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Guest editorial

What's good about us?

By Will Honea

I see a vocal group of people, mostly with right-leaning political views, heavily criticizing our state's response to the COVID-19 epidemic. Compared to the response at the national level, Washington State has done OK, though not nearly as well as, say, South Korea or New Zealand. But not bad by comparison with other places in our country.

Other folks, principally on the left, argue that the critics are dangerous gadflies who are undermining efforts to save lives, and, just like the concept of "hate speech," their speech needs to be punished, deplatformed, and otherwise suppressed.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Kudos to Sgt. Greg Adams

I'd like to thank Sgt. Greg Adams and the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for the blotter report in the April edition of *Concrete Herald*.

After writing the Concrete Heritage Museum's article for many years, I know how time-consuming extracting information from other sources and writing it up in a coherent manner can be.

I hope the new format continues; it gives a better look at what you go through on a daily basis to serve the Upper Skagit Valley.

John Boggs
Concrete

We're in this together

From all of us at Cascade Supply, we hope the people of our Upper Skagit Valley are all doing well! We are in this together.

Thank you for your business; we really appreciate it.

Carol Rohan
Cascade Supply, Concrete

Dippold worth his weight in gold

What a terrific (April) issue, Jason! Can't believe you keep on publishing and mayoring come hell or high water, heart attack or pandemic!

And that Jude (Dippold) is worth his weight in gold. I love everything he has done so far.

Thanks, and carry on!

Lynn McMillan
Concrete

April issue a "refreshing slice of life"

During my many visits to Concrete over the last 33 years, I've witnessed many changes. One change for the better was

the reprinting of the *Concrete Herald* after being dormant for a number of years.

The "Eagle Eye View" *Concrete Herald* delivers to its readers is vast. The many diverse activities which take place in Concrete and the surrounding areas are carefully reported. As an overseas supporter, I thoroughly enjoy receiving my copy of your newspaper every month.

But this month, April 2020, I thought was the best *Concrete Herald* I've ever read; so many different aspects recorded. As someone who has been in self-isolation for the better part of six weeks to protect myself from the coronavirus, the April edition of *Concrete Herald* was a refreshing slice of life lived elsewhere brought to my doorstep.

Thank you.

Vera Pearson
Essex, England

Recognizing community volunteer spirit in Skagit County

At the end of February, there was a residential chimney fire that occurred within one of our Skagit County communities. Several of our volunteer fire districts responded and extinguished the fire.

The owner of the residence was a man in his early 80s who had no family or

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Cascade Burgers celebrates 10 years

Cascade Burgers, Concrete's 1950s-style family restaurant, turned 10 in April.

The popular eatery is open on weekends during the pandemic lockdown, serving drive-through and take-out meals.

Susan Taxdahl, who owns and operates the restaurant with her husband, Keith, said time flies when you're having fun and doing work you love.

"When I first opened it in April 2010, I said to Keith, 'I'll give it five years.' It's like a blink of an eye; all of a sudden it's 10 years and I'm still enjoying it, still loving it," said Taxdahl. "I'm still happy doing what I'm doing. I love people, I love meeting new people, and I love taking on new challenges. I thought it would be a great thing to pursue. Little did I know I'd love it as much as I do."

Susan manages the day-to-day operations at the restaurant, while Keith often gets up at 4 a.m. to take care of building maintenance.

"I couldn't do it without him," said Susan. "He plays a huge role, fixing what he can fix, working behind the scenes on things that people don't see."

During the past 10 years, the couple has installed a new HVAC system, a new roof, a new countertop, a new kitchen ceiling, and painted the interior. Outside, they paid for a strip of blacktop to make the drive-through experience more smooth.

They poured a concrete patio and installed a length of fence, with more to come soon.

Good eatin'

The family friendly "burger joint" is much more than burgers. In its 1950s-style dining room the restaurant serves gourmet burgers made of chicken and beef, french fries, even vegetarian options.

"And we have amazing shakes—over

100 different flavors," said Taxdahl.

"There's always some new combination that somebody orders: hot fudge and pineapple was ordered the other day. People come in for our cake shakes, and Oreo, blackberry, and fresh banana."

For Taxdahl, the restaurant is a labor of love. A waitress fresh out of high school, she worked for the Sedro-Woolley School District for 12 years before moving farther into the Upper Valley, where she noticed the restaurant—formerly Hal's—was vacant.

"Keith would say, 'You should open that up; I bet you'd enjoy it.' I thought about it, worked it for a year, bought it from Bob Anderson ... and here it is, 10 years later," said Taxdahl.

The pandemic challenge

Cascade Burgers typically employs eight during the winter and 12–14 during the summer months. The Stay at Home order has been a challenge for the restaurant, but they're pushing through day by day.

"I was supposed to celebrate the 10-year anniversary last month, and there was no way in the world I thought I'd be celebrating with closed doors, and of course that's exactly what happened," said Taxdahl. "But we're staying afloat. We are managing. We're just trying to stay open."

Community spirit

"Being a part of the community is an absolutely amazing part of my life, as well as owning Cascade Burgers," said Taxdahl. "People from around the world have stopped for a meal, but if it weren't for my locals and their support, I would not have those doors open. I'm so grateful for them."

"I couldn't imagine doing anything else than what I'm doing right now. I look at owning a small business as a relationship. It's such a part of your life. You don't take it for granted. You work at it every single day."

—J. K. M.

At a glance: Cascade Burgers

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Down from top right: Susan and Keith Taxdahl outside Cascade Burgers in Concrete. Cascade Burgers employees walk in the 2018 Cascade Days parade. The popular eatery is open weekends during the pandemic, serving drive-through and take-out meals.

Pandemic brings ups and downs

By Val Stafford

From toilet paper shortages and sudden home-schooling, to face masks and social distancing, this has been an unprecedented time for everyone. For small businesses in our rural setting, the health crisis has been especially challenging.

How is business?

Many restaurants, especially those already offering take-out, have seen a dramatic increase in customers. At Annie's Pizza Station, owner Anne Bussiere said it feels like the height of a busy summer.

"I think people are concerned for us and want to make sure we survive this," she says, "so we even get a bit too busy!"

Elizabeth Fernando, owner of Java Zone 2, also reports that her espresso business is buzzing. "We're so blessed with the response from our community," Elizabeth says.

At SaviBank, manager Lynette Gentry is glad to report an increase in customers as well. "We're still opening new accounts," she says, "and even though our lobby is closed, we're seeing lots of people at our

drive-up window."

The trickle-down effect of so many people staying home means that businesses like Cinema Septic are as busy as ever. Owner Fred West has seen an increase in emergency calls for his "essential services" of septic tank pumping.

Other businesses, however, have seen a startling downturn, especially those dependent on tourism. Guest house rentals at Ovenell's Heritage Inn have definitely decreased, says Innkeeper Kris Hansen, because of travel bans. A popular destination for international visitors, the inn most likely will suffer until those restrictions are lifted.

Businesses like Concrete Theatre, which relies on crowds of people coming together, are forced to remain closed until the Stay Home, Stay Safe order is lifted. Even the Chamber office, along with the Department of Licensing services, has had to close, with staff working remotely.

Online takes off

Not surprisingly, Internet-based businesses have seen an increase in customers. Author and homesteading expert Melissa Norris has been busier than usual with her online community, academies, and virtual cooking classes. The founder of "Pioneering Today," she offers instruction on everything from starting a garden, home canning, and bread-baking. Norris said the number of people needing help to grow their own food and cook from scratch, "has exploded."

Local still wins

"Many people are watching their budget, but they're still determined to buy local," said Cindy Kleinhuisen, owner of Double O Ranch, "and they want to know the source of their meat."

Her business has remained steady, she said, and orders are still coming in for their fall butcher.

"There's more interest in lower value cuts," said Kleinhuisen, "because most people are doing more cooking while staying at home."

Carol Rohan, who owns Cascade Supply with her husband, Don, is thankful for all the local customers who have allowed their business to "hold its own" during this uncertain time. She reports that people are

following the necessary precautions and the community has been very supportive.

Challenges

Challenges for most businesses include maintaining staff and supplies.

"In addition to keeping or hiring staff, it's been hard to get supplies from our distributors," said Bussiere. "When we run out of something like pizza dough, it takes a whole day to replenish."

Planning ahead has been a challenge, too, said Bussiere. "We try to anticipate the demand for a Tuesday in April, when it's normally quiet, but then it ends up like a Friday in June!"

For those conducting business online, a major challenge is access to broadband. "The biggest hurdle to streaming my live classes is fast and reliable Internet," said Norris.

The best and the worst

Abnormal situations can bring out the best and worst in everyone.

"People seem kinder than normal," said Bussiere. "They observe social distancing when coming in and even go back outside to wait without being asked."

"I have customers 'paying it forward,' buying the coffee or drinks for the car behind them or on the opposite side," said Fernando. "No one worries how long their wait is. There's a friendly, we're-all-in-this-together attitude."

Even from a distance, people are trying to be more gracious. "I've always taught a variety of free classes, but I've never seen so much gratitude for these classes before," said Norris. "And my online community has pulled together, with members mailing other members supplies for free, just to help out."

Even one lost temper episode from a visitor during the "Popcorn Parade" was overshadowed overwhelmingly by dozens of kind words and a generous spirit from other attendees.

Looking to the future

Most business owners are optimistic about the future.

"I believe the future is going to be bright for espresso stands," said Fernando. "People can control who and what is in their immediate environment when they're in their car, so they feel a bit safer."

Online entrepreneur Norris said, "I feel very blessed and optimistic about my business. Teaching foundational skills for providing your own food and herbal

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eating nasty sheep meat and drinking vodka with a group of Uzbek intelligence officers. Our task was to coordinate with whoever appeared to be in charge on both sides so as to start moving American military stuff across the Uzbek-Afghan border at Termez-Hairatan, the same border crossing over the Amu Darya River by which the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979.

The historical parallels were not lost on my Uzbek counterparts. I said that the U.S. is not the Soviet Union, you know, like, we are better. One of them, Major Madaliev, asked me (translating here), "well, why is that, like, why is America So Great or whatever?"

It took me aback. In 2001, before Iraq and Trump and COVID-19, it was understood that America was just plain awesome for most folks, including me — an unquestioned assumption.

I had to think for a minute. Eventually I said that I think our constitutional right to free speech is the best of what America represents to the world.

I asked them: What would happen if one of your family members said something derogatory about Karimov, the Uzbek president, who fancies himself "The Godfather" of Uzbekistan? They were actually scared enough by the question that they didn't even answer me.

I told them that bad things happen mostly because people are too cowed and afraid to say anything about it, which happens when those who control the levers of money and power become so arrogant that they assume the right to control what everyone thinks and says.

During the past couple of years, I have had some close interface with some Americans who believe that they have the right to control the speech and even thoughts of their fellow citizens.

As it always is, everywhere, it was suppression of ideas in the manufactured language of what's morally best for everyone and even me, but ultimately, as it always is, it was really about a Nietzschean will to power; i.e., a toxic love of money and power for its own sake.

At the moment we see the instruments of government asserting unheard-of powers to respond to our current public health emergency.

But like all emergencies, this too shall pass. And like all emergencies that gave rise to power grabs throughout history, from the Roman Civil War to the Spanish Inquisition to Nazi Germany, we must be very wary of those who would seek

to repress free speech in the name of the problem of the day.

Rest assured that in China, there is one reality, and it is the reality dictated by the powerful men in charge.

The Founding Fathers made some mistakes in setting this place up, in particular the compromise with the South on the whole "owning other humans as farm machinery" concept.

But they definitely got right the idea that a just society, above almost all else, needs strong barriers against the impulse of the rich and powerful to silence and suppress criticism of their actions.

So with this in mind, I am grateful for our state government's effective response, even though it does seem excessive and illogical at times. But the ultimate test of a crisis response lies in the big picture.

At the same time, I am grateful for the gadflies and the complainers who keep government honest. I don't always agree with them, but will (almost) always stand up for their right to dissent. It can be messy on occasion, but history has proven that the free exchange of ideas is an important safeguard of our liberty.

Will Honea grew up commercial fishing on Skagit Bay, served in the military, lived for a time in the Middle Skagit, and now lives near Rockport in the Upper Skagit. He is a professional attorney and amateur farmer who is loyal to his family and the Skagit ecosystem.

Gov. Inslee announces easing of certain COVID-19 social distancing restrictions

Gov. Jay Inslee on April 27 announced the state's first steps to ease certain COVID-19 restrictions, including allowing certain low-risk construction projects to restart and allowing the partial re-opening of some outdoor recreation activities.

During a April 27 news conference, the governor also discussed the state's approach to easing restrictions, which is based on several factors, including:

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— Annie Bussiere, Annie's Pizza Station

Concrete Chamber of Commerce members such as these are looking ahead to a brighter future:

Susan & Keith Taxdahl – Cascade Burgers

Elizabeth Fernando – Java Zone 2

Cindy Kleinhuisen – Double O Ranch

Kris Hansen – Ovenell's Heritage Inn

Melissa Norris – Pioneering Today

Fred West – Cinema Septic

Carol Rohan – Cascade Supply

Lynette Gentry – SaviBank

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For a list of our Chamber members and their contact info, please see the directory at www.Concrete-WA.com.



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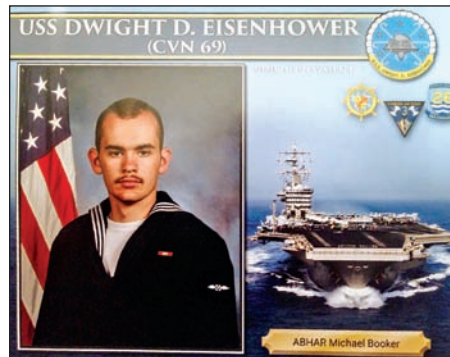
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In The Service



Michael Booker Jr. (CHS 2019) successfully completed his training on board the Navy carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in January and was deployed to the Middle East.

Booker joined the Navy right after graduating in 2019. He completed boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill., Division 19-951 on Oct. 25, 2019.



Booker is the son of Michael Booker of Rockport and Jessica Long of Castle Rock, Wash. *Submitted photo.*

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Memorial Day 2020

Commentary by John Boggs

This Memorial Day will remain unique above all others. Most noticeable is the fact that the formal observances of this somber day to honor the memory of the veterans who died defending our very way of life have, for the most part, been canceled because of the COVID-19 virus.

This virus has changed our daily lives today and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Despite that, it has not endangered the American way of life that our fallen veterans protected. While we may not be able to join throngs of people in parades or observances at cemeteries, I ask you to ponder the current situation.

The veterans who died in service to this nation faced many unseen threats. They never knew where the next bullet or artillery shell would land. They also, in many cases, never knew if the person approaching them on the street was a friend or foe. They lived with the threat that at any moment, their lives could be lost, and they would never be able to enjoy the fruits of their sacrifices.

As we endure this current health threat, I ask you to pay homage to those veterans who suffered and succumbed to even greater threats on your behalf.

Another correlation worth keeping in mind is that preparedness, discipline, and the determination to endure on the part of our nation and individual service members couldn't save every life, although it saved many. The generations of young men and women who returned home from our conflicts abroad are testaments to that. Today we face a conflict that demands our full attention and changes in our daily lives. The lives that we enjoy today exist solely because others previously made sacrifices on our behalf. On Memorial

Day, we should respectfully honor those we've lost and ensure that their struggles and lessons have not fallen on deaf ears.

We are no longer in the post-WWII years, when every family had members who had served and sacrificed. The majority of Americans have never donned a military uniform to serve their country. With today's health emergency, they are now in a better position to respect the sacrifices of those who died wearing one.

This day is traditionally dedicated to those in the military services who died serving our nation. This year I ask we extend that honor to all those from the health and service professions who have succumbed to COVID-19 while in their service to us.

Memorial Day service in Concrete

The Memorial Day Service at the Forest Park Cemetery is canceled this year. On April 8 the Washington State and National levels of the American Legion sent notice they were essentially canceling all events or activities for the remainder of the year.

As any commander knows, tough times call for tough decisions. When commanders consciously put people in harm's way, it is for a specific reason and a necessary objective. Captain Brett Crozier's recent comments regarding the COVID-19 outbreak on his aircraft carrier, the USS Theodore Roosevelt echo a common sentiment of good commanders. To paraphrase one of his remarks to fit this current situation, "We are not at war, and we need to take care of our most trusted asset—our people." The overwhelming majority of attendees at Memorial Day services are in the highest risk groups to be targeted by this current virus because of their age and underlying health conditions. We do them no honor by exposing them to unnecessary hazards.

We hope to see you all next year.

County begins coronavirus drive-through testing

In 10 minutes, symptomatic individuals—and any healthcare workers or first responders—can get tested for the presence of the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19. That's the goal of Skagit County's new drive-through testing site in the east parking lot of Skagit Valley College, near McIntyre Hall.

