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Cheri Cook-Blodgett (above) and Jason Miller (below) will reprise their roles as Margaret Thompson and former *Concrete Herald* editor Chuck Dwelley during this year's Ghost Walk tours on Oct. 16, 23, and 30.



## Fall Color Festival, Ghost Walk lead October events

Two major events come to Concrete and east county communities in October.

The Concrete Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with *Concrete Herald* and the Concrete Theatre, presents the third annual Fall Color Festival on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 9–10. Participants are encouraged to drive the “Magic 30 Miles” starting at the eastern outskirts of Sedro-Woolley and continuing to the Rockport area, to enjoy the amazing fall colors. Along the way, you are also invited to visit local wineries, breweries, and unique businesses.

The highlight of this year's Fall Color Festival is the Fall Color Show on Sat., Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Historic Concrete Theatre, 45920 Main Street in Concrete. The 87-year-old theatre will be the venue for two acts from the Bellingham area: The Honeybees, a popular

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Photos by Amber Lee.



## Marblemount woman wants her animals back

In April, Animal Control and Wildlife officers confiscated Ilona Whiting's “children,” as she refers to them. Page 22.



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Gunfire and a double dose of history in town for annual event. Page 12.



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The Voice of Eastern Skagit County

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*Guest editorial*

## Sockeye Express a reason for pride

What pride and joy I feel when I drive up Main Street into Concrete!

The overhead wires have disappeared, the sidewalks have been replaced and are in great shape, the street trees are alive and flourishing. The flags are flying, owners have their flower pots bright and blooming, and many benches provide places to rest and ponder and visit. Our beautiful lighted bridge leads to the world-renowned adult fish trap at PSE. We’re proud of our new businesses and the stability of our established ones. We offer all of this to citizens and tourists alike, plus the beauty of our rivers, lakes, and mountains. Where else in America can you find this unique blend of function and beauty? I’m proud to once again be a part of the place we call Concrete.

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# Opinion

## Letters to the editor

### Dillon or Anderson?

Who should be County Commissioner, Sharon Dillon or Mike Anderson?

Commissioner Sharon Dillon has:

- decreased legal fees for lawsuits by 95 percent
- stopped a no-bid solid waste Contract to Cimarron
- established a solid-waste governance board
- maintained a balanced budget
- made county government more transparent
- worked to protect ag and forest lands, ban wetland mitigation banks, clean up the Samish Watershed, and protect salmon and shellfish industries

Anderson, Democratic mayor of Sedro-Woolley, failed to establish a giant garbage dump across the street from Sedro-Woolley High School. Now he’s a Republican aligned with Mayor Bud Norris and former Commissioner Ted Anderson. They likely hope for great influence on county commission decisions if he is elected. And we will likely see more ag land developed or paved over and more services cut.

Don’t want to return to the Ted Anderson days? Value Skagit County’s rural character? Re-elect Sharon Dillon!

Gail Nicolls  
Anacortes

### More on the old Sauk ranger station

Since I read your September issue, I have been meaning to offer some updates to the information reported in the “Way back when” column entry for 50 years ago.

The old Sauk ranger station was auctioned off to a Seattle family 50 years ago. I lived in Seattle, too, and wanted to raise my family in the country. We met the other family through a radio program and I purchased the station in 1968. Not all of the buildings are still on the compound; however, I still reside in the main house.

Another interesting local topic is the real site of Sauk City. In your column it was correctly noted that the old town site of Sauk City is where the old Sauk Ranger Station is located. People who live on the Sauk Road claim their site as the original Sauk City. I have in my possession copies of the original maps and site plans of

Sauk City, which is on the south side of the Skagit River. I would be interested in establishing, once and for all, the real site of Sauk City.

Sharon Stewart  
Concrete

### Cascade Days Committee thanks

We had another very successful celebration. Thank you to all who sold ducks and buttons, attended, and volunteered and contributed in many other ways. This makes it all possible to continue this family-fun tradition.

Contact us if you enjoyed the Cascade Days celebration and if you would like to help in next year’s planning:  
Cascade Days Committee  
P.O. Box 251  
Concrete, WA 98237  
More information is available online at [www.cascadedays.com](http://www.cascadedays.com).

