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After washouts closed the popular backcountry access route 11 years ago, Suiattle River Rd. reopened Oct. 25 amid much celebration and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. *Page 25.*

Prissy's Aprons

Upper Valley volunteers create symbols of hope from scraps of history. *Page 11.*



Volunteer seamstresses Lou Hillman, Naomi Rumpff, and Em Beals model some of the aprons they've created for Beals' "Prissy's Aprons" fundraising effort. The trio and others stitch together decades-old cloths to create aprons that are sold at Beals' business, 5b's Bakery, in Concrete. Money from apron sales will go toward "children and food," said Beals.

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From the editor

Too sweet?

Last month, local historian Deanna Ammons sent me an e-mail in which she quoted marching orders for *Grit* newspaper employees in the 1950s:

“Always keep *Grit* from being pessimistic. Avoid printing those things which distort the minds of readers or make them feel at odds with the world. Avoid showing the wrong side of things, or making people feel discontented. Do nothing that will encourage fear, worry or temptation. Whenever possible, suggest peace, and good will toward men. Give readers courage and strength for their daily tasks. Put happy thoughts, cheer and contentment into their hearts.”

Predictably, those words got me thinking about *Concrete Herald* and the job I’ve been doing since you all ponied up the start-up capital for me to bring it back in May 2009. Is it too sweet? Are you getting what you expect when you open each issue? What can I do better? Shoot me an e-mail at editor@concrete-herald.com and tell me.

—J. K. M.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Water rights: Hamstrung by cruel mess

Two decades ago, my brother and I inherited Skagit Valley property. We considered retiring there to our home state, but the recession dashed that idea. We put the property up for sale. A couple was interested in buying it, but understandably walked away when they—and then we—learned the water was taken. Even our real estate agent hadn’t known this.

Because we live in California, we cannot attend the few and far between meetings on this matter. Still, online news stories show us clearly that we are not alone, that the state Dept. of Ecology and state legislators, are damaging the lives of hundreds of people.

The threat of paralyzing people’s personal assets has since spread to other counties, where hundreds more people could be hurt. Taking our water rights away is translating into hopelessness about reaping the benefits of property that we—not the state—own.

The property’s value has plummeted. Subsequently, our taxes doubled. Let’s see: No water equals less value equals higher taxes. Odd formula. Regarding suggested mitigations, perhaps the most telling one thus far has been to return water rights to some, but not all, of the people. How egalitarian is that? Have any judges, attorneys, or groups supporting this devastating process voluntarily surrendered their own water rights?

And, does anyone or any group stand to profit from our losses?

Better late than never for all proponents of this action to reconsider the very real harm they have caused. Please practice human compassion for those who are trying to maintain financial traction while

being hamstrung by this cruel mess.
*Lucinda Ryan, Michael Ryan
Alameda, Calif.*

What were they thinking?

Anyone who has been uptown in Concrete on Halloween knows it is a big night for trick or treating for all our local children. So it came as quite a shock to find out two things our school district decided to do on this night.

One, they scheduled a high school football game starting at 7 p.m. on that night. I know we are all very proud of our Lions this year. They have been fantastic, but really? Halloween only falls on a Friday once every seven years and you could not see far enough ahead to make arrangements for a different day for the game?

Second—and this is the one that has me scratching my head even more on the “what were you thinking?” part—every year the school holds a cheer camp for the elementary school kids. Their reward at the end of it is to get to cheer at halftime at one of the high school football games. So on which game did the school decide to have all these young kids come and watch the game and cheer? You got it. The Halloween night game.

I’ve talked to several parents who are

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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

The **Fire and Life Safety Building** seems to have changed dramatically every time I check on it. Those reddish masonry pieces are the back, west, and front walls and framing elements for the three bays. They’ll go up about 8 feet. In November you’ll see stick framing installed on top of them, then roof trusses. Before you know it, the building will be closed in.

A smaller construction project is just past the halfway point in the **Angele Cupples Community Garden**. The garden shed is up and dry, and in the process of getting its electrical system installed. We’ll insulate and install drywall, and then we should be good to go. That shed will be an important resource for anyone renting a bed at the garden, giving them access to educational materials, free seeds, tools, fertilizers, hoses, and more. I remain grateful to USDA Rural Development, whose grant made the shed possible.

Remember, **Concrete Town Council** meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. Please attend as often as you can.

I’m always open to comments and questions about the town, especially suggestions for how we can serve you better. Feel free to contact me.

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



PSE publishes brochure on dam safety

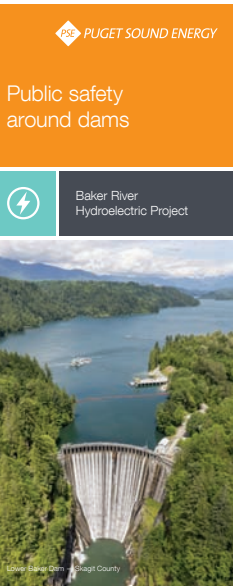
Puget Sound Energy has a new tool for Upper Valley residents who live near its Baker River Hydroelectric Project in Concrete.

The utility has produced “Public Safety around Dams,” a trifold brochure that describes its Dam Safety Program, its detection and warning systems, Emergency Action Plan (EAP), and what to do in the unlikely event of a dam breach or failure.

An important component of the brochure is an explanation of PSE’s early warning sirens and their test schedule (the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.). In an actual emergency, the sirens will continue to sound until deactivated and residents are urged to head for higher ground. The brochure includes an evacuation map showing the three primary routes.

The free brochures are available at Concrete Town Hall and the PSE Visitor Center in Concrete. For more information about the EAP or the early warning sirens, call 425.456.2792 or e-mail damsafety@pse.com.

—J. K. M.



Skagit Valley Natural Hazards Survey

A new survey aims to gather information about natural hazards in the Skagit Valley while educating participants.

“The Skagit Valley is affected by a number of natural hazards with potentially severe impacts,” said Boise State University Geoscience masters student Kimberley Corwin, who is administering the survey as part of her studies. “A few simple steps can prepare you and your family and keep these natural hazards from becoming natural disasters.”

The survey invites residents to answer a few simple questions about their

awareness of and preparedness for select hazards. The survey provides educational material on natural hazards, plus ways to prepare. Participants also have the chance to win a 7-inch tablet.

To take the survey, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/skagithazards. Participants must be 18 years or older and live or work in the Skagit Valley. The survey is completely anonymous.

For more information, contact Corwin at kimberleycorwin@u.boisestate.edu or research advisor Dr. Brittany Brand at brittanybrand@boisestate.edu.

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Upper Skagit Library gets land donation for new building

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Skagit Library (USL) announced Nov. 5 that a parcel of land has been donated for its long-awaited new library building. CalPortland, a California-based cement company, will give the Upper Skagit Library a 1.9-acre parcel located near the intersection of Superior Ave. and SR 20 in Concrete for the site of a larger, better-equipped library. The site is bordered to the south by the Cascade Trail.

“CalPortland’s generosity shows they recognize the importance of a thriving, accessible public library in our community,” said Laurie Thomas, chair of the USL Board of Trustees. “We are incredibly grateful that they have stepped forward in support of this project. The location is ideal.”

The new library, which has been in the planning stages for many months, is expected to at least double the current 1,600-square-foot leased facility at 45770 Main St. in Concrete.

In 2013, area residents and tourists made more than 20,000 visits to the library, often straining the available space and leading to long waits for the use of a computer.

“In designing the new facility, we are expanding areas for children and teens and adding space for more computer users and group collaboration,” said Library Director Brooke Pederson. “Our goal is to create a space where people of all ages can access, engage, and create the resources they need to enrich their lives.”

The land donation from CalPortland is contingent on the ability of the USL to raise funds necessary to build the facility. A fund development plan has been created and a group of local supporters is being formed. The group expects to launch a capital campaign in early 2015. A goal of \$1.2 million has been set.

“We are confident that through grant-writing, corporate gifts like the one from CalPortland, fundraising events, and

a wide base of local support, we will successfully raise the funds,” said Barb Trask, president of the Friends of the Upper Skagit Library. “There’s enormous excitement around this project and many people interested in making it happen.”

CalPortland’s Glacier NW division has owned much of the land where the cement plant once stood in Concrete, and over the years has helped the town repurpose that site for the benefit of the community. It is now the home of the Angele Cupples Community Garden, Silo Park, a skate park, children’s playground, and the new Fire and Life Safety Building.

“CalPortland is very pleased to be able to assist the community with the development of the new library by the donation of this parcel of land,” said Allen Hamblen, President/CEO of CalPortland.

CalPortland Company is a major producer of cement, ready mixed concrete, aggregates, concrete products, and asphalt in the western United States and Canada.

Founded in 1891, the company maintains its headquarters in Glendora, Calif., and operates in the western U.S. and two Canadian provinces.

The Upper Skagit Library opened in 2005 to serve residents and visitors of a 1,400-square-mile rural area in eastern Skagit County. For more information on what the library has to offer, go to www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us or call 360.853.7939.

For more information about the new library building project or the fundraising effort, contact Brooke Pedersen at bpederson@upperskagit.lib.wa.us or Barb Trask at traskb@me.com.

For more information about CalPortland Company, go to www.calportland.com.

—Valerie Stafford

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WDFW hosts meeting to discuss Baker Lake sockeye salmon fishery

A Nov. 1 public meeting hosted by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) allowed citizens to discuss last summer’s Baker Lake sockeye salmon fishery.

Sockeye numbers weren’t at the expected levels last year, said Lynden angler Tony Bakke. He and about four dozen other anglers were at the meeting, where fishery managers reviewed how the sockeye fishery was developed and managed, and discussed this year’s state and tribal harvest numbers. Attendees were allowed to provide input.

“While we met our conservation goals for Baker Lake this year, we know many recreational anglers expected more fish in the lake,” said Ron Warren, policy lead for WDFW’s fish program, in a press release

prior to the meeting. “We’re asking the public for constructive ideas that we can evaluate and develop before the salmon season setting process starts in March.”

The ideas came, said Bakke. “The tribes committed an ‘overtake’ last year; they took more than the anglers. That didn’t seem to bother the state, but we don’t buy it. We spoke up.”

Among other ideas, Bakke and his fellow anglers suggested allowing a percentage of fish to reach Baker Lake and the hatchery before the state opens up the fishery for anybody.

Another idea was to place a sonar wire at the mouth of the Skagit River to check the run size, which would eliminate the tribes’ current test fishery strategy.

“It got a little tense at times, but it was a productive meeting,” said Bakke. “It was encouraging.”

The Baker Lake sockeye fishery first opened in 2010 after a juvenile-collection facility was installed at Upper Baker Dam and a hatchery was opened at the lake. This year, 13,788 sockeye were trapped below the Lower Baker Dam and 6,819 fish were transported to the lake. The remaining sockeye were used for spawning.

—J. K. M.

Public meeting planned for Secondary Access project

Concrete residents—including property owners whose land might be affected—will have an opportunity to learn more about a planned secondary access road the town wants to build, during a public meeting on Nov. 20.

Intended to provide a second route between SR 20 and the Concrete School District and Mears Field, the secondary access road is on the town’s six-year Transportation Improvement Program and has been a component of Concrete’s Comprehensive Plan for more than a decade, but has languished because of lack of funding, according to comments made last year by town engineer Cory Hart.

The town has received federal grant funds to proceed with the design and preliminary right-of-way work for the project, during which phase a precise path will be determined after discussions with property owners whose land may be traversed by the proposed road. The north and south connection points are known—the east end of Airport Way and the north

Secondary Access project public meeting

WHEN:	Thursday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
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Forest Service seeks comment on Mt. Baker geothermal lease proposal

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is seeking public comment until Dec. 1 regarding whether to allow leasing a portion of National Forest lands surrounding Mt. Baker for potential geothermal exploration and development.

This Environmental Assessment (EA), called the Mt. Baker Geothermal Consent to Lease project, will take a big-picture look at an approximate 83,000-acre analysis area, of which an estimated 11,500 acres (based on a preliminary analysis) may be eligible for leasing.

The decision will determine whether law, policy, or regulation prohibits or sets limits on geothermal development. While this consent to lease action will have no ground disturbances, the EA will identify an initial set of prohibitions for protecting resources should geothermal development actually occur.

The Bureau of Land Management is

responsible for subsurface resources on federal lands, including geothermal development. In this case, BLM nominated part of the area to lease for developing a potential geothermal energy resource. If the Forest Service consents to leasing portions of the area, then BLM, with assistance from the Forest Service, will conduct additional environmental analyses of any leased locations proposed for geothermal exploration, drilling, and/or development. These further analyses would evaluate effects at a more site-specific level than found in this analysis.

Go to the Forest Service Web site, www.fs.usda.gov, for a project description, maps, and figures.

Comments on this project may be e-mailed to comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie-mtbaker@fs.fed.us.

Questions should be directed to project leader Eric Ozog at eozog@fs.fed.us or 360.691.4396.

Written comments may be mailed to Erin Uloth, District Ranger, Mt. Baker Ranger District, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284-1263.

—Submitted by Kelly Sprute, Public Affairs Specialist
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Council summary

It was the consensus of the council

- Mayor Miller reported on information that he passed along to the sergeant regarding a possible Level 3 sex offender who had registered as a transient, but is believed to have an actual physical address in town.

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

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Krista Salinas is administrative coordinator for Skagit County Dept. of Emergency Management

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Sports



Lions lock in state playoff berth

By Ron Rood, head coach

The Concrete Lions had an outstanding October, winning all five of their games and extending their win streak to eight games in a row. The Lions have locked up a state playoff berth for the third year in a row and at least a tie for the Northwest B League championship.

Homecoming saw Concrete host arch rival Darrington in the first of two games for the “Saws and Claws” trophy, and defeat a determined Logger squad 30–20. Donnie Olmstead led all rushers in a balanced Lion offense with 129 yards rushing. Olmstead was also the leading tackler for the Lions defense, and Tyler LaBrousse had a key interception.

Next the Lions avenged their only loss of the season by scoring in the last two minutes to defeat La Conner 28–21. A timely drive by the Lions was capped by a short touchdown pass from Dylan Clark to Clay Nelson, providing the winning points after La Conner had scored twice in the fourth quarter to erase a two-touchdown Concrete lead. A strong defensive team effort by Concrete held the Braves to only 85 yards rushing in the win.

Concrete traveled to Friday Harbor to battle the powerful Wolverines for first place. The Lions were bolstered by the return of running back Gibson Fichter. Fichter’s 53-yard punt return for a touchdown put the Lions ahead in the second quarter, and they never relinquished the lead. The difficult road

win gave the Lions sole possession of first place. Dylan Clark and Clay Nelson led a determined defensive effort against the talented Wolverine offense.

The Orcas Island Vikings were the next guest to limp home after Concrete opened up a huge halftime lead and swept the bench during a running clock mercy rule second half for a 56–14 win. Defensive linemen Robert Nevin and Matt Baird led a pass rush that stymied an excellent Viking passing game. Fichter, Nelson, and Olmstead all recorded more than 75 yards rushing despite limited playing time because of the lopsided score.

Class 1A Coupeville came to Concrete on Halloween night, but suffered more tricks than treats as the Lions plowed through a muddy field for almost 400 yards on the ground against a Coupeville front wall that averaged more than 240 pounds per man. Linemen Cameron Post, Trevor Lerma, Tyler Hansen, Nevin, and Baird blasted holes for Lion backs. Fichter ran for 144 yards and scored five touchdowns. Fullback Olmstead bulled for 99 more yards and two more touchdowns. Clark hit seven of eight passes for 85 yards and a touchdown.

The Lions travel to Darrington Nov. 6 for their last regular-season game, to try to lock up sole possession of the NWB trophy, a home state playoff game the next weekend, and the “Saws and Claws” trophy.



Scenes from a slaughter:

The Concrete Lions football team sent the Orcas Island Vikings home with a devastating 56–14 loss on Oct. 24.

Top: Tyler Labrousse snags an interception.

Middle: Clay Nelson scampers 40 yards for a first-quarter TD. Nelson then ran in his own two-point conversion.

Bottom: Senior Gibson Fichter uses his blockers to gain ground. As of Nov. 1, Fichter had tallied 3,467 career rushing yards, only 74 yards away from eclipsing fellow Lion Kyler Howell’s record of 3,541, set in 2010.

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Lady Lion Mary Spangler pressures a La Conner opponent during an Oct. 20 home match.