On May 4, individuals may get tested even if they are not symptomatic; that is, even if they have no symptoms associated with the virus.

Testing opened at 9 a.m. on April 27 for anyone who registered for an appointment online. The drive-through testing site is operating from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

"Our goal is to test up to 200 people each day for as long as there's community need for testing," said Jennifer Johnson, Skagit County Public Health Director.

Online registration for same-day coronavirus testing will close at 7 a.m. for morning appointments and 11 a.m. for afternoon appointments. Registration can be done several days in advance, and appointments are available at approximately 2-minute increments. Those with difficulty registering online can call 360.416.1500 for more information.

Testing is open to any individual with or without mild symptoms (such as low fever or cough), any individual whose doctor has recommended testing, and to any first responders or healthcare workers, regardless of symptoms.

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Update

Upper Skagit Library

As you may know, in recent months the board of trustees has gained some new faces and thanked others for their hard work and service to the library and our community. Now that our new trustees have had some time to get settled in, we figured it would be a good time to give our community an update as to the status of the new library building.

The final steps toward completing the new library building will occur in the upcoming months. While some processes have slowed because of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the statewide Stay at Home order, some progress is still happening via e-mail and other online means. We hope to return to "full speed ahead" as soon as possible after the governor allows nonessential work to resume throughout the state.

On the library's Web site (upperskagitlibrary.org), in the blog section, you'll be able to see the list of tasks (mentioned below) that we need to accomplish in order to complete the move to the new building. You can also view a timeline of the project in the "About Us" tab.

First, final edits and reviews of mechanical, electrical, and architectural drawings by SHKS Architects are currently taking place remotely.

Next, the New Building Task Force and board of trustees will need to review the final bid package. This review will most likely take a week. Based on feedback, SHKS will revise the cost plan before the board votes to approve the final bid package.

After nonessential work resumes in the state, construction needs will be posted and advertised for 30 days so that interested contractors can place a bid to do the remaining work. Once a general contractor is selected from the bidding pool, construction can resume. A final inspection by the Town of Concrete, as well as a final review by SHKS Architects, will have to occur once construction is completed. Once done, finishing touches can take place: New book shelves can be secured to the floor, the front counter can be installed, etc. Then—the exciting part—library materials and furniture can be moved to the new space! The final step will be a celebratory open house where we welcome everyone to come and see what

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THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

The Concrete Saturday Market Board of Directors reports it is "working hard during these times to prepare for opening day of 2020 season, on May 23 at the Concrete Community Center."

The market will open at 10 a.m., and close at 1 p.m. The season will begin as a drive-in, farmers-only market

(essential businesses) per state and county guidelines.

"We want it to be a healthy and safe environment for all community members, so posted signage will direct shoppers to follow safety guidelines: one shopper per household, stay in vehicles, masks and gloves, correct change if possible," the board said in a statement. "Our artisans and crafters will be missed; expect them to return when COVID-19 safety restrictions are lifted."

EBT/SNAP, FMNP WIC and Senior Dollars are all accepted. For details, go to concretesaturdaymarket.com or social media.

Council summary

Concrete Town Council canceled both of its April meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

Keep track of your council

To have Concrete Town Council agendas and meeting minutes e-mailed to you automatically, e-mail your request to andrea@concretewa.gov or call 360.853.8401. Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.



Academics



Left: Concrete School District bus drivers and staff food distributors show off their \$12 gift certificates to Skagit Valley Burgers in Sedro-Woolley. The certificates were gifts from US Bank in Sedro-Woolley, a thank-you for the essential workers who are doing great work in their community, according to branch manager Destiny Thompson. The certificates were delivered on April 10.

Above: Concrete School District bus driver Jacquie Nybo shows off her gift certificate.

Concrete Boys & Girls Club begins afternoon snack and supper program

Boys & Girls Club of Skagit County on April 28 began a food program that provides an afternoon snack and supper for youth aged 18 years and younger.

There is no income qualifying and no cost. To participate in the program, interested individuals are encouraged to go to <https://skagitclubs.org/join/our-clubs/food-program>.

The club will deliver food twice a week for multiple days. Anyone who signs up is asked to go to the designated location at the scheduled time. The club will not deliver door to door as the Concrete School District does, but it will provide its service at the designated drop-off points.

To limit contact and exposure potential, meals will be brought to “Grab & Go” sites on either Tuesdays and Thursdays or Wednesdays and Fridays. The first meal delivery each week will contain three days of snack and a light supper. The second meal delivery each week will contain four days of the same meals.

Families need to indicate their meal count and the delivery site no later than Monday at 9 a.m. for that week. This registration will need to occur each week.

For more information, call 360.419.3723, ext. 33 or e-mail afreeberg@skagitclubs.org.

—Lela Kennedy, J. K. M.

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remedies will always be in demand, in some seasons more than others.”

In true Concrete fashion, most business owners are thinking of others and looking ahead at better times.

“We worry about the businesses that don’t have a safety net and haven’t been able to access government funds,” said Bussiere. “But we’ve been through crazy times before and we’ll make it through this, too.”

Val Stafford is president of Concrete Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the Concrete Chamber,

—Upper Skagit Library send an e-mail to chamber@concrete-wa.com.

Concrete Resource Coalition



Amazing! That’s the word that comes to mind when I think about East County. From our school district to local businesses to community members, the outpouring of support and collaboration is incredible!

Did you see the line for the Popcorn Parade at Concrete Theatre, which raised \$1,517 for the East County Resource Center? How about the Easter Baskets made by the Lions Club, the Farm to School weekly meal kits, and several mental health promotion videos from Concrete School District?

In April the coalition had its first virtual meeting using Zoom! It was great to see so many familiar faces, and we had close to 20 community partners on the call.

From the meeting came three new decisions:

1. We approved new social norms campaign ads that will be place in the May and June *Concrete Herald* (see ad, this page).
2. We partnered with the East County Resource Center to start a pen pal program. Claudia Marken had shared how many seniors are self-isolating and used to attend the meal program, who could use some encouraging letters. We are asking CSD students to participate in writing letters to seniors. If you’re a senior or a parent of a child who would like to participate, please see my e-mail address below to get more details.
3. We are moving forward with Concrete Youth Activity Day, set for July 17. The location is to be determined, pending approval from Concrete Town Council.

Here’s a friendly reminder that our next coalition meeting is May 21 via Zoom. We welcome all; please e-mail me for the link.

If you haven’t already, please check out our Facebook page at www.Facebook/ConcreteResourceCoalition and like, follow, and share.

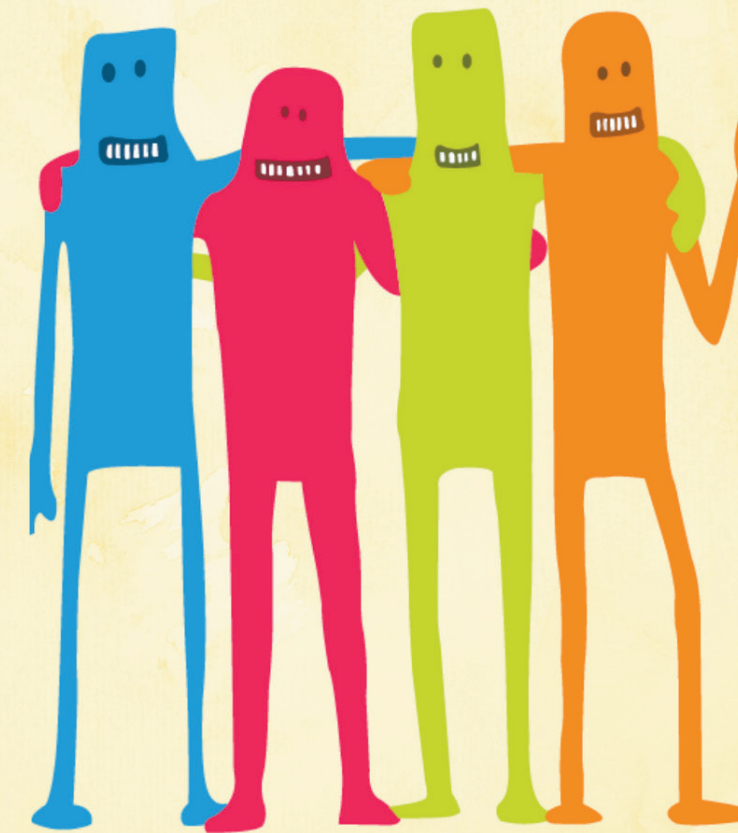
Stay healthy!

—Stephanie Morgareidge, coordinator
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BREAKING NEWS:

Concrete students are protecting their developing brains.

MOST* would rather NOT use marijuana when hanging out with friends.



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*61%: Data from a Positive Community Norms Survey conducted in 2019



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And the winner is ... Troy Schmidt!

Concrete High School senior **Troy Schmidt** was awarded the Heskett-Arnold Post 132 of the American Legion’s Living Legacy Trust Scholarship.

Schmidt’s application highlighted

his consistent, superior dedication to his studies and commitment to his community.

We heartily commend him for his efforts and expect to see him become a future leader in the community.

—John Boggs
American Legion
Heskett-Arnold Post 132

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we’ve worked so hard to bring to fruition.

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For more information about the new library project, go to <https://upperskagitlibrary.org/web/new-building-project-progress/>.

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SETTLING IN TO SERVE

New Hamilton Mayor Carla Vandiver seeks change and unity with a realigned town council.

By Jason Miller

Carla Vandiver didn't know what to expect when she took office as Town of Hamilton's new mayor on Jan. 1. She had thrown her hat in the ring during the November 2019 election—defeating the seven-year incumbent mayor Joan Cromley—simply because residents kept asking her to do so, she said.

Her first few months turned out to be a trial by fire—or flood, as the case may be. “The first thing in January? A flood threat, a storm, a power outage. That was my initiation: to save the town,” she said.

Vandiver, who supervises traffic control operations for road construction projects for her full-time job, jumped into the part-time role with both feet. With no

political experience on her resume, she reached out to Janicki Industries for help repairing a water main that threatened to fail during that January storm, and tracked down \$53,000 that was owed to the town by a company that hadn't paid its 6 percent fee to the town since 2010.

“We sent them a nice letter and they hand-delivered the check,” said Vandiver.



Carla Vandiver

Planned expansion

Vandiver expressed support for the project that aims to expand the town to the north side of SR 20, but said the town “hasn't seen any drawings for what they're planning to put over there.” The town has been working with Seattle-based land-use advocacy organization Forterra since 2018 to develop the expansion plan, which could include a commercial center with mixed-use buildings; community gathering spaces; a new location for the food bank; green spaces; a variety of building densities, lot sizes, and housing types with varying price points to help address the county's affordability concerns; and fiber optic lines throughout the new development, which would allow people to telecommute or run a home business more efficiently. The plan was former mayor Joan Cromley's foremost project.

“Because of the wetland and power lines, they have 17 of 40 acres to build on, so it's still way up in the air,” said Vandiver. “It would add to our tax base for residential and businesses, but I don't see them moving Town Hall, the bar, or the store across the road.”

Vandiver said she's just as interested in protecting the town's existing land and buildings.

“This town has been flooding since it started, but nobody's done anything really to slow it down,” she said. “Since we can't do some things in town to displace the water in the floodway or do anything with the river itself, we have to slow it down. We need to make it safe and keep it safe to live here, to fix the problem of water coming in.”

To that end, Vandiver wants to replace culverts, build a bridge over the slough where it passes beneath 1st/Maple St., and building a dike at the east end of town.

“We have options; it's just going to take time,” she said.

Another repeated note that Vandiver and councilmembers sound is “cleaning up” the town, figuratively and literally.

“We're starting to get it cleaned up

some,” she said, pointing to the recently painted town hall. “We got rid of the big drug house in town: Those people are gone, the house is cleaned up, and it's ready to be sold.”

Hamilton residents are stepping up to help each other and chart their course, said Vandiver, and they're not putting up with criminal activity. “When they see shenanigans, they're calling them out and running them out,” said Vandiver. “[Criminals] come out here because we don't have law enforcement, so it's the townspeople who step up and say we're not going to put up with this; you're not going to mill around at night when everyone's sleeping, pilfering our stuff.”

Vandiver said she's working to take advantage of the town's community spirit to help reclaim the town's reputation as a family-friendly, tight-knit village.

“We want to try to get more businesses in here, more people coming through too, people who want to live here,” she said. “There's a whole lot of nice people here. Everybody is friendly. They want to help; whether it's clearing property or whatever, everybody's starting to work together.”

Council turnover

Vandiver isn't the only new face at Hamilton Town Hall. During the November 2019 election and in the few months following, Hamilton residents and their town council cleaned house, electing and appointing new councilmembers till three out of five council seats had changed to reflect a different composition.

Position 1: Tim Morrison

Incumbent Timothy Morrison defeated Billy Fisher during the November general election, garnering 57 percent of the vote to Fisher's 43 percent.

Concrete Herald was unable to reach Morrison for this article.

Position 2: Travis Patrick

Travis Patrick defeated Theresa Boots during the November election, 55 percent to 45 percent. Both candidates bested incumbent Brian Kirkpatrick in the August primary election, with Boots getting 27 votes and Patrick getting 21 votes. Kirkpatrick got 17 votes, removing him from the general election ballot.

Concrete Herald was unable to reach Patrick for this article.

Position 3: Lisa Johnson

As the incumbent last November, Lisa Johnson defeated Dean Vandiver and

retained her seat. Johnson was first appointed to her seat in 2016, then was elected to retain her seat in 2017.



Lisa Johnson

Johnson views her position on the council as black and white, and doesn't mince words when it comes to why she's there and why the town's government was realigned by the voters, as well as by natural attrition.

“I represent the people. I speak for what the people want,” she said. “They tell me what they want, and it's my job to do it. I'm not a politician.”

The councilmember pointed out that Geoffrey Perkins and Scott Bates resigned for reasons that had nothing to do with public discontent: Perkins wanted to spend more time with his family, and Bates had taken over as chief for the volunteer fire department (the town prohibits that person holding both positions).

But on the mayoral vote, Johnson said “the issue was Forterra” and the proposal to expand the town to land north of SR 20.

“A lot of people didn't understand,” she said. “The town isn't moving; we're expanding our boundaries, because if we don't, sooner or later, this side of the town will be gone; the river will take it. People didn't understand that; they thought Joan (former mayor Cromley) was trying to move the entire town.”

Johnson is optimistic that the residents of Hamilton will be influential while the town plans its future.

“We have a lot of community involvement, and that's very important,” she said. “A lot of people know what they want the town to be like, and they have a voice. The challenge is the new mayor learning her role; it's not an easy thing to do.”

Position 4: Dean Vandiver

After his November setback, Vandiver applied for the position 4 seat previously held by Scott Bates, who resigned the seat prior to the council's Dec. 10 meeting. Vandiver was appointed to the position 4 seat during the Jan. 14 meeting.

A service tech for grocery store refrigeration, Vandiver attributed the council turnover to its residents' desire to rebuild its reputation.

“I feel the town has been basically neglected,” he said. “I've seen pictures and heard input from the residents—they'd like to see it go back to being a

place for families, where children can safely play in the streets.”

“I'd like to revitalize the town,” he continued. “I see so much that this town could do. There are so many things that we could look at to bring commerce to town. We have the property, but we have to clean it up.”

“We want to change our ‘draw’ to be more like Lyman. We want to upgrade our parks, go to clubs and ask, ‘What would you like to do?’ With the virus, those activities are gonna push out to July; that will make it a tougher sell, but it's still doable. Everyone's starting to pull together to clean up their properties. We all help each other; we're turning into a big family.”

Position 5: Alyssa Boots

A Hamilton native, Alyssa Boots was appointed to councilmember Geoffrey Perkins' position on March 10, after Perkins resigned. Active in the community, Boots is involved with the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Dept. and is working toward her EMT certificate.

Boots sums up her goal for the town with one word: unity. “It used to be based on families; you could trust people on the streets,” she said. “It was a safe town—now it's not. People have been pulling away from each other. We were unified before.”

Boots thinks the town government turnover hinged on another word: change. “A lot of people didn't agree with the former mayor. Carla has a lot more ideas about how to make the town united. People wanted change; they were tired of the same old same old. People want bigger ideas for the town.”

The future

Mayor Vandiver sees “only positive things” in Hamilton's future, where “more businesses want to come here, more income for the town, somehow. Ask me that question again in a year.”



Dean Vandiver



Alyssa Boots



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thrown dirt in his face and spit on him.

The suspect had armed herself with an ax and was still in the area. As Deputy Clark arrived, he observed a female driving toward him. The female waved him down.