Bonnie Drake  
Concrete

### Garden fence stained for the year

I am pleased to thank an engaged group of Concrete citizens for their efforts to stain the Angele Cupples Community Garden fence during September.

On behalf of Imagine Concrete and the

See Letters, p. 3

## Corrections

The Pat Buller Photography Business Spotlight in the September issue stated that the lakes in Pat Buller’s high lakes project were in Skagit County. His project encompasses the Skagit River watershed, which includes large parts of Snohomish and Whatcom Counties, as well as a small portion of British Columbia.

The article also referenced Pat’s hiking boots. Pat hikes in Converse Chuck Taylor high tops.

### Letters policy

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Town of Concrete, our thanks goes to Bill and Diane Young; Lillian, Robert Jr., and Joseph DiLeo; Frank Knight; Michael Vandenberg; Denise Newman; and Chris Jansen.

Thanks for contributing to Concrete!

Jason Miller  
Concrete

Judy Hemenway  
Concrete

### Rockport Praisefest a glorious day

Rockport Praisefest was a glorious day with our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!  
Special thank-yous go first and foremost to our father God. We want to express thanks also for those who gave of their time and resources to make this event a successful day for our Lord:

TR Pro Sound Systems, Triangle Charter Bus & Van Service, Cascade Kettle Corn, Reverie BBQ, Dr. Espresso, Albert’s Red Apple Market, Annie’s Pizza Station, Perks Espresso & Deli, Ovenells Heritage Inn, Cascade Burgers, H. O. Stafford Trucking & Excavation Co., Rockport Country Store, Choms Chevron, A “Ray” of Relief Massage, Eagles In Flight, KOA of Birdsview, Annette Dellinger Massage, Journey with Joy Counseling, Pacific NW Float Trips, and John’s Guide Service.

Thanks also to those who served: Bill Johns, Lyman Baptist Church stage hands, Al and Norma Hall, Philip and Mabel Noble, Rockport Christ the King church family, and all the pastors, bands, and attendees who gave their time to God on that day!

We look forward to seeing you at the 2nd Annual Rockport Praisefest 2011.

Sonja Dellinger  
Rockport

### Bald Eagle Benefit Sale successful

The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team was humbled by the community support, generous donations, and great sales for our first benefit sale to help keep the doors open at the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center.

Thank you to George Theodoratus for a perfect place to hold the event, and the Town of Concrete and its Public Works Department for the outdoor facilities.

Thanks for the donations from Al and Patty Adams, Karin and Ray Harrell, Gail and John Boggs, Allen and Carol Fabrick, Betty Seguin, Leatha and Bill Sullivan, Jason Miller, Judy Hemenway, Kitty DiLeo, and anonymous donors.

A personal thank-you for the continued volunteer efforts of Karen and Ray Harrell, Ember LaBounty, John and Gail Boggs, Bob Kincaid, Tom Harrison, and Leatha and Bill Sullivan. Each of you is

greatly appreciated; your efforts bring life to the winter months for our visitors, the bald eagles, and the tourists who wish to learn about our environment.

SRBEAT is actively seeking volunteers, committee members, and donations to our 501(c)(3) organization. Contact Judy Hemenway at 360.853.8296.

## In The Service



Marblemount’s Cpl. Eric Rehaume, a U.S. Marine stationed in Afghanistan, should return home before Thanksgiving.

Rehaume arrived in Afghanistan in May and was injured during an accidental explosion that left him with hearing loss for two months, staples from his right temple to his right ear, and shrapnel in his hand and arm. He recuperated and returned to his platoon, then left again because of numbness and disorientation.

See In The Service, p. 18

### 2010 Community Angel Tree

Last year, 118 children in our community were thrilled to receive a holiday gift, thanks to the generosity of everyone who helped with the “Community Angel Tree.”

The program is under way again, sponsored by East County Community Resources, the Upper Skagit Library, the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Concrete.

To participate, you are invited to visit the Angel Tree, located at the Resource Center at 45770 Main St., Concrete, and choose a tag with the gender and age of a needy child. The Angel Tags also will be available at the library.

You then purchase and wrap your gift, and return it to the Angel Tree with the tag attached before Dec. 20. Gifts also may be dropped off at the Library or at the Town Hall.

See Angel Tree, p. 29

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## Election 2010

On Nov. 2, Skagit County voters will have an opportunity to influence their political landscape.