Concrete soccer battles injuries

By Adam Woodworth, head coach

After a relaxing pace and a successful .500 September, October didn’t pan out for the Lady Lions soccer team as hoped. To start, the Lions battled at La Conner Oct. 2, falling 6–0. If the sting of a big defeat wasn’t enough, key starter Iris Nevin was carried off the field late in the game after a collision injured her knee. The result proved to be two weeks of rest for Nevin and brought the Lions’ active roster down to only 12.

Friday Harbor visited Concrete Oct. 7 as the Concrete ladies put up a tough fight and a goal from Chloe Stidman. The Wolverines took the match 6–1.

On Oct. 13, down to only 11 players, the Lions traveled to Mount Vernon Christian and battled a blustery tailwind and needling rain in the first half. Despite the assistance the wind provided, through balls continued to escape the attacking line and the Hurricanes found ways to score against the gusts. Hurricanes 5, Lions 0.

The Lions looked to turn their bad fortune around traveling to Orcas on Oct. 17, facing a team they’d beaten twice. This time without anyone on the bench, the focus was on clean attacks and possession through the middle of

the field, taking pressure off the defense. Right away, Tate Mathis scored off a throw, taking an early lead fewer than three minutes into the game. The Vikings battled back, tying the score in the 27th minute, then took the lead 10 minutes before the half. Early in the second half, Carlee Brigham knocked heads with an opponent in a fair challenge, and was pulled from the game following concussion management protocol, dropping the Lion squad to only 10. The resulting defensive hole proved to be the breaking of the dam, and the Vikings poured in, scoring four more times and taking the game from the Lions 6–1.

October 20 found La Conner in Lion Country, with Concrete still fielding only 10 players. La Conner won the game 8–0, but the game never felt like a blowout. Although the Lions were outmatched in numbers, they constantly put the Braves under pressure and made them earn their scoring opportunities. McKenna Kononen, in her first full game as keeper, had 17 saves, including a half-dozen point blank shots.

For their final trip to the islands, Concrete traveled again to Friday Harbor and, with the return of Nevin to the lineup,

Athletes of the Month



Athletes of the Month are Chloe Stidman and Donnie Olmstead

Sophomore Chloe Stidman is “a tremendous competitor,” said Concrete soccer Head Coach Adam Woodworth. At forward, Stidman has scored three goals for the Lions soccer team this season, plus two penalties in shootouts, and has two assists. “She always arrives to practice early and strives for self-improvement. Chloe takes time to work with her teammates and takes pride in being an excellent representative of Concrete High School and the Concrete community. She is a good student, a challenging inspiration to coach, and a committed teammate,” said Woodworth.

Junior fullback and linebacker Donnie Olmstead is a key presence for this year’s Concrete Lions football team, said Head Coach Ron Rood. “He’s one of the more dedicated and hardworking kids we’ve had in our program for a long time. He never misses practice and works hard every day.”

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

was able to field 11. The weather was a factor, with the wind constantly changing direction and rain falling hard early in the match. The field was in pretty bad shape, but the Lions found ways to counter the elements. Despite numerous opportunities and an entire second team of subs, Friday Harbor struggled to find the net, missing high and wide largely due to the pressure from the Lion’s defense. Friday Harbor pulled off the win 2–0 after one of the closest matches between the two teams in nearly a decade.

In the only nonleague matchup of the season, the Lions made their final road trip to Burlington-Edison’s JV team, which handed Concrete a 12–1 loss.

On Oct. 30 the rain was falling hard and had been all day, and the field was in rough shape because of it. The Mount Vernon Christian Hurricanes paid the Lions a visit on the muddy pitch. Down to only nine players, Concrete had a

tough road ahead. The absences required the Lions to start a goalkeeper who had never even had an opportunity to practice the position, and Erica Knuth stepped up and came through with some top shelf keeping. She notched 14 saves with a retired pair of gloves in the season’s muddiest and most slippery conditions. Eighth grader Nora Towner scored her first goal of her high school career with a crushing, left-footed blast. The Hurricanes grabbed two more goals before the end of the half and went on to win 7–2, but the energy that came from the student body in the bleachers and the fact that the Lions played with only nine versus a fit Mount Vernon Christian squad of 11 plus subs was commendable.

The Lions wrapped up their season with a home game Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. against the La Conner Braves. At the end of October, Concrete was 2–9 in league and 2–10 overall.

Volleyballers played with purpose

By Kevik Rensink, head coach

The Concrete volleyball team traveled to the 2014 District Tournament held at Mount Vernon Christian High School in late October, where we were eliminated by Orcas Island in the first round of the playoffs.

Orcas came from way back in the first set to overtake us in overtime, and we never could get our game going from there. Finishing the season in that way is tough. It is tough for me to see the girls upset.

Somebody once said, “Once you reach the playoffs, there is only one team that finishes the season with a win.” As true as that statement might be, knowing that there are going to be a lot of sad locker rooms (much like ours was that day), I am so happy to have coached this group of young ladies. I am already reflecting back on all of the good things that we accomplished and all of the great memories that we have to take away from this season. Together we beat Orcas, at Orcas, in overtime of the fifth set. The passion and emotions that erupted as a result of that game will never be forgotten in my mind. It was the greatest volleyball game I have ever been a part of, and I hope the players never forget what they

felt in that moment. It was also the first time Concrete volleyball had beaten Orcas in 15 years. Nice job, Lady Lions!

Together, we also beat Mount Vernon Christian in the second set of our match on their court. They were also ranked No. 7 in the state at the time.

We were competitive with powerhouses, such as Darrington and La Conner, for the first time. These are huge accomplishments, and there were many more as I watched our group of young athletes improve, mature, compete, and become relevant.

Anjelika Koenig and Kelse Cargile did great jobs as our captains this season. Kalysta Becker, Muriel Troka, and Ellie Grass were all new this season and were a huge part of our success. We counted on the leadership of Jasmine Hopfield and Becca Torheim repeatedly. Taylor Aldridge, Cassidy Cargile, and Haley McNealey improved way beyond my expectations, and Katelin Pritchard did an outstanding job of filling in wherever needed. The recognition and compliments we received from our opponents, referees, parents, other fans, and other coaches were humbling to say the least. They saw what I saw. They saw a team that was



Jasmine Hopfield and Becca Torheim gang up on a Cedar Park Christian opponent during an Oct. 21 match on the Concrete court.



Kalysta Becker spikes the ball back into enemy territory during the Oct. 21 home-court game against Cedar Park Christian.

complete and fundamental, and played with purpose. They saw a team that had improved by leaps and bounds and fought hard to gain respect in our tough league. Most importantly, they saw a team with a great attitude, having fun with the sport

that they love, and having tremendous class and sportsmanship. Although our record (5–13) doesn’t tell the whole story, I can tell you we won a lot at the really important things in life. Thanks for a great season!

Middle school volleyball ends season with lessons learned

By Rob Thomas, head coach

With a victory in the final game against rival Darrington, the middle school girls’ volleyball season drew to a close on Oct. 28.

Though few in number, the girls remained competitive throughout the season as they faced Mount Vernon Christian, Orcas Island, La Conner, Friday Harbor, and Darrington. Concrete played home and away matches against each school, with the exception of Friday Harbor, as a scheduling conflict prevented Concrete from going to Friday Harbor.

The season started Sept. 8 with 11 girls (six 8th graders and five 7th graders) committing themselves to working together as a team to accomplish their stated goals:

- 1. Learn the fundamentals of the game.
- 2. Learn to work together as a team.
- 3. Improve each and every week.
- 4. Have fun.

As the season progressed, however, grades and injuries ultimately limited Concrete to eight players on a single team.

Highlights of the season included a home match victory against rival Darrington, which was especially exciting as Concrete fought back from a third game deficit to ultimately win. Sweeping Orcas Island demonstrated Concrete’s ability to win at home and on the road (island). Finally, after agreeing to play four games (instead of the normal three), Concrete showed great resiliency in coming back to win the final game after coming up short in the first three games.

The key to each victory for Cassie (8th), Chaya (7th), Ebby (7th), Haley (7th), Izzy (7th), Maddy (8th), Sam (7th), and Savannah (8th) was relatively simple: The greater the energy and enthusiasm on the court, the better the team played and the more points they scored. Unfortunately, the reverse was also true. But since

volleyball at the middle school level is a learning process, this was yet another lesson the players encountered.

I wish the 8th graders well as they move on to play either volleyball or soccer next year in high school. I look forward to coaching the 7th graders next year, as well as a great group of 6th graders moving up to the middle school.

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Izzy Ramos stays focused on her serve during an Oct. 23 home-court match against La Conner.

Prissy’s Aprons

Upper Valley volunteers create symbols of hope from scraps of history.

By Haley McNealey

I’m sitting in 5b’s Bakery in Concrete with owner Em Beals, talking about aprons. She falls silent, thoughtful, considering what to say after I ask her why she’s doing this—why *this* use for the material she’s collected? Why aprons?

After a moment, she tells me there are a few reasons she started the business, which she calls Prissy’s Aprons. Being the owner of a bakery, it makes sense to sell aprons. It is also a creative outlet for the community members who lend a hand with the sewing. And, it makes use of beautiful fabrics that would otherwise be wasted, thrown carelessly away. It is her way of giving back to the community and keeping these beautiful fabrics alive.

Baking and cooking, she fears, have become a thing of the past because of the availability of pre-packaged foods. For her generation, baking was a chosen pastime; she concedes that it has always been her greatest passion. Her hope is that her original, fashionable aprons will help new cooks and bakers feel more assertive.

“There’s something about putting on an apron,” says Beals. “It instantly gives you more confidence, and with the right tools, anyone can exceed their expectations.”

A passing employee fervently agrees. After more than 45 years of collecting fabrics with unique patterns and stories, from linens and curtains, to tablecloths ranging all the way back to the 1930s, Beals has accumulated “a mountain of material.” She had stowed away the vast fabric collection until she could find a creative use for them, knowing that one day she would.

She finally has. Beals hasn’t decided where the proceeds from the apron sales will go, whether it will be to a pre-existing organization or if she will form her own. For now, until she finds the right organization, the earnings are being kept in a trust. She is determined for the money to contribute to something local, something that will give back to the community.

“It will need to address children and food. Child hunger or nutrition—something like that,” Beals says with passion in her eyes.

What’s in a name?

How did she come up with the name, Prissy’s Aprons? Beals explains that Prissy is the name of the maid in “Gone with the Wind,” the maid who reutilizes decorator linens to craft Scarlet’s gown. It fits well with her project because every scrap of material used to create the aprons is recycled from other articles.

The reused fabrics combined with the fascinating stories behind every piece make for meaningful, functional creations. The aprons are handcrafted by a group of local women after Beals piles a few unique patterns together that she feels complement each other.

“They speak to me,” says Beals.

A story in every apron

The intricate detail on the aprons is exquisite, a variety of coordinated colors, patterns, and memories woven together in one timeless piece. The aprons range from feminine to more utilitarian styles, so there is an apron for everyone, and many of them also are reversible.

As Beals recounts the stories behind a few of the fabrics, a wave of nostalgia sweeps through the room. One, for example, was a gift from an elderly woman she met in 1963, a detailed decorative runner she had tatted as a girl. (Tatting, Beals explains, is the equivalent of cross-stitching, except the process behind it is far more tedious and grueling.) The only source of light the woman had came from an oil lamp, as there was no electricity in those days. Beals estimates the runner was originally created in the early 1930s.

Another of the pieces came from an old gingham dress Beals suspects she might have worn as a child.

Hot items

The business has grown far more rapidly than anyone projected. During this past summer, with the help of her expert seamstresses, 45 aprons were assembled by Lou Hillman, Naomi Rumpff, and Helen Brown after Beals compiled the materials. Beals expected this would be enough for the entire year, but she was

astonished when those 45 aprons sold out in only two weekends. Because of the high demand for more aprons, more were put together and they are available now.

Beals expects to sell many if not all of the second batch of aprons during the approaching holiday season. Because of the overwhelming demand, she soon will be looking for another seamstress to add to her team.

Prissy’s Aprons sells both half and full aprons, \$28 and \$38, respectively. They are original, appealing, and even affordable. Stop at 5b’s Bakery on Main St. in Concrete to pick up a meal and view the assortment of aprons Prissy’s Aprons has to offer.

Haley McNealey is a junior at Concrete High School.



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Academics



Concrete Elementary students were honored Oct. 31 at a “Responsibility Assembly,” during which children from each grade level were recognized for their interpretations of what the concept of responsibility means to them. Front row, from left: Ashley Parker, Hayley Daniels, Amelia Culver, Camden Howell, Madden Cochran, Eli Cyr, Natalie Lahr. Back row, from left: Collin Martin, James Frame, Colby Whitford, Vanessa Aiken, Jordan Latta, Echo Cyr, Hunter Olmstead.

Children’s Craft Fair coming in December

A **Community Bazaar and Children’s Craft Fair** will be held in the Concrete Elementary School Gym on Sat., Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hosted by Imagine Concrete Foundation, the craft fair is designed for community members and their children to learn more about the grassroots organization, which exists to help transform the dreams of Concrete citizens into reality.

The kid-friendly event will include holiday treats and gifts from a variety of vendors, free gift-wrapping, holiday family photo shoots, and more. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend. Vendors are invited too.

For more information or vendor inquiries, contact Stephanie Morgareidge at morgareidge@frontier.com or 360.770.2836.

November PTO update

- Nov. 3–7: Book Fair at Concrete Elementary, 8 a.m. to noon.
- Nov. 12: PTO meeting, with special speaker Bret Turner from United Way at end of meeting to have a community conversation with all who are present; 5 p.m.
- Nov. 21: Turkey Bingo, Bingo Cards 25 cents each, optional pizza dinner available; 5 to 7 p.m.

Community Education in November

- Weight Training every Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., high school weight room.
- Yoga/Pilates every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m., in elementary school cafeteria.
- Holiday Wreath-making in elementary school cafeteria, Nov. 12, all materials included, \$30; 6 to 8 p.m.
- Mosaic Wall-hanging in elementary school cafeteria, Nov. 13, all materials included, \$40; 6 to 9 p.m.

Community Education in December

- Weight Training every Monday and

- Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., high school weight room.
- Yoga/Pilates every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m., in elementary school cafeteria.
 - Jam-making/canning class in high school room 217, Dec. 3, all materials included, \$10; 6 to 8 p.m.
 - Candy-Making in high school room 217, Dec. 10, make three recipes for \$30, all ingredients included; 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information on Community Education classes, contact Lisa Fenley at 360.853.8145 or lfenley@concrete.k12.wa.us.

Flu shot clinic at SWHS

Sedro-Woolley School District is partnering with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA) to provide a Flu Shot Clinic at Sedro-Woolley High School.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the single best way to protect you and your family from influenza is to receive a flu shot each year.

Who: All SWSD children (4 years and older) and their families

When: Wed., Nov. 5, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Where: Sedro-Woolley High School cafeteria

Students younger than 18 will need a Patient Consent Form signed by a parent or guardian. Patient Consent Forms will be available at the clinic or at your child’s school.

All participants will be asked to provide their health insurance information (card) to receive an immunization. SVNA will electronically bill the insurance plan for your flu shot. They bill all insurance plans including Apple Health (Washington State Medicaid) plans. Flu shots are considered preventative care and are not subject to deductibles or co-pays. This means no out-of-pocket expense for participants.

For more information, contact your building nurse.

—Submitted by
Sedro-Woolley School District



Concrete Elementary kindergarteners seem too busy chowing down on healthful food to notice County Commissioner Sharon Dillon standing behind them. On Oct. 1, the students hosted Dillon and other guests at their first Taste Washington Day. The special school lunch featured a menu of locally produced and procured items, including Kale-idoscope Salad with greens from Jericho Farm, Washington-grown corn and potatoes, and green beans from Blue Heron Farm. Guests included Dillon, representatives from the USDA, Community Action Food Coordinator Rita Ordonez, school nutritionist Allison Johnston, KSVU hostess Erma Baude, and Concrete School Board members. *Submitted photo.*

Mark your calendar ...

Nov. 10: Veterans Day Assembly, 9:45 a.m., high school gym

Nov. 17: Hearing and Vision Van, Nov. 17

Nov. 19: Two-hour late start for Concrete School District

YD update

Someone told me recently that they really appreciated the fact that we (the Concrete community) had an organization like Youth Dynamics to help our local youth.

It is so nice to hear that from time to time, but it is also so true. Concrete YD is staffed by six volunteers who give their time, effort, and energy so that our local teens have a safe, fun, and positive place to be every Monday evening. I cannot thank our staff enough for putting everything on the line week in and week out for our young people. They really do have a great heart for the kids of the Upper Skagit Valley and we want to help those kids make better life choices. We strive to do that through fun, food, adventures, and relationships.