The female, who was identified as the suspect, said that all she wanted was her dog. She said that she and her friend had driven up to get her dog and some other things when one of the victims came out with a gun, fired it into the ground, then pointed the gun at her before grabbing her by the throat and throwing her to the ground. When deputies contacted the victims, they said that they had both been asleep. The ex-boyfriend, who was sleeping in a tent, heard someone pulling off the tarp that covers the tent. When he got out of the tent, the suspect was screaming at him and threatening him.

The other victim came out of the cabin with a .22 rifle and shot it into a dirt-filled bucket on the porch. The victim then put the gun away. Both victims retreated into the cabin while the suspect found a pitchfork and started sticking it into the inside of the cabin. When the ex-boyfriend came out of the cabin, the suspect tried to stab him with the pitchfork. He took it away from her, at which time she backed up and fell over a log. Eventually she picked up an ax and started swinging it around. The victims had video of the suspect's actions. After investigating the incident, the suspect was arrested for criminal trespass. One of the victims was also referred for felon in possession of a firearm.

Washington State Patrol (WSP) requested a deputy contact one of their radio techs at the WSP radio repeater in Rockport. Someone had stolen diesel fuel from the repeater site. Deputy Moore watched the video of the suspect. A detective from WSP also responded, and the case was transferred to WSP for investigation.

Deputies received a report of two suspects in a white van cutting cedar illegally on Forest Service property on Diobsud Creek Rd. in Marblemount. USFS Officer Mahoney, USNP Ranger Grant, and Deputies Esskew and Passovoy responded and checked the area. They located a male and female in a white van in the area of the reported illegal cutting. The van had several chainsaws in it, along with other tools and artwork. The suspects claimed they were in the area to have a picnic and cook hotdogs. Officer Mahoney recognized one of the chainsaws as one of the saws that had

been stolen from the Birdview Ranger Station. Another chainsaw was identified as one stolen a few weeks earlier from a cabin on Diobsud Creek Rd. In addition, deputies were able to identify the tools and artwork in the van as stolen property from a residence on Hwy 530 in Rockport. The suspects were arrested for possession of stolen property and taken to jail.

April 14

Skagit County Sheriff's Office, along with an USFS officer, served a search warrant at a residence on C St. in Concrete for stolen property related to numerous burglaries. Deputies located stolen property from at least four different burglaries. The suspects had been contacted over the weekend by Deputies Esskew and Passovoy in Marblemount with a large quantity of stolen property. Both suspects were booked into jail at that time. More charges are pending.

April 17

Birdview Brewery called to report someone had stolen their security camera. The camera was reported to be an Xmarto, Model #WB2056. Deputy Clark will investigate.

April 18

Mount Vernon Police Department requested that a deputy check Gordon Rd. for a stolen semi truck and trailer. Deputy Clark checked the area, but did not locate the truck. While searching the general area, he located the semi truck parked in front of Albert's Red Apple Market, in Grasmere. A male was standing next to the truck. When asked his name, the subject gave Deputy Clark a false name. After being asked again, he admitted to Deputy Clark who he actually was and admitted that he knew the truck was stolen. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to jail.

April 19

A wayward dog was reported to be breaking into yards in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove, causing general chaos. Deputy Passovoy contacted the reporting party, who told Deputy Passovoy that the dog was locked in her shed. They were able to get a leash on the dog, only to have it get free. It then ran and hid in several locations until the reporting party was able to pick it up and take it out to the road, where it was released and last seen heading down the road. At this time the owner is unknown. Deputy Passovoy told the reporting party to call back if the dog returned.

April 19

A mother called to report that about 20 minutes before calling Dispatch, her teenage son had been at Silo Park in

Concrete when an older male in a white sport utility vehicle offered money to her son for sex. She told Dispatch that the suspect indicated that he knew where her son lived. The reporting party told dispatch that she could no longer see the vehicle at the park, but thought that the cameras on the fire department building may have caught the incident on video. The next morning the reporting party called back to advise that the vehicle had returned to the park. She confronted the suspect, who left, traveling east on Main St. Deputy Moore responded and checked the area from Silo Park to SR 20 east of town, but was unable to locate the vehicle. Sgt. Dills, who was monitoring calls, saw the call and assigned Deputies Mueller and Case to investigate. A while later the reporting party called and advised that she had received information that the suspect vehicle may have been seen on North Wilde Rd. Deputies Case and Mueller located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle on North Wilde Rd. They contacted the owner, an older male, who admitted to being at Silo Park on both dates. The suspect admitted that he had contacted the teenaged male and talked about various things, including cars and jobs. He denied ever speaking to the teenager about anything sexual. Deputies checked the suspect's vehicle, observing a mattress in the back, along with other suspicious items. The suspect told deputies that he put the mattress and other items in the back because he goes camping a lot and sleeps in the vehicle. After talking to the suspect, deputies recontacted the reporting party and the victim. They were able to provide a written statement on the earlier events. The case was assigned to Detective Vanholsbeck for review and charges, along with any further investigation that may be required.

April 20
Deputy Mullen investigated a fraud complaint that occurred at Best Buy in Tacoma. The victim said that she had found a fraudulent charge on her credit card for more than \$350 at the Best Buy in Tacoma. She called and talked to Best Buy, who told her that someone had ordered an item online and picked it up at the store. The person who picked it up gave the name of Henry Smith. Deputy Mullen attempted to call Best Buy, but was put on hold and was unable to contact the store. He will investigate further. The victim in a theft that occurred in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove called to advise that he was waiting outside his neighbor's property.

He believed the neighbor was the suspect in the theft of a go cart. Deputy Mueller responded and contacted the property owner. He advised that he knew nothing about a go cart being stolen, but told Deputy Mueller that he did have people living behind his house who may know something. Deputy Mueller contacted those people, but they also denied knowing about a go cart. He was allowed to search the property and located a go cart, but not the one that had been stolen. The victim later filled out a report and filed it with the Sheriff's Office.

Around 8:30 p.m., Deputy Wiggins was patrolling the area known locally as "Devil's Tower" on the Baker River Rd. This is the old Lone Star limestone quarry located at Lake Shannon. He located vehicles parked at the gate. As he was walking into the area, he found four subjects who were trespassing. He walked the subjects back to their car, and they advised Deputy Wiggins there were two more subjects still in the quarry. Deputy Wiggins went back up to the quarry and after searching for a while, located one of the subjects. The subject said he had been looking for his friend, but couldn't find him. He was told to go wait with the others. Deputy Wiggins continued to look for the other trespasser. He yelled for the suspect to come out and contact him, and identified himself as a deputy. He also yelled and told the suspect that he was trespassing on private property. There was no response. Finally, Deputy Wiggins heard some noise coming from the old buildings located on the property. He searched the buildings, but didn't find the suspect. Deputy Wiggins then went back and contacted the other five suspects. After speaking with them, he went back into the quarry to see if he could find the last suspect. As he was rechecking the buildings, he heard someone making strange bird noises as if the person was trying to secretly communicate with someone. Deputy Wiggins still could not find the suspect, so he decided to leave. As he was walking back to the gate, he located the last suspect hiding near an old shed. The suspect denied hiding from Deputy Wiggins and trying to flee from him. All six suspects were cited for trespassing and released.

An anonymous caller advised that there was loud music blasting from the Lyman Tavern and a bunch of people inside. Deputy Wiggins arrived at the tavern to find that there was no music playing and the doors were locked. Later, the owner

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called and told Deputy Wiggins that they were not open, but they were renovating the tavern during the shutdown.

Dispatch received a fraud complaint in the 31000 block of West Main St. in Lyman. Deputy Gonzales contacted the caller. She said she works at a church in Mount Vernon, and had received an e-mail from someone who she thought was her pastor. He requested that she discreetly purchase some Amazon Gift cards so he could reward some of the people who work at the church. He asked her to e-mail him the account numbers when she bought the cards. She purchased the gift cards, but became suspicious since the e-mail wasn't one that is normally used by the church, and she did not feel comfortable sending the card numbers electronically. Deputy Gonzales tried to trace the e-mail address but was unsuccessful. He contacted the church to see if they had an information technology person so they could check to see if their account had been hacked. The reporting party said that whoever sent the fraudulent e-mail to her knew a lot of names from the church.

April 21

Lake Tyee called to report that a male and female were tailgating vehicles into the park so they could get through the gate. Neither of the suspects had a security key to enter the property. Deputy Arndt contacted the manager, who directed him to the property where the two were staying. The property owner was contacted and told Deputy Arndt that she was in the process of selling the property to the two suspects, but had not given them permission to stay on the property. She advised that she didn't want to pursue any criminal charges since the couple was buying the property. While investigating, Deputy Arndt discovered that the male suspect had a warrant out of Bellingham. The suspect had fled and was not at the property. Later, a citizen called to report that the suspect had returned, riding a white motorcycle, which he had stashed in the woods then walked onto the Lake Tyee property. Deputy Arndt checked the area, but did not locate the motorcycle or suspect. He advised the caller to call back if the suspect returned.

April 22

A man called from the Lyman Mercantile to report that someone had been shot on Cockreham Island Rd. east of Lyman. Deputy Wiggins, who was on Cockreham Island at the time, checked and was unable to locate anyone. Deputies

contacted the reporting party, who had returned to the Mercantile acting strangely and yelling. It was discovered that the subject was having mental issues. He was taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

April 23

Deputies were dispatched to the Hamilton First Baptist Church for a burglary in progress. There was a male on site who was seen going into the residence located on the property. Deputy Grant located a male suspect on the property. The male suspect told Deputy Grant it was his house. He said his aunt was inside, possibly sleeping. He said he was outside waiting on the rest of his family. When the reporting party arrived, he confirmed that the suspect did not live at the residence. When the reporting party and pastor checked the property, they found the kitchen stove turned on high and blankets, which indicated the suspect had spent the night. When he was interviewed, the suspect told Deputy Grant that he had been acting as a medium between worlds and had been visiting his mother at the cemetery in Oak Harbor when she told him to go to this house to meet his aunt. The suspect admitted having not taken his medication and agreed to go to the hospital to be evaluated.

April 24

An employee of Logger's Landing in Concrete called to report that a female had stolen a pack of batteries from the store and that they wanted the suspect trespassing. Shortly afterward the employee called back and told Deputy Brannon that after watching the video, they determined that the female had returned the batteries to the shelf. They requested to cancel the call.

A citizen called to report that two of her vehicles were stolen overnight from her residence on Grassmere Rd. near Concrete. The vehicles—a black Hyundai Elantra and a green Toyota Tacoma pickup—had been parked in her driveway. She said she had gone to bed around 2 a.m., and when her son went to work at 4 a.m., he noticed the vehicles were gone. Deputy Clark filled out a stolen vehicle report on both vehicles and entered them into the state criminal computer. A short time after clearing the call, the victim called Deputy Clark to advise

that her friend had seen the black car on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. near the 50000 block. Deputy Clark found the vehicle sitting on the side of the road, with no apparent damage to the car. Later that day, Arlington Police Dept. called to advise they had recovered the truck in Arlington. Both vehicles were towed and the owner advised. At this time there are no suspects.

April 25

At approximately noon, Deputies Clark and Murdock were dispatched to the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove for a report of a domestic disturbance. It was reported that a male suspect was trying to run over his cousin, who was calling in the complaint. While responding, the caller said that her cousin had since left and was going to pick up the victim, his girlfriend, who had gone to a neighbor's house after being assaulted by the suspect. When deputies arrived in the area, they observed the suspect driving south on Cedar Grove Ave. near Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. They stopped the suspect, who got out of the car and began running toward the deputies. He was frantic and very agitated. The suspect told deputies that nothing had happened, that he was just having an argument with his girlfriend and said he did not try to hit anyone with the car; he was just leaving the residence. The suspect said that his cousin—the original caller—had stood behind him, attempting to keep him from leaving. He had put the car into reverse and slowly backed up. He said she eventually moved out of the way and he didn't think he had struck her with the car. Deputy Clark spoke to the girlfriend of the suspect, who was in the car. She told him that she went into town with her boyfriend's cousin, the original caller. She said when they returned to the residence, the suspect was very upset and started throwing her possessions out of the car. She said when she got into the passenger seat to gather some of her things, the suspect began punching her head and face. She said the suspect was hitting her with a closed fist and struck her numerous times. The victim had bruises and scratches on her forehead and neck. Deputies recontacted the suspect, and told him he was under arrest. The suspect turned and started to run from the deputies. As he was running,

he slipped and fell because he was wearing no shoes at the time. Deputies Clark and Murdock jumped on the suspect and placed him in handcuffs. He was arrested by the deputies and transported to jail, where he was charged with assault and obstructing.

An assault in Lyman near the 8100 block of Lyman Ave. was reported to Deputies Esskew and Eichman. The reporting party called to say that his neighbor had come over and assaulted him because he was playing his music too loud. The neighbor called in a short time later and advised that he had gone over to his neighbor's residence to tell him to turn down the music, when his neighbor took a pipe and tried to hit him. By the time deputies arrived, both parties decided that they didn't want to pursue charges. No action was taken by the Sheriff's Office.

April 26

Deputy Clark was dispatched to a residence on Trust Hill Lane in Rockport. The caller advised that three to four people were trying to break into his house. He had seen them on a camera and thought they were hiding in the woods. When Deputy Clark arrived, he was shown a video of a person seen walking across the area the camera was monitoring. He searched the wooded area and around the house, but did not locate anyone. The reporting party said he would call back if they returned.

A female called to advise that she had been assaulted by her boyfriend. She advised dispatch that she was hiding in the closet to avoid him. When Deputy Brannon arrived, the female came out of the house crying and saying she thought that her finger was broken. She told Deputy Brannon that her boyfriend had assaulted her by punching and hitting her. She had a black eye starting to show. The boyfriend said that his girlfriend had arrived home late and when she walked in, she started to hit him. So he pushed her onto the couch, then left. He was unable to explain how she got the black eye. After discussing the incident with Deputy Rogers, it was decided that boyfriend would be arrested for assault. He was taken to jail and booked.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams





Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

This pair of photographs show the Old School of Clear Lake and the current Clear Lake Elementary School. The old photo is circa early 1900s of the third school built in 1899, at the same site as the current school (where the parking lot is now). The first school for District No. 33 (Clear Lake) was built of split boards in 1889. It later burned. The second school was built on an unknown date to replace the first one. You can see part of it to the left and rear of the third school.

School District No. 33 was formed the same year the third schoolhouse was built. J. C. Beasley, John Isaacson, and F. M. West were the first school board members, and their clerk was G. W. Phelps. The current school was built in 1966. The building it replaced was built in 1912 (not pictured here), and the lumber was donated by the Clear Lake Lumber Co. There has been a school here for 125 years. *Photos courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

—Deanna Ammons, historian
Clear Lake and Day Creek

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Community Calendar



MAY

- 5 State recreation lands re-open for day-use only; see article, p. 23
- 9 Popcorn Parade, Concrete Theatre (line up on Main Street and please stay in your car), 7 to 8 p.m.
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 Studded tire removal deadline; see article, p. 19
- 23 Concrete Saturday Market opens, Concrete Community Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., drive-in/farmers-only market; see notice, p. 6; info at concretesaturdaymarket.com
- 25 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 21 Father's Day

JULY

- 10–12 Concrete Old-Fashioned Fly-In — **CANCELED THIS YEAR** because of Gov. Inslee's Stay at Home order
- 17 Concrete Youth Activity Day, Concrete; specific location TBD

AUGUST

- 2 Salmon Bar-B-Que, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, noon to 5 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 13–16 Skagit County Fair
- 22–23 Cascade Days

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

Testing, cont. from p. 7

People with severe symptoms, such as high fever or shortness of breath, should seek care from their healthcare provider or respiratory clinic. No medical evaluations are available on site.

People should bring photo ID, their insurance information, and their registration number to the testing site, and follow signs and flaggers to proceed through the testing stations. Individuals will self-swab their nose and provide swabs to testing personnel for transport to local laboratories.

Test results are expected within 24 to 72 hours. Residents with negative test results will get a text message or phone call from Skagit County Public Health. Health staff will call residents who receive positive test result to provide more information about self-isolation and quarantine of close contacts.

“This is an amazingly stressful time, affecting more than just our SVC community,” said Skagit Valley College President Tom Keegan. “The college is always willing to partner on behalf of the

community, and we're pleased to respond to Skagit County's need for a drive-through testing location. It's important that we work together to take care of our own health, take care of our loved ones, and take care of our community.”

“Widespread testing like this is a critical part of reopening our county,” Johnson said. “As we're able to go back out in our community, it's crucial that we can quickly identify potential exposures and get those people into isolation or quarantine. The more people we can test, the safer their interactions may be.”

NW Laboratory in Bellingham and the Washington State Public Health Lab provided testing supplies for the drive-through site. NW Pathology will collect and bill patients' insurance.

