Rusty Regan, Parks and Recreation
- Bill Henkel and Claudia Marken, Community Action of Skagit County
- Board of Equalization
- Dale O'Brien, Skagit Transit
- Andrea Petrich, WSDOT

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—J. K. M.

## Skagit Up River Farmers Market kicks off this month

Starting Memorial Day weekend, Concrete will have its first Farmers Market. Located at the existing Swap Meet site, the market will offer farmers, artisans, craftsmen, music, food, and demonstrations.

The Skagit Up River Farmers Market was born from the belief that there are many of us with businesses we run in our homes and often don't have a venue to make them profitable. We have arranged with many local cottage businesses to offer them this venue to sell their wares, services, crafts, and art. We believe that there is a need for a venue such as this which the good people in our area can utilize to strengthen the economic fabric of our community. By creating this venue, we will enhance the ability of local people to remain upriver and make a living here.

The market will be a place where artisans, craftsman, farmers, and service organizations can highlight, sell, and promote their businesses. This will provide a reasonably priced venue for people to highlight services they are offering through talks and demonstrations, as well as the ability to have tourists book their services.

Local farmers, including children, will sell their produce there, and we will accept SNAP/EBT, WIC/Senior FMNP (pending), and Fresh Bucks. Farmers who cannot attend the market because they are the only one working their businesses/farms can take part in a shared booth that we will run for them. Additionally, we are going to have demonstrations reminiscent of the Foxfire book series, sharing the heritage that made us strong and independent.

You will find the Skagit Up River Farmers Market at 45218 Fir St., just off SR 20 in Concrete. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the first weekend in October, which is the Festival of Family Farms weekend in Skagit County. Anyone wishing to participate in the market in any capacity may call 360.853.8549 or find us on Facebook at Skagit Up River Farmers Market.

—Michelle Coda

## THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.



Mount Baker Presbyterian Church will host a community-wide **Ladies' Spring Tea**. Daughters, mothers, sisters, and friends are invited to participate. There will be wonderful food and an inspiring speaker, and even some door prizes.

The tea will be held at Mount Baker Presbyterian Church, 45705 Main St., Concrete, on Sat., May 19, at 11 a.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, with all proceeds donated to Concrete community outreach.

RSVPs are appreciated: Leave a message at 360.853.8585 with your name, the number attending, and your phone number.

Enjoy this delicious occasion with your friends and relatives while helping our Concrete neighbors in need.

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

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

**Tootsie's legend lives on!** The Eatery and Glacier Peak Resort and Winery employees plan to provide cinnamon rolls for opening day when the SR 20 gate swings wide later this month. Come celebrate the reopening of the North Cascades Highway the way you're used to: with a mouthwatering cinnamon roll in the company of friends.

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## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on April 9 and 23, with the April 23 meeting preceded by a law enforcement workshop. 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](http://www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php).*

### April 9 regular meeting

- Community Action East County Manager Claudia Marken spoke to the council, updating them on several items. The lunch program has been well received; they served 753 lunches in March and are staying in budget with the help of their cook.

She stated they also offer a GED program, and this year they will partner with Skagit Valley College for a high school to 21-year-old program.

- She also reported on the annual "Have a Heart" run/walk event, a fundraiser that helps Community Action provide programs.

- Public Safety: Deputy Backstrom reported there were 38 calls last month. He stated there was nothing significant except for the issue at the school, which has been resolved. He stated the Sheriff's Office is trying to have more of a presence at the school, at least two or three times a week, with deputies walking the halls or being in attendance during the lunch hour.

Deputy Backstrom also reported on the arrest of Joel Parker and that they are still looking for Crystal Vandyk, who is wanted on multiple charges. He stated the Sheriff's Office is also discussing the addition of a resource officer at the school for the next school year, on a part-time basis at least. He stated they are currently experiencing a staffing shortage, with around five deputies out on injured reserve and others getting ready to retire.

- Town engineer Cody Hart updated on several projects. He stated that Cedar St. is progressing well and the archeological survey has begun. They are scheduling the boring that will take place. Councilmember Marla Reed asked if the boring will take place in the roadway. Hart said the boring will take place as close to the center of the roadway as possible, but should only take a few hours to complete and should not interfere

with school bus routes.

Cody also reported on the spray park project. He stated the request for quotes went out for the concrete work and only one bid was received, which was higher than the budget would allow. He stated he is speaking with that contractor and will possibly reduce the scope to make it affordable for the town to complete.

### April 23 law enforcement workshop

- Town Council, town staff, and audience members discussed the town's law enforcement contract and other related issues with the East Detachment Sgt. Greg Adams.
- Audience member John Boggs discussed language in the contract regarding animal control and civil enforcement, as well as response time and ordinance enforcement. He said he believes the system has worked so far and that the deputies are doing a great job.
- Councilmember Reed explained how the council determines which ordinances to add to the contract, and when they have requested specific reports, they've been provided.
- Sgt. Adams explained the history of the ordinances being enforced, and the process for reporting response times.
- Block watches were discussed, as was barking dogs, Wi-Fi at the library, vehicle prowls, stolen property, and the importance of calling 911 for even suspicious behavior

### April 23 regular meeting

- Em Beals read a prepared statement from the Upper Skagit Library Board regarding the delay in its moving to the new location (read the statement on p. 6 of this issue).
- Public Safety: Sgt. Adams reported that Deputy Backstrom has retired after 33 years with the SCSO. Deputy Backstrom will be replaced by Deputy Eric Moore. Sgt. Adams also reported on recent criminal activity.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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# Sports

## Athletes of the Month

### Baseball team eyes playoffs after strong April

With more wins than losses last month, the Concrete Lions baseball team is focused on the few remaining regular season games before playoff action. Head Coach Randy Sweeney said the team is small but healthy.

"We only have 12 guys, but everyone is good to go. I expect to be at the Bi-Districts," he said.

#### April games

The team kicked off the month with an April 3 home game against La Conner, losing 9-8. "We made eight errors in the game, and seven of their runs were on errors," Sweeney lamented. "We pretty much handed them that game."

An away doubleheader at Friday Harbor

on April 9 found the team still struggling, even with pitcher Shayne Luttrell performing well. The Wolverines handed Concrete two losses: 10-0 and 7-1.

A nonleague home game against 1A Granite Falls found the Lions on top 14-11. "It was a good game against a good opponent," said Sweeney. We pitched a number of kids that day, and it was good to get the win after a four-game losing streak."

Powerhouse Orcas came to town on April 19 for a doubleheader that the Lions split, losing the first game 11-3 and winning the second 11-8.

The team traveled to S. Whidbey — another 1A school — on April 23, losing the nonleague game 10-7.

April 24 found the team in La Conner for what Sweeney called his "favorite day of the season so far." The doubleheader found Luttrell dominant in the first game and Tyler Coffell just as strong in the second; the pair led the team to 10-1 and 16-3 victories. Tyler Hansen notched four RBIs; Peyton Sanchez brought in two more. "Coffell only took five innings to finish that second game," said Sweeney.

An overwhelming Friday Harbor again pounded the Lions on April 27, handing Concrete an 11-0 loss. The Wolverines are

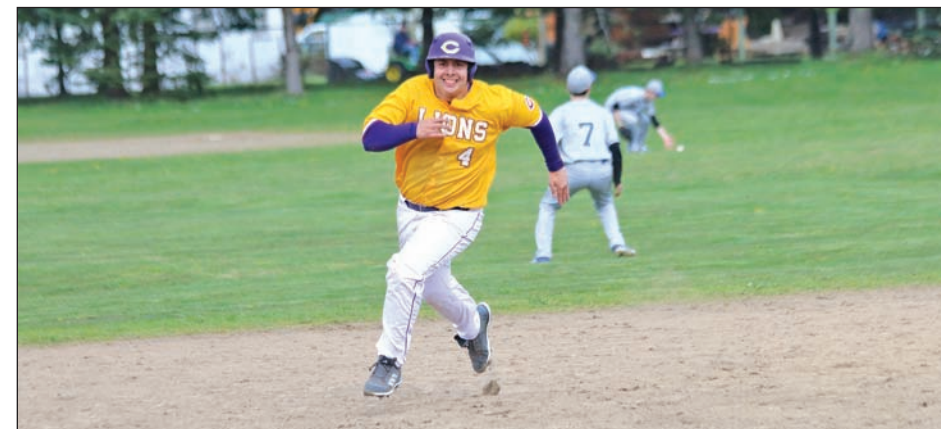
undefeated in league play this season, and the Lions "couldn't get anything going against their pitching," said Sweeney. "We made few errors, but they hit the ball."

A sloppy, muddy game in Darrington on April 28 found Concrete on top 4-0.

At the end of April, the Lions had a 4-6 league record, 6-8 overall.

A May 4 doubleheader against Darrington at home marks the end of regular season play before Bi-Districts on May 8.

—J. K. M.



The Concrete Lions baseball team took on Orcas at home for a doubleheader on April 19. Clockwise from above: Tyler Coffell scorches one over the plate. Cole Meacham hustles to third base. David O'Neil keeps his eye on the ball. The Lions split the two games, losing the first one 11-3 and winning the second game 11-8.



### Athletes of the Month: Erica Knuth, Shayne Luttrell, Tyler Nevin, Becky Azure

The Softball Athlete of the Month for March is **Erica Knuth**. She competes at a high level on the field, as well as attending college courses, and is an integral member of Future Business Leaders of America. Erica is willing to play any position asked of her and does it willingly with a smile. She is quiet, yet exuberant in all the right moments. Coach Anna Gallagher said Erica helps the younger players to learn the game and be mentally strong. She leads calmly and forcefully.

**Shayne Luttrell** was selected Athlete of the Month for baseball.

Coach Randy Sweeney said he is the kid every coach wants on their team, as he is a vocal leader and quality student and citizen. He is always positive, strives to improve, and believes that they will win. Shayne brings a "can do" attitude to practice every day. He is the No. 1 pitcher this season and put in work during the offseason to develop and improve. Offensively, Shayne has been a top run producer.

Junior **Tyler Nevin** was selected as boys' track Athlete of the Month. At the Blackhawk Invitational he set a personal record of 18' 2" in the

long jump and earned first place. At the same meet, Tyler set another personal best in the high jump at 5' 6" and placed first in this event also. He was instrumental in helping the boys 4x100m relay place third.

Senior **Becky Azure** was chosen as girls' track Athlete of the Month. She is a senior and serves as team captain. Coach Marcus Carr said she set a season record and placed second in the shotput with a throw of 30' 3" at the Blackhawk Invitational. Becky also placed first and set another season record, throwing the javelin 88' 4". Additionally, she placed

first in the javelin at the first meet in La Conner and at the home meet. Becky consistently places in the top three in all league meets this season. At the Birger Solberg Invite in Bellingham on April 7, Becky set a new CHS girls discus record, slinging the disc 101' 4".

**Knuth, Luttrell, Nevin, and Azure** were selected by Concrete Lions Booster Club members based on their academic performance, exemplary athletic leadership, positive attitude, and demonstrating sportsmanship and character.

—Kathy Hurn

### Slow-starting fastpitch team improving

The Lady Lions softball team took its lumps in April, losing most of its games and ending the month last in league standings, with a 0-8 league record and 1-14 overall.

Head Coach Anna Gallagher credits her players with drive, passion, and a willingness to learn. The team is healthy, she said, with nothing more than cuts and

scratches from sliding "because my girls are giving it their all," she said. "Aunya Carpenter has a giant raspberry on her leg from sliding. She's happy about it; she's a tough cookie. We're going to finish strong."

#### April play

The team began the month with a home

game against La Conner on April 3 that was bumped because of weather; Concrete couldn't muster the numbers later and took the forfeit.

An April 9 doubleheader at Friday Harbor away, found the score in the Wolverines' favor twice: 10-0 and 11-1.

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"We played much better in the second game—we're a somewhat of a slow-starting team," said Gallagher. "We got better as the first game went on, and we hit and fielded better in the second game, so we improved."

The Lady Lions hosted the Sedro-Woolley JV team on April 11, losing 14-2. "We played well; an all-around good game," said Gallagher. "We're still learning and getting better."

The Coupeville JV team came to town the next day, bringing its strong program to bear and handing Concrete a 20-6 loss. "It's a privilege to play up into their league," said Gallagher. "Again, the roll of the dice wasn't in our favor. Our girls play well; they've gotten so much better. They're really stayed up to the competitive challenge out there."

Another slow start put the writing on the wall again when Orcas traveled to Concrete for an April 19 doubleheader against Orcas Island on April 19. **Above:** Kylie Clark sizzles one across home plate during the same game. Concrete lost both games, but closed the gap more in the second game: 14-2 and 12-4.

Gallagher was happier with the next doubleheader, against La Conner at their field. Even though Concrete took two more losses—5-0 and 12-2—"our defense was stellar during the first game," she said. We stayed right with them for most of the second game. I was happy with that game."

The Lady Lions closed out the month with an 18-2 loss to Rainier Christian, another loss to Friday Harbor, and a called



**Top:** Raylee Ward waits for the pitch during the Lady Lions' home field doubleheader against Orcas Island on April 19. **Above:** Kylie Clark sizzles one across home plate during the same game. Concrete lost both games, but closed the gap more in the second game: 14-2 and 12-4.

game against Darrington because of rain. They're attempting to reschedule that game to May 7 at Darrington.

The team will wrap regular season play with a May 4 doubleheader at home against Darrington.

—J. K. M.

## Track pounds individual PRs

Concrete High School Track & Field athletes beat up on their own personal records in April during the four scheduled meets: league meets on April 4 and 10, and the Skagit Valley Championships on April 25 and 27.

Miserable weather greeted the team at Friday Harbor on April 4, where conditions prevented the athletes from any team from performing well.

Concrete sent a handful of athletes to the Birger Solberg invite at Civic Field in Bellingham on April 7, where they gained valuable experience by competing against athletes from much larger schools.

The final league meet on April 10, hosted by Mount Vernon Christian, set the team up for strong performances to come.

At the Skagit Valley Championships,

the Lion team unloaded, with Becky Azure (shotput), Tyler Nevin (long jump), and Cassidy Smith (long jump) making it into the finals. At the end of the day, impressive personal records were logged:

- Smith broke her long jump PR twice, topping out out 13' 10". She broke her 100m PR too, at 14.69 seconds.
- Azure, discus, 103' 4".
- Michael Booker, javelin, 105' 4" and 100m sprint at 13.29 seconds.
- Kai Sahlin, javelin, 85'.
- Sadie Peif, shotput, 21' 3/4" and javelin, 56'.
- Collin Martin, discus, 60' 1".
- Hayden O'Neil, javelin, 107' 7".
- Anthony Bese, javelin, 95' 6" and 100m at 13.05 seconds.