In October we had several events for

high school students to attend. The LOG CABIN (Burlington’s YD Headquarters) hosted a big “kick off the year” party on Oct. 5. All of the West Side YDs met there for games, food, worship, and a presentation by Greg Laurie. It was a great way to meet other students from other schools, and also a great way to start off the school year.

Back in Concrete we hosted the next three events.

October 13 was Shark Night, which had some great insight from Jim Massingale as he spoke on life choices and how they affect you now and later. Congratulations to River Lee for being the first person to complete “Shark” at a grand scale.

On Oct. 20 Cardboard Gladiator Night returned, which involves students decorating teammates in cardboard and duct tape for competition and battle. Congratulations to Mat Baird’s team for taking it down. I spoke on the message



Four Concrete High School students traveled to Yakima for the Washington State Prevention Summit Oct. 20–21. From left, Staff Leader Chris Kennedy, students Rebecca Azure, Keighley Mitchel, Misty Carlson, and Natalie Bertsch. Concrete Resource Coalition member Mary Janda, kneeling in front, accompanied the group, along with coalition member Alyssa Pavitt (not pictured).

The students are members of the newly developed Concrete Prevention Posse. The group was formed near the end of the 2013–14 school year to bring together students who want to coordinate prevention efforts in the school and community. The group is supported by Kennedy, a prevention/intervention specialist. Issues the group has addressed so far include tobacco, alcohol, and breast cancer.

The Washington State Prevention Summit brought together high school youth leaders and prevention groups from throughout the state. At the conference, the students were able to begin planning for future prevention efforts, including expanding their efforts to address mental health and bullying prevention. The Concrete students also attended workshops on health issues, such as marijuana and mental health, as well as workshops to develop their skills in creating an action plan for their group. In addition, they learned creative ways to get prevention messages heard from keynote speakers such as magician Brad Barton and The Rafael Tranquilino Band.

“The students were excellent representatives of the Concrete community,” said Pavitt. *Photo by Alyssa Pavitt.*

of hope for our young people, and then continued on that subject the Monday following the Marysville-Pilchuck shooting. Author Stu Weber said, “There are two things that every young person is looking for: stability and hope.” It is no different for the young people of our community. That is what we are trying to give them. That is why our great group of volunteers comes back week after week.

We finished up the month with our annual Harvest Party—thanks to Fred and Barb for hosting again—where we had a bonfire, a pumpkin toss (won by Grayson Luttrell and Austin Wenneker), a costume contest (won by Hannah Rensink and Shannah Pomeroy), a pumpkin-carving contest (won by River Lee), and many door prizes. Another big thank you goes to Cascadian Farms for donating pumpkins for our Harvest Party for the 8th year in a row.

The students had an awesome time and

we hope they keep inviting their friends and that they keep coming back.

Concrete YD has had 49 high school students attend our weekly meetings this year, and we are encouraging more to come hear the exciting things we have planned for the remainder of the school year. This next month we will host Capture the Flag, travel to the Bellis Fair Mall for a “Human Scavenger Hunt,” and have a movie night the Monday before Thanksgiving.

In the spirit of the season, thank you to all of our local patrons who contributed the door prizes for the Harvest Party; thank you to our volunteer staff; thank you, students, for your awesome enthusiasm; and thank you, community members, for recognizing the positive impact that Concrete YD is having on your community.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink, directors
Concrete Youth Dynamics



Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

The 1891 photo above shows the Mountain View Grocery Store/Post Office in Clear Lake. Jake Bartl built the store soon after the Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern built their railroad through town in late 1890. Bartl

Lake,” but again, the name was not accepted by the U.S. Post Office Department because they wanted only one word. Bartl then ran the two names together, naming the town “Clearlake.” Members of the Bartl and Isaacson families, along with Eddie O. Adams, Charlie Smith, and Hiram Hammer (the first teacher at the Clear Lake School) are included in the group above. This photo has been chosen to be on display at the State Capitol in Olympia, in commemoration of Washington State’s 125th birthday on Nov. 11. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*
—Deanna Ammons, historian
Clear Lake and Day Creek

Community Calendar

- NOVEMBER**
- 4 General Election day; ballots must be postmarked or placed in a drop box by 8 p.m. today
- 5 Flu Shot Clinic, Sedro-Woolley High School cafeteria, 3 to 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 13
- 5 “A Place at the Table” screens at Concrete Theatre, 7 p.m.; info at 360.853.7939
- 6 TimberFest Saws & Claws Cup, Darrington; parade at 4 p.m., tailgate party at 5 p.m., game at 7 p.m. vs. Concrete; info at 425.263.7945 or marreencfs@gmail.com
- 7–8 Hope Heals Women’s Conference, Sedro-Woolley High School auditorium, 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 8; ad, p. 18; info at 360.853.3066 or Facebook: search Women HAND in Hand
- 8 Thanksgiving/Christmas Bazaar, Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 24
- 8 Fall Art Show, 605 S. Emens Ave., Darrington, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 24
- 9 Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Brian Torheim, Community Bible Church, 45672 Limestone, Concrete; 3 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Veterans Memorial dedication by members of George Baldrige American Legion Post No. 43, Sedro-Woolley, at Hamilton Cemetery, north end of Cabin Creek Rd., 3 p.m.; info at 360.826.3443
- 13 “An Evening with Tobias Wolff,” a fundraising event for Family Promise of Skagit County, Sedro-Woolley High School auditorium, 1235 3rd St., Sedro-Woolley, 7 p.m.; \$15 general admission, \$10 youth or 65-plus; tickets available online at Brown Paper Tickets and at Stowes in Burlington, Oliver-Hammer in S-W, and Easton’s Books in Mt. Vernon
- 14 Sedro-High School Jazz Night, SWHS cafeteria, 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 17
- 15 First Annual Holiday Bazaar, Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland, Mount Vernon, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see ad, p. 34; info at 360.336.5757
- 15 Marblemount poet Andrea Weiser reads her work at Mount Vernon City Library, 2 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 20 Secondary Access project public meeting, Concrete Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, 6 p.m.; see article, p. 5; info at 360.853.8401 or afichter@concretewa.gov
- 22 Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 3 to 7 p.m.; free admission; see notice, p. 26; info at 360.941.5485
- 27 Sedro-Woolley Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Cascade Middle School, 905 McGarigle Rd., Sedro-Woolley, 12:30 to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 17; info or to volunteer, call 360.855.0231
- 29–30 Concrete Lions Club begins Christmas Tree sales, Theodoratus Field, Concrete (west of Loggers Landing)

- DECEMBER**
- 6 Darrington Community Dance, 6:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 24; info at 206.402.8646
- 7 Marblemount Christmas Bazaar, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; free admission; info at www.marblemountcommunityhall.org/events
- 13 Community Bazaar and Children’s Craft Fair, sponsored by Imagine Concrete Foundation, Concrete Elementary School gym, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; vendors welcome; see ad, p. 3; info and vendor inquiries to morgareidge@frontier.com or 360.770.2836

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

Community meetings

Community Chat, an informal conversation about projects in Darrington, meets the second Fri. of each month at 8 a.m., at Mountain Loop Books and Coffee, 1085 Darrington St., Darrington. 360.436.2167

Concrete American Legion Post and Auxiliary meet the second Tue. of each month, Sept. through May, at 5:30 p.m. in the American Legion Building. 360.853.8940.

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

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

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

Concrete Resource Coalition meets the third Thur. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Concrete School District offices (usually in the north room at the eastern end of the building).

Concrete School Board will hold a workshop on Nov. 28, at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons. 360.853.8141.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

Darrington Area Business Assn (DABA) 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 Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St., at 7 p.m. 360.436.1131 or darrcityhall@glacierview.net.

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

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

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

KSVU station info and host training, second Wed. of each month at Portable B behind Concrete K-8 School, 1 to 4 p.m. Call 360.416.7001 to confirm appointment.

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

Marblemount Community Hall board and staff meet the second Tue. of each month at the hall, at 6 p.m. 360.873.2048 or 360.853.8388.

Saukrates Cafe meets the last Wed. of each month at Annie’s Pizza Station in Concrete, at 5 p.m. Conversation topics are posted at Upper Skagit Library and <http://saukratescafe.wordpress.com>.

Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association meets the third Wed. of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. 360.424.7243

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

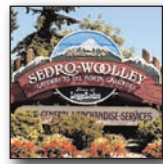
Sedro-Woolley School District Board will meet for regular meetings on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Support Services Building, and on Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

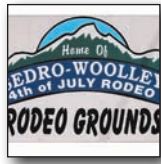


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Sedro-Woolley



Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club members raise funds at Seahawks game

Nine teens and two staff from Sedro-Woolley Boys & Girls Club sold programs at the Seahawks vs. Cowboys game on October 12.

Club members from all over Washington State took part in the "Spirit of 12" program, which allows nonprofits to raise funds at Seahawks home games. From 10 a.m. through the first quarter of the game, club members sold the Seahawks Gameday Magazine to football fans.

The Woolley teens had a great time being at the stadium and selling programs while mingling with fans. They even got the chance to watch some of the game. Staff member Germaine Kornegay was treated to a photo op with the SeaSquatch.

Club member Shaely Spilker said, "It was really fun to see all of the different people support their football team and give to charity. It was exciting to be a part of the 12th man. I had never done that before."

Every dollar made was matched by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. When all was said and done, the Sedro-Woolley club made \$2,982 (\$1,236 in cash, \$1,236 matched by Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and \$510 in vouchers from



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season ticket holders). Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County is grateful to the Spirit of 12 Program for the funds raised and

for giving these Club Teens an experience they'll never forget.

—Tammy Findlay

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Shambala Bakery and Bistro manager Nancy Chase (with scissors) welcomed Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce members and city officials to a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 25. Submitted photo.

Save the date

The annual Sedro-Woolley Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Cascade Middle School, 905 McGarigle Road, Sedro-Woolley, on Thur., Nov. 27, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The traditional Thanksgiving feast is free to all members of the

community. Donations are accepted. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail slokkebo@yahoo.com or call 360.855.0231.

Organizers are also taking orders for free home delivery. Sign up at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center (360.855.1531) or the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce (360.855.1841). Orders will be accepted through Wed., Nov. 19.

Diamond Plaza dazzles with new businesses

The Diamond Plaza complex in Sedro-Woolley recently welcomed new tenants.

Literally Computers

Owner-Operator Brandon Werner has started a new business in Diamond Plaza, located at 305 State St.

Literally Computers aims to help bridge the gap for computer users, offering Web page development for personal and business needs, Web page hosting, and e-commerce consignment.

Business hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the phone number is 360.391.7438.



Werner

S-W Community Troop Support seeks names of military members

Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support's fifth annual Christmas mailing is rapidly approaching. The organization is again seeking names of friends or family currently serving in the U.S. armed forces overseas.

Each year SWCTS ships more than 200 care packages packed with items requested by troops. If you know someone who could benefit from receiving great stuff from home, go to the SWCTS Web site at www.swcommunitytroopssupport.com, where you can submit their mailing address.

Donations will be accepted through Nov. 11 this year. Drop-off locations in the area also are posted on the Web site, as well as a "Wish List" for anyone wondering how they can help; find the above items by clicking on the "How You Can Help" tab.

For more information, go to www.swcommunitytroopssupport.com or www.facebook.com/swcts.

Read Concrete Herald
The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

Find Literally Computers on Facebook too.

Shambala Bakery and Bistro

Gluten-free, nonGMO, vegan, ancient grain bread provider Shambala Bakery and Bistro kicked things off with a bang on Oct. 25, with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the bakery.

Shambala is helmed by Nancy Chase and located at 303 State St., Ste. H, in Sedro-Woolley (south end of Diamond Plaza interior courtyard). The business is an outgrowth of Shambala Permaculture Farm on Camano Island. The bakery boasts a full gluten-free, vegetarian menu, including bread loaves, buns, rolls, muffins, cakes, pizza crust/flatbreads, espresso, and drinks.

Shambala Bakery is open Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; reach them by phone at 360.854.2253.

For more information, go to <http://shambalafarm.com/bakery>.

—J. K. M.

SWHS Jazz Night Nov. 14

Jazz lovers, rejoice!

Sedro-Woolley High School will host Jazz Night on Fri., Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The concert is free. Attendees will be treated to performances by the SWHS "Blue Horizon" Jazz Choir and the SWHS Jazz Band.

Desserts and coffee are available for a donation, which will go to benefit SWHS music students through a scholarship fund, travel expenses for a spring trip, or paying music class-related fees.

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Spaghetti Feed, Nov. 7
Joy's Bakery

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www.sedrowoolleymuseum.org



Lyman



Angel Tree under way, craft show on tap this month

Heart to Heart Charity’s Christmas Angel Tree is now under way. We are seeking people to help those in need in our community by shopping for children of low-income families. Those wishing to help can choose angel tags online at www.facebook.com/h2hangeltree or, if you do not have computer access, you can call Tammie at 360.826.3818 for more information. Tags will give nonidentifying information on children whose families could use assistance this year with the added expense of Christmas. Tags will include as much information as we can provide, such as sizes, hobbies, specific needs, etc. Choose the tags of your choice off the list and post your tag choices online on our Facebook page. Additional information will be emailed to you after making your selections. After shopping, simply return your unwrapped gifts with your tag number by Dec. 5 to one of our drop-off locations. Last year we helped more than 100 kids and wrapped more than 1,000 gifts; that requires a lot of time, so please observe the due date. There are no rules for what to purchase; that choice is up to the sponsor. We also are accepting donations for such things as wrapping paper, socks, hats/mittens, toys, and other needed items. All presents must be submitted unwrapped; any we receive wrapped we have to unwrap. We have entire families available to adopt as well for those people and/or businesses wishing to adopt a family. We have families of all sizes; contact Tammie Werner for more information.

We also would like to provide personal hygiene items such as shampoo, body wash, soap, etc. In addition, we are trying to provide food for those families in need. If you have any questions, please contact organizer Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. Donations of cash/checks are greatly appreciated to help with additional needed items. Checks need to be made payable to Heart To Heart Charity and can be mailed to Heart to Heart Charity, P.O. Box 1372, Lyman, WA 98263. Donations of wrapping paper, tape, socks, personal hygiene products, food, basic supplies, and mittens are greatly appreciated. These donations can be left in our donation bin (in the hall behind the partition) at 720 Puget Ave., Ste. B, Sedro-Woolley, Mon.-Fri. from 9-5.

—Tammie Werner



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TICKET INFO:
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Lyman Library tales

Just so everyone knows, sometimes the library is closed because of events that are out of our control. People sometimes rent the community hall for weddings, etc. Recently it was closed because of storm drain repairs. We have no way of letting folks know, so please bear with us. Now to good news: Someone left us a small collection of audiotapes that are now available. They are located on the north side near the Western books. Two of them are in the “The Girl With ...” series. I am hoping more people who have audio tapes will consider donating them. There was also a box of new puzzles brought in. Winter is once again upon us, so be careful driving. We look forward to seeing all of you.

—Elaine Kohler

Preschool Fundraiser

Lyman Co-Op Preschool is teaming up with Just Peachy Frozen Yogurt in Burlington for a fundraiser!

On Wed., Nov. 12, from 5 to 9:30 p.m., Just Peachy will donate 1/3 of their proceeds to the preschool.

Take the family out for a yummy treat and help Lyman Co-Op at the same time!



Day Creek



Don’t be frightened by your electric bill

Electrical conservation ideas for winter

As fall turns to winter, every homeowner can benefit from these tips to conserve energy and reduce the electric bill.

Pay attention to the thermostat
The ideal temperature to set the thermostat at during the fall and winter is 65 degrees. For optimal savings, lower the temperature at night and when you’re not home, and warm the home back up, keeping the thermostat at 65 degrees or below, when at home. One way to monitor the use of the thermostat is by installing a programmable thermostat with apps connected to a phone, tablet, or other mobile device.

Change the light bulbs
To save on energy consumption, consider switching from traditional incandescent lighting, or even compact fluorescent lighting, to LED lighting. LED lights use less energy and last longer than traditional bulbs or CFLs, saving money over time. Halogen lights should be used for outdoor lighting. They use significantly less energy than traditional

outdoor light bulbs.

Consider installing automated switches
Using automated switches allows for optimal lighting and adjustments to take place. By regulating the lighting in a home, the energy consumption will go down, reducing the electric bill. Installing automated switches that connect to mobile devices gives you more control over your lighting needs.