General election ballots should show up in voters’ mailboxes beginning in mid-October. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 2 or dropped into a ballot drop-off location by 8 p.m. that same day.

East county ballot drop-off locations are:

- Sedro-Woolley: Post Office, 111 Woodworth St. (in the alley between Eastern Ave. and Metcalf)
- Concrete: East County Resource Center, 45770 Main St.

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# Concrete begins budget workshops

By Kathryn Brady-Good

A preliminary look at the 2011 budget for the Town of Concrete indicates falling revenues could have the town’s income statement matching the red in the maples.

Low sales tax collections are helping to create a \$520 million dollar shortfall at the state level, according to a Sept. 16 *Bloomberg Businessweek* article, but that has not been the case for Concrete. In fact, according to Andrea Fichter, the town’s Clerk/Treasurer, Concrete’s sales tax revenue is currently up approximately \$60,000 over the 2010 annual budget, because of Puget Sound Energy’s investment in the Baker River adult fish trap and hatchery projects.

The bad news is those unanticipated revenues have been more than offset by unforeseen expenditures. The town spent nearly \$270,000 to purchase homes near the landslide that occurred in 2009 and there were other unbudgeted expenditures, such as those paid to Boss Construction after that company threatened to sue the town. While the town will not face those unpredicted expenses again in 2011, neither will it enjoy the unexpected revenues derived from PSE’s construction for the past two years.

## Tumbling water revenues

Water revenues are down significantly this year. With almost three quarters of the year complete, the treasurer reports actual revenue is down approximately 11 percent in the water fund. She indicates a recent census shows a customer base of better than 400, but currently 67 of those in-town connections lead to vacant structures. It is unclear what percentage of these homes were owner-occupied, but with foreclosures on the rise, it is possible this could have a significant impact on the fund’s ability to pay its expenses. Realestate.aol.com reports that of the 92 homes for sale as of July 2010 in or near the Town of Concrete, 64 percent are because of foreclosure. High vacancy rates may cause other sources of revenue to fall as well.

## Property tax revenues

Revenue generated by property taxes, which represents approximately 10 percent of the town’s revenue, is also down. Fichter indicates the year-to-date collections are down by about the same percentage as water collections.

See **Budget**, p. 31

# Liquor initiatives seen as a threat to livelihood

By Jason Miller

A pair of initiatives on the Nov. 2 ballot are causing some liquor store owners to sit up and take notice, fearing for their businesses and the statewide consequences if either of the initiatives passes.

I-1100 and I-1105 would eliminate the state’s monopoly on liquor sales, opening the door for private retailers to sell liquor along with formerly state-contracted stores. I-1100 would allow retailers to negotiate and buy liquor directly from manufacturers. I-1105 would require retailers to buy liquor from a third-party distributor, which would sell to all retailers at the same price.

According to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, I-1100’s campaign was primarily funded by Costco. You might have seen petition sheets earlier this year as you walked into a Costco or Wal-Mart. I-1105 is funded by Odom Southern Holdings and Young’s Market Co., two beverage distribution companies. Proponents of the initiatives say they will create jobs, cut liquor prices,

See **Liquor**, p. 31

# THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

Stop by the **Concrete Senior Center** Oct. 21 for a fun open house. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and run till 1 p.m., with a door prize drawing at noon. Refreshments will be served. Information will be available from the center’s Community Services Department, as well as fun facts about the Senior Center. Lunch will be served at 12:30 with limited seating for 50 (first-come, first-served).

**Flu shots** will be administered at Concrete Senior Center on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. till noon. For details, call 360.853.8400.

Have you seen the new counters in the **Concrete Post Office**? The counters and other updates bring the facility into compliance with ADA requirements. The new counters in the lobby and P.O. box area are wheelchair-accessible and have all the forms you need to complete your mailings. Note, too, that the local-mail slot was removed because it wasn’t wheelchair-friendly. Just bring your local mailings to the inside counter. **CH**

# Broadband: Nails in our coffin or the next leap forward?

By Grace Popoff

As an advocate of affordable, universal broadband access to the Internet, I admit to squirming a bit while reading Nicholas Carr’s new book, *The Shallows*.