For more information about drive-through testing, including frequently asked questions and images of what to expect at the testing site, go to www.skagitcounty.net/departments/healthdiseases/coronavirusdriveup.htm.

—Skagit County Public Health

Community meetings

Cascade Days planning meetings are held the third Mon. of every month, at the pilots lounge, Mears Field, 7879 S. Superior Ave., Concrete, at 6 p.m. Meetings are not mandatory for volunteers. Info at pr@cascadedays.com.

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

Coffee Talk with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller meets the third Friday 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 2 p.m., in the conference room of the East County Resource Center. 360.853.8347.

Concrete Chamber of Commerce meets the second Thur. of each month at 11:30 a.m. Meetings are held at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere Village. 360.466.8754 or concretechamber@mac.com.

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 Heritage Museum Board meets the third Wed. of each month, at 6 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or www.concreteheritagemuseum.org.

Concrete Lions Club meets the first and third Wed. of each month, at Annie's Pizza Station, Concrete. Social at 6 p.m.; meeting at 6:30. —**Concrete Resource Coalition** meets the third Thur. of each month, at 2 p.m., in the Concrete High School library.

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a workshop on May 26 at 6 p.m., in room 111 of the administration bldg. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on May 28 at 6 p.m. in the same location. 360.853.4000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marblemount Community Hall board meets the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2323.

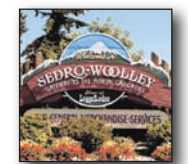
Sedro-Woolley Town Council meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Metcalf St. 360.855.1661.

Sedro-Woolley School District Board: Meets for a regular meeting via Zoom on May 11 at 5 p.m. A second regular meeting via Zoom is scheduled for May 27 at 5 p.m. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

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

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Sedro-Woolley



Janicki engages locally during pandemic

Janicki Industries of Sedro-Woolley found ways last month to work around the challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus—and meet them head-on.

Eddyline Kayaks

Longtime Janicki customer Eddyline Kayaks was forced to reduce its core business activities because of the COVID-19 crisis, which came at the worst time for the Burlington-based seasonal kayak manufacturer. Eddyline was faced with the prospect of temporary layoffs.

Eddyline Vice President for Industrial Markets Andy Bridge hatched an idea with Eddyline President Scott Holley for Janicki to contract with Eddyline for its technicians, thus keeping them on the Eddyline payroll through the crisis.

Janicki needed extra help at the time because several employees had been absent because of strict health monitoring.

Nine Eddyline employees are now assisting Janicki's essential work efforts with enhanced safety protocols, and Eddyline was able to qualify for small business loans that are contingent on maintaining employees on payroll.

"This arrangement is a triple win for everyone, and we are thrilled to help a long-time customer" said Andy Bridge with Janicki Industries.

"Janicki Industries has been Eddyline's most critical and long-standing partner," said Holley. "Janicki helped Eddyline to become the first company to create a mold using computer numerical control, and helped Eddyline to be the first in thermoforming for a kayak manufacturer. We can't thank the entire Janicki team enough for being willing to think outside the box to come up with this mutually beneficial partnership."

Patient treatment booth

Can a COVID-19 patient treatment booth be designed and built in 10 days? Janicki regularly designs and builds some of the country's largest carbon-fiber

aerospace parts and production tools, with most projects lasting 3 to 9 months.

But when the COVID-19 crisis hit, local hospitals asked if Janicki could build an isolation booth for patients who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Time was of the essence: They wanted it in only 10 days.

Dr. Connie Davis at Skagit Regional Health Clinic in Mount Vernon needed to better isolate COVID-19 patients from hospital workers during oxygen-nebulizer treatments. The request and draft drawing were received on April 9.

Janicki Industrial Markets Vice President Andy Bridge set up a design contest for his engineering team. The deadline for a viable design was April 12. Designers brainstormed a booth design that could be used in the hospitals.

There were many human-factor requirements and constraints that were new to the Janicki team. On April 13, Janicki announced that Janicki Program Manager Bryan Harris had won the design contest with a 4-foot by 4-foot booth that was 8 feet tall, with walls made of clear polycarbonate. Transparent walls are an important factor for patient comfort and monitoring by healthcare workers. Harris' design included a door sized for wheelchairs and a 110 cubic-feet-per-minute ceiling fan with a 0.3-micron HEPA filtration system, which creates a slight vacuum in the booth. The vacuum prevents air from escaping and possibly carrying the COVID-19 virus from patients being treated in the booth.

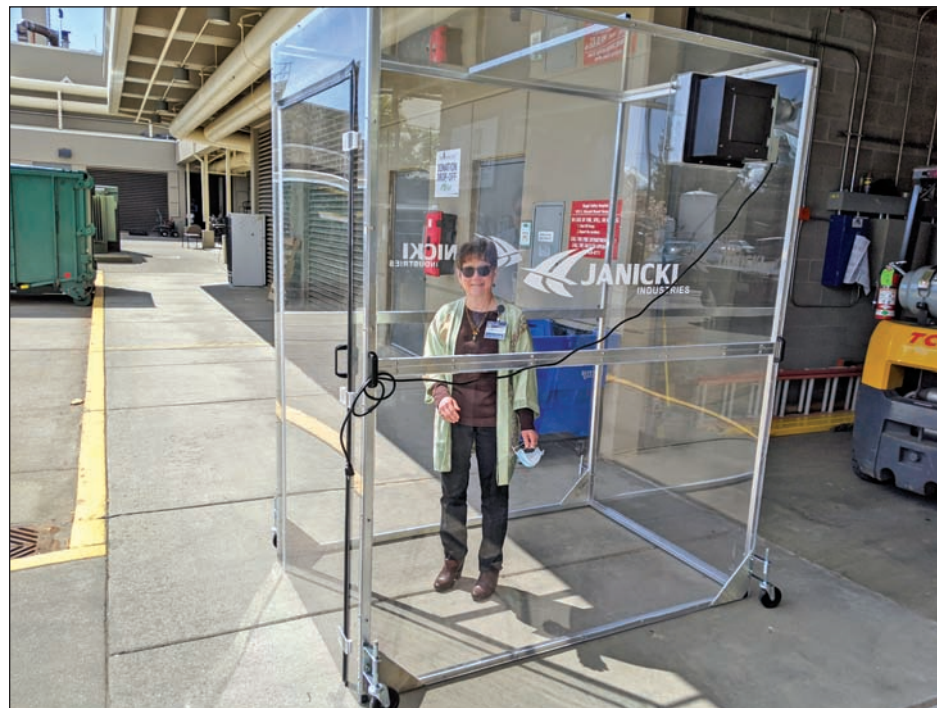
Supplies were purchased and manufacturing began. Eric Schultz and Mary Price assisted with the final assembly. The booth was completed and delivered one week later. The full process of designing and building the booth took nine days, with delivery on April 21.

Janicki Industries fabricated a second unit for PeaceHealth United General Medical Center in Sedro-Woolley.

—Steven Lynn, Janicki Industries



Janicki Industries collaborated with Eddyline Kayaks in Burlington to keep nine Eddyline employees working during the pandemic crisis. From left, Nick Lavacca and Daniel Heidt from Janicki, and Daniel Milas and Riley Burnham from Eddyline. Submitted photo.



Dr. Connie Davis from Skagit Regional Health Clinic in Mount Vernon paused for a photo inside a treatment booth designed and built by Janicki Industries. A high-speed design contest at Janicki yielded the treatment booth for COVID-19 patients in local hospitals. The project sped from design to completion in only 10 days. The booths are currently in use at Skagit Regional Health centers and PeaceHealth United General Medical Center. Submitted photo.

Quilters continue mask construction

Local quilters continue to provide cloth face masks to local clinics, organizations, and businesses where individuals are at high risk of COVID-19 exposure.

"We are focusing on the most vulnerable in our community and have also received requests for masks from businesses trying to conserve their supply of N-95 masks," said Judy Johnson, coordinator for distribution.

Woolley Fiber Quilters, Quilters by the River, Bethlehem Lutheran Church quilters, and individual contributors have been sewing cloth face masks since mid-March.

"We have distributed about 2,500 masks as a group," said Johnson, "and individual quilters have made and distributed well over 500 masks to family, friends, and

other organizations, such as American Hero Quilts."

A sample of recipients includes Meals on Wheels drivers, Boys and Girls Club staff, Developmentally Disabled Adult workshops and living communities, Helping Hands Food Bank employees with National Guard deployment, memory care facilities, Country Meadow Village residents, and Family Promise.

Cash donations cover the outlay of expenses, but quilters provide the fabric from their own "stash." Called to action, "quilters have been training for this our whole lives," said Johnson, "and it's a privilege to help our community stay safe."

—Submitted by Woolley Fiber Quilters

New student online enrollment available

Sedro-Woolley School District now has an online option for all new families registering in the district, as well as families who already have students attending and who want to register a new student.

The option will provide families the convenience of initiating the enrollment process of their student from any computer, at any time.

The district has developed a Parent Tutorial Guide that takes families through the steps of New Student Online Registration.

The district Web site also has a Student Enrollment tab families can click for more information.

Families unsure about which school their child will attend should call the Transportation Department at 360.855.3504 or the District Office 360.855.3500. Those calling after hours should leave a message, including a residential address, so staff can provide the requested information when they return the call.

All families completing the online enrollment process will be asked to provide several documents as part of the application. Families who do not have

access to a scanner can use their cell phone's camera to take photos of the required documents. Please try to make sure the text is in focus and that all of the information is within the frame.

Families not residing within district boundaries must also complete the Choice Transfer process. Families may register using the online process; however, final acceptance will be determined through the regular process.

Most building secretaries are available to answer questions during regular business hours. If there is no answer, leave a message and they will return calls as soon as they are able.

- Big Lake: 360.855.3525
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- Evergreen: 360.855.3545
- Lyman: 360.855.3535
- Mary Purcell: 360.855.3555
- Samish: 360.855.3540
- Cascade Middle School: 360.855.3520
- Sedro-Woolley High School 360.855.3510
- State Street High School: 360.855.3550
- Good Beginnings: 360.855.3868
- District Office: 360.855.3500

—Ruth Richardson

Sedro-Woolley schools receive state recognition

Lyman Elementary School and Sedro-Woolley High School were recognized by the state in April for showing tremendous growth by the State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

"Lyman Elementary and Sedro-Woolley High School have great staff and students," said Phil Brockman, Sedro-Woolley superintendent. "The recognition of student academic growth is confirmation of students taking ownership of their learning and staff dedication to ensure students are achieving at high levels."

The state recently changed the recognition system to highlight schools that have received support and are thriving, and highlight positive systems changes happening all over the state.

Based on the Washington School Improvement Framework, schools are recognized more equitably for closing gaps, growth, and achievement. The framework considers multiple measures, including growth, achievement, and student success indicators like attendance and completion of dual credit coursework. This year, 391 schools are being recognized based on data from the 2018–19 school year.

"Right now, the whole world is understanding the significance of our public schools," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal. "Public education provides each student with an opportunity for success; it's the foundation of our democracy and our society. Next week, we are honoring our educators who are committed to continually improving outcomes for their students. Thank you all for your amazing work."

Both schools receive a banner for display.

Other schools in Skagit County were also recognized, including Mount Erie Elementary School in the Anacortes School District and La Conner Elementary School in the La Conner School District.

—Ruth Richardson

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Lyman



Town Hall remains closed to walk-in visits

Lyman Town Hall remains closed to the public during the COVID-19 Stay at Home order, which Gov. Inslee has extended through May 31.

Water bills may be paid over the phone or left in the drop box (black box by front door). Town Clerk Debbie Boyd is there Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to answer phone calls. Appointments with Clerk Boyd may be made for in-person issues, such as notary services. The phone number is 360.826.3033.

Lyman Town Council canceled its April meeting, said Mayor Eddie Hills. "We'll do some type of conference call meeting in May," he said, although the specific date has not yet been determined.

Lyman Town Library will continue to

be closed during the Stay at Home order. Library organizer Elaine Kohler said she wants herself and the volunteers to remain safe and obey the orders. When and if the library will open again will be determined once the Stay at Home order has been lifted.

Any breaking news pertaining to the library will be shared on the library and town's Facebook pages and in the town newsletter.

Continue to stay safe and healthy. In order for the library to remain open once the Stay at Home order has been lifted, Kohler will need volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is encouraged to call Kohler at 360.826.3929.

—Tammie Werner

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spread to just under one additional individual. While that shows social distancing is helping slow the spread, the governor said medical experts warn there is high risk that infection rates could increase again if we modify restrictions too soon.

- Ability to test: To accurately determine the rate of infection, the state needs to significantly increase testing. While the state now has the lab capacity to test large numbers of people, it does not yet have enough testing materials, including swabs and viral transmission medium, to get the samples to the labs. The state is pursuing options to get more testing materials from the federal government and other sources soon.
- Contact tracing: Once the rate of infection is low and testing capacity is in place, the state needs the ability to reach people who come in contact

with someone who is infected to make sure they and their families are isolated. Currently that is the only way to ensure the virus does not spread out of control. The state is creating a contact tracing workforce of 1,500 people, primarily from the Washington State National Guard, local health departments, and the state Department of Health.

"Not one of these metrics is dispositive," the governor said. "You have to consider all of these factors together and when they reach the point where we're highly confident that we can reopen our society, then we will make a decision to do that."

Letters, cont. from p. 2

resources available to deal with the loss of his roof. It came to our attention the following day that this man had remained in his residence with only one room remaining somewhat dry—and rain in the forecast. A few phone calls later, a volunteer from the C4 Cowboy Church installed a donated tarp. It was discovered at that time that this residence had no heat and was not very habitable.

We began to try to find someone to help the homeowner figure out a way to remain in his home. We reached out to a couple businesses to see what we could put together, and then we discussed the matter with Senator Keith Wagoner. Sen. Wagoner put out a post on his Facebook mentioning a community member in need of help. One of our local emergency services volunteers, along with two local roofing contractors, reached out within a couple hours on the project. A lot of phone calls later and some leg work, and we are proud to say that the home now has a new roof, new heating source, and an incredibly happy homeowner (all within eight days).

We would like to recognize the companies and individuals who donated to this project. In the end there was no cost to the homeowner for this project; it was simply a need within our community and these local businesses and individuals stepped up willingly to help:

Senator Keith Wagoner, Skagit Roofing, Peaks Roofing, CB Wholesale, The Home Depot, Mount Vernon Building Center, E&E Lumber, Frontier Industries (Sedro-Woolley), Craft Stove, C4 Cowboy Church, Heritage Ranch, Have Water Will Travel, Emergency Coordination Volunteers like Sally, and the local fire department.

These businesses donated labor (wages) and materials, and did this without reimbursement.

If you're planning a project and need to hire out, please consider these people for their integrity and fine work, and the fact that they are here for our community when in need.

Jonathan LaCount
Sedro-Woolley

What a Time to Be Alive

In these challenging times, we can find peace in nature. Earth has been reaping the benefits of our staying at home and driving less; many cities are experiencing dramatically less air pollution.

There are many lessons to be learned here. We are capable of reducing

emissions; living simpler, slower lives; and connecting with the natural world. Instead of going to the mall, for instance, we can walk around our neighborhood, admire spring flowers, and listen to birdsong. Looking forward, electrifying both personal and mass transportation will yield similar pollution reduction benefits.

It's also a good time to support local small businesses and farms in safe ways. Many offer remote services or product delivery.

Our world may feel smaller right now, and that can be a good thing.

If we take climate change as seriously as we're taking COVID-19, our planet will heal swiftly and significantly. We don't have to relinquish all our modern comforts and conveniences to see profound results. Transitioning from gas-powered to electric vehicles, coupled with more public transit, will maintain our newfound cleaner skies.

Let's embrace this ripe opportunity to support the health of each other and our planet, by living simply. Hidden joys may be revealed.

Rebecca Canright
Rockport

Hamilton

Well our first quarter went by with little distinguish between the old and new administration. And it's obvious that it's a counsel run town and a weak mayor with Carla Vandiver as the figure head.

Many attended the first second meeting as the participants thin out like myself include in the future and the voters see no change at all still just a trashy dirty town with garbage piled up. We have been told that letters have been sent out for violations which should be public disclosure on a website that we should have access to, Hamilton still back in the 50's with no resources.

With people getting disgusted and demanding a marshal at the council meetings to clean up the town and write tickets.

Renee Barley
Hamilton

Studded tire removal deadline further extended to May 15

The arrival of spring typically means drivers in Washington have until March 31 to remove studded tires.

This year, however, WSDOT has further extended the deadline to Friday, May 15, because of COVID-19 virus concerns and Gov. Jay Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order to help reduce the spread of the virus by limiting social interactions. This extends the previous April 30 deadline.