Be mindful of holiday lighting
Halloween starts the season of outdoor holiday lighting. The best thing to do to conserve energy and keep the electric bill low while still using holiday lighting is to put them on a timer. Avoid running the lights during the day and set the time for them to come on for well after dark. Set the lights to go off when, or slightly after, you go to bed.

Beware of vampire lighting
October is the perfect time to mention vampire lights. This refers to all of the electronics that consume energy but go unnoticed. Items like coffee makers, microwaves, and computers are constantly plugged in and consume energy even when they are not operating. To conserve energy, unplug items like toasters, coffee makers, and other home electronics that can go unused until needed.

Community notes

Raid on Lyman Ferry Rd.
Police removed 12 large garbage bags of marijuana plants from an illegal marijuana growing and manufacturing operation, along with more than 50 questionable vehicles. The Skagit County Drug Task Force, the Washington State Patrol, Skagit County Sheriff, Snohomish County Sheriff, and federal agents are working together to process this site.

Commissioner candidates visit
At the October potluck dinner, Skagit County Commissioner Dist. 3 candidates Lisa Janicki and Kevin Loy attended. Items discussed included:
• Public safety.
• Fish & Wildlife: working with the elk.
• Public Works: to address danger on the South Skagit Highway.
• Fire Department needs to become prepared to handle more types of disasters.
• DNR controls on logging.
• What can be done about the Day Creek Store.

Any women’s ministry group that wants to be involved with **Women HAND in Hand** is encouraged to contact any one of the following:

Sylvia Miles	360.826.3067
Sharon Herring	360.661.5037
Bonnie Lintz	360.856.1385
Sue Walden	360.826.3944
Kathy Henderson	360.826.3581

Donna Pulver and Kathy Henderson, co-directors of **Kingdom Builders**, are reaching out to the Day Creek community by working with married couples who are seeking counseling help. Soon they’ll be

2014 Community Potluck dates
November 18, 6:30 p.m.
December 16, 6:30 p.m.

back on the road. Along with traveling the roads of Day Creek, meeting community members, and gathering information, they will be available to the community for hospital visits and crisis calls. For more information, call 360.826.3003, 360.826.3581, or 360.826.3822.

The **Day Creek Walkie Talkies** are up and at ’em. Every day around 7 a.m., there is a group walking the streets of Day Creek. When you see them, wave or honk—or better yet, join them. For more information, call 360.826.4375.

Day Creek Book Club meets at Cedar Springs Lodge on Barben Rd. on the third Monday of each month. New members are welcome. Club members plan to read the following books this year:
• *The Dog Stars*, by Peter Heller
• *Wild*, by Cheryl Strayed
• *Persuasion*, by Jane Austin
• *Steering by Starlight*, by Martha Beck
For more information, call 360.661.0247.

Garden dirt
Our resident gardener Donna Pulver offers these tips for November:
• Gather leaves and use them as mulch (3 to 5 inches deep) in all garden areas. Don’t be too tidy; some plants will still grow under the leaves
• Continue to trim back plants that have finished blooming. Get rid of foliage that has become diseased (keep it out of the compost bin). Do *not* cut back hardy fuchsia; allow the leaves to remain and wait until spring to trim for structuring the plant.
• Check the trunks of all trees and clean away mulch or leaf debris. This debris can hold harmful moisture or rodents. Remove broken branches. Don’t apply fertilizer.
• Dig up, clean up, divide, and store Dahlia tuber clumps, retaining a chunk of the stem with each tuber.

We are looking for ideas for the Day Creek community—fun events and fundraisers—to support the fire hall and get to know the neighbors. If you have an idea, call Donna Pulver 360.826.3003 or Kathy Henderson at 360.826.3581.
—Kathy Henderson

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Left: Skagit County Commissioner Dist. 3 candidates Lisa Janicki and Kevin Loy fielded questions during an Oct. 6 Candidates Forum hosted by *Concrete Herald* at Concrete Theatre. Attendees wrote questions on cards for the candidates, who took turns answering them.



Left: Concrete volunteer firefighters gathered in the Concrete Fire Hall Oct. 19 for a final annual Crab Feed in the 100-year-old building, which has been retrofitted with a post (center) to prevent the roof from caving in. Next year's dinner will be in the new Fire and Life Safety Building, which is under construction. *Photo by Darrel Reed.*



Above: John Boggs (far left) channels deceased Concrete barber George Feazel for an appreciative crowd during the Oct. 4 Ghost Walk in Concrete.



Left: Workers place rebar into a concrete masonry unit (CMU) wall at the future front of the Fire and Life Safety Building under construction in Concrete. The gaps between the CMU stacks are the bays into which the town's fire engines will be pulled.

Right: A worker smooths the mortar between seams of the CMU wall at the back of the Fire and Life Safety Building in Concrete on Oct. 29.



October in pictures



Above: Lyman Elementary School students parade through the halls Oct. 30 during their annual celebration that eventually led to the gym. The parade starts small, with the youngest students moving from classroom to classroom and picking up more classmates until their numbers build to a throng of superheroes, zombies, princesses, witches, ancient royalty, and more.



Above: Concrete Boy Scout Troop 4074 held its Fall Court of Honor on Sept. 28 at Community Bible Church in Concrete. Several boys were honored, including Gabe and Robert Thompson, who advanced to Tenderfoot Scouts; Noah Tiemens, who advanced to Scout 2nd Class; and Richard Ershing, who advanced to Star Scout. In other Scout news, seven boys went to camp Easton in Idaho this summer and earned 17 merit badges between them. The badges were awarded by Scout Leader Dave McLaughlin and Assistant Leader Art Torheim to Gabe and Robert Thompson, Brian Torheim, Kevin McLaughlin, Noah and Isaac Tiemens, and Colvin Swanberg. *Submitted photo.*



Above: Bowen Beals plays mail carrier Frederick Leonard during the Oct. 4 Ghost Walk in Concrete. *Photo by Gail Boggs.*



Above: Monica Crosson wows Ghost Walk attendees as respectable housewife-turned lady of the evening during the Oct. 4 event. Crosson was joined by an entourage of family members, who played other individuals in the brothel/bar setting. The Ghost Walk is held every Saturday in October; this year included an indoor show at Concrete Theatre on Oct. 30. The walk is populated by more than a dozen ghosts played by volunteer members of the community. *Photo by Gail Boggs.*



Hamilton



Billy Heinzman from Hamilton and Chevelle Van Sweden of Lyman posed for a photo outside of Boots Bar & Grill in Hamilton on Oct. 6, with Heinzman dressed in the manner of a man who has just lost a bet. Heinzman, a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, had bet Van Sweden that his team's 2013 regular-season win-loss record would be higher than the Seahawks. The numbers? Seahawks: 13–3; Steelers: 8–8. Had Van Sweden lost, she would have had to wear her wedding dress to work. But she didn't, now, did she?

Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Sept 9. Following is a summary of that meeting.

- Council voted to accept Ordinance 312 (marijuana).
- Mayor Joan Cromley discussed complaints regarding chickens. Council agreed chickens should not be regulated by ordinance, but noise

- or smell complaints should be treated as a nuisance violation.
- Council elected Scott Bates as the new Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Cas Hancock reported an only 2 percent water loss. Hancock also explained changes to the town's Emergency Response Plan.
- Resident Harriet Stargel asked about getting extra bus stops in town. It was mentioned that Hamilton Market would be a great location for one.

From the Mayor

I've been spending time at my sewing machine, so I thought a photo of one of the six sewing machines the town has in the museum would be fitting. If you know who owned it or have any stories about any of the sewing machines stored here, I'd love to hear them.

Heart to Heart Kids Club has been meeting at the Slipper House (a.k.a. Town Hall). It's been nice to hear the laughter and merriment. We appreciate the opportunity for the kids to get together.

The library will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., starting Nov. 10. Susan would like to do a toddler storytime on Mondays, so please come by if you have little ones! If there is interest, she also may be able to start a book club for older kids. The Wi-Fi is always on, so come inside if you need access during those times. Troop 43120 was featured on the Western Washington Girl Scouts page for their work with the Hamilton Library for their Bronze project.

We are heading into flood season. Does your family have an emergency evacuation plan? It's also getting windy out there. Please call Town Hall or Tom if you notice a branch or tree in the street. Any power lines down should be called in to 911.

For more information, contact Town of Hamilton at 360.826.3027, M-F, 9–11 a.m.

—Mayor Joan Cromley



Birdsview Buzz

We had another successful Cardiac Arrest Fest on Oct. 25.

It was six years ago that our son Jason had a cardiac arrest due to an unknown heart condition. Since then, every October we make a special season beer (Cardiac Arrest) and raise money for Children's Hospital cardiac unit.

This year, Jessie put together a very powerful slide show, starting with Jason in ICU, hooked up to every imaginable thing, and going through his rehab until the present day, ending with him holding up a sign proposing to his girlfriend! Not a dry eye in the place.

We raised \$700 that night and had raised \$150 previously through donations. And a

portion of the beer sales in October (about \$100) and then a portion of the food sales that day (about \$250) also went toward the donation. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported this worthwhile cause.

November birthdays

10	Erin Haven
13	Debby Riehl
15	Cory Badding
17	Justin El-Smeirat
18	Brewmaster Bill
21	Adam Lafayette
22	Kathy Lemon

We will be closed on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

—Kris Voigt



Rockport



PIONEERING TODAY

No-bake pumpkin cream pie

By Melissa K. Norris

Fall is a baker's dream. From apples to pumpkin and everything in between, there are many lovely foods to be made.

But as much as I love pumpkin, I don't really like regular pumpkin pie all that much. I adore pumpkin bars, pumpkin cake, pumpkin cookies, and I even made pumpkin sourdough pancakes the other morning that were awesome, but pumpkin pie is take it or leave it for me, and usually it's a leave it.

Until today's pumpkin pie. Plus, there's no baking required, which is even better when I'm in a hurry.

No-bake pumpkin cream pie (makes enough filling for two pies)

- 2 8-oz. packages of cream cheese
- 1-1/2 cups pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons organic maple syrup
- 2-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ginger
- 1-1/2 teaspoons nutmeg
- Homemade Cool Whip
- 1/4 cup cream
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- Graham cracker crust
- 1 package crushed Graham crackers

or 1-1/2 cups crumbs
2 tablespoons brown sugar
6 tablespoons melted butter

Break up Graham crackers and place in a bag. Take a rolling pin and roll over crackers until they're crushed into fine crumbs. Mix sugar and crumbs with melted butter until well combined. Press into the bottom of a 9-inch pie dish. Chill in the fridge for an hour or the freezer for a half hour.

Using a blender on high setting, whip the cream for about a minute or until stiff peaks form. Add powdered sugar and blend until combined. Set aside.

In a large bowl, blend cream cheese and sugars together. Add pumpkin puree, maple syrup, and spices. Blend on high until combined. Add homemade cool whip. Taste test for sweetness and spices. Add more sugar or spices if you desire. This was the perfect amount for us.

Pour into prepared pie shell and chill for at least an hour.

This makes enough filling for two pies. I froze the other half to use during the upcoming holidays when I needed a quick dessert. From now until Christmas, anytime I bake, I usually double the recipe and freeze the dough (or filling) so I have some homemade goodness on hand to prepare at a moment's notice. This is so good, you might want to quadruple it.

Melissa K. Norris is a Christian fiction novelist who lives in Rockport.

State Parks announces changes to schedule for winter

On Oct. 9, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission announced its 2014–15 winter schedule, with more than 60 parks remaining open seven days a week for camping and day-use activities.

Rockport State Park is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays from Nov. 1 through March 31.

The winter schedule is available online at www.parks.wa.gov/158/winter-schedule. More than 60 parks will remain open seven days a week, while about 24 parks are closed until dates in March, April, or May.

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State Parks offers free day Nov. 11

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has announced the final free day of 2014 is Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. Visitors will not be required to display the Discover Pass to visit a state park.

The "free days" are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, a \$30 annual or \$10 one-day permit required on state-managed recreation lands managed by Washington State

Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Natural Resources. The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 "free days" when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The Discover Pass is still required to access WDFW and DNR lands on State Parks free days.

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations, and their daytime access to the park where they are camping is included in the overnight fee (not applicable to Rockport State Park).

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Volunteer

to lead hatchery tours at
Marblemount Hatchery this winter.

Workshop Saturday, Dec. 6
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers will lead hatchery tours weekends in December and January, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More Info: 360-336-0172 ext. 304
education@skagitfisheries.org

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Darrington



Fall Art Show leads November events

Darrington artists Holly Cannell, Gordy Beil, and Ron Wolff will host their first annual Fall Art Show this month. The event will be held on Sat., Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 605 S. Emens Ave. in Darrington.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Bazaar

This year’s holiday-themed bazaar is slated for Sat., Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave. (north of Darrington IGA), Darrington. Organizers plan several booths, pictures with Santa Claus from 1 to 3 p.m., free prize drawings every 15 minutes, a free turkey drawing, and a lumber raffle (\$5 per ticket; \$20 for five tickets).

Community dances continue

This year’s Darrington Community Dance season continues in December after a Nov. 1 dance.

Evenings typically begin with dance instruction at 6:30 p.m., with the dance following at 7 p.m. The dances are held at Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave. in Darrington.

The dances are designed to appeal to all family members; dancing is optional. The 2014–15 season is as follows:

- Sat., Dec. 6: Northern Contraband
- Sat., Jan.10: Peckin’ Out Dough, with guest caller Joanna Stodden
- Sat., Feb. 7: Heliotrope
- Sat., March 7: Cobbler
- Sat., April 4: La Famille Leger

Amy Carroll calls the dances; sound is provided by Whitehorse Musician’s Guild. Suggested donation of \$7. All proceeds to band, caller, and sound. For more information, call Riggen at 206.402.8646.

—Marla Skaglund

New ASB president setting an example

Darrington High School senior Oliver Rankin has won everyone’s heart as well as their vote for this year’s Associated Student Body president. Rankin promotes innovative strategies. His slogan, “promoting camaraderie between students and staff,” focuses on his primary goal to build DHS into a more friendly environment for all students. Rankin participates in clubs and sports such as FBLA, drama, and wrestling. He is a popular man to his adoring school peers. For example, he was voted Senior King for this fall’s Homecoming. No doubt the school was going to vote for Rankin because of his extraordinary charms and humor.

Rankin recently started a Facebook page that informs students of upcoming events. He also devotes his lunch break to spending time making students feel included. Often you will see our president in the ASB room, where Foosball and Ping Pong matches become intense.



Rankin

Rankin realizes he won’t be in high school forever. He’s doing what it takes to set an example and inspire future classes. His dedication and determination are helping Darrington be a place where everyone feels welcomed.

—Kilee McConnaughy,
Rachel Sherson

Master Gardener Program accepting applications for 2015 training

Applications are being accepted for the Snohomish County 2015 WSU Master Gardener training class, which starts in January.

Training focuses on familiarization and learning how to use resources to research, educate, mentor, and answer horticulture questions for the general public in a collaborative environment. All training is open book and no memorization is expected.

Training involves approximately 80 hours of classroom and workshop instruction held once a week during the day every Thursday starting in early January and extending into April.

Tuition for the training program is \$245, plus a volunteer commitment of 50 hours each year for two years, working, learning

and having fun with other like-minded volunteers on a variety of horticultural and environmental educational projects. Without the volunteer commitment, tuition is \$745.

For more information and an application, go to the Extension Web site at snohomish.wsu.edu and look under “News and Announcements,” or call the Extension Office at 425.338.2400.

Winter lecture series

The Snohomish County Master Gardener Foundation announces its 12th Annual Winter Lecture Series for 2015. The popular sustainable series features Northwest Garden Personalities in eight sessions on alternate Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 beginning Jan. 9. Lectures are held in the Social Hall of the Mukilteo Presbyterian Church, 4515 84th St. SW, Mukilteo. A pass for the complete series is \$85; single sessions are \$20 at the door.

For a complete listing of speakers, topics, and registration information, go to www.gardenlectures.com.

November at the Darrington Library

Nov. 5

- Family Storytime, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; birth to 5 years; caregiver required.
- Darrington Friends of the Library meeting, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; guests and new members welcome. For more information, call 360.436.1600.
- Bibliophiles, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; *We Learn Nothing*, by Tim Krieder.

Nov. 6

- Lego Club, 3 to 4 p.m. (first and third Thursday of month).

Nov. 11

- Closed for Veterans Day.