**Clockwise from left:** At the two-day Skagit Valley Championships on April 25 and 27, Concrete Track & Field athletes smashed their personal records—in Cassidy Smith's case, twice in one day. Jonas Rensink hurls the javelin, Anna Spangler glides in the 100m hurdles, and Tyler Nevin kicks in the afterburners in the 100m sprint.

### Training Day, cont. from p. 4

warm and as it cools back down. That way they can witness what thermal layering looks like in a home."

They also learn about warning signs that would be hard to understand without experiencing them.

"When you see this, you need to think about going in the other direction and getting out. That's what we're after and you can actually show that to people when you do a training burn," said LaCount.

Reed said that "people think all we do as firefighters is just open up nozzles and spray copious amounts of water in order to put things out, but really it's physics and it's chemistry. Water expands. Super-heated steam is 700 times larger, so a gallon of water becomes 700 gallons. That helps to displace oxygen, so that helps to suppress fire. So it's learning how to control your water in a burn situation."

Since the training burn took place near adjacent homes, all fire districts involved took steps to ensure the safety of neighbors. Reed said a water barrier between the burning structure and the neighboring homes was set up, and additional fire hoses with personnel were ready to prevent any spread of the fire.

"The location within the structure where they started the fire was chosen so that the structure would collapse within itself or at least away from the structures you're trying to protect," said Reed, "and that's exactly the way it went. We had backup; we had several trucks on scene, charged. We had hoses that were charged, the deck-gun was charged and ready to go. If we needed more water, we had lots of water and lots of personnel. We were ready."

Interdepartmental cooperation was key to keeping things working smoothly and according to plan. LaCount said he was proud of how well everyone worked together.

Resources for fire departments,

including volunteers and gear, are often a struggle to acquire, and training burns like this are not guaranteed every year. When this happens, departments tend to try and join in on trainings with other departments, so that more firefighters have access to this vital resource.

LaCount also said that additionally, a firefighter new to the Concrete department was able to participate in the training burn because of the ability of the other districts to outfit him with the gear he needed in time so that he could be included in the process safely.

It's not just the help of other fire districts that is needed to provide access to controlled burns. According to Concrete Town Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter, herself a new firefighter for the Concrete department, the training burn was only able to take place because of the donation of the building by its new owners, who needed it torn down before they could rebuild on the property.

Reed said that "anyone who has a condemned home or something like that that they want to get rid of, we're interested in being able to help take care of that for them, because it also helps reduce their cost of demolition. We're all over that if we can get involved."

Certain regulations also play their part in the process. LaCount said "there are a lot of hoops to jump through to be able to do it. Between Northwest Clean Air and Labor and Industries, there are a lot of things that need to be [addressed] to be able to do a practice burn. It's actually quite an expense. In this case, the homeowner had already done a lot of the survey stuff before they offered the structure to the fire department. But there's about five different inspection processes in order to do that burn, and most fire districts quit doing them because of it."



**Clockwise from top:** Firefighters receive instruction inside the structure before allowing flames to engulf it. Concrete Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Darrel Reed trains water on the north side of the structure. District 10 Chief Rod Coffell shows firefighters a just-scorched jacket. District 10 Battalion Chief Mike Hockett controls the flames on the south side of the structure. *Top photo by Jonathan LaCount.*





# Academics



## Looking back at the future

By Sally Straathof



Concrete High School senior Carlee Brigham poses with her handmade coffee table, which garnered first place at this year's Woodfest event in Sedro-Woolley. Brigham also won the first annual Patrick Janicki Fine Woodworking Award. *Submitted photo.*

## Strong Woodfest showings for Concrete woodworkers

Concrete High School's Woodshop program participated in Sedro-Woolley's Woodfest competition on April 14 and 15, going up against Sedro-Woolley and Stanwood High Schools. Both of the instructors from the opposing schools were impressed with the quality of work that the students from Concrete exhibited. Concrete had 19 entries in the competition this year. Concrete's award winners were as follows:

- 1st place: Carlee Brigham for her coffee table.
- 2nd place: Shayne Luttrell for his gun cabinet.
- 3rd place: Troy Schmidt for his RMEF cutting board.
- 4th place: Sue Fregoso for her pizza board.

- 5th place: George Brookings for his bench.

More entries came from Maddy Pritchard, Marshall Fichter, Dalton Newby, Devin Wilbur-Blankenship, Kaleb Engler, and Grace Clemons.

Also winning one of the top three prestigious awards was Carlee Brigham winning the first Patrick Janicki Fine Woodworking Award, chosen by the Janicki family. She took home a DeWalt power orbital palm sander, a Makita cordless drill/driver, and a \$50 gift certificate to Mt. Vernon Building Supply.

I am very proud of the effort put forth by my Woodshop students this year at Woodfest 2018.

—Jim Newby

## YD update

Our annual Couch Derby was held April 9. We had a great time racing couches across the high school parking lot. The winning team was led by Captain Michael Booker. Kellen Russell (volunteer staff member and former Concrete High School/Youth Dynamics student) spoke to the students on the topic of justification, and how we try to make things right in our minds even when we know what we are doing is wrong.

April 16 brought us Outdoor Game Night at Veterans Memorial Park. It also brought us a lot of rain. After many games in the soggy field, most of us were completely soaked. Peyton Sanchez led his team to victory as they accumulated three 1st-place finishes.

This night was special because we had students returning from outreach opportunities. Three of our YD students (Ebby Buchta, Tyler Nevin, and Jonas Rensink) had returned from a week in Mexico, where they were involved with many construction projects, as well as working/playing with children who live in an orphanage. They were able to share their experience with their fellow students, and how they were challenged and changed by their experiences.

We also had a group of students (David O'Neil, Hayden O'Neil, and Joe Ramirez) who volunteered as counselors at Camp Orkila for a week. They too had the opportunity to share how they were able to positively influence the lives of our middle school students. The peer-to-peer impact was incredible that night. Please take the time to encourage our teens as you see them out and about in the community.

Upcoming events: Fear Factor, 30-Hour Famine, Rave, Highway 20 Clean Up, Jell-O Wrestling, Community Project in the community garden, BBQ and Softball Game, Rock-n-Roll Weekend in Leavenworth, and a backpacking trip in the North Cascades. If your son or daughter is in high school, and is interested in any of the above events, please reach out to me with questions: 360.630.6063.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink  
Area Directors, Youth Dynamics

## Concrete Resource Coalition



Did you know that the Concrete Resource Coalition has inspired youth to form three of their own substance abuse prevention clubs at Concrete Middle School and High School? The clubs are Teens Against Tobacco Use, Concrete Prevention Posse, and Teens Against Pot Smoking.

To showcase the amazing prevention work student members have accomplished during the school year, we will hold a special event on Mon. June 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the high school Commons. This event is open to the public and is a great way to learn about student-led projects in our community. Concrete Resource Coalition gives a big shout out to youth advisor Dana Whitney, whose leadership and expertise help make these clubs successful.

In related news, the coalition is revising its 2018–19 action plan. If you want to be part of that process, join our next meeting on Thur., May 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Concrete High School library. Meetings are open to the public and we welcome new faces, ideas, and energy.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org](mailto:stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org) or 360.854.7179.

—Stephanie Morgareidge, coordinator  
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The year was 1983. Ronald Reagan was President, Barney Clark was the first to receive an artificial heart, Sally Ride was the first woman in space on the Challenger, and Microsoft Word first came out. My teaching career at Concrete High School began.

It is now 35 years later and my memories are overwhelming. My teaching career began with teaching high school English and the famous Shakespeare Project! Since then I have taught English, Literature, History, Psychology and Sociology, Basic Skills, and Washington State History, and ended my career as Concrete's High School Career and Guidance Counselor.

What a pleasure it has been to serve in this community for so many years. The students and families I have come to know have been outstanding, and the times of being a Class Advisor, Cheer Advisor, Yearbook Advisor, and Natural Helper Advisor are memories that will last the rest of my life. It truly has been an honor.

Looking back and thinking about life after CHS, I never thought it would actually arrive this fast! Thirty-five years has flown by and now it is time to stop, slow down, and enjoy the next journey in my life. Besides working in the educational field, my life has taken me to opportunities with the National Park Service as a Front Country Ranger with

North Cascades National Park and as a Historical Interpreter for Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island (where I currently still work during the summer months). I have also worked and volunteered many years with Washington State Parks at Deception Pass State Park and Fort Casey State Park, also on Whidbey Island.

My future will still hold volunteer positions with Parks and with Historic Whidbey (a nonprofit group) as an advocate for historical preservation, saving territorial houses of the mid-1800s on Whidbey Island. Northwest History is a passion of mine and I am happy to be able to share it with others who feel the same.

I also see myself spending more time outside doing things I love, such as hiking, beach walking, traveling, and boating with friends and family. My granddaughter, Josi, is 13 and I look forward to planning trips with her and sharing our love of the beach. She is wonderful and I want to soak up as much time as I can with her before she's off to college herself.

I encourage all my students to do what you love and love what you do. A person plans their own life. Be what you dream of being, pursue it, and be the best that you can be. I want the community of Concrete to know how much they have added to the richness in my life as a person. What a wonderful place for kids to grow up and understand the value of family and friends. My days at CHS are over, but as I look toward my future I will never forget my past. I owe it in part to the people of Concrete and to my family.

Thank you for the past 35 years. What a ride!



The dress swap held on April 14 and 15 was a success, reports organizer Sheena Daniels. Shown above are two pleased recipients of the event, Amanda Gallegos (left) and Jasmine Daub (right). *Photos by Sheena Daniels.*



## PTO calendar

April 30 to May 4: Penny Wars at the elementary school. Send in your loose change with your child to help raise money for the PTO and the varies family events. Don't have a child? You can still donate! Drop off your donation to the Concrete Elementary or mail in a check to concrete PTO.

May 7–1: Teacher Appreciation Week.  
May 16: Talent Show, 5:30 p.m.  
Tickets are only \$1. Come out and support your local students!

—Sheena Daniels

## Caskey Lake cleanup planned

Alarmed at increased illegal dumping at Caskey Lake, a group of concerned citizens plans to clean up that area.

Anyone who wishes to join the group is welcome. They plan to gather on Sun., June 3, at 11 a.m., at the four-way intersection near the site, and work until 6 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring one or two boxes of garbage bags, plus barbecue items if they wish. Anyone willing to volunteer their trailer for hauling bags to the dump is asked to contact Sheena Daniels (425.350.5988) or Nichole DeVries 360.770.3545).

To reach the four-way intersection, participants should take Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. to the old Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. turnoff, which is north of the one-lane bridge near SR 530. Follow the old, gravel Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. up the hill to the power line roads. At the top, look for a cleared space to the left of the four-way intersection.

Caskey Lake is a popular area for off-road and ATV/dirt bike riding, as well as camping.

"We fear that if the illegal dumping continues, the county will lock the area up and we will no longer be able to use it," said organizer Sheena Daniels.

—J. K. M.

## Graduation ceremonies planned

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

Seniors are finishing their portfolios and completing all necessary credits to meet graduation requirements set by the state of Washington and Concrete School District.

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

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

- Senior Trip: June 1–3 at Lake Chelan.
- CPR Training for seniors will be on Tue., June 5 in the high school Commons. Seniors are to

- report to the Commons at 7:55 a.m. Locker clean out also will happen that morning.
- All-School BBQ: Wed., June 6 during lunch time.
- Yearbook signing: Wed., June 6 in the high school gymnasium.
- Seniors will complete checkout forms on Thur., June 7.
- Senior Class Dinner sponsored by Community Bible Church will be held Thur., June 7 at 5 p.m. at the church (45672 Limestone St., Concrete). Families of seniors are welcome.
- Baccalaureate: Thur., June 7, 6:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.
- Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria between Baccalaureate and scholarship presentations.
- Scholarship night: Thur., June 7, 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.
- Graduation practice: Fri., June 8, at 8 a.m.

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

The staff at Concrete High School wish the seniors well as they journey on to their life after high school. Some will hit the college scene, vocational-technical schools, military service, apprenticeships, or the world of work. We congratulate them on their achievements.

—Sally Straathof





# Clear Lake



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## HISTORY CORNER

The month of May! Strawberries, Mother's Day, weddings! Our picture this month shows a wedding from earlier times in Clear Lake. The bride is Miss Alta Basim, daughter of Mrs. Nettie Basim of Clear Lake, and the groom is Mr. Roy Linne, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Linne of Seattle. The wedding took place in the Community Church of Clear Lake. The couple stood beneath "an improvised arch of ferns and the choicest summer flowers."

Alta Basim's family moved to Clear Lake in the early 1920s. Mr. Basim was employed by Clear Lake Lumber Company. Most of the Basim children attended Clear Lake School. Alta graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School prior to her wedding. Alta's brothers, Harry and Walter, were very active in sports. Mrs. Basim operated the Clear Lake Restaurant, which was next door to the drug store. Her ad for the restaurant stated "good meals and short orders." *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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## MAY

- 5 Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation Plant Sale, Bingham Park, Sedro-Woolley, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sold out); see notice, p. 17
- 5 Cinco De Mayo Storytime at Upper Skagit Library, see notice, p. 32
- 5 "Blast Open the Pass" spring fundraiser for KSVU, Marblemount Community Hall; Maypole at 6 p.m., music at 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; info at 360.853.8588
- 7 East County Public Forum, Concrete High School Commons, 5:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 9 Annual Community Meeting for Marblemount Community Hall, at the hall, 6:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 12 Concrete Volunteer Fire Dept. Pancake Feed, Concrete Fire & Life Safety Building, 9 a.m. to noon; free admission (donations welcomed)
- 12 Angele Cupples Community Garden Work Day, at the garden, Concrete, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; info at 206.276.8983
- 12 WSU Skagit County Master Gardener's 24th Annual Plant Fair, Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mount Vernon (south entrance), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free parking, free admission; info at <http://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/mg/plant-fair>
- 16 Concrete Elementary School Talent Show, elementary school gym, 5:30 p.m.; \$1 admission
- 16 Drip Irrigation Systems Workshop, Extension Education Center, 600 128th St. SE, Everett, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; \$20/person, \$30/couple sharing materials; info and registration at <http://extension.wsu.edu/snohomish/> or 425.338.2400
- 19 Ladies' Spring Tea, Mount Baker Presbyterian Church, 45705 Main St., Concrete, 11 a.m.; \$10 suggested donation; RSVP to 360.853.8585; see notice, p. 6
- 19 "The River and the Road" exhibit opens at Sedro-Woolley Museum, 727 Murdock St., Sedro-Woolley; open house from noon to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 17; info at [www.sedro-woolleymuseum.com](http://www.sedro-woolleymuseum.com) or 360.855.2390
- 23 Community Dinner, CHS cafeteria, 5 p.m.; free admission
- 23 Concrete School District Music Program Spring Concert, CHS gym, 6 p.m.; free admission
- 23 Computer, Tablet, Smartphone Help and Tutoring, Upper Skagit Library, see notice, p. 32
- 24 Skagit County Parks and Recreation presents recreation plan for Upper Valley parks, Marblemount Community Hall, 6 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 25 Skagit Up River Farmers Market opens, Cement City Swap Meet site, Concrete, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 6
- 26 Concrete Saturday Market opens, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes KSVU Bake Sale (call 360.853.8588 to donate baked goods)
- 28 Memorial Day Ceremony, Forest Park Cemetery, Forest Park Cemetery, 44826 Compton Lane, Concrete, 1:30 p.m.; potluck follows at Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete

## JUNE

- 2 Concrete Heritage Museum Bake Sale at Concrete Saturday Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 2 Dessert Concert Fundraiser for WOMEN HAND in hand, North Cascade Christian Fellowship, Sedro-Woolley, 6:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 19
- 3 Caskey Lake area cleanup, 11 a.m.; see notice, p. 13; info at 425.350.5988 or 360.770.3545
- 15-17 Berry Dairy Days, Burlington (various locations); info at <https://burlington-chamber.com/community-events/berry-dairy-days>

\*Community Calendar is updated daily at [www.concrete-herald.com/calendar](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.concreteheritagemuseum.org).