"Washington is experiencing some extraordinary challenges with COVID-19 right now and we recognize this is not a time for 'business as usual,'" said WSDOT Maintenance Operations Branch Manager James Morin. "People are dealing with a lot of concerns. This further extension means getting tires changed by the end of April doesn't need to be one of them."

Studded tires are legal in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31. State law gives WSDOT authority to extend the deadline when circumstances call for it, most commonly when a forecast indicates widespread snow and ice. With most residents asked to stay home through May 4, removing studded tires before the previous deadline could be difficult for some.

Because the COVID-19 event is rapidly changing, WSDOT will re-evaluate the situation near the end of the new extension

period. If no new extensions are granted at that time, the May 15 deadline means that starting at midnight on Sat., May 16, drivers with studded tires face a \$136 fine.

WSDOT encourages drivers to remove studded tires prior to the deadline, if possible. Studded tires damage pavement, so removing them promptly after winter has passed helps preserve state roadways. Tire removal services can get crowded near the removal deadline, so please plan accordingly.

Crews continue to monitor roads, passes and forecasts, and work to quickly clear any late season snow or ice. Travelers are always advised to "know before you go" by checking road conditions before heading out and staying up to date on changes by using WSDOT's social media and e-mail alert tools, or calling the 5-1-1 road conditions report.

Other states may have different studded tire removal dates, but the Washington law applies to all drivers in the state, even visitors. No personal exemptions or waivers are issued.

At press time, WSDOT had not provided a response to Gov. Inslee's further extension of his order through May 31. More information about studded tire regulations in Washington is available at <https://www.wsp.wa.gov/driver/vehicle-equipment-requirements/>.

—WSDOT, J. K. M.

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April in pictures



Above: Eight members of the National Guard showed up in Concrete Town Center in April to help the Concrete Food Bank distribute food to drive-up customers every Tuesday. Food bank volunteers prepped the boxes of food, and Guard members placed them the cars. "They have given us old folks a real break!" said volunteer Maureen Ford. Photos by Maureen Ford.



Concrete Theatre owner Val Stafford serves fresh popcorn to Tom Jones during the April 25 "Popcorn Parade" held in Concrete Town Center in response to the pandemic shutdown. The rules were simple: Stay in your car, turn on your lights and honk your horn, and pony up \$5 for a large tub of popcorn with real butter and other topping(s) of your choice. People arrived early to the 7 p.m. event, and by 7:05 the line of cars had backed up past 5b's Bakery. Stafford and her husband and business partner Fred West donated the proceeds—\$1,517—to the East County Resource Center. Stafford said the event brought out the best in people, noting that local Sharon Riels, Resource Center Dir. Claudia Marken, and SCSO Deputy Terry Esskew stepped up to help serve and manage the event, which moved 175 tubs of popcorn and 14 lbs. of butter. "We apologize to all of you who went home with greasy steering wheels," joked Stafford in a Facebook post. This month's Popcorn Parade is slated for May 9, from 7 to 8 p.m.



Left: Longtime Rockport resident Christie Fairchild snapped this photo of the "Rockport herd" of elk on the evening of April 29. The herd was photographed munching on the saplings planted in their pasture, referred to locally as Pickle Field, because it was the original site for growing Cascadian Farm's pickling cucumber crops of the 1970s–80s, as well as their now-famous logo (painted by Don Smith) on all their jars. Not all of the 53 elk are shown. "This is the herd that WDFW says doesn't exist," said Fairchild with a wink and a nod. The field is immediately south and east of the Rockport bridge on SR 530. Photo by Christie Fairchild.

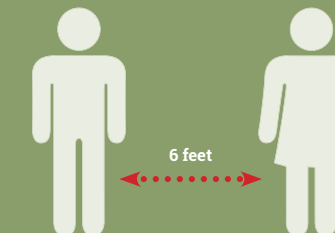
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From garden to bouquet: Growing your own cut flowers

By Melinda Myers

Keep your flower vases filled all summer long with beautiful blossoms picked right from your own garden and containers. Growing seeds, plants, and tender bulbs that can double as cut flowers makes it easy to create casual, fresh-cut bouquets for your dinner table, guest room, or to share with family and friends.

For early spring flowers, look to spring-blooming bulbs like tulips and daffodils, and cool-weather annuals like pansies and snapdragons. Clipping branches from trees and shrubs such as forsythia, quince, and daphne is another good way to bring spring into your home. Your perennial garden can provide bleeding heart, iris, hellebores, peonies, and much more.

If the selection in your own spring garden is limited, strike up a trade with a friend. Pick some of theirs in the spring and share some of yours in the summer. Then make a note to add more spring-blooming bulbs and perennials to your landscape.

Gladiolas and dahlias add pizzazz to summer and fall bouquets. These spring-planted bulbs combine nicely with other all summer flowers and they continue to bloom well after other flowers have faded in the heat of late summer. Get some free

help planning your additions with the “How to Design a Cutting Garden” article found at longfield-gardens.com.

The flower-packed spikes of gladiolas are available in a rainbow of colors that will inspire your creativity. These inexpensive bulbs are easy to plant and take up very little space. Pop them into containers, flowerbeds, or even your vegetable garden. Start planting in mid-spring and continue every two weeks until midsummer for months of colorful flower spikes.

With dahlias you can choose from dozens of different flower sizes, flower styles, and colors. For easy, eye-catching bouquets, plant a color-themed blend such as the Sugar Plum Mix from Longfield Gardens. Another option is to select colors that will harmonize with flowers that are already in your gardens, such as phlox, sunflowers, asters, and lilies.

Hybrid lilies are perennial garden favorites, as well as fabulous cut flowers. Plant the bulbs of Asiatic lilies, Oriental lilies, and Oriental-trumpet lilies in spring for color and fragrance that lasts all summer long. To ensure months of flowers, be sure to plant a few bulbs of each type of lily.

Annuals play an essential role in any cut flower garden. Extend your budget by starting zinnias, sunflowers, larkspur, and cosmos from seed, and supplement with greenhouse-grown transplants of snapdragons, celosia, amaranth, and statice.

Foliage can elevate an ordinary homegrown bouquet from good to great, and your garden can provide all sorts of interesting options. Incorporate the leaves of perennials such as hosta, baptisia, artemisia, and sage, as well as flower farmer favorites such as bells of Ireland, bupleurum, and dusty miller. Shrubs such as ninebark, boxwood, viburnum, and holly are another source of attractive foliage and some offer colorful berries as well.

Cutting and arranging flowers is a fun way to exercise your creativity and bring the beauty of your garden indoors. The more you do it, the easier it gets, and you'll soon be sharing your flowers with friends, neighbors, family, coworkers, and everyone who stops by.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to



The Sugar Plum Mix of dahlias offers hues of honey gold, burnt orange, and violet-mauve, providing a colorful, contemporary blend of dahlias late summer. *Photo courtesy of Longfield Gardens.*

Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

State recreation lands reopen May 5 for local day-use only

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks) on April 27 announced they will reopen state-managed lands on Tue., May 5, for local day-use only recreation.

Responsible Recreation Guide

The reopening will apply to state-managed parks, wildlife areas, recreation land, and boat launches, but it may take several days for gates to be unlocked and sites to be serviced at remote areas.

Some parks may not open immediately because of impacts on rural communities and the potential for crowding. State Parks is working with local communities and its partners to determine the best approach and timing to reopening these areas.

Visitor centers, camping, and other overnight accommodations on state-managed lands will remain closed until further notice.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also plans to reopen its recreation lands on May 5 for day use.

For more information on DNR’s operations, go to dnr.wa.gov/open.

State land managers recommend people come prepared and bring their own handwashing supplies, toilet paper, and personal protective equipment, as some sites will have reduced or limited restroom facilities. People should also be prepared to change plans if their destination appears crowded or is not yet fully operational.

If sites become overcrowded or other COVID-19-related public safety concerns develop, state agencies may close areas with limited notice to further protect public health and safety.

The public can find the latest information about WDFW and Parks operations at:

- WDFW: wa.gov/about/covid-19-updates
- Parks: parks.state.wa.us/COVID19

Before you go

- Check what’s open. While many state-managed land destinations are open for day use, other local, tribal, and federal land may still be closed.
- Opt for day trips close to home.

Natural remedies

By Terri Wilde

I’m sure we all have our own guesses about what may be helpful in our pandemic situation; here are some natural remedies that I think may be useful.

Eat fresh greens

Dandelion and nettle are up and far more nutritious than anything from the store...and you don’t have to go in one to get them! Nettle tops are easily picked with scissors into a bowl, cut up and thrown in a cooking pot with a little water. Smother with butter or oil and salt. Dandelion leaves can be eaten raw or cooked. There are many recipes for both online.

Boost your immunity

Consider Elderberry and medicinal mushrooms such as Shiitake are great to eat at this time. If you can find someone to help you positively identify mushrooms, some of the local conk mushrooms may also help with immunity, though testing has been limited. Conk mushrooms are the hard, polypore shelf mushrooms attached to dead or dying trees. As with any mushroom, you must positively identify and research mushrooms that you plan to consume. We have species here that may prove helpful: red banded conk, birch polypore, tinder conk (amadou), Oregon conk (Ganoderma oregonense), turkey tail, and more. These can be cut up when fresh and then repeatedly simmered to make tea.

Some other herbs to consider taking now include (not recommended if you have an auto-immune disorder): Black elderberry (word on the street is use it beforehand to

- Overnight stays are not permitted. Stay with immediate household members only. Recreation with those outside of your household creates new avenues for virus transmission.
- Come prepared. Visitors may find reduced or limited restroom services as staff begin the process to reopen facilities at wildlife areas and water access sites. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, and toilet paper, as well as a mask or bandana to cover your nose and mouth.
- Enjoy the outdoors when healthy. If you have symptoms of fever, coughing or shortness of breath, save your outdoor adventure for another day.

When you get there

- Avoid crowds. Be prepared to go somewhere else or come back another time if your destination looks crowded.
- Practice physical distancing. Keep 6 feet between you and those outside your immediate household. Launch one boat at a time to give others enough space to launch safely. Leave at least one parking space between your vehicle and the vehicle next to you. Trailer your boat in the same way.

boost immunity, but stop if you think you actually have the coronavirus; consider planting blue or black elderberry at your place), Elecampane, Astragalus, Licorice Root, Forsythia fruit, Japanese Knotweed root—yes, tincture the young roots of this highly invasive plant!

If you become sick

Try Echinacea at the beginning of signs, “chai spices” (turmeric, ginger, cayenne, cardamon, nutmeg, cinnamon), mustard or onion pack, raw garlic and onions, coltsfoot or grindelia, eucalyptus steam, Elecampane, chamomile, willow, yarrow, Hawthorn and Japanese Knotweed.

Get good, long sleep, folks. Vitamin C and D and zinc may help too.

May these natural gifts help. Try not to worry too much and take care of each other.

Terri Wilde lives in Rockport.



Above photos: Rockport’s own Christie Fairchild turned 69 on March 27. Her gift was a visit from a group of friends—all practicing physical distancing—who sang happy birthday to her, unfurled a “Happy Birthday” banner, and offered her some birthday chocolate mousse. Fairchild has been active in a multitude of community-oriented activities in the Upper Skagit for more than 40 years, and is a regular contributor to *Concrete Herald*. Photos by Richard Lewis.

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Darrington displaying resilience

Darrington, the resilient little town tucked into the Cascade Mountains, has once again shown courage and fortitude during yet another disaster to bring meals to those who have the need.

In March, with the support of the Darrington School District (DSD), Meals on Wheels began with help from food service workers, bus drivers, and parents to get meals to students in the area. They started with 202 lunches.

By April 15, DSD Food Services and Transportation had provided nearly 7,700 meals to area youth. Meals are available at the school weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or on bus routes starting at 11 a.m., to receive breakfasts and lunches. All area youth are eligible for this program.

On April 22 the DSD staff, in coopera-

tion with the Darrington Food Bank, sponsored a food drive from April 28–30.

A new page on one social media site has been launched, called, “Darrington Neighbors Helping Neighbors” by Tom Montanaro, which coordinates meals prepared by local “chefs” and is distributed to those in need. Along with Katherine Lyons of Hometown Bakery Cafe, they and other local chefs have been making homemade meals since March. They have a strict policy of “baked items” only and Tom coordinates deliveries. The group prepares as many as 30 meals a day. Volunteers are always needed.

The town of Darrington will continue to be a place where folks persevere, through good times and bad, helping others in times of crisis.

—Marla Skaglund



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Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

April 3

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office

Major Crimes detectives seek the public's help locating 25-year-old Kenna Harris of Monroe, who has not been heard from since March 31. Harris suffered multiple serious injuries from a high-speed rollover car accident and has been living at home for the past few years while she rehabilitates.

Around 11 a.m. on March 31, Harris was seen by neighbors walking away from her residence. Around noon that same day, bank records show Harris withdrew all of the money in her account at Chase Bank in Monroe. A couple hours later, Harris' phone location showed her getting on a bus in Monroe. Her cell phone has since been turned off. Detectives obtained surveillance footage that showed Harris riding a bus that afternoon from Rite Aid in Monroe to Snohomish. She got off the bus at 12:59 p.m. at Bickford and 34th St. in Snohomish. Detectives know that Harris walked into the Subway shop in Snohomish Station and inquired about food, but did not order anything and left.

Family members are concerned for her safety because it is unusual for Harris to be out of contact for such a long period.

Harris has short, reddish-brown hair, is 5'8" tall, and has hazel green eyes. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, a black t-shirt, a large green knit scarf, a gray knit beanie, and a black jacket.

Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit detectives continue to follow-up on leads



Harris

and investigate her disappearance. Anyone with information regarding Kenna's whereabouts is asked to call 911 or the Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tipline at 425.388.3845.

April 10

Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit detectives today responded to a fatal crash in the 29200 block of 80th Ave NW in Stanwood. At approximately 3:40 p.m., a vehicle lost control, left the roadway, and struck a tree. The driver and the passenger were ejected from the vehicle. The passenger, a 20-year-old female, died at the scene. The driver, a 25-year-old Mount Vernon man, was transported by aid with life-threatening injuries.

CIU detectives are still working to determine the cause of the crash, but believe speed and alcohol may have been contributing factors.

Positive identification of the decedent, as well as cause and manner of death, will come from the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

April 13

Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit detectives today responded to a single-vehicle fatal crash in the 23200 block of Pioneer Highway in Stanwood. At approximately 4:20 p.m., a motorcycle lost control, left the roadway, and crashed. The driver, a 55-year-old Snohomish woman, died at the scene.

CIU detectives are still working to determine the cause of the crash. The female had been riding with a group of friends all afternoon, and it is unknown what led to the crash. Detectives do not believe speed or alcohol were contributing factors.

Positive identification of the decedent, as well as cause and manner of death, will come from the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

—Submitted by SCSO

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on March 11, 2020. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

March 11 regular meeting

- Council voted to allow the Family Resource center to use the Harold Engles Park for its Easter egg hunt.
- Council voted to allow River Time Brewing to close the street from Elwell to Sauk for the Car Show, scheduled for Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Council approved Resolution 318, which sets the Comprehensive Plan docket list for the year. The list includes the UGA swap, park update, update to the Critical Areas ordinance, and additional changes to the flood plane ordinance. This resolution allows staff to continue processing these items.
- Council discussed if duplexes are allowed in town. This is a topic that has been discussed in the Planning Commission a few times lately. The town is not zoned for duplexes, so the code would need to be addressed. Multi-family is in the code, but no zoned areas exist for that building type.
- Mayor Dan Rankin reported that he went to Colombia with USGS for a biannual conference to learn about how the youth are helping to keep their towns and communities aware of the risks of living within range of a volcano and its lahar plain. US Aid through USGS sponsored this trip. Mayor Rankin traveled with members of the US Observatory at Mount St. Helens.
- Jon Allen has gathered ample interest in having a meeting at the community center to discuss crime in town. With the current health crisis, the meeting will not happen right away. He seeks the mayor and council's support.
- Katy Rodgers provided an update on her coffee shop and yoga studio. They hope to open in mid- to late April.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

Treasures of the night sky

By Stephen Somsen

We are fortunate to call the Pacific Northwest our home for many reasons. One of the reasons near the top of the list for some is the superior quality of the viewing conditions of our night sky. It's true that we have to practice patience at times to wait for the clouds to part like curtains on a giant screen. Often the show that follows is well worth the wait.

In this recurring column, I will explore some of the visual nocturnal treasures of various colors and brilliance, including some that change with the seasons and a few others that may be visible throughout the year.

I will discuss celestial objects near and far, and from time to time may offer a challenge to the reader to include a

daylight observation of a planet or the earliest viewing of a “young moon.”

As the calendar has turned to May, let us first consider a real jewel while it's still easily visible in the west on a clear evening. Once you have positively identified Venus, the second planet out from our sun, you will find yourself looking for it often.

