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Sedro-Woolley City Councilwoman (Mayor Pro-Tem) **Germaine Kornegay** asks for your vote for Freeholder Position 3. Sedro-Woolley Mayor Julia Johnson endorses Germaine, who is owner of Animal House Pet Grooming and a community advocate. Thank you for your vote by Nov. 6.



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*From the editor*

## This Veterans Day, pause and respect

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served in our nation's military branches. For one day, we stand united in respect for the citizens among us who have given their time to protect us, some of them standing in harm's way so that we can enjoy the benefit and blessing of living in the U.S.

On Fri., Nov. 9, you're invited to pause, reflect, and respect our veterans. Please join the students of the Concrete School District in observing Veterans Day at an assembly in the high school gym. Please be seated by 2:15 p.m.

So often, the faces of those who served are lost in the crowd. The faculty and staff of the Concrete School District believes their students should know and recognize those who are responsible for all the freedoms they enjoy today. Please find the time to attend this special recognition ceremony for both yourselves, family members currently serving, and those deceased veterans.

—J. K. M.

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Obee's commentary rings hollow

Fred Obee's commentary denying media bias and fake news (*Concrete Herald*, September 2018) rings as hollow as a Hermann Goering denial of the Holocaust. How stupid does he think we are?

Eric Bailey  
Olympia

### I-634 wording is fraudulent

ATTENTION ALL VOTERS! Our tax-hungry State of Washington is trying to trick us into voting for taxes on groceries. If you vote no on I-1634, you are actually voting for groceries to be taxed.

In the past, a no vote for new taxation meant no. Not anymore. Our greedy state politicians have fraudulently reworded I-1634 to confuse and mislead the voters. Now, a no vote on I-1634 means yes for food taxation!

Please read your Voters' Pamphlet very carefully several times. Especially helpful are the arguments for or against the initiatives. Your vote of yes on I-634 would ban any new or increased taxation on groceries!

Politicians tend to think voters are dumb and stupid. Please don't prove them right. Be a savvy voter!

Myra Roy  
Cashmere

### Prop. 1: Make sure "David" wins again

Wow! As a proponent of Proposition 1, Freeholder Election, I was dismayed to see advertising involving a lot of money being spent to defeat it: a four-page spread included in a recent *Skagit Valley Herald* and another big glossy mailer in my mailbox. So I decided to check with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) to

find out where all the money to fund this very aggressive campaign is coming from. As I discovered, this is Skagit County's own David vs. Goliath story. As of Oct. 24, the few people opposing Proposition 1—Goliath—have raised \$52,000. Interestingly, only eight people have donated \$43,000. A single person donated \$12,000, and an Oak Harbor construction company (!!) donated \$7,500. In contrast, Home Rule Skagit—David—has raised

### Letters policy

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### Corrections

In the "In her words" sections for Laura Riquelme and Rosemary Kaholokula (*Concrete Herald*, October 2018, p. 35), both candidates are named as members of the Democratic party. This is incorrect. Judicial races are nonpartisan; both candidates are bound by a strict code of conduct not to belong to a party. The error is the newspaper's, not either of the candidates.

In the same issue, an incorrect photo was published with the obituary for Edward Martin Kling. The correct photo is included with the obituary as it again appears in this issue.

I sincerely regret these errors.

—Jason Miller, publisher

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just \$16,481, but from many more individual donors.

What is it that this small handful of wealthy donors want that they think will be easier to accomplish with just three commissioners to deal with? I'm willing to bet it involves their making even more money.

This is another case of grassroots vs. Big Money: David vs. Goliath.

Please vote yes on Proposition 1 to make sure David wins again.

Sharon Schlittenhard  
Anacortes

### No on 1631

I am voting NO on 1631. I see this as another over-reach on the part of special interests and want no part of it. Where is your accountability if this issue is so important?

How can this be transparent when the supporters want another open cash flow to my pocket? Sounds like more backroom politics to me! \$440 this year and then how much in the coming years? Even with a levy system, we voters are given an amount that we'll be paying for a set amount of time. And the option to vote it down after a predetermined time frame.

News flash. Not everyone is made of money. How do you expect families and small businesses on a set income to live when you want to gouge us again for more money? I suggest if you want an open flow of money, get it from your supporters like Mr. Gates and his pals.

The last thing we need is another state bureaucracy—Washington has done such a fine job wasting our money as it is. Disgusting!

You mention the fact that this is sponsored by oil and gas companies; however, you don't mention how many farm bureaus, unions, cooperatives, and professional organizations are on our side. I count more than 50 major supporters and the list keeps growing! And many individuals like myself definitely support a NO vote.

The people I trust in this state are in agreement to vote NO. Vote NO on 1631.

Clyde Kelly  
Anacortes

### Yes on Prop. 1

Some farmers seem to believe that the three commissioner system is favorable to them, and they don't want it to change. This is completely understandable—at least two of our Skagit County Commissioners have almost always been

farmers. That's pretty much the way it's been since Washington became a state.

But demographic trends suggest that won't be the case very much longer, as the urban areas of our county continue to grow in comparison to rural areas.

What farmers should be far more concerned about is that it only takes two people to completely control Skagit County government, both the executive and legislative branches.

A charter government, if adopted, would give more not less protection for farmers and other rural residents. Currently our three commissioners are chosen in the August primary election by the only voters in his or her commissioner district, but voters in the entire county elect them to the county board of commissioners in the November general election. If our board of commissioners is expanded to five to nine commissioners, it is likely each commissioner would be elected only by voters in his or her area in both the primary and general elections.

Also meetings of the board of commissioners would likely be in the evening. Residents in all areas could then attend commissioner meetings to see if their elected commissioner is representing them well.

Charter government doesn't mean "big government." There is no mention of expanding bureaucracies, which would mean big government. Charter government would mean only that we all have more direct representation in county government.

Vote yes on Proposition 1 for better representation.

Jep Burdock  
Anacortes

### More support for Prop. 1

I have a lot of questions about the so-called facts that Home Rule Skagit opponents list in a recent *Skagit Valley Herald* insert. I have attended a public information meeting put on by Home Rule Skagit. I didn't hear Home Rule Skagit list as justifications to change county government increased housing costs, wetter winters, increasing drug abuse, or a growing homeless population.

I did hear that we have a three-member board of commissioners because it was sufficient in the late 1800s. But by 1948 it was apparent that is was no longer sufficient for some growing counties, so the state charter was amended to allow counties to write their own charter.

I heard that Skagit County has no



Dave Chapman operated Dave's Towing in Concrete for 11 years until the near-fatal accident in January 2016.

## Dave Chapman passes

Concrete citizen David Chapman, 66, passed away peacefully on Oct. 16, 2018, at Providence Hospital in Everett, after complications arising from a bed sore infection.

Chapman was born Feb. 14, 1952, in Marietta, Georgia. He was born hyper, said his wife, Deborah, "so his mother put him into a Karate School, early on, to cool his jets. He loved it."

Chapman's family moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., in the 1960s. Shortly after the move, his younger brother Dale passed away. In the aftermath of his brother's passing, his father, Lonnie, bought him a guitar. Between karate lessons and self-taught guitar playing, Chapman was able to heal and went on with his life, practicing and sharing the two skills.

When Chapman was old enough, he worked with Lonnie moving furniture across country. When he was 18 and moving a truck load of furniture to Seattle, he decided he was moving to the Emerald City.

In 1970 Chapman found a room in a house near the University of Washington. It was in Seattle where he would give it a go on his own, fitting in with students, post-Vietnam vets, and hippies.

He eventually earned his Black Belt in Kenpo Karate, the culmination of more than 10 years of hard work. Once he'd earned his final black belt, he was allowed to use and teach the Kenpo Karate

techniques.

Chapman taught karate to all ages in Washington for decades, teaching with great patience and lots of humor. He also passed on his environmental protection skills and self-defense for many

See Chapman, p. 35



Dave Chapman, a.k.a., "The Midnight Son," was a popular local musician, shown here at Youth Activity Day in Concrete in July 2012.



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## Budget workshops set stage for 2019

By Chazlyn Lovely

Edited by Katy Tomasulo

The Concrete Town Council held two Saturday workshops in October, with the goal of ironing out the budget for 2019. The bulk of discussion during the first workshop focused on the issue of salary increases and their reception throughout the town, with additional discussions on revenues and expenditures; the second workshop dove deeper into fee changes in the upcoming year, with a vast majority of the changes being increases.

Highlights from both workshops:

- With the town's acquisition of a fuel station from the North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum, airport revenues should increase in 2019. The town started off ahead of the game with a full tank upon its ownership transition, allowing them to take that profit and put it toward the next fuel purchase. Fuel sale prices will be determined in comparison with the prices of other nearby airports and will be marked up 50 to 60 percent higher than the price the town will purchase it for. Discount cards for locals will no longer be offered. The town does not expect maintenance for the station to be particularly expensive—it only requires fairly simple regular checks and services. On a related topic, airport lot waitlist fees will increase to \$75 from \$50. Annual fees that occur after that initial fee will increase by \$5 to a total of \$25.
- Expect a change to the sewage pricing system. Town staff have found that the gradual change to the target rate of \$118 has been too confusing and frustrating to residents. A proposal for a larger increase, but steady annual rate, is likely for 2019.
- There has been a small but noticeable increase in water delinquency fees, which coincides with an increase in water and sewer rates. Talk has turned to the possibility of an in-town-limits/residential-low-income rate for people struggling with the new rates, which are necessary because of the cost of the wastewater treatment plant. The current proposal would see eligible residents who pay for water and sewer, and who apply for the program, being able to receive a lower water rate that could help to offset the sewer rate. Payment fees for water delinquency may change as well: setting up payments for the fees may cost a \$10 flat fee if the total is paid within six months.
- There's a fair number of fee increases for 2019: Veteran's Memorial Park cherry trees and plaques will increase from \$50 to \$75; mobile residential chipping services for 4x4x8 pile sizes will cost between \$20 and \$25, depending on your location with higher fees for bigger piles; temporary RV parking permits will be upped to \$50 from \$25; Sani-Can rentals vary depending on the urgency and types of events they're needed for, but range from \$15 to \$50; animal pick-up and impound fees go to \$15 from \$10; dog licensing goes to \$9 from \$8 (though after June 30 its \$4.50 from \$4); nuisance fowls at large will cost \$10 from \$5; and animal obstructions of impoundment will jump from \$5 to \$15. New for 2019 is the Fuel Tank Removal Permit/Application, which will be set at \$250.
- Among new expenses for next year will be the new "pocket park" on east main; don't expect this to break the bank, however. Lorenzen Creek may also need a little TLC, in the form of planting, in the upcoming year.
- At the Oct. 27 workshop, the idea of additional compensation for council members who attend "extracurricular meetings" outside of their regular meetings, in particular liaisons to specific committees and organizations, was introduced. Council members are currently paid \$35 per council meeting, but Mayor Jason Miller said that he would consider, for example, an extra \$25 per extra meeting a "nice

See Workshops, p. 27

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# Events line up for holiday season

It's official: The holiday season is upon us. Some Christmas events will be held before the December issue of Concrete Herald hits the racks, so here's a look at a few of the goings-on in the Upper Valley in December.

## Dec. 1: Christmas in Concrete

The fun begins at 6 p.m. at the Concrete Theatre in Concrete Town Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus are on the agenda, as well as a free movie for kids and free treats.

After the movie and the Clauses, a short stroll will take you to the tree-lighting ceremony at the east end of the Town Center, where caroling will lift your spirits.

## Dec. 8: Concrete K-6 PTO Christmas Bazaar and Children's Craft Fair

The mantle for this family-friendly favorite has been passed from Imagine Concrete Foundation to the PTO, but little more has changed. The event will be held in the Concrete Elementary School gym on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(see ad, p. 5). Look for hands-on crafts, photos with Santa and his elf, plenty of vendors with holiday gift ideas, a silent auction, and more. Lunch will be provided for a teeny tiny fee.

## Dec. 8: Christmas on Moen Road

Designed to appeal to all Upper Skagit families, Christmas on Moen Road is hosted by Marty and Adrienne Smith at their home at 48040 Moen Rd., about 2 miles east of Concrete.

This year's event is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 8, with Santa arriving at 6 p.m. and a slew of fun activities following. Santa will bring one gift for every child up to 12 years old. Guests can stroll the beautifully decorated (and lighted) grounds. Look for hay rides and a live nativity scene, complete with animals. Hot dogs and hot drinks will keep you warm. Bring a chair, sit around the fire, and enjoy the warmth of the season till around 9 p.m.

## Dec. 13: Community Dinner and Winter Concert

Everyone's favorite doubleheader, the Community Dinner and Concrete Schools Music Program Winter Concert will be held on Thur., Dec. 13.

The dinner starts at 5 p.m. in the Concrete High School cafeteria. The concert follows in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to Upper Valley community members.



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## THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

The East County Resource Center has announced the end of its **Christmas Sharing Tree** program. The available resources for the program have been outpaced by the demand for other services. This program, which provided toys for children at Christmas, also helped coordinate several other programs in the Upper Skagit Valley community. Although most of the gifts were donated, a large amount of staff and coordination time made this program successful in the past.

**KSVU 90.1 FM is looking for volunteers** with fundraising or marketing experience. Volunteers interested in fundraising should be willing to help organize and run events, as well as pursue every avenue for funding and donations. Marketing volunteers should be computer and graphic design savvy, and know their way around social media.

## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Oct. 8 and 22. Following are summaries of those meetings. The council also met for budget workshops on Oct. 8 and 27; see the article beginning on p. 4 for a closer review of those workshops. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at [www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php](http://www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php).*

### Oct. 8 regular meeting

- During this very brief meeting, council took action on one item, approving Resolution No. 2018-16, an authorizing resolution allowing the town to proceed with applying for a Boating Facilities Program Grant with the state Recreation Conservation Office.
- Mayor Miller provided his report in printed form. On Oct. 27, Town of Concrete was honored with two plaques from the WA State Concrete Association during its annual awards event in Seattle. John and Gail Boggs and Mayor Miller were there. One plaque focuses on Town of Concrete and will be mounted at Town Hall. The other plaque is more generalized ("Concrete Community") and will be placed at the Concrete Heritage Museum. The town was up for a "Legacy Award" too, for its contributions to the concrete industry, but the Grand Coulee Dam took that award.
- Mayor Miller also announced his plan to take vacation from Oct. 11-21, and to attend the IACC conference in Wenatchee from Oct. 23-25, with Andrea Fichter.

### Oct. 22 regular meeting

- Town engineer Cody Hart provided the third quarter project update report. He stated this report is a general status update on the projects being worked on, and contained scheduling items. *Editor's note:* A closer look at these projects will be published in the December 2018 issue of *Concrete Herald*.

Councilmember Reed asked about the Rietze St. project. Hart provided an update on the application that was submitted to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB); those awards will be announced in mid-November.

Hart reported the Cedar St. project

is progressing and will be submitted for staff review in November. He also said that the (Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) project has been submitted for administrative review, as well as the water system improvement plans. He stated that he recommends that the attorney review all the contract docs for these as well.

Hart said that the funding for the boat launch project will require presentations, and those presentations will be made in Olympia in 2019. He stated he will submit for those costs at the beginning of the year for prior approval.

Hart also reported the application for the town trolley has been submitted to both SCOG and WSDOT, and is being reviewed. Discussion also ensued regarding the Secondary Access project, its status and funding.

- Parks:** Public Works Dir. Alan Wilkins reported the spray park has been winterized for the winter.
- Community garden:** Councilmember and garden co-manager Beth Easterday reported she is working to schedule another work party for a November date.
- Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter** reminded the mayor and council that the next regular meeting will be held on Tue., Nov. 13 because the Veterans Day observance will fall on Mon., Nov. 12.
- Public Works:** Wilkins reported the Public Works crew has been doing a lot of work to the new shop (the hangar given to the town by the vintage aircraft museum) and will be getting the new door and heaters installed soon.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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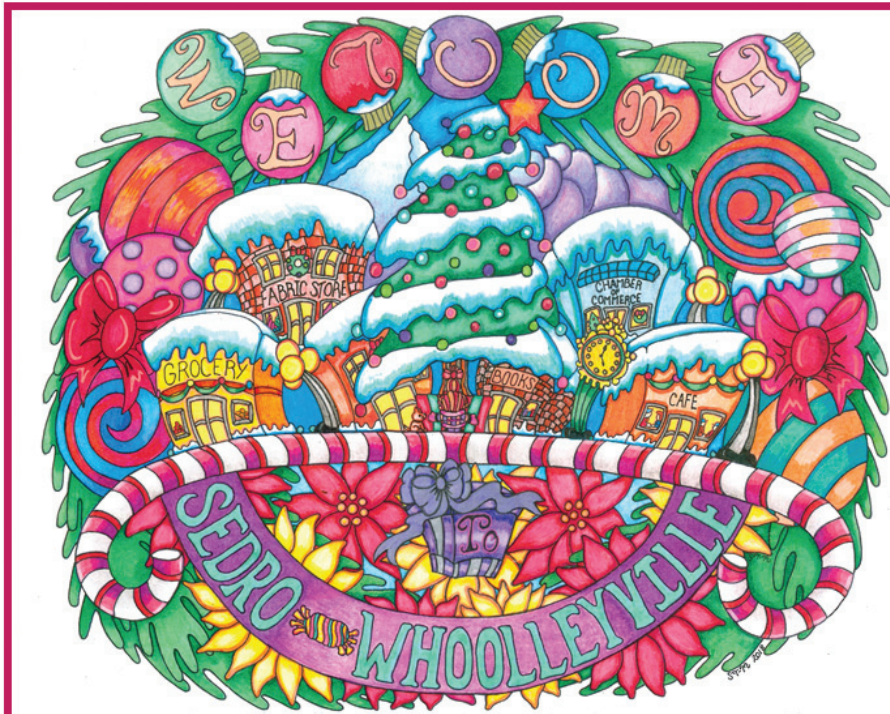
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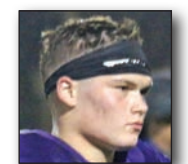
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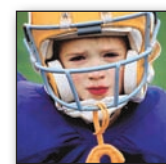
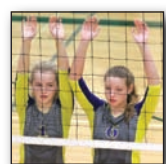
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# Sports



## MS Volleyball wraps

By Rob Thomas, head coach

## Volleyball season ends

By Kevik Rensink, head coach

Volleyball season is short—too short. It seems like we just get going, just get flowing, moving, and playing well together ... and then it is over.

