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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Holiday Giving at the Resource Center

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Over the years, the drive to provide children who might otherwise receive nothing for Christmas, something to remind them they were not forgotten, became something other than what was originally intended. So, in spite of the best intentions of those volunteers who have assisted with a stream of gift opportunities for kids, it was time to move on. The decision was collectively made to transition our Christmas giving to the December Community Dinner, which the entire family can enjoy. This affords volunteers a better opportunity to do something without the issues that plagued the Resource Center's Sharing Tree or other toy programs.

Donations to "upgrade" the Community Dinner may be made to: Imagine Concrete Foundation, P.O. Box 692, Concrete, WA 98237. Note: Write "Holiday Dinner Fund" on the memo line of your check.

Please check the December issue of the *Concrete Herald* for the date and time of the dinner.

Two notable countywide programs for toy donations are the Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots and the *Skagit Valley Herald* Christmas Fund. These organizations check the requests, provide toys for those truly in need, and also require accountability and the names of the children.

John Boggs  
Concrete

### Cornucopias of gratitude

Cornucopias of gratefulness to everyone who helped make Upriver Radio KSVU's annual Harvest Fest & Halloween Dance the best ever!

From staffing the various duties at the event, to planning and preparing, to soliciting raffle and silent auction items, to those who donated said items, to the myriad of community members attending, to all the costumed kiddos who paraded in the hall, to eating scrumptious potluck offerings and dancing their socks off, to, of course, the two beloved local bands (Undecided and Jumbled Pie) who, every year, generously donate their time and talents to play their wonderful music for

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### Corrections

In the October 2019 issue of *Concrete Herald*, an article on the Marblemount page was edited to incorrectly state that the Marblemount Community Hall offers 24/7 Wi-Fi. Through the generosity of the Upper Skagit Library, the hall offers Wi-Fi, but only provides it from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, after vandalism forced it into its current time frame.

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us all—wheh!

Fundraisers such as this not only support ongoing radio broadcasting, studio and tower rents, and utility bills, but provide our upriver communities with an annual, seasonal event that's hard to beat.

Put it on your 2020 calendar—Oct. 31—it's always the last Saturday in October at the Marblemount Community Hall. Don't miss it.

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Booker graduated from boot camp on Oct. 25. He also had the honor of playing trumpet with the band during the graduation ceremony.

He has left for Pensacola, Fla., where he will train in the aviation department.

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

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## Town begins process for lagoon decommissioning

By Chazlyn Lovely  
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

The long-awaited decommissioning process for the town's sewer lagoon has begun—sort of. The town received state funding in September, which allows for advertising for bids to complete the work. The town hopes the project will begin in earnest in 2020, when, as per the Department of Ecology's instructions, liquids and biosolids will be pumped from the lagoon and transferred to a farm near Lynden where they will be used for land application (a process in which biosolids provide nutrients to replenish soil and other organic matter) on a pasture. The lagoon's liner will be removed and disposed of, and the area filled in with quarry spalls, dirt, and gravel.

The lagoon has been a sore spot for the town due to its inclusion in a Department of Ecology Notice of Penalty issued in June 2018, among other violations. While the town appealed the penalty and was granted permission to pay only half of the fine as long as there were no further violations, a lagoon diversion in July drove Department of Ecology to enforce payment of the full fine (see "Wastewater treatment plant woes continue," page 5).

Once the lagoon has been fully decommissioned, the goal is to convert the area into the new center for the town's Public Works department, freeing space in Bear Square and other parts of the town center for building development. Mayor Jason Miller envisions a "cluster of small sheds" called "Sauk Village" at the site of the current municipal parking lot.

Cory Hart of CRH Engineering provided an update on other projects in a document provided to the council in October, including:

### Spray park at Silo Park

The spray park was completed and opened at the end of August. The town saved more than \$100,000 in construction costs and will save an estimated \$10,000 annually in repairs due to its innovative design that uses the Park and Ride stormwater infiltration pond and underground infiltration beds for spray park runoff.

### Sanitary sewer infiltration and inflow (I&I)

Too much stormwater has been getting into the town's aging sewer lines, which have sprung leaks. As of August, Michel's Corp had completed phase one of the project—trenchless cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining of 7,000 feet of existing cracked pipe, as well as chemical grouting of cracks in sewer manholes and more than 100 sewer connections to private properties. The town hopes to begin phase two next summer after a spring bidding period; phase two will include dig-out construction pipe repair and replacement, side sewer replacement, manhole replacement, and trenchless spot repairs.

### Cedar Street and South Rietze Road improvements and waterline improvements

A Transportation Improvement Board grant, awarded in November 2017, is funding the construction of ADA-compliant sidewalks and curbs, new gutters, and cement/concrete driveway entrances, as well as replacement of the existing waterline with a 12-inch water main on Cedar Street from Superior Avenue to South Park. The effort is meant to facilitate pedestrian traffic in the area by making it more accessible. SRV Construction completed significant portions of the work in October, with minor work remaining. The sister project on South Rietze has progressed similarly.

### Water storage/system improvements

This project comprises waterline improvements and replacement of the existing Fir Tank wooden tank reservoir with a 200,000-gallon concrete tank. The project began in 2017 but was suspended due to state legislative budget issues. In February 2018, state funding became available, and planning resumed in March. Final designs were submitted in September 2018, and construction was due to begin in 2019; however, delays have stalled the project once again. The town has determined that additional funding is needed for the project and has now set its sights on construction bidding in late 2019 followed by work beginning

## Wastewater treatment plant woes continue

Town must pay the second half of a previous DOE fine after new violation

By Chazlyn Lovely  
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

The wastewater treatment plant and sewer lagoon have been proverbial thorns in the side of Town of Concrete lately. In June 2018 the Department of Ecology fined the town \$12,800 for violations; after an appeal, the department allowed the town to pay roughly half that amount, pending no further violations.

However, the second half of the fine was reissued in September after an incident in July, where wastewater was once again diverted into the sewage lagoon.

According to Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, Public Works Director Alan Wilkins faced a difficult situation at that time after discovering that the facility could not pump waste, threatening an overflow of its basins. An unidentified "gel-like substance" was spotted on filter membranes in the plant at the same time an air lock was discovered, hindering their ability to pull water through them. (The gel was later identified as a relatively harmless byproduct of the town's cure-in-place sewer pipe repair project.) Wilkins called the Sedro-Woolley wastewater treatment director and Miller called Sedro-Woolley Mayor Julia Johnson for help, but that city was reluctant to accept any waste after hearing about the unidentified substance, leaving Concrete to make the decision of how to handle the situation.

The supplier of the membranes, Ovivo, helped the town test and identify the substance during the course of several days while Wilkins worked to find a source to the plant's woes. Wilkins attempted a motor-operated valve replacement and a deep cleaning of the headworks (the structure at the diversion point of the waterway) before identifying the air lock as the source of the trouble.

Public Works soaked the membrane filters for 10 hours in chlorine and reinstalled them, bringing the facility back online. During that time, some 50,000 gallons of wastewater were diverted into the lagoon—what Miller calls "the lesser evil." Miller maintains, despite DOE

protests to the contrary, that diverting into the lagoon, which has many layers of glacial till, cobble, gravel, sand, and silt, is much better than allowing the plant to overflow and spill straight into the Baker River, especially since the aforementioned materials filter in a way similar to septic systems.

Miller, Wilkins, and the rest of the town's council have been pushing to acquire a new grit and fiber screener, which should help remove smaller pieces of grit and fiber from the system and should help to keep the plant from landing in the same situation as often. "The [current] membranes will still continue to attract biological matter, which decreases their effectiveness and needs to be cleaned off, practically every other day," says Miller. This means that there is no guarantee that similar incidents will never occur again.

The town maintains its position that the fines are unfair and do not take into account the fact that the wastewater treatment plant's design and construction were deeply flawed from the beginning. In the future, when entering into large-scale projects like this one, the town vows to go the extra mile in terms of due diligence when selecting engineers and contractors so that the work produced is "of the highest caliber," said Miller, "unlike what occurred in this instance."

Wilkins is retiring at the end of June 2020; the town plans to fill the void by hiring Water & Wastewater Services to run the facility. In the meantime, the town will pay the Department of Ecology fine from the town's sewer fund; citizens should not expect to see their sewer utility rate increase because of it.

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## THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

**Mike Grimm**, an author with ties to the Upper Skagit Valley, will read from his novel, *Tell Edith Goodbye*, at 5b's Bakery in Concrete on Fri., Nov. 8. If you miss him there, you can catch him at the Sedro-Woolley Museum on Nov. 9 (see p. 17).

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The **Ann Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** is reaching out to potential members.

Upcoming meeting dates are Nov. 12, "Valley Forge," presented by chapter member Margie Wilson; and Dec. 9, "Christmas Music of our Revolutionary War Ancestors," presented by associate member Pam McCunn.

Meetings are held at the the clubhouse of Farming Square Development, 465 Garden Lane, Burlington, with an 11:30

a.m. sack lunch and programs from noon to 2 p.m. Potential members, students, guests, and gentlemen are welcome.

Membership questions should be directed to registrar Gail Ballow at [gailballow@gmail.com](mailto:gailballow@gmail.com), 360.333.1230.

The **Concrete Elementary PTO** has an available board position. Anyone who is interested in running for vice president is encouraged to attend the Nov. 13 PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the elementary school library.

**Grandy Creek Grocery** has kicked off a donation drive in anticipation of the holiday season. Through Dec. 22, bring a donation to the store or Albert's Red Apple and get a raffle ticket for a Dec. 23 raffle (tickets also may be purchased separately).

Through Nov. 9, donate winter items. From Nov. 10–23, donate Thanksgiving Dinner items. From Nov. 24–Dec. 7, donate clothes and jammies. From Dec. 8–22, donate blankets.

The next **Community Dinner** will be a holiday dinner, held at Concrete High School cafeteria on Thur., Dec. 12, at 4:30 p.m. Details to follow next month.



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## Council summary

*Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Oct. 14 and 28. The council also met for a 2020 budget workshop on Oct. 12. The following is a summary of those meetings in chronological order. 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. 12 budget workshop

- Council reviewed the 2019 revenues and expenditures. Clerk-Treasurer Andrea Fichter reported on the expenses in the sewer fund for this year that had not been originally budgeted. She stated with the DOE fines, the costs for the mixing zone study and the outfall evaluation—which are required to be completed as part of the town's NPDES permit—as well as other large items that needed to be replaced, the town is over budget by about \$85,000 so far. Fichter stated the town will need to discuss options for covering these costs, which could be in the form of an interfund loan. Discussion on a possible transfer from the water or general funds ensued. Councilmember Marla Reed stated it is up to the council how best to manage this. Fichter will research the options and bring this back to council.
- 2020 salaries and wages: It was the consensus of the council members present to budget increases for the groundskeeper and office assistant, give 2 percent raises for all other full-time employees and the mayor, and to increase council wages from \$35 per meeting to \$100 per meeting; this will be further reviewed at the next workshop.
- Utility rates and fees: Fichter stated that the rates that she has proposed will keep the town in line with what has been suggested in the most recent sewer utility rate study, and will keep the total water and sewer bills just under \$160 per month in 2020. Council agreed with the water and sewer rates as proposed for now.

### Oct. 14 regular meeting

- Council interviewed two applicants to fill the Position 5 seat vacated by former councilmember Ginger Kyritsis: Drew Jenkins and Jon Gunnarsson. Council discussed the applicants during an executive

session, then reconvened and voted to appoint Jon Gunnarsson. Gunnarsson was sworn in and took his seat in Council Position 5.

- Fichter stated the county is currently working on an update to its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) with all jurisdictions included in the Skagit County HMP. She stated there is a link to a survey that the public is encouraged to take, and the link has been included in their packets. She stated the town will also need to hold public meetings on the update as well. Town Planner Marianne Manville-Ailles suggested that portion be done at the Planning Commission level.
- Councilmember Reed reported on the meeting held prior to the council meeting this evening. She stated that she, Councilmember Mike Bartel, and Manville-Ailles met with Oak Rankin from Glacier Peak Institute to discuss their plans for a trail in town. She stated they are working in conjunction with the school as well. Manville-Ailles updated on the progress and what the next steps will be. She stated this is a really great opportunity for the town, as well as the kids from the school who will be involved.
- Mayor Jason Miller stated the Spray Park is complete. He thanked town staff, Howard Stafford, and the volunteers who assisted in getting this completed on Friday and Saturday last week.

### Oct. 28 regular meeting

- Discussion ensued on the smoking issue in Town Center, citations that have or have not been written, and that smoking in certain areas is not allowed by RCW—it's a state law.
- Public Safety:** Sergeant Greg Adams reported the East Detachment is almost back to being fully staffed. He updated on the deputies assigned to the East Detachment and their shifts. He also reported they will provide extra coverage on Halloween night.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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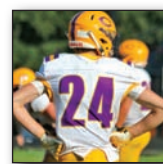
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# Sports



## Volleyball season ends

The high school season came to a close for the Concrete Lady Lions volleyball team in Friday Harbor on Oct. 30, and I was proud of their efforts all the way down to the absolute bitter end.

After winning the first two sets (25–20, 26–24), the Lady Lions dropped the next three in a row (25–13, 25–16, 15–12) to lose 3–2. An injury coming to Junior Middle Rebekah Rider, with the score tied 11–11 in the fifth set, started off a bizarre string of events that included us losing 4 of the next 5 points, late-night emergency dental surgery in a little office in Friday Harbor, and arriving home at 1 a.m.

The girls played really hard. They always do.

Payton Dickinson finished her sophomore season playing her best volleyball, and recorded three blocks vs. Friday Harbor.

Kylie Clark had an outstanding year, as she really stepped forward as a leader. Kylie recorded 15 kills and 14 digs at Friday Harbor, as well as going 18–19 from the serve line.

Kassidy Smith continues to anchor the back row as our Libero, and recorded a season-high 25 digs.

Sierra Rensink and Ashley Parker

have been an amazing setting tandem all season, and both recorded season highs in assists, with 17 from Sierra and 16 from Ashley.

Autumn Neece has continued to improve all season long, and showed us she was to be counted on from the serve line, only to watch her team-leading 62 serves in row come to an end at Friday Harbor as well.

The varsity team finished with a record of 3–13, with all three wins coming in “sweep-like” fashion, and numerous losses coming in very close, hard-fought battles, often going all five sets. We are just outside the door of putting together some more wins, and have the potential to be a playoff team as early as next season.