Now, in May 2020, Venus is about as bright as it gets, much brighter per surface area than the moon. It is so bright that it can often be sighted even under the cover of wispy, thin clouds. In fact, Venus is frequently near the top of the list of “UFO sightings,” especially when it appears just above the horizon. At this time it is an “Evening Star,” with that moniker used only to describe its presence in the western sky after sunset. Soon, Venus will be out of view for a few weeks as it transitions to become a “Morning Star,” and will be clearly visible before sunrise

in the eastern sky for the remainder of the year.

Look for Venus after sunset in the west. It will be bright and clear, and may even look like a “car headlight in the distance.” There is no other star or planet nearby that comes close to its brilliance. Do your best to look for it as early in May as you can as it will soon slip under the horizon at sunset.

Amateur astronomer Stephen Somsen is a volunteer for the North Mountain Lookout project and a member of Darrington Strong. He lives in Darrington.

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Community hall closed

Marblemount Community Hall is closed until Gov. Inslee lifts the Stay at Home order and more people can gather in one location. Because we are still on this order until May 31, Blast Open the Pass will be postponed to a later date. Marblemount Community Hall respects the Stay at Home order for the quality of life of the residents of the Upper Skagit Valley.

What has not been postponed is the Wi-Fi that is available from the convenience of your vehicle at the hall. We should also be able to resume the Redmond Bicycle Group for an overnight stay, June 27–28.

At this time the hall plans to host the Salmon Bar-B-Que and entertainment on Aug. 2, from noon to 5 p.m.

Plans also are still being made for the Sasquatch Conference and Festival on Sept. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year the conference will be bigger and better than last. Many Sasquatch conferences had to be canceled this year; however, Marblemount has been spared—so far. This conference will have two fantastic speakers: author Thom Cantrell and Dr. J. Robert Alley, researcher of Sasquatch for more than 40 years. There will be vendors, a Sasquatch costume contest, and a Sasquatch-calling contest, as well as a Sasquatch cookie walk, food, and games for children.

Marblemount Helping Hands Food Bank

The Marblemount Food Bank has new times and will be open every week, on

Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for drive-up service only. If you ride a bike or walk up, you must maintain a 6-foot distance; a volunteer will bring a box to you. We ask that you adhere to the CDC guidelines. Also, please thank our volunteers as they are on the front lines providing this service to you.

Visitors to Marblemount

Marblemount welcomes visitors to our town, even though the state parks and state campgrounds are closed, and the highway is closed till mid-May. The visitors are riding bicycles and motorcycles, and camping in private campgrounds and hotels. We thank you for your support; however, we still request that you adhere to the CDC guidelines and respect social distancing.

2020 calendar lineup

- June 27–28: Redmond Bicycle Group
- Aug. 1: Private party
- Aug. 2: Salmon Bar-B-Que, noon to 5 p.m.
- Aug. 23: Old Timers' Picnic, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Sept. 5–6: Sasquatch Conference and Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days
- Oct. 31: KSVU Harvest Festival and Halloween Dance, 6 to 10 p.m.
- Nov. 21: Community event, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Dec. 6: Holiday Bazar, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

—Syvella Kalil



Amy Hammer of Marblemount pauses for a self-portrait among the many masks she's been sewing for nurses, doctors, neighbors, and more during the pandemic. Friend Christie Fairchild said of Amy, "Besides being a kayaktivist-river-cleaner-upper and soul sister, she is quite the seamstress, yes?"

Special hunt permit application deadline

Hunters can submit special hunt applications until May 18 for deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, bighorn sheep, and fall turkey 2020 seasons in Washington.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will conduct a random drawing to select permit winners in June. Hunters who receive special permits qualify to hunt beyond the times and places authorized by a general hunting license.

To apply for a deer or elk special permit, hunters must buy an application and hunting license, and submit the application with their preferred hunt choices. Applicants for mountain goat, moose, and bighorn sheep do not need to buy a license before they submit.

Instructions and details on applying for special permit hunts are on pages 16–17 of Washington's "2020 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Regulations" pamphlet.

"The online pamphlet looks different this year," said Anis Aoude, WDFW game division manager. "We're using a new platform that is easier to use and doesn't require you to download a PDF of the whole pamphlet. Being able to find all the special hunt options in the improved digital format may be especially helpful during this time of continued social distancing."

A printed version of the pamphlet will also be available at dealer locations across the state, though WDFW region offices are anticipated to remain closed at least through May 31. Residents are advised to call local WDFW offices or their local license vendor to determine if they're open before making an in-person visit.

The department does not anticipate COVID-19 related impacts to these future big game hunting seasons. However, should the department have to cancel these hunting seasons, hunters would be entitled to a refund or point restoration.

Hunters can buy applications and licenses from license vendors statewide or on the WDFW Web site at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>. They must submit their applications on the Web site or call 877.945.3492.

Hunters buying and applying online must create a username and password in the department's WILD system. They can find more information about creating their WILD system account at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/content/pdfs/WILD-Account-Instructions.pdf>. Hunters also can click the "Customer Support" link on the WILD homepage for additional assistance.

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

Resident applications for mountain goats, bighorn sheep ram, moose, and "quality" categories for deer and elk cost \$13.70.

WDFW will post the results of the special hunt permit drawing online by the end of June at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>. WDFW will notify winners by mail or email by mid-July.

Mixed results in Washington's 2019 wolf counts

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) released its 2019 year-end minimum count of the state's wolf population on April 20, showing growth, but also continued slow recovery in the Cascade Mountains and Western Washington.

The state's report indicates there were at least 145 wolves in a minimum of 26 packs at the end of 2019. Although WDFW reports it has for the first time documented individual wolves in the South Cascades, no resident packs have yet been confirmed south of I-90.

Additionally, while a wolf was again counted in the Diobsud Creek territory on the west side of the North Cascades in Skagit County, the additional wolf documented in 2018 believed to be that animal's mate was not confirmed in 2019. While wolf activity continues in this area, the Diobsud Creek wolf is not included in the state's pack count.

Conservation Northwest views the results of the latest wolf count with a mix of optimism and caution.

"While we're glad to see another year of wolf population growth and we remain optimistic overall, it's concerning that progress toward recovery continues to be slow in the Cascades and Western Washington," said Paula Swedeen, Ph.D., Conservation Northwest Policy Director and a representative on the state's Wolf Advisory Group (WAG).

"We hope to see more overall spread of the population, growth of breeding pairs, and lower levels of livestock depredations and lethal removal in 2020," said Swedeen.

Conservation Northwest will explore potential factors relating to wolf recovery in the Cascade Mountains in a blog from the organization's Wolf Team that was due to be published in late April. Additional updates on Wolf Advisory Group discussions will also soon be available.

"As the wolf population begins to recover, we're going to see population

growth slow in parts of the state where the local population is nearing capacity," said statewide wolf specialist Ben Maletzke in a WDFW news release. "It's a natural occurrence that happens in many wildlife populations and is even more pronounced in a territorial carnivore. Similar to what we would expect, we are seeing the number of packs and the number of individuals level off in northeast Washington, while new packs continue to form in the North Cascades recovery area."

The 2019 statewide minimum wolf count has more uncertainty than in past years, because of a change in how the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) surveyed wolves. The CTCR changed count methodology because they consider wolves recovered on their lands. Numbers reflect an estimate based on wildlife biologist and hunter observations, not systematic surveys as has been the practice in the past and is done annually by WDFW.

The report and counts released by the state are therefore bifurcated into WDFW-counted wolves and those on the Colville Reservation, with 108 wolves and 21 packs from the WDFW-surveyed areas versus 97 wolves in 22 packs last year, and 37 wolves in five packs on the Colville Reservation compared to 29 in five packs last year.

Combined, it appears that there was a minimum of 145 wolves at the end of 2019, compared to 126 at the end of 2018, with 26 packs compared to 27 packs in 2018; though it is likely some wolf packs were uncouned on the Colville Reservation.

Though there were fewer packs engaged in conflict with livestock last year than the previous year, the overall confirmed mortality of 21 wolves killed by various causes was higher than in prior years. The number of state lethal removals in response to persistent livestock depredations (nine) combined with legal caught-in-the-act deaths (three) are indicators of the need to improve efforts to keep livestock and wolves safe from each other.

—Submitted by
Conservation Northwest

Pass clearing resumes

Clearing work on SR 20 between the closure points was paused in March with most other maintenance and project construction in response to Gov. Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation.

Clearing resumed on April 13, with a plan in place to ensure that the work is done with attention to COVID-19 precautions.

This highway is more than a scenic

drive; it provides freight access, serves as an alternative emergency route in the case of natural disaster, and allows tourism in the smaller communities along the highway to increase during the months in which it is open.

The clearing work is expected to take about two more weeks, placing the opening sometime in mid-May.

—WSDOT, J. K. M.

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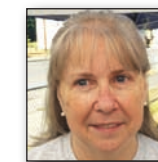
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Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

Rhubarb pie



3 cups raw
rhubarb cut into ¾-in. pieces
3 eggs, beaten
3 Tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1½ cup sugar

Combine the 4 dry ingredients, then add to the beaten eggs. Add this mixture to the rhubarb. (I let this mixture set while I do the crusts.)

1. Mix together 1 Tablespoon of sugar and 2 Tablespoons of flour, then spread over the bottom crust before pouring the rhubarb mixture in the shell.
2. Dot with butter. Add top crust.
3. Bake for 15 minutes at 425 degrees, then 45 minutes at 325 degrees or until crust is brown.

Editor's note: In memory of our dear Verna, this column will continue until her recipe inventory has been exhausted.

Way Back When

90 years ago

May 1, 1930: Some years ago, Mike Moore was accidentally killed while working for the Superior Company, and after his death it was found that he had left a life insurance policy for \$2,000 payable to the Concrete school for improvement of a playfield. The present playground was improved and much of the play apparatus purchased with this money.

Recently, attention was called to the fact that Moore's grave in the Forest Park Cemetery in Grasmere is unmarked, and a move was started this week to raise a fund through contributions by the school children for the erection of a suitable stone on the grave. Each child attending the school is contributing a small sum to the fund, and it is hoped that the amount required can be raised and the stone purchased in time to be set in place before Memorial Day.

Also in the May 1, 1930, issue of *Concrete Herald* was the story

of the two-story residence of Mr. and Mrs. June Moore in Hamilton, which had burned to the ground the day before. The fire started in an upstairs room while the family was seated at the breakfast table at about 6 a.m. Most of the furniture in the downstairs rooms and all outbuildings were saved. The origin of the fire was unknown; it was first discovered because of the odor of burning cloth. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Mr. Moore was marshal for Hamilton.

70 years ago

May 18, 1950: Sidney Shelver, Concrete's boy soprano, added more honors to his list Tuesday night by taking first place in an all-county talent show held in Mount Vernon. Sidney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Shelver of Birdsvie and is a student at the Concrete school.

As a reward for first place in the show, Sidney and other winners will be taken to Seattle on Saturday for a visit about town, to the Bow Lake airport, and for possible appearance on a television show.

60 years ago

May 26, 1960: The State Bank

of Concrete will be the scene of a special event next Wednesday afternoon when the Ross family asks the patrons of the bank to join them in honoring Walter D. Ross on his 40th anniversary with the bank.

Walt Ross, now president of the bank, began work as cashier for the private bank on June 1, 1920. At that time it was owned largely by associates of Superior Portland Cement, Inc. After 18 years as an employee, Mr. Ross purchased the interests of Superior men on Aug. 1, 1938, and took over as president. At that time the total assets of the bank were listed at \$424,728.77. Latest report shows the present assets at \$2,093,763.79.

Richard Thompson, vice president of the bank, has been a member of the board of directors during the entire 40 years. The other director outside of the Ross family is Carl Monrad, pioneer local merchant.

The bank is now largely a family affair, with Mrs. Ross working with her husband for many years; later Dudley and Don coming in to take positions of vice president and cashier, respectively. Mrs. Jean Kempkes, daughter, is also a part-time employee. The other member of the staff is Mrs. Nora King.

On Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., the staff will serve coffee and cake to the patrons, who are all invited to drop in during the afternoon to help the "big boss" observe the 40th milestone.

May 26, 1960: Sunday was truly a beautiful day for Father Cletus Bradley, O. S. B., who came home

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to Concrete to celebrate his first holy Mass following his ordination to the priesthood at St. James Cathedral in Seattle on Saturday.

It has been more than 50 years since a priest was last ordained from the Skagit Valley.

—Compiled from archives

East County May 2020 activities

Concrete Community Center Meal Program

Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Take-out only.

Must be present to pick up a meal.

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East County Resource Center

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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We are open and providing critical need services, information, and referrals to individuals, one person at a time.

For more information, please visit the Community Action Web site link, COVID-19 Response, or call 360-416-1733.

Saturday

5/23 10 a.m. Concrete Sat. Mkt.

Special thanks to Valerie Stafford and Fred West for hosting the Popcorn Parade and all of the community support. We received \$1,517 in donations for the East County Resource Center and will use it to support those in need in our community.

Right: 40 years ago, May 29, 1980: Preparing for a public performance tonight, Concrete High School students rehearse the musical play, "Nashville Jamboree," they will present under the direction of Daryl Cooper. From left, Terry Jones, Becky Jensen, Jeff Kelley, Dawn Johnson, and Dave Ramsey. Principal players also include Laura Turnbull, John Covert, and Kristi Plumlee. *Archive photo by Chris Flores.*



Below: 50 years ago, May 20, 1970: Quick action by District 10 rural firemen, plus an assist with an extra pumper from the Concrete Volunteer Fire Dept., prevented a serious fire at Superior Shake Mill No. 2 at Van Horn Monday afternoon. A spark from the burner landed in some tinder-dry cedar bark on the log pile. The fire occurred just as the crew was quitting at 4 p.m., so there were plenty of extra hands to fight the blaze, which threatened to spread to nearby trees and the homes adjacent to the log dump. Damage was light. *Archive photo.*





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Sunday School lesson

God knows what we need

By Kevin Riley

While Jesus taught all over the place, there was one teaching at the beginning of his ministry that outweighs everything: the Sermon on the Mount—in particular, the gospel of Matthew chapters 5–7.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us clear-cut instruction in his teachings on a variety of topics, from blessed are the poor, those who mourn, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, as well as how we as followers of Jesus are the salt of the earth and the light of this world, and how Christ himself came to fulfill the law.

Anger, lust, retaliation, anxiety, judging others, and the Golden Rule, as well as a number of other things we humans wrestle with, are covered in this, what is to me the most important sermon that has ever been preached. It's been a blueprint through the ages of how Christians are supposed to love and honor each other, as well as hold ourselves to a level of accountability that should explain who we are just by the way we conduct ourselves and care for those around us and in our community.

We need not to judge each other and treat one another how we ourselves want to be treated, as well as not fear. We are living in fearful and scary times full of anxiety, fear, uncertainty, and doubt. When we give in to the world around us and pay more attention to it than our

relationship with God, the enemy wins. Fear, anxiety, depression—all of that stuff wins.

In Matthew 6:27, Jesus asks us, "Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his/her span of life?"

So the message in all of this is this: God knows what we need better than we do. For us to worry or be anxious actually takes us away from God, and when we get comfortable in our worry, we are not putting forth the kingdom of God, but the kingdom of the enemy. As Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, we need to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," because when we seek God's kingdom first, we get all that we need.

I know times are stressful and scary right now, so if you would like some prayers to help with fear or anxiety, please e-mail me at kevin@tierra-nueva.org. If e-mail is not an option, you can call/text me at 360.901.4520 and I will pray for you directly and confidentially.

Blessings.

Kevin Riley is pastor for Mount Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete.

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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
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www.citipointchurch.com
E-mail: mattd@citipointchurch.com

Baptist

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

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

Lyman Church

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Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

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Tue.: Women's Bible study, 9:30 a.m.
Thur.: Bible study at Louise's complex, Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m.
Fri.: Women's Bible Study at Kathy's in Day Creek, 8 a.m.

Lutheran

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Days and hours will be updated as needs change.

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

March 24

A citizen called to report that a younger-looking female dressed in a black hoodie was found walking around his property. When the citizen contacted the female suspect and asked her what she was doing, she told him she was looking for mushrooms. She then told him she was actually just thirsty and looking for water. The citizen thought that this was suspicious, since he lives about a quarter mile from Everett Lake Rd.—which is the main road—and sees very little traffic. He told the female to stay where she was and he'd go get her some water. When he returned she was gone. He checked his property, but found nothing unusual. When he checked his neighbor's property, he found an open window into the shop. He called the neighbor, who told him that

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.

Lederle, Jesse Dean

Age: 36
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 5' 4"
Weight: 145
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue
Address: 4xx N.

Reed St., Sedro-Woolley

Lederle was convicted of 2nd-degree child molestation in Skagit County in 2007. His victim was a 13-year-old female who was known to him.