That is how I felt this year. We had a mix of older and younger players, experienced and inexperienced, and although it seemed we started out of the gates slow, we eventually got our feet under us and played some really good volleyball.

This was the toughest game schedule I have had in my six years of coaching volleyball at Concrete High School. I liked it. It made us better, and the girls competed like crazy, even against the big schools like Federal Way (4A) and Chief Sealth (3A). I really like our team, and I thought the seniors did a great job of leading us. We had seven seniors this year, which ties for the most we have graduated after one season, and Senior Night (our last home match) was tough because of it.

There were a lot of emotions at play that night, and I saw some of the craziest volleyball I have ever seen in my life. We lost the first set 37–35, and even the gray-haired officials had never seen a score that high. We would eventually go on to lose the match, after losing multiple overtime sets, and then celebrated the season at center court after taking the net down one

last time.

All of our senior players (Jaidyn Swanson, Maddy Pritchard, Grace Clemons, Josie Acevedo, Faith Daniels, and Tiana Brookshire) had the role of captain this year, but Swanson, Clemons, and Daniels were our three floor captains throughout the season. These girls did an outstanding job of representing our program on and off the floor, and I am very proud of their efforts, attitude, and how far they have come during their volleyball careers.

I would also like to thank Unity Reynolds for being our manager again. As a team, we rely on Unity for everything, which seems like an impossible endeavor, but somehow she always comes through. I am so grateful she is a part of our team. The rest of our team are all underclassmen (no juniors), and that bodes well for the future.

We played some of our toughest competition this season, and our younger girls will be better for it next year and the years to come.

I thank all of the parents for their awesome support and doing such a great job in heading up our fundraiser. You are all appreciated.

We will celebrate our season, our players, and their successes with our volleyball banquet on Thur., Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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**Above: Maddy Pritchard** jumps for a spike against La Conner on Concrete home court, Oct. 10.

**Below: Ashley Parker** prepares to serve against the visiting Braves during the Oct. 10 match.



**Above: Kylie Clark** dumps it over the net for a point during the home-court game against La Conner on Oct. 10.

**Below: Sierra Rensink** executes a nice set for teammate Grace Clemons during the Oct. 10 match against the La Conner Braves.



The 2018 edition of Concrete Middle School volleyball concluded on Oct. 24 with an end-of-the-season tournament in La Conner. The result? You'll be rewarded with the answer if you keep reading. But first, a recap of a very exciting season.

For the second year in a row, a Concrete Middle School volleyball season occurred because we were given permission by WIAA to invite sixth graders to participate. As such, the season began on Sept. 7 with five seventh graders (Bella, Chris, Hayley, Jayden, Logan) and five sixth graders (Amelia, Emily, Kelsy, Miley, Prudence). Ten players dwindled to eight midway through the season. However, from the first practice it was decided that the group would form a single team and simply compete against whatever teams Darrington, Friday Harbor, La Conner, and Orcas put on the court. This usually meant a couple of sets played against eighth grade teams, as well as two or three sets against sixth-seventh grade teams.

Two things resulted from this challenging schedule. First, the girls were able to get extensive time on the court in a competitive environment. Second, the girls were constantly challenged by more experienced opponents. Both paid dividends during the season and should help them in future years of playing volleyball.

In the pre-season tournament (hosted by Mount Vernon Christian), Concrete finished their matches with one win, two losses, one time (3–6 in total sets).

During the league season, playing against eighth/seventh/sixth graders, Concrete finished their matches with one win and six losses (5–25 in total sets). On paper, the statistics did not bode well for the end-of-season tournament in La Conner.

A highlight of the middle school volleyball season was the annual battle with the high school junior varsity (coached by Kelse Cargile). Besides the competition, what makes this match so much fun is that there are often sisters playing against one another.

This year was no different. The high school junior varsity came out on top 25–23, 25–15, 20–25. Although the middle school team lost the match, they held their own against the more experienced

high school players. Since the middle school team has no eighth graders, the high school will have to wait an additional year before their opponents become their teammates.

The final day of volleyball for the Concrete Middle School team was scheduled to be a long one. They were slated to play two sets against Friday Harbor, La Conner, and Darrington. Then the teams would be re-seeded for the playoffs.

Concrete played its best volleyball of the season with clutch serving and great effort, thereby winning three of four matches and finishing the tournament tied for first place. It could not have been a better ending for a great group of players.

I look forward to coaching the seventh and sixth graders again next year as we continue to build a stronger foundation for Concrete volleyball. Congratulations to the Concrete Middle School girls volleyball team on having an excellent season. It has been a great privilege to be your coach this season.



**Kelsy Martin** serves against Orcas Island during an Oct. 8 home court match. Martin was one of a handful of 6th graders who were allowed to play with the middle school squad in order to bolster its numbers.

## Athletes of the Month



### Athletes of the Month: Kassidy Smith and Hunter Olmstead

Sophomore **Kassidy Smith** is the starting libero on the Concrete High School volleyball team, and had a tremendous first month of the season. She started at this position as a freshman, and continues to improve, leading the team in serve percentage, perfect passes, and digs. Kassidy is an athlete, and anybody who watches her play any of the sports she participates in (volleyball, basketball, track) can see her mental toughness, attention to detail, and the drive to win. This applies to her time in the classroom, as well as her work in the community. It is for these reasons Kassidy is deserving of the first female athlete of the month award for the 2018–19 school year.

Sophomore **Hunter Olmstead**—seen above channeling his inner William Wallace—is the Athlete of the Month for football. Hunter leads the team in tackles. Teams learn to run to the opposite side of where Hunter lines up on defense. Head Coach Arthur Sanchez said, "We like to line him up on strong side defensive end when they try to run outside. When they try to run up the middle, he moves to inside linebacker and does a great job plugging up the middle. Offensively, he plays right guard. He's there because he's a great blocker on the side we like to run, but when we run the opposite side, we use him as a pulling guard to lead block on the opposite side. Not only is he a great run blocker, but he is also a great pass blocker. He's part of the tandem that protects our quarterback well; that allows him to be second in the county in yards passing."

Not only is Hunter a great football player, but he's also a great teammate. He's the first to encourage a player to finish up a drill when one can't; he will always go back and finish up the drill with that player after he has already finished doing his part. Hunter is always there to offer assistance to young and veteran players when they forget a play and does a great job explaining it to them. He is a very helpful player/coach. For this reason, Hunter has been tagged as a team captain and does a great job representing his team.

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



# Football team has a chance at playoffs

By Jason Miller

Election day is an important one for more than one reason. On Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m., the Concrete Lions football team will face Friday Harbor on the La Conner field in a “mini-playoff” game to determine who advances to the playoffs. Only one of the teams in the three-school league may advance, and with Friday Harbor and Concrete deadlocked with 3–1 league records, something’s gotta give.

## October play

Last month’s play kicked off with an Oct. 5 away game vs. La Conner, where the Lions mauled the Braves 42–6.

“That was the first week where he had all our healthy linemen on the field,” said Head Coach Arthur Sanchez. “We ran the spread team, lessened La Conner’s running game, and had good throws and good running,” said Sanchez. Senior Tyler Nevin pulled in two of the team’s four interceptions that night.

On Oct. 12, Concrete hosted Port Townsend and got slapped with a 36–20 loss. Senior Blake Carpenter suffered a concussion that took him off the field, and a few plays later, junior Levi Lowry sprained his knee. “The tackles weren’t

coming,” said Sanchez. “It was an awkward game.”

Friday Harbor welcomed the Lions on Oct. 19, and sent Concrete home with a 40–27 loss. Missing Nevin and Carpenter, the Lions suffered on both sides of the ball. “We gave up a lot of third downs, and gave up some big plays by not wrapping our tackles,” said Sanchez. “It was hard to fill the gaps with two of our better players gone.”

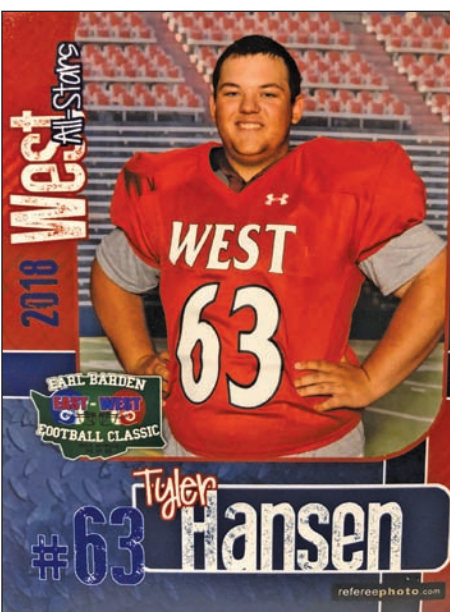
Concrete regained its stride with a 40–20 home game win against La Conner on Oct. 26. Senior Marshall Fichter ran for three TDs, and quarterback Peyton Sanchez connected with Devin Blankenship for TD passes as well.

On Nov. 2 the team scrapped with Chimacum in Port Townsend. Fichter rambled for 100 yards, Blankenship pulled in two TDs, and Concrete came home with a 57–38 win.



**Above:** JV Lions slap the ball out of a Lummi runner’s hands and get the tackle to boot during a home game against the Blackhawks on Oct. 8.

**Below:** It’s blurry, but that’s senior Lion **Marshall Fichter** lunging for the end zone after dragging three La Conner defenders for 5 yards. The Braves came to town for an Oct. 26 drubbing that sent them home with a 40–20 loss.



**Hometown boy Tyler Hansen** (CHS 2018) was chosen to participate in the Earl Barden East vs. West Football Classic in Yakima. Hansen will attend Yuba College in California in fall 2019 to play Junior Football. Congratulations, Tyler! Submitted photo.

## New head coach is a familiar face



Concrete High School’s 2018 football coach is none other than Arthur Sanchez.

Sanchez, a 1996 CHS graduate and football star at that level, also has several years of college and semi-pro play under his belt. After graduating from CHS, he played defensive back at Central Washington University, then embarked on a semi-pro career that had him on the field for the Bellingham Eagles, Northwest Avalanche, and Eastside Hawks in Everett after being handpicked by none other than former Seahawk Sam Adams.

Sanchez finally hung up his cleats in 2014, and started helping former CHS football coach Ron Rood. Rood left, Marcus Carr arrived, and Sanchez stuck with it, helping where he could.

When Carr left at the end of last season, the players nudged Sanchez to apply for the head coach position.

With his strong defense background, Coach Sanchez added to his coaching staff Craig Jackson, Sanchez’s former defensive back coach at Bellingham. Josh Fichter, Don Olmstead, and Jeff Rants fill out the coaching and management staff this year.

Coach Sanchez said he wants to develop the Concrete passing attack to make it a better balanced contender in the post-season. “If we can develop our passing game, we can move back and forth with our strategies,” he said.

—J. K. M.

# Beyond the Sale

Genocide survivor Sunchea Phou sells handy products—and aims to support fellow survivors.

Sunchea Phou is a businesswoman with a mission. The Sedro-Woolley woman owns and operates YaY Novelty out of two large outbuildings on her property, selling ultra-slim wallets, ID tags, reusable bags, and pet bird toys and accessories. Good stuff, really cool. People who want to express themselves without sacrificing quality are lining up at the 330-plus retail locations that carry YaY products, or finding Phou online at <https://yaynovelty.com>.

Phou is grateful for the support, but she has in mind a much larger end game than profit. At 42, the Cambodian-American woman is just old enough to have had a front-row seat during the Cambodian genocide carried out by dictator Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge regime, which murdered between 1.6 and 1.9 million of its own people from 1975 to 1979.

“My father was taken away when I was one year old; we assume he was killed,” said Phou. “My brother, too, who might have been buried alive.”

Another brother died right after the war because he couldn’t get proper treatment for his physical ailments. An uncle, a grandpa ... about 100 family members died.

After the genocide, Phou’s mother fled with her, illegally crossing the border into Thailand because there was no future for them in Cambodia. It took about a month

to make the trek on foot.

“We lived in fear,” said Phou. “We made it to a refugee camp, but we were the last wave, so we were illegal. We had no ID and they wouldn’t give us any. If we had gotten caught, we’d have been sent back to Cambodia.”

Phou and her mother lived in two camps for the next four years, always in fear of being caught by officials, or robbed or raped by other refugees. Periodic checks for illegal refugees in the camps drove those refugees on the wrong side of the law to extremes: They hid in outdoor latrines; some drowned there. They hid in areas where they were bitten by snakes and died. Some kids were caught and separated from their parents, or vice versa.

“It was a horror,” said Phou. “They escaped from the war, but encountered this instead.”

The pair were eyeing Montreal as a potential home, but in order to emigrate, they needed to pass a health exam. So did everybody else. Such was the level of desperate among the refugees that one man, after learning he had tuberculosis and would never pass the exam, hung himself from a tree outside young Phou’s window so that the rest of his family wouldn’t be delayed in their quest for a new homeland.

After four long years, Phou and her mother secured passage to Montreal,

where they arrived with no money and not much more than the clothes on their backs. Phou was 13 years old. She finished her schooling and got work in the fashion industry. She eventually decided to move to the U.S. for the additional opportunities in her field. She worked for REI, then Eddie Bauer, then Nike, where she designed the 2012 Seattle Seahawks jerseys.

In 2012 Phou left the corporate scene. She began developing YaY Novelty, which was fully formed by 2015.

## A larger purpose

“YaY” stands for Y and Y, as in Why and Why. Why choose the products? They’re meant to be high-quality, lifestyle-enhancing items that allow buyers a fun way to express themselves. “I want to connect fun with function and self-expression,” said Phou. “Function doesn’t have to be boring.”

Why was the company created? To generate resources for needy families throughout Cambodia; specifically, those people whose lives were devastated by the Cambodian genocide.

Phou plans to donate 20 percent of profits from the fledgling company to a nonprofit—Year Zero Foundation—which will then begin building care facilities (Phou calls them “nursing homes”) throughout Cambodia. The facilities will

focus on elderly people whose support networks are gone.

“I know firsthand how hard it is for survivors,” said Phou. “I’ve met a lot of them; most have nothing at all and depend on neighbors to provide food. One woman went without food for several days, because she can’t provide for herself. There’s a lot of cases like that. And over there, there is no safety net. If you get sick, you’re just waiting to die.”

Phou intends to start with a small facility in the Battambang Province and move on from there. She’s collaborating with the Canadian government to track down individuals and their specific needs—anyone who can’t help themselves.

“I know what they’re experiencing,” she said. “And I know I can help.”

—J. K. M.



**Sunchea Phou sells practical and pleasant products**, including luggage tags for kids’ backpacks (upper left), colorful wallets made of elastic thread (middle), and a full line of high-quality toys (right) and shelters for pet birds.



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# Academics



## Steve Largent comes to town, kicks off Concrete Boys & Girls Club

Amid cheers and applause, legendary Seahawk wide receiver Steve Largent walked into the Concrete High School gym on Nov. 2.

The football Hall of Famer was in town to celebrate the opening of the new Concrete Boys & Girls Club, which kicked off on Oct. 1.

A Boys Club alumnus (it was Boys Club when he joined in the 8th grade), Largent, 64, told Concrete students that his time with the club was “crucial and pivotal” at that point in his life.

His parents divorced when he was still in his single digits, he said, and his mother remarried a few years later. His stepfather was an alcoholic, making life at home problematic at best for the young man. When asked by a student what the club offered him at that point, Largent said, “Camaraderie.”

Largent spoke with middle- and high-school students at a special assembly, then did a photo opp with the high school football team before heading over to the elementary school portable that houses the Concrete Boys & Girls Club. There, he participated in a ribbon-cutting with school officials, district board members,

Boys & Girls Club officials, and elected officials.