Nov. 12

- Family Storytime, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; birth to 5 years; caregiver required.

Nov. 13

- Arduino (microcomputer) Drop-In, 3 to 4 p.m., for teens.

Nov. 14

- Darrington Rural Partial County Library Board annual meeting, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Nov. 19

- Family Storytime, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; birth to 5 years; caregiver required.
- Physics FUNdamentals, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; for grades 4–8; preregistration required by calling 360.436.1600 or online at www.sno-isle.org/locations/darrington/?ref=googlemap.

Nov. 20

- Lego Club, 3 to 4 p.m. (first and third Thursday of month).

Nov. 27

- Closed for Thanksgiving.

For more information, go to www.sno-isle.org?ID=1194 or call 360.436.1600.

—Bryan Stratton, branch manager



Congressman Rick Larsen, Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Leader Janice Maybee, and Darrington Mayor Dan Rankin cut a ribbon to celebrate the reopening of Suiattle River Rd. near Darrington on Oct. 25. Major flooding events and washouts had closed the road for 11 years prior to the Oct. 25 reopening. The road is a major route accessing the Glacier Peak Wilderness, the Pacific Crest Trail, and approximately 120 miles of hiking trails within the Suiattle River Watershed. The road provides scenic and pleasure driving and allows people to access areas to hunt, search for wild mushrooms, pick berries, and gather other forest products. Tribal members use the road to reach areas and resources important for traditional cultural practices, plus exercise reserved treaty rights. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was just one of many events that day. A community celebration was held in the afternoon at the Darrington Community Center, and included remarks from Rankin and other elected officials, a video presentation on the history and recreational opportunities of Suiattle River Rd., and booths for activities and organizations in the Darrington community. Joining Larsen, Maybee, and Rankin at the ribbon-cutting were Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Councilmember Kevin Lenon, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest Supervisor Jennifer Eberlien, and Federal Highways Director of Project Delivery Bob Lale. For more information about the road construction project, go to www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/wa/suiattle. Photo by Marla Skaglund.



Marblemount



Marblemount pastor to retire

After more than 15 years, Pastor David and food bank Director Faye Nichols will retire in November from North Cascade Community Church in Marblemount, citing health issues as the reason for their decision. The Nicholse eventually will move to Burlington.

The couple began their ministry at the church on April 4, 1999. In 2002, Faye founded and began serving as director of the Bread of Life Food Bank, one of the church’s community ministries. Faye will continue to serve as director through September 2015, while her replacement works through the process of taking on volunteer management of the food bank, which serves upwards of 190 families in the Upper Skagit.

“We want to extend our heartfelt love and appreciation to the congregation and community where we have served for these last 15-plus years,” the couple said in a statement submitted to *Concrete Herald*. “Many have passed through the doors of North Cascade Community

Church over the years, and the community has been blessed with many who have volunteered their time and contributed financially to the success of the church and food bank; all of you have been a blessing to the Upper Skagit.”

The next chapter

North Cascade Community Church will join the growing Citipoint Church family in Mt. Vernon and all ministry will be directed from that central point.

Pastor Nichols preached his last sermon to the Marblemount congregation on Nov. 2; on Nov. 9, the regular Sunday service will feature Rev. Dave Cole, Asst. Dist. Superintendent from Northwest Ministry Network. The Nov. 16 service will host Pastor Mike Acker from Citipoint Church, who will speak and install Pastor Matt Del Bosque and his wife Nikki as the new pastors of North Cascade Community Church.

—J. K. M.

Marblemount calendar

The holiday spirit is alive and well in Marblemount, with fun, family-friendly events lined up in November and December.

Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Begun in response to her own previously homeless holidays, organizer Amanda Martin is busy making sure others don’t feel left out by preparing for the third annual free Thanksgiving Dinner.

Held this year on Sat., Nov. 22, at the Marblemount Community Hall, Martin and her family will be out collecting donations from area supermarkets and individuals in order to feed upwards of 80 to 100 underserved Upper Valley residents a scrumptious feast of food and good will.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. and close around 7 p.m., unless they run out of food earlier. Volunteers are needed for the many tasks this community service requires: prepping, cooking, serving, and clean-up, so if you can give of your time, or can offer donations of food or money,

“Our” poet in Mount Vernon

Marblemount poet Andrea Weiser will read from her work at the Mount Vernon City Library (Reference Room) on Sat., Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Why not show up in support of a great writer?

Marblemount Christmas Bazaar

’Tis the season for our umpteenth Christmas Bazaar, this year slated for Sun., Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marblemount Community Hall.

Festivities include all-day breakfast, local vendors offering a variety of handmade arts and crafts for sale, live music, and Santa Claus at noon.

For more information or a vendor application, go to www.marblemountcommunityhall.org/events.

—Christie Fairchild

Commentary Tribute to Ralph Dexter

By Bob Keller

My friend Ralph Dexter of Marblemount died after 8 a.m. on Oct. 10. For weeks he had begged for life’s end to arrive, a relief to himself and family. A life of 85 years is a long span; nevertheless, watching special people slowly die remains a sad and depressing event.

I first met Ralph 40 years ago when I purchased acreage on the Cascade River a quarter mile upstream from his home. Over the years, Ralph and his wife Helen became consistent helpers and friends. When I needed assistance or advice, Ralph responded eagerly, as would Helen. One of his last rescues occurred this past July 4 after I drained my Subaru battery by leaving a light on overnight. The next day, Ralph drove over with jumper cables to give my station wagon a jolt from his Cadillac. More details of our decades-long relationship may be found on pages 95–107 of *Impressions of the North Cascades*, edited by John Miles.

Ralph grew up in Granite Falls east of Everett. He left school after the 8th grade to work in the woods, eventually becoming a logging high-rigger at an exceptionally young age. Military service in the Army Signal Corps followed, then training in mechanics and electronics, which led to employment at Boeing and then Seattle City Light dams on the Skagit.

Ralph proudly held a life membership in the National Rifle Association; one of his early gifts to me being an NRA membership. He and Helen also ran horse pack trips for hunters in the North Cascades, a business terminated by creation of the national park. For a few

years, he operated a cedar sawmill on a pond that is now part of my property. Among Ralph’s many attributes was an incredible memory. After decades had passed, he could recall exact details from previous employment, personal experiences, and from reading hundreds of books. A week before he died this memory bank remained intact, although uses of the information had become badly confused. Perhaps a gigantic memory also contributed to compulsive nonstop talking, a trait that he recognized could drive people away, including friends.

Skillful writing stands out as another Dexter virtue. For several years in the 1990s, he contributed opinion columns to this newspaper. He and I may be among the few people today who continued to communicate personally via the postal system, his letters often running to 10 single-spaced typed pages, an outpouring of ideas, events, recollections, advice, opinions, technical and mechanical procedures, a flood of words that even I, a university professor, could never match.

Although we did not agree often on politics, religion, social issues, guns, women, and environmental topics, we remained good friends who respected each other for 40 years. Ralph Dexter was always there when I needed tools, advice, or direct help. He taught me how to properly handle a chainsaw and how to safely fell a tree. He and Helen attended my wedding in Fairhaven. A year later in 1986, after the Cascade River nearly swept our log cabin downstream to Concrete, he directed a crew of Marblemountonians and me on moving the cabin to higher ground by placing logs underneath it, then pulling/rolling it with a bulldozer. My home in the woods still stands today precisely where he put it.

As long as I live, Ralph will remain a strong personality in whatever memory I retain, an indelible presence along the Cascade River, east of Marblemount, and in Skagit County.

Energy Assistance offered

Community Action of Skagit County is again offering energy assistance for those in need of a little help this winter season.

Marblemount and Rockport residents

should call 360.428.1011 for a Nov. 10 appointment.

Concrete senior citizens should call 360.588.5766 for a Nov. 19 appointment.

All other clients should call 360.588.5766 on Nov. 5 for a Dec. 3 appointment.



Newhalem



Book explores the beauty of the North Cascades

A new book aims to take a fresh look at the North Cascades mountain range by detailing its history and profiling the people who love and explore it today.

The North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby, published by Mountaineers Books, focuses on the region—much of which is contained within national park boundaries or federally designated wilderness areas—highlighting its beauty and fragility.

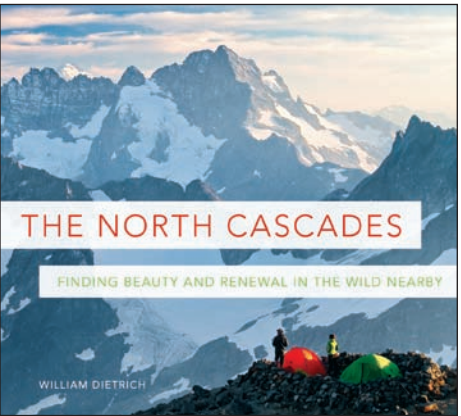
In the book, Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Dietrich takes an imaginary hike through the region, explaining the rich history and future challenges facing this remote yet accessible ecosystem, while guidebook author Craig Romano encourages a more practical approach, detailing day hikes, bicycle rides, paddling expeditions, ski outings, and car-camping options in the region. Gary Snyder shares a piece from his North Cascades journals. Author Richard Louv wrote the foreword.

Of particular interest to Upper Valley residents is the inclusion of photography by Upper Valley photographers John Scurlock and Andy Porter, and profiles of people who characterize the landscape, written by the North Cascade Institute’s Christian Martin.

Among the profiles are locals Scurlock, North Cascades Institute Executive Director Saul Weisberg, retired National Park Service maintenance wizard Gerry Cook, and WWU student and Upper Valley native Kassandra Barnedt.

A graduate of Concrete High School, Barnedt’s profile tells the story of a young woman who longed for more engagement with the natural world and the world beyond Concrete, and found it through National Park Service stewardship projects that steered her toward her current course of study: a degree in environmental education.

“How can we make environmental issues personal, make them matter, to students my age?” Barnedt asks in the book. “Ideally everyone would get the opportunity to spend time in the



wilderness, but you don’t have to go canoeing for two weeks; we can start here at home, in our neighborhoods and our schools.”

Barnedt’s love of the North Cascades is shared by every other person profiled in the book. “Breathe,” writes Dietrich. “The atmosphere seems tangible. Blue haze emphasizes the protective envelope of gases keeping us alive. Clouds slide overhead as if blown along a sheet of glass. The sun is brassy, and at night Kerouac’s ‘sizzling stars’ are almost touchable.”

The book is available for \$29.95 at the North Cascades National Park and Forest Information Center, 810 SR 20, Sedro-Woolley, and online at www.mountaineersbooks.org.

A series of events are planned this month to celebrate the book’s launch.

- Nov. 5: Skagit Station, Mount Vernon; go to www.wildnearby.org/events/2014/11/5/skagit-station-mt-vernon
- Nov. 6: Chuckanut Radio Hour; go to www.villagebooks.com/event/chuckanut-radio-hour-11/6/14
- Nov. 20: Mountain Loop Books & Coffee, Darrington; go to www.wildnearby.org/events/2014/11/20/craig-romano-presents-the-wild-nearby

—J. K. M.

Drivers may begin using studded tires in November

Now is the time to make sure you—and your vehicle—are ready for snow and ice.

In Washington, studded tires are legal for use only between Nov. 1 and March 31. Motorists are encouraged to visit a tire dealer to learn more about traction tires that are legal for year-round use. More information about studded-tired restrictions and requirements can be found at www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/traction.htm.

To emerge from the winter-driving season unscathed, slow down and plan ahead. There are no major storms on the immediate horizon, but Washington State Department of Transportation officials say drivers still need to be ready.

WSDOT asks drivers to always “know before you go” and get the most up-to-

date roadway information and winter-driving tips on the agency’s winter driving Web page, www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter.

To prepare for icy and snowy roads:

- Download the WSDOT mobile app for smartphones at www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/seattle/products.
- Sign up for e-mail updates (<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/wadot/subscriber/new>) or follow any of WSDOT’s regional accounts on Twitter (www.wsdot.wa.gov/Inform/twitter.htm).
- Download, print and carry the WSDOT Winter Driving Guide at www.wsdot.wa.gov/winter.
- Get your car ready and plan extra time to cross all mountain passes, including heavily traveled routes such as Snoqualmie Pass, Stevens Pass, and White Pass.
- Carry chains and know current traction and chain requirements for mountain passes.

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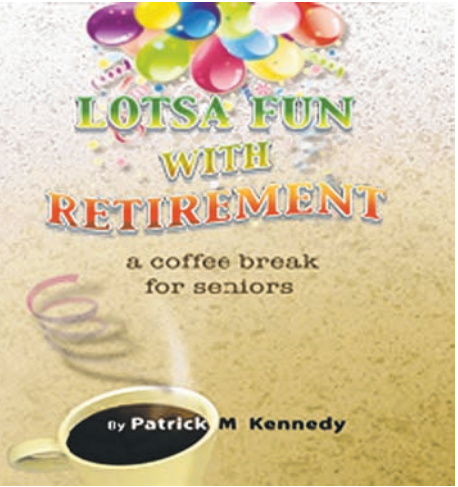


Coffee Break

Beat the senses
By Patrick Kennedy

Finger tips tickle pearl buttons
A reedy screech parts the air
Guttural bursts explode from below
Cheeks swell and create a cry
A mute toot joins the gathering sounds
Its scale climbs to the top
Wah wah the brass whines and cries
Three nails flutter the wail’s pins
Strings tied around a neck
Pick pluck and slide take the ride
Enter with a reverberative screech
Pierces ears activates the gears
Twiddle twiddle crash thump
A rhythmic clatter backs the din
Crashing brass piercing sticks
rushing jumps
Keep time in its proper place
A fleshy mournful cry mics to overcome
Tones moans moods scream louder than all
Together all blends the collective objective
And generates the imagination of human senses

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of Lotsa Fun with Retirement. Find it at Amazon.com.



Way Back When

80 years ago
Nov. 8, 1934: During the past week, Concrete was visited by two natural disasters: an earthquake and a flood.
The earthquake shook houses and rattled windows and dishes for about 10 seconds at 6:50 a.m. Saturday. The other trouble occurred Monday, when high winds and heavy rain combined to swell all creeks and streams in the district to overflowing.
The road at Hamilton was under water in several places, and traffic was detoured on the other side of the railroad tracks most of the day. That evening, the water began to rise and soon was too high for cars to go through it. As rain ceased Tuesday, the river dropped again and traffic resumed.
Mrs. E. F. Mertz, coming home from Sedro-Woolley Monday evening, hit the water at the Davis place, just the other side of Hamilton, and the car stalled. The water was rising, and as she was

unable to start the car again, she waited until some men came to help her. They threw her a rope and she waded out through water up to her waist.
Returning to Lyman, she secured a wrecker to tow the big Lincoln out, but by that time the water had risen to the door handles and the car could not be reached. The car was not taken out until the next day and by that time it was well filled with silt and mud and will need a thorough overhauling.
Damage along the road to Baker Lake by the streams in that district was great. Besides the usual cutting of the banks and approaches to the bridges, the waters of Big Sandy, Sulphur, and Little Sandy creeks rose high enough to take out the new bridges that had been built over them recently. This makes it impossible to get to Baker Lake by car, and it will be some time before new bridges are put in place.

70 years ago
Nov. 2, 1944: This is the last issue of the *Concrete Herald* to be put out by your present editor, Mrs. Charles M. Dwelley. The *Herald* will be suspended until such time as it is leased or sold, or until conditions make it possible to open again under the same management. The difficulties of editing the *Herald* under present conditions and the editor’s health make this necessary.
The *Herald* was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Dwelley in 1929 and has been under the same management for 15 years. In March, Mr. Dwelley left for the Navy and Mrs. Dwelley took over as assistant editor. The *Herald* has been, since that time, edited at the *Herald* office, printed in Sedro-

Woolley by the *Courier-Times*, and shipped back here for distribution. This made publication a difficult affair, but was the only solution at present, with the wartime manpower shortage.
The newspaper was not thought to close so abruptly, but as this issue marks the end of a volume year for this paper and it was impossible to continue on for any length of time, the editor decided it the time to suspend publication. Mrs. Dwelley and son Arthur will leave soon after Nov. 10 for San Diego, Calif., for an extended visit with Mr. Dwelley.
Mrs. Dwelley will be at the *Herald* office until Nov. 10 to take care of any business matters or accounts.