Lederle 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

he doesn't keep anything of value at the shop. Deputy Wolfe is investigating this incident and believes that the female is a suspect in multiple burglaries in eastern Skagit County. On April 14 the Sheriff's Office arrested her and a second suspect on several unrelated burglary charges.

Deputy Hendrickson called and talked to a victim of a burglary on Diobsud Creek Rd. in Marblemount. The victim discovered that his cabin was broken into and numerous items were taken. It was later discovered that there had probably been more than one burglary. On April 14 the two suspects were arrested for this burglary after stolen items from the burglary and stolen items from other burglaries were found in their van as they were illegally cutting cedar trees on Diobsud Creek Rd.

March 25

Deputies Brannon and Clark responded to a possible domestic disturbance at the Eagle's Nest Inn on SR 20 in Concrete. The reporting party said that she could hear people screaming and observed someone throwing items from the top floor. When deputies arrived, they contacted a suspect, who said that he and his wife were arguing. He lived upstairs and she lived downstairs. He explained it was only a verbal argument and no one had been assaulted. The female suspect confirmed that there had not been an assault. Both suspects were advised to quiet down and return to their rooms.

March 26

After depositing a \$3,500 check into a joint banking account belonging to the suspect and her ex-boyfriend, the suspect then withdrew \$200. The check she had deposited was bad, so the money she took from the account came from the funds of the ex-boyfriend. Deputy Mullen advised the victim to contact the bank and get the records from the account and transaction. The victim advised that he would do that and requested a case number for the bank.

Concrete School District called to report that someone had driven through the softball field and the field next to the football field, causing damage. The school had video of the vehicle, which they turned over to Deputy Johnson. The video shows the license plate of the vehicle involved. The case was assigned to Deputy Moore for investigation.

Deputy Moore and Deputy Esskew responded to a domestic incident in the 33000 block of Hamilton Cemetery Rd. The witness said that two people who lived there had been in an argument. As the male attempted to leave in his car, his

girlfriend got a can of gas. She poured the gas onto the car, attempting to light the car on fire with the boyfriend inside. She was unsuccessful. Deputies arrested the female for first degree attempted arson. She was booked into jail.

March 27

A neighbor who lives on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove called to report that someone was logging on the property next to his, and he believed it was nonessential work and a violation of the Stay at Home order issued by the state. Deputy Mullen checked and confirmed that logging was listed as essential in the order and was permissible.

Deputy Johnson responded to a complaint of squatters on Gordon Rd. near Concrete. The complainant found where someone had been staying in a trailer on his property without his permission. Deputy Johnson checked the trailer and found a backpack and drug paraphernalia. He was able to identify the suspect. Later that day the complainant called and advised Deputy Johnson that his niece had given the suspect permission to stay in the trailer and he no longer wanted to pursue the issue.

Using a live feed from a security

camera, a resident in the 36000 block of Cape Horn Road observed a suspect walk onto his property, enter his garage, and steal a gas can. Deputies Ayala and Moore responded. Along with a wildlife officer, they located the suspect down the road with the gas can still in his possession. He was arrested for residential burglary and booked into jail.

At approximately 8 p.m., Deputies Wiggins and Hill responded to a weapons offense near the intersection of Cascade River Rd. and SR 20 in Marblemount. The victim said that she had been at her residence when another person on the property pointed a gun at her and threatened to shoot her. When deputies arrived, the suspect refused to tell the deputies where the guns were located. The deputies applied for a search warrant. After searching the property, the guns were located in a cargo container. The suspect was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and second degree assault. On April 6 the suspect returned to the property and maliciously painted threats on the victim's residence. He was arrested again and booked into jail.

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 35



[Chief Darrel Reed]

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CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

Mount Baker Marathon madness

A footrace to the summit of glacier-draped, 10,781-foot Mount Baker started as a promotional scheme championed by the newly organized Mount Baker Club, hoping to attract national attention and tourism to the region.

In an act of jealousy over Mount Rainier's recent National Park designation, the club partnered with the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce and staged the first Mount Baker Race (later called "marathon") in 1911. Lying due west of the mountain, Bellingham, at sea level, was also situated on the edge of the Salish Sea and so was populated by immigrant Anglos relatively early in Washington's history.

Fueled by a tremendous salmon fishery and timber harvesting, Bellingham boasted a booming 50,000 souls at the time and was quite a powerful voice in state affairs.

The race would begin in downtown Bellingham at the Chamber of Commerce. From there, racers had two choices:

1. Take the train 44 miles east to the town of Glacier and from there run 14 miles to the snow-covered summit via the steep Glacier Trail.
2. Drive by automobile 26 miles to Heisler's Ranch east of Deming and then run 16 miles to the summit via the relatively more gradual Middle Fork Nooksack route.

After reaching the summit and checking in with the hardy, snow-encrusted judges waiting there, racers retraced their steps back to Bellingham. It was not only an extreme test of endurance, but a competition between rival technologies and communities.

By 1912, Concrete wanted to get in the game. Located due south of Mount Baker in the Skagit watershed, Concrete boasted its own Mount Baker Club, and reported local hikers accomplishing a roundtrip to the summit via its trail in 11 hours. In April, the president of the Bellingham club traveled to Concrete to hear the proposition that they be added to the event. A "fast train" from Bellingham would cover 51 miles. Then the trail,

roundtrip to the summit, was 42 miles. They proposed that the runners be allowed to ride horseback for the 5 miles to the trailhead to reduce the running miles. In June, serious work began to construct a new Concrete trail, but in early July they pulled out of the race after realizing that no "fast train" could be guaranteed.

However, Concrete then announced it would hold its own race on the same day as Bellingham's, but it would originate from their town. (Go, Concrete!)

Mountain weather brought high winds and blizzard conditions, which postponed the 2nd annual race on July 24, 1913, although a few intrepid souls ran anyway. And although the Skagit's own Herman Schreiber failed to reach the summit that July day, he tried again on Aug. 1, leaving Concrete at 2:35 p.m., returning in only 12 hours after losing the route in the fog. In Concrete he was greeted by a huge crowd of cheering spectators in front of the Concrete Theatre.

The race ran one more year, dodging various and sundry catastrophes, but was discontinued after the 1914 event. Safety concerns, but also financial sponsorships killed what was to be the first (known) ultra or marathon race in the United States.

Today the race's adventurous spirit lives on, with Bellingham's Ski-to-Sea multi-sport relay race during the Memorial Day weekend and—since 2017—the Mount Baker Ultra, retracing the 56-mile run from Concrete to the Sherman Crater and back, also on May 31.

This year's race, however, is doubtful to be run because of the COVID-19 pandemic and public health quarantines and concerns. Plans for the much-anticipated, first-ever "Mountain Film Festival" at the Historic Concrete Theatre also have been put on hold, but the show will go on, even if it's in 2021.

For more information and history of this unique local story, be sure to see the 100th anniversary documentary film, "The Mountain Runners" (2011), available to rent on Google Play Store, iTunes, or YouTube. Check out your library for local history books and films, and visit Concrete Heritage Museum once they reopen.

—Christie Fairchild

At the Upper Skagit Library

At this moment we're unsure as to when we will reopen our doors for physical library services. Once we reopen the doors, services will return in stages. A return to normalcy may take quite a while. As such, we're still working hard behind the scenes to provide the best online resources (check out our newest addition, **Mango Languages**) and events that we can.

We are very excited about two virtual author events coming up in May—one geared toward our younger patrons and one for the older crowd. We are in the midst of planning a virtual chat on May 22 with **Karina Yan Glaser**, the New York Times best-selling author of *The Vanderbeekers* children's series.

We're also planning a virtual chat with adult author **Rebecca Serle**, whose latest book, *In Five Years*, was released in March. Keep an eye on our Web site and social media for all of the juicy details for both events.

We're beginning work on plans for our **Summer Reading Program**. Things are still up in the air, but we're thinking

that we may have to make some major adjustments this year to account for social distancing. Don't be surprised if we utilize online services more than we have in the past. Still, we have some great ideas for summer fun, no matter if we do them in person or not.

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—Chazlyn Lovely

Library Assistant - Marketing

May at the Darrington Library

Sno-Isle Libraries' staff are working on services, programs, and preparation for a phased return to in-person services by:

- Providing access to online books, movies, magazines, and music.
- Presenting online programs and activities for all ages to have fun and learn.
- Planning to welcome you back to

your library using guidelines from the governor and our health districts.

We expect a phased return to in-person library services, and will communicate the availability of any in-person services as soon as we can safely implement them.

—Lois Langer-Thompson, exec. dir.
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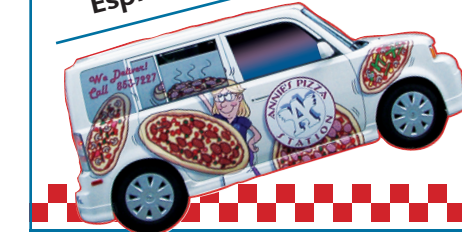
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Out & About



State

Man arrested after threatening Gov. Inslee

Washington State Patrol (WSP) on April 22 arrested a Mill Creek man after investigating a threat to Governor Jay Inslee and his staff.

Shortly before 8 p.m. on April 21, WSP contacted Shawn C. Rowland at his residence in Mill Creek. Earlier the same day, a threatening message had been left on the voicemail of the Governor's Office of Constituent Services by someone using a phone associated with the suspect. The investigation revealed the same phone had been used in an earlier threat made to the Virginia State Legislature in February. As a result of the investigation, the

suspect was arrested and processed through the criminal justice system.

"These are indeed troubling times for all of us," said WSP Chief John R. Batiste. "There are certainly points of consideration and debate in this unprecedented pandemic environment. But no one has the right to threaten the life of the governor or any of the people who work for or with him as they address the myriad important considerations associated with this unique period in our history."

Through state law, WSP is charged with protecting the governor and his family, and provides law enforcement services on the capitol campus.

"The public can rest assured that our executive protection efforts are robust and thorough," said Batiste. "We investigate every threat and take every precaution to keep the Governor and his family safe."

Burlington

Skagit Regional Airport to receive \$69,000 through CARES Act

The Port of Skagit was notified in mid-April that Skagit Regional Airport will receive \$69,000 of funding through the CARES Act to maintain and support continuing airport operations.

Nationwide, nearly \$10 billion in airport grants will be awarded to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus impacts as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

According to the funding announcement from the Federal Aviation Administration this week, funds can be used to keep airports in reliable, safe operation in order to serve public needs, support the economy, and keep airport and aviation workers employed.

More than 3,000 airports are eligible for funding, ranging from large commercial airports to general aviation airports like Skagit Regional Airport. Skagit Regional Airport has remained open during this pandemic as an essential public transportation hub, providing access for emergency medical flight arrivals and departures, and continued operations of essential businesses.

The Port of Skagit will use the funds to cover operational expenses, said Community Outreach Administrator Linda Tyler.

Port of Skagit bustles—remotely

Like many workers around the globe, Port of Skagit staff are working remotely to ensure that operations continue as close to normal as possible. But just because it's quiet at the Port doesn't mean it's not bustling with activity.

Skagit Regional Airport remains open to air traffic. Skagit Regional Airport is used by several different emergency medical flight services, so keeping the airport open is increasingly important during public health crises.

Similar to Chinook Enterprises, Eddyline Kayaks, and others in the community, some manufacturing tenants at the Port also are pivoting away from their normal production lines and shifting their efforts to producing much-needed personal protective equipment (PPE) to meet the increased demand for such items.

One of those tenants is Design Techniques, a manufacturer of boat covers and enclosures located at the La Conner Marina. Scott Weatherly and his father, Dave, wanted to find a way to help, so they signed up on the volunteer resource list with Island Hospital. After sharing a few face mask prototypes with a volunteer coordinator with the hospital, they are now cutting materials and creating more templates to help with the increased demand.

"We're just trying to help, with some additional time put toward it each day," said Weatherly. "But until they tell me there is a vaccine, we're ready to keep helping as much as we can."

In hard-hit Snohomish County, Port of Skagit Commissioner Dr. Kevin Ware is answering the call to help by volunteering at a public health testing site obtaining lab samples from symptomatic patients. He has been a part of the Snohomish County Emergency Medical Response team for 20 years.

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March 28

After hearing a heated exchange between his neighbors on Division St. in Concrete, a citizen called and reported that the two neighbors were arguing and about ready to hit each other. Deputies Kitchens and Hill responded. When they arrived they talked to the female involved, who admitted that she and her boyfriend had been in a heated argument, but when it escalated, she decided to take a walk to calm down. The male also told deputies that it was only an argument and no one had been assaulted.

Calling because her stepmother had assaulted her dad, the reporting party in a domestic disturbance requested that deputies respond to try to de-escalate the situation. When deputies arrived they discovered that the female suspect had hit her husband. The argument started when the suspect's son started making advances toward the victim's daughter. After investigating the incident, Deputy Wiggins arrested the suspect for domestic violence assault. She was taken to the Skagit County Jail.

After hearing chainsaws and a tractor running near his property, a citizen called to report a possible theft of wood in progress. Deputies were not able to respond because of other priority calls. The area was checked later, but nothing was found.

March 30

Deputy Moore investigated a cold burglary reported on Sauk View Lane east of Concrete. The victim said that he had gone to the property and found that someone had broken into the trailer and stolen a firearm. Deputy Moore will follow up.

Around 6:30 p.m., Deputy Slack responded to a complaint of suspicious behavior near the 46000 block of Baker Loop Ave. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said there was a pickup truck parked across from her residence that had been there a while. It had driven by her home several times, then parked across the street looking toward her residence. Deputy Slack checked the area, but could not locate the vehicle. The next night Deputy Slack observed a pickup truck parked on North Wilde Rd. that matched the description of the vehicle from the night before. He contacted the owner, who admitted to being in Cedar Grove visiting a friend and giving a ride to another person. When the owner heard the suspicious call over the scanner, he left before deputies arrived.

March 31

Sergeant Dills investigated an alleged explosives violation that was discovered during a stolen vehicle investigation. The information was that the suspect in an earlier case had thrown a pipe bomb at the residence of a witness in the case, who lives on Cascade River Rd. Witnesses were able to identify the two suspects but were not cooperative beyond providing the suspects' name. The incident occurred approximately 10 days before Sgt. Dills contacted the victims. One of the improvised explosive devices was recovered after it failed to explode. Troopers from the Washington State Patrol bomb squad disposed of the device. The investigation is continuing. The suspects in the case—a male and a female—were arrested on unrelated burglary charges about a week later.

April 3

A female was discovered trespassing at a cabin in the 53000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. When Deputy Esskew arrived, he located the female wrapped up in several blankets lying on the bed. The female told Deputy Esskew that she was not feeling good and showed symptoms of COVID-19. Drug paraphernalia was also located at the scene. The female was transported to the Skagit Valley Respiratory Clinic for evaluation. The suspect will be referred for burglary.

April 4

Finding her motorcycle missing, a victim called deputies to report it. Deputy Struikma contacted the victim, who said that this morning she discovered her motorcycle missing. She last saw it on April 2. She believed that the suspect went into her shop and took her Harley Davidson motorcycle. The next night Deputy Struikma received a call from the victim saying that she had posted the information on Facebook and was contacted by a person who said that they had seen a male riding the motorcycle in Concrete. She was able to give the deputy the identity of the male suspect. Around April 9 the victim was contacted by the suspect, who told her he had found the motorcycle down the road with the ignition key in it, along with the victim's helmet and jacket. He had recovered the motorcycle and planned to return it. The next day the victim found her motorcycle in her driveway. The victim advised that she wanted to pursue charges against the suspect.

April 6

Deputies Mueller and Kitchens

investigated a possible domestic disturbance on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said they saw the victim come out of the trailer bleeding from the head. The reporting party said her brother, who was the victim, was being physically and verbally abused by his girlfriend. When deputies arrived they were told that the victim and suspect had left and gone to a neighbor's house. When deputies talked to the neighbor, he said that the victim had come over to his house and bleeding from the head, saying he needed to go to the hospital. The victim told the neighbor that his girlfriend had hit him with a can of beer on the head. The victim and suspect left and he had not seen them since. Later the victim called and talked with Deputy Mueller. He told Deputy Mueller he had hit his head on a cabinet. The victim was uncooperative and finally hung up. When deputies later contacted the victim and suspect at their trailer, the victim said that he had fallen and hit his head on the counter. The suspect said she had blacked out after drinking and doesn't know what happened.