“To say we are excited to have Mr. Largent in our community, elevating the presence of our newest Club, would be an understatement,” says Ron McHenry, CEO. “He is a role model that our members can aspire to, and an individual our stakeholders and constituents can be inspired by.”

Concrete Boys & Girls Club already has almost 120 members, representing

about 25 percent of the total enrollment of students in grades K-12. As recently as 2016, the district saw just over 50 percent of students graduate on time, well below the state average. A \$1.6 million grant paved the way for the establishment of a full-time program to provide additional support to the community. The new club is a joint venture between the Clubs, United General District 304, and the Concrete School District.

—J. K. M.



**Top:** Steve Largent laughs while sharing his thoughts about the Boys & Girls Club with students during a special assembly on Nov. 2. **Above:** Largent helped cut the ribbon during the grand opening ceremony of the Concrete Boys & Girls Club. From left, Concrete School District Superintendent Wayne Barrett, Largent, Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County CEO Ron McHenry, United General Dist. 304 Community Health Outreach Programs grant writer Marjie Bell, Senator Keith Wagoner, and Concrete School District Board members Janet Culver, Dolores Elliott, and Mike Brondi. **Left:** Largent paused for a photo with the Concrete High School football team before moving on to the next stop on his visit.

## Concrete Resource Coalition



October was a great month and the coalition members enjoyed their time getting out into the community! We hope you stopped by to say hi at the Concrete School District Open House, our prescription drug take-back event at the Concrete Community Center, or the Concrete Lions Club Halloween event on Oct. 31.

On Nov. 6 and 7, the coalition will take three Concrete High School students to Yakima. Students will learn about prevention, and share ideas and information with other Washington high school students around their local efforts to decrease substance abuse by their peers.

Space still available at our Living With Grief: A Community Perspective workshop. This training is open to anyone in the community coping with or helping someone with grief. This training will take place on Sat., Nov. 17, at the Concrete Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, please use the contact information below.

Our next coalition meeting will be Thur., Nov. 15, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Our meetings are always open to the public.

For more information, contact me at [stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org](mailto:stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org) or 360.854.7179.

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

## YD update

I looked at our Concrete Youth Dynamics fall schedule the other day, and I could not believe we were already half-way through it. But we have been having an unbelievably good time barbecuing, playing ultimate Frisbee, capture the flag, Jeopardy, Town Shark, Cardboard Gladiator (which kind of turned into an indoor game night because Kevik was so late getting there after the volleyball game went into overtime — sorry!), and our annual Harvest Party.

The Harvest Party is always a hit with the kids, so it was no surprise we had our biggest turnout of the year, with 48 students there. We played pumpkin toss (yep, just like egg toss, except with pumpkins—don't worry: We break off the stems before we start chucking these things at each other), where Collin Martin and Corbin Higgins proved they could throw their pumpkin the farthest without dropping it. We played a couple of rounds of musical chairs with Devin and Tyler Nevin showing their mad skills of pushing people out of the way to take a chair. There was a costume contest (won by Anthony), apple bob contest (won by Boogie Nights), and many other games. It was a ton of fun, and we handed out many door prizes at the end (every kid went home with a prize!). A big thank you to all of our local merchants for providing many of the door prizes (Cascade Burgers, Loggers Landing, Java Zone, and Albert's Red Apple).

We still have a lot of high-flying action coming the students' way in November with Hidden Talent Night (a new idea we are trying out for the first time), Runway Night (making dreams come true as everyone gets to become a supermodel for one night), Human Scavenger Hunt at Bellis Fair Mall (an all-time favorite for many of our students), and a movie night to cap off the month.

If you have a son or daughter in high school, and this sounds like something they would enjoy, then don't hesitate to call me at 360.630.6063, and I can let you know when and where we meet for our events. We have been talking a lot about good decision-making vs. bad decision-making this year, and it has been great to see some of the kids making better decisions for their lives already. I love this community, and I love the kids who live here. I am so grateful to be a part of this awesome Upper Valley ministry.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink, Directors,  
Concrete YD

## Flu shots and common flu-related questions

By Sneha Patel, DO

Every year the influenza virus, also known as the flu, affects millions of people, with hundreds of thousands hospitalized. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the 2017–18 flu season was the deadliest in decades, with approximately 80,000 flu-related deaths in the United States alone. More than 80 percent of those individuals were unvaccinated.

The influenza virus is especially harmful to children, people with chronic illnesses, older adults, and pregnant women. While the flu vaccine is not perfect, it does save lives. Here are some answers to common flu-related questions:

### Q: How can I prevent getting the flu?

**A:** Besides getting the flu shot, there are everyday preventative measures that I recommend for everyone to follow during flu season. Make sure you wash your hands regularly with soap and water or an alcohol-based solution. Avoid contact with sick people and if you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible. If you do get the flu, you should stay home for 24 hours after your fever is gone. You may return to work after being fever-free for 24 hours (without using a fever-reducing medicine).

### Q: Will I get the flu from the flu shot?

**A:** No, you cannot get the flu from the flu shot. The vaccine is made by either using an inactivated (killed) virus or using a single gene from the virus (not the whole virus) to create an immune response (antibodies) against the virus without giving you an infection.

### Q: How does the flu vaccine work?

**A:** The flu vaccine causes your immune system to make antibodies against the flu virus, which takes about two weeks. Antibodies protect your body from the virus by creating an immune response from the virus in the vaccine. If you are

exposed to the flu virus after getting vaccinated, your body will recognize the virus immediately and create more antibodies to fight it.

### Q: Why do I always feel sick after getting the flu shot?

**A:** It is common to have a reaction to the vaccine. The most common side effects are localized reactions such as soreness, swelling or redness where the shot was given or a generalized reaction such as fatigue, low grade fever, or headache. These symptoms last no more than one to two days after getting the vaccine.

### Q: Even though I got the flu shot last year, why did I still get sick with flu symptoms?

**A:** There are several possible reasons why you may have experienced flu symptoms. It is possible that you were infected with a strain of the virus that was not included in the vaccine, as there are many different flu viruses that can cause an illness. You may have been infected with a totally different virus, such as rhinovirus, adenovirus, or coronavirus, that could cause similar flu-like symptoms. Another possibility is that you could have been exposed to influenza virus either before getting vaccinated or in the two weeks following the vaccination, in which case, your body would not have had enough time to develop immune protection.

### Q: Why should I get the flu shot this year?

**A:** The flu vaccine protects millions of people from illnesses, doctor visits, and hospitalizations each year. Getting vaccinated protects the people around you who may not have the immune system to fight the virus, including babies, young children, elderly people, and people fighting cancer and other chronic illnesses.

Talk to your healthcare provider if you need help or have questions about the flu vaccine.

Sneha Patel, DO, is a provider at PeaceHealth Medical Group Family Medicine in Bellingham.

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# Clear Lake



## Two Schools of Distinction named in Sedro-Woolley School District

Clear Lake Elementary School was named a School of Distinction for the fourth year in a row on Oct. 11, while Mary Purcell Elementary School received the award for the first time.

School of Distinction awards recognize the highest improving schools in Washington state and celebrate school staff, students, and leaders who improve performance for all students over a sustained period of time in reading/English language arts, and mathematics.

Sedro-Woolley School District Superintendent Phil Brockman attributes the schools' success to a staff that's committed to working with students individually to help them achieve great things.

"Our teachers know what our students' strengths and weaknesses are," Brockman said. "Teachers focus on their goals and develop strong relationships with their students and their families. That's what makes Sedro-Woolley schools great."

The School of Distinction award is focused on combined improvement in ELA and math at the elementary school level, sustained over a five-year period.

Achieving the award requires continued, intentional effort from staff and school leaders. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a dedicated and focused group of staff doing their best work for their students.

"Our staff is excited about continuing to do great things in education for our students," Brockman said. "We follow our mission of having every student graduate with the knowledge and skills for future learning and success each day, but having those banners hanging in our schools is a great compliment and reminder to keep up the push."

The award is sponsored by the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) in partnership with the Superintendents of the Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), the Washington State Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development (WSASCD).

—Ruth Richardson



Submitted photo

## Surveying history

Before there were electronic distance meters and GPS, surveyors used measuring chains like the one that surveyor Louis Requa, co-owner of Skagit Surveyors and Engineers in Sedro-Woolley, and local historian Deanna Ammons are holding up for display in the above photo after a recent meeting of the Clear Lake Historical Association. A chain, which was made up of 100 links, was 66 feet long. Eighty chains marked one mile. These chains hearken back to a rugged era, when surveying tools and techniques were literally defining America.

Requa, who was the guest speaker at the meeting, told society members and guests about how in earlier days, land across much of America was surveyed to establish sections of land, which were then used for legal descriptions of

property. The surveyors carried these chains and marking pins up and down steep canyons and through thick brush—wherever the lines should be established.

He also told his audience about some interesting anomalies involving some of the property around Clear Lake. One of these anomalies occurred in 1885 after a 4-foot ditch was dug between Clear Lake and Beaver Lake, which allowed canoes to transport supplies to homesteads in the Beaver Lake area. This, in turn, lowered Clear Lake and left 60 acres of dry land that was unaccounted for in the original survey. The map behind Requa and Ammons is a historical map of Clear Lake and the surrounding areas.

The Skagit County Historical Museum recently presented Ammons with its annual Heritage Award. She was recognized for devoting countless hours to promoting the history of Skagit County. She is well-known in the county for breathing life and a sense of amazement into local history.

—Cookson Beecher



## Community Calendar



### NOVEMBER

- 6 General Election. Ballots must be postmarked with today's date or left in a drop box by 8 p.m. today
- 7 Free Computer Tutoring at Upper Skagit Library, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 9 Veterans Day Assembly, Concrete High School gym, 2:15 p.m.
- 10 Family Game Night at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; free admission; 5 to 8 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Veterans Day observed. Most government offices closed.
- 17 Nicola Pearson appears with new novel, *The Gift*, at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 4:30 p.m.; see notice, p. 23
- 17 Community Thanksgiving Supper, Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 5 to 7 p.m.; free admission; see notice, p. 26; info or to volunteer: 360.873.2504
- 17 National Novel Writing Month "Come Write In" Workshop with Nicola Pearson, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Free Computer Tutoring at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; 11 a.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day
- 23 & 25 Festival of Trees; see ad, p. 2 and article, p. 34
- 24 Launch party for Nicola Pearson's new novel, *The Gift*, Conway Muse, 1844 Spruce St., Conway; time TBA
- 24 Storytime with Ms. Beth at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; 11 a.m.
- 24 Family Game Night at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete; 5 to 8 p.m.
- 29 Undecided plays the Conway Muse, 1844 Spruce St., Conway, 7:30 to 10 p.m.; tickets start at \$5; info at <https://conwaymuse.com/events/#event=16433745>
- 30 Open Mic Night for writers, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 5 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 1 Sedro-Whoolleyville Christmas in Sedro-Woolley begins at 3 p.m.; tree lighting and parade at 5 p.m., followed by Santa; see ad, p. 6
- 1 Christmas in Concrete, Concrete Theatre and Town Center tree, 6 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 2 Marblemount Christmas Bazaar, Marblemount Community Hall, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; info at 360.873.2323; vendors call 360.873.4344
- 7 Grub & Groove, Marblemount Community Hall, potluck and signup at 6 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m.
- 8 Sedro-Whoolleyville Christmas in Sedro-Woolley, various events, see ad, p. 6
- 8 Christmas Bazaar and Children's Craft Fair, Concrete Elementary School gym, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; see notice, p. 6 and ad, p. 4; info at sheenaladale@yahoo.com
- 8 Christmas on Moen Road; see notice, p. 6
- 8 An Evening of Carol Singing, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 46372 E. Main St., Concrete; free admission; see notice, p. 39; info at 314.277.4780 or gretchen.concretemusic@gmail.com
- 8 Darrington Community Dance, Mansford Grange, Darrington; potluck dinner at 6 p.m., dance at 7 p.m.; admission by \$7 suggested donation; see notice, p. 25; info at 206.402.8646
- 13 Community Dinner and Winter Concert; see notice, p. 6

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- 25 5th Annual Illuminight Winter Walk, Riverwalk Park, Mount Vernon, 3:30 to 9 p.m.; see photo caption, p. 34; info at 360.419.9326

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

## Community meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Concrete Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](http://www.concreteheritagemuseum.org).

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

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

**Concrete School District Board:** The board will hold a work session on Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. in the high school Commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m., same location. 360.853.4000.

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

Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or [andrea@concretewa.gov](mailto:andrea@concretewa.gov).

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

**Darrington Town Council** meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1005 Cascade St. 360.436.1131 or [darrcityhall@frontier.com](mailto:darrcityhall@frontier.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sedro-Woolley School District Board:** Meets Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Support Services Bldg. Meets Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Big Lake Elementary. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us).

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

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

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

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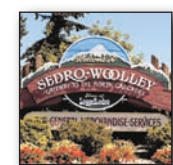
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# Sedro-Woolley



## Council summary

The Sedro-Woolley City Council held a special meeting on Oct. 10. Following is a summary of that meeting.

### Oct. 10 special meeting (5 p.m.)

- This was a joint meeting with Central Skagit Library Board.
- Using a visual presentation, Kevin Kane, project architect of SHKS, presented the 90 percent design for the new library. He also showed a 3-D representation of the library, including the exterior approach and views and the interior layout, look, and feel. Mayor Johnson solicited questions and comments from the council and the board.

Councilmember Germaine Kornegay asked about the STEM/gathering room's capacity. The room holds about 60 people in seats and approximately 36 at tables. She also asked if the room is dividable; it is not. Kornegay asked about the dimensions of the building from east to west. The building is a little less than 200 feet in length. She expressed a concern about ADA restroom access.

Kane responded that there is a family restroom on the west end, as well as the main restrooms on the east end.

Board Member Hindman asked about the location of future solar panels. Kane indicated that the roof is expansive and designed to hold the load of future solar panels. Space for electrical switch gear is also included.

Councilmember Kelley asked about ownership of the land south of the buildings. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the questions of ownership, explaining that a portion of that land is owned by the city in fee and another area is city ROW.

The fee property will be transferred to the city and the district as joint tenants in accordance with the partnership agreements. Kelley asked about polished concrete flooring versus carpet, specifically why not more polished concrete. Kane indicated that carpet will more effectively address noise. He also indicated that the costs were fairly equivalent between the two types of flooring.

## PeaceHealth United General Medical Center Cancer Center earns ACR accreditation

Facility is the first and only accredited radiation oncology medical center in the north Puget Sound

PeaceHealth United General Medical Center Cancer Center in Sedro-Woolley has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Radiation Oncology as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Radiation

Oncology is the medical specialty that uses high-precision radiation energy, or radiation therapy, in the treatment of cancer. Radiation therapy may be used to cure a cancer, prevent it from spreading, or improve quality of life by relieving pain or other symptoms.

The ACR is the nation's oldest and most widely accepted radiation oncology accrediting body. The seal of accreditation signifies the highest level of quality and patient safety have been met by a facility and its staff. It is awarded only to facilities meeting specific practice guidelines and technical standards developed by ACR after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified radiation oncologists and medical physicists who are experts in their field.

The accreditation process ensures and documents that PeaceHealth United General Cancer Center and its personnel meet the nation's highest standards for quality and safety in six areas:

- Patient care and treatment
- Patient safety
- Personnel qualifications
- Adequacy of facility equipment
- Quality control procedures
- Quality assurance programs

The rigorous and voluntary accreditation process affirms that cancer center personnel are well qualified, through education and certification, to perform medical imaging, interpret findings, and safely administer radiation therapy.

Ian L. Thompson, MD, radiation oncologist with Northwest Radiation Oncology Associates, said, "ACR accreditation is totally voluntary and it's a difficult and laborious application. I am honored to work in a department with the staff who provide excellent care on an ongoing basis and who do the extra work to document and maintain the highest

possible quality care for our patients."

Tina Hoxie, oncology nurse navigator, said, "As a certified oncology nurse and certified nurse navigator, I so appreciate our radiation oncology department voluntarily accepting the challenge to achieve this accreditation."

By submitting the program to review by the accrediting board, staff learned how to improve their program by implementing guidelines suggested by the accrediting board—ultimately benefitting patients.

"Anytime changes are made that positively affect patient care and outcomes, everyone wins, especially our patients," said Hoxie.

For more information about the PeaceHealth United General Cancer Center program, go to [www.peacehealth.org/united-general/cancer-center](http://www.peacehealth.org/united-general/cancer-center).


—Submitted by PeaceHealth



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## Soroptimists announce Live Your Dream Award

Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley plans to award a \$2,000 Live Your Dream Award.

Eligible applicants must be women with primary financial responsibility for themselves and their dependents, who are attending an undergraduate degree program or vocational skills training program, and have financial need.

Apply for a Live Your Dream Award at [bit.ly/LYDA-apply](http://bit.ly/LYDA-apply). Choose "Sedro-Woolley." Deadline for applications is Nov. 15, 2018.

For more information, call 360.855.1748 or 360.856.0747.

—Submitted by Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley

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## Sedro-Woolley woman unhurt after accident

A Sedro-Woolley woman was uninjured after an impaired driver involved her and two pedestrians in an accident. The pedestrians were not as fortunate.