60 years ago
Nov. 18, 1954: In one of the closest election votes in Skagit County history, the county’s Bridge Bond Issue passed the 60 percent favorable margin by a bare .109 percent. The final total for the \$1.2 million bond was 8,556 for and 5,678 against. The passage was in doubt up to the counting of the final 15 absentee ballots.
A bond issue will be prepared that will provide funds specifically for three new county bridges: at La Conner, a high span built near the Pioneer Park; across the North Fork of the Skagit River near Conway; and across the Sauk River above the present government bridge, to provide a low-level highway from Sauk into Darrington.

50 years ago
Nov. 26, 1964: An agreement between the State Power Resources

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Concrete Center November 2014

Activities

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

Mondays 10 a.m. Noon Noon 12:30 p.m.	Jigsaw puzzles Coffee Bar Birthday party, 11/24 Skip Bo, Cribbage, Yahtzee
Tuesdays 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Jigsaw puzzles Tai Chi Lunch Leap of Faith, 11/25 Skip Bo, Cribbage
Wednesdays 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Jigsaw puzzles Advisory Board mtg., 11/12 Lunch Skip Bo, Cribbage White Elephant Bingo, 11/12, 11/26
Thursdays 10 a.m. Noon 12:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	Jigsaw puzzles Lunch Skip Bo, Cribbage Pinochle, 11/6, 11/20
Fridays 10 a.m. Noon 12:30 p.m.	Jigsaw puzzles Lunch Dominoes, Skip Bo, Cribbage

Holiday closures
Nov. 11, 27, 28

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Supervisor and Seattle City Light provides that tests of cloud seeding in the Cascades above Diablo will resume in the near future for another year of experimentation.
The tests have been made for two years; water runoff during these years has been from six to 10 percent above normal. They feel that the tests are not conclusive as to whether the seeding aided natural precipitation because of weather conditions that generally

were off pattern in recent years.
Cloud seeding has been blamed for unusually wet summer weather in the Skagit area, although the officials stated that tests were not being run at that time. Farmers were concerned about crop damage.
40 years ago
Nov. 28, 1974: A decision on the future of the Skagit River Railway is expected next Tuesday when Port of Skagit County

commissioners meet in special session.
Port officials are to consider a proposal that they take over and operate the tourist excursion train next summer. A study shows it would be economically feasible for the port to operate the train, according to Dan Wollam, assistant manager of the Port of Skagit and former Skagit River Railway president.
—Compiled from archives



30 years ago. Students in Jane Ruhl’s fourth grade class at Concrete Elementary School showed up on the front page of the Nov. 1, 1984, issue of *Concrete Herald*, showing off their decorated pumpkins. Some of the best of the crop are displayed here by their creators; pumpkin designs include clowns, punk rockers, and Mr. T. Clockwise from back left, Emma Wilson, Kathy Young, Joanna Butler, Melissa Stears, Elke Sparkes, Rod Coffell, Mario Brown, and Carrie Rantschler.
Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.

Obituaries



SFC William Edward French, age 66, of Concrete, passed away in October.

“Bill” or “Butch,” as he was known to his friends and family, was a disabled veteran who served as a career soldier in the Army for more than 20 years before retiring and eventually moving back to his hometown of Concrete. After graduating from Concrete High School, he worked in the logging industry before enlisting in the Army in 1967. He survived the TET offensive as an infantryman in Vietnam in 1968 and returned home in 1969 to marry his high school sweetheart, Sue. He re-enlisted and attended Airborne Jump School in 1969, earning his Airborne wings and then transferring to Alaska and serving from 1969–1975 as an instructor for cold warfare survival training. He later went to military cooking school in Fort Lee,

Va., and served as a mess hall sergeant. Additional duty stations included Greece and Germany, with many years served at Fort Lewis, Wash., in between overseas assignments. After retiring from the military, additional careers included Dairy Queen, Loggers Landing, and Grandy Creek Grocery (where he loved to chat while enjoying his coffee). He also loved spending time with his friends and family, accessorizing his vehicles, and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Sue; their two children, Duane French of Rockport and Melisa “Lisa” French of Lynn, Mass.; his siblings, Anne (Verlan) Leopard of Sedro-Woolley, Walt (Becky) French of Birdsview, and Barbara (Bob) Longenecker of Honesdale, Penn.; his beloved friend, Glenn (Ann) Strong of Maricopa, Ariz.; his grandsons, Kendall, Caleb, Conner, Sean, and Mason of Rockport; his nephews, Clayton and Michael Longenecker; his niece, Anne (Jason) Jordan; and his great-granddaughter, Payton. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Doris French. A memorial service and Celebration of Life was held at Concrete High School on Sat., Oct. 25.

John Harvey Taylor, deceased Oct. 18, 2014, in Bellingham Hospice. John was a longtime resident of Sedro-Woolley Lifecare Center. Previous to that, John was a resident of the Baker Hotel on Main St., Concrete, and rented from Don and Della Payne, primarily in rental units on Magnus Place, Concrete. John has a sister living in Kansas; Don and Della would like to send her not only the funeral notice, but any sympathy cards and notes of how you got acquainted with John, and some interesting tidbits



about John. Send cards and notes to: P.O. Box 472 Concrete, WA 98237 The Paynes will package them to send to John’s sister. Thank you for your participation on her behalf.

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from May 2009 to present are posted online at:
www.concrete-herald.com/obituaries
For more information, call 360.853.8213 or e-mail editor@concrete-herald.com.

Sunday School lesson

Good news!
By Bruce Martin

A few years ago, one of the major news networks was flooded with letters and e-mails suggesting the network report on something other than bad news. In response, the network invited its viewers to send in ideas for stories that would fit this description and be of interest to others. They promised to report these stories as a way of sharing some good news in difficult times. Perhaps this “good news” was not as sensational as the “bad news,” but the stories I viewed were well worth watching and were a source of great encouragement. A Scripture passage comes to mind from the Apostle Paul’s letter to the people in

the city of Ephesus. He cautioned them: “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Ephesians 4:29). In our conversations every day, we have the opportunity to emphasize the good news or the bad. Since there is no shortage of bad news to repeat, let us find some good news to report, things that will be helpful and beneficial, and that have the potential to build up and encourage one another. A friend once stated that he thought the simplest form of encouragement was to find someone doing something good and commend them for it. We are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The greatest resource we have, however, is not our natural surroundings. Rather, it is the people who make up our community. We can choose each day to invest in each other and in our community by finding worth in one another through a kind word, an exchange of greetings, a thoughtful compliment, a question of genuine concern. All these opportunities to share some “good news” have the potential to draw us closer together and make us a stronger community. When we invest in one another, we invest in ourselves. Let’s share some “Good News!”

Bruce Martin is pastor of Concrete Assembly of God.

Concrete Herald

Skagit County Sheriff’s Office Blotter

Oct. 12
Skagit County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) deputies responded to an address on Bacus Rd. near Lyman. The homeowner reported a suspicious vehicle parked in their driveway with a young man still seated in the car. Deputies discovered the car had just been stolen from Mount Vernon. Sedro-Woolley officers attempted to stop the car as it came through town, but it recklessly sped away. Now the story gets strange. The stolen car was being driven with no steering wheel. The owner had removed the wheel as a theft deterrent, but the crook stole the car anyway. The crook also left his bicycle and his small cooler nearby when he stole the car. Police found several bags of marijuana inside the cooler. A deputy on patrol near the Concrete High School gymnasium discovered lawn damage and burn out marks nearby. The deputy will be reviewing surveillance

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.

Speight, Roland Arthur
Age: 54
Race: W Sex: M
Height: 5’ 9”
Weight: 165
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: [not given]
Address: 256xx Minkler Rd., Sedro-Woolley
A Level 2 sex offender, Speight was convicted of two counts of second-degree rape in San Juan County in 2005. Speight 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 will result in the removal of the online notification resource.

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

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

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

Community Bible Church
45672 Limestone, Concrete; 360.853.8511



footage and should make an arrest soon.

Oct. 15
A surveillance camera caught a possible burglar at a Public Works building in Concrete. The subject appears as if he was trying to break into the building and should be easily identifiable. Deputies are actively searching for him.

Oct. 18
A Hamilton caller reported someone had trespassed onto her property and left a sign. The sign was short and rude telling her to quiet her dog, but not in those polite words. There are several suspects, but the dog’s not saying who. Deputies investigated a possible domestic fight on S. Rietze St. in Concrete. It seems a male and female had been in an argument inside a van. The female threw a child’s car seat at the man, causing injuries. She was arrested and booked into jail for fourth degree domestic assault.

Oct. 19
A caller from just east of Lyman reported two duck hunters trespassing on his property. An SCSO deputy contacted a young man who felt he wasn’t trespassing. He walked to his hunting spot by walking in a creek, which happened to be on the caller’s property. There is some follow-up investigation being done by WDFW officers to determine if trespassing charges are appropriate.

Oct. 20
A deputy was dispatched to subjects possibly stripping a car off Pinelli Rd. near Hamilton. When the deputy arrived, the caller was standing by with a shotgun, in case the subjects tried to leave. The deputy contacted the subjects, who were legally there. They were the property owner’s relatives. They were retrieving some logs and had permission to be there. A Concrete resident was arrested for DUI. Several persons saw the subject driving erratically on Cedar St. in Concrete. The driver slammed on his brakes and challenged onlookers to a fight. About that time, a deputy arrived and the subject was detained. Several witnesses observed the reckless driving, and we’re lucky no one was injured. The male was transported to jail and booked for DUI. The East Detachment Sgt. has a policy that DUI drivers are booked into jail and their vehicles impounded. Don’t drink and drive.

Oct. 21
An Everett resident was picking mushrooms near Sauk Suittale Rd. and SR 530 near Rockport. She heard a noise and discovered someone had just broken out her car windows. She saw a small red car driven by a younger white male fleeing

Sergeant’s corner

Fall safety tips

By Chris Kading



Change smoke alarm batteries
As we turn back our clocks for Daylight Saving Time, now is the time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed to ensure they actually do work. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

Look up
When cleaning gutters, trimming trees, or installing storm windows, be sure to avoid overhead power lines. Before you work, look up from your work area to inspect for overhead power lines. Then make sure to stay clear of electrical lines when working with ladders, pruning poles, tractors, grain augers, equipment with antennas, etc.

Check your chimney
Inspect your chimney to make sure it is unobstructed. Many furnaces vent into the chimney, which must be free of debris to allow products of combustion to vent outside. Chimney fires are all too common and usually are caused by creosote buildup. If you will be burning wood in a fireplace, have the chimney inspected to make sure it is in good

condition and free of creosote buildup. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Provide space for your heat source
Make sure the area is clear for good air circulation. Keep all flammable materials, such as clothing, cardboard boxes, paint thinners, fuels, and solvents far away from the heat source.

Be cautious with space heaters
Be cautious with portable heaters or space heaters, making sure to follow manufacturer instructions for safe venting and use. Place them at least 3 feet away from any combustibles, such as wallpaper, bedding, draperies, clothing, and furniture. Never leave them operating when you are away from the room or asleep. Don’t leave children or pets unattended with space heaters, and never use them to dry clothing, shoes, or mittens.

Lights on
As the days grow shorter, make sure outdoor lighting is in good working order. Good lighting can protect you against crime and falls or accidents caused by darkness. Inspect fixtures and outlets for weather damage and replace burnt-out bulbs. Motion detectors are cheap and easy to install. Crooks don’t like to be seen in the light.

Chris Kading is sergeant for the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office East County Detachment in Concrete.

I look forward to our new jail.

Oct. 23
A Lyman man called 911 to report persons were digging through trash and actually wearing his clothes. A deputy responded to discover there were no persons nearby and the call was unfounded. The deputy will be following up on additional services for the man, who may have been seeing things.

Oct. 26
A deputy responded to the area of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. about a mile from the Dalles Bridge, near Concrete. A car had flipped after running into the ditch. The two occupants were not injured. The driver was arrested for DUI, and the vehicle was impounded. Please don’t drink and drive. This accident could have been tragic had the vehicle swerved into

Worship directory

Assembly of God Concrete Assembly of God 45734 Main St., Concrete; 853.8042 Sun. worship: 10 a.m. Tue.: Men’s meeting, 8:30 a.m. Wed.: Adult Bible study, 6 p.m. Thur.: Women’s Bible study, 6:30 p.m. Bruce Martin, pastor	Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed.: 7 p.m. John Batts, pastor 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. Ron Edwards, pastor	Covenant Community Covenant Church 12605 Highway 9, Clear Lake 360.856.1023 // covenant@wavecable.com www.clearlakecov.org Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sun. worship: 11 a.m. Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies Tim Hedberg, pastor	Sun. worship: 11 a.m. Marilyn Kallshian, pastor
North Cascade Community Church 59850 SR 20, Marblemount 360.873.2504 // www.mmag.net Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m. Thur.: Men’s meeting, 8 a.m. Thur.: Bible Study, 7 p.m. Dave Nichols, pastor E-mail: pastordave@fastmail.fm	Lyman Church 31441 W. Main St., Lyman Office: 360.826.3287 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sun. worship: 11 a.m.	Free Methodist Day Creek Chapel 31438 S. Skagit Hwy, Sedro-Woolley Office 360.826.3696 Sun.: 9:15 a.m. prayer svc, 10 a.m. worship Tue.: Women’s Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Thur.: Bible study at Louise’s complex, Mt. Vernon, 6:30 p.m. Fri.: Women’s Bible Study at Kathy’s in Day Creek, 8 a.m.	
Catholic St. Catherine Mission Church 45603 Limestone St., Concrete Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley Office: 360.855.0077 Weekday hours: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Sat. Mass: 8:30 a.m. Father Martin Bourke, pastor www.svc.us/scm	Methodist Central United Methodist Church 1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley 360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com http://centralumcsw.org Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Mount Baker Presbyterian Church 45705 Main St., P.O. Box 246, Concrete Church 360.853.8585; office 360.595.0446 www.mtbakerpresbyterian.synodnw.org Sun. worship: 9 a.m. Tom Ross, pastor	E-mail: cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net Sun. School: 9 a.m.; Worship Svc: 10 a.m. Childcare/Children’s Ministries at both Contact church for other ministries Rob Thomas, pastor
Baptist First Baptist Church 12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake 360.856.2767		Lutheran Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.8814 Sun. worship: 10 a.m. Chris Anderson, pastor	The RIVER Gathering 720 Puget Ave., Sedro-Woolley Sun. worship: 10:30 a.m. Wed. potluck/study: 6 p.m. Thur. ladies group: 6:30 p.m. Last Fri./mo. potluck/games: 6 p.m. www.facebook.com/therivergathering 360.853.6676 // Pastor Larry Weston
		Nondenominational Agape Fellowship Meets at Mount Baker Presbyterian, 45705 Main St., Concrete Second and fourth Weds., 7 p.m. 360.708.4764 Dolores Elliott, pastor	
			Wildwood Chapel 41382 SR 20, Concrete Sun. worship: 10 a.m. Bible studies: Call for times 360.708.4330

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

The museum is closed for the season, but you can **make an appointment** to visit the museum or do research in our library outside of normal times year-round; just call Robin at 360.826.3075.

Monthly meetings are year-round, the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the museum at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Benefit dance: Our joint fundraiser in Marblemount with KSVU was a success. Our share of the proceeds should be just over \$300. Thank you everyone who came and participated.

Election of officers: Officers for the next term are President Sandi Jones, Vice President John Lloyd, Secretary Gail Boggs, and Treasurer Cheri Cook-Blodgett.

Dan Royal requests submission of names for his annual **Memorial List** in the upcoming January issue of *Concrete Herald*. These would be the passing of family, friends, and neighbors during the calendar year of 2014 for all east Skagit County residents covered by *Concrete Herald*. Deadline is the second week of December.

Our **new home on the Internet** can be found at www.concreteheritagemuseum.org/ and our new e-mail address is concreteheritagemuseum@gmail.com.

An **order form** for books published by the museum—Charles M. Dwelley’s *So They Called the Town “Concrete”* and *The Story of Kate*—can be printed at our Web site.

—Dan Royal



October was a busy month for the Concrete Lions Club. Many hours were donated to building a fence, logging for a local person, concrete work for wheelchair access, and sponsoring of the kids’ Halloween Party at the elementary school.

Upcoming activities will include a barbecue at Concrete Center on Nov. 5, helping with the Sight and Hearing Van on Nov. 17, the annual Thanksgiving dinner for our members and their families on Nov. 19, and the beginning of the annual Christmas tree sales next to Loggers Landing. Trees will be sold on Nov. 29–30, and Dec. 6–7, 13–14, and 19.