Carr, who fears the loss of “deep reading” and “deep thinking” skills as our brains are reshaped by the media we use, led me to wonder if pursuing universal broadband would be akin to advocating cheap, abundant cigarettes for all. Could broadband be the final nail in our collective coffin?

Fortunately, after immersing myself in Carr’s arguments for a few days, I went online to the brain-changing Internet and immersed myself in a lengthy blog exchange between Carr, Jonah Lehrer

See **Broadband**, p. 18

# Lions Club plans free Halloween fun

Looking for a fun and safe place to get out of the possible rain and cold this Halloween? Head to the Concrete Elementary School for the Concrete Lions Club Annual Halloween Party.

The event will be held on Halloween night, Sun., Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the elementary school gym. Look for games, hot dogs, and apple cider, all of it sponsored by the Concrete Lions Club.

Donations will be accepted during the event for the Lions Club’s Play It By Ear fund; all money collected will go to Northwest Sight & Hearing in Seattle.

A sign-up sheet for booths is available at Matty’s on Main in Concrete Town Center.

## Christmas Tree Sale

Concrete Lions Club will hold a Christmas tree sale this year on Dec. 4–5 and 11–12. Final time and location will be published in the November issue of *Concrete Herald*.

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Tootsie Clark, Mike, and Judy Clark





# Sports



## Lions football looking strong at midpoint

By Brooke Howell

Concrete has rattled off a 4–1 record at the midway point in the 2010 season, starting October right with a 4–6 win over Seattle Lutheran on Oct. 2. After going 2–1 in nonleague play with the only loss to 2A South Whidbey, Concrete has started out strong in league play with their first two wins.

Coming up for the Lions in weeks 7–9 will be three tough opponents as they play Tacoma Baptist at home during Homecoming week, with the following week at La Conner. The last home game of the season will find them facing Orcas Island for Senior night.

Head Coach Ron Rood notes the team’s strengths, but knows where work is needed. “Our young line is improving each game. The strength of our team is our backfield, who are all returning starters. Our running game is hitting its stride. We need to work on our balance on offense

and our physicality on defense,” he said. Keeping the team healthy is a priority too, said Rood. After losing key lineman Cody Corn to an arm injury in the second game of the season, it will be important to keep the whole team healthy from here on out.

As mid-November approaches, the Lions are hoping they’ll be one of the three teams to earn a berth out of the NW/SeaTac 2B League in the state playoffs as they march to the Tacoma Dome.



Concrete Football Head Coach Ron Rood says this year’s team is strong in the backfield, but needs to balance its offense.



Scott Rice scampers past Liberty Bell’s defense to score a TD during the Sept. 3 matchup that found Concrete on top 54–0.



Senior goalie Lonna Lloyd chases down a shot near the goal as a La Conner player bears down on it on Sept. 27.

## Soccer team looks to add wins

By Adam Woodworth, head coach

A Sept. 24 nonleague contest against the Sedro-Woolley C Team at Janicki Fields in Sedro-Woolley found the Concrete soccer team on top 2-1.

The game was a great confidence boost for us. Sarah Spaeth and Jonnie Rohweder scored goals in the first half. We were able to get a good deal of shots off and give our defense a break for a change.

Our struggle this season has been our low numbers. We have 12 girls turning out and have been regularly playing with nine on the field. Some teams have generously played down to keep the game even with us, but having such a small team makes it very difficult to present gamelike scenarios in practice.

Our current overall record is 1 win, 8 losses. Our League record is 0 wins, 4 losses. The girls give their all on the field every game, and we’re looking to add some numbers to the win column in the second half of our league competitions.

## HS volleyball eyes its future

By Jason Miller

After finishing the 2009 season with just eight players, head coach Matthew Williams is excited to see 20 faces on the Lady Lions volleyball team this year.

“It’s awesome to see so many kids out here giving this a try, even if they’ve never played before,” he said. “It’s great for the program.”

Williams stepped in as the interim head coach to finish out last season and now takes the helm of Concrete’s volleyball program, along with Assistant Coach Rachel Harris.

One of the biggest upsides to this year’s team is the program’s future.

“The numbers are there to sustain a varsity and junior varsity squad for at least the next few years,” said Williams. “We have 13 underclassmen turning out in the high school, and the middle school team has around 30 girls.”

The Lions went through September without a win, going 0-3 in league and 0-6 overall. “We’re looking forward to the second half