On Oct. 14 around 2:15 p.m., Brittany Slattery, 32, of Sedro-Woolley, was in her GMC Jimmy on northbound I-5 in Marysville. Her vehicle was being pushed by Amanda Perry of Longview and Michael Barr of Bellevue, and was at least partially in the travel lane, according to a Washington State Patrol press memo.

Glen Castillo, 27, of Marysville, struck Slattery's vehicle and the pedestrians. Slattery was not injured, but Perry was injured severely and transported to Providence Hospital. Barr was injured to a lesser extent, and was released to the Quil Ceda Casino.

Drugs or alcohol was involved; Castillo was driving under the influence and faces a charge of vehicular assault. Both vehicles were damaged and impounded to a WSP facility.

—J. K. M.

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## Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System In Place

The Washington State Patrol's (WSP) new online tracking system for sexual assault kits has concluded its roll-out phase and is now fully implemented. The online system, modeled after a similar one in Canada, was developed by STACS DNA, Inc. Survivors have access

to the system, giving them the ability to track the progress of the case as it moves forward.

"The primary purpose behind this system is to help survivors get some answers," said Chief John R. Batiste. "That was the difficult part for a lot of the survivors, is that they had no idea where their kits were."

Each sexual assault kit will have its own barcode. Medical staff, law enforcement, and prosecutors will have their own portals to input and check cases as they move forward.

Additional benefits of the system include web portal access to all stakeholders, secure login, mobile device access, workload forecasting, and barcode data capture.

The system brings all the parties together. Each phase of the kit can be monitored by the system. This includes the survivor, medical facility, law enforcement agencies, DNA laboratory, an outsourced agency (private lab) and prosecuting attorney.

WSP Information Technology Division employees took the lead on training for

the system and oversaw the education of all agencies and stakeholders on the use of the system.

"This is the first system in the country to offer a fully secure login for survivors to track their kits," said Chief Batiste. "In addition to the transparency this system provides, it gives the survivor a sense of security knowing their kit has not been forgotten, misplaced, or destroyed."

For more information, go to [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov).

—Submitted by  
Washington State Patrol

## Community notes

### Community Potlucks

Day Creek Community Potlucks are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the fire hall. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bill Scalp at 360.826.3234.

### Day Creek Chapel coming events

- On the last Sunday of each month, we serve a meal at Friendship House. Call 360.391.1709 for more information.
- On the third Sunday of each month, a potluck lunch is hosted at Day Creek

Chapel, immediately following the service. All are welcome. Lunch starts around noon. This month's potluck will be held on Nov. 18.

- On Nov. 19 the church will host a sewing and quilting day. This event is for beginner and experienced sewers. For more information, call 360.770.1765.
- The church's annual women's Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. We are partnering with Women HAND in Hand again this year to host an evening of food, music, and fun. Mark your calendars and save the date; more information will follow.

- Homework Club for 4th to 12th graders happens in the youth room at Day Creek Chapel every Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. This is a quiet time to get your homework done and have a snack. Call 360.661.7976 for more information or to volunteer to help.
- Taco Tuesday Youth Group for 7th to 12th graders happens every Tuesday in the youth room at Day Creek Chapel from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A taco dinner is served, followed by some devotions, prayer time, and fun.
- Day Creek Chapel Youth Breakfast is served in the Youth Room at Day Creek Chapel every Sunday morning

- On Nov. 17, 7th–12th graders are invited to go bowling at Riverside Lanes in Mount Vernon. Cost will be \$5 per person. To sign up or for more information, call 360.661.7976.
- To keep up to date on all the Day Creek Chapel Youth happenings, follow the group on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/daycreekchapelouth](http://www.facebook.com/daycreekchapelouth) and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/day\\_creek\\_yd](http://www.instagram.com/day_creek_yd).
- Don't forget to vote by Nov. 6!

—Kristine Van Notrice

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constitution (or charter) at all and that our county commissioners have both legislative and executive powers. Both state and federal governments separate those powers. Additionally, just two commissioners can make monumental decisions with a three-member board.

All that Proposition 1 proposes is that a group of representative freeholders review our present form of government and, if the measure passes on Nov. 6, work together to write a county charter. After reviewing the charter, in November 2019, voters will either accept or reject it. If it is accepted, a new board of commissioners will finally be elected in 2020. If rejected, nothing will change.

Ultimately, the question that we should be asking ourselves isn't whether we like the current people in office. We are asking them to do a huge job for our growing

county. Rather, it's about the best form of government for our county. This is a great time to review the structure of Skagit County government, something that hasn't been done since the 1800s.

Please join me in voting YES on Proposition 1 this November.

Julie Pingree  
Anacortes

### Think before you vote for/against Prop. 1

The Skagit PUD is a corrupt local government—that's my view. Yet, no one seems concerned with resolving PUD's administration by increasing the number of PUD Commissioners.

Some have attempted to remedy the PUD situation singularly by election of commissioners, but the electorate has tended to re-elect incumbent PUD commissioners, and when we didn't, the two "PUD commissioner clique"

wouldn't/didn't change their ways. Point: We're attempting to clean up the PUD only by electing better commissioners, not increasing their number!

The PUD is politically/administratively incestuous and has the highest water rates in the region. Also, we cannot drill wells in much of Skagit County due to the Hirst Decision, and SB 6039 exempted Skagit County in the legislative cure: This usurps rural property rights, restricts rural development, and unfairly decreases rural land values.

Yet there's no talk of increasing the number of PUD Commissioners.

Conversely, there's no "hue and cry" about the county government, no incumbent county commissioner has been challenged since 2012, and there's a charter government proposal to increase the number of county commissioners from three, arguing it provides "openness"; i.e., better representation and accessibility.

Why haven't local activists proposed increasing the number of PUD commissioners to resolve PUD's administration?

Why have local activists proposed increasing the number of county commissioners, rather than field county commissioner candidates?

I submit the answers have nothing to do with better representation and/or accessibility; rather, it's to enhance control of rural land use/development.

Think before you vote for/against the charter government proposal, and elect quality freeholders, regardless.

Roger Pederson  
Mount Vernon

### Opponents of Prop. 1 make baseless assumptions

In their letters to the editor and the very expensive insert in a recent *Skagit Valley Herald*, opponents of Home Rule Skagit make it sound like approval of Proposition 1 will approve charter government for Skagit County immediately.

It won't. If Proposition 1 is approved, the 21 elected freeholders will begin writing the charter. When it is complete, the charter will be presented to voters for review. But Skagit County will have charter government only if a majority of Skagit County voters like it and vote for it in November 2019.

Opponents of Home Rule Skagit make many assumptions without basis. Even though the charter hasn't been written, they assume an executive will be appointed, not elected. They infer that out-of-control housing costs, drug problems, and "vast numbers of homeless" are the result of King County's charter government. Nonsense. Growth is happening everywhere.

And it's not true that supporters of Proposition 1 oppose the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act. The the number of commissioners doesn't matter; they will still make decisions and cast their votes at open meetings for public scrutiny. But with a larger quorum, commissioners will be able to discuss important issues in small groups. Discussion and exchange of

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ideas is a good thing, not a bad thing. Commissioners will come to open public meetings better informed than if they had never discussed important issues with their fellow commissioners.

That "an unelected (or elected) executive will likely control everything in the county" is also nonsense. A charter will very likely give the commissioners only legislative power. As with the checks and balances of our federal government, the commissioners would legislate policy and make decisions. The role of an executive would be to execute them.

Please vote for Proposition 1.

Gail Nicolls  
Guemes Island

### Family Farms gratitude

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the 20th Annual Festival of Family Farms Tour at the Double O Ranch here in Concrete.

Thank you all for another successful tour. We had more than 740 people attend this year!

Thank you to the following: Skagit County Cattleman's Association, Concrete Lions Cheerleaders, all the staff at Ovenell's Heritage Inn & Log Cabins, and Farmers Equipment.

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### Thanks to Birdsvie Brewery

Put your PAWS together and give Birdsvie Brewery a heartfelt round of applause for the 3rd party fundraiser that they hosted at their venue on Oct. 20, benefiting The Humane Society of Skagit Valley (HSSV)! There was great music, cold beer and ample excitement over the many raffle items available for patrons to bid on.

Businesses who host 3rd party fundraisers for HSSV are part of something really special. They're a part of our community and their contribution helps make everything we do possible.

As a non-profit organization, HSSV has three simple aspirations: (1) treat all animals with dignity and respect; (2) provide medical care; and (3) offer comfort ... for as long as they need us. These three essential aspirations coupled with hands-on care, bring solace and relief to abused, abandoned, and neglected animals and help to create a more humane world for both animals and people.

Cathie Byrd, dir. of development  
Humane Society of Skagit County

### Brewery is grateful too

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported or donated to our Oct. 20 fundraiser for The Humane Society of Skagit County! We raised more than \$2000!

This month we are collecting for the food bank and pet food for the Humane

Society. Please consider continuing our community's tradition of generosity.

Kris Voigt  
Birdsvie

### KSVU fundraiser a success

Upriver Community Radio KSVU thanks everyone who made our 8th annual Harvest Fest & Halloween Dance a terrific success!

From those who donated raffle and silent auction items and services, to the many volunteers who decorated, washed dishes, greeted folks at the door, and cleaned up afterwards to the two wonderful local bands (Undecided and Jumbled Pie) who played their hearts out for an adoring crowd, to the Marblemount Community Hall, which provided the venue for such a joyous evening!

Thanks to all. And be sure to tune in to YOUR radio station, KSVU 90.1 FM, anytime. Give us a call: 360.853.8588. Visit our Web site: [www.ksvu.org](http://www.ksvu.org). Become a member. Support free speech and independent public media. We're here to be YOUR voice.

Christie Fairchild  
Rockport

### "Blow hart Mayor Cromley"

It's been at least five months since the mayor was sitting at the table begging forgiveness for baing a failure like a wiped dog with her tail between her legs

at the city council meeting. Admitting to everyone that we the town needs a code enforcer and asking for funds to cover this. I think that Mayor Cromley is totally in competent in every which way for the past four years of not doing her job weak and no back bone to make the hard decisions.

I think mayor Cromley is like the Democrats "crooked Hillary Clinton" protecting all the illegal's coming across the border. Mayor Cromley protects the trailer trash by not enforcing the codes because they love her so much they consider her one of their own. Brian Kirkpatrick worked exceptionally hard to pass codes to make Hamilton a better place to live. And when the council meeting comes there is no word of code enforcement. As long as Mayor Cromley has been in office I don't believe she has never said one thing about protecting Property values from trashy trailers courts, junk yards or burned out buildings and tarps on trailers.

Denise "former sectary" I think Denise was like a carbon copy of Mayor Cromley, a bold face layer and did her job very well. Denise had to do the Mayor's bidding too keep her job and took all her secrets to the grave. I can't imagine Denise not being a good person outside the community building.

Renee Barley  
Hamilton

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# October in pictures



No fewer than four seasonal events livened Concrete last month, drawing locals and visitors from as far away as California. **Upper left:** Raelyn Massingale, 1, carefully chooses a treat during the Trunk or Treat event in Concrete Town Center on Halloween day. **Above:** Jackie Daniels blends a smoothie using pedal power under the watchful eye and steady hand of Farm to School coordinator Rachel Muia during the Concrete Lions Club Halloween Party. **Left:** Mike Booker, Alex Markley, Shawn Kemp, Ethan Hall look appropriately terrifying for the Haunted House Sideshow Spectacular, sponsored by Fire Dist. 10 and CHS Class of 2019. **Bottom left:** Em Beals hams it up with Bill Pfeifer during the Concrete Ghost Walk. **Below:** Tessa, Lorelai, Rhiannon, and Layla Lewis joined Grandpa Dave Helgeson at Trunk or Treat, shown here gathering goodies from Gail and John Boggs.



**Top:** Randy Mason, 16 mos., scouts out his target before carefully placing a beanbag in a pumpkin's right eye at the Lions Club Halloween Party.

**Above:** Terry Meyer brought his skeletal sidekick, Matilda, to Trunk or Treat.

**Right:** Michael Bartel, a 7th grader at Concrete Elementary, takes a quick break from harvesting fresh produce in the Farm to School garden at the school.



**Above:** Concrete High School Homecoming royalty paused for a photo during the Sept. 29 party. Shown above are Faith Daniels (Senior Princess), Josie Acevedo (Queen), Blake Carpenter (King), David O'Neil (Senior Prince), Izzie Ramos, Devin Blankenship (Junior Royalty), Kassidy Smith (Sophomore), Ashley Parker (Freshman), Tyler Barela (Sophomore), and Charlie Bartel (Freshman). Photo by Sheena Daniels.

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# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Sept. 11. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

### Sept. 11 regular meeting

- **Public Comment:** Renee Barley provided comments.
- Mayor Joan Cromley introduced the applicants for the vacated councilmember position, No. 5. Patrick Benjamin, Geoff Perkins, and Janet Koopsen were present. An Executive Session was called at 7:13 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)b to discuss the applicants' qualifications, to last 10 minutes. The regular meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m. Council voted to seat Geoff Perkins on the council. Geoff Perkins was sworn in.
- The Skagit County Department of Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement was discussed and approved.
- Tobias Levin and Rebecca Bouchet from Forterra were present. They are in the due diligence phase under contract with the owner of the Urban Growth Area. Forterra plans to have a public meeting in October or November 2018.
- **650 Hamilton:** Attorney David Day sent the town a public records request. Mayor Cromley filled the request. Council agreed that the town will continue to go forward with any new fines sent to the renter, and send a copy to the owner. Town will get
- legal advice on how to proceed with the fines.
- The Comprehensive Plan Update will be ready to approve at the next meeting. There is one comment from Dept. of Transportation.
- **Water Dept.:** Tom Selin reported a part for the well is on order. Cas Hancock reported that water loss is at 3 percent. She will retire, but will bring a replacement person to the next council meeting.
- **Fire Dept.:** Councilmember Bates reported that the pagers arrived and they work great. Councilmember Bates stated they still need volunteers on the Fire department, especially during daytime hours. He said the burn ban has not been lifted and burning is still forbidden. Mayor Cromley said that the county is moving to a combined paramedic and fire model with the cities as of January 2019.
- **Street Dept.:** Selin patched potholes and fixed the propane tank behind Town Hall. Selin has contacted a licensed beaver trapper to get rid of nuisance beavers. Selin presented three tractor quotes. Council voted to approve the purchase of the \$7,499 tractor.
- The 2018 flood letter will go out with the October water bills. AFLAC is available for staff prior to the Fire Dept. meeting on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

—Compiled from staff notes

## From the Mayor

Thank you to everyone who came to the Forterra Open House. We had a full room, and will be considering some options for a bigger space for the next one. It was good to hear what some of your concerns are so we can take those into account as we move forward. This process is going to take a while, and I will be asking for your input repeatedly.



If you didn't make it to the Open House and would like to be added to the mailing list to get information about future meetings, please let me know.

I'm hoping that this Thanksgiving is a lot drier than last year. I bought waders just in case. What have you done to prepare your home for flooding this year? Do you have a plan on where to go, including any animals, when the water rises to that level again? It is only a matter of time until it happens again. Hopefully it won't be this year, but it will happen. One of my big lessons from last year was to remind people to sandbag.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

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## State Parks announces 2019 free days

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will again offer 12 free days next year, in which day-use visitors won't need a Discover Pass to visit state parks by vehicle. The first free day of 2019 is New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

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

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

The 2019 State Parks free days are:

- Jan. 1
- Jan. 21
- March 19
- April 20
- April 22
- June 1
- June 8
- June 9
- Aug. 25
- Sept. 28
- Nov. 11
- Nov. 29

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

## State Parks releases interactive online ADA recreation map

Washington State Parks announces the recent launch of an interactive online recreation map specifically developed for people with disabilities, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant campsites, restrooms, trails and docks.

To view the map, go to [www.parks.state.wa.us/adarecreation](http://www.parks.state.wa.us/adarecreation).

The new online tool helps people with disabilities find state parks with ADA features and facilities. With more than 90 state parks included in the map, visitors can search for several features and facilities, including trails, campsites, restrooms, docks, showers, cabins, and more.

The map will be updated as more ADA facilities and features become available.

## Pearson pens new novel

Sauk City writer Nicola Pearson has done it again. The award-winning playwright and novelist has penned another novel, *The Gift*.

Pearson's latest effort begins with a near-death stray dog left outside Riverside Animal Clinic in Mount Vernon, Wash. Leo Friel, DVM, has no idea how saving this dog's life will impact his own. Friel's personal life is a mess and the only thing helping him hold things together is his work with small animals. His vet tech, Mac, knows this and struggles to keep Leo's schedule on track when the distractions of his divorce complicate his workload. But when the clinic is threatened—and not just by Leo's divorce—the vet finds the little stray to have an uncanny ability to guide him away from the danger.

*The Gift* is about animal care and caring animals, and the magic that happens when the two intersect.

Pearson will make an appearance with *The Gift* at the Upper Skagit Library in Concrete on Sat., Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m., followed by a formal launch at the Conway Muse on Sat., Nov. 24.