The sole **meeting in November** will be held Nov. 5 in the front dining room

at Annie’s Pizza Station. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group of members that shows up starting around 6 p.m. to eat and socialize before the start of the meeting. Existing members, remember to mark your calendar. For those interested in becoming a member, submitting a request, or just wanting to see what we are about, please feel free to stop in.

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

Concrete Lions Club sends our thoughts and prayers for all of those affected by the recent tragic event at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

—Connie Smithhart



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At the Upper Skagit Library

October was a busy month. We thank all who organized and collaborated with us for the countywide Skagit Reads project as we read *Closing the Food Gap*. It’s been our pleasure to help spark a community conversation about food insecurity and hunger, and factors that intersect this complex issue. A special thank you to Burlington Public Library for spearheading the project, Community Action of Skagit County, and United General District No. 304. A big thank-you goes out to our local event collaborators: guest speaker Anne Schwartz of Blue Heron Farm, Em Beals for welcoming a book discussion at 5b’s Bakery, and Val Stafford and Fred West from the Concrete Theatre for screening “A Place at the Table.”

Our last **Skagit Reads** event will be a documentary film viewing, “A Place at the Table,” on Wed., Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Concrete Theatre. Free admission and door prizes! The filmmakers take us into the lives of three people who wage a daily struggle against hunger and speak with various experts about the possibility of ensuring that every American is well fed. Brought to you by Community Action of Skagit County, United General District No. 304, and Upper Skagit Library.

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We now feature **large print books** in their very own section. If you have trouble reading regular-sized print books, large print will help you enjoy sitting down with a book even more. We have a good selection of different genres and authors. Stop by and take a peek.

What’s new at the library: Since autumn rain has set in, we’ve hunkered down with another batch of brand new books. In adult fiction, check out *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields, *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, and *Forbidden (The Book of Mortals)* by Ted Dekker. In adult nonfiction, explore the book of poetry, *Say This Prayer into the Past*, by Paul J. Willis, who was this year’s Autumn Artist-in-Residence at North Cascades National Park; *The North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby* by William Dietrich; and rethink how the modern Middle East was formed with *Lawrence in Arabia* by Scott Anderson.

New children’s books include *Little Pea*, *Vincent’s Colors* (as in Vincent van Gogh), and *My Goodnight Book*.

In Young Adult, *Divergent* fans will love *The Elite (The Selection #2)* by Kiera Cass, and join the blunders of growing up in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky.

The Upper Skagit Library’s **Public Budget Hearing** will be Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at the library, followed by the regular **board meeting** at 5 p.m. We may be changing hours of operation this winter; stay tuned.

Thanks for supporting your local library.

—Cora Thomas, library associate

Anne Schwartz from Blue Heron Farm near Rockport speaks during a “Skagit Reads” event at Upper Skagit Library in Concrete on Oct. 24.

Submitted photo.



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oncoming traffic or gone into the river.

Oct. 27

At 3:30 a.m., deputies were sent to an address on Cockreham Island Rd. near Lyman for a domestic issue where a shot was fired. The residents had just discovered that a man they had allowed to stay there was a registered sex offender (RSO). They were unaware of his status and once it was discovered, he was asked to leave. When he didn’t leave fast enough, someone fired a shotgun into the ground, speeding up the process. The man left and hasn’t been seen since. Deputies are seeking this RSO to confirm his actual whereabouts.

A Concrete resident was stopped for

having a headlight out. Normally this would rate a verbal warning and a reminder to fix the light. However, this man hasn’t had a license for years, he had no insurance, and the vehicle tabs were expired in 2012. The deputy issued several tickets.

A resident of S. Cascade Rd. near Marblemount reported a theft of silver coins. He discovered these items disappeared during the time he had a well-known thief living with him. We have a suspect in mind and will be interviewing him.

—Compiled by Sgt. Chris Kading

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Out & About



Skagit County

County and tribe announce interlocal tax agreement

On Oct. 22 the Skagit County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community intended to ensure a smooth transition to a Tribal tax system in the wake of the Great Wolf Lodge court decision. This decision held that the county may no longer tax houses and other improvements built on leased reservation trust land.

The county and tribe have stated they are committed to avoiding disruption of funding for local service districts—such as the La Conner School District and Fire District 13—that already provided essential services in reliance on the county tax. The county and tribe also have

agreed that there will be no tax-free zone in Skagit County as a result of the Great Wolf Lodge decision.

The local agreement provides that Skagit County will collect and distribute the tribal tax for 2011–2014. The tribal tax provides that the amount of the tax is equal to the amount assessed and collected by the county for tax years 2011 through 2014, and is owed only by those who obtain a refund of, or fail to pay, county taxes for those years. There will be no double taxation of property owners.

Taken together, the tribal tax code and the agreement close the gap created by the Great Wolf Lodge decision.

“We all agree that we wanted these services, we all accepted the benefit of these services, and it’s only right that we all pay our fair share,” said Skagit County Board of Commissioners Chairman Ron Wesen in a press release.

The taxes will be distributed to the La Conner School District, Fire District 13,

and other county and state taxing districts.

“This is the next step in the transition from taxation by the county to taxation by the tribe,” said Swinomish Chairman Brian Cladoosby in the release. “The tribe is happy to have worked with the county on this interim agreement, which we designed to ease that transition for the local taxing districts.”

The tribe is in the process of negotiating agreements with Fire District 13, La Conner School District, and other impacted taxing districts.

Bellingham

Holocaust survivor to speak at WWU

Noémi Ban, a local Holocaust survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, will share her story on Wed., Nov. 12, and Thur., Nov. 13, from 6–8 p.m. in Arntzen Hall 100 at Western Washington University.

Ban will speak about how she lost most of her family and how she shares her story to inspire current and future generations to prevent similar genocides from happening again.

“Your generation may be the last one able to listen to a survivor,” Ban has told Western students.

Reservations for her talk are mandatory because of space restrictions, but Ban’s speech is free to the public. To attend the talk, reserve seating online at www.wcc.wvu.edu/resources/nwche/ (click on the “Northwest Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Ethnocide Education” link at left). Include the number of seats requested when making a reservation.

Ban will follow her talk with a question-and-answer period and then a book signing. Ban’s speech is sponsored by

Woodring College’s NWCHGEE and its Center for Education, Equity, and Diversity.

For more information or ADA accommodations, call 360.650.3827.

Mt. Vernon

Fair Trade Festival Nov. 29

A Fair Trade Festival and International Market is scheduled for Sat. and Sun., Nov. 29–30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held at Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland St., Mount Vernon.

Sponsored by Women’s Work, the alternative shopping experience will offer Oaxacan rugs, Guatemalan scarves, clothing from Nepal, Peruvian jewelry, food, music, children’s activities, henna tattoos, and other fair trade gifts from around the world.

Women’s Work, a network of local women, supports traditional arts, women’s rights and safety, and women’s economic opportunities using fair trades practices.

For more information, call 360.424.5854.

Whatcom County

Artist Point road closes

After the longest season on record, State Route 542 between the Mount Baker Ski Area and Artist Point is now closed.

On Oct. 23 WSDOT crews closed the snow gate located roughly three miles from Artist Point. The section of highway will remain closed to vehicles until next summer.

Travelers were able to enjoy Artist Point for 115 days this year.

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Home & Garden



Woolly bear caterpillars

Predictors of winter weather or just cute bugs?

By Christie L. Fairchild

As fall weather returns, so have those orange and black woolly caterpillars, commonly called woolly bears—they seem to be everywhere! Black bristles (called setae) adorn this critter front and behind, with an orange-brown section in the middle of its fuzzy body. And that’s where the question comes in.

According to folklore, if the woolly bear caterpillar has more, or wider, black areas than orange, then the upcoming winter is supposedly going to be long, snowy, and cold. If the caterpillar has more orange than black setae, then the winter is going to be mild.

Many factors determine how the woolly bear is colored, but one of the most influential is how *last* winter ended. But to better understand the caterpillar’s coloring, we must understand its life cycle.

Woolly bear caterpillars, like most insects, progress through four stages in their life: egg, larva, pupa, and adult forms. Right now, they are nearing the end of their larval stage as caterpillars. As adults, in spring, they will develop into the Isabella Tiger Moth.

Currently, woolly bears are seeking out places to hibernate—under leaves and bark, in rock crevices, and, around here, under the plethora of tarps that “sprout” everywhere before winter.

Caterpillars are the only life stage at which the insect has chewing mouthparts, so its main purpose is to eat, mate, and lay

eggs. As it eats vegetation (dandelions, birch, maple, clover, etc.), its skin becomes tight and it must molt. It might shed that too-tight exoskeleton up to six times before maturity, and with each new molt, an additional orange-brown segment is added to the growing exoskeleton. Therefore, younger woolly bears have shorter orange-brown bands than older caterpillars.

If the previous spring was mild and the caterpillars had the chance to emerge from hibernation early, the young caterpillars will have had more time to grow. So, with a longer growing season, they would have a longer orange-brown segment than if it was a late spring or an early fall previously.

Another factor influencing these colored segments is rain. If the caterpillar endures wetter weather, more black setae are produced.

Whether last year’s winter corresponds to this winter is anybody’s guess. But informal research since the 1940s has shown that the folklore of the woolly bear caterpillars’ coloring has been right almost 70 percent of the time. You choose.

Christie Fairchild is an appreciator of the natural world and has worked as an environmental educator and park ranger for most of her career. She recently retired, but still loves sharing her love of nature.

DIY projects to help you whip winter

(BPT) — Winter is on its way, but you still have time to finish some projects to get your home ready for winter.

- **Tackle the yard.** Your yard will fall into dormancy during the winter, but a little prep now can help it bounce back in the spring. Fertilize your lawn with a lawn spreader to turn this all-day chore into a task that takes just a couple of hours.
- **Seal the gaps.** Find the places where cold air sneaks into your home and you will drastically reduce your heating bills throughout winter. Feel along your windows and doors for any drafts. Seal larger cracks with caulk and cover your windows in plastic wrap for comprehensive protection. If you have a real chimney, don’t forget to close the

damper to prevent cold air from billowing down the chimney.

- **Protect pipes from freezing.** Ruptured pipes occur during winter when the pipes freeze and the frozen water inside expands. You can protect against this by never letting your home’s temperature fall below 65 degrees. Wrap pipes running along the exterior walls in heat tape, and be sure to check on your pipes on those bitterly cold nights.
- **Empty the gutters.** If left unchecked, falling leaves and other debris will clog your gutters and downspouts, which can cause ice dams in the winter. Start by trimming or removing trees and hedges near the gutters. Once obstructions have been removed, clear the gutters to prevent a future home disaster.

These simple steps will help you winterize your home so you can enjoy a happy, hazard-free holiday season.

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Dwelleyisms

Wit from former
Concrete Herald editor
Charles M. Dwelley

“The way some experts figure it, if they give us all a couple of dollars a week in tax cuts, we will collectively have some \$30 million dollars a day to spend for something else. The only drawback is that some unpatriotic cuss is going to put his in the bank.”

“One way to lick unemployment would be to make more elective offices available. Put four men in the governor’s chair and cut down the overtime.”

“No dearth of takers for the mayor and council positions at the coming election. Now comes the age-old question of whether or not a party is planning to do something for us or to us.”

“Come to think of it, the most money made the easiest way these days is by singing. And it helps a lot if you can’t sing.”

—Jan. 30, 1964

“Optimism is that hidden source of strength that is most called for when it seems least appropriate.”

—Feb. 6, 1964

“Bank robbery will never be an exact science. You never know exactly when you will be caught.”

“If you want to keep the youngsters from becoming emotionally disturbed, let them have the horror comics, but hide from their eyes the factual ‘world report’ magazines.”

—Feb. 20, 1964

“Romance is over the hill when a fellow looks at a well-built girl and idly wonders if she can cook.”

“It may not be long before the meek inherit the earth. All the aggressive people are either in war, in political conflict, in business tangles, or in court.”

“Criticism is not the friendliest thing in the world, but it is often more tolerable than an overdose of undeserved praise.”

“Buying a home is something like being married. You can’t lose if you can keep up the interest.”

“To put over an effective argument, you

must be sure where your opponent carries his sensitivity. You often find that some people can only recognize a point by sitting on it.”

—Feb. 27, 1964

“You are urged to spend your ‘tax cut’ immediately so that it can be on its way back to the treasury through normal channels. It is being lent to you with a string attached.”

—March 5, 1964

“Now that the voters have made their choice, the best wishes we can give the new mayor and council is that they get along in as friendly a manner as their predecessors. In a day when dispute seems to be a way of life, the humor and spirit of council meetings for the past four years has been a refreshing approach to the normally drab business of running a town.”

“The state highway department ‘hopes’ to complete the Lyman-Hamilton highway this year. That makes us even. We hoped they would complete it last year.”

“Elections throughout the country prove again that no matter how much intellectual oratory is produced, a guy who can make an ‘X’ is no dummy.”

—March 12, 1964

“Swimsuit companies have been accused of price fixing. The way the suits are being made these days, it could be a fault of nature. How much variation can there be in the cost of covering only strategic areas?”

“Nothing like the fires of ambition for melting the lead out of britches.”

“What we really need in the world is a gigantic do-it-yourself project in place of the open-mouth method of surviving on somebody’s generosity.”

—March 19, 1964

“The first breath of spring was like a pneumonia wheeze.”

—March 26, 1964

Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen

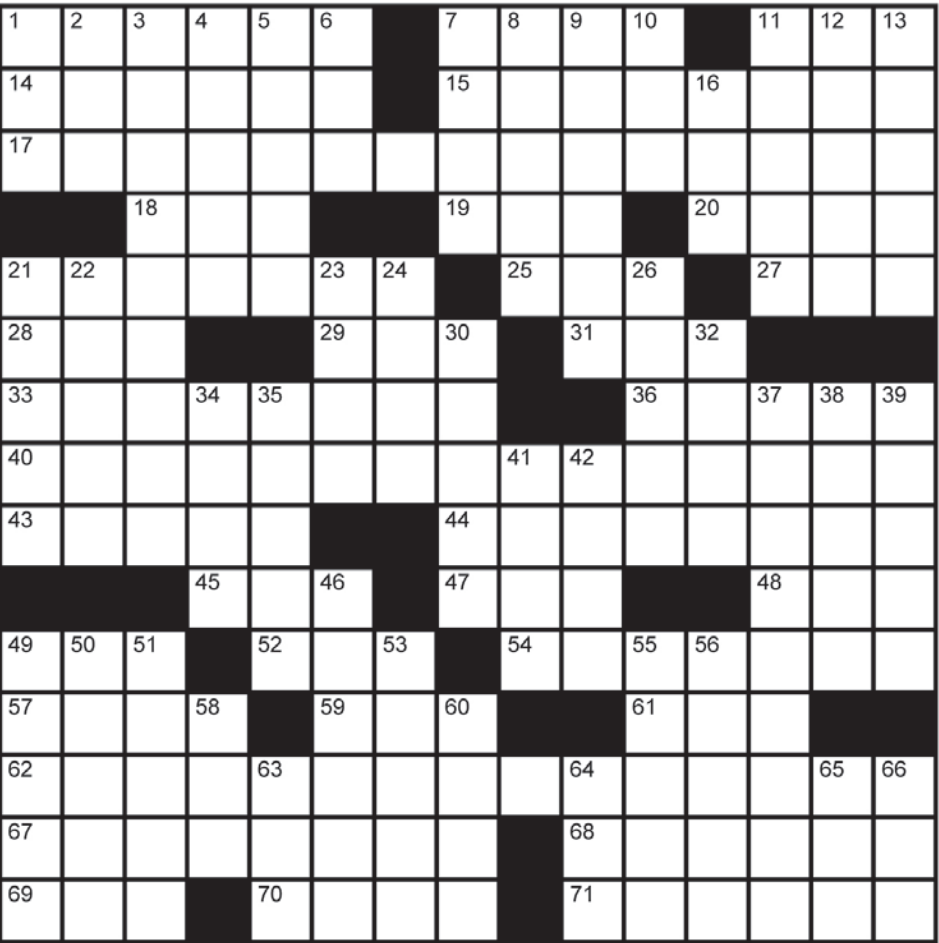


Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Crossword: “Novel characters”