With no seniors on the roster, the girls are eager to see what the near future holds.

The junior varsity girls came out of Friday Harbor with a big win, and finished their season 5–11. The improvement on this team is off the charts, and I am so proud of this group of young ladies. I am excited for the volleyball banquet coming up as we celebrate this fine season, hand out “Fun Awards,” and eat dinner together as a volleyball family.

—Kevik Rensink, coach

## Football team finishes league play with a win

The Concrete High School football players ended their season’s league play by handing La Conner a crushing defeat, 44–14 on Nov. 1.

The away game saw all the usual Lion suspects performing at peak capacity. Quarterback Peyton Sanchez logged another double double, with 140 yards rushing, 147 passing yards, and five TDs.

Wide receiver Devin Blankenship pulled in eight receptions for 100 yards, with three of those receptions for TDs.

“[Sanchez and Blankenship] almost had a 70-yard connection, but it was dropped,” lamented Head Coach Arthur Sanchez, who added, “Our defense played phenomenally. Everyone got playing time and they all played their hearts out. It was a great game for them.”

Hunter Olmstead hauled in a couple throws, and Skyler Ottow had a 4-yard run for a TD too. The Lions pulled off the rout even with three big dropped TDs in the end zone.

### October play

Concrete kicked off last month at league powerhouse Friday Harbor, with a 42–0 loss.

“We had been preparing for this game

since the first day of spring practice on May 31,” said Sanchez. “We definitely did not prepare well enough. Friday Harbor is pretty legit.”

Indeed. The Wolverines returned with all of last year’s players, plus a couple new ones. Concrete struggled to move the ball, racking up less than 100 yards. “We dropped too many balls and the pass block just wasn’t there. We were in position defensively to make big tackles, but we just couldn’t bring them down,” said Sanchez. “The high sign to this game is maybe that we made our opponent punt for the first time, but that’s not saying much.”

Friday Harbor took advantage of some Concrete players playing out of position, and gave the Lions a good mauling.

The rest of the month was a mixed bag, with a nail-biter home-field win against La Conner on Oct. 11 (21–14), a close nonleague loss to Port Townsend on Oct. 18 (36–18), and a more dignified second loss to Friday Harbor at home on Oct. 25 (32–15).

After the Nov. 1 win against La Conner, the Lions were 2–2 in league play and 2–7 overall.

—J. K. M.



Senior Devin Blankenship races for the end zone during the Lions’ at-home game against La Conner on Oct. 11.



Senior Peyton Sanchez finds a gap in the Braves’ defensive line and turns it into a touchdown during the Oct. 11 home game.



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Rebekah Rider (right) and Kylie Clark doubleteam the ball during the Oct. 15 home court battle against Friday Harbor.



Ashley Parker sets for a teammate during the Lady Lions’ clash with Friday Harbor at home on Oct. 15.

## Athletes of the Month



### Athletes of the Month: Kylie Clark, Devin Blankenship

**Kylie Clark**, playing right side for the Concrete High School Volleyball Team, has been recognized as the female Athlete of the Month for the month of September. “She has been a huge leader for us, and has really improved on her overall game,” said Coach Kevik Rensink. “Moving to her third position in three years, Kylie is asked to do a lot of different things, and she continues to impress. She is a solid contributor from every area of the floor, including a much-improved passing game from the back row, where she is second on the team in perfect pass percentage and digs.”

Kylie leads the team in serving with a 94 percent serve rate, 20 aces, and a serve streak of 42 in a row. She has been the team’s main power source at the net as well, where she leads the team with 40 kills. “Kylie is a tremendous student, athlete, competitor, and teammate, and therefore very deserving of this award,” said Rensink.

**Devin Blankenship** was chosen male Athlete of the Month for the Month of September for his commitment, hard work, and preparation for football.

Devin, a senior captain, is used as a wide receiver/running back on offense and defensive back on defense, and is among the top five in the county in



rushing, receiving, and scoring. As a wide receiver, Devin is 4th in the county in rushing (43 attempts for 247 yards) 1st in the county in receiving yards (458) 1st in receptions (24) and 3rd in scoring (34 points).

“Devin’s work ethic is among one of the best,” said Coach Arthur Sanchez. “Outside of practices when he is all worn out, he commits extra time in the weight room to hone his body to better prepare himself for what is needed of him on the football field. This is something I wish all the kids would do. Devin understands that you don’t prepare yourself only during practice, but that it takes a little extra work to make yourself that much better.”

As senior team captain, Devin speaks out when his teammates get out of control. He keeps his teammates organized; they look up to him.

When the Lions need a big play, Devin is the go-to guy. “Ten more Devins and Concrete Football would be tops in the state,” said Sanchez.

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



## Middle School volleyball wraps

The 2019 edition of Concrete Middle School volleyball concluded on Oct. 30 with an end-of-the-season tournament in Darrington. The result? First, a recap of a very exciting season.

For the third year in a row, a Concrete Middle School volleyball season occurred because we were given permission by WIAA to invite 6th graders to participate. However, no 6th graders took advantage of the opportunity. Another change was that 8th graders were invited to play at the high school level. Two students took advantage of that opportunity.

As such, the season began on Sept. 10 with six 8th graders (Kallie Dull, Jayden Hall, Mariah Kelley, Jasmine Lofton, Jade McAdam, Logan Watts) and four 7th graders (Emily Del Bosque, Amelia Fierbaugh, Indie Goddard, Kelsy Martin). With just 10 players, we decided to form a single team and compete against whatever teams Darrington, Friday Harbor, La Conner, Mount Vernon Christian, and Orcas put on the court. This usually meant a couple of sets played against 8th grade teams, as well as two or three sets against 6th-7th 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 against Darrington (25-17, 18-12) and

losses against Friday Harbor (25-14, 18-12) and La Conner (25-18, 25-22).

The league season began with La Conner coming to town. Although Concrete lost to them the week before, this match turned out completely different. Concrete prevailed (25-7, 25-23, 25-18, 25-21).

Next on the schedule was Darrington. Concrete defeated their 7th grade team (25-15, 25-22), but lost to their 8th grade team (25-9, 25-6).

Friday Harbor arrived in Concrete for an exciting five sets that concluded with a victory by Concrete (25-21, 25-20, 25-20, 25-11, 25-18).

The season continued with the first of two trips to the San Juan Islands. Orcas hosted (in their newly renovated gym) Concrete on a beautiful fall afternoon, which resulted in a Concrete sweep (25-13, 25-14, 25-16).

Our next match was at Mount Vernon Christian. Although Concrete started well, they fell short of their desired outcome in the third set and lost the match (25-22, 25-13, 15-9).

A rematch against Darrington followed the pattern of the match earlier in the season. Concrete defeated their 7th grade team (25-23, 25-23), but lost to their 8th grade team (25-7, 25-6).

The league season ended with a ferry trip to Friday Harbor, where, after a slow start, Concrete finished the five-set match with a victory (25-8, 25-16, 25-17, 25-20, 25-21).

The season ended with a tournament hosted by Darrington. Concrete prevailed against the host team (25-18, 25-22, 15-8) in the opening round. Orcas ultimately had to forfeit the second round match to Concrete as ferry problems prevented them from arriving on time. In the championship match, Friday Harbor won the tournament by defeating Concrete

(25-20, 25-10). It was an exciting experience for the Lady Lions as they finished in second place.

I was very proud of this group of girls as they exceeded expectations and built a great foundation for Concrete volleyball in the future. The players have every reason to be proud of what they accomplished and I look forward to coaching next year.

—Rob Thomas, Coach

**Concrete Middle School volleyball team,** scenes from October play. Clockwise from right: Emily Del Bosque, Jayden Hall, the players celebrate, Kallie Dull. *Photos by Nikki Del Bosque.*



# Soup for you!

Josh Howard creates mouthwatering comfort food at Annie's Pizza Station, always starting with the same ingredients: two onions and love.

By Jude Dippold

Ask Josh Howard for one of his soup recipes, and he'll give you a succinct answer.

"Every one of my soups begins with two large onions and love. You have to project what you are feeling into the recipe."

That's holy writ for the easygoing soup chef at Concrete's nationally known Annie's Pizza Station. Josh isn't being glib in that formulation. He means every word of it.

"One of the biggest compliments is when people let you prepare their food for them. It's an act of trust," he says simply.

And for the last 10 years, customers at Annie's have been doing just that—lining up to get Josh's soups de jour before they run out. Josh estimates that he has made far more than 1,000 gallons of soup in that time, creating a new round of at least two soups every two or three days. It's a testament to both his ability and Annie's customer loyalty that in all that time, he has never had to throw any soup away.

How that came to be is a story in itself.

Some 20 years ago, teenage Josh, a young father without a job or much in the way of prospects, heard that Annie's was a good place to work. Wanting to provide for his infant daughter Hannah, he stopped in and asked owner Anne Bussiere for a job. Bussiere told him she had nothing to offer him, but Josh persisted. He was back the next day, and the next, and ...

"I came in every day for a week or more," he says grinning at the memory of Anne on the last day of his extended application process.

"She looked at me and asked, 'You're

not going to give up, are you?'"

"No."

Anne, taken by his determination, no doubt, hired him; and that's where the rest of Josh's life begins.

Soup and love were about to come together.

As the newbie at Annie's, Josh started out doing a little bit of everything, but he quickly attracted attention for more than his work habits. Anne's daughter Danielle had noticed the young addition to the crew. The pot was beginning to be stirred.

After some time, one of Josh's coworkers approached him.

"He told me Danielle wanted to go to the prom with me," he recalls, a grin spreading across his face as if the fortuitous circumstance had unfolded yesterday. The two hit it off.

"We've dated 20 years and been married 10," Josh observes wryly.

At about the time Josh and Danielle got married 10 years ago, Anne and her staff were becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the prepared soup mixes they had been buying to create soups for their customers.

"The product was not consistent," says Josh. "There was no accountability."

No love.

Anne, confident in the young man on whom she had taken a chance 10 years earlier, decided to ditch the prepared soup mix and to put the soup business in Josh's hands.

Josh set about his task, knowing certain things he wanted in his first soup offering.

"I don't like boring recipes. I like a multitude of ingredients. I'm looking for a hearty meal rather than a broth

with chunks," he says as he outlines the approach he still follows today.

Josh's first creation turned out to be Annie's current house soup: Tomato-Basil Bisque. It proved so popular that it began selling out almost immediately, which led Anne and Josh to the realization that they needed to offer their customers more than one option. That would eventually lead to Josh creating literally dozens of soups and having Annie's customers lining up early to make sure they got their favorites before they sold out.

The list of Josh's creations is lengthy: Green Goddess, Mango Chicken Curry, Butternut Squash Bisque with Marshmallow, Roasted Vegetable Pumpkin, and on, and on, and on.

In creating all those soups, he has relied solely on his sense of taste.

"Everything is done to taste. There are no measuring spoons or cups," Josh says. "In that slight bit of inconsistency, you keep people interested."

He clearly cherishes the freedom he has been given by Anne and the experience he gained cooking with his mother and grandmother early in life.

"Annie really gave me the opportunity," Josh observes. "The opportunities with food are limitless. The only limitation is your imagination. You have to have good taste. Then everything you eat prepares you for your next creation."

At Annie's Pizza Station, that next creation always begins with two large onions and love.

*Jude Dippold is the former managing editor of the Times Observer in Warren, Penn. He lives in Concrete.*



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# Academics



## YD update

We are just over a month into our Youth Dynamics weekly meetings here in Concrete for the school year, and we already have approximately 40 students attending. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves as they participate in all of the activities, eat the food, engage with one another, and meet the staff.

Recently married, and also a 2017 CHS graduate, Blaine Storms has stepped into an internship role for YD this year. He has been a very welcome addition to an already experienced group of adult volunteers who show up every Monday to provide a positive place for our youth to meet, and quality guidance to the many various challenges our teens face today.

Jonas Rensink has also been helping out as well, although I am still unsure if it is as a staffer or just a kid who misses YD a bunch. Either way, I welcome his love for life, and I like how he represents himself, and knows exactly what he stands for. I believe he is a good example to the other kids, even though he is just a year removed from high school. Marta Rensink, Mary Janda, Zack Allard, Kellen Russell, Emily Bridge, Kirstin

Rider, and Paul Rider all serve a role on our staff, and are in this community to help better the lives of all of our young people. I personally appreciate each and every one of them for their time and their commitment, but mostly for their hearts for our East County youth.

We just wrapped up our annual Harvest Party, where we played a ton of games, ate a ton of food, and handed out another ton of prizes (for those of you following along, and doing your math, that is 6,000 lbs. of fun in one night). The pumpkin toss was won by Corbin Coggins and Gary Mitchell, the best costume went to Collin Martin, the best Candy Corn Creation went to Iona Werda, our Musical Chair winners were Vincent Kucera and Sierra Rensink, the Pie-Eating Champion was Tyler Rogge (he absolutely demolished the pie, as well as his competition), and the Pumpkin Carving Competition was won by Shawn Powell and Corbin Coggins (who teamed up to create a jack-o-lantern inside of a jack-o-lantern).

Speaking of Powell ... Mama Powell made her famous enchiladas, and brought all of the fixin's too. It was sooo good. Thanks Mama Powell!

The week before we had Town Shark Night, and used the town limits as the

boundaries to this enormous game of Sharks and Minnows. Peyton Sanchez, Vincent Kucera, and Robert Reed were our winners, but man, did they have to work for it. Way to go guys!

The week before that, Kassidy Smith, Sierra Rensink, Tasha Allard, and Ebby Buchta flaunted their wisdom by taking down Jeopardy Night and walking away with thousands of imaginary dollars. Throw in Capture the Flag, and it has been a very busy, and fun October.

Now we gear up for November with these fun and familiar events coming your way: Dodgeball/Kickball Night, Food Night (they will be cooking their own meals), our infamous Human Scavenger Hunt at Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham, and a Movie Night.

I continue to ask for your prayers, support, and words of encouragement as we work hard to continue this much-needed ministry in Concrete. And, as always, invite your high school son or daughter to attend one or all of our weekly Monday night events. As you can see, there is just about something for everybody, and that is a good thing because everybody is invited!

—Kevik and Marta Rensink  
area directors

## Skagit County Democrats announce essay contest

The Skagit County Democratic Party has again kicked off its annual essay contest for all high school students in Skagit County. This year's topic is "The Most Pressing Issue Confronting America."

First place is \$750, second place is \$500, and third place wins \$250.