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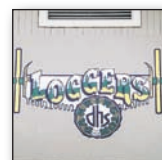
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# Darrington



## Darrington Rodeo Grounds plans 2019 events

The Darrington Rodeo grounds will be busy in 2019, thanks to hard work by the Darrington Horse Owners Association members and volunteers.

Nick Bates, President of the Darrington Horse Owners Association, gave a presentation at the October Darrington Strong meeting about upcoming events planned for 2019 and the work that continues.

The Darrington Summer Play Day event starts in May and lasts through September. The attendance for Play Day has doubled in recent years. Interest in the rodeo grounds is so high that only four days are available to rent the facilities between May and September 2019.

RV hookups are now available and there is a direct path to the Whitehorse Trail.

A wild mustang association from Arizona has selected Darrington to be the headquarters in Washington state for an annual show featuring—you guessed it—wild mustangs.

A small group of 20 or so folks had been renting the grounds for camping during Memorial Day weekend with their llamas. In 2019, Nikki's Llama Show will be held

for three days in July, during Bluegrass weekend, and visitors are welcome.

A grant has been secured to be used to cover three of the five bleachers. Because of structural differences, two of the bleachers will remain open.

Dry camping will be extended to accommodate the expected rise in visitors coming to see the events.

Trap shooters will show off their skills beginning in January at their monthly event. Those coming to Darrington for the Archery Competition are allowed to camp in the camping area. The kitchen has also been remodeled.

The Darrington Horse Owners Association meets monthly and can be contacted on the Darrington Rodeo grounds Web site, [www.darringtonrodeogrounds.com](http://www.darringtonrodeogrounds.com).

The Timberbowl Rodeo, started in 1946, is the last event to survive the Timberbowl Celebration that began in the 1920s.

The continuing efforts of the Darrington Horse Owners Association board, members and volunteers will ensure many more decades of family fun.

—Marla Skaglund

### Council summary

*Darrington Town Council met for regular meetings on Sept. 12 and 27, 2018. The following is summaries of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.*

#### Sept. 12 regular meeting

- JoAnn Milton, chair of the Darrington Street Fair, goes over details for the street fair for next year. She will have another person helping her with some of the planning. Milton proposed to close Darrington St. from Sauk to Elwell. There was discussion about which streets to close, entertainment options, and food ideas. Milton discussed different options for dates and asked for council input. There was discussion. Milton asked if July 27—the last weekend in July—would be acceptable for a yearly date moving forward. Council approved the last weekend in July for future Darrington Street Fair dates, and to close Darrington St. from Elwell to Sauk Ave.

- Councilmember Kerry Frable asked why the Sheriff stopped coming to meetings. If they did, then they could get an idea of what is going on in the community. Council would like to contact the Sheriff's Dept. and would like to see a representative come to a meeting once a month.

#### Sept. 27 regular meeting

- Water lease agreement discussion:* Council went over details for its Oct. 4 meeting, which will include Thom Graafrast, the town's attorney. The draft lease agreement was discussed. Golden Eagle wants to work with Dept. of Ecology and get the lease agreement with the town situated. Mayor Dan Rankin wants to establish a value on the water by contacting West Water to obtain market value for water rights. There was discussion about water rates. Mayor Rankin also noted that monitoring is not mentioned in the draft and should be outlined. There was discussion about water reporting and if that usage would be included in the yearly

reporting to depts. of health and ecology. Town staff will research the reporting and verify with Ecology.

Council voted to allow Town Hall to contact West Water Consulting to obtain an appraisal of Town of Darrington water rights.

- There could be a significant rate increase for Waste Management services. Council discussed the Rate Notice that went out to all Snohomish County residents. Mayor Rankin said that the town could write a letter to the Utility Commission to reject the increase for rural communities. Kevin Ashe and Gary Willis voiced their agreement with that idea.

- Entry signs:* Mayor Rankin said the metal pieces are complete and ready for pickup. Evan Craig has been assisting Mayor Rankin with the wood pieces and will be working on them. The brackets will need to be built; that should be done in the next couple of weeks.

- Council discussed possible sites for new mental health facilities.

- Utility rates and charges:* Council discussed the different rates and taxes that are charged to specific accounts. The town contacted the Auditor's Office and received information regarding state law. Councilmember Willis said there are some homes that would be difficult to meter because of the terrain, which is why the meter is at the tank. The Public Works manager has said it was doable to add meters to all customers' homes in the area south of town limits. More research is requested.

- Council voted to sponsor the *Disaster Preparedness Guide*, published by *Concrete Herald*, in the amount of \$100.
- Council voted to accept a CERB grant award, which will allow the town to do a cultural research survey on a parcel of land just outside town limits—a potential industrial area.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

Oct. 11

At approximately 11:30 a.m., the Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) arrested two fugitives at a residence in the 63400 block of SR 2 near Gold Bar.

The 25-year-old male had felony warrants for first degree murder and child abuse out of Utah. The 25-year-old female had felony warrants for second degree child abuse, obstructing justice, and third degree child abuse out of Utah.

VOTF gained knowledge that the two were hiding at a residence in Gold Bar. Upon arrival, VOTF located both subjects and the two were taken into custody without incident and booked into Snohomish County jail.

Oct. 29

At approximately 1 p.m., the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team responded to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) to search for a 34-year-old hiker from Germany who was ill-equipped for the winter weather storm in the mountains.

After 1.5 hours of flight time, she was located by SNOHAWK1 off the PCT trail near Mica Lake. She was wet, cold, and showed signs of hypothermia when SAR

reached her. SNOHAWK1 transported her back to Taylor's Landing.

The hiker, Katharina Groene, left on a solo hike of the PCT in May. On Oct. 22 she met an avid hiker and resident of Sultan, who gave her a ride to Stevens Pass and tried to talk her out of traveling north so late in the year, but Groene believed she was equipped for the weather. A week later, on Oct. 29, the Sultan resident called 911 to report the PCT hiker she met was likely in danger because of the extreme winter weather conditions and dropping temperatures.

SNOHAWK1 responded to the approximate area and located tracks in the snow near the PCT. After multiple unsuccessful attempts to safely land the helicopter in the terrain, one of the pilots jumped out of the helicopter and stacked several logs to create a level platform to land on.

The female hiker was located about 50 yards from where the helicopter landed. Her shelter had blown away, she had lost her gloves, and she was soaking wet, with very limited food left. She did not have a locator beacon and had attempted to call for help the day prior, but had no cell service.

Just after 3 p.m., SNOHAWK1 transported Groene to Taylor's Landing, where she was treated by aid.

—Compiled from SCSO reports



**SNOHAWK1 and SAR successfully retrieved** German hiker Katharina Groene from the Pacific Crest Trail near Mica Lake, after Groene discovered she was ill-equipped to weather a winter storm in the mountains. Pausing for a photo after the ordeal are Chief Pilot Quistorf, Nancy Abell, Groene, and Pilot Espeland. *Submitted photo.*

### Community Dance planned

The 2018–19 Community Dance season kicks off on Sat., Dec. 8, at the Mansford Grange. The evening begins with a potluck dinner from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by dancing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by band \$4 Shoe (Morgan John, Tom Collicott, Kate Lichtenstein), with calling by Alex MacLeod.

Admission is by suggested donation of \$7. All proceeds go to the band and caller. For more information, call 206.402.8646.

## Sno-Isle Libraries to host local debut of "Finding Fixes" on Nov. 8

### Podcast series focuses on the opioid epidemic in Snohomish County

Sno-Isle Libraries will host "Behind the Scenes of Finding Fixes – The Search for Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic" on Thur., Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Service Center, 7312 35th Ave. NE, Marysville.

The first season of the Finding Fixes podcast looks at how communities and agencies across Snohomish County are coming together to respond to the opioid epidemic. "Finding Fixes" is available to listen to online or download via Apple or Google Podcasts.

The podcast officially launched in

September, and is dedicated to solutions to the opioid epidemic. It was produced and hosted by Anna Boiko-Weyrauch and Kyle Norris, a professional reporter and producer at KUOW Public Radio in Seattle. At the event, Boiko-Weyrauch and Norris will talk about what inspired them to do a podcast and why they chose to start in Snohomish County.

"There are solutions to the opioid epidemic," Boiko-Weyrauch said. "Snohomish County is full of inspiring stories in the midst of a bleak national crisis—from the personal triumphs of people in recovery from addiction, to the people on the front lines of the struggle."

Also at the event will be local leaders, healthcare providers, and community members featured in the five-episode series to give an insider's perspective on the impact that opioids and heroin have on neighbors, friends, and family. Event attendees will be able to pose questions to Boiko-Weyrauch and Norris, as well as providers of services and resources, including prevention, treatment, and support.

The evening will be facilitated by Shari

Ireton, Director of Communications with the Sheriff's Office, who has been working closely with the Sheriff and county leaders on the opioid epidemic for several years, including presenting a paper on the topic at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute in 2017.

Each of the five episodes of Season 1, titled "The Search for Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic," looks at one possible solution:

- Episode 1: Medicine That Melts under Your Tongue explores local treatment options.
- Episode 2: A Life-Saving Nasal Spray looks at the role naloxone (a.k.a. Narcan), an opioid overdose reversal drug, plays in Snohomish County.
- Episode 3: A Valuable Lesson from a Landslide examines how Snohomish County is using a page from the FEMA playbook to respond this slow-moving disaster in our community.
- Episode 4: Professional Handholders highlights the work of the embedded social worker program, as well as the newly-opened Diversion Center.

- Episode 5: The Jail Turns Things Around features the Snohomish County jail – the county's largest de facto "detox" facility.

Snohomish County's Opioid Response MAC Group has developed multiagency goals focused on reducing the negative impacts opioids have on the health, safety, and quality of life of our communities, including:

- Reduce opioid misuse and abuse.
- Lessen the availability of opioids.
- Reduce criminal activity associated with opioids. Use data to detect, monitor, evaluate, and act.
- Reduce collateral damage to the communities. Provide information about the response in a timely and coordinated manner.
- Ensure the availability of resources that efficiently and effectively support response efforts.

For more information and resources, go to [snohomishoverdoseprevention.com](http://snohomishoverdoseprevention.com).

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# Marblemount



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## Community Hall celebrates the season

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A free and open gathering, this popular event runs from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include turkey with all the trimmings, fresh local vegetables, yummy desserts, and beverages. All are welcome.

For more information or to volunteer, call Matt Del Bosque at 360.873.2504.

With the holidays just around the corner, put this on your calendars: Marblemount's umpteenth annual Christmas Bazaar, Sun., Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First started by the late Kathy Lester

and her friend Corky Hundahl in the late 1970s, the event is filled with family fun: A hearty brunch cooked and served from 9 a.m. to noon; arts, crafts, and gift vendors selling their wares all day; Santa and his Elf greeting the wee ones from noon to 1 p.m.; and various kids' activities, including cookie decorating, booths with prizes, and a cake walk to entertain throughout the afternoon.

For more information, call the hall at 360.873.2323 and leave a message.

For those interested in vending, call 360.873.4344.

We hope to see you there!

—Christie Fairchild

## Cascade River Road closed Prepare for winter driving before snow and ice arrive to all traffic at MP 18 Studded tires allowed in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31

Cascade River Rd. was closed to all traffic at milepost 18, five miles before the trailhead, on Oct. 25. The road had sustained significant damage following storms, heavy rains, and flooding around the 2017 Thanksgiving holiday.

Crews will install an 8-foot culvert, which was estimated to take a minimum of two weeks, weather dependent. The aquatics-friendly culvert should help preserve the integrity of the stream and the road.

Cascade Pass is one of the most popular destination hikes in North Cascades National Park Service Complex. The trailhead is located approximately 23 miles from the junction of the Cascade River Rd. and SR 20.

For information on alternative hikes in the park, call the Wilderness Information Center at 360.854.7245.

—Submitted by and their vehicles well before the threat of snow and ice kicks into high gear. Drivers

Falling leaves and colder weather can mean only one thing: Snow and ice are just around the corner. With the changing seasons, now is the perfect time for travelers to shift their focus toward winter driving.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) urges all travelers to start preparing themselves about road conditions, including Snoqualmie Pass delay text alerts. Download, print and carry the WSDOT Winter Driving Guide. Get your vehicle 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, which also are

To check conditions and prepare for adverse weather:

- Download the WSDOT mobile app.
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- Sign up for e-mail and/or text updates about road conditions, including Snoqualmie Pass delay text alerts.
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- Carry chains and know current traction and chain requirements for mountain passes, which also are

available on highway-advisory signs and highway-advisory radio, and by calling 511.

- Preset your radio to 530 AM and 1610 AM for WSDOT's traffic-information stations.

### Alternatives to chains

Some vehicle manufacturers recommend against the use of tire chains for certain models, but that doesn't exempt travelers from state laws about extra traction devices. The Washington State Patrol provides a list of approved, alternative-traction devices ( [www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/default.aspx](http://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes/default.aspx)) that meet state chains and traction tires requirements.

All travelers are reminded to carry chains whenever crossing mountain passes to be

prepared for changing weather conditions and potentially avoid a costly ticket. Failure to obey a tire chains sign can mean a ticket of up to \$500. Special chain enforcement patrols will be keeping an eye on mountain passes this winter.

### Studded tires

By law, studded tires are legal for use in Washington state only from Nov. 1 through March 31. This applies to all vehicles in Washington, even those traveling from other states.

More information about studded-tire restrictions and requirements can be found at [www.wsp.wa.gov/driver/vehicle-equipment-requirements](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/driver/vehicle-equipment-requirements).

—Submitted by WSDOT

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gesture" for the additional time and effort those council members put in. Details would need to be debated—what would constitute a meeting? Who qualifies for the extra pay and what attendance reasons would be considered a legitimate need? Would only formalized liaisons be able to qualify? Any decisions made by the current council in 2019 would be highly unlikely to take effect until the next council election.

Public Works Assistant Richard Philips will be retiring at the end of 2018. In the proposed salary plan, the current Public Works maintenance worker could move into the position, leaving the town to hire a new employee to fill that vacancy. Salaries for the Public Works assistant and maintenance positions would decrease by almost 8 percent.

A 10 percent raise for town staff and a 20 percent raise for the mayor have been proposed—town employees have not received a raise since January 2017, due to concerns about perception during a time when

utility fees were rising. The mayoral position has not received a raise since Miller's first term—Miller requested a \$200-per-month raise and said he would consider this increase to be the only one for his second term. With the savings from the Public Works Department, the overall proposed salary increase from 2018 to 2019 would only be around 5 percent. Town Council struggled at length with the proposal; they want to fairly compensate town employees for their education, time, and skills, and are worried about attracting potential new hires for Public Works, particularly since the town's wages are low in comparison with the regional average for comparable positions. Public Works Director Alan Wilkins noted that the town will be "asking for a lot of skills, for not much per hour." On the other hand, the council wants to be sensitive to how residents may perceive the raises, especially with utility rate increases, even though the two budgetary items don't influence each other. Councilmember Rob

Thomas noted that he "struggles between paying people what they are worth, versus the public perception of giving a double-digit raise." In the end, the council decided that Concrete needs to stay competitive in its salaries, and settled on pursuing the 10 percent raise rather than the originally proposed 11. It also kept the proposed \$200 increase for the mayor in play.

- Town staff may see changes to their benefits packages. Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter pitched giving all full-time workers employerpaid benefits. Under the current system, the Public Works director and assistant director get their salaries plus benefits for themselves and their spouses; the clerk-treasurer gets a flat rate for themselves and whomever they add to their plan; the deputy clerk gets a percentage; and the Public Works maintenance worker has to pay to get benefits. With the proposed changes, the Public Works director's benefits will stay the same until Wilkins retires, and all other full-time workers

will receive employerpaid benefits, with add-on coverage by percentage. Fichter's goal is to put everyone on the same schedule and plan, which will have the added bonus of making things easier administratively.

### Next steps

It's important to note that no action was taken during the two October workshops. In November, Town Council will hold two public hearings on the 2019 budget. Budget review and 2019 Property Tax review will occur at Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. during the regular Town Council meeting. On Monday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m., the council will again review the proposed budget. Action may be taken at these meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend and give written or oral testimony.

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Freelance editor Katy Tomasulo lives on Bainbridge Island.*





# Seniors

## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

This recipe tastes like English toffee.



### Cracker Candy

Soda crackers  
1 cup real butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 pkg chocolate chips  
Chopped nuts

1. Line a medium-sized cookie sheet with tinfoil; make sure it comes up over the sides. Grease with cooking oil.
2. Put one layer of soda crackers on the foil.
3. Boil 1 cup of butter and 1 cup of brown sugar together for 2 minutes. Pour over crackers in the pan.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove from oven. Scatter 1 package of chocolate chips over the top. When melted, smooth with a knife or spatula, then scatter chopped nuts on top. Cool.

## Way Back When

### 70 years ago

Nov. 11, 1948: A new innovation went into operation at the Superior quarry this week as huge trucks began moving rock from the quarry face to the crusher building. The trucks are replacing the old system of rail transportation that has been used at the quarry for many years.