April 8

In December 2019 a house in the 8300 block of Gordon Rd. near Concrete had caught on fire. The owner had been working on the house during the previous few days. When he arrived today, he found his new \$800 Cub Cadet rototiller missing. The rototiller was new and had been used only a few times. He showed Deputy Moore where the rototiller was pushed out of his shop and dragged to where he assumed the suspect's car was located. He also said some items had been moved out of the house onto the porch, but he did not find anything else missing.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., Deputy Moore responded to a report of a violation of a court order in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The victim said that his wife was the caretaker of the property and they were watching the property for the owner. Today as he was checking the property, he observed a female who was the girlfriend of a former tenant climb through the window of a shed that is on the property. He walked to the shed and was talking to the female and taking pictures of her inside the shed when the former tenant, who has an order restricting him from the property, came from a side gate, rushed the reporting party, and punched him in the head. The victim punched him back, then wrestled him to the ground, where he held the suspect until he gave up. The suspect then got up and ran off. The victim had video

of the incident. At 9 p.m., Deputy Wiggins contacted the suspect in Birdview. He arrested the suspect for 4th degree assault and violation of a court order. The suspect was taken to jail and booked on both charges.

April 9

A white Volkswagen with tinted windows was seen hanging around the area of South Skagit Hwy and Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The caller was concerned because of thefts and burglaries in the area. Deputy Esskew checked the area, but did not locate the vehicle.

The son of a domestic violence victim called to report that his 75-year-old mother had been assaulted by her boyfriend about a month prior to the report. She had told him that she was going to report the assault, but at this time the assault had not been reported. Deputy Esskew contacted the victim at her house in Marblemount. She said that about a month ago she had told her boyfriend to leave the residence. The boyfriend left and returned to his residence in Tacoma. Shortly afterwards she texted her boyfriend and told him that he could return to her residence. The suspect returned to the house around 11:30 p.m., apparently intoxicated and possibly on something else. The victim locked all her doors, locking the suspect out. He broke into the house. Once inside he grabbed a frying pan and began hitting her in the face, knocking her to the ground. He then began choking her. While choking her, the suspect asked her where the guns were stored, saying she was going to die right there. She told him the guns were in the other room. As he went into the other room to look for the guns, she was able to secure a firearm from a hidden location. As she was trying to leave the house, the gun went off scaring the suspect. The suspect fled, fearing he was going to be shot. The victim said she never reported the incident because the suspect was a convicted felon with two strikes already on his record and she feared he would be sent to prison for life. Deputy Esskew referred the suspect for 1st degree domestic violence assault.

April 11

Two victims of an assault called to advise that an ex-girlfriend of one of the victims had come onto their property and assaulted both of the victims. The ex-boyfriend of the suspect had been assaulted with a pitchfork and was bleeding. The other victim said he was also bleeding and that the suspect had

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With the state of current events, a sick joke is pretty ironic.



"Senator, you promised me a job."
"But there are no jobs open."
"Well, you said you'd give me one!"
"Tell you what I'll do. I'll appoint a commission to investigate why there are no jobs, and you can work on that."
— § —
Infernal idiot: The other fellow on the highway.
— § —
Of course it's true that the rolling stone gathers no moss, but then, who wants to be covered with moss?

Dwelleysms:

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

"The first rule of survival these days is to have a long list of credit references, preferably current. The cash society has been relegated to the past. Now you have to have your money value written down on paper."

"The only trouble with most of the mouthy protestors of everything is that too few of them are speaking through the set of fat lips they deserve."

"The future is always something like a postdated check. You may or may not be around to cash it."

—June 10, 1970

"It may be storybook stuff to laugh at your troubles, but you begin to wonder when so many people are getting hysterical over them."

"It should be pointed out to our young folks that the facts of life are stored in a very untidy filing cabinet."

"A 'declaration of independence' written today would never make it into the history book. After being received by the commentators, the far right, the far left, and the professional protesters, it would be considered only as a meaningful dialogue, but lacking in qualitative consideration of the vital issues underlying human needs."

—July 8, 1970

"We don't feel that we are being told too many lies by the news media of today. It's just that so many don't seem to be able to tell the truth very well."

—July 15, 1970

Public Service Announcement



Funny as Facebook

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

- "I wanted to watch some straightforward and informative news last night, so I ended up watching old Walter Cronkite newsreels. No mention of the virus, but man, that moon landing got me in the feels."
- "I used my exercise mat today! Okay, truth be told, I used it to kill a wasp. I'm still pretty proud of myself though."
- "Made giant homemade buns for our burgers tonight. For some reason, when Vince noted that he liked big buns and that he can't deny, both kids groaned."
- "The sun was out for a bit, so I went in my backyard, played some good old hillbilly music, and yodeled my heart out. To all in my neighborhood ... you are welcome."
- "Eating Reese's and Cheetos. If I'm going out I'm going out happy! It's all about attitude."
- "I have invented a new exercise. I call it 'Chicken Run.' Here's how it works: Chase a single chicken around the chicken coop as fast as you can. Repeat until you catch it and can put it to bed. Bonus points if a coyote watches you do it."
- "Even our mole is self distancing. The holes are now 10 feet apart."
- "Orders from my doctor: Get out and walk—What! Sitting too much not good for my recovery ... told him I surf every day: couch surfing. Did not find that funny, so yeah ... I still have to get out and walk ..."
- "If you add to the misery of this pandemic by posting any kind of conspiracy theory bullsh*t, I'll report your post, block you, and say a prayer that you experience slow WiFi for the duration of this outbreak."
- "I just attended my first school committee meeting while drinking a glass of wine. It really was just a matter of time."
- "Please don't invite me to any Tupperware, Pampered Chef, or Scentsy parties. I am currently on restriction and not allowed to attend these events. According to my husband, apparently 'I don't need any more!'"
- "2020 in a nutshell: A roll of toilet paper is worth more than a barrel of oil."
- "When should someone in self-quarantine change out of PJs. Asking for a friend."
- "I have stuff coming in the mail for my house all week and I 10/10 should not be as excited about these storage cubes as I am."

By Stig Kristensen

Crossword: "Reptile Roundup"

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Across

1. Strong woody fibers
6. Basilica part
10. Inclines
14. Open, as a toothpaste tube
15. Candle part
16. Son of 11-Down
17. Dangerous one
20. Dweller on the Red Sea
21. Dragonflies
22. "Rock the Boat" music
25. Italic language
26. God with a hammer
30. Medicinal balsam
32. Liberator
35. Gather stalks
41. Women's accessories
43. Power tool
44. Abundance
45. Like some hands
47. Fill to excess
48. Tropical soapberry tree, var.
53. Stand
56. Expand
58. Native American
63. 1985 Rourke film
66. Auction off

67. Detective, at times
68. Like the flu
69. Do in
70. Go downhill
71. Resembling wings

Down

1. In use
2. Frank or Francis
3. Shell game
4. Appropriate
5. Drop
6. Barley bristle
7. Depression
8. Teach
9. Squeezed (out)
10. Graceful fliers
11. Father of 16-Across
12. Ziti, e.g.
13. Early role for Madonna
18. "Rocky ____"
19. Gunk
23. Galley notation
24. Civic competitor
26. Mouth, slangily
27. Hot spot
28. Earthen pot
29. Bit attachment
31. Fed. agency
33. Bio bit
34. Delhi wrap
36. "Say what?"
37. Sea eagles
38. Away from port
39. Cloth
40. Latin 101 verb
42. Regrets
46. ____ hygienist
48. Bottomless pit
49. Angler's basket
50. Eucalyptus eater
51. Premature
52. Old Tokyo
54. Destroy
55. Caterpillar, for one
57. New news
59. Colorado resort
60. Site of the Taj Mahal
61. Rime
62. Just
64. Get going
65. Antiquity, in antiquity

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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A history of the Upper Skagit Valley

By Paul C. Pitzer

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Preface

During the five summers that I spent working on the Upper Skagit, I met and became friends with many residents of the area. While I was writing my thesis, most of them were eager to help me in any way that they could. I cannot hope to mention and thank everyone who provided their time and energy so that my paper would be more complete.

I would, however, like to thank Mr. Tommy Thompson and Mr. Glee Davis. Mr. Thompson, who spent most of his life on the Skagit, made a special trip across the state so that he might provide information and documents for the thesis. Mr. Davis and his wife made me welcome in their home on many occasions and provided information which was otherwise unavailable and which made the paper something more than a dry historical account. In many ways, the story of the Upper Skagit is their story and I hope that they will forgive the errors which I have doubtless made.

The Upper Skagit had an interesting and event-filled past. Lack of time prevented me from writing more of that story and made it necessary for me to limit the area that I covered. I hope that readers of the *Concrete Herald* will approve of my effort and I thank Mr. Charles Dwelley (former publisher and editor) for all of the interest he has taken in my work.

—Paul C. Pitzer

Chapter 1 THE SKAGIT MINES

After 1849, when gold was discovered in California, prospectors searched the western mountains hoping to find more of the valuable metal. The Upper Skagit River was explored in the late 1870s and when gold was found, a gold rush followed. Although it failed, a second rush occurred in the 1890s, followed by a silver rush in the first decade of the 20th century. In spite of this activity, there was little gold or silver on the Upper Skagit and the mines, like almost all the others in the Western Cascades, failed.

The Western Cascades are extremely rugged. They are relatively low but

precipitous mountains and this gives a feeling of height that is further exaggerated by rivers that have cut deep and irregular east-west valleys. Among these rivers is the Skagit, the largest river entering Puget Sound and one of the major streams of Washington State.

The Skagit River originates at Beaver Lake in British Columbia and flows south and west for a total of 125 miles, draining 3,100 square miles. The Baker, Sauk, and Cascade Rivers are its major tributaries and during the summer, the Sauk River and Thunder Creek carry glacial silt to the Skagit, giving it an emerald green color.

Between Sedro-Woolley and Puget Sound, the Skagit meanders across a broad flood plain commonly called Skagit Flats. Above Sedro-Woolley, the river flows swiftly through a narrow valley. Heavy rain and melting snow in the Upper Valley has frequently caused flooding on Skagit Flats, and the construction of hydro-electric power dams has not completely solved the problem.

An adjective-filled description of the Upper Skagit Valley would not give an adequate picture of the country. Names on the land, however, might be used to suggest North Cascade topography. Above Concrete are located Teabone Ridge, Mt. Despair, Mt. Fury, Lonesome Creek, Damnation Creek, Phantom Pass, Mt. Terror, and Bald Eagle Creek. Farther along lie Sky Creek, the Devil's Dome, Nightmare Camp, Desolation Peak, Mt. Prophet, Big Devil Mountain, Little Devil Mountain, the Diablo Canyon, Mt. Challenger, Inspiration Peak, Razorback Mountain, Goat Mountain, Ragged Ridge, Easy Peak, and Joker Mountain. These names, given by miners in the 1880s indicate why the rugged Upper Skagit was not settled or extensively investigated until after gold was found.

Almost 100 years passed between discovery of the Skagit, as Spanish and English captains in the late 18th century did not mention the river or show it on their charts. Early in 1790, Lieutenant Francisco Kliza from Nootka Sound entered Sene de Gaston (Bellingham Bay) with three ships. He named prominent landmarks, including a mountain that he called Montana del Carmelo. In August

1790, Manuel Quimper, also from Nootka, took possession of all the lands touched by the waters of what was to become Puget Sound. H. Salvador Fidalgo, one of the last of the Spanish explorers, passed through the Northern Sound in 1792, and Fidalgo Island is now named for him.

On June 2, 1792, George Vancouver sent Joseph Whidbey and a group of men to explore the Upper Sound area. As landmarks were sighted, they were named—or re-named: Montana del Carmelo became Mount Baker. Although contact was made with the Skagit Indian tribes, Whidbey failed to discover the Skagit River. Vancouver and his men had previously missed major rivers.

In the early 19th century, fur trappers undoubtedly traveled through parts of the Upper Skagit Valley. Alexander Ross crossed sections of the river in 1824 while traveling through Canada. Certain trappers from the Northwest and later Hudson's Bay Company also were familiar with the Skagit, as beaver are still found in the Upper Valley. Because of its concentration on furs, the Hudson's Bay Company discouraged settlement or prospecting for gold by either British or Americans.

After 1846 and the boundary agreement between the United States and England, the influence of the Hudson's Bay Company ended and subsequent discovery of gold in California precipitated exploration throughout the Northwest. The Colville gold rush in 1855 in Eastern Washington and the Fraser River excitement in 1858 brought thousands of prospectors through the Lower Skagit Valley.

Typical of those who moved up the coast toward the Fraser River was Milton F. Mounts. On July 24, 1858, he and his prospecting party took a side trip up the "Scat-Scat" (Skagit) River. The group reported traveling 70 miles along the Skagit, although it is possible that they turned off along the Sauk or Cascade Rivers. In any event, they found little gold and so they continued northward. Others who tried the Skagit generally traveled only a short distance up river and none found enough gold to create much interest.

Despite the unsuccessful exploration for gold, a few families built homes and farms on Skagit Flats. Among these settlers were Otto Klement, Charles von Pressentin, Jack Rowley, Frank Scott, John Duncan, and John Sutter. In 1877 two Indian brothers, Charlie and Joe Seaan, spread gossip though the settlement about a gold discovery east of the mountains on the Methow River. Klement, von Pressentin,

and the others hired the Indians as guides, and the eight men in canoes traveled up the Skagit, intending to cross over into Okanogan County. They left the Skagit, followed the Cascade River, and on Aug. 1 reached Lake Chelan, but found no gold. They returned to Skagit Flats.

On Aug. 17, 1877, the same group again proceeded up the Skagit, this time as far as Ruby Creek. They found enough gold to encourage a trip the following year. In 1878 Klement led a group up the Skagit. They found traces of gold at Thunder Creek, Slate Creek, Crater Creek, Boulder Creek and Ruby Creek; some of these names they themselves assigned. Albert Bacon led one of two groups up the river in 1879. Eight miles above the mouth of Ruby Creek they located the Nip and Tuck Mine. Rowley organized the second party and while prospecting near what used to be called Hidden Hand Creek, he had a dream in which a "hidden hand" indicated he should investigate Canyon Creek. He did and located the Discovery Mine. By the end of the summer he removed \$1,000 in placer gold. In the same time, \$1,500 in gold was obtained at the Nip and Tuck Mine. Years later, George Holmes took \$7,000 in gold from the site of Rowley's mine. Holmes was a mason who moved up the Skagit after a dispute with his union. He stayed in the Upper Valley until 1924, then moved downstream and was never heard of again.

When Rowley, Bacon, and Klement returned to Skagit Flats, news of the gold spread rapidly. Local newspapers enlarged on the story and predicted that 1880 would bring a great rush of miners, which would boost the economy of the area. Activity, in fact, began in 1879.

The Bellingham Bay Mail provides one of the few contemporary accounts of the 1880 gold rush: "Great excitement prevails at LaConner," it stated in March 1879. On April 13 the steamer Josephine left Seattle with a group of prospectors and excursionists. They traveled up the Skagit, and later one passenger reported to the Mail: "The distance to the gold mines from LaConner we have ascertained to be as follows: Fifty miles by steamboat to Minkler's Mill; about forty miles further by canoe; then fifty miles packing along the river, crossing the stream three times; then you come to Ruby Creek where the gold has been discovered. This creek is fifty miles long and extending in a northerly direction to within a few miles of the Similkamine gold mines. Ruby Creek, which is said to have gold from

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one end to the other, has a depth of water ranging from 2 to 15 feet.

Sixty-two men were at the mines by Aug. 2, 48 on Canyon Creek, and 12 on Ruby Creek, with seven companies formed at the former. They dug ditches and constructed flumes and sluices. About \$1.50 per day was averaged by each man at Ruby Creek, "after weeks of working getting down to the strate containing gold."

Reports from the mines were inconsistent. On Sept. 13 the comments were "—quite discouraging." On Oct. 4, the mines were giving "—good account of themselves." Despite this, the Mail predicted that 1880 would be "the" year for the Ruby Mines, and during the remainder of 1879, plans were made to serve the thousands of prospectors expected by the inhabitants of Skagit Flats. On one proposal the Mail commented: "We move to organize a joint stick company to run balloons from LaConner to the Skagit gold mines—By this means we may hope to effectually obviate the difficulty incident to ascending the rapids in the river or travelling through the pathless woods for a distance of one or two hundred miles. Don't you think so?"

Such a proposal was not entirely unreasonable, since the trip up the river was dangerous. During the peak of the rush, bodies were not infrequently seen floating on the river at Mr. Vernon or LaConner, and enterprising Indians would catch and search them for anything of value. There was no satisfactory trail along the Skagit, and those interested in the mines felt that one was needed before the mining rush started in 1880.

To be continued next month.

Crossword solution

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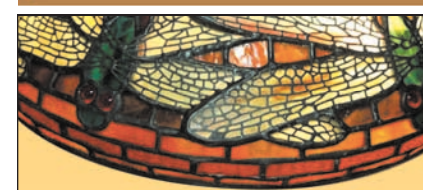
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