Essays must be submitted by Nov. 30, with no attachments, via e-mail to [SCDessayentry@yahoo.com](mailto:SCDessayentry@yahoo.com). A cover sheet should list name, address, phone, and school so that judges will not know the identity of writers.

Essays must be the original work of the student. They will be judged on understanding of the topic, insight, clarity, originality and persuasiveness, as well as the style, structure, and vocabulary of the written presentation. Student opinions and conclusions will be evaluated based on the facts and reasoning behind them.

A reception will be held at Skagit Democrat headquarters in Mt. Vernon, where prizes will be awarded and winning essays read.

For more information, contact Pat Edwards, Essay Committee chair, at 360.755.9467.



This school year's Homecoming Royal Court members were named and crowned during the Homecoming dance on Oct. 26. Homecoming royalty members are freshmen Lukas Sahlin and Hannah Hook, sophomores Devon Howard and Travis Brookings, juniors Sierra Rensink and Hunter Olmstead, and seniors Ebby Buchta and Cody Carlson. Queen and King are Aunya Carpenter and Peyton Sanchez.

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# Clear Lake



## HISTORY CORNER

Our photo this month is of the Clear Lake Barber Shop circa 1924. Nels Trudeau, owner, is on the right. The barber shop was located in the front of the IOOF Hall on the north side of the building, now the home of Clear Lake Historical Association's office.

The barber shop later became a beauty shop when Betty Armstrong, a local beautician, rented the space for a few years. Chuck and Rose Pendergrast rented the space for a jewelry store from 1945 until 1972.

Back in the middle ages, a barber shop was a place to go for a haircut, shave, teeth pulling, and for bloodletting. In 1307, barbers were in need of a way to advertise their "medical" services, and the red, white, and blue barber

pole came into being. The red signified bloodletting, the white represented medical bandages, and the blue was said to stand for nonoxygenated blood. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

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—Deanna Ammons, historian

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## Community Calendar



### NOVEMBER

- 5 General Election. All ballots must be postmarked by today's date or placed in a drop box by 8 p.m. tonight
- 5 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at [townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com](mailto:townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com) or 360.826.3027
- 7 Author Mike Grimm reads from *Tell Edith Goodbye*, Skagit County Historical Museum, La Conner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; info at 360.466.3365
- 7 Holiday Hearts Arts & Crafts Faire and Supply Drive, Marblemount, 1 to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 26; info at [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com)
- 8 Author Mike Grimm reads from *Tell Edith Goodbye*, 5b's Bakery, Concrete, noon to 3 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 8–10 3rd Annual Hero Craft Fair, Heritage Flight Museum, 15053 Crosswind Dr., Burlington; times vary, see notice, p. 34; info at 360.399.3069 or [herocraftfairmv@gmail.com](mailto:herocraftfairmv@gmail.com)
- 9 Veterans Day Parade and Heritage Plane Flyover, Burlington, 11 a.m.; see notice, p. 34
- 9 Author Mike Grimm reads from *Tell Edith Goodbye*, Sedro-Woolley Museum, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; see ad, p. 16 and notice, p. 17
- 9 Storytime at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 11 a.m.
- 9 Old-Time Community Dance, Mansford Grange, Darrington; potluck at 6 p.m., dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; see ad, p. 25; info at 206.402.8646
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Writer's Workshop at Upper Skagit Library, 11 a.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 28–29 Upper Skagit Library CLOSED
- 29 Concrete Lions Christmas Tree Sales, Albert's Red Apple Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 29 31st Annual Festival of Trees, Skagit Center—Christ the King Church, 1000 Fountain St., Burlington, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; \$5 admission; see ad, p. 34; info at [skagitfestivaloftrees.org](http://skagitfestivaloftrees.org) or 360.814.5747

### DECEMBER

- 1 Holiday Bazaar, Marblemount Community Hall, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 26
- 1 31st Annual Festival of Trees, Skagit Center—Christ the King Church, 1000 Fountain St., Burlington, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$5 admission; see ad, p. 34; info at [skagitfestivaloftrees.org](http://skagitfestivaloftrees.org) or 360.814.5747
- 3 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at [townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com](mailto:townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com) or 360.826.3027
- 7 Concrete K-6 PTO Holiday Bazaar, Concrete Elementary School gym, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 7 Concrete Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling, Concrete Town Center
- 7–8 Concrete Lions Christmas Tree Sales, Swap Meet field, Concrete, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 12 Community Dinner, Concrete High School cafeteria, 4:30 to 6 p.m.; free admission
- 12 Concrete Schools Music Program Winter Concert, CHS gym, 6 p.m.
- 14–15 Concrete Lions Christmas Tree Sales, Swap Meet field, Concrete, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### JANUARY

Every weekend: Skagit Eagle Festival; see ad, p. 13

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

## Community meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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@communityactionsskagit.org](mailto:claudiam3@communityactionsskagit.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 Heritage Museum Board** meets the third Wed. of each month, at 6 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](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 workshop on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., in the admin. bldg., room 111. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m., in the same location. 360.853.4000.

**Concrete Town Council** meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or [andrea@concretewa.gov](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 Thur. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](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** meets the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2323.

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

**Sedro-Woolley School District Board:** Meets Nov. 13 at 6 p.m., at the Support Svcs Bldg. for a work session, followed at 7 p.m. by its regular meeting at the same location. A second regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7 p.m., at Clear Lake Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or [kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us).

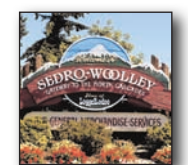
**Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center Board** meets the second Tue. of each month, 5:30 p.m., at Annie's Pizza Station in Grasmere. Open to the public. [sauksister@frontier.com](mailto:sauksister@frontier.com) or [www.skagiteagle.org](http://www.skagiteagle.org).

**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@upperskagitlibrary.org](mailto:info@upperskagitlibrary.org)

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# Sedro-Woolley



## Book signing at the Sedro-Woolley Museum

## Prosper named PeaceHealth Northwest Chief Executive

PeaceHealth announced last month that Charles Prosper, MSPT, MBA, has been named chief executive of the PeaceHealth Northwest network.

Prosper held the role of interim chief executive since long-time PeaceHealth leader Dale Zender retired on Sept. 30. Prosper joined PeaceHealth in March 2019 as the chief operating officer for PeaceHealth's facilities in the Northwest.

In this role, Prosper will continue to lead PeaceHealth hospital operations in Bellingham, Sedro-Woolley, and Friday Harbor, and in Ketchikan, Alaska. His work will focus on maintaining clinical and quality excellence, increasing employee and physician engagement, and developing relationships in the Northwest

communities that PeaceHealth serves.

Prosper began his 30-year career in healthcare as a physical therapist at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Philadelphia. He has held various roles of increasing management and executive-level responsibility in healthcare settings ranging from small community hospitals to large, tertiary care facilities. Prior to joining PeaceHealth, Prosper served as chief executive officer of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland, California, a multi-campus hospital enterprise, part of Sutter Health, based in Sacramento.

Prosper holds a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University, a master's degree in Physical Therapy from Columbia University, and a Master of Business Administration from University of California at Berkeley.

"Life in the Northwest has been incredibly rewarding and enlightening," said Prosper. "The deep commitment and passion of PeaceHealth providers and caregivers is evident in all our communities. There is a true desire to continuously improve and innovate, looking for better ways to serve our communities each day."

Prosper and his husband are in the process of moving their home from San Francisco to Bellingham. They have a high school-aged son.

## Walnut Tree still closed for repairs after flooding

The Walnut Tree Thrift Shop in Sedro-Woolley continues to recover from a catastrophic plumbing leak in late September. Caretakers encourage customers and donors to watch the shop's Facebook page for announcements about the progress and reopening.

Donors holding on to their donations will be encouraged to bring them as soon as the shop is able to receive them. Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley operates The Walnut Tree and supports many local projects, including scholarships, with the proceeds.

The thrift shop building, located at 713 Puget St. in Sedro-Woolley, experienced major damage because of a plumbing leak during the evening of Sept. 23.

Soroptimist International members have since been working with the service organization's insurance company, as well as hiring a structural evaluation.

Watch the shop's Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/SISedroWoolley/>.

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## Obituaries

**Verna A. McClure**  
Dec. 23, 1921 — Oct. 8, 2019

**Verna A. McClure**, 97, a longtime Skagit Valley resident, passed at her home in Sedro-Woolley on Oct. 8, 2019.

Verna was born in Erskine, Minn., on Dec. 23, 1921, the daughter of Herman and Helga (Loff) Petersen. She was raised and attained her education in Minnesota.

In 1941 Verna moved with her family to the Skagit Valley, residing in Hamilton. There she met Lyle McClure, and just prior to his military departure in 1944 they married. Upon his return they made their home at Punkin Center near Hamilton.

Verna and Lyle worked as occupational therapists at Northern State Hospital until its closure in 1973. Verna then volunteered her time to numerous organizations around the Skagit Valley for many years. She and Lyle also raised registered Black Angus cattle on their farm for many years.

Verna was a member of the Foresters, Soroptimist International, the Retired State Employees Union, and the Concrete Historical Society. She also wrote a monthly recipe column for Concrete Herald called "Verna's Kitchen."

Verna is survived by her sister, Eva Hall of Burlington; nephew, Richard Hall and his wife, Maria of Avondale, Ariz.; nieces, Nancy Hall of Punkin Center and Cathy Arthur of Sedro-Woolley; and brother-in-law, Dick McClure of Bellingham. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lyle in 2015, and by her brother-in-law, Richard Hall, Sr. Memorials in honor of Verna are suggested to the Skagit County Boys & Girls Club.

A Life Celebration gathering was held at the Country Meadows Village in Sedro-Woolley on Sat., Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cremation arrangements are under direction of Lemley Chapel, Sedro-Woolley. Share memories of Verna and sign the online guest register.

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Author Michael Grimm will visit the Sedro-Woolley Museum on Nov. 9 to sign copies of his new book *Tell Edith Goodbye*. The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The book is a true crime story of depravity and obsession during the Great Depression.

It's the summer of 1935, and a stranger known simply as the Finn has arrived in Skagit Valley. Like hundreds of other out-of-work men during the Great Depression, he is looking for employment. But what he finds is a family who welcomes him into their home—and into the life of an 11-year-old girl. Young Edith's infatuation with a drifter who will stop at nothing to secure a permanent place in her fragile heart results in a tragedy that will rock a

far northwest community and continue to shape one family's lives into the future.

For more than 50 years, Grimm was both intrigued and bewildered by the mystery of his father's childhood—a dark period in the family's unfortunate past. With a background in forensic science and a love of historical research, he set out to learn all there was to know. In *Tell Edith Goodbye*, he reveals the true story for the first time.

Grimm is a retired forensic scientist with 38 years of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Virginia Department of Forensic Science. He spent his youth in Sedro-Woolley until his family moved to Renton when he was 12.

—Carolyn Freeman

## Sedro-Woolley quilters place at Everett festival

Louise Harris of Sedro-Woolley placed first in the Piecing category with her quilt, "Spice Island" at the October International Quilt and Fiber Festival in Everett. This juried and judged show is presented by the Pacific Northwest Quilt and Fiber Arts Museum in La Conner.

Diane Lundberg of Sedro-Woolley placed second in the Wearable Art-Accessory category with "Snow Bunnies," and third place with "Eucalyptus Wool Hat." Lundberg placed second in the Fiber Arts – Felt category with "Colors of the

Sea" and third with "Rose."

Also juried into the international show were Charleen Krueger of Sedro-Woolley with "18 Color Once is Enough," Virginia Thogerson of Mount Vernon with "Cats and Mice" and "Giraffes on Safari," and additional pieces "Spirals Boots," and "Japanese Kimono Robe," by Diane Lundberg.

Four countries and 17 different U.S. states were represented in the annual show.

—Judy Johnson

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# Lyman



## Charity aims to “pack the pantry”

Lyman-based Heart to Heart Charity will host a Pack the Pantry event to benefit Lyman Elementary school in Lyman.

The event is designed to support a new program at the school, which aims to provide students with snacks and lunch items. The program is active only when the school is open, not on weekends.

All donated items should be nonperishable. Suggested items are granola bars, nuts, tuna meal kits (that do not require refrigeration), Pop-Tarts, fresh apples, cereal bars, etc. Easy-to-eat items that are low in sugar and offer substance are especially appreciated.

Drop off locations:

- Rouw Insurance Services, 408 S. 2nd St., Mount Vernon; Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Lyman Town Hall, 8405 S. Main St., Lyman; Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Tammie Werner at [hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com](mailto:hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com).  
—Tammie Werner

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# It's flu season: Get your vaccine

It's flu season again, and early reports from the Southern Hemisphere hint that it may be a doozy when it hits.

As in past years, we expect that flu will affect millions of people and send hundreds of thousands of those to their local hospital. The influenza virus (the flu) is especially harmful to children, people with chronic illnesses, older adults, and pregnant women.

While the flu vaccine is never perfectly matched to the strain that arrives, it does save lives. It is the single most important thing that you can do to prevent getting the flu—or making it worse if you do.

A common myth about the flu shot is that you can get the flu from the vaccine. That's not true. 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.

It takes about two weeks for your immune system to make antibodies against the flu virus, and it's the antibodies that protect you from getting the flu. The earlier you get your shot, the better.

Some people have a reaction to the flu shot, but the reactions are usually quite mild. 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.

It's also important to keep in mind that you can still experience flu symptoms, even after getting the vaccine. You could have been 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.

Don't let the above reasons prevent you from getting the vaccine this year, though. If you experience flu symptoms after getting the vaccine, it's highly likely that you won't feel as bad for as long.

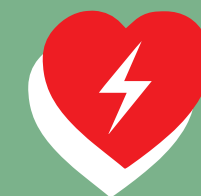
Besides getting the flu shot, there are everyday measures that you can follow during flu season:

- 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 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).

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

—PeaceHealth Family Medicine  
providers in Sedro-Woolley  
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- ♥ **Sea Mar Concrete Medical Clinic**  
7438 South D Ave, Concrete
- ♥ **Marblemount Community Center**  
60155 WA-20, Marblemount
- ♥ **Birdsview Brewing Company**  
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**Above:** Concrete senior Devin Blankenship gets a little help removing sod from his helmet from volunteer assistant coach Kendall Bass during the Lions' Oct. 11 home field game against La Conner. Tackled from behind, Blankenship had face-planted into the field and traveled a few feet before stopping.



**Above:** Volunteer "ghost" Jarrod Lee delivers an animated presentation during the 14th annual Ghost Walk in Concrete. Sponsored by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce and the Concrete Heritage Museum, the increasingly popular event drew record numbers of attendees to town this year. The Ghost Walk was held every Saturday evening in October, with two tours running at 6 and 8 p.m. instead of one tour per night. Lee's character was Jim, a bank robber who plied his trade on the bank in Concrete in 1941.

**Right:** More than 100 children buried the needle on the "cute meter" during the Trunk or Treat event at Bear Square in Concrete Town Center on Halloween. From left: Penelope Mitchell, 6, is Sally from "The Nightmare Before Christmas"; Evan, 4, and Eliza Miller, 3, also brought their spot-on interpretation of Jack Skellington and Sally from "Nightmare"; Ashlyn, Stephanie, and Jayden Morgareidge were a Gryffindor student from Hogwarts, Belle from "Beauty and the Beast," and the Grim Reaper, respectively; Paetyn Massingale, 5 months, made an adorable Groot.

# October in pictures



**Above:** Concrete Youth Cheerleaders show off their moves during halftime on Oct. 11, with the Concrete Lions football team hosting the La Conner Braves.



**Above:** Morgan Sample, 3, gets a stick-on deputy badge from Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy Bryan Clark during the annual Concrete Lions Halloween Party in the Concrete Elementary School gym.

**Above right:** Wee pig Nichole Linneman, 2, enjoys a taste of candy with her mom, August, at the Lions Club Halloween Party. Note the tiny corkscrew tail.

**Right:** Monique Cullen dressed as "Fake News" for the Lions Club Halloween Party, complete with hilarious headlines and logos from media outlets all over the world. *Concrete Herald*, *La Conner Weekly News*, and *Skagit Valley Herald* were NOT included in Cullen's costume.







# Hamilton



# Rockport



## Public hearing slated for proposed land use change

Town of Hamilton will hold a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use change, zoning change, and Development Agreement for the 43-acre property located at 34753 Walders Rd. in Hamilton.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tue., Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., at Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton.

The property is currently zoned as Residence and Agriculture (R-A). Town of Hamilton is proposing a change to the Comprehensive Plan Mapping designation and to rezone the property as Business-Commercial. The town also is proposing to enter a Development Agreement with

the landowner as a concurrent land use action with the Comprehensive Plan designation and rezone. Under the Development Agreement, the landowner is proposing a phased, mixed-use development that will include business and/or commercial development, open space with critical area protection, and up to 250 residential units with 35 percent qualifying as affordable as defined under HMC 10.33.070(B).

Written comments should be submitted to the Hamilton Town Clerk, Beth Easterday, at P.O. Box 528, Hamilton, WA 98255 or delivered in person at Town Hall. All comments must be submitted by Nov. 12.

The application and supporting documentation, including all environmental documents, can be reviewed at Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton.

## Council summary

*The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Sept. 10. Following is a summary of that meeting.*

### Sept. 10 regular meeting

- Council approved Resolution #07-2019, Annexation of Skagit County roadways along with the Forterra property. The roadways are Hamilton Cemetery Rd. from Shiloh Lane to SR 20, and Walders Rd. at the east edge of the Forterra property to Hamilton Cemetery Rd. The interlocal agreement with the county for road maintenance was discussed.
- Discussion item: "When does an RV stop being an RV?" Licensing requirements and requirements of Ordinances 330 and 331 were discussed. Council approved a motion to further discuss Ordinances 300 and 331 at a council workshop when the town revises its RV ordinances.
- Council postponed a decision for approval to sign a contract with a planner for the Forterra project. The contract states \$90 an hour with a limit of \$500 for SEPA work. Forterra will pay the bill.
- Council voted not to approve three

bids for fence work along Hamilton Ave. in the Town Park. Alternate funding sources were discussed.

- Council approved Ordinance 341, Code of Conduct, after discussion. Clerk Beth Easterday explained the RCW handout that clarified the RCWs mentioned in the ordinance.
- Discussion ensued about the amendment to the pay rate scale for a Code Enforcement Officer. Councilmember Perkins said the Town is looking to hire a Code Enforcement Officer in the near future. Council approved Ordinance 342.
- **Water:** Tom Selin stated that there was a leak on California St., and that affected the Water Loss Report, which was at 16 percent unaccounted for loss. Selin also reported that the divers will send a video of the tank dive that they performed on Sept. 6.
- **Fire:** The burn ban is discontinued as of Sept. 11. The fire dept. will take a truck to the Big Lake 9/11 Memorial Parade. Fire Chief Bates discussed that the company that currently services the Hamilton fire trucks is retiring. Chief Bates will get an interlocal agreement or contract to use the same company as Darrington

## From the Mayor

There will be a Public Hearing on Thur., Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall regarding the SEPA determination for the Forterra property, as well as for the preliminary budget. Please join us!



On Nov. 23, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group will add a picnic bench, a sign, and a walkway to the town property just west of the slough where Maple St. joins Lyman-Hamilton Rd. Come volunteer and say hello!

Denise DuVarney started a Block Watch program, which has fallen by the wayside. It would be great to have a few people from various corners of town who could meet once in a while to help keep an eye on things. If you are interested,

please drop a note with your water bill or e-mail townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com.

Do you know what the Town of Hamilton's highest natural hazards are? Did you say flood and volcanoes? I'm working on updating the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which goes along with the County Plan and has to be updated every five years. If you have questions or are curious about the town's strategies, please let me know.

Regardless of who gets elected, I am so appreciative of all the Hamilton residents who are voting. We had a huge turnout in comparison to other areas for the August primary, and I'm sure the November general election will be even bigger. Please be supportive of people as they settle into their jobs for the next four years. There is always a lot to learn, regardless of how long you've been in office, and it is not an easy job.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

## Birdsview Buzz

Happy fall, everyone!

All sorts of fun things are happening in Birdsview. The brewery has started its Birdsview history wall. Come check out the old pictures we are collecting, and if you have some of your own that you would like us to add, please feel free to share copies with us.

Also, during November we will collect nonperishable foods for the Concrete Food Bank, as well as pet food and supplies for the Skagit Valley Humane Society. Bring in your items anytime we are open. (Fall/winter hours: Tue.–Thur. noon to 7 p.m., Fri. and Sat. noon to 8 p.m., and Sun. noon to 6 p.m.).

We have music every weekend now,

with a wide variety of musical talents. Here's the November schedule:

- Nov. 8: Queens Blue Grass
- Nov. 9: Mary & Katy
- Nov. 15: Don Kellogg
- Nov. 16: Marcia Kester
- Nov. 22: Dakota Poorman
- Nov. 23: Clyde
- Nov. 30: Wes Jones

Next month we will host our winter Beerzar. If you are a vendor and interested, please contact us. Limited spaces available.

We also will adopt families from Grandy Creek Grocery again this year. So if you want to help us, let us know.

Have a great month!

—Kris Voigt

and bring it to council in the next two months. Councilmember Perkins asked if it would be prudent to have the truck serviced now before the current company retires. Chief Bates will schedule service. Chief Bates has information about an instructor

who teaches CPR, trauma, and wound care.

- Mayor Cromley stated there is AWC Elected Officials Essentials class on Dec. 7 in Arlington.

—Compiled from staff minutes

## Wolf public comment period extended two weeks

The public's chance to comment on how Washington's gray wolves should be managed once they are no longer state-listed as endangered, and where they are managed under state authority has been extended two weeks, until Nov. 15.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is using a multi-year State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process to develop a post-recovery wolf management and conservation plan. The plan development includes a public outreach component.

The public can provide input through 5 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 15. After that, the next opportunity will be when WDFW drafts an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in late 2020, which will evaluate actions, alternatives, and impacts related to long-term wolf conservation and management.

"The current plan the department uses to guide wolf conservation and management was started in 2007 and developed over five years specifically to inform wolf recovery. Because wolves are moving toward recovery in Washington, it is time to develop a new plan," said Julia Smith, WDFW wolf coordinator. "This is just the start of the process, so if you don't get your input to us by Nov. 15, there will be more opportunities in 2020."

Since 2008, the state's wolf population

has grown an average of 28 percent per year. With a minimum of 126 individuals, 27 packs, and 15 successful breeding pairs during the last annual population survey, biologists are confident that Washington's wolf population is on a path to successful recovery.

"Although it may be a few years before meeting wolf recovery goals, we want to proactively start the conversation about how we should conserve and manage wolves in Washington for the long-term in our state, post-recovery," said Smith.

More information, background, and frequently asked questions on wolf post-recovery planning is on the WDFW website.

An online survey and online commenting are available at [wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/post-recovery-planning](http://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/post-recovery-planning).

There is also a comment form that can be printed and mailed to the Department, or general comments can be sent through the U.S. Mail to Lisa Wood, SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Habitat Program, Protection Division, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504.

Comments submitted via mail must be postmarked by Nov. 15.

—Submitted by WDFW

## State Parks announces free days

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission again offered 12 free days this year, in which day-use visitors won't need a Discover Pass to visit state parks by vehicle. In the *Concrete Herald* coverage area, the free days program affects Rasar State Park in Birdsview and Rockport State Park near Rockport.

The remaining 2019 State Parks free days are:

- Nov. 11
- Nov. 29

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

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

## Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center seeks volunteers

Are you ready for a unique volunteer opportunity? Become a volunteer at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center for the 2019–2020 winter season.

The center is located in Rockport and provides education about bald eagles during the peak of eagle migration.

If you're passionate about environmental stewardship and working with the public, join our dynamic team this winter. Get up close and personal with bald eagles in their natural habitat and learn about the relationship between eagles and our environment from a unique group of individuals.

Volunteers needed weekends December through January. Volunteer training is Sat., Nov. 23 at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center. To sign up send an e-mail to [srbeatic@frontier.com](mailto:srbeatic@frontier.com) or go to [www.skagiteagle.org](http://www.skagiteagle.org).

—Judy Hemenway

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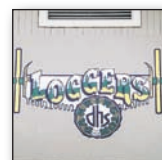
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# Darrington



## Internet users get update

A small and dedicated group met Oct. 18 at North Counties Family Services in Darrington to hear Jeromy Statia, vice president of the Darrington Internet Users Association, (DIUA) give a screen presentation for the annual meeting.

Jeromy explained the current status and how far the group has come with reference to current members, financial standing, equipment purchased, and estimated time of service delivery. Current membership stands at 60 households, including members who live outside of Darrington proper.

A donation of \$28,000 was received from United Way, along with a \$50,000 private donation and \$846.60, in memberships.

DIUA has spent \$48,000 on hardware, ready to be installed. Operational costs of \$3,228 for maintaining the Web site, mailings, fees, FCC licensing, and insurance have been covered. DIUA maintains a bank balance of \$28,000 for future expenditures.

DIUA has acquired the necessary operating licenses and is ready to begin operation as soon as they get the "green light." Contracts for the three towers are needed to begin operation, and meetings are under way. Once the final contracts are signed, DIUA will be able to announce the what, when, where, and how of beginning service.

DIUA continues to pursue grants and donations. WAVE Broadband continues its partnership.

Town of Darrington and Darrington Fire District continue their support. The fire station has made an entire room available for data services. Several organizations share a tower north of Island Crossing, including 911, PUD, and several fire stations. This tower is equipped to withstand earthquakes and other disasters, making it a good choice for sending the Internet signal up the valley.

The tower on Gold Hill will provide Internet to members with a clear line of sight. This also holds true for members with a clear line of sight to Fraley Mountain, west of Oso. DIUA will work with members without a clear line of sight to any of the towers with recommendations for hardware.

"We are proud to have accomplished as much as we have in the two years since conception," said Statia. "There were groups who said it couldn't be done and now, presented with the facts, are impressed with how quickly DIUA has progressed. No one on the board has ever been involved with starting an Internet service like this. We're close, we're really close, to providing service."

DIUA is seeking an individual to fill the president position. Anyone interested should have excellent business skills and be able to commit to the volunteer position.

DIUA meets the first Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., at North Counties' Family Services. The public is invited to attend.

—Marla Skaglund

## Council summary

*Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on Sept. 11, 2019. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.*

### Sept. 11 regular meeting

- Councilmember Gary Willis said that DOL needs to be brought back into the office. Mayor Dan Rankin explained that the county auditors would like to add another Friday to the current schedule. The county also would want Town Hall to be open on Saturdays. Willis would like a meeting arranged with the county and DOL. Discussion ensued.
- Councilmember Kevin Ashe requested an update on the bike trails. The official opening has been pushed back. Ashe wants to make sure that the opening date is made public.
- Grizzly bears: The comment period is going to be reopened. Ashe would like to town to send a reply.
- Water bank: No current update, but discussion ensued.
- Carved statue at the Community Center: Willis would like the process started to have the carved statue moved to Old School Park or wherever else the town decides to put it. Willis looked at the scale shack and is worried about having it moved because of the condition of that structure.
- Council approved going to bid for the Montague Ave. and the Mountain Loop Highway/Riddle St. waterline projects.
- Well No. 3 fence bid approval: Willis and Mayor Rankin had looked at a building that is not owned by the town that is encroaching on the property. They believe that a solution can be determined so the fence can be erected without the burden of changing or moving the building in

question. Council voted to approve going out for a bid to build the fence around Well No. 3.

- Due diligence for the UGA swap for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan revision: Amy is present to discuss the motion that the Planning Commission had recommended to the council. Council voted to approve Mayor Rankin to begin the process of proposing changes to the boundary of the Darrington Urban Growth Area and starting the public outreach process and feasibility study for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.
- Approval to request proposals for geotechnical services, property survey, and wetlands assessment: Mayor Rankin discussed the funding for the services and the services that are needed for the property acquisition for the town. Council voted to approve the town to request proposals for feasibility studies for geotechnical services, property survey, and wetland assessment, contingent on funding from CERB reallocated funds.
- Council approved the town to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- Willis voiced concern about the airport taxiway. He wanted to know if there is grant money that can be had for filling the cracks. Jim Hale was present to discuss the issue.
- Ashe reported that the Mountain Loop Feasibility study is ending. The committee will meet on Sept. 26.
- Ashe asks if the town is looking for older machine/historical items to be placed around the town. Discussion ensued.

—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>.

## WDFW and partners release eight fishers in North Cascades

State, federal, and partner biologists on Oct. 24 released eight fishers in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest as part of an effort to restore the species to Washington State.

The four female and four male fishers were captured in Alberta, Canada, as part of a multi-year project to reintroduce approximately 80 fishers to the North Cascades. They underwent veterinary checkups at The Calgary Zoo and were equipped with radio transmitters to track their movements and population recovery over time.

This latest fisher release is part of an ongoing partnership led by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the National Park Service, and Conservation Northwest to restore the carnivores to Washington's Cascade Mountains and the Olympic Peninsula.

Fishers are a house cat-sized member of the weasel family. They were eliminated from Washington by the mid-1900s as a result of overtrapping and habitat loss, and are listed as Endangered by the state of Washington.

Fishers are related to wolverines and otters, and are native to the forests of Washington, including the Cascade mountain range. Fishers prey on various smaller mammals—mountain beavers, squirrels, and snowshoe hares—and fishers are one of the few predators of porcupines.

"Fishers are vulnerable, and we are working alongside partners, demonstrating creativity and persistence together to bring them back," said Kelly Susewind, WDFW Director.

Conservation Northwest coordinated with trappers in Alberta to humanely acquire fishers for release, which are then health-screened and housed by The Calgary Zoo. The nonprofit also supports fisher monitoring with volunteers and remote cameras through its Citizen Wildlife Monitoring Project.

Fishers have been released in the North and South Cascades and on the Olympic Peninsula. Other release locations have included Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount Rainier National Park.

Monitoring efforts show released animals have demonstrated signs of establishing themselves throughout the Olympic Peninsula and the southern Cascades, and that they have begun to reproduce.

Re-establishing viable populations of fishers in the Olympic and Cascade Mountains are important steps to down-listing the species in Washington State. The state recovery plan and implementation plan for fisher reintroduction in the Cascades can be found at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/pekania-pennanti#conservation>.

A voluntary fisher conservation program (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/pekania-pennanti#conservation>) is available to private forest landowners, which provides regulatory assurances should the species ever become listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. To date 60 landowners have enrolled 3.32 million acres in fisher conservation.

The work is supported by trappers, local native American tribes, and international partners like the Calgary Zoo and Canadian First Nations.

## Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

### Oct. 7

At approximately 1:30 p.m., deputies responded to a shooting in the 11000 block of 72nd Ave. NE in Arlington.

The victim, a 37-year-old Everett man, suffered a gunshot wound to his chest and later died at the hospital.

During the investigation, detectives learned the victim had arrived at the residence of a 37-year-old Arlington man and engaged in a physical altercation before shooting the Arlington man in the arm.



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The Arlington man gained control of the gun and returned shots at the Everett man.

The Everett man suffered a life-threatening gunshot wound to his chest. He was transported by aid to Providence Regional Medical Center, where he died. The Arlington man's gunshot wound on his arm was nonlife-threatening; he was transported by aid to Providence Regional Medical Center.

At press time, no arrests had been made, but detectives with the Major Crimes Unit continue to investigate the incident.

Identification of the deceased, as well as cause and manner, will come from the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

### Oct. 24

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office announced today that the Snohomish County Jail had expanded medication-assisted treatment (MAT), making it available to all inmates who qualify for the program. In the first two weeks of the program, 197 inmates were enrolled in MAT. Snohomish County is one of the first large jails in the nation to offer comprehensive treatment options to all inmates with heroin or other opioid-related disorders.

The initial pilot MAT program was

launched in January 2018 in collaboration with Ideal Option, a substance use disorder treatment provider.

Any inmate with current or a history of opiate addiction, currently on buprenorphine through Ideal Option or another prescriber, or tests positive for opiates during the booking process is eligible to participate. Not all inmates may qualify for the expanded MAT program.

—Submitted by SCSO

## Old-Time Community Dance

Sat., Nov. 9  
Potluck: 6 p.m.  
Dance: 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Live music by Heliotrope  
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# Marblemount



# Newhalem



**Oxley Hall, 2**, from Marblemount, looked proper as a puppy during the Trunk or Treat activity in Concrete Town Center on Halloween.

## Marblemount Community Club presents its Holiday Bazaar

Marblemount Community Club will host its annual Holiday Bazaar on Sun., Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marblemount Community Hall.

This year the event will begin with breakfast: eggs and pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice, as well as a hot chocolate bar.

A new twist this year: a gingerbread house contest with prizes, plus a silent auction. Age groups for the contest: 3 to 5 years old, 6 to 8 years old, 9 to 12 years old, teens 13 to 19 years, and adults. All gingerbread houses must be edible. Participants may opt to have their creation sold at silent auction, or they can take it home after the bazaar. All entries must be brought to the Marblemount Hall on Sat., Nov. 30, between noon and 2 p.m. or on Sunday before 10 a.m. to be judged and

ribbons awarded.

Start your shopping early by visiting the many vendors, homemade items, collectibles, and creative crafts and goods. Come to the cookie decorating table and make a special cookie to take home.

Like most holiday bazaars, Santa will be available for every youngster and the young at heart, waiting to hear your secrets.

Marblemount Community Hall is located at 60155 SR 20 in Marblemount.

### New members

The Marblemount Community Club Board of Directors welcomes 15 new members from its October Membership Drive.

Marblemount Community Hall holds monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and see what the hall can offer them and their families, as well as see all the planned events for the year. Book a party or a fundraiser; the hall is here for the community.

—Syvella Kalil

## The good news is ...

By Sasa, Starwalker, and Two Hats

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times ... if one only remembers to turn on the light."

—Albus Dumbledore

Coming in December: Holiday Hearts Arts & Crafts Faire and Supply Drive, on Sat., Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Come for free music, snacks, and a wonderful variety of art projects to try out. Here are just a few of the artistic possibilities:

- Starburst mandalas
- Card-making
- Cookie cutter ornaments
- Winter solstice lanterns
- Hot cocoa mix
- Winter wreaths, Love notes
- Holiday gift giving through artistic expression

Come one, come all to celebrate our beautiful seasons and holidays in a variety of ways together.

Art supply drive: All nontoxic arts and crafts supplies graciously welcomed, including paper, pens, pencils, fabric, buttons, ribbons, wood, paint, cookie cutters, mason jars, and anything else one might find hiding in the attic or basement. Have stuff you don't know what to do with? Bring it and we will explore some possibilities.

This is one of many fun events coming your way in the Upper Skagit. We have a variety of events in the works for community connection, health, and happiness. Have some fun ideas? Want to share an artskill? Send us an e-mail at [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com).

Contact Sasa at [cascadiaeffect@gmail.com](mailto:cascadiaeffect@gmail.com). Experiences may be shared at <http://cascadiaeffect.weebly.com>.

## Marblemount author dances with the unknown

By Sarah Fierbaugh

Marblemount local and author Wayne Carter took some time to talk about his recent book signing, his life's journey, and what lies ahead for him.

In September, Carter made his author's debut speaking at the Upper Skagit Library. When asked how it went, he said, "Terrible! I speak in front of people all the time. This is the first time I've spoken about my writing before. I felt clumsy. The people there were great, though. Lots of folks and all really engaged."

In *Dancing in the Unknown: Real Stories of the Trials and Triumphs of Living Your life Your Way*, by Betsy Chasse, Carter shares his experience with traumatic brain injury. After a vehicle collision, Carter was left with challenges that forever changed the way in which he lived his life.

In *Shamanism in the new Millennium*, by Cate Montana, Carter shares a glimpse into the study of becoming a healer. Because of his Native American heritage, he experiences a unique perspective on human experiences.

Carter spends a great deal of time pursuing his inner peace. He heals by sharing that peace with those around him.

## Prepare now for winter snow and ice

Studded tires allowed in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31

With winter fast approaching, now is the time for travelers to make sure they're prepared for driving in inclement weather. The Washington State Department



Local author Wayne Carter, with his life companion, Soul-o. Photo by Sarah Fierbaugh.

Already a published author, he has another publication in the works. "The book should be out in June 2019," Carter jokes. He hopes to complete his first book in 2020.



Photographer Cookson Beecher submitted this photo she snapped on Oct. 1 of hundreds of pink salmon spawning alongside the bank in Goodell Creek near Newhalem.

"They were born here, went to the ocean to live until adulthood, and then swam up the Skagit River and from there up Goodell Creek," wrote Beecher.

"They're in their last stage of life. The females are depositing eggs in the gravel and the males are fertilizing the eggs. After that, they die. They're also called 'humpies' for the hump the males develop on their back during this stage of their life. No, they don't look all that attractive right now. They're pretty worn out from the trip back to their 'mother waters'."

"According to the state's Fish and Wildlife Service, humpy returns to the Skagit River weren't very good this year, which meant recreational fishing was closed," wrote Beecher.

of Transportation (WSDOT) urges all travelers to start preparing themselves and their vehicles before traveling on snow and ice. Drivers can check out WSDOT's winter driving Web page for tips and information. WSDOT also asks travelers to always "know before you go" and get the most up-to-date roadway information before heading out.

To check conditions and prepare for winter weather:

- Download the WSDOT mobile app.
- Follow WSDOT's regional and pass accounts on Twitter, the agency's Facebook site, and online travel alerts.

- Sign up for email and/or text updates 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 are also available on highway-advisory signs, 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

Although some vehicle manufacturers recommend against the use of tire chains for certain models, that doesn't excuse travelers from state traction device laws. These requirements exist to help keep all traffic moving safely during extreme winter conditions.

The Washington State Patrol provides an online list of approved, alternative-traction devices that meet state traction requirements. All travelers are reminded





# Seniors

## Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

### Hearty cabbage and sausage soup



This is good and very easy. I usually double the recipe, which makes a big kettle full, and serves 8 to 10. I also add a couple of carrots. Sautéed mushrooms may also be added.

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion (I used large)
- 1 stalk celery (I used several)
- 2 Tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 Tablespoon dill weed (I left out)
- 1 Tablespoon chives
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 cups water
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- ½ pound kielbasa or polish sausage
- 1 16-oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 15-oz. can kidney beans (drained and rinsed)

1. Saute onion and celery in oil and butter.
2. Add 4 cups water and spices.
3. Slice sausage.
4. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 30 minutes.

## Way Back When

### 80 years ago

Nov. 9, 1939: While Halloween proved to be quite harmless in most other valley communities this year, reports from Marblemount reveal that community is still recovering from the visitation of some very malicious pranksters.

The pranks were of a serious nature and sent one resident to bed for several days, suffering with two black eyes and numerous bruises from an attack by youngsters who pelted him with apples and rocks. Another resident had his porch lights shot out with a rifle and

received similar treatment when he went outside to protest.

The pranksters were Marblemount youngsters, including grade, high school, and older youngsters. County authorities have been called to investigate and are planning to take action against the leaders of the gang.

### 60 years ago

Nov. 26, 1959: Three opportunists from Sedro-Woolley were in the county jail this week on charges of attempting to steal a safe in broad daylight.

The three men—Orville Lennox, 56; Edwin Dahlbey, 52; and Chester “Ted” Lewis, 38—came along Tuesday morning after the Junction Tavern in Hamilton had burned to the ground, saw the safe

standing in the ruins, put a line on it, and started up the road toward the hills.

The tavern, owned by Fred Markey, had caught fire about 3 a.m. that day, and Markey had stayed at the scene until about 9 a.m., when he left to get some breakfast. While he was gone, the safe was stolen.

Clarence Painter, a friend of Markey's, saw the truck going up the road, dragging the big safe behind, and notified Markey. With Painter, Ellis Watts, and Eric Sandahl of Hamilton as a posse, they set out after the culprits and found them, still dragging the safe.

The trio claimed it was merely a gag, but the owner thought

See **Way Back**, p. 29



**40 years ago, Nov. 15, 1979:** Concrete Grade School students have just completed a week of special art projects, with visiting artist D'Arcie Beylebiere as instructor. Under a cultural enrichment program funded by the State Arts Commission, instructors conduct art workshops in smaller schools throughout the state. Pictured completing their three-dimensional projects are, from left, Kelli Vate, Tonia Gaudette, Greg Monrad, Robbie Beazizo, and Donnie Ross. All are fifth grade students of Eleanor Ovenell. *Archive photo.*

## East County

### Nov. 2019 activities

Concrete Community Center  
Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch served at noon

Fresh Start kitchen internships available

Donations always appreciated

### Abbreviations:

East County Resource Center: RC

Concrete Community Center: CC

### Monday

All 9 a.m. Edge Analytical water sample pickup: RC  
11/18 5:30 p.m. Cascade Days Committee: CC

### Tuesday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC  
11/12 1 p.m. American Legion Post 132: RC

### Wednesday

All 9 a.m. VA Service Officer: RC  
All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC (retail job training volunteer needed)  
11/6 1 p.m. GED Class: RC  
11/13 1 p.m. GED Class: RC  
11/20 1 p.m. GED Class: RC

### Thursday

All 10 a.m. Community Closet: CC  
11/7 10 a.m. DVSAS: RC  
11/7 12:30 a.m. Pinochle: CC  
11/7 1 p.m. GED Class: RC  
11/14 10 a.m. WIC: RC  
11/21 12:30 p.m. Pinochle: RC  
11/21 1 p.m. GED Class: RC  
11/21 4 p.m. DVSAS: RC  
11/28 10 a.m. WIC: RC

### Friday

All Noon Painting class: RC  
11/15 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki: CC  
11/22 10:30 a.m. Community Center mtg: RC

### Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting: RC

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otherwise, as the safe contained considerable money and valuable items. The case will be in the hands of the prosecutor for further action.

### 50 years ago

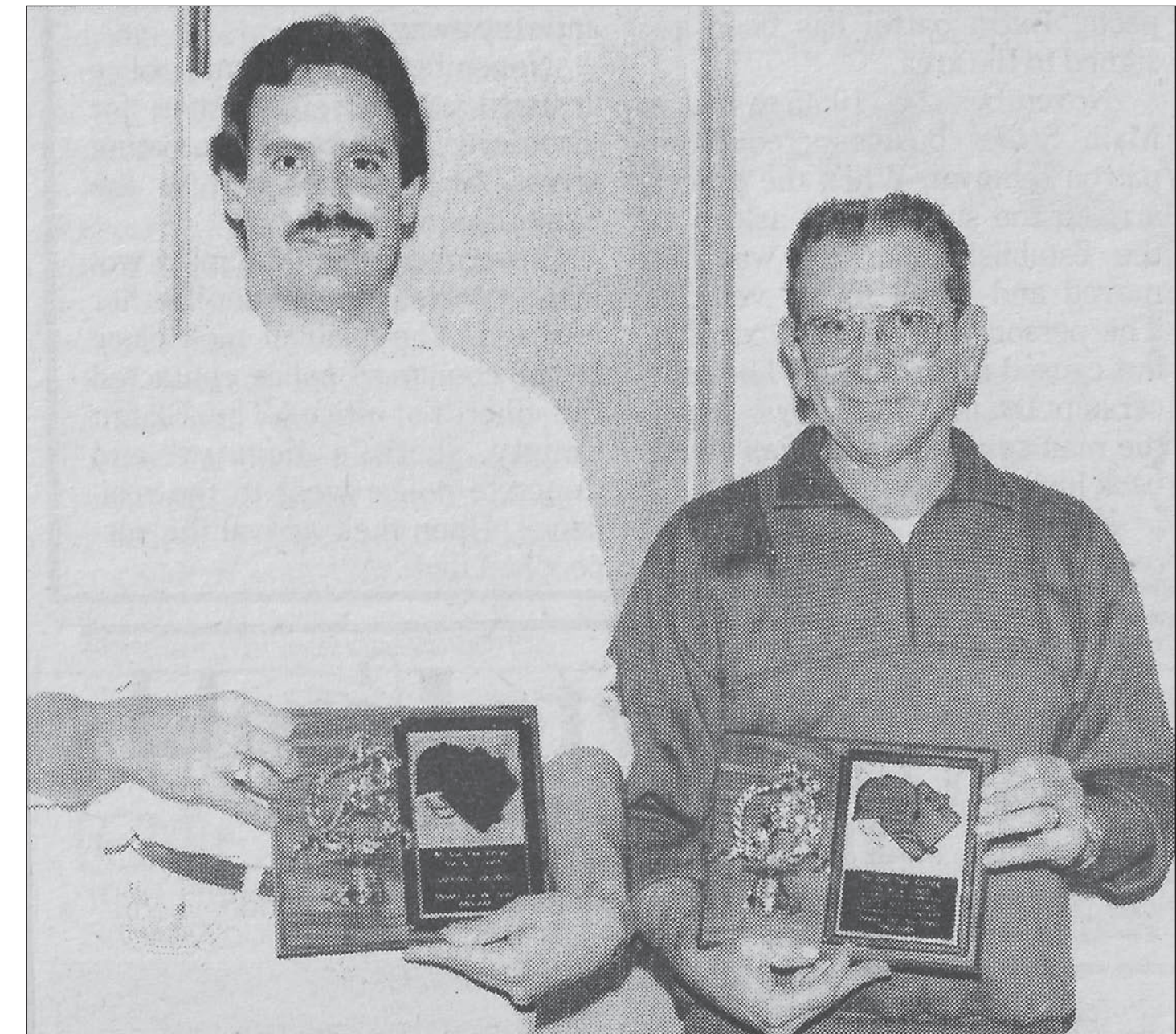
Nov. 5, 1969: Seattle City Light was granted authorization to file an application for an FPC license

to increase the height of Ross Dam by the Seattle City Council in a close vote last week. The council approved the authorization by a 5 to 4 vote at its Oct. 30 meeting.

The addition to Ross Dam will raise the level of the lake from full elevation of 1,602.5 feet to 1,725 feet. The increased height will provide 37,000 kilowatts of firm energy and 204,000

kilowatts of peaking capacity. The increase in kilowatts will mean an annual benefit of \$3 million to an annual cost of \$2 million. At the expiration of the 50-year write-off period, the benefits to City Light consumers would be in excess of \$3 million annually, according to City Light officials.

—Compiled from archives



**30 years ago, Nov. 30, 1989:** Dennis Brown (left) and Dave Williams were honored last week at the Upriver Cougar Little League Football banquet for their many years of volunteering their time and energy to coaching. Both coaches have announced that this would be their last season of coaching. They were presented plaques by the players and parents. They will be missed by all who are involved in the program. *Archive photo.*

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# Sunday School lesson

## To seek and to save

By Bruce Martin

In the Gospel of Luke, we find a compelling story of a man named Zacchaeus, who was a tax collector. He lived in the city of Jericho, which was a wealthy and prosperous commercial center. It was a great place to be a tax collector, yet he was the one man in the city who was hated equally by everyone. People despised him not just because he overcharged them to supplement his own income, but because they considered Zacchaeus a traitor. He collected taxes for the oppressive Roman government. The Scripture tells us that despite his great wealth, in his heart Zacchaeus was restless and searching. The way he had chosen was not satisfying the empty place in his soul. We may find in our own lives that the things we have pursued and invested our life's energies into have not brought the satisfaction that they promised. It is essential that we seek and find those things that are of eternal value. Jesus asked the question, "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?" (Mark 8:36 NLT). We are accosted by many empty promises in the world as we search for contentment, meaning, and fulfillment. In his desperation to seek Jesus, the Bible tells us that Zacchaeus took some great risks.

He went out into a public setting where there was a great crowd of people, which was dangerous for a man in his business, and because he wasn't tall enough to see over the crowd, he climbed a tree beside the street where Jesus was walking.

Was it courage? Determination? Or was it spiritual hunger and desperation? Whatever the reason, it drove Zacchaeus to do something bold to get to Jesus.

There are many barriers that keep us from meeting Jesus face to face and experiencing the life change that salvation brings. Some are physical or natural barriers because of where we live. Others are barriers that have been caused by other people, perhaps even those who were supposed to represent Jesus. Still others are great barriers that we have created ourselves by the choices we have made.

There is no barrier too great to keep you and me from Jesus. God knows our hearts, and when we, like Zacchaeus, are determined to get to Him, there is no power on heaven and earth that can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39). Jesus knew exactly where Zacchaeus was and He walked directly to the spot, looked up in the tree and spoke to him, "Quick, come down, I must be a guest in your home today."

The Bible says that Zacchaeus got down quickly and with great excitement and joy took Jesus to his home.

Not everyone was pleased that Jesus would take such a detour. How could He be the guest of such a notorious "sinner"? The truth is that Jesus loves sinful people

right where they are!

The last verse of this story really sums up the whole theme of the gospel of Luke and the whole theme of the Bible. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man (speaking of Himself) came to seek and to save those who were lost" (Luke 19:10 NLT).

The simplest definition of "lost" is to "be in the wrong place." The Bible tells us we were created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26), with the capacity to know and fellowship with Him in a personal relationship. People who are "lost" spiritually are those whose sins have separated them from God. When Zacchaeus came face to face with Jesus, his life was changed. Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house ..." (19:9). Not only did Zacchaeus put his faith in Jesus' power to forgive his sin, but he demonstrated it by making things right with those he had cheated (19:8). For the man whose God had become money, that was a true life change. The real evidence of salvation is Christlike transformation.

Salvation and transformation are the great themes of Easter. Jesus came, lived a sinless life, preached repentance and salvation, then went to the cross and gave that life for the sins of the world. On the third day He rose victorious over death, sin, and the grave that you and I might live a new life and live it to the fullest extent possible; found, free, and living to do exactly what we were created to do: love God with all our hearts and serve one another in that same unconditional love.

Those who were once lost have now

been found in Jesus Christ. That is cause to rejoice, dear friends!

*Bruce Martin is pastor of Concrete Assembly of God. This column first appeared in the April 2013 issue of Concrete Herald.*



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# Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

Sept. 25

As Deputy Mullen was patrolling the area of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. near Cedar Grove, he observed a vehicle with a broken headlight and no tail lights traveling toward Cedar Grove. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. Deputy Mullen cited the driver for driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 26

A white pickup and a green car were seen on Healy Rd. near Hamilton, driving slowly through the neighborhood. The reporting party thought the vehicles were suspicious and may be out looking for residences to break into or stuff to steal.

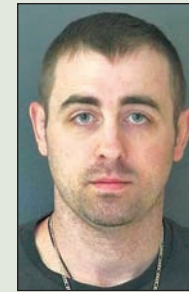
Dispatch advised that a caller had reported a male chasing a female with a bat or an axe. Deputy Mullen arrived and

## Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

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

**Bigbie, Richard  
Conrad**

Age: 35  
Race: White  
Sex: M  
Height: 5' 9"  
Weight: 170  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Green  
Address: 402xx  
Cape Horn Rd.,  
Concrete



Bigbie was convicted of attempted 2nd degree child molestation and communication with a minor in March 2018, in Skagit County.

Bigbie 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

located the female who was involved. She said that she and her boyfriend were having an argument, but nothing physical occurred. She said that he had left before deputies arrived. Deputy Mullen advised her that he didn't believe her and said that he believed her boyfriend was inside the trailer. He asked her to go in and ask her boyfriend to come out to speak with him. She went into the trailer and deputy Mullen could hear her walk back and forth while talking to someone. She came out and again denied the suspect was in the trailer. Deputies asked if they could check the trailer and she told them no, not without a warrant. The deputies left and shortly afterwards saw a person matching the description of the suspect leave the trailer. They attempted to contact the suspect, but he fled.

Sept. 28

Deputy Case observed a car westbound on SR 20 near Division St. in Concrete. Using his radar, he measured the vehicle's speed at 45 mph in a 35 mph zone. When he contacted the driver of the car, he discovered the driver did not have a valid license but was suspended. The driver also had a warrant for his arrest for failing to transfer the vehicle title within 45 days of purchase. The jail declined to take the suspect on the warrant, and he was given a new court date.

A resident living on Hamilton Cemetery Rd. advised that someone was getting into her car without permission. Deputies arrived and checked the area, but were unable to find the suspects.

Sept. 29

While patrolling the Cedar Grove community looking for suspicious activity, Deputy Case saw a male walking down Baker Loop Rd. late at night. He was able to identify the suspect, who had five warrants for his arrest. Deputy Case contacted the jail, which declined to book him. The suspect was booked and released by Deputy Case, and given a new court date.

Sept. 30

A resident at the Mountain View apartments in Concrete called to report that his ex-girlfriend was there yelling at him. The reporting party said that the ex-girlfriend was accusing him of stealing her weed. Deputy Passovoy responded. The reporting party said that the weed had belonged to him originally and he was just taking it back. After talking to both parties, Deputy Passovoy determined that no crime had been committed.

At approximately 8 p.m., Deputy Mullen was leaving the East Detachment Office

when he was contacted by a juvenile female just outside the office. She told Deputy Mullen that someone in a small, peach-colored car had approached her and offered her drugs. She indicated that this had occurred near the Concrete Community Center. When Deputy Mullen checked the area, he found a small white car with two occupants. It appeared from their behavior that both were under the influence of drugs. When Deputy Mullen contacted them, both admitted to taking heroin but denied talking to anyone or offering anyone drugs. One of them had warrants and also a no-contact order against the other subject, who was in the car. She was arrested and later taken to jail. While contacting the two in the car, Deputy Mullen was advised that the father of the female called and advised that someone in a black truck had offered his daughter drugs and tried to get her into the truck. When the father went to confront the suspect, the suspect chased him around Concrete. Deputy Mullen tried to determine if this was the same person the juvenile female had referenced earlier or if it was another incident. After investigating, Deputy Mullen was unable to determine why the father's story was

different than the juvenile female. Deputy Mullen was able to have the father send pictures of the black Toyota truck to him that may have been involved.

While doing routine sex offenders checks, Deputy Arndt discovered that a sex offender, Mickie Ryan Buchanan, who lives at an address near Hamilton, had moved and was no longer living at his registered address. A warrant for his arrest has since been requested for Failure to Register. Buchanan currently has two felony warrants for his arrest for 2nd degree assault and illegal possession of a firearm.

Washington State Patrol called to report that a radio tower in Rockport had been burglarized. Deputy Passovoy investigated and discovered that someone had cut the fence around the radio tower and stolen some gas. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 1

Concrete High School staff called about a student who had threatened to damage a vehicle belonging to a teacher. Deputy Passovoy investigated the incident. She determined that the student had told a

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# Worship directory

## Assembly of God

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

## Citipoint Church North Cascade

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

## Baptist

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

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

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

## Catholic

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

## Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

## Episcopal

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

## Free Methodist

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

## Lutheran

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

## Methodist

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

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

## Mormon

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

## Nondenominational

**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  
Sun. School: 9 a.m.; Worship Svc: 10 a.m.  
Childcare/Children's Ministries at both  
Contact church for other ministries

## Presbyterian

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

## The RIVER Gathering

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

## Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

## Wildwood Chapel

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



## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

"Concrete forged in fires: 1915"  
Part 2

For those having a difficult time imagining Town of Concrete to be the bustling metropolis it was in the early 1900s, I suggest you go to [www.concreteheritagemuseum.org](http://www.concreteheritagemuseum.org) and view the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps dated 1912. While the maps do not name the businesses identified on the maps, it does label the types of businesses located in town. Numerous buildings included several businesses, so some imagination is still required. Sanborn Maps helped insurance companies determine their insurance rates by the risk of the entire neighborhood. Considering several fires devastated large sections of Concrete during its early years, this approach was prudent.

Sanborn Insurance Maps have become well known throughout the nation because the maps provide a snapshot in time of many communities, leaving a lasting legacy. Their detailed maps identify not only the businesses, but the details of each building's construction.

Unfortunately, not all of Concrete merited inclusion on the three-map series; however, the area destroyed by the 1915

fire on the south side of Main Street is depicted on the map titled "Baker River Lumber Company." In 1912, when the Sanborn Map was created, there were about 99 businesses of one kind or another in Concrete. The exact number is difficult to discern since the map refers to numerous "lodgings," that in reality ran the gamut from hourly rentals to longer terms, to shopkeepers living above or behind their businesses.

The buildings destroyed include Bryson's Grocery Store, Concrete Drug Company, Griffin Hotel, Bjerstet and Weir Confectionery, Horseshoe Bar, Binzer's Barber Shop, and the poolroom. The Van Kirk Building was in flames at midnight, but the concentrated efforts soon brought the fire under control. A total of 31 businesses were damaged or destroyed. This doesn't equate to 31 buildings, since many buildings housed multiple businesses.

One of the notable buildings destroyed was the Griffin Hotel. The guests of the Griffin Hotel barely had time to get out of the burning building as the frame structure burned rapidly, making it impossible to save any of the furnishings. The Griffin

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## Civil Air Patrol

The Concrete group of Skagit Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary, has been busy with training and planning local activities before the end of the year.

During October we opened one of our weekly meetings to the public and greeted some new faces with interest in learning more about, as well as joining, CAP.

On Oct. 31 we provided a station for games and candy, as well as clean-up assistance, for the Lions Club family Halloween party at Concrete Elementary School.

On Nov. 7 we will participate in the honoring of those who have served in our armed forces during Darrington School District's two Veterans Day assemblies.

On Nov. 9 you can find us at Albert's Red Apple in Grasmere with a fundraising table for the Wreaths Across America.

Please come by to visit with us and consider giving a \$15 donation sponsoring a Christmas wreath laid at the grave of a veteran buried at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. \$5 of each \$15 tax-deductible donation goes directly to Skagit Composite Squadron. Last year we raised \$350—the equivalent of 22 wreaths. We hope to surpass that this year; please consider helping us reach that goal to support WWA, your local Civil Air Patrol squadron, and programs for cadets, ages 12–18.

If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact us: E-mail inquiries can be sent to [kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov](mailto:kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov) or the squadron commander at [robert.shupe@wawg.cap.gov](mailto:robert.shupe@wawg.cap.gov).

—2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke

## At the Upper Skagit Library

Hello! Hello! Hello! Thank you to everyone who showed up for the library's 1st Annual Zombie Walk, led by the author of the *Warm Bodies* series, Isaac Marion. It was a blast! We walked to the Henry Thompson Bridge and met some willing zombies, who followed us slowly through Concrete and back to the library for a Q&A and book signing with Isaac Marion, and enjoyed super yummys baked by 5b's Bakery and Tess.

We also thank those of you who came to "Friday Night Frights" to watch "Nosferatu," "Frankenweenie," and "Warm Bodies." Thank you to the kiddos, who made cool crafts and helped us decorate the library for the season.

Our Technology Specialist Loly Gomez was at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center on Nov. 2 to celebrate Dia De Los Muertos with the Central Skagit Library. This free event had arts, crafts, dancing, and more.

We are slowing down our programming for the month of November to catch our breaths and start planning next year's events. We still have Tech Tutoring every first and third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your laptop, phone, or whatever device you need help

with and we will do what we can to help. Storytime has returned on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Families are welcome to join us at 11 a.m. for stories and a craft.

November is National Novel Writing Month and we are participating by being a Come Write-In Space, where you can come to work on your novel. We also are holding a free Writer's Workshop for adults on Sat., Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. It will be led by local author Nicola Pearson.

Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees Annual Budget Meeting will be Nov. 14 at 4 p.m., with the regular monthly board meeting to follow. Public is welcome.

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 27, and will be closed Nov. 28–29, with regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. resuming on Sat., Nov. 30.

For more on all the happenings at the library, go to [www.upper-skagitlibrary.org](http://www.upper-skagitlibrary.org). You also can find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. If you sign up for our monthly newsletter, we will e-mail it to you and you will always know about events at the library!

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

## November at the Darrington Library

### Children & Families

- Little Science Lab for preschoolers, Fridays, Nov. 8–29, 3:30 p.m., library meeting room. In partnership with Imagine Children's Museum, join us for a 30-minute weekly science, technology, engineering, and math program that encourages preschool-age children to explore the world around them.
- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Nov. 6–27 at 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.
- LEGO Club. Create with LEGO at the library. Thur., Nov. 7, 3 p.m.
- Great Candy Shakeout. Learn about plate tectonics using candy bars. Thur., Oct. 17, at 3 p.m.

### Tweens & Teens

- Win It in a Minute games, Thur., Nov. 14, 3:30 p.m.

### All Ages

- Friends of the Darrington Library meeting, Wed., Nov. 6, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Darrington Library meeting room.
- Drop-In Games, Thur., Nov. 7, 4 p.m.
- Return to Arendelle: "Frozen II" Release Party, Thur., Nov. 21, 3:30 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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teacher, "You have a nice car, I would hate to see anything happen to it." When the student was confronted, the student said that there was no actual intention to damage the vehicle but he was only looking for a reaction. Deputy Passovoy documented the threat.

A resident of the Town of Concrete called to report that customers from the Hub Tavern were outside in front of the tavern smoking. Deputy Mullen responded to the area but was unable to locate anyone outside smoking. He contacted the tavern and reminded everyone that it is illegal to smoke within 25 feet of a public access or door, and if the Sheriff's Office found anyone violating the smoking statute, that person would be arrested.

### Oct. 2

Sergeant Adams and Deputy Passovoy responded to a domestic disturbance in the 7000 block of Pinelli Rd. After investigating the incident, they arrested the suspect, who had assaulted her mother. She was taken to jail and booked for

domestic violence assault.

### Oct. 3

A property owner who lives off SR 530 in Rockport called to advise that two guests she had allowed to stay on her property were refusing to leave and were now stealing trees and wood from the neighbor's property. Sergeant Adams contacted the property owner, who said she allowed the suspects to stay for a couple days, but now they refused to leave. Sergeant Adams contacted the suspects. They immediately advised him that the owner had to evict them. He advised them that since they were guests and had not established any landlord-tenant relationship, they were being trespassed. The suspects said that's OK, they still weren't leaving because they were actually on the neighbor's property, not on her property. Sergeant Adams asked them if they had the neighbor's permission. After a long silence they responded, "uh ... no?" They were given two hours to be leave.

### Oct. 6

Deputy Moore responded to North

Brooks Rd. in Concrete, in reference to a suspicious vehicle described as a silver sedan. He checked the area, but the vehicle had left prior to his arrival.

Pocatello Police Dept. in Idaho called to advise that they had received a report of a custody issue involving a young child. They explained that the mother had called to tell them that the father, who had received a temporary visitation order granting him visitation during the weekend, had not returned the child. The police department determined that the father was currently in Concrete. Deputies from the Sheriff's Office explained that without a warrant or a writ from a court, they would not be able to take custody of the child, but would do a welfare check to make sure the child was not endangered. Deputies were able to contact the grandmother in Concrete and determine that the child was not in danger. A few day later, Pocatello advised that they received a warrant for the father for kidnapping. Deputies located the child and turned the child over to protective services until the mother was able to make

arrangements to pick up the child. Later that evening, the father was found hiding in a residence in Concrete. Deputies arrested him and booked him into Skagit County Jail on Fugitive from Justice charges, where he is currently confined.

A victim called from United General Hospital to report that he had been assaulted by an acquaintance near the Cowboy Campground off Medford Rd. near Hamilton. Deputy Arndt and Deputy Slack contacted the victim. After interviewing the victim, they went to the scene of the assault and contacted the suspect. At first the suspect refused to leave his trailer, but eventually they convinced him to come out and talk. After interviewing the suspect, the deputies arrested him for 2nd degree assault and booked him into jail.

### Oct. 7

A resident in the 8000 block of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove called to report that someone had loosened the lug nuts on his vehicle. The resident said he

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# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Bookkeeping

**UpRiver Bookkeeping Services**  
360.853.7667 or 360.708.9761  
[upriver21@hotmail.com](mailto:upriver21@hotmail.com)  
Reasonable rates  
Payroll services to full-charge bookkeeping

### Brew pubs

**Birdsview Brewing Co.**  
Fresh micro beer brewed on our premises  
Great food! Family friendly!  
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38302 SR 20, Birdsview // 360.826.3406  
[www.birdsviewbrewingcompany.com](http://www.birdsviewbrewingcompany.com)

### Construction

**Don Payne's Backhoe Services**  
Extensive experience, reasonable rates  
Trenching for electrical and plumbing lines, site preparation, road- and lot-clearing  
360.853.7838 / 770.0178 / #PAYNE\*066BC  
[dpaynes2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dpaynes2001@yahoo.com)

### Hair salons

**Hair Fitness**  
Complete family hair care, specializing in: PERMS / COLOR & CUTS / WAXING  
More than 25 years' experience!  
Call Kathy Monrad and Becki Hoover for appt 360.853.8684

### Liquor stores

**Concrete Liquor Store & Convenience Store**  
45895 Main Street, Concrete // 360.853.7149  
Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Gifts, Rocks, Tobacco, Cigars, and more!

### Pawn shops

**Gold Nugget Jewelry & Loan**  
New & Used guns, ammo, sporting goods  
We Buy, Sell, & Loan Guns, gold, coins  
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
Mon.-Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5  
360.436.1029 [www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com](http://www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com)

### Ranches

**Double O Ranch, LLC**  
46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd., Concrete  
360.770.5380, 9-5 M-F, by appt. weekends.  
All natural, grass-fed, USDA inspected beef by the package, ¼ and ½ beef orders.  
Burger available at Albert's Red Apple.

### Restaurants

**Cascade Burgers**  
45292 State Route 20, Concrete  
Featuring great burgers, fries, and milkshakes in a 1950s, family-style atmosphere!  
OPEN DAILY: Mon.-Sat. 11–7, Sun. 11–6  
Ask about our daily specials! 360.853.7580

### Perks Espresso & Deli

Full breakfast, espresso, sub sandwiches, drive-thru and take-out. Find us on Facebook.  
M–F, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sa.–Su. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
44586 SR 20, Concrete  
360.853.9006

### Self-storage

**Concrete Self-storage**  
Located on Fir Street, Concrete  
Heated and nonheated, security surveillance, coded entry, 4x5 to 15x32 units, locks for sale.  
Customer service is our top priority!  
360.853.8100/[concreteselfstorageinc@live.com](mailto:concreteselfstorageinc@live.com)

### Septic services

**Cinema Septic**  
Inspection, troubleshooting and pumping  
Serving all of Skagit County  
Fred West, owner. 360.466.8753  
[fred@cinemaseptic.com](mailto:fred@cinemaseptic.com)  
[www.cinemaseptic.com](http://www.cinemaseptic.com)

### Thrift stores

**Second Floor Thrift Store**  
Antiques, Vintage, Collectibles, Thrift  
Inside & upstairs at Gold Nugget Pawn Shop  
Corner of Hwy 530 & Mt. Loop Hwy, Darrington  
Thur.-Fri. 10–6, Sat. 10–5  
360.436.1029 [www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com](http://www.goldnuggetpawnshop.com)

### Towing services

**Cascades Towing**  
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To add your business to this directory, call 360.853.8213 or e-mail [editor@concrete-herald.com](mailto:editor@concrete-herald.com)



**Northwest Garden Bling**

- Gift shop
- Stained glass & glass supplies
- Souvenirs

360-708-3279  
[nwngardenbling@frontier.com](mailto:nwngardenbling@frontier.com)  
44574 Highway 20 – Concrete, WA 98237





# Out & About



## Mt. Vernon

### Anderson receives leadership award

Skagit Community Foundation last month honored Children's Museum of Skagit County Executive Director Cate Anderson with its Excellence in Non-Profit Leadership Award.

The SCF board of directors made the announcement during the nonprofit's Annual Social and Report to the Community on Oct. 17.

Skagit Community Foundation receives grant requests from many of the nonprofits serving Skagit County. Each year, one person stands out as a leader in the field.

During a four-month period, Anderson, her staff, and volunteers moved the entire museum from Cascade Mall to the Outlet

Mall, and started fundraising the \$950,000 needed for remodeling costs, while keeping all the programs and services at the museum open.

"Only Cate could have rallied this community to save the children's museum," said SCF Exec. Dir. Mary McGoffin. "We were so impressed with her tenacity and conviction."

Tracy Levine, a founding board member, said "Cate made the board members feel like The Little Engine that could. And we did. This last month, we opened the new museum, all 16,000 square feet."

### Mount Vernon recognized for flood protection

The City of Mount Vernon has been recognized for its excellence in its environmentally conscientious practices. The National Association of Flood

and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) recently awarded the city with the Top Overall Project in its Green Infrastructure Award selection. Mount Vernon's Flood Protection Project drew the highest national honors by demonstrating environmental care and innovation in its efforts to protect lives, property, and economic activity from the adverse impacts of storm and flood waters.

Public Works staff have added that national green award to the department's ever-expanding collection of recent accolades. At a City Council meeting in October, Public Works Dir. Esco Bell congratulated Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Gary Duranceau for receiving the Washington State Department of Ecology's Outstanding Performance Award. This annual state award recognizes only a few treatment plants that are achieving the highest standards for water discharge quality, reporting, facility maintenance, and testing frequencies.

Department of Ecology has recognized Mount Vernon's facility a total of 15 times, including nine out of the past nine years.

### Veterans Day Parade and Heritage Plane Flyover planned

A Veterans Day Parade and Heritage Plane Flyover is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. The parade route will follow Fairhaven Ave. from Walnut to Regent St. in downtown Burlington.

Family-friendly events are planned before and after the 11 a.m. parade, including a pancake breakfast and soup and sandwich lunch at the Legion Hall, offered free to military veterans and by donation for all others; a military display at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce; and free coffee and cookies.

The events are designed to honor veterans and their families. For more information, call Burlington Parks & Recreation at 360.755.9649.

## State

### Natural gas rate increases start Nov. 1

Natural gas customers in Washington will see higher energy bills beginning Nov. 1 due in part to last winter's colder temperatures, coupled with the 2018 gas pipeline explosion in British Columbia.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in October approved rate adjustments ranging from 4 to 15 percent for Avista, Cascade Natural Gas, NW Natural, and Puget Sound Energy natural gas customers.

On Oct. 9, 2018, a 36-inch diameter natural gas mainline ruptured near Prince George, British Columbia. The Enbridge pipeline serves markets in Canada, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho with natural gas production from northeastern British Columbia through the Sumas hub. About half of Washington's natural gas supplies come from the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

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

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knew it had to be someone in the area because he changed his own tires. Deputy Mullen checked the area, but did not find anyone.

Wishing to turn herself in on her felony warrant, a suspect called dispatch to ask if a deputy would contact her. Deputy Walker contacted the suspect on Martin Rd. in Rockport and arrested the suspect on her warrant. She was transported to jail and booked.

#### Oct. 8

Returning from a medical call, a staff member of Med 7 reported observing a subject lying next to a vehicle in the Bear Square parking lot on Main St. in Concrete. The crew member said he stopped to check on the person and discovered that the person was deceased. Deputy Mullen responded and investigated the incident. Deputy Mullen determined that the victim had probably died from some type of medical issue.

A couple camping near the Cowboy Camp on Medford Rd. near Hamilton returned from their walk to discover that their camp trailer had been stolen. The couple said they had been gone for about two hours and that they had no suspects.

#### Oct. 9

Deputy Murdock was flagged down by a resident of Moen Rd. near Concrete and told that someone had stolen his Montana Canvas Tent sometime overnight. The tent is valued at over \$700.

#### Oct. 10

Deputy Passovoy responded to a report of a vagrant camping behind the public restrooms on Main St. in Concrete. She was able to contact a French National who was traveling through the area on his way to a wilderness event in Eastern Washington. He had stayed overnight and was packing his stuff up to continue on his way. The subject had not damaged any property, nor caused any issue. Mayor Miller advised Deputy Passovoy that he didn't want the subject trespassed since he was a visitor and was just staying the night.

Deputy Grant took a report of a suspicious person on Cedar Park in Concrete. The reporting party said that someone had knocked softly on her door, and when her dog barked the person left. The reporting party said that nothing was left on her porch and she found it odd that the person didn't wait for her to answer the door.

#### Oct. 11

While on his one-man vigil patrolling the Lake Shannon quarry, Deputy Wiggins

located five individuals who were trespassing on PSE property near what is commonly known as "Devil's Tower." All five suspects were cited for trespassing and given court dates. All the suspects were from the Seattle area.

Prowlers were reported to be near a residence on Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said that they could hear at least two voices between their residence and the river. Deputy Johnson checked the area, but did not locate anyone.

Deputy Wiggins and Sgt. Dills responded to a possible domestic disturbance on SR 530 in Rockport. They found one of the involved parties near Rockport. He advised that his ex-girlfriend had called, wanting to go out. He said he did it against his better judgement. When they left the bar, he told her he would drive since she was intoxicated. She became argumentative, but agreed to let him drive. As he was driving, she became angry at him and started to hit him. He pulled over and got out of the car, trying to leave, but she confronted him and got out and started hitting him. The other party involved stated that the ex-boyfriend had assaulted her. After investigating the incident, deputies determined that the ex-girlfriend was the primary aggressor. She was arrested for assault and taken to jail.

#### Oct. 12

Sometime overnight, someone stole a truck parked on Main St. in Concrete near the liquor store. The owner of the truck had video that showed the suspect, who had been riding a bicycle, take the truck. The truck was later located and returned to the owner. The suspect was identified and the Sheriff's Office is currently attempting to locate him.

On his nightly excursion through the Lake Shannon quarry, known locally as "Devil's Tower," Deputy Wiggins located five more trespassers who had decided to drive over from the Oak Harbor area so they could be arrested by Deputy Wiggins. The suspects were granted their wish and arrested by Deputy Wiggins, given a court date, and then released.

#### Oct. 15

Squatters on property in Pandora's Circle near Marblemount, refusing to leave, forced the property owner to contact the Sheriff's Office. Deputies Montgomery and Slack had the property owner fill out an Unauthorized Person Removal Affidavit. After the affidavit was completed, the deputies contacted the suspects on the property and arrested

them for trespassing. They were cited and allowed to leave.

#### Oct. 17

A red Honda Civic was seen by Deputy Montgomery travelling on SR 99 near Cook Rd. near Sedro-Woolley. He ran the license plate and it showed that the vehicle registration had expired in 2014. As the vehicle went past him, he noticed that the rear license plate was different than the front plate. He followed the vehicle as it drove east from Sedro-Woolley, waiting to determine if it had been reported as stolen. Near milepost 77 he stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver identified himself with a Washington State I.D. card. A driver's check showed that the driver's driving status was suspended. The driver also had two warrants for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender out of Cowlitz County and the Department of Corrections. He was arrested and taken to jail.

#### Oct. 18

National Parks were advised of an overdue person in the area of Hidden Lake Lookout. The female, Rachel Lakoduk, had been hiking in the area and her car was located at the trailhead. Parks and

Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue personnel cooperated in searching for the subject during the weekend. Because of extreme weather, SAR personnel were unable to get to the lookout. The Sheriff's Office planned to resume the SAR on Oct. 22 if weather conditions allowed. An aerial search of the area was conducted on Oct. 30. Search efforts resumed Nov. 2 and 3. Ground searchers and mountain rescue teams from around the state searched that weekend in areas that had and had not been previously searched. The Skagit County Sheriff's Office also requested K-9 teams and drone operators that are with certified search and rescue teams. The Sheriff's Office asks that people not associated with the official search to please stay away from the area, as interference from unknown searchers on the mountain will make official search efforts problematic.

#### Oct. 20

A generator was stolen from the 47000 block of SR 20. The owner gave Deputy Devero the name of the suspect and the location of the stolen generator. Deputy Devero will follow up on the call.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams

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## Burlington

### Hero Craft Fair this month

Organizers for the 3rd Annual Hero Craft Fair will host the fundraiser Nov. 8–10. Moneys raised at the annual event are donated to the Mount Vernon Police Dept., the Mount Vernon Fire Dept., and veterans organizations.

Hero Craft Fair will be held at the Heritage Flight Museum, 15053 Crosswind Dr., Burlington. The fair will be open:

- Fri., Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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## Collin's realm of truly awful jokes

Two guys are in a sound studio. One of them finds a sound effect he thinks is super funny. So he plays it super loud to annoy the other guy.

The guy covers his ears. "Ow! Dude, what the heck!"

"What's the matter? That hurt?"

"That didn't just hurt, man. That Megahurtz."



"What do you think would go well with my new purple and green socks?"

"Hip boots."

— § —

There is just one way to avoid gossip and criticism: Do nothing, know nothing, see nothing.

— § —

"Lena Genster is so thin that when she drinks tomato juice, she looks like a thermometer."

### Dwelleysms:

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

"Now that public assistance money is no longer based on permanent residence, the rolling stones may at last gather moss."

"Somebody has noted that the first step onto the moon will be with an astronaut's left foot. Well, that upholds American tradition: We seldom got off on the right one anyplace in this world."

"Stick to your job, keep plugging away, and you will find that after about 65 years, somebody may recognize your achievement by telling you that you are keeping a job from a younger person."

"No special session of the legislature, says Gov. Dan Evans. One of the most timely economy measures to come out of Olympia this year."

—June 11, 1969

"Seems like every time civic projects take off in a burst of enthusiasm, the next stage is the foot-dragging contest."

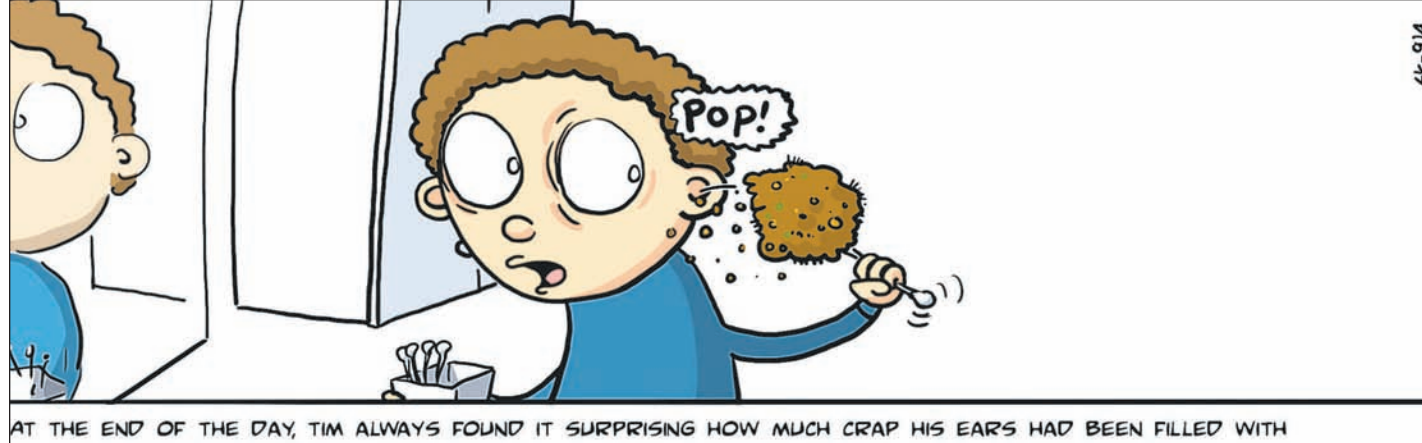
—June 25, 1969

"It's going to cost the taxpayers some \$90 million to put a monkey in space for 30 days—and he did not even volunteer to go. For that amount we could buy several planes for daily trips to Havana for hijackers who are dying to get there."

"Much can be said for parents who try to instill in their children a love of freedom, initiative, and inventive individuality. Most of them, however, don't realize that the words most likely to bring out all of the above qualities are, "Don't do that."

—July 2, 1969

### Public Service Announcement



### Concrete Harold Classic

By Joyce Harris



Originally published in November 2009.

### By Stig Kristensen

- Across**
- Contemptible person
  - Goya, for one
  - Rice University mascot
  - Asian buffalo
  - News office
  - Chinese dynasty
  - Nothing left but Smokey's skeleton?
  - Charge carrier
  - One of a couple
  - It's overhead
  - Place
  - Eats
  - Camera diaphragm
  - Bullwinkle for dessert?
  - Coffee \_\_\_\_
  - Half and half
  - Migratory fish
  - "\_\_\_\_ Sally"
  - Final parts of operas
  - Parisian way
  - Indian tongue
  - \_\_\_\_ system
  - Templeton's fruit?
  - Buddy
  - Blight victim
  - Iraqi port
- Down**
- Large amount of money
  - Japanese hatchet
  - Donnybrook
  - Crackpot
  - Black, to Blake
  - Butter holder
  - Reduce to ashes
  - Final transport
  - Canal sites
  - Irritation
  - One side in baseball negotiations
  - Twerp
  - Catalogs
  - Footfaraw
  - Jim Palmer, notably
  - Jason's ship
  - Elhi org.
  - Photo
  - Missives to Bambi?
  - Matter for a judge
  - Ennui
  - Cut
  - Founded: Abbr.
  - Decline
  - Keeler
  - Pond gunk
  - Like some traffic
  - Long stretches
  - Suspend
  - St. Anthony, notably
  - Allots, with "out"
  - "\_\_\_\_ the glad waters of the dark blue sea": Byron
  - Shake
  - Calendar abbr.
  - Goblet feature
  - Blackens
  - Skiers' aid
  - Letter after theta
  - Hilly country
  - Trios
  - Most immense
  - Greek deity
  - Parting words
  - Break down
  - Close-knit group
  - Somewhat, in music
  - Hymn of praise: var.
  - Moose \_\_\_\_, Saskatchewan
  - Fish story
  - Outback runner
  - Barbecue offering
  - Hog heaven?

### Crossword: "Animal Crackers"

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
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### 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.

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

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

### Funny as Facebook

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

- "My Halloween costume is Working From Home Program Manager. So basically I'm just not wearing pants."
- "To my coworkers: Please ignore the piles of candy wrappers around my desk and chair and floor area today. I will rake those up at some point, bag them, and haul them to the dumpster. Also, I'm not on Facebook right now."
- "In the hope of reducing my Pepsi consumption, I've been buying the baby cans. Considering I'm on my third can of the day, I don't think it's working."
- "There must be a use for candy corn. The only thing that comes to mind, though, is filling potholes in a gravel road."

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## Projects, cont. from p. 4

in 2020. The undertaking is required by the Department of Health and will enable the town to keep a record of water that leaves the system but is not consumed by residents in order to boost water efficiency.

## Townwide metering improvements

The Public Works department continues to perform meter installations at existing settlers, among other tasks as the opportunity arises, despite the fact that major progress has continued to stall. Mandated by the Department of Health, this project will provide metered water service to all water system users currently under a fixed monthly fee. The town made two attempts in spring to acquire a contractor, but found prices to be prohibitive. The town is exploring funding opportunities with the hope for bidding in late 2019 and construction in 2020. Once begun, the work will take approximately six months.

## Main Street waterline improvements

Taking place from North Superior to A Ave., this project was originally going to be grouped with the town-wide

metering improvements project to assist in administrative costs. The current plan is to separate the project to make it a more competitive bidding prospect and to postpone the work until after the metering project is complete. The project is on hold, and will restart with an additional funding search in the future.

## Park and Pine waterline improvements

A town-funded project that will take place from the intersection of Cedar Street and South Park Avenue, north to Pine Street and then east, and will cross under Lorenzen Creek and go south to connect to an existing waterline near Robertson Court. The town has requested that the design phase for this project be suspended to accommodate funding limitations until review in 2020.

## Secondary school access improvements

The east end of Airport Way will connect to SR 20, creating an alternate access route to the town airport and Concrete School District in addition to the current South Superior Avenue access point. This project has been pursued by the town for a number of years because it is unwise to have a single point of entry to critical infrastructure such as the airport

and the entire Concrete school district in case of emergencies. Engineering design is complete, but right-of-way purchases of land bordering the proposed roadway paths need to occur before further work begins. This phase is fully funded by grants from the Federal Highway Administration. Next steps for the project include pursuit of further funds from the Transportation Improvement Board, state appropriations, and other sources before construction can hope to begin in 2021.

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## Museum, cont. from p. 32

Hotel was only able to save the office desk and a few chairs. The building burned to the ground in minutes. Dan Griffin, owner, planned on opening a lunch counter in the new pool room. He chose not to build another hotel.

More on the fire next month.

The entire cast and organizers of the Annual Concrete Ghost Walk wish to thank everyone for another successful season. Twice as many performances were given and most were filled to capacity in spite of the weather. This fundraising event supports the museum and the Concrete Chamber of Commerce.

Concrete Heritage Museum is still available for special tours, which can still be arranged, with advance notice, by contacting John Lloyd (360.982.0423 autohistory@hotmail.com) or John Boggs (360.853.8347 jboggs@comcast.net).

—John Boggs

## Winter Driving, cont. from p. 27

to carry chains or approved alternatives whenever crossing mountain passes to be prepared for changing weather conditions and 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, and no personal exemptions or waivers exist.

WSDOT estimates studded tires cause between \$20 million and \$29 million in pavement damage to state-owned asphalt and concrete roadways each year. Motorists are encouraged to visit a tire dealer to learn more about their options, including stud-free, winter tread traction tires. These type of tires are different than all-season tires, are legal year-round, and do not cause the same roadway damage as studded tires.

More information about studded-tire restrictions and requirements can be found in the FAQ on the WSP Web site, www.wsp.wa.gov.

—Submitted by WSP

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Proposed 2020 Budget

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NOTICE OF 2020 FEES AND UTILITY RATES  
PUBLIC HEARING

The Concrete Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter at the Concrete Town Hall, located at 45672 Main Street, regarding Fees and Utility Rates for the 2020 Budget Year.

The public is encouraged to attend and give written or oral testimony.

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## Crossword solution



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## NOTICE OF 2020 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Town Council of the Town of Concrete at its regular Council Meeting in the Town Hall at 45672 Main Street, Concrete, Washington, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review the proposed 2020 Budget. Action may be taken at these meetings.

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