The old quarry locomotive, of which pioneer G. Frank was the proud engineer, is now being retired in favor of the rubber-tired trucks, which require no track and only a fairly smooth roadway.

The two largest trucks carry a load of 18 yards each, while the smaller truck will handle a 12-yard load with ease. Tom Stokes, Lyle Buchanan, and Bob Komar are the drivers.

Loading is done by shovel as in the past, but unloading is speeded by the dump bodies, which require only a matter of seconds. Moving of rock has been speeded considerably in the first days of operations.

Nov. 25, 1948: The Rockport Cafe, operated for the past few years by George Brown of Rockport, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. All fixtures and the interior were a total loss, being so badly damaged by the flames that salvage is impossible. The building was not totally destroyed, though gutted almost beyond repair.

As far as can be ascertained now, the fire appears to have started near the deep-fat fryer.

The City Light fire equipment was put into action as soon as the fire was discovered, and it was the good work of the volunteers that brought the fire under control before it could spread to other structures nearby.

### 50 years ago

Nov. 20, 1968: Coach Jack Bradley of Concrete High School announced this week that he will turn in his resignation as head football coach with the conclusion of the 1968 football season.

Bradley, a former Concrete High football player, came here from a coaching post at Sultan two years ago. No announcement regarding his successor has been made.

### 40 years ago

Nov. 2, 1978: Concrete's Under 10 Soccer Team won the Skagit County Junior Soccer Association playoffs Saturday, defeating La Conner's team after a two-hour battle.

The regular game ended in a 1-1 tie. Kevin Adkinson and Brian Aungst scored in overtime.

Concrete won the morning semifinal game, defeating Riverside 2-1.

Coaches Bill Thompson and Dave Wahl said other players deserving special recognition include Steve Stewart, Shawn Thompson, Jeremy Stafford, Kyle Turnbull, Brad Sopher, Pat Bush, Robert Rohweder, Shane Freeman, and Greg Monrad.

Additional players who helped win the playoffs were Carter Aungst, Dan Jones, Mike Frank, John Pool, Aaron Bussiere, Joshua Paone, Zachary Young, and Steve Curry.

This team has set a season record that will be hard to equal. The boys ended the 1978 season with a 13-0 win-loss record. Eight of their games were shutouts and they scored 51 goals while only

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# Concrete Community Center

## November 2018 Activities

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

### Monday through Friday

Energy Assistance (appt: 360.428.1011)  
Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, more

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

### Monday

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

### Wednesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
11/14 1 p.m. GED preparation  
11/21 1 p.m. GED preparation  
11/28 6 p.m. Food for busy families

### Thursday

11/1 12:30 p.m. Pinochle  
11/1 1 p.m. GED preparation  
11/8 6 p.m. Ohana Support Group  
11/15 12:30 p.m. Pinochle  
11/15 1 p.m. GED preparation  
11/29 12:30 p.m. Pinochle

### Friday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet  
11/9 9:15 a.m. Community Engagement Fellows  
11/16 10:30 a.m. Community Center Advisory Board  
11/16 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki

### Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting  
11/17 9 a.m. Workshop: Living with Grief

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allowing their opponents five.

Nov. 2, 1978: Governor Dixy Lee Ray and the State Dept. of Ecology have entered the Ross Dam controversy, apparently in conflict with the departments of fisheries and game.

In a petition of intervention filed in the Washington, D.C. District Court of Appeals, the Dept. of Ecology placed itself in support of raising the dam.

Earlier petitions filed by Fisheries, Game, the U.S. Interior Dept., and the Upper Skagit, Swinomish, and Sauk-Suiattle Tribes opposed raising the dam

without strict flow constraints.

Nov. 9, 1978: Skagit County voters overwhelmingly defeated a proposed takeover of private by public power in a vote of 11,968 to 5,590, or a 68-plus percent "no" vote on the proposition that the county's Public Utility District acquire electric facilities for generation, transmission, or distribution of electric power.

Nov. 9, 1978: Concrete High School senior Kelly Siebecke has been accepted for a music composition workshop, "Experience in Creativity," at

Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend.


The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Siebecke of Birdsvew, she is attending the first of two scheduled sessions this week.

Top professional musicians lead the workshops, which are designed to stimulate students who are writing, or want to write, instrumental, choral, or keyboard compositions. This week's session includes classes and individual conferences with professionals. From March 7-9 the students' works will be performed by the 13th Naval District Stage Band.

—Compiled from archives



**40 years ago, Nov. 2, 1978:** Barbara Claybo represented the Concrete High School mascot on this Junior Class float, the third prize winner in the previous Friday's Homecoming parade. *Archive photo.*



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# Obituaries

**Edward Martin Kling** died at Puget Sound Health Care on Aug. 12, 2018, in Olympia, Wash., following a recent heart related illness.



He was born in San Louis Obispo, Calif., on May 10, 1958, where his parents were attending college.

In 1964 his family moved to their farm in Elma, Wash. Ed graduated from Elma High School in 1976, and worked for Martin's Mill in Elma and then for Annenson Electric in McCleary. He later worked for the Stihl Saw Shop in Elma.

He married Debra Frazier in 1989. They later divorced. Ed moved to Concrete, where he worked for Pacific Rim Tonewoods as a millwright and later for MicroGreen Corp. in Arlington, Wash. He had recently moved to his sister Trina's home in Elma following heart surgery last year.

Ed was an avid hunter, fisherman, and all-around outdoorsman. He loved to pan for gold, ride motorcycles and quads, and he lovingly shared his love of the outdoors with his son, Justin. As a talented and accomplished millwright, he could repair or build anything he put his mind to. Ed loved his family and friends, and his smile was a mile wide when he was with them.

Ed is survived by his son, Justin Kling, and granddaughter, Willow Kling, both of Concrete; his stepsons, Kevin Frazier of Hawaii and Herb Frazier of Shelton; his sisters, Trina Young (Hal Carlstad) of Elma and Evalynn Barrett of Olympia; his brothers, Tim Kling (Renee Neal) of Sacramento and Jason

Kling (Lauma Fey) of Wiesbaden, Germany. He is also survived by his niece, Lindsey Kling; nephews, Brandon Barrett and Josh Kling, both of California; three great nieces; and numerous extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Mary (Wilder) Kling of Elma.

A Celebration of Life was held on Oct. 6, 2018, at 1 p.m., at the Montesano Church of God Fellowship Hall, 317 Spruce Ave. E., Montesano, WA 98563.

Donations in memory of Edward may be made to the UW Foundation, for the Cardiovascular Therapies Fund. Gifts can be made online at <http://depts.washington.edu/givemed/give/?source=cardtf> or by mail to UW Medicine Advancement, Attn: Gift Processing, Box 358045, Seattle, WA 98195-8045.

Please share memories at [www.FuneralAlternatives.org](http://www.FuneralAlternatives.org).

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

## Sunday School lesson

### The thankful Samaritan

By Bruce Martin

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, we find the story of "The thankful Samaritan" as Jesus and his disciples were traveling on the border between Galilee

and Samaria.

The Scripture tells us: "As he was going into a village, 10 men who had leprosy met him" (v. 12). These men met Jesus that day with hope and anticipation. They had heard about Jesus and of the way he had healed so many others. "And standing at a distance they called out in a loud voice, 'Master have pity on us!'" (v. 13).

According to Jewish Law, they were not allowed to live in the general population, but must become outcasts. When they contracted leprosy, they had to leave homes and family, they lost their place in society, and were left to fend for themselves and become dependent upon the kindness of others.

Is it any wonder in their desperation and pain they came to Jesus? There was no doctor who could help them, for there was no cure for leprosy. There was no hope for them.

Then they met Jesus. He responded to their cry for mercy and gave them a simple command. "Go show yourselves to the priests" (v. 14). All 10 men who met Jesus that day were instantly healed as they responded in obedience to his command. In their haste to get to the temple and return to normal life, they rushed off.

"One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him, and he was a Samaritan" (v. 15-16). Jesus asked, "Were not all 10 cleansed? Where are the other nine?" Of the 10, only one returned to give thanks to Jesus for what he had done. Perhaps

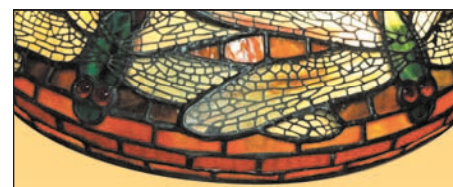
it is easier to lay emphasis upon the nine thankless men who did not return than to focus on the man who gave thanks to God for his healing.

We too live in a world that is in such a hurry to get to the next big thing, we are often ungrateful for the many blessings we share on a daily basis. I am convinced that thanksgiving is not just something we do once in a while, but it is how we live each day of our lives.

The thankful man is the one I want to emulate. I have found that God's blessing is always on the other side of obedience. Jesus said, "Rise and go, your faith has made you well" (v. 19). As we celebrate harvest and give thanks to God for our many blessings this month, may that heart of gratitude overflow on a daily basis.

Thankfulness is an attitude of a forgiven and healed heart.

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



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## Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

**Sept. 26**

Sgt. Adams contacted a suspicious person who was reported to be camping on property located on Sauk Store Rd. The neighbor said that a small car that was unfamiliar appeared to be staying on property across from them. The person who was staying on the property knew the property owner, but had not told them he was going to be staying on the property for the night. Subject left without an issue.

Concrete Elementary School called to advise they had a student who had

### Level 3 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.

**Yaskanich, Paul**

**John**

Age: 58

Race: W

Sex: M

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 220

Hair: Brown/gray

Eyes: Brown

Address: Not given

Yaskanich was convicted on two counts of voyeurism in April 2008 in Skagit County. His victim was an adult relative. His record also includes a conviction for two counts of sexual assault and indecent acts with a minor, for which he was convicted in 1995 in federal court. His victims were 8- to 10-year-old females known to him. Yaskanich is frequently seen in areas of the 1500 block of S. Burlington Blvd. and the Sterling Motel in Burlington.

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

*Source: Skagit County Sheriff*



assaulted several staff members. When Deputy Moore and Sgt. Adams arrived, they located the student in the school office being restrained by staff members. Because of the physical violence of the student, law enforcement was required to physically restrain the student until a parent could arrive and take the student home.

**Sept. 29**

Sgt. Morgan stopped a vehicle near the Lyman Mercantile in Lyman. The driver had multiple warrants, mostly for fish and game violations. The jail advised that they were not accepting misdemeanor warrants at the time. The subject was booked and released, and given a new court date.

Deputy Esskew received a Search-and-Rescue call of a 70-year-old man who was injured on Snow King Mountain in eastern Skagit County. NAS Whidbey assisted the Sheriff's Office. They were able to contact the subject, and, using their rescue helicopter, flew him off the mountain to the U.S. Park Service Office in Marblemount.

**Oct. 2**

A Concrete resident called to report that his car had been stolen. Deputy Clark responded and took a stolen vehicle report. The next night, Oct. 3, Marysville Police Dept. called to report that they had located the stolen vehicle in Marysville. The vehicle was recovered and the owner advised. The investigation is ongoing.

**Oct. 5**

Near the 30000 block of Lyman Hamilton Hwy, a vehicle hit several mailboxes, then fled the scene. Prior to fleeing, the driver and a passenger told the reporting party that it was OK because they were military police officers. Deputy Wiggins and Deputy Slack responded and located the vehicle near MP 75 on SR 20. They stopped the vehicle and conducted a felony stop since Deputy Wiggins had determined there were weapons in the vehicle. Deputy Wiggins also observed the two subjects switch places in the car while he was stopping the car. Both subjects appeared to be very intoxicated. A pistol and a loaded rifle were located in the car. One of the subjects was arrested for DUI hit and run with property damage and obstructing. The other subject was arrested for physical control, possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, and obstructing.

Deputy Esskew investigated a domestic assault situation on Thompson Ave. in Concrete. A female at the address had become very aggressive and upset at her boyfriend. After investigating the incident,

Deputy Esskew discovered that the female had struck the male several times. She had since left the residence. Deputies were unable to locate her. She will be referred for 4th degree assault.

Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Conrad Rd. near Rockport. The victim said that his girlfriend was delusional and had assaulted him. She was also making threats to harm him. He had left the residence and went down the road to wait for deputies. His girlfriend was still at the house looking for people she thought were hiding in the house. When deputies arrived they determined that the female had assaulted her boyfriend several times. Because of the assault and her violent, unpredictable behavior during the preceding several days, she was taken to Skagit County Jail and booked for assault.

**Oct. 6**

A citizen reported that two people on bicycles were seen rummaging through his neighbor's property on East Cascade Dr. in the Cascade River Park. Deputy Wolfe responded and checked the area for the two subjects, but couldn't locate them. No other calls were reported that night, and Deputy Wolfe couldn't determine if any crimes had been committed.

**Oct. 7**

Dispatch received a report of a theft in the 45000 block of Burpee Hill Rd. The victim advised Deputy Clark that someone had gone onto her property and taken her metal fire pit. There were no suspects.

Deputy Devero and Deputy Esskew investigated a possible violation of a court order on Cedar Flats Ln. in Lyman. They discovered that the suspect had violated the order by going to the property from which she was restricted being on or near. The suspect said she thought the order was no longer valid. She was taken to jail and booked.

**Oct. 8**

Deputies responded to a report of around 20 shots being fired in the area of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The area was checked, but deputies were unable to locate anything suspicious.

A report of people in an old gray van going through mailboxes was called in by a citizen on Martin Rd. in Rockport. Deputy Clark was able to find the van on SR 530 south of Rockport. The female driver claimed to be hunting for mushrooms. Deputy Clark checked the van, but didn't locate any mail. He

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## Worship directory

### Assembly of God

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

### Citipoint Church North Cascade

59850 SR 20, Marblemount  
360.873.2504  
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m.  
[www.citipointchurch.com](http://www.citipointchurch.com)  
E-mail: [matt@citipointchurch.com](mailto:matt@citipointchurch.com)

### Baptist

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

### Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

### Lyman Church

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

### Catholic

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

### Covenant

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

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

### Episcopal

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

### Free Methodist

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

### Methodist

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

### Presbyterian

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

### Lutheran

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

### Nondenominational

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

### Community Bible Church

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

### The RIVER Gathering

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

### Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

### Wildwood Chapel

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

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## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

### *A Tale of Two Cities: Part 1 of 4*

Everyone loves to have the bragging rights to something. Some months ago, I was asked to settle a dispute as to which neighbor held such rights to owning the original site of the vanished town of Sauk or Sauk City. In this case, both neighbors were correct, depending upon which town you were referring to, since there were actually two towns, Sauk City and Sauk, located on different sides of the Skagit River. The whole story of the two towns is significantly more complicated and will take a few months to unravel for you, given the space limitations for this column.

In history nothing happens in isolation, so let's first place ourselves in the context of the period in the Pacific Northwest. Although history certainly predates this period, our Euro-centric history does not. Keep in mind that the Oregon Territory was only formed in 1848, of which the northern and western part was cleaved off in 1853 to become the Washington Territory, which at the time also included the current state of Idaho and part of western Montana. The area now called Skagit County was the southern part of Whatcom County until 1883. Statehood for Washington came later in 1889.

So, it was into this wild, unsettled territory that Albert Bacon ventured in 1879, only 30 years after the world-famous gold rush at Sutter's Mill in California. There he discovered gold and named the creek after the red stones (garnets) that were often found in his gold pans. Keeping in mind that he was searching for fame and fortune, he named

it Ruby Creek, which is about 45 miles east of the confluence of the Skagit and Sauk rivers.

This find brought new prominence to the Upper Skagit Valley and by 1880, the gold rush to Ruby Creek drew hundreds to stake more than 600 claims. An estimated \$100,000 of gold dust was found by placer mining, but all the individual amounts were too small to sustain that boom. Within a year the big rush at Ruby Creek was over, but hopes for future strikes brought many other prospectors into the North Cascades searching for riches.

The little town that sprang up there, aptly named Ruby Creek, even had its own post office in 1880; it was shuttered just two years later. Dirty Dan Harris even made the 150-mile trek there via Canada from Fairhaven to try and sell the miners three head of cattle. The strike there hadn't panned out as rich as the initial claims and Dan was lucky to get away with two head and only an IOU for the remaining one. The town site of Ruby Creek was later inundated by Ruby Dam, later changed to Ross Dam after the death of J. D. Ross, of Seattle City Light fame. However short-lived, that initial gold strike helped determine the future of the two towns in question.

Given my space limitations, I'll hold off listing the many credits and references until Part 4.

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

—John Boggs

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## At the Upper Skagit Library

We want to thank local author **Peter Randolph Keim** for coming to the library and reading from his Ghost Walk series. And thank you, KSVU for joining us and recording the event. If you missed this author event, tune in to KSVU 90.1 FM as it will be played on the air.

On Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m., join us in welcoming **Lauren Danner**, PhD, as she reads from her book, *Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park*. This is a free event with refreshments.

Ms. Beth is hosting **Family Game Night** on Nov. 10 and 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Come play cribbage, backgammon, rummy—or bring your own board games. All ages. Snacks provided.

November is **National Novel Writing Month**. Upper Skagit Library is listed as a "Come Write-In" location. This means that you can bring your laptop or pen and paper and write during open hours. Check out NaNoWriMo and activities for writers at nanowrimo.org.