Across

- 1. Helpful ones
- 7. Born’s partner
- 11. Audience
- 14. Dorm mate
- 15. Abandon
- 17. Bellow protagonist
- 18. Dowel
- 19. Early
- 20. Come-on
- 21. Less populated
- 25. Is in the past?
- 27. Nav. rank
- 28. Holed up
- 29. 16 1/2 feet
- 31. Coke’s partner
- 33. Volcanic rock
- 36. Catch, in a way
- 40. Salinger protagonist
- 43. Prepare, as tea
- 44. Worked a potter’s wheel
- 45. Wassail alternative
- 47. Retrovirus, for short
- 48. Jellied delicacy
- 49. Matterhorn, e.g.
- 52. Go on and on
- 54. Gassy
- 57. Tropical constrictors
- 59. O.T. book

Down

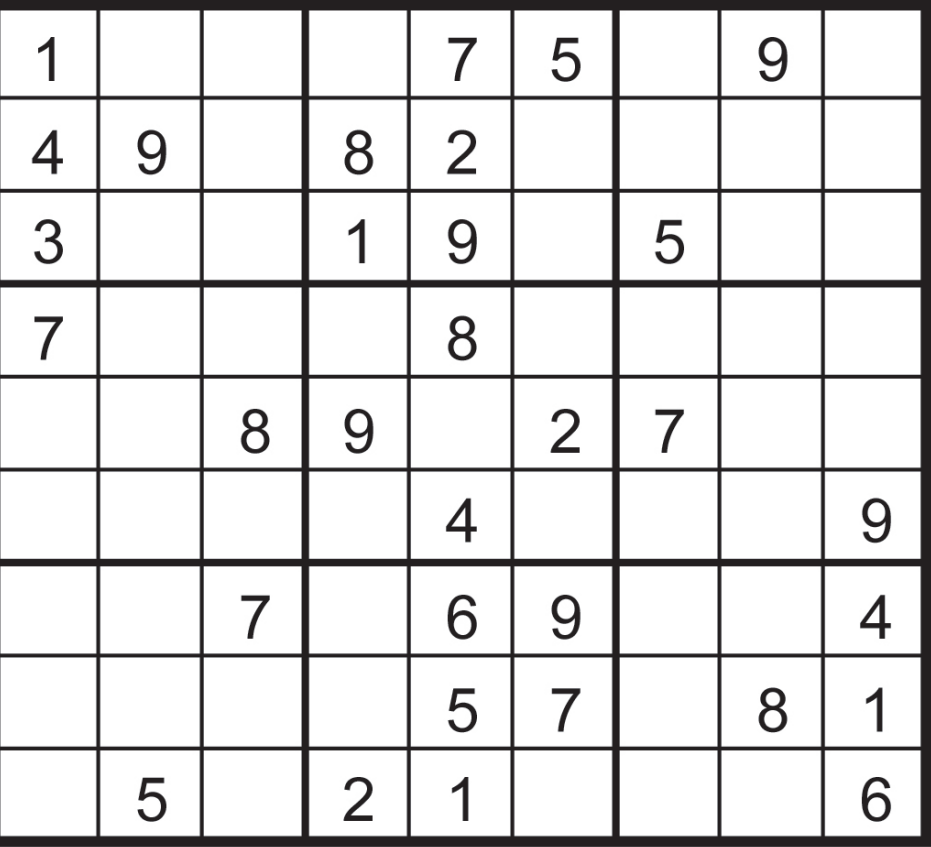
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- 2. Slip in a pot
- 3. Simple swim stroke
- 4. Mideast V.I.P.
- 5. Saturn has these
- 6. Visit
- 7. Cold one
- 8. Extend, in a way
- 9. Make beloved
- 10. Female hare
- 11. Result
- 12. ____ squash
- 13. Magritte and Descartes
- 16. Dot-com’s address
- 21. Persian potentates
- 22. Burgundy grape
- 23. One of the Waltons

24. Drilling grp.

- 26. Drug type
- 30. End
- 32. Domestic
- 34. Biblical plot
- 35. ____ Rebellion of 1857-
- 59 ____ pressure
- 37. ____ pressure
- 38. Aerodynamic
- 39. In a strange way
- 41. ____ acid
- 42. Prefix for scoliosis
- 46. Antique mecca in Illinois
- 49. Can’t stomach
- 50. Jeweler’s glass
- 51. Agreements
- 53. Middle Eastern dish
- 55. Kind of cake
- 56. Prefix with red
- 58. Schuss, e.g.
- 60. A constellation
- 63. Court play
- 64. Deserter
- 65. “Today” network
- 66. Watchman ____, Chinese Christian author

Sudoku

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



*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

- The following funnies were pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in September.
- “‘Share if you agree.’ There is nothing on FB that I am more sick of seeing than these four words.”
 - “Today’s lesson: Just because there is a jumble of letters at the end of your name does not award you any intelligence points. Also, it is not a license to be a pretentious jerk when things aren’t working correctly due to your inability to read directions. [Insert obligatory ‘Did you get your degree out of a Cracker Jack box?’ statement here.]”
 - “A great brother plays with his little sister. An amazing one teaches her how to shave off a neck beard using a rubber fish.”

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not at all pleased with this, because not only will their child miss out on trick-or-treating altogether or be very limited on their time to do so, but also now both parents will not be able to go watch their child cheer, as one will have to stay home to hand out treats.

I hope that seven years from now, when once again Halloween is on Friday night, the people who make these calls at the school will exercise a little more common sense.

David Haskett
Concrete

PUD’s future at stake

Skagit Public Utility District No. 1 is in dire need of an attitude adjustment. PUD commissioner candidate Jason Easton’s past experience as chair of Skagit County’s Planning Commission will serve him well if he’s elected to this position.

Unlike his opponent, Easton is determined to bring transparency to the PUD to give citizens more oversight regarding decisions that affect them personally and the community at large. Jason and I worked together on the Skagit River Water Resources Advisory Committee for several years. He is capable of developing remedies for PUD’s failed policies and the utility’s current financial shortfalls. Positive change is the only thing that will restore the public’s trust in this public utility. I believe Jason Easton is the right man for that job.

Diane Freethy
Sedro-Woolley

Pasma has history of service

When Tom Pasma was recruited to run for Skagit County Assessor by members of both major political parties, it’s no surprise that he agreed to run. Tom has a long history of community service.

Many Skagitonians know him as the professional auctioneer volunteering at almost every charity auction in Skagit County. What they might not know is that he is also an activist both locally and statewide on issues important to our county. He is well known among our legislators in Olympia, and he has a good relationship with Skagit County officials. He was instrumental in passing legislation standardizing property assessment in the state and legislation that is important to present and future Skagit County farmers and ranchers. He’s knowledgeable about land use and water rights.

A change is needed in our assessor’s office. Consider their failure to tax a million dollars worth of improvements

and failure to plan for the loss of tax revenue from improvements on tribal lands. As an experienced businessman, rancher, community volunteer, and citizen activist, Tom is the best man to correct problems plaguing our assessors office. Please do our county a favor and vote for Tom Pasma for Skagit County Assessor.

Gail Nicolls
Anacortes

YD thanks local merchants

Wow! They’ve done it again. Our local merchants are awesome! On behalf of Concrete Youth Dynamics I would like to thank our local merchants for their continued support of YD with their generosity in providing gift certificates and merchandise for our annual Harvest Party.

Please give a personal thank you to the following merchants: Albert’s Red Apple Market, Annie’s Pizza Station, Cascade Burgers, Cascade Supply, 5 b’s Bakery, Java Zone, Loggers Landing, Matty’s on Main, Outdoor Ventures, Perk’s Espresso, Sonny Bear’s Restaurant, and Wolf Hair Design.

Also a big thanks to the individuals who contribute food for our Monday night meetings, financial support, gas and maintenance for our vans, and scholarships to help kids attend YD trips like camping, hiking, horseback riding, rafting, and snow trips. Your support of our local high schoolers is much appreciated and keeps YD happening here in Concrete!

Mary Jane Rensink
Concrete

Wrights are grateful

We would like to thank the Frank family, company, and workers at Albert’s Red Apple, and our family and friends for the great retirement send-off. Thank you for your cards and good wishes.

Dave and Ellamae Wright
Concrete

Halloween Hoedown has winners

Witches and pirates and Bigfoot, oh my! Amid the terrific (and mostly homemade) costumes, revelers danced the night away at the annual Halloween Harvest Hoedown on Oct. 11 in the Marblemount Community Hall.

Held as a benefit for two local, nonprofit organizations—KSVU 90.1 FM and the Concrete Heritage Museum, the evening featured an amazing potluck supper, music by Marblemount’s Jumbled Pie and Concrete’s Midnight Son & Friends, a costume contest, and a raffle, with all items donated by local individuals and

businesses. They are as follows:

- Framed watercolor painting of the Skagit River by Don Smith. Winner: Bill Pfeifer.
- Original greeting cards by Cherie Donovan-Smith. Winner: Sharon Brady.
- Handmade pet toy and dog biscuits by Betty Seguin. Winner: Carol Moshier (and her dog!).
- Vermont’s Cabot Cheese certificates (two) by KSVU. Winners: Fritz Petersen and Lindsay Cameron.
- Annie’s Pizza Station certificate, by Annie Bussiere. Winner: Patty Olsen.
- Thunder Blossom book of poetry and CD, by Andrea Weiser. Winner: Eve Syapin.
- Cascade Burgers certificate by Cascade Burgers. Winner: Jake Sarrantonio.
- Fine bottle of wine (in a suit!) by Erma Baude. Winner: Donna Rae Brockman.
- Two local books (*So They Called the Town Concrete* and *The Story of Kate*) by Concrete Heritage Museum. Winner: Heather Haggard.
- Glacier Peak Winery gift pack of two bottles from Glacier Peak Winery. Winner: Jake Marty
- Glacier Peak Winery gift pack of four bottles from Glacier Peak Winery. Winner: Patty Olsen.
- Hand-thrown, wood-fired pottery goblets by Sauk Mountain Pottery. Winner Katy Crowley.
- Six theater tickets by the Historic Concrete Theatre. Winner: Jake Sarrantonio.
- Handmade goatmilk soaps by Corina Sahlin/Marblemount Homestead. Winner: Sara Crocker.
- Collector’s edition book, *Alice in Wonderland*, from Upper Skagit Library. Winner: Erin McKay.
- 5 B’s Cafe and Bakery certificates (two) from 5 B’s Bakery. Winners: Rosemary Seifrid and Tom Borst.
- Marblemount Community Market sampler (in totebag) by Christie Fairchild. Winner: Jake Marty.

Thanks to all who attended, and to the Marblemount Community Hall for hosting—it was a roaring success!

Christie Fairchild
Rockport

Ghost Walk gratitude

The Concrete Heritage Museum and the Concrete Chamber of Commerce wish to express their sincere appreciation for all the “spirits” who made this ninth annual

Ghost Walk season a success. Those spirits include not only the performers, guides, behind-the-scenes cookie bakers, and sponsors, but the folks who were willing to brave the ominous October weather to enjoy our show.

Special kudos go to our youngest and newest cast members, Iona Werda and Bowen Beals, who continue to set a positive example of community spirit for us all.

John Boggs
Concrete

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- Town Engineer Cody Hart reported that he and Fichter had completed the mobility grant application (a component of the proposed water spray park in Silo Park) and have submitted it. He reported the grant application was for approximately \$500,000 and would be used for parking lot improvements, sidewalk improvements, 40 parking stalls, electric car charging stations, and a transit stop facility. He also reported the property itself can be used as the town’s matching funds, so there should not be any cost to the town for this portion of the project. Hart also reported that Public Works Director Alan Wilkins is reviewing the Cupples Alley water line drawings, and the town should be able to go out to ad next week. Hart stated this is a locally funded project.
- Fire and Life Safety Building:* Cody reported the Fire and Life Safety Facility project is progressing well. He stated the building foundations are scheduled to be poured within the next week, the retaining walls are completed, and the lower site work is progressing as well. He stated the contractor is slightly behind in schedule because of staffing limitations at the start of the project, but should be caught up prior to the end of the project. Hart also reported on the cost-saving measures chosen to keep the project within budget (originally an approximately \$103,000 overage). He stated that once he gets the earth work quantities and calculations completed, the town should be close to \$90,000 in cost savings because of material reductions. He stated this number does not include any of the building

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Classifieds

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NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOPS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Concrete Town Council will hold workshops on the following dates in preparation for the 2015 Budget:

Oct. 14, 6 p.m.: Review 2014 Budget
Oct. 27, 6 p.m.: 2015 Salary/Benefit Workshop

Sudoku solution, from p. 37

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

Nov. 10, 6 p.m.: Review 2015 Proposed Budget
Nov. 24, 6 p.m.: 2015 Budget (IF NEEDED)

The Concrete Town Council chambers are handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate the needs of special classes of citizens, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving twenty-four (24) hour advance notice. Contact Andrea Fichter at the Concrete Town Hall (360) 853-8401. Published in the September, October, and November 2014 editions of *Concrete Herald*.

NOTICE OF 2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Town Council of the Town of Concrete at its regular Council Meeting in the Town Hall at 45672 Main Street, Concrete, Washington, on November 10, 2014 and November 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review the proposed 2015 Budget. Action may be taken at these meetings.

The public is encouraged to attend and give written or oral testimony. The Concrete Town Council chambers are handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate the needs of special classes of citizens, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving twenty-four (24) hour advance notice. Contact Andrea Fichter at the Concrete Town Hall (360) 853-8401.

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The purpose of the public hearing is to review the proposed 2015 Property Tax. Action may be taken at this meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend and give written or oral testimony. The Concrete Town Council chambers are

Crossword solution, from p. 37

1	A	I	D	E	R	S		7	B	R	E	D		11	E	A		13
14	R	O	O	M	I	E		15	R	E	N	O		16	U	N	C	E
17	E	U	G	E	N	E	H		E	N	D	E	R		S	O	N	
			P	E	G			19	W	E	E		20	L	U	R	E	
21	S	P	A	R	S		23	R		24	W	A	S		26	E	N	S
28	H	I	D				29	R	O	D		31	R	U	M			
33	A	N	D	E	S		35	I	T	E		36	L	A	S		38	S
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43	S	T	E	E	P			44	T	R	E	A	D		L	E	D	
			N	O		46		47	H	I	V		48	E	E	L		
49	A	L	P		50	Y	A	K		52	C	O	L		54	I	C	K
57	B	O	A	S		58	L	E	V		60	A	N	T				
62	H	U	C	K	L	E	B	E	R		64	R	Y	F	I	N	N	
67	O	P	T	I	O	N	A	L		68	A	E	R	O	B	E		
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reductions. He stated that between the material reductions and the building reductions, there should not be any further budget concerns.

Mayor Miller stated that the town is not going to get the building that it originally planned for with the noted reductions. He stated that letters have been sent to Senator Pearson and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) requesting funds so the town could complete the building as originally planned. He stated there also is an option of researching a loan offered by the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG). He stated the \$5,000 a year the town receives from PSE could be used to make the loan payments. Discussion ensued on the terms and interest rate offered by SCOG. It was the consensus of the council to have the mayor get more information regarding the loans offered by SCOG.

- Airport lot extension requests:* Councilmember Marla Reed suggested that the council approve the extension requests for those leaseholders who currently have

hangars, and the two who are in the process of building hangars. Council voted unanimously to allow leaseholders who are beyond their five-year limit and who have not yet built a hangar until Dec. 31, 2015, to have approved engineered drawings and a building permit pulled for a hangar, with their 2015 lease amount being modified by a 100 percent increase.

Oct. 28 2015 Budget Workshop

- It was the consensus of the council to offer a full-time position to the employee who currently holds the Public Works Maintenance position, with the annual salary beginning at \$24,960 (\$2,080 per month), with medical and dental being offered at the expense of the employee; and to give all other salaried and hourly employees a 1 percent increase, with the exception of Wilkins, who declined his raise. All of the above changes would be effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Oct. 28 regular meeting

- Public Safety:* Sgt. Kading reported calls have been pretty minimal. He reported on one item regarding an attempted break-in at the Public Works Shop. He distributed photos from the surveillance cameras with partial images of the suspect. He stated there could be possible criminal trespassing or federal charges if the suspect has tampered with any sewer or water connections. He stated they are speaking with different juveniles in town to try and determine who the individual is in the pictures.
- Hart reported the Cupples Alley water line project is out for bid and the town has approximately seven plan holders on the list already. He reported he anticipates there will be more. Hart also reported on the Fire and Life Safety Building project. He stated they are currently getting ready to pour the concrete footings and working on the forms for the stem wall. He stated they will continue to work on the building for the next few months. He also reported that he should have the material quantities determined this week. Mayor Miller reported that Dept. of Commerce had informed him no additional funds were available for the building. Council declined the SCOG loan option.
—Compiled by J. K. M.

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