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

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

**Concrete School District Board:** The board will hold a work session on May 29 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on May 31 at 6 p.m., same location. 360.853.4000.

**Concrete Town Council** meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or [andrea@concretewa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com).

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

**Lyman Town Council** meets the second Tue. of each month at Lyman Town Hall (Minkler Mansion), 8405 S. Main St., Lyman, at 7 p.m. 360.826.3033 or [clerk\\_lyman@msn.com](mailto:clerk_lyman@msn.com).

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

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

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

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

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

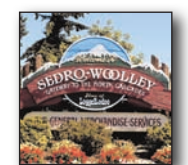
**Sedro-Woolley School District Board:** A work session is planned for May 14 at 6 p.m., at the Support Services Bldg., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m., at the same location. A regular meeting is planned for May 30 at 7 p.m. at Lyman Elementary. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us).

**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](mailto:sauksister@frontier.com) or [www.skagitteagle.org](http://www.skagitteagle.org).

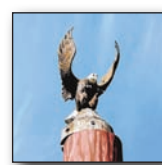
**Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board** meets the second Thursday of each month, 5 p.m., at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or [info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us](mailto:info@upperskagit.lib.wa.us).

**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](mailto:em@5bsbakery.com).





# Sedro-Woolley



## Cascade Fabrics celebrates 40 years

Traditional storefronts in downtown Sedro-Woolley are a big part of the city's charm. The retail businesses within this historic context often struggle against a headwind of big box stores and Internet sales. But one such retailer, Cascade Fabrics, will soon celebrate 40 years in business. Bobi and Paul Kelley opened their doors on May 10, 1978.

"We chose to open a fabric store because it was the only kind of store not in downtown Sedro-Woolley," Bobi recalled. The town "already had every other kind of business you would want."

Paul came from a career at JC Penney and Oliver-Hammer and was a true "retailer." They set out to accommodate people who needed general fabrics and notions, not just the cotton fabrics so popular today.

Bobi remembers that "Paul wanted a 'firm name'; something solid and basic.

Nothing 'cutesy.' I wanted cutesy!"

They kept up with sewing trends through the years by listening to customers.

"Paul always made sure that we stock what the customers want. When we first opened, people were still making their own clothes."

Cascade Fabrics has ridden the wave of trends, and today that includes quilting. Paul passed away in 2011 and Bobi's terrier companion, Murphy, passed away in February 2018. Bobi remains enthusiastic about sewing and fiber crafts in the area.

"My favorite thing is petting the fabric," Bobi said, echoing the sentiment of quilters everywhere. "And it's not like going to work when you come here because it's a happy place. My customers are like family."

—Judy Johnson



**Bobi Kelley** (in front) posed for a photo with quilters Pat Jacobsen, Sandi Beatty, Connita Bursey, Sandee Olson (obscured), Maggie Radliff, Elaine Hardin, and Judy Garrison. Kelley's store, Cascade Fabrics, celebrates 40 years in business this month. *Photo by Judy Johnson.*

## Community members recognized for contributions

By Ruth Richardson

Sedro-Woolley is known as the town

that logging built, but according to Central Elementary School Principal Matt Mihelich, it's the people who have received recognition from the Sedro-Woolley School District who have put the town on the map.

Mihelich was the master of ceremonies for the school district's annual Community Recognition Ceremony on April 19.

"The folks being recognized tonight and previously are like the founding fathers and mothers of this community," Mihelich told the crowd. "It's the people who live and work here who make this place really special."

The school district received several nominees this year. Past recipients are on the committee and help make the final decision about who receives the recognition in each of five categories: Memorial, Athletics, Academics, District, and Community.

This year, the school district recognized five recipients.

### Memorial Award

Dr. Paul Johnson received the Memorial Award.

Johnson, who passed away in 2016, attended school in Sedro-Woolley, graduating in 1967.

He attended college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, graduating with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1971. He returned home to work at a lumber mill in

Sedro-Woolley during summer breaks in order to pay for school. After graduating, Johnson went to the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle, graduating with a doctorate degree in 1975. He completed his family practice residency in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1978 before accepting his first position as a staff physician with Group Health in Olympia.

Johnson retired from family practice and became the medical director for Hospice of the Northwest in 2007. He was in the first group of physicians in the nation to earn board certification in Hospice and Palliative Care. Johnson was a member of the Board of Trustees for Hospice of the Northwest, a member of the Skagit Valley Hospital Ethics Committee, Preceptor of the University of Washington nurse practitioner and physician assistant programs, and a Clinical Instructor in Family Medicine for the University of Washington.

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He was recognized as one of Northwest Business Monthly's "Top Doctors" in 2009. In between family practice and his work with Hospice, Johnson worked abroad at a clinic in New Zealand and volunteered at a community clinic in Bolivia. He enjoyed opportunities to teach others learning in the medical field; a primary reason he loved medicine was because it provided a lifelong opportunity for learning.

### Community Award

Steve Massey received the Community Award.

Massy graduated from Sedro-Woolley in 1969. He worked at Snelson for 36 years before retiring as the company's vice president.

Massey is well known in the community as a person who never says no when someone needs help with a project.

He helps put up the city's Christmas tree on Metcalf St. each year and has had a hand in just about every service project done by the Sedro-Woolley Rotary and Eagles clubs.

### Athletics Award

Fred Lennox received the Hall of Fame Athletics Award.

Lennox was the quarterback of Sedro-Woolley's undefeated football team in 1965, one of only two seasons the team accomplished that feat. He was an accomplished athlete at the high school, attended Skagit Valley College, and played at Washington State University for one year on a football scholarship.

He joined his brother's business, Cascade Loggers, and has had a successful career capitalizing on his knowledge of the local trade.

### Academics Award

Dr. James Rogers received the Hall of Fame Academics Award.

Rogers graduated from Sedro-Woolley in 1964. He was offered a football scholarship at WSU, where he could have played with his friend Bud Norris, but

he turned it down in order to meet his physician aspirations and attended the University of Washington. He graduated from UW in 1971 and started his pediatric residency at UW and Seattle Children's. Rogers finished his residency at the Hospital for Sick Children in London. Returning to Seattle, he joined the clinical teaching faculty and a pediatric practice in 1975.

He began 25-year tenure as a team physician in the Federal Way School District, began a Sports Medicine Fellowship at Virginia Mason, and joined their Sports Medicine Division in 1991. Rogers also was the medical director of the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic for several years and a team physician for the Seattle Sounders. He retired in 2002.

### District Award

Judy (Van Beek) Sato received the District Award.

Sato taught business for 38 years. Her first two years were at Tenino High School, followed by another year teaching at Western Washington University while she earned her Master's Degree. The remaining 35 years as business teacher and FBLA advisor were at Sedro-Woolley High School.

Business education in those early years started on manual typewriters followed by the invention of the computer and a rapidly changing field. With support from the district and co-workers, Sato worked to develop new curriculum to keep up with those trends at the state and local levels.

Sato said many of her favorite memories occurred when working with students and catching up with them after graduation to share their success stories. Also enjoyable were the occasions to visit with them at a parent conference as adults and getting to meet the next generation starting high school.

*Ruth Richardson is public information officer for Sedro-Woolley School District.*

## The River and the Road

A new exhibit will open at the Sedro-Woolley Museum on May 19.

"The River and the Road" highlights two important transportation features of Skagit County history: the Skagit River—including dugout canoes, ferries, steamboats, tugboats, and fishing boats—and Highway 20, The North Cascades

Highway, including early efforts, support process, building the road, and the dedication.

An open house is planned from noon to 3 p.m., at the museum, located at 727 Murdock St. in Sedro-Woolley.

For more information, go to [www.sedro-woollemuseum.com](http://www.sedro-woollemuseum.com) or call 360.855.2390.

—J. K. M.

## SWSD to hold hazmat drill May 24

### Central Elementary to evacuate as part of the plan

By Ruth Richardson

The Sedro-Woolley School District will hold a drill simulating a hazardous materials situation at Central Elementary School from 9 to 11 a.m. Thur., May 24.

All students at Central will be evacuated by bus to Cascade Middle School for a mock-reunification site training.

Central Elementary Principal Matt Mihelich said the school district considered having only one or two grades participate because of the logistics involved in evacuating an entire school, but decided if it was a real scenario, it would be better to have all staff members trained.

"Having only three teachers participate wouldn't help us a lot if something like this were to happen in reality," he said.

The school district is coordinating the drill with Sedro-Woolley police and fire departments, Skagit County Department of Emergency Management, and Skagit 911.

## Foundation plans plant sale and picnic

The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation will hold its annual **Plant Sale** on Sat., May 5, at Bingham Park in Sedro-Woolley. The sale begins at 9 a.m., offering an assortment of geraniums and tomato plants, plus a few surprises. Prices range from \$3 to \$5. Proceeds benefit scholarships for SWHS and State Street High School graduates and classroom grants. Sale lasts until 2 p.m. or until sold out.

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

This year, food will be available for purchase on site and no advance reservation is necessary. Admission to the picnic is \$5 per attendee to cover event costs. Gates open at noon. Classes planning to erect their own tents are encouraged to reserve a space by sending an e-mail with tent dimensions

Krista Salinas, co-founder and instructor with Strategic Emergency Education, is helping the school district coordinate the event.

"This is where we come in," Salinas said. "We bring all the responders together before the crisis to plan, train, find the bugs and flaws in the plans and training and fix them, so that this doesn't happen when crisis hits."

Sedro-Woolley School Superintendent Phil Brockman agreed this type of drill helps ensure better responses.

"It's really important to continue to build our relationship with these agencies," he said. "We've been training for various scenarios for the past couple of years. The better prepared we are, the smoother the process would be if a real-life emergency happens."

Mary Purcell Elementary School, State Street, and Sedro-Woolley high schools will shelter in place as well, although administrators don't expect there to be a deviation from the schools' normal schedules.

The school district will activate an Emergency Operations Center for the event and will use the lessons they learn to improve their procedures moving forward. Sedro-Woolley Police Chief Lin Tucker said these drills are important to prepare not only the schools, but also the entire community.

"If this was a real shelter-in-place

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by July 1 to [sedrowoolleyhsalumni.official@gmail.com](mailto:sedrowoolleyhsalumni.official@gmail.com).

—Judy Johnson



SWHS alums Robin Taylor and Barbara Thompson greet customers in this file photo from the 2017 Alumni and Schools Foundation plant sale. *Photo by Judy Johnson.*

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# Lyman



# Day Creek



## Council summary

*The Lyman Town Council held a public meeting on April 10, followed by its regular monthly meeting. 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.*

### April 10 public meeting

- The purpose of this meeting was to get public comment on the moving of the niche wall and allowing access to the Rich Property by BLA. The council discussed this at length. Several residents had questions that were answered by Sandy Rich. No motions or decisions were made at this meeting.
- Mayor Hills adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

### April 10 regular meeting

- Water loss report: No change.

- Council report: Councilmember Jeremy Mast reported he met with Wayne Crabtree from R & R Construction to go over the water problem in the new cookshack. Clerk Debbie Boyd was directed to write a letter to Ron Reimer, the company owner, to have the problem resolved.
- Unfinished business: A speed bump was placed on Reece Ave.
- Rich property: Council voted to accept the proposal from Mike and Sandy Rich.
- Council voted to accept Resolution 2018-2, Resolution 2018-3, and Resolution 2018-4.
- Citizen comment: The Dumpster on the Prevedell Rd. right-of-way is causing mud to be all over the road. Boyd was directed to write a letter to Waste Management and ask them to move the Dumpster.

—Compiled from staff notes

## Hazmat, cont. from p. 17

situation, we'd also want the residents in the affected area to know the proper protocol to stay safe as well," Tucker said.

If there was an actual hazardous materials spill or other scenario, residents and businesses should learn what they can do to stay safe in their homes, Tucker said. Sealing windows, doors, and vents with plastic can help prevent hazardous materials from seeping inside their residences or place of work. Having a three-day emergency supply of drinking water and food is recommended in this type of emergency scenario and others.

Parents at Central Elementary School will receive permission slips and information about the drill. Salinas hopes to have several Central parents volunteer at Cascade Middle School during the drill so reunification coordinators can practice that procedure as well.

The volunteers will fill out the reunification paperwork and present their

identification just as they would need to in an actual situation. The only difference is the parents will walk the students to buses to be transported back to Central.

Salinas said this will give the school district the chance to make sure their reunification tabletop scenarios translate successfully in a safe setting.

"It's better to work out the kinks in a drill than in a real situation," she said.

Salinas says other school districts are following Sedro-Woolley's lead.

"It would be safe to say that Sedro-Woolley School District is leading the way in emergency preparedness," Salinas said. "Sedro-Woolley School District will be one of only a few schools in the state who have used actual students to practice the reunification process."

Ruth Richardson is public information officer for Sedro-Woolley School District.

## Community notes

### WOMEN HAND in hand

You are cordially invited to attend a dessert concert fundraiser on Sat., June 2, at 6:30 p.m., at North Cascade Christian Fellowship on SR 20 in Sedro-Woolley (across the road from Azteca and Three Rivers Inn). An evening of sumptuous desserts and praise is planned. This fundraiser provides for excellence in programming, scholarships, and free events throughout the year.

For reservations, call 360.391.1709 or 360.826.3696, or go to [www.womenhandinhand.com](http://www.womenhandinhand.com) or Facebook.

### Day Creek Community Youth Project

Currently the Day Creek Youth (6th to 12th grades) have an open invitation to a Sunday morning breakfast, prepared in the kitchen at Day Creek Chapel and served

at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast is free and the friendships are forever.

The youth group is going to Skagit Speedway on May 26. Cost is \$15 per person. Meet at the South Skagit Park & Ride at 5:15 p.m. Bring money for dinner and wear warm clothes. Interested? RSVP by May 20 to Allison at 360.661.7976 or join the Facebook event.

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

### Community Clean Up

The community clean up was a great success, as you can see as you drive through Day Creek. Thank you to all. Another clean-up day will be planned later in the year.

### Homework Club

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

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

### Friendship House Helping Hand

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

### Day Creek Community Potluck Gatherings

All Day Creekers are invited to attend the monthly Community Potluck Dinner at the Day Creek Fire Hall. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share and a story

about your latest events in Day Creek or surrounding area.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and a full evening of laughter and fun is usually over by 8 p.m.

For more information, call Bill Scalf at 360.826.3234.

### Report illegal dumping

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

If you have an idea for community gatherings, call 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581, or send an e-mail to [winningcircularchance@gmail.com](mailto:winningcircularchance@gmail.com).

—Kathy Henderson

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fruit. Sure, there have been some hard times and droughts, but that democratic ideal born of the compromise of those original 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence continues to exist as a living entity today. That same spirit of compromise further defined our rights and liberties 11 years later with the writing of our original Constitution. Further growth and compromise bore the fruit we call the Bill of Rights, as well as the following 17 Amendments to the Constitution that clarified that original vision.

Our country's greatness is not anchored in some stagnant, romantic, glossed-up version of the past; it is firmly rooted in the future and our ability to remain dynamic and change as we as a people grow and become more than what we once were.

There was a time when the original inhabitants of this land, the Native Americans, were not considered citizens. There was a time when only white, male property owners were allowed to vote. And there was a much more recent time

when you could be drafted to fight a war without a voice at the ballot box. These absurdities are all now in our past. As we grow as a people and a nation, we will identify more necessary changes and we will resolve them through compromise. In such a manner we continue to grow and flourish as a nation. The past we should fondly remember are the names and faces of those who made that supreme sacrifice and made today possible. It is to them we dedicate this day. They made that sacrifice so we'd have a future; that's where our focus belongs. To properly honor them we should continue to protect and preserve the ever-changing nation for which they died. We owe them that.

This year's memorial service at Forest Park Cemetery will be Mon., May 28 at 1:30 p.m. A potluck will immediately follow at Concrete Community Center.

John Boggs is a member of Heskett-Arnold American Legion Post 132 in Concrete.

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**Concrete Elementary School students** gathered for an April 13 ceremony to honor their academic achievements. *Front row, from left: Elaina Toscano, Johnny Landweer. Middle row, from left: Cecil DeHart, Julia Mejia, Kaylee Nieshe, Kyndel Langan, Remington Pritchard, Matthew Koss, Devyn DeZam. Back row, from left: Kolbie Richter, Austin Fraiser, Courtney Hastings, Winter Lewis, Ashton Martin, Nathan Roemer, Keaton Craig.*



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# April in pictures



**Above:** Volunteers from Community Bible Church in Concrete removed the old fence leading into Concrete Town Center on April 7, in preparation for a new fence that will incorporate leftover pickets from the town's community garden.



**Above:** KSVU welcomed new DJ Papis Sibi to its lineup at the microphone. Sibi's program, "Upriver Reggae Vibes," airs from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. *Submitted photo.*

**Below:** Budding ballerinas showed their skills during a March 28 performance at Concrete Elementary School. The young dancers are instructed by Kerry Constantine (at left). *Photo by Sheena Daniels.*



**Above:** District 10 and Concrete Volunteer Fire Dept. firefighters paused for a quick photo during a training burn in Concrete on March 31. Read about their efforts on p. 4.

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# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting March 13. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

- Public hearing: Comments were heard from Renee Barley and Shawn Brockman regarding RV Permits and enforcement.
- Public comment: Mandy Bates announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was Sun., March 25. She asked that council members donate egg stuffers or time toward the effort.
- Council voted to approve Ordinance 330 (amending Ord. 292) and Ordinance 331 (amending Ord. 179).

- Water Dept.:** Cas Hancock was absent. Water Department reported a 22 percent unaccounted-for water loss. Tom Selin stated that a leak has been fixed and the numbers should improve.
- Fire Dept.:** The DOH grant was approved for \$1,200. No word yet on the radio grant. A first draft of a burn flyer was approved.
- Street Dept.:** The Street Dept. has been prepping for the mowing season. Tom Selin requested several signs be made for the town, including street signs and "no overnight camping" signs.

—Compiled from staff notes

## WDFW finds elk hoof disease in eastern Washington

### Agency plans to euthanize elk to contain its spread

State wildlife managers announced April 27 they have found elk on the east side of the Cascade Range infected with elk hoof disease, a crippling disease that has spread to 11 counties in western Washington during the past decade.

The discovery is a first for the disease in that region. Lab results from a deformed hoof and direct observations of elk walking with a profound limp in the Trout Lake Valley of Klickitat County provide clear evidence that the disease has spread to that area, said Eric Gardner, head of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) wildlife program.

"This is a huge concern for us and a lot of other people," Gardner said. "This is a terrible disease and there's no vaccine to prevent it and no proven options for treating free-ranging elk in the field."

In response, state wildlife managers are preparing to euthanize any elk showing signs of the disease near the small town of Trout Lake, about 60 miles northeast of Vancouver. The goal is to stop it from spreading farther into eastern Washington, Gardner said.

"This is the first time the department has tried to stop the advance of the

disease by removing affected elk," said Kyle Garrison, WDFW hoof disease coordinator. "There's no guarantee of success, but we believe a rapid response might contain this outbreak given the isolation of Trout Lake and the low prevalence of elk showing symptoms of the disease."

He said the department plans to remove up to 20 symptomatic elk from the area in May. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which supports the proposed action, has pledged \$2,000 to help defray the department's costs.

Garrison and other WDFW wildlife managers will discuss the department's plans at a public meeting on Thur., May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the WDFW regional office at 5525 S. 11th St. in Ridgefield.

The first sign that the infectious disease had spread so far east came April 4, when a resident of Trout Lake sent the department a deformed hoof from an elk killed in a vehicle collision near his home, Garrison said.

On April 17, a WDFW staff team searched the area for other elk that might have been infected. They observed at least seven elk walking with a pronounced

## From the Mayor

**Teen game night** has been a hit!

Denise is having a blast with kids that come every week, and new faces are starting to come. Adults are welcome to come chill with the kids. They've had visits from Deputy Esskew and a few council members. We've tried to provide snacks and small prizes. Thank you to everyone who has helped donate to this; if you want to contribute, please let Denise at Town Hall know.

**Wanted: library volunteer.** The library room needs some help with sorting and putting away books. There are more books in boxes that could be put out if the existing books were straightened. The only requirement is

that you know your alphabet. Kids who need volunteer hours should check in with Denise to have your hours signed off. If you know of a "little library" station that needs books, the Hamilton library could help. The library works on a paperless system. Want to take a book? Please do. When you are done with it, either return it to the library or trade in a different book. There are no time limits or late fees. Reminder: students also can use the Sedro-Woolley library. Hamilton residents not currently attending a Sedro-Woolley school are not eligible for residential library cards through that system and will need to purchase a card if wanted. Hamilton is not included in the library taxing area at this time.

Once again, **don't burn garbage or yard debris.** Be a responsible adult and take it to a transfer station.

Keep your hands and critters to yourself, and be nice to other people.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

limp—a common symptom of the disease—and shot one limping animal to obtain hoof samples for testing.

Tests at Colorado State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the USDA National Animal Disease Center confirmed both elk had hoof disease, Gardner said.

"We need to act quickly if we hope to get ahead of this situation," Garrison said. "Elk in lowland areas begin to disperse into summer grazing areas by end of May."

During the week of April 23, WDFW staff met with local landowners to discuss the upcoming action and to get permission to enter their property, Garrison said. The department plans to contract with USDA Wildlife Services to euthanize symptomatic elk, and Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine will test tissue samples.

"The college is cooperating with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies in accordance with direction from the Washington Legislature to research elk hoof disease," said Dean Bryan Slinker. WSU pathologists will conduct post-mortem examinations of the euthanized elk and will collect as many tissue samples as

possible, he said.

For the past decade, WDFW has worked with scientists, veterinarians, outdoor organizations, tribal governments, and others to diagnose and manage the disease. Key findings include:

- Wildlife managers believe elk carry the disease on their hooves and transport it to other areas. Once the disease becomes established in an elk population, it is extremely difficult to manage.
- The disease appears to be highly infectious among elk, but there is no evidence that it affects humans. The disease can affect any hoof in any elk, young or old, male or female.
- Tests show the disease is limited to animals' hooves, and does not affect their meat or organs. If the meat looks normal and if hunters harvest, process, and cook it practicing good hygiene, it is probably safe to eat.

For more information about treponeme-associated hoof disease in Washington state, go to [https://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/health/hoof\\_disease](https://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/health/hoof_disease).

—Submitted by WDFW

## State Parks announces three free days in June

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

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

The three days are Sat., June 2 (National Trails Day); Sat., June 9 (National Get Outdoors Day); and Sun., June 10 (Free Fishing Day).

The free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass. The pass costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day permit and is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, Washington Department of Fish and

Wildlife (WDFW), and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands. The remaining 2018 State Parks free days are as follows:

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

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

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

For information about Discover Pass, go to [www.discoverpass.wa.gov](http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov).

## Deadline to apply for special hunt permits is May 23

Hunters have through May 23 to apply for special hunting permits for fall deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, bighorn sheep, and turkey seasons in Washington.

Permit winners will be selected through a random drawing conducted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in June. Special permits qualify hunters to hunt at times and places beyond those authorized by a general hunting license.

To apply for a special permit, hunters planning to hunt for deer or elk must purchase an application and hunting license for those species and submit the

application with their preferred hunt choices.

Applications and licenses are available from license vendors statewide or on WDFW's Web site at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>. Applications must be submitted on the Web site or by calling 877.945.3492.

Most special hunt permit applications cost \$7.10 for residents, \$110.50 for nonresidents, and \$3.80 for youth under 16 years of age.

Additional information is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/permits/faq.html>.

Results of the special permit drawing will be available online by the end of June at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail by mid-July.

—Submitted by WDFW

## AREA FOOD BANKS

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For a referral, call Love Inc. at 360.419.7061  
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360.826.4090

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#### Shepherd's Heart Food Bank

8334 S. Main St., Lyman  
Every Thur. 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
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### Concrete

#### Concrete Food Bank

45942 Main St., Concrete  
Second and fourth Tue. each month,  
Noon–3 p.m.  
360.853.8505

### Marblemount

#### Bread of Life Food Bank

59850 State Route 20, Marblemount  
First and third Wed. each month  
11 a.m.–4 p.m.  
360.873.2504

### Darrington

#### Darrington Food Bank

First Baptist Church  
1205 Emmens St., Darrington  
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Wed. and Thur., 10–noon and 1–2 p.m.  
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### Sedro-Woolley

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# Darrington



## Mudslide Memorial planned

On March 22, 2014, the Steelhead Haven community near Oso was engulfed in mud and debris, causing the largest loss of life from a slide in U.S. history.

The communities of Darrington, Oso, and Arlington came together and recovered the bodies of all 43 residents who lost their lives. Each year on March 22, friends, family and responders meet in remembrance. At night, 43 lanterns are lit and released into the dark sky.

Snohomish County has purchased most of the parcels affected by the landslide, including 13 acres that will be dedicated to an on-site memorial.

The county has held numerous meetings with family members, survivors, and the community to design the SR 530 Mudslide Memorial. Most of the 4-acre site along the Whitehorse Trail will remain natural. The design will pay tribute to the lives lost, survivors, responders, and the community that was lost.

On April 19 the Snohomish Parks Department staff gave a presentation to a small crowd at the Darrington Community Center of a conceptual plan for how the memorial will look and the fundraising efforts already under way to make the design a reality. The Fundraising Committee is seeking to raise in excess of \$6 million to cover the costs of design, permitting, and construction. At least \$1 million will be set aside in an endowment for future maintenance and operation of the memorial. Donations of materials,

construction services, and labor will be accepted. The county is working with family members and survivors to raise enough funds to complete the engineering and permitting for the project in 2018, in order to begin construction on the 5-year anniversary of the disaster.

One of the first fundraisers, "Dine Out In Darrington Fundraiser To Support The Hwy 530 Mudslide Memorial," hosted by Chalamar Nichols, was held at the Hawks Nest and Varsity Pizza in Darrington, raising more than \$800.

Parks employee Amy Lucas has also been applying for grants as another way to raise funds. She encourages community members to be creative in their fundraising efforts, including musical concerts, townwide garage sales, car washes and many other events. Lucas also is pursuing matching funding from organizations that are interested in the effort. She plans to attend various events held in Darrington including the Darrington Street Fair, July 14, with information of how the fundraising will be done and drawings of the memorial.

A 12-page booklet has been completed describing the project and funds needed. The project team has established a memorial Web site to provide the public and donors information. The Web site will include video stories of the event. Fundraising events such as a high-end farm-to-table concert dinner and a Whitehorse Regional Trail race will be held in 2018 and 2019.

For more information, go to [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3965/sr-530-mudslide-memorial](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3965/sr-530-mudslide-memorial).

—Marla Skaglund

## Council summary

*Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on March 22, 2018. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.*

### March 22 regular meeting

- All present observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the SR 530 mudslide victims.
- Jason Biermann and Alessandra Durham from Snohomish County Emergency Management presented the opioid epidemic and the county's response to the issue. They reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the topic.

Councilmember Kerry Frable asked how long a detox would take in the new Diversion Center. Durham said that it depends on the individual and she goes on to explain the process. Councilmember Gary Willis asked what the chances are for a relapse. Durham said that the relapse rate is very high. Councilmember Kevin Ashe asked how Darrington is involved with this. Durham said that there are a few different opportunities where Darrington can engage. Ashe would like to see Darrington be a part of this. Biermann will send reports to Town Hall for distribution.

There is a question about the methamphetamine problem in Darrington and the county and its connection to crime. There is a question about nuisance properties and what the new changes would be. Durham indicates that it is a structure or a property; however, they will need to get back with an answer on what the code specifically says.

- The town has reached out to an agency regarding a loan or grant opportunity for the fire department re-roof, and is waiting to hear back prior to moving forward. It was asked if there has been any correspondence regarding the hot water tank at the community center. Willis indicates that he is waiting for a response from the manager. At what point does the town step in? Willis is working on

getting that information.

- There will be a public hearing regarding the ordinance for a safe injection site on April 11 at 7 p.m., which will be a part of the council meeting. Ashe will contact Nate Nehring to obtain the ordinance from the county that was passed.
- New versions of the gateway signs and park signs were presented. One sign design was favored. The goal is to have the signs ready by June.
- It has been determined that the Darrington Community Center roof is not structurally appropriate to hold solar panels. The Town Hall building would work for solar panels. Council discussed different options.
- The town has been approached about moving a water line at the airport to make room for a new hangar. Willis said that the person may be inquiring within the next week or so to start that process of leasing the property. The water line needs to be moved—it may be an issue in the future—and a road needs to be built. Council voted to obtain a survey to relocate the corners for the church and hardware drainfield.
- Ashe reported on the mountain goat meeting that he attended. He said that he had heard that the reason for the goats' decline in our area was because of over hunting. He disagrees. He has information that it may be from a parasite also. There is discussion regarding the decline of the goats in our area. They may be placed around the Darrington area. Ashe says it will take around two years.
- Frable reported that the county will proceed with putting in a septic system and getting a caretaker for Whitehorse Park. They will get roads started as well for tent camp sites, depending on permits. There is discussion about different ideas, including the best use for fields: dog park, athletic fields, etc.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

April 21

The body of the 22 year-old Monroe woman who fell over the falls at Cedar Ponds on April 12 was located and recovered today. Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue volunteers and deputy, along with the woman's family and friends, were conducting a search of waterways in the area when one of her friends located the body around noon. The woman's body was tangled in a "strainer," a debris pile of logs and branches. It took several hours to recover her body from the water, and several more hours to transport her out of the canyon to the roadway where the Snohomish County Medical Examiner was waiting to take custody of the body. The Medical Examiner will provide positive identification, as well as determine the cause and manner of death. More than 20 SAR volunteers participated in the search and recovery on Saturday.

April 23

The body of an unidentified woman has been recovered from the pond below the lower falls at Wallace Falls State Park near Gold Bar. Visitors to the area who were taking photos noticed the woman's body bobbing in the water and called 911 around 4 p.m.

Fire District 26, assisted by Fire District

7, arrived on scene to search the waters, and the Sheriff's Office helicopter, SnoHAWK1, conducted an aerial search. With assistance from the Sheriff's Office Dive Team, the body was recovered from the water and transported by fire units to be handed over to the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

The visitors who called 911 do not know the woman, nor has anyone at the park come forward to report a missing person. At this time, the identity of the woman or how she came to be in the water is unknown. The Medical Examiner will work to identify the deceased, as well as provide a cause and manner of death.

April 26

A 3-year-old boy was killed after falling off a lawnmower he had been riding with his father. The incident occurred at the 6700 block of 203rd Ave. in Snohomish and was reported to 911 around 7:20 p.m. Witnesses reported that the boy fell off and went under the mower. The boy was pronounced dead at the scene. Both Major Crimes and the Collision Investigation Units declined to investigate as there was no evidence of anything suspicious or criminal related to the incident.

Cause and manner of death will be determined by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

—Compiled from SCSO releases

## Sheriff's Office presents 2017 awards

From awarding a Medal of Valor to a civilian who held down a violent suspect during an arrest to presenting Purple Heart medals to two corrections deputies severely injured after being attacked by an inmate, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office on March 6 recognized 200 employees, volunteers, and citizens at its annual awards ceremony.

The event included the following awards:

- Sheriff's Award:** Sgt. Danny Wikstrom, who retired on March 7, marking exactly 35 years of dedicated leadership, hard work, and a lasting impact on the community. Alana Nawa'a, for her commitment to the Sheriff's Office, extraordinary work ethic, and integrity.
- Purple Heart and Distinguished**

**Service Medal:** Corrections Deputy Colby Evans, for coming to the aid of an injured colleague after suffering grievous injuries of his own.

- Purple Heart and Life Saving Medal:** Corrections Deputy Bernard DeGuzman, for suffering injuries in the line of duty and risking his own personal safety to come to save the life of his partner.
- Citizen Medal of Valor:** Thomas Lakey, for restraining a combative subject during a difficult arrest. Explorer Emma Smith, for pushing a citizen out of the way of an oncoming drunk driver and receiving injuries herself after being struck by the vehicle.
- Sgt. John Taylor Supervisor of the Year:** Sgt. Shawn Stich, for more than 31 years of dedication and outstanding leadership to the citizens of Snohomish County.
- Patrol Deputy of the Year:** Deputy Craig Hess.

# Talent show draws variety of performers

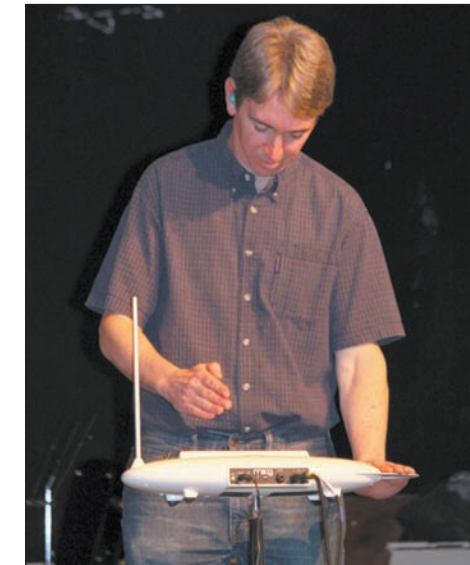
Story and photo by Marla Skaglund

It may have been Friday the 13th in the Darrington High School auditorium, but there was nothing scary about the variety of talent at the Darrington Community Talent Show.

Erika Morris and Bridget Wisniewski entertained the crowd with quick jokes and Bridget's superb dancing skills. Destination Imaginations, a program designed to provide mentoring to Elementary students in set design, script writing, song writing and other skills needed to create a short musical play, presented "The Mystery of JM." An excellent job was done by Creed Wright, Addison Holz, Grady Stuvland, Sophie Ross, Lucinda Stewart, Aubrey Cumming, and Audrey Marsh.

A much loved recurring act was the bluegrass trio of Ronald Conley, fiddle; Rayna Conley, mandolin; and Dianna Morgan, guitar. The Conleys' talent continues to grow; they can be seen at various events around Darrington.

The Darrington High School/Middle School Drama Club presented an entertaining skit about the upcoming play "The Foreigner," which is scheduled for May 31 and June 1 and 2 at the high school. Performing in the play will be Natalie Stewart, Jaedan Cook, Max Pickard, Jamie Cisastillo, Laura Langer, Steven Colson, and Hannah Rivera. Mark Hanna, a drum maker from Oso, along with Cami Hanna on Conga drums and Scott Morris playing a theremin, an electronic musical instrument controlled without physical contact, rocked the stage. Earplugs were provided.



Scott Morris plays a theremin during the Darrington Community Talent Show on April 13.

On a softer note, guitarist Chris Rehkopf sang folk songs and gave a demonstration of a Scottish drum called a Bodhran.

Richard Lewis, Jeff Maher, and Andris Vezis traveled from Marblemount and Concrete to play some Swing/Jazz/Folk Fusion music with their version of classic songs.

Guitarist Kevin Kieneker showed his talent playing not only the strings of the guitar, but using it as a drum, keeping the beat for a very entertaining segment of the program.

Linne Clarke, singer; Greg Powell, guitar; Josh Roberts, bass; and Issac Mullen on Sway Mechanika drums provided some foot-stomping classic rock to end the evening.

- Corrections Deputy of the Year:** Corrections Deputy Shari Sigh.
- Deputy Joe Ward Detective of the Year:** Detective Steve Martin.
- Civilian Employee of the Year:** Lead Inmate Accounts Technician Michel Swenson.
- Clarence Robertson Reserve Deputy of the Year:** Reserve Deputy Pennie Sargent.
- Volunteer of the Year:** Lisa Freiss.
- Explorer of the Year:** Explorer Connor Telford.

- Life-Saving Medals & Awards:** Krisan Fryberg, Brooklyn Costa, and Kyle Mosley, for their bravery, courage, and for risking their own safety to save the life of a 16-year-old girl at Twin Rivers County Park last summer. Ryan and Courtney Duncan, for saving a suicidal male from jumping off an overpass onto I-5. Deputy Matt Boice, Deputy Matthew Eichelberger, Deputy Jacob Navarro, Deputy Kevin Pelleboer, Deputy Jason Harris, Lt. Harry Parker.



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# Marblemount



# Newhalem



## Robinette's remains found

Edgar James "Jimmy" Robinette has been found. The skeletal remains of the Marblemount man, who was 32 when he went missing in January 2014, were found on April 5 near mile marker 5 just off Cascade River Rd.

The cause and manner of Robinette's death have not yet been determined, and it remains to be seen if the one man arrested in connection with Robinette's death was indeed guilty.

"We have him back and that in itself is a blessing," said Robinette's sister, Susan Johnson.

Ten days after Robinette went missing in 2014, Steven Frederick Gest, who was 57 at the time, was arrested and held on a magistrate's warrant while the investigation into Robinette's disappearance continued. Gest was charged with first-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault with a deadly weapon. He died in 2015.

Skagit County District Court records at the time revealed a Skagit County Sheriff's Office affidavit that told one version of the events that occurred in early January.

According to witnesses, Robinette and

Gest lived in separate mobile homes in Cascade River Park. The evening of Jan. 3, Robinette told one witness that he had gone to a party with Gest earlier that night. Robinette had tried to keep Gest from driving because Gest was drunk. Robinette ended up walking home from the party, which took a couple hours. Gest followed Robinette in Gest's Toyota 4Runner and kept trying to run over Robinette. The two got into a fight. Gest threatened to burn Robinette's motor home, and Robinette believed Gest would carry out that threat. Several witnesses stated that Gest was known to become violent when he was drunk. Gest was convicted of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) in March 2000, in Skagit County.

Robinette was last seen by a witness between midnight and 1 a.m. on Jan. 4.

On Jan. 6, Robinette's sister reported him as a missing person. Friends visited his motor home and discovered personal items that Robinette never left the motor home without.

On Jan. 11, friends searching for

See **Robinette**, p. 27



Edgar James "Jimmy" Robinette is shown in this undated photo. The Marblemount man went missing around midnight on Jan. 3, 2014. Submitted photo.

## Spring has sprung at the Community Hall

Spring seems to have finally arrived, and with it a number of events to energize us all.

Saturday, May 5 is the date for Upriver Community Radio KSVU's annual "Blast Open the Pass" fundraiser party, complete with Maypole, potluck supper, raffle, silent auction, and dance, with live music by our own "Undecided." The evening begins at 6 p.m. and wraps up around 10 p.m. Suggested donations are as follows: adult: \$8 or \$15/couple; kids 12 and under enter free. For more information or to donate an item or service for the raffle/auction, call 360.853.8588.

Wednesday, May 9 is the Annual Community Meeting for the hall. Anyone and everyone is invited to enjoy the dessert potluck at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting, which will include results of the 2018 election for the Board of Trustees, an open invitation for memberships, reports on hall-sponsored events for 2018-19, and suggestions for new ideas at the hall.

The Marblemount Community Hall is open to all, although membership is limited to those living within the Concrete School District. For more information, call 360.873.2323 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Third, Skagit County Parks and Recreation will present its latest recreation plan for our Upper Valley parks on Thur., May 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. These include Pressentin Park in Marblemount, Steelhead Park and Sauk Park in Rockport, Grandy Lake Campground in Birdview, and the Cascade Trail between Sedro-Woolley and Concrete. Please come with your ideas.

—Christie Fairchild

**Volunteers needed for Fire District 19, Marblemount Fire Department.** Stop by the Fire Hall for an application on meeting nights, the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m., or call Vanessa at 360.630.3900 for more info. This position is subject to a background check.

## The good news is ...

By Sasa, Starwalker, and Two Hats

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The next gathering is Sat., May 12, from noon to 4 p.m. at Marblemount Community Hall. Bring a happy healthy food or beverage to share.

Contact Sasa at 360.708.4603 or [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com). Experiences may be shared at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com> and on Facebook: *Cascadia Effect*.

## Robinette, cont. from p. 26

Robinette along Cascade River Rd.—the same road along which Robinette's remains were eventually found—discovered a Cleveland Indians ball cap, a cigarette lighter, Drum brand tobacco, a piece of cloth, and a large piece of black plastic with a red liquid on it. The piece of cloth appeared to be from a plaid shirt or jacket. The Indians cap was consistent with one Gest typically wore. A field test of the red liquid was positive for blood.

Sheriff's detectives attempted to contact Gest at his residence on Jan. 12 and discovered in an open carport black plastic similar to the bloody black plastic found along Cascade River Rd. Gest was not at home, and his 4Runner was gone.

On Jan. 14, the search for Gest shifted to Ocean Shores, where his vehicle was spotted. That same day, Gest was taken into custody in front of his room at a motel. At that time a Skagit County

Sheriff's detective observed a flannel shirt missing a pocket. Gest's vehicle was searched.

On Jan. 16, detectives searched Gest's residence and property, and discovered blood spatter inside the carport. Blood on a piece of plastic in the carport tested positive for human blood. A large piece of black plastic consistent with the bloody plastic located along Cascade River Rd. was located in the carport, and a shirt with blood spots on it was located inside the residence, in the bedroom.

Detectives also searched Gest's vehicle, inside which they found a pair of men's boots with blood on them, blood on the driver's seat, blood on the driver's seat kicker panel, and a pack of gauze with blood on it.

—J. K. M.

## WDFW launches Fish Washington regulations app

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has introduced a new mobile app that hopes to make determining fishing regulations for Washington waters easier and more convenient.

The free "Fish Washington" app is available on Google Play, Apple's App store, and WDFW's Web site ([https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/washington/mobile\\_app.html](https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/washington/mobile_app.html)). It is designed to convey up-to-the-minute fishing regulations for every lake, river, stream, and marine area in the state.

The exception, for now, is the app does not yet include information on shellfish and seaweed collection rules.

The application contains these features, among others:

- Interactive map-based rules to help anglers find fishing near them.
- Details on harvest limits and allowable gear for fishable species in each body of water.
- Links to the Fish Washington Web site and instructional videos designed to convey when, where, and how to fish in Washington.
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# Seniors

## Concrete Community Center

### May 2018 Activities

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

#### Monday through Friday

Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, more

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

All subject to change. For latest information:  
[www.facebook.com/concretecommunity](http://www.facebook.com/concretecommunity) or call 360.416.1377.

#### Monday

All	10 a.m.	Community Closet
5/28	Noon	American Legion Potluck

#### Wednesday

All	10 a.m.	Community Closet
All	10 a.m.	GED preparation
5/9	6 p.m.	Ohana Support Group
5/23	6 p.m.	Ohana Support Group

#### Thursday

All	1 p.m.	GED preparation
5/3	12:30 p.m.	Pinochle
5/17	12:30 p.m.	Pinochle
5/31	12:30 p.m.	Pinochle

#### Friday

5/11	12:30 p.m.	Commissioner Janicki
5/18	10 a.m.	Community Center Advisory Board mtg.

#### Saturday

All	7 p.m.	AA meeting
5/26	9 a.m.	Concrete Saturday Market opening day

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following a vote of approval by the Town Council during its regular May meeting last Wednesday.

At the final public hearing on the proposal, held last Monday, it was announced that Lone Star had set a selling price of \$500,000, the full amount available under the federal community improvement program.

—Compiled from archives

bridge when Mr. Kloes suddenly saw a horse in the road in front of him. In dodging the animal, the car went off the highway, down a 75-foot embankment on the west side of the road, and into a ditch. Mrs. Kloes suffered severe bruises, as did Mrs. Leonard Osborne. The two men were unhurt.

The horse belonged to Charlie Maupin, who had just located it and had parked his car along the road to get out and catch it. Lights from his car made it difficult for the oncoming car to see the horse sooner.

### 50 years ago

*May 8, 1968:* The danger from flying rifle bullets in the vicinity of the town garbage dump was verified last week when one hit the windshield of a passing car. As a result, the Town Council reluctantly voted to bar all rat shooting and target practice, which has been a custom for the young people and rifle enthusiasts for many years in that location.

Once isolated, the dump is now within range of the new development across the Skagit River, and also too close for comfort to the Crofoot Addition homes. The council felt that rather than wait until civilization moved in closer, the move to discontinue all use of the guns in the area should be made now.

### 40 years ago

*May 18, 1978:* Concrete will apply for federal funds to purchase and restore the municipal water system, now owned and operated by Lone Star Cement Company,

celebration in Rockport Tuesday evening in which they stole a truck from Selective Logging Co. and gave an exhibition of wild driving through Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount, finally ending up with the truck piled against a stump above the latter community.

In the course of their ride, they smashed head-on into the garage door at the Petty-Tucker gas station in Marblemount and tore down several yards of fencing and a gate at the Oliver Clark home.

The celebration began in Rockport with some disorderly conduct at the tavern, from whence they were moved out into the street. After a bit of pistol practice, they departed for their wild ride.

The boys, Stan Robson, Bill Aldridge, and Ernest Stafford, are now awaiting trial in Mount Vernon, having been apprehended after the escapade by deputies from the Sheriff's Office.

### 60 years ago

*May 29, 1958:* A runaway horse on the highway to the Dalles bridge caused a lot of grief to the Harold Kloes family last Saturday evening. About 9:45 p.m., the Kloes car was traveling toward Concrete off the

airstrip is completed and has had its baptism by plane.

The honor of making the first landing went to Capt. Jimmy Solomon, former U.S. Air Force pilot and son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Solomon of Concrete, who flew a Fairchild P. T. 23 from Paine Field to Concrete on Monday and landed on the new field. The plane is one of three owned by the Solomon brothers, who will establish flying service here.

Ing Solomon, contractor who is building the airport, was the first passenger flown from the field, being taken up by Jack Solomon. The editor of *Concrete Herald* drew the second flight.

The field will not be officially opened until after acceptance of the contractor's work, so further flights will not be made until that time. Upon acceptance it is expected that the field will be put into immediate use by visiting planes and by local flyers. A number of flying students will begin training here, and more private planes are expected locally during the coming year.

*May 20, 1948:* Three Upper Valley lads are resting in the county jail this week after a wild

## Way Back When

### 70 years ago

*May 13, 1948:* Concrete's airport is now an established fact. Although there is still some clearing to do and a matter of formal acceptance of the job by CAA and town officials, the

## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

### Cowboy Cookies



- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 cups oats
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 cup raisins or nut mix

1. Blend eggs, margarine, and sugar.
2. Mix dry ingredients and add to above.
3. Stir in vanilla, oats, raisins or nuts, and chocolate chips.
4. Drop onto a greased cookie sheet from a teaspoon.
5. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

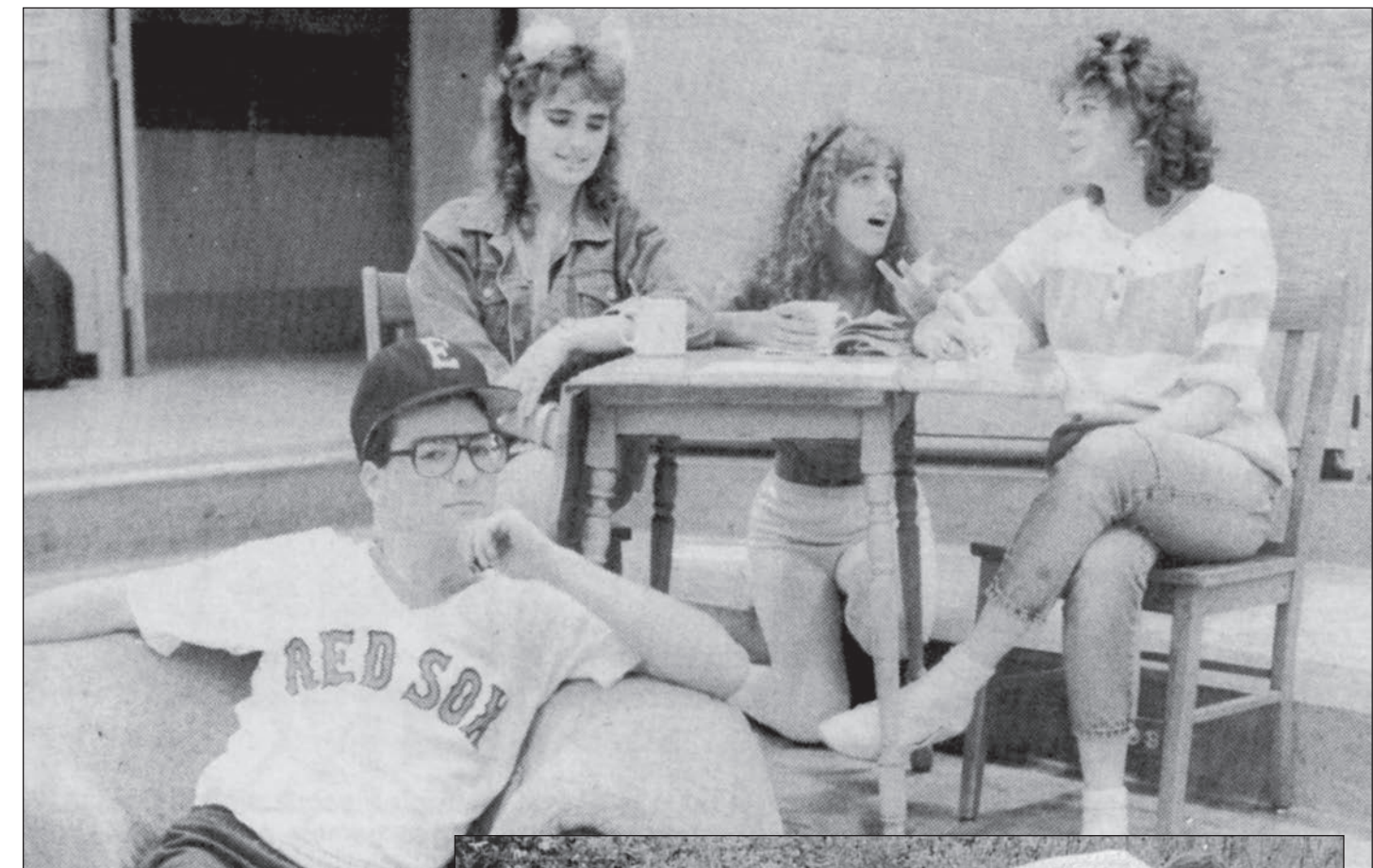


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### 30 years ago, May 12, 1988: Members of the Concrete High School cast of "Onions in the Stew" rehearse their parts for the presentation of the full-length comedy by Betty McDonald at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. The play depicts Mrs. McDonald's life on Vashon Island with a husband who commutes to Seattle, and no electricity or other amenities. Cast members shown are Mike Roy as husband Don, Rebekah Mills as friend Claire, Heidi Smith as daughter Joan, and Dana Shepherd as mother Betty. The 15-member cast also includes Angie Prince, Pat Danforth, Marta Smith, and Justin Brown. It is directed by teacher Jim Wilson. Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.



**30 years ago, April 28, 1988:** Doug Vose and Mike Frank, seniors from Concrete High School, were part of the 1988 crew of students that took part in the Spring Rally Clean Up of roadsides around Concrete. The effort was sponsored locally by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, with help from the state Department of Ecology, Town of Concrete, and Skagit County Public Works Dept. Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.



# Obituaries

**John Michael McArdle**, 65, of Bellingham, passed away at his home on March 26, 2018.

A celebration of John's life will be held at the Squalicum Boathouse, 2600 N. Harbor Loop Dr., Bellingham, on May 13, from 2 to 4 p.m.

John was born in Yakima, Wash., to John William and Ruth Hettinger McArdle on Sept. 7, 1952. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in Yakima in 1970. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Western Washington State College in 1976.

John worked for more than 30 years at the Skagit County Juvenile Detention Center, where he retired in 2014. Through his social work, he helped a huge number of at-risk youth in our community. He was well respected by his colleagues as a strong advocate for social justice, a cause he continued to champion even after his retirement.

John loved the outdoors and was an avid camper, a dog lover, and a fan of science fiction, and he took great pride in maintaining his meticulous home and gardens.

John is survived by 11 cousins, one aunt, one uncle, his Dachshunds Abby and Susie, and numerous longtime friends whose lives were touched by John's kindness and generosity. Many, many people will miss him.

Memorial donations may be made to the Smile Train or the Whatcom Humane Society.



## Notice of Service

### Judith and Rollin Potter

Judith and Rollin Potter, residents of Concrete, passed away late in 2017. A Graveside Inurnment Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sat., May 5, at Forest Park Cemetery in Concrete, with Pastor Rob Thomas presiding.

Arrangements are under the care of Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. Share your memories and sign the online guest register at [www.lemleychapel.com](http://www.lemleychapel.com).

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

# Sunday School lesson

## Arise and go

By Rob Thomas

As a student of the Bible, one of the things I look for as I read are repeated words and/or phrases. The reason? Believing that all Scripture is inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16–17), I also believe that God does not have to repeat Himself for us to understand the magnitude of His words. However, if He chooses to repeat Himself, it behooves me to pay particular attention. As such, I recently asked the congregation of the church I pastor to read Acts 8–10 and look for any repeated phrases or exhortations or commands.

What did they discover?

Four times in three chapters, the command to “Arise and go” is repeated. First, the angel of the Lord speaks to Philip (Acts 8:26–27). Second, Jesus speaks to Saul (Acts 9:6). Third, the Lord speaks to Ananias (Acts 9:11). Finally, the Spirit speaks to Peter (Acts 10:20, 23). Granted, those exhortations came via an angel, a heavenly voice, and a vision (twice). But in each case, the recipient of the exhortation/command responded in a timely manner and as a result, lives were changed for all of eternity.

While in college, my missions professor made a statement that I'll never forget. He said, “The deadliest form of denial is delay.” Recently I read a book that shares that theme. It's titled, *The 5 Second Rule*

by Mel Robbins. Briefly consider the following quotes:

- “One moment of courage can change your day. One day can change your life. And one life can change the world.”
- “Right before we're about to do something that feels difficult, scary or uncertain, we hesitate. Hesitation is the kiss of death.”
- “The longer I wait between my initial impulse to act and physically moving, the louder that the excuses get, and the harder it becomes to force myself to move.”
- “Life is about the choices we make.”
- “You'll either find a way or you'll find an excuse.”

Sadly, I think one of the great problems of believers today is that they have found an excuse to delay because they are waiting for a new messenger or a new message, and they have forgotten what they already have been told. Consider the words of Jesus in John 15:16: “I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit.”

What about Matthew 28:19: “Go ye therefore ...” We don't need to be told “Arise and go” because we already have been told numerous times to “Arise and go.” Be it across the classroom, across the office, across the street, country, or ocean, we have already been told, “arise and go.”

Here is the bottom line: When we “arise

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# Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

The Sheriff's Office congratulates Deputy Glenn Backstrom on his recent retirement. Glenn served the citizens of Skagit County for more than 33 years. He filled many roles in the Sheriff's Office, including patrol deputy, detective, field training officer, K-9 officer, East Detachment, SWAT, and numerous instructor roles.

Throughout his career, Glenn served with distinction and integrity. Glenn will be greatly missed. From everyone at the Sheriff's Office, we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Taking Glenn's place in the East Detachment will be Deputy Eric Moore. Eric was assigned to the East Detachment several years ago and decided to return.

## Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

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

**Becker, Harold James**

Age: 73  
Race: W  
Sex: M  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 214  
Hair: Gray  
Eyes: Blue  
Address: 525xx SR 20, Rockport



Becker was convicted of incest in 1984, in Clark County. His victims were 6- to 21-year-old males and females who were known to him. He has served his full sentence of 25 years and is no longer under supervision.

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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

Eric has served in several roles in our office and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge.

### March 27

Deputy Vanholsbeck took a theft complaint from a residence on Limestone St. in Concrete. The victim said that a person who had been staying at the residence had taken several items when she left. Deputy Vanholsbeck is continuing the investigation.

A citizen reported that a vehicle owned by a friend had been stolen from the 7000 block of Russell Rd. in Birdview. Deputy Wolfe responded. He is awaiting more information from the reporting party to try to determine if it was actually stolen.

### March 29

While patrolling near Superior St. in Concrete, Deputy Vanholsbeck observed a vehicle belonging to a person he knew to have several warrants. He contacted the suspect and confirmed that she had several warrants for her arrest. She was arrested on her warrants.

Deputies responded to a burglary in progress in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The owner of the residence was at the time incarcerated in the Skagit County Jail. Deputy Wiggins and Deputy Vanholsbeck parked down the street and approached the residence in the dark. They observed a suspect attempting to remove a TV. When confronted, the suspect told deputies he was hooking up the TV. He then changed his story and told them he was there to clean the residence. The suspect was booked into jail for residential burglary.

### March 30

A school bus driver reported an incident involving a child with a BB gun near a bus stop. Deputy Beisler handled the call and will conduct the investigation.

Deputy Tweit investigated several burglaries between March 30 and April 2, on the B and W and Cascade River roads in Marblemount. The suspects, Joel Parker and Crystal Vandyk, were located and arrested at a later time.

### March 31

A petitioner in a court order advised that the person named in the order had driven by her residence on Thunderbird Lane near Concrete. She believed that this was a violation of the order. After investigating, Deputy Beisler determined it was most likely not a violation, but advised he would consult with the Prosecuting Attorney.

Deputy Lewellen took a call of an assault at Logger's Landing in Concrete.

The victim said she was confronted by two females who accused her of stealing from one of them. The parties got into an argument, at which time the two females assaulted the victim. Deputy Lewellen was able to identify the suspects. He will attempt to contact the suspects to investigate further.

Deputy Backstrom and Deputy Tweit, along with two members of the Department of Fish and Game, were able to locate suspects in numerous burglaries and thefts along Illabot Creek Rd. near Rockport. The suspects, a male and female, fled upon contact with the deputies. Using unmanned aerial drones owned by the Sheriff's Office and K-9 units from the Marysville and Arlington police departments, they were able to apprehend the male suspect, Joel Parker of Concrete. The female suspect, Crystal Vandyk of Concrete, was later apprehended by Deputy Wiggins.

### April 1

While doing reports at the East Detachment Office, Deputy Backstrom heard someone outside yelling. Upon investigating he discovered someone had driven off the road on Douglas Vose III Way and had sheared off a power pole. Upon investigating the accident, the driver

was given an infraction and the vehicle, which had significant damage, was towed.

### April 3

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible domestic disturbance that had occurred on Nims Place in Concrete. Deputies responded and investigated the call. They determined that the suspect had assaulted a female. During the investigation they also discovered that a male who was living at that location had a felony warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and taken to jail, along with the suspect who had committed the assault.

Deputy Lewellen responded to an attempted abduction in Cedar Grove. A male with whom the victim was vaguely acquainted had pulled up next to the victim while she was walking. He offered her some meth and she told him no. He then asked her to get into his van. When she refused he got out and attempted to pull her into the van. Deputy Lewellen determined that the suspect had attempted to abduct the victim. He located the suspect, arrested him, and booked him into jail for attempted kidnapping.

### April 4

Deputy Wiggins took a call of a

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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](http://www.citipointchurch.com)  
E-mail: [matt@citipointchurch.com](mailto:matt@citipointchurch.com)

## Baptist

**First Baptist Church**  
12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake  
360.856.2767  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wed.: 7 p.m.  
E-mail: [pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com](mailto: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](http://www.svcc.us/scm)

## Covenant

**Community Covenant Church**  
12605 Highway 9, Clear Lake  
360.856.1023 // [covenant@wavecable.com](mailto:covenant@wavecable.com)  
[www.clearlakecov.org](http://www.clearlakecov.org)  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun. worship: 11 a.m.  
Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

## Episcopal

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

## Free Methodist

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

## Methodist

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

## Presbyterian

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

## Lutheran

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.3714  
[www.uprivergrace.com](http://www.uprivergrace.com)  
Sun. worship: 10 a.m.

## Nondenominational

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

## Community Bible Church

45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511  
E-mail: [cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net](mailto: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](http://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

## Concrete Volunteer

## Fire Dept. needs firefighters!

- Do you have a heart for your community?
- Willing to volunteer?
- Free training!



[ Chief Darrel Reed ]

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Applicants may live inside or outside town limits.



## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

At the monthly museum meeting in March, the **membership rates** were raised to \$30 for individual memberships and \$60 for family and business memberships. As mentioned in last month's article, if you renew or join before May 31, the old rates will still be honored (\$25 and \$50, respectively), so consider this a membership sale.

For those who relish home-made baked goods, our next **bake sale** will be at the Saturday Market on Sat., June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In 1915 the long arm of Sheriff Joseph Glover reached out and nabbed Charles Sorrensa on the Baker Lake Trail. Sorrensa was wanted for swindling people in Clear Lake. More noteworthy for local residents was the untimely death of Starbuck. This Starbuck was not the coffee giant that people think of today, but was the dog of an early pioneer to the area, Joseph Morovits, who resided near the foot of Mt. Baker. Starbuck gained notoriety by accompanying Morovits during several climbs of Mt. Baker. Alas, that need for excitement proved the end of Starbuck, who was killed while chasing J. C. Johnson's Ford.

Henry Clark, a resident of Rockport, was shot twice by the Sheriff's force while attempting to flee when his still was being raided about a mile north of Rockport in 1920.

Senior "sneak day" is a long-standing tradition in Concrete. In 1928, Concrete's senior class took such a day to Big Lake and invited school superintendent Edwin Bolton to accompany them. I think somewhere along the line, that part of the

tradition has been lost.

Rockport made the news in 1929 when the safe in the Rockport Hotel, owned by Mayor Hugo Bauman, was opened by robbers and \$40 was stolen.

Crime continued to a recurring front-page story when in 1965 the Serv-U Grocery in Van Horn, owned by the Franks, was broken into and had items stolen. Five young men were later arrested for the burglary. During the same month, just 22 years later in 1987, the Serv-U was transformed into Albert's Family Grocer in its new location, which opened in 1973.

The spring rains of 1965 proved too much for the hill above the Lower Baker Power house. A slide destroyed the power house and the two employees on-duty, Keith Hicks and George Theodoratus, were safely evacuated.

The year 1965 also was a big year in the life of Jack Hoover, who attended a reunion for the WWII crew of the Bunker Hill aircraft carrier. This ship was a key player in all the major battles in the Pacific Theater during the war. While participating in the battle for Okinawa, she became the most severely damaged war vessel ever to return to Puget Sound after suffering a direct hit by two kamikaze planes on May 11, 1945.

Our **season opening** will be Sat., May 26, from noon to 4 p.m., and will continue on the successive Saturdays through September. Special tours at other times may be arranged by calling 360.853.8347 or e-mailing requests to jboggs@comcast.net or autohistory@hotmail.com.

—John Boggs

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Upper Skagit Library thanks all of you who participated in our Spring Break Main Street Scavenger Hunt in April. Forty-five entry forms were turned in for prizes at the library and 5b's! We also thank those of you who participated in the National Poetry Month activities. We hope next year will be an even bigger success.

Upper Skagit Library handed out almost 50 carrot starts to patrons who checked out books on April 21 in honor of Earth Day. Happy growing!

There are many events happening this month at the Library. On May 4, "May the 4th Be With You!" Stop by and do some awesome Star Wars crafts.

On May 5 we have a special Cinco De Mayo Storytime from 11 a.m. to noon. We will make maracas and pinatas. Beth is brushing up on her Spanish, so it should be a fun way to celebrate the day.

Our last Storytime for the season will be on May 19, but the Summer Reading Program gets under way in June. The first Silly Saturday will be June 16. We will keep you posted as programs are scheduled.

Upper Skagit Library Board Meeting will be held Thur., May 10 at 5 p.m. the public is always welcome.

Need help with your computer or smart phone? Want to learn more about

that laptop that is sitting forlornly in the corner collecting dust? Maybe set up an e-mail account or look for crochet patterns on Youtube? Come in on Wed., May 23 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and we will do our best to help you with your questions.

Hang Out With A Winner! To honor the 101st year of the Pulitzer Prize, visit the Library all month long and check out a Pulitzer Prize-winning book to enjoy. There will be a display at the north entrance of the library to make finding these gems a snap.

If you want something new to read in fiction, check-out *The 17th Suspect* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro or *Twisted Prey* by John Sanford. If it is nonfiction you are hungering for, why not *The Man Without A Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* by Masha Gessen or *The Cannabis Health Index* by Uwe Blesching.

For the younger ones, we have *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo, *The Wild Robot Book 1* and *Book 2* by Peter Brown, and *The Whale in My Swimming Pool* by Joyce Wan.

All of us here at the Upper Skagit Library want to thank you for your support!

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

## May at the Darrington Library

### Children and family programs

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, May 2–30 at 11 a.m.; all ages welcome, caregiver required.
- Crazy 8s Math Club, Session Two, Tuesdays, May 8–29; 4 p.m.
- Saturday Family Storytime, May 5, 11 a.m.; all ages welcome, caregiver required.

### Tweens & teens

- Creative Minecraft, Sat., May 12; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; limited to 10 attendees.

### Adults

- Darrington Book Group, *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini, Wed., May 2; 5:30 to 7 p.m.; potluck optional
- Friends of the Darrington Library meeting, Wed., May 9; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

—Ashley Bryson, branch manager

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possible theft of a pistol from a residence on Limestone in Concrete. The victim believed that a couple who had been living at his house recently had returned and taken his gun. Deputy Wiggins developed a lead and will attempt to locate the pistol and arrest the suspects.

A report of a possible Registered Sex Offender living on Nims Place led Deputy Wiggins to a residence where he located an unregistered sex offender. The sex offender was arrested for failing to register. Another person at the residence with numerous warrants was also arrested. Both were taken to jail and booked.

### April 5

The Sheriff's Office received information of possible skeletal remains on Cascade River Rd. Deputies and members of Skagit County SAR checked the area and located bones believed to belong to a male who disappeared several years ago. Detectives were later able to positively identify the remains.

### April 6

While patrolling near Cedar Grove Ave., Deputy Wolfe observed a vehicle make a turn without using its turn signal. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver's license was suspended and he had numerous warrants. The driver was arrested.

### April 8

A resident on Benjamin St. in Concrete reported that her house had been broken into and several items had been taken including a 32-inch flatscreen TV and an Xbox 360. At the time she had no suspects. The following week, based on information received by other deputies, two possible suspects were identified. Deputy Wolfe will follow up on the information.

Deputy Wolfe investigated a possible trespass complaint on South Shore Dr. in Cape Horn. The neighbor had located a person on the property taking firewood. He detained the suspect and waited for deputies. The suspect admitted he had trespassed onto the property looking for wood. He was cited for trespass and released.

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driving with a suspended license, and no interlock device. She also was issued an infraction for failure to transfer title and for no insurance.

### April 13

An employee of the ambulance crew had seen a suspect in Marblemount who had a homicide warrant out of San Juan County. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office, along with officers from Whatcom County, Bellingham Police Department, Mount Vernon Police department, and Border Patrol were able to locate the suspect. The suspect and law enforcement began a standoff that lasted several hours after the suspect threatened to kill himself with a large knife. After the suspect stabbed himself several times, officers using less lethal force and a K-9 unit were finally able to take him into custody.

### April 16

Deputy Backstrom and Sergeant Adams investigated several vehicle prowls and attempted vehicle thefts that had occurred during the weekend. Someone attempted

See **Sheriff's Blotter**, p. 35

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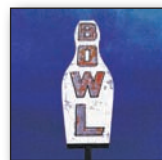
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# Out & About



## Monroe

### Monroe VFW to host Flags for our Fallen run

Monroe VFW Post 7511 will host its second annual Flags for our Fallen, a family-friendly 5-kilometer walk/run on Sat., May 26, at 9:30 a.m., at Lake Tye Park in Monroe.

The event includes a welcoming message from Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, a speech by Monroe VFW Post 7511-member Nick Jacobson, a bagpipe performance by Monroe Police Department Sgt. Brian Johnston, a 5-kilometer run around Lake Tye, concessions, and a vendor area.

Presentations will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the walk/run starting promptly at 10.

All funds raised during the event will support Post 7511 as it seeks to grow its membership base, help veterans, and bolster its level of community outreach. The VFW is a national organization dedicated to helping veterans in need, serving communities, and furthering patriotism, particularly among youth.

Vendor and business sponsorship opportunities are available, with vendor booth space offered for a suggested donation of \$50. A \$500 business sponsorship ensures business logo inclusion on printed materials and promotional items supporting the event. To be included in event advertising, sponsorships must be finalized no later than May 4.

Veteran-owned businesses and organizations are invited to participate in the event at no cost.

"Whether walking, running, pushing a stroller, or just spending time with us at Lake Tye, this is an event for everyone, especially families," said Post 7511 Quartermaster Jaymie Weber. "Instilling a strong sense of patriotism in our youth is an important part of the VFW mission, and sharing the true meaning of Memorial Day with our young ones is a wonderful way to do that."

For more information, or to sign up as a runner/walker, go to [www.flags4rfallen.com](http://www.flags4rfallen.com).

## State

### Recreational shrimp fishery opens May 5 in Puget Sound

Recreational shrimp fishing will open May 5 in Puget Sound under seasons announced by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

This year's Puget Sound shrimp fishing seasons are generally similar to those in 2017, said Mark O'Toole, a shellfish biologist for WDFW, noting that he expects a strong turnout by shrimp fishers—especially on opening day.

"Because this is such a popular fishery, boat ramps can get pretty crowded on the

opener," he said.

In all areas of Puget Sound, fishers are limited to 80 shrimp per day (if open) during May. A valid 2018–19 combination license, shellfish license, or Fish Washington license is required to participate in the fishery.

More information on sport shrimp seasons, and a description of the marine areas, is available on WDFW's recreational shrimp fishing Web site at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfish/shrimp>.

Though the season opens May 5 for all shrimp (spot, pink, and coonstripe shrimp), people are mostly fishing for spot shrimp. Also known as prawns, spot shrimp are the largest shrimp in Puget Sound and may grow up to nine inches in length.

O'Toole said shrimpers should be aware that traps can be set or pulled only from one hour before official sunrise through one hour after official sunset each day in areas 4, 5, and 6 (except for the Discovery Bay Shrimp District), as well as marine areas 7 East, South, and West. On opening day, one hour before sunrise is approximately 4:40 a.m.

Puget Sound recreational shrimp season opening days are:

- Marine areas 4 (Neah Bay east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line), 5 (western Strait of Juan de Fuca) and 6 (Port Angeles Harbor, eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open daily beginning May 5. The recreational spot shrimp season closes when the quota is attained or Sept. 15, whichever comes first.
- Marine Area 6 (Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 5, 9, 12, and 23.
- Marine areas 7 East (northern Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay, Sucia and Matia islands, Strait of Georgia) and 7 South (Iceberg Point, Point Colville, Biz Point, Salmon Bank): Open May 5, May 9–12, and May 23–26.
- Marine Area 7 West (San Juan Channel, Spieden Channel, Stuart and Waldron islands): Open daily beginning May 5. The recreational spot shrimp season closes when

the quota is attained or Sept. 15, whichever comes first.

- Marine Areas 8–1 (Saratoga Passage, Deception Pass) and 8–2 (Port Susan, Port Gardner, Everett): Open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 5, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 9.
- Marine Area 9 (Edmonds, Port Townsend Bay, Admiralty Inlet): Open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 5, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 9.
- Marine Area 10 (Elliott Bay): Open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 5 (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 east of a line from West Point to Alki Point).
- Marine Area 10 (outside Elliott Bay): Open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 5 (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 west of a line from West Point to Alki Point, which includes the Bainbridge Island shrimp fishing grounds).
- Marine Area 11 (Tacoma-Vashon Island): Open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 5.
- Marine Area 12 (Hood Canal Shrimp District): Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 5, 9, 12, and 23.
- Marine Area 13 (South Puget Sound, Carr Inlet): Open from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 5, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 9.

Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remains after the initial fishing days scheduled above.

### Tax exemption ending for alt-fuel, electric, plug-in hybrid vehicles

In March, Washington reached the 7,500-vehicle threshold for the clean-alternative fuel, electric, and plug-in hybrid vehicle sales and use tax exemption. As a result, the exemption expires June 1.

Washington residents can take advantage of the sales and use tax

### Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 33

to steal a truck and took several thousand dollars' worth of contractors tools from a trailer parked on A Ave. in Concrete. During the early morning, several other vehicles had been prowled in the town, and a truck had been stolen.

#### April 17

Deputy Backstrom received a tip that the stolen truck reported the previous day was parked at a residence off Cedar Grove Ave. Deputy Backstrom and Sergeant Adams responded and located the truck. Inside the truck was property from several of the vehicle prowls that had occurred in Concrete. During the course of the investigation, deputies were able to identify the suspects and recover most of the stolen property. One suspect was arrested and taken to jail. The other suspect, CJ Huey, a.k.a. Carl Huey, is still at large. The stolen property was returned to the owner.

#### April 18

Deputy Wiggins investigated a malicious mischief complaint at the so-called "Devil's Tower" near Lake Shannon. The reporting party advised that he had been parked at that location and had observed several subjects painting graffiti on the old Lone Star buildings. When he left, he discovered that someone had spray painted his car. Deputy Wiggins was able to locate a suspect who admitted to the crime. He agreed to clean the victim's car. The suspect was also cited for trespass since the property where the buildings are located is posted private property.

#### April 23

Deputy Moore responded to a report of squatters living in a house on Pressentin

### Out & About, cont. from p. 34

exemption through May 31 by purchasing or leasing clean-alternative fuel, electric, and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

To qualify for the exemption, the vehicle must be purchased or leased for a base-model retail price of less than \$42,500, meet the expectations outlined by the Department of Licensing, and be delivered to the buyer before the expiration date. Vehicles delivered after May 31 do not qualify.

Exemptions apply up to \$32,000. Leases that are entered on or before May 31 qualify for the exemption on the remainder of lease payments due or until the total amount of lease payments reaches \$32,000.

Dr. near Concrete. He located the residence and has contacted the owner to determine if the subjects living there have permission.

#### April 24

At approximately 6 p.m., a male who identified himself as "John" contacted a female Concrete citizen who was sitting on her front porch on Main Street. He told her that he had just arrived in town from possibly either Idaho or Wyoming, and was hungry. She told the suspect that she had some food and would go get him something to eat.

The suspect remained on the porch near the front door while the victim went into the house to get him some food. When the victim returned, she heard the suspect making strange noises and discovered that he had exposed himself and was masturbating while standing in front of the open door. She pushed him out of the doorway and told him to leave. The suspect left, walking east on Main Street.

The victim's neighbor came home about 10 minutes later and discovered the victim upset. When she told him what had occurred, he convinced her to call 911 and report it.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 5' 7" tall, with medium long brown hair and a "kept" beard. He was wearing a t-shirt, a vest, and possibly Carhartt-type pants. He had a blue bandana tied around his neck. She thought the suspect may have mental issues or was on drugs based on his eyes, odd behavior, and slow speech. The victim said the suspect was very polite.

If you see someone matching this description, call 911 immediately. The Sheriff's Office case number is 18-05591.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

For more information on which vehicles qualify for the clean-alternative fuel, electric, and plug-in hybrid exemption, go to [https://dor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Docs/Pubs/SpecialNotices/2018/sn\\_18\\_cleanalt.pdf](https://dor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Docs/Pubs/SpecialNotices/2018/sn_18_cleanalt.pdf).

### Sunday School, cont. from p. 30

and go," we become "the right people in the right place at the right time, saying the right things to the right people."

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Rob Thomas is pastor for Community Bible Church in Concrete.

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- Increased self-confidence and

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- Meaningful leisure activity participation with social benefits—it's something you can do with your kids, grandkids, or neighbors.
- Opportunity for learning correct body mechanics and methods to implement gardening activities in a home environment.
- Health and wellness activities for adults with disabilities.
- Whatever you're raising—vegetables, herbs or flowers—you have the satisfaction of putting something fresh on your table.

In many ways, gardening can add to your health and hope for years to come. With spring in full bloom, are you inspired to get outside? If you want help getting a garden started or if you want to take your skills to the next level, you can find resources nearby. To find a Master Gardener resource in our area through the Washington State University Master Gardner Program, go to <http://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/mg>.

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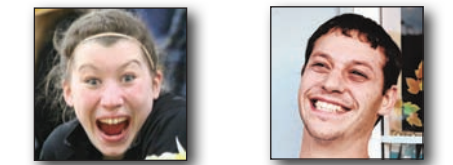
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# Smile



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—March 6, 1968

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—March 13, 1968

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—March 20, 1968

## Public Service Announcement



## Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



## Crossword: "Dancing with the Stars"

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### Across

- Ground cover
- Controversial apple spray
- \_\_\_\_ Minor
- Élan
- Carry on
- Talk like Daffy
- Sign of fall?
- Computer symbol
- Look up and down
- Season 5 contestant
- Hilo garland
- Cobbler's tool
- Count
- Pickle flavoring
- Long-tailed primate
- Give it \_\_\_\_
- Computer command
- End
- Season 6 winner
- More inexplicable
- Stuffing herb
- "Andy Capp" cartoonist
- Smythe
- Cordwood measure
- "Begone!"
- "September \_\_\_\_" (Neil Diamond hit)
- Go for the gold?

### Down

- Hit the links
- Agitate
- Early pulpit
- With liveliness
- Ghost
- Puccini piece
- Delicate
- Frank acknowledgment
- Extend
- Buckets
- Suspension
- "Cast Away" setting
- Impressionist
- Above ground level
- Assert without proof
- Libertines

- Plume source
- France's longest river
- Wrigley Field flora
- Chow line?
- Relative of an ostrich
- Prefix with surgery or transmitter
- Theater worker
- Despot's duration
- Imbues
- Dome-shaped shrine
- Word said with a salute
- \_\_\_\_ jacket
- Buy in a hurry
- Suit fabric
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- Fireplace
- Run of the \_\_\_\_
- Buffalo's lake
- Yearn
- Keen about
- Island in western Scotland
- Quality
- Ice cream thickener
- Attorney General Janet
- Winter Palace ruler

## Sudoku

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

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	4		1			3		
				2	3			
		5			6		8	

\*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

## Funny as Facebook

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

- "So who else got sunburned yesterday? I'm not happy with the tag on my sweatshirt on the back of my neck today."
- "My grandmother always said 'Never start a project on Friday,' but how does anyone get anything done?"
- "You know you're obsessed with shopping for your baby when you wake up and think you've been at Osh Kosh all night! Dreaming I was shopping ..."

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# THE BODY IN THE BLACKBERRIES

By Nicola Pearson

*Editor's note: This is the eighth installment of a new serialized story by award-winning author and playwright Nicola Pearson of Sauk City. Future installments will appear on this page each month during 2018 until the story is complete. Previous installments are posted at [www.concrete-herald.com](http://www.concrete-herald.com).*

Suleka gasped. "Is that Bob's dog?" "That would be my assumption." Lange set the bag of baked goods down and stretched his right hand forward, palm down. "Come on out, little buddy. Are you hungry?"

The whining increased, and then Lange felt a wet nose sniffing his fingers. The dog must have decided he was safe because he slunk forward and emerged, head down, tail flicking from side to side even though it was down too.

"Hey, you're okay. You're okay now," Lange crooned to the terrified pup as he gently stroked his back. The Jack Russell pushed a little closer to Lange, but still kept his head down.

"That's Bob's dog alright," said Suleka, holding her position at the bottom of the steps. "He looks like he's hurt."

"I see that," said Lange, having spotted the ugly red tear in Max's otherwise white fur, up by his right shoulder. "It doesn't look too deep, but he's obviously been worrying it. Come on," he said to the pup, "let's get that cleaned up and get you something to eat and drink."

Suleka headed inside the yurt and came back out a few moments later with a sliver of ham, to tease the dog up the steps. "Thanks," said Lange, who'd been struggling to convince Max to come inside.

"You go ahead and make your call," Suleka said once they were inside the yurt. "And I'll get the coffee water started and clean the dog's wound."

It was hot inside the yurt, from the mid-July sun heating the canvas walls and pouring in through the skylight above his desk, but Lange didn't want Max to escape before Suleka had a chance to look at his wound, so he closed the door. "D'you know where I put Michelle's card?" he asked Suleka.

She pointed across at his desk. "Ah." Lange strode across the room, snatched up the card and swung around to go back outside where his cell phone

could pick up a signal. He nearly tripped over Max as he turned around. "I think I've made a friend here," he laughed. "As long as he's not too young for you," quipped Suleka.

He glared at her as he strode across the yurt and out the door, closing it behind him. Max whined from inside. Lange tapped Michelle's number into his phone and trotted down the steps as he hit the call button. He bounced toward his log pile feeling a definite flutter of excitement that he'd be hearing her voice.

"Pate-Swenson," she answered.

"Hi. This is Callum Lange."

"Callum, great. Perfect timing.

Forensics are still working the scene up here, but they just loaded Doyle into the coroner's Suburban."

Lange became all business. "Did he assess a cause of death?"

"Not exactly. He said there's a significant blow to the back of his head, a contusion on his forehead, but he also suspects some neck trauma, so he wants to hold off on a final cause until the pathologist does the autopsy. How did it go for you with the wife?"

"It wasn't my finest hour," Lange admitted. "But look, I'm on my way back up so I'll tell you about it when I get there. And I have Suleka with me. Is now a good time for her to come talk to you?"

"Perfect."

"Great. We have information to share."

"Me, too."

"Okay. See you in a bit." Lange swung around to head back to the yurt, then thought of something, "Oh and hey," he said into the phone but there was no reply. He looked at his screen and saw the call had ended. No matter, he thought, he'd take Max with him and explain when he got there.

He heard the kettle whistling on the stove as he went back into the yurt. Suleka was on her knees in the kitchen, dabbing at Max's wound with wet cotton, the bag of sliced ham open on the counter above

them. "That looks much better," he said as he turned off the gas under the kettle and filled the filter on his ceramic coffee pot with boiling water. Suleka had already put the ground French Roast in the cloth filter and the sharp tang of good coffee hit the back of his throat. Out of the corner of his eye, Lange watched Suleka finish cleaning the dog's wound, then clutch the edge of the counter with one hand to pull herself back up to a stand.

The dog limped over to Lange and sat. Lange leaned down and stroked his head. "Whatever got him must have bruised his shoulder because he's pretty tender there," said Suleka. "Darn," she added, looking down at the saucer of warm water and accumulation of bloody cotton balls she'd left on the floor. "I should have grabbed those before I stood up."

"Is your back bothering you again?"

"Little bit today," nodded Suleka.

"I'll get that," said Lange. He refilled the filter on the coffee pot, and then set about gathering up the remnants of wound care.

"Did you get through to your DEA friend?" Suleka asked, washing her hands at the kitchen sink.

Lange didn't bother correcting her this time. He knew she'd tease him until he and Michelle actually became friends. If they became friends. Then she'd back off. "Yep. She's expecting us."

"Okay, I'll put the coffee in to-go cups." They switched places so Lange could

trash the cotton balls and rinse his own hands. "Should we take milk? What if she doesn't drink it black?"

Suleka nodded across at a small cooler. "I put a jelly jar of milk in that with all the baked goods before I cleaned up Max. Plus I included a couple of packets of sugar."

"Good thinking," said Lange. He dried his hands on a dishtowel, feeling suddenly shy. "You don't think I'll look ... you know ... forward, taking her lunch?"

Suleka tipped her head as she looked at him, compassion replacing her usual sassiness. "I think you'll look very thoughtful," she assured him.

He gave a curt nod of his head, to cover his embarrassment then looked down at the dog. "We have to feed him."

"He drank the first saucer of water I put down to clean his wound and then he ate some of the ham. I don't know what else you've got that we can give him."

Lange crossed to the fridge, Max on his heels. "I have some leftover, cooked burger meat and rice ..."

"Er, no you don't. Those were both pretty furry, so I chucked them."

"What should we do, then?"

Suleka looked at Max. "He doesn't look unhappy to me."

"So we wait?"

"Till you have something more appropriate to feed him, I would."

"Okay, then let's go. You too," he said down to Max.

Once they got on the road, though, Lange told Suleka, "I was going to ask Michelle if it was okay to bring Max with us, but she hung up too fast."

"Then let's leave him in the Nissan till we check," she replied.

She pulled in tight behind one of the many, green Sheriff's vehicles parked in front of the yellow gate and Lange climbed out, a coffee in each hand. He bumped the door closed with his hip. He heard Max whine as he started toward the abandoned logging road.

Michelle was walking toward him, Kojak trotting beside her. "Hi there," she called out and Lange slowed, enjoying her smile. "I thought I'd come to you because Collins and the other deputies are having a confab that doesn't involve me. Is that coffee?" she asked when they reached each other. She leaned forward and waved the smell toward her.

"Yes. And we brought you a cup," replied Lange, thrusting one of the cups at her.

"Oh thank you, thank you!" exclaimed Michelle, eagerly taking the insulated cup from his hand.

Lange nodded back toward the Nissan. "We have milk, too, if you need it."

"Wow! You thought of everything."

"Oh no, not me," Lange confessed, swiveling around to point out Suleka, who was coming around the front of the Nissan carrying the cooler. "That lady there is who thought of most everything. My friend and co-investigator."

"Suleka, right?" said Michelle, stepping forward, one hand outstretched to shake. "Thanks for being willing to talk to me."

"You're welcome," said Suleka. She set the cooler down and wiped her right hand on her denim overalls before shaking. "We brought some lunch, too, in case you're hungry. Cal thought you might not eat gluten so we got everything at the gluten-free bakery."

Michelle tipped her head, looking at Lange. "How did you ...?"

He tapped the side of his nose with his forefinger. "I used to be a detective."

Michelle laughed and the intensity of the day seemed to dissipate with the sound. "I'm impressed," she said. She

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looked down at the cooler, then back up at Suleka. "And yes I am gluten free, I do take milk in my coffee, and I'm famished."

"Great. Maybe we can find a place to sit and eat and talk at the same time."

"Sure. There's a couple of stumps over by the gate ..." said Michelle. She glanced across at the Nissan. "What're you doing?" she called out. Kojak was sitting by the vehicle, staring up at the passenger side window.

"He's eyeing Bob Doyle's terrier, Max," explained Lange. "Who must have run off after Bob died 'cause I found him hiding under my yurt. Is it okay to let him out?" "Sure," said Michelle.

"I don't suppose you have any dog food, do you?" Suleka asked.

"As a matter of fact, I do. I always bring some in case the day stretches out too long for Kojak."

Lange could see the group around Collins breaking up. He walked away from the women as they started toward Michelle's Range Rover, feeling pretty sure that they were comfortable without him now.

"That's your dog's name? Kojak?" he heard Suleka ask from behind him. "Are you even old enough to have watched Kojak when it was on TV?"

Lange spun his head around, to give Suleka a warning look about prying into Michelle's age, but both women were engrossed in each other.

"I'm 51, so yes," answered Michelle. "I watched every episode."

And Lange suddenly felt that flutter of excitement again.



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