A "Come Write-In" Workshop is planned for Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m., hosted by local author **Nicola Pearson**. After the workshop, Pearson will launch her newest book, *The Gift*, at 4:30 p.m. *The Gift* is about animal care and caring animals and the magic that happens when the two intersect. This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

There will be an **Open Mic Night** on

Fri., Nov. 30 at 5 p.m., when writers can read aloud what they have been working on or just sit back and listen to other writers share their works. This too is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Need help with your Smartphone or computer? Never touched one before, and now you need to apply for a job online? We can help! **Drop-In Computer Tutoring** is offered every first and third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your questions.

The **Upper Skagit Library Board Meeting** will be held Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. The time will include a Public Budget Meeting.

**Storytime** is in full swing. Families are welcome to join Ms. Beth every second and fourth Saturday of the month for stories and a simple craft at 11 a.m.

The library will be **closed Nov. 22 and 23** in observance of Thanksgiving.

And now a peek at December's events! Brooke will be wowing us again this year with her **Snowflake Workshop** at 5b's Bakery. On Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., Upper Skagit Library Director Brooke Pederson will show us her "Story Snowflakes" and teach all ages how to make their own. Free supplies provided, but you will need to bring sharp scissors.

Check out all events and details at [www.upper-skagit.lib.wa.us](http://www.upper-skagit.lib.wa.us).

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

## November at the Darrington Library

### Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Nov. 7–28, 11 a.m.; caregiver required.

### Adults

- Friends of the Darrington Library meeting, Wed., Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.; members and guests welcome to attend.
- Tech Pros: Preventing and Responding to Identity Theft,

presented by Kimi Nolte, lead victim services coordinator at Victim Support Services. Mon., Nov. 19, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

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advised her not to stop at mailboxes and to leave the area.

#### Oct. 9

Like the call from the Cascade River Park of two suspicious persons on Oct. 6, a neighbor called and reported that a male and female had entered a trailer and had taken several items. They left riding bicycles on Cascade River Rd. The reporting party and another citizen were following them. Deputy Wiggins located the two subjects and stopped them.

The two suspects said that they thought the trailer they had entered was abandoned and it was OK to take the items they had removed. Both suspects were booked into Skagit County Jail for burglary.

#### Oct. 10

A motor vehicle was stolen from the 45000 block of Limestone St. in Concrete. The vehicle, a white 2005 Hyundai Elantra, license plate No. BJN8128, was valued at more than \$3,500. There are no suspects at this time.

Deputy Clark arrested a suspect for

violating a protection order in the 45000 block of Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove. The suspect went to the residence of a family member who had an order against him. The suspect also had warrants out for his arrest. He was taken to Skagit County Jail.

Deputy Dills investigated a report of a vehicle prowling and theft in the area of Siedel Place in Concrete. The victim advised that two gas cans were taken, along with a carton of cigarettes. Later the victim's son called to advise that several things were taken out of his car at the same time. The crime occurred between 11:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. The victims were able to find evidence of a possible suspect left at the scene.

Deputy Dills responded to a two-car vehicle accident in the area of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said that as she was going down the road, a vehicle backed out of a driveway and into her car. The other driver, who didn't have a valid license, admitted that he had backed into her car as he was leaving his driveway. The second driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license,

failure to provide right of way, and no insurance.

#### Oct. 11

Deputy Wiggins and Deputy Moses responded to a possible domestic disturbance in the 7400 block of Superior Ave. in Concrete. A neighbor called and reported that they had heard what sounded like a fight going on in an apartment in the complex. When deputies initially tried to contact the apartment, they heard noises coming from the apartment, but no one would answer the door. After a while a male answered the door. He told them he was having night terrors and was alone. He had blood on him, but said it was from falling into his furniture. After investigating, deputies determined that there probably had been a domestic assault, but the other party had fled. The male was arrested for an outstanding warrant and taken to jail.

#### Oct. 13

A man was pounding on the East Detachment Sheriff's Office door in Concrete, saying that his wife and daughter were about to kill each other.

Deputy Grant went to the man's address on Main St., where he found the two females still yelling at each other. Deputy Wolfe arrived and the deputies attempted to separate the two females. They were forced to restrain one of the females. After calming the situation, deputies determined that there had been no assault.

While patrolling Main St. in Concrete, Deputy Grant observed a vehicle with expired registration. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver told the deputy that she didn't have a license and the last time she was pulled over it was for the same thing. A driver's check showed that the driver also had warrants for her arrest for driving with a suspended license. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and taken to jail on the warrants.

#### Oct. 15

Deputy Devero stopped a vehicle for traveling 74 mph in a 55 mph zone on SR 20 near Pinelli Rd. near Birdview. When he contacted the driver, he determined that

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# Out & About



## Mount Vernon

### Festival of Trees gears up for 30th year

Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation will celebrate three decades of generosity and holiday spirit at the 30th annual Festival of Trees on Thanksgiving weekend.

The Skagit County tradition features the auction and display of 28 ornately decorated Christmas trees, plus Family Festival Days, all happening at Skagit Center at Christ the King Church, 1000 Fountain Street in Burlington.

"With this milestone anniversary, the Festival of Trees celebrates 30 years of gratitude and generosity," said Festival co-chair Debbie Hendricks. "Over the years, our Festival guests have helped to raise more than \$5 million for projects

and programs at Skagit Regional Health."

The event has grown during the past 30 years, thanks to the support of the community and hundreds of volunteers.

"This year's event promises to be extra special, remembering the past three decades of festivals from the first one showcasing eight trees to now more than 25 trees," said Festival co-chair Kati Collins. "I invite our community to visit the Festival Thanksgiving weekend and support the Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation's Women's Imaging Center Campaign. All Festival proceeds will support this important project."

The new facility will be part of the Skagit Imaging Pavilion in Mount Vernon, which will be a convenient central location for patients to receive state-of-the-art imaging services. The center will bring state-of-the-art Digital Breast Tomosynthesis (3-D mammography) in the Women's Imaging Center, along with

ultrasound, CT, MRI, and stereotactic breast biopsy. The modern facility will be located at the corner of 13th and Division streets in Mount Vernon and is due to open in late 2019.

#### Event lineup

The annual Gala and Auction is set for Sat., Nov. 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres, wreath sales, and mini trees for sale. The live auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$90 until Nov. 18 and \$110 thereafter. Advanced ticket purchase is required.

- Already sold out, the Polar Express Breakfast at the North Pole will be fun for children and families from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 23 at Skagit Center. The event features a catered breakfast, visits with Santa, and a variety of children's activities.
- Family Festival Days run Fri., Nov.

23, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and on Sun., Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring local live entertainment and a chance to view the amazing Christmas trees. Admission is \$5.

The 28 elaborately decorated Christmas trees are the focal point of the event, and this year will showcase a variety of creative themes, including:

- Ho, Ho, to the Man Cave I Go
- 12 Days of Christmas
- Raise the Woof!
- WSU Vintage Christmas
- Candy Cane Lane
- A Nutcracker Christmas
- The Grinch Who Stole Christmas

For tickets to the Gala and Auction or for more information, call 360.814.5747 or go to [www.skagitvalleyhospitalfoundation.org](http://www.skagitvalleyhospitalfoundation.org).

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generations.

He spent his lifetime teaching himself guitar and taking lessons, becoming an excellent guitar, bass, and harmonica player. His singing abilities were added to his talents.

Chapman formed many bands in his lifetime. Deborah's favorite was Rock Bottom, but his one man show, Midnight Son, showcased his unique gift of being able to sound just like the person who sang those famous songs.

He worked various jobs throughout his life, including waiter, chef, waterbed salesman, door-to-door pots and pans salesman, and exercise instructor, and often was hired often to perform his music. When he was out of a job, he loved to bike to the UW and audit classes. He wasn't a student there, but he couldn't stay away.

After five years in the city, Chapman got a taste of Skagit County and knew he had to move there. He loved everything Skagit County had to offer: mushrooming, hunting, fishing, singing, backyard barbecues, and country living.

He opened his karate school near Concrete, in the Grasmere Village strip mall. He also made it his mission to play music, every weekend for decades.

In the 1980s David drove logging trucks on primitive roads, straight up and down the mountains.

In the early 1990s, David and Deborah met when they were 39 years old. It was Valentine's Day (David's birthday). Deborah had heard of this outstanding place, with live music, located just a few miles away. The place was called Bobby Lee's and the music was as good as it gets. Bobby Lee's band was called The Edsels. David was the guitar player and singer. Deborah was in heaven and danced and made merry until closing time. Next weekend she came back for more. And the man she would marry in 2001 became her best friend and love, in a wink of an eye.

Chapman respected women and men and was that guy who protected the sanctity of womenkind. He was kind; he loved all animals and respected all forms of life. He quit hunting because of his love for animals.

For 12 years Chapman worked as a casino dealer at four different casinos in the Pacific Northwest. He retired from dealing and became "Dave the Tow Guy," operating Dave's Towing in Concrete for 11 years. He loved this job, and put all his heart and soul into it.

Chapman had a serious side. He was

a perfectionist who studied until he knew his lessons by heart. He played to perfection. Music note for note, lyrics word for word, karate moves chop by chop—and he used spices that turned ordinary meals into platefuls of delight.

He was generous. Every week for decades he would donate to four different charities. He threw or participated in benefits for all types of causes. For all these reasons and more, Deborah and his friends respected and loved him.

Chapman loved getting away from work, spending time with Deborah at Baker Lake in his boat, fishing, swimming, and snorkeling. He also loved hiking and fossil hunting. He ended up climbing up and hanging off cliffs, just to check them out for fossils. He loved it all.

#### Tragedy strikes

On Jan. 16, 2016, Chapman was gravely injured during a routine vehicle extraction. He had been called to retrieve a stolen BMW that had been driven off a cliffside along Burpee Hill Rd. approximately eight-tenths of a mile outside town limits. Chapman arrived shortly after 4 p.m. with employee James Peterson. As the two men worked to prepare the car for removal, a boulder the size of a basketball dislodged from the hillside and struck Chapman on the head. The impact fractured Chapman's skull and broke his neck. Hardware in his neck from a previous surgery was dislodged and pressed against his spinal cord, paralyzing him from the neck down.

Chapman spent the remaining years of his life in bed and in his wheelchair, making stop-and-start progress and keeping his hopes high for eventual recovery. He battled liver cancer and kidney stones, but the aggressive infection proved too much to overcome, said Deborah.

Chapman is survived by his wife, Deborah Chapman, of Concrete; mother, Doris Chapman, of Panama City Beach, Fla.; sister, Leslie Chapman-Cruisan, of Panama City Beach, Fla.; and countless family and good friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Lonnie Chapman, and brother, Dale Chapman.

A graveside service was held on Nov. 3 at 11 a.m., at Forest Park Cemetery in Concrete, followed by a Celebration of Life at the Lonestar Restaurant in Concrete.

"David lived a life he chose to live and it was a great life. A very great and wondrous life. God bless you David Chapman until we meet your sweet, heart, and soul again. Love, love, love you ...

—Deborah Chapman and J. K. M.

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the driver was most likely intoxicated. He gave the driver voluntary sobriety tests, which the driver failed. The driver was taken to Concrete and given a breath test, which he failed. The subject was cited and released for DUI. His vehicle was towed.

#### Oct. 17

Deputies returned to the address on Conrad Rd. where on Oct. 5 they had arrested a female for assaulting her boyfriend. The victim advised that the female suspect was being erratic again. When Deputies Devero and Tweit arrived, they found the victim with scratches all over him and his clothes ripped. The female had left before their arrival. They located her later and arrested her again for assault. She was taken to the Skagit County Jail.

#### Oct. 18

Deputy Devero took a complaint of a vehicle fire on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. near South Skagit Hwy. An abandoned RV had been set on fire. The fire department put out the flames, but the vehicle had been totally consumed. Deputy Devero advised Skagit County Public Works and requested that they remove the hulk.

Loggers Landing in Concrete reported a theft and wanted the suspect trespassed from the business. Deputy Wolfe responded and found the suspect just outside the store near a bicycle. After being interviewed, the suspect admitted to stealing an item from the store. The item was returned, and the suspect was cited for theft and trespassed from the business.

#### Oct. 19

Concrete Liquor Store in Concrete Town Center called, requesting a subject be removed from in front of their business. The suspect was wrapped in an orange sleeping bag and was making threats to people across the street. Deputy Slack contacted the suspect, who denied making any threats. He said he was just taking a siesta since he had been drinking nonstop for the last couple of days. He was trespassed from the property and told not to return.

#### Oct. 20

An anonymous report advised that a large number of cars were going up Medford Rd. near Hamilton late at night. The reporting party thought there might be a large party. Deputies Wiggins and Hagglund checked the area and found three subjects trespassing at the gravel pit off Medford Rd. The subjects claimed to be cutting firewood and picking up brass from where people had been shooting. The deputies discovered that the subjects

did not have a valid permit for cutting firewood, and they had no Washington State Discover Pass, which is required at that location. Deputy Wiggins also discovered that their truck's registration had expired and the license plate belonged to a different car. After citing those individuals, deputies continued up the hill, where they located another vehicle. The passengers in this vehicle were intoxicated and were minors. Both of the subjects were allowed to participate in the new juvenile alcohol counseling program through the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Skagit County Prosecutor's office. Arrangements were made to take the intoxicated minors home.

#### Oct. 23

A report of a prowler near the 8000 block of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove was taken by the Sheriff's Office. Deputies Tweit and Devero responded. The victim said that he had heard his dog growling and barking. He went out to check and heard someone say, "Oh, s\*\*\*, there's a dog," and then saw two people run away. After checking the property, it was determined that some tools valued at around \$1,500 had been taken out of the victim's car. Deputies checked the area, but were unable to locate anyone.

While patrolling Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove, Deputy Wolfe observed a vehicle traveling southbound. He ran the plate and discovered the registration had expired on Oct. 18. He stopped the car and contacted the driver. The driver's license was suspended second degree and he had no insurance. Deputy Wolfe arrested him for second-degree driving with a suspended license, no insurance, and expired vehicle registration.

#### Oct. 26

Deputy Tweit was patrolling near Hamilton when he observed a vehicle travelling down the road on a rim with no tire on it. He stopped the car; the driver advised that she had been trying to drive around to get her child to go to sleep when her tire blew out. Deputy Tweit discovered that she had a warrant for her arrest. She was booked and released, and allowed to go to a friend's house who lived close by.

#### Oct. 28

Deputy Wiggins and Deputy Clark responded to the Boots Bar and Grill in Hamilton. They were advised a subject had left the bar and backed into a vehicle, then fled. The suspect was eventually found and arrested. No further information was available.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

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# Smile



... from the Concrete Herald archives ...

Too many of us want Life, Liberty, and Happiness, with not too much pursuit.

— § —

The rural maid was milking a cow in the corner of the meadow, when a ferocious bull started tearing across the field at them. The girl did not stir, but calmly continued her milking. Observers, who had run to safety, saw to their amazement that the bull stopped dead within a few yards of the girl, turned around, and walked sadly away.

“Weren’t you afraid?” asked everyone. “Certainly not,” said the girl. “I happen to know this cow is his mother-in-law.”

— § —

A very little boy came home dejected from his first day at school.

“Ain’t goin’ tomorrow,” he muttered. “Why not, dear?” asked his mother. “Well, I can’t read and I can’t write, and they won’t let me talk—so what’s the use?”

— § —

An Englishman, visiting the U.S. for the first time, was driving along the highway and saw a large sign that read, “Drive slowly—this means you!”

The Englishman stopped in surprise and exclaimed, “My word! How did they know I was here?”

— § —

The dimmer the light, the greater the scandal power.

— § —

Cutie: “I blush so easily. Whenever I sit down and think, I blush. What can I do?”

Psychiatrist: “Try to think about something else.”

## Dwelleysms

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

“Some states may have natural beauty, but our state has it piled higher and better displayed.”  
“Even if to err is human, there is no reason for us to make a career of it.”

—June 26, 1968

“We’re getting a bit tired of students all over the world getting blamed for riots. A student is one who studies. The young people who spend their time looking for causes to promote or protest are hardly seeking knowledge where it is to be found.”

—July 3, 1968

“For the doomsayers, we mention that before the fall of the Roman Empire, a great portion of the populace was unemployed, except those who engaged in war activities. They were on dole and kept entertained by spectacles of violence. The politicians had lost sight of bureaucratic overburdening to worry about their own elections. Inflation and deflation was attempted by law. And the coin of the realm was devalued by putting silver coatings on a copper slug. The crash came when it was cheaper to buy foreign products than to produce them at home. Seems all we learn from history is that the same mistakes are still popular.”

—June 19, 1968

## Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris

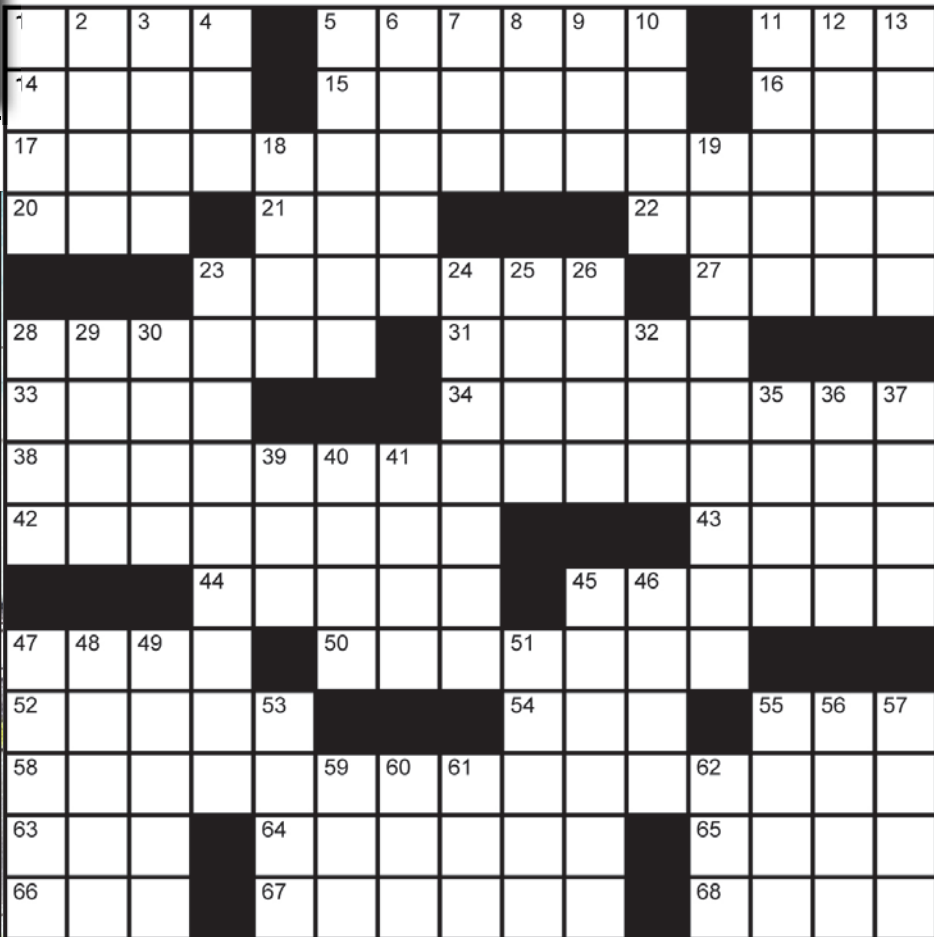


## Public Service Announcement

By Stig Kristensen



## Crossword: “Chilling Out”



### Across

- 1. Clark’s Lois
- 5. Prison head
- 11. Monopolize
- 14. Religious figure
- 15. Lady of Arthurian romance
- 16. Lab eggs
- 17. Don’t give a raise
- 20. Wiggler
- 21. Holiday \_\_\_\_
- 22. Animal catcher
- 23. Marks of shame
- 27. Myrmecologist’s study
- 28. Five iron
- 31. Collectively
- 33. Choir member
- 34. Belittle
- 38. Discourage
- 42. Guard
- 43. “\_\_\_\_-Pro,” Ferrell flick
- 44. Innocent
- 45. Grew
- 47. Construct
- 50. Virtuoso composition
- 52. Pronouncement
- 54. “Peace Piece” artist
- 55. Bug

- 58. Warm welcome’s opposite
- 63. Heap
- 64. Bully
- 65. Insipid
- 66. Electees
- 67. Arrogance
- 68. Ashcroft’s predecessor

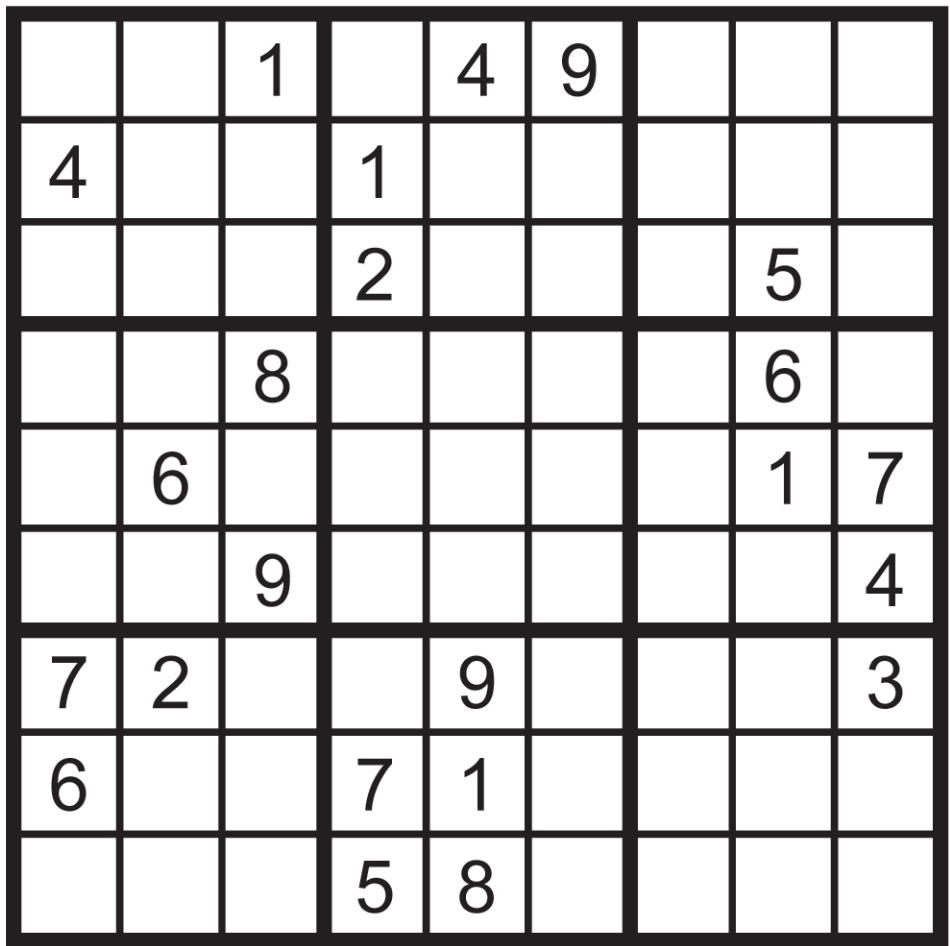
### Down

- 1. Vitality
- 2. Realtor’s unit
- 3. “O Sanctissima,” e.g.
- 4. Course setting: Abbr.
- 5. Twerp
- 6. Beside
- 7. Did a marathon
- 8. Fizzle out
- 9. Naval rank: Abbr.
- 10. The latest
- 11. Navajo home
- 12. For all to see
- 13. Some are inert
- 18. Pasta choice
- 19. Absence of pain
- 23. Truncation
- 24. Piano key
- 25. From scratch

- 26. “Nobody doesn’t like \_\_\_\_ Lee”
- 28. They may provide relief
- 29. Cosmetic additive
- 30. Leave slack-jawed
- 32. Kit and caboodle
- 35. Mars, to the Greeks
- 36. Heavy reading
- 37. Arthurian lady
- 39. Tom Clancy subj.
- 40. Sleep \_\_\_\_
- 41. Prefix for scoliosis
- 45. Hindu wives
- 46. At the summit of
- 47. Civilian clothes
- 48. Canton neighbor
- 49. Unstable mesons
- 51. Spherical bacteria
- 53. Mark permanently
- 55. Let go
- 56. Butcher’s cut
- 57. Bring to ruin
- 59. “ \_\_\_\_ Send Me”
- 60. Fighter at Chancellorsville
- 61. Lapse
- 62. Feather’s partner

## 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 October:
- “Dog for sale. Cheap. Must tolerate him somehow sneaking off and managing to chew open a toothpaste container, eat 12 Dentastix, steal a child’s mac and cheese, and then vomit it up under the dining room table. Update: So. Much. Vomit.”
  - “Note to self: Chickens love pumpkins and don’t mind helping themselves to the ones you carve and place on the front porch.”

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# THE BODY IN THE BLACKBERRIES

By Nicola Pearson

*Editor's note: This is the 16th installment of a new serialized story by award-winning author and playwright Nicola Pearson of Sauk City. The final installment is scheduled for the December 2018 issue of Concrete Herald. Previous installments are posted at [www.concrete-herald.com](http://www.concrete-herald.com).*

"You've pretty much answered everything we wanted to know," Lange said to Kyle Clarkson, "except one thing." "What?" "Was Kevin Doyle involved in picking up the drugs?" "No. I don't think so," shrugged Kyle. "I mean, why would Wayne have needed Tosha if he was gonna go up with Kevin. Plus Kevin don't do those kind of drugs." "What kind of drugs?" Michelle asked softly. "Heroin." Kyle's eyes shifted from one to the other of them. "Isn't that what my brother was moving?" Nobody answered. "If Kevin wasn't there," said Lange, leaning forward slightly, over the top of Suleka's head. "Did your brother tell you why Robert Doyle was there?" "He weren't there. Just his pick-up was." He looked from one to the other of them again, his face cagey like he was sensing a trap. "Why?" "Doyle's dog was there. You saw your brother shoot at him. Didn't you wonder why both the dog and the pick up were there, but not Doyle himself?" A look passed across Kyle's face, like this was the first time he'd thought about that. "No. But that is strange." His eyes narrowed, like his mind was catching up with Lange's questions. "Did something happen to Bob?" Lange, Suleka and Michelle all nodded. "We found Doyle dead right next to where Kyle found the drugs." "And you think ...? Nooooo. No, I don't think my brother would kill Bob Doyle. He does some bad stuff but killing ... that doesn't sound like my brother." "But what if he didn't mean to kill him?" asked Michelle. "He punched him, the same way he punched you?" "When would he have done that? When we was up there?" "No, we're thinking earlier in the day, when he went up with Tosha." "And that's why she took off? Is that

what you're thinking?" "It's a possibility." "Yeah, but then, why wouldn't he have just stole Bob Doyle's pick up to bring the drugs out? He knew Bob wouldn't need it and the keys were in it." There was a pause, as they all contemplated this. "You think he just didn't see the keys?" Michelle asked Lange. "He punched me and when I went down, first thing he did was steal my truck. Didn't even bother him that Alice was in it. All he wanted was to get the hell outta there before I came to, so he could get the drugs someplace off the mountain." "So if he'd knocked Bob down," Suleka posited, "and got back to the gate to see his ride had gone, he would have automatically looked to steal Bob's truck. That's what you're thinking?" Kyle Clarkson nodded; yes. "Then why wouldn't he steal it if he just didn't know where Bob was?" she persisted. "Maybe 'cause he was bat shit mad at Tosha for leaving him there and didn't even think to look for the keys." "Which were where?" asked Lange. "Under the visor. That's where Bob always kept them." "You knew that how?" "From all the times me and Kevin took Bob's truck to go do stuff in." "Would Wayne have known that?" asked Michelle. "I don't know," shrugged Kyle. "He wasn't as good a friends with Kevin as me." "The thing is," said Lange, "Wayne could also have left the truck there deliberately, to put us off the track of him killing Bob Doyle." Kyle rolled his eyes and the look on his face suggested that this was way beyond anything his brother would think up. He added a headshake to his eye roll. "I just don't see it. If someone like Bob Doyle came at him, I'd see him cursing him out, but hitting him? No way. He'd run,

that's what he'd do. 'Cause he could'a run a lot faster than old Doyle." He sat forward on the couch and insisted on his point with Lange. "My brother's done a lot of bad stuff, but he's not a killer. He's not. Look," he said, pointing out the door toward where Alice and Brandie had gone. "He could'a taken off with Alice and his drugs, down to make the delivery, but he didn't. He didn't even leave her at his place by herself. He waited till I got there and then he took off." Brandie popped her head back in the door. "Detective Collins is out here for you," she said to Lange. Lange broke eye contact with Clarkson. "Okay, we'll leave it there for now. But we'll be back," he said, as Suleka and Michelle stood up to leave with him. "Yeah, all right," moaned Kyle, lifting himself up off the couch. Lange started to move the kitchen chair back to its rightful place. "Here, I'll get that," Kyle offered. "We found a check that belongs to you up on the road," Michelle put in before crossing to the door. "You've got it?" asked Kyle, surprised. "I was looking for that so I could cash it." He stopped, his hands on the back of the chair and Lange could see his mind turning over his movements up on the mountain to figure out how he dropped the check. It finally came to him. "Must'a been when I pulled out my bandana to mop up the blood on my head." He put one hand out toward Michelle. "Can I have it?" "It's with forensics," Michelle told him, shaking her head. "So not until they've finished with it, no." Kyle gave them one more caustic eye roll before they all walked out. Collins was waiting down on the street and Lange could see he was feeling good. "You've got news," he said. "I do," Collins replied. Michelle and Suleka came up to join them and Collins glanced behind them all at Alice and Brandie, as if concerned about being overheard. "You want to do it here or ...?" "Let's go back down to the Park," suggested Lange. "You ride with Collins," Michelle told Lange, "and we'll gather up the dogs and follow you." "Okay." Lange swung around and strode over to Alice. "Thank you," he said. "For all your help." "Do the dogs have to go now?" she asked. "They do," said Michelle. Lange gave Brandie a quick wave of thanks, too, and walked away hearing Michelle say, "But maybe we can bring them back for

another visit sometime." Lange dropped in beside Collins in the Ford Interceptor. "Did he tell you much?" asked the detective as he started them down the hill toward the park again. "About the drugs, yes. And the fight he had with his brother because of them." Lange quickly recapped what Clarkson had told him. "But he said he didn't know anything about Robert Doyle except the fact that he wasn't up there." Collins pulled into the same parking spot he'd taken earlier, in front of the cabin, and switched off the engine. "Well, I got some news from the pathologist on cause of death," he said, swinging away from Lange to get out of the car. Lange followed suit, stepping up onto the grass in front of the vehicle to walk around and join Collins. Collins' cell phone rang and he reached into his jacket pocket, pulled it out, looked at the caller ID and then held his index finger up to Lange—just a sec. He walked away as he answered the call. Lange swung around to face the river. He took a deep breath, his chest expanding toward the fast-flowing current, his eyes closed as he tuned into the lapping of the water against the bank. He thought back to Robert Doyle, his long, aging fingers stroking a piece of cedar that he'd just milled, proudly showing Lange the tight grain in the wood. The molasses-brown cedar emitted a smell that put Lange in the woods even as he stood in the old fellow's yard. He tried to see Robert's face, to ask him what happened up there on Sauk, but his communing was interrupted by vehicles pulling in behind him. He swung around to see both Suleka and Michelle switching off their engines. They each climbed out, leaving the dogs in the vehicles, and walked over to join him on the grass. Collins finished his phone call and hurried over, his step buoyant, energized. "Wayne Clarkson's been picked up," he announced. "Burlington Police saw Doyle's truck parked outside a bar down there and found Wayne Clarkson inside, drinking up his drug profits." "Have they questioned him yet?" asked Michelle. "No. They only just picked him up. That was the police chief letting me know they'd got him. He said Clarkson's pretty hammered. I'm going to head down now, be there ready for when he does sober up. There's just one thing," he said to them all as if he needed a favor so he could get going.

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"Go ahead," said Lange. "I heard from the pathologist. She said cause of death was the blow to the front of the head, which fractured Doyle's skull. Made by something heavy and flat, about 6 or 8 inches wide, she guessed. So I wanted to go back up Sauk, look around and see if maybe there's a length of 2 x 6, or a broken limb wide enough, close to where we found the body." "We can do that," said Lange, gesturing to include Suleka. He looked at Michelle. "What are you going to do?" "I want to be part of the interview with Clarkson, but maybe I'll come with you first and look for the murder weapon. If Clarkson did kill Doyle while he was executing a felony connected to the drug dealers, we might be able to use that as leverage to get him to give us their names." She looked at Collins. "But I'd rather not say that till we have proof Doyle was murdered." "And that's my first interest," he told her. "The homicide. The drug bust I'll leave up to you."

## Sudoku solution

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

## Crossword solution

1	L	A	N	E	5	W	A	R	D	9	E	N	11	O	V	A	
14	I	C	O	N	15	E	L	A	I	N	E	16	O	V	A		
17	F	R	E	E	18	Z	E	O	N	E	S	W	19	A	G	E	S
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25	M	A	30	H	I	E	31	I	N	A	L	L					
33	A	L	T	O	34	D	E	R	O	G	35	A	T	E			
38	P	O	U	R	C	40	L	D	W	A	T	E	R	O	N		
42	S	E	N	T	I	N	E	L	43	S	E	M	I				
44	N	A	I	V	E	45	R	A	I	S	E	D					
47	M	A	K	E	50	T	O	C	C	A	T	A					
52	U	K	A	S	53	O	N	O	54	F	L	O					
56	F	R	O	S	58	H	E	C	E	P	62	T	I	O	N		
63	T	O	N	64	C	O	E	R	C	E	65	A	R	I	D		
66	I	N	S	67	H	U	B	R	I	S	68	R	E	N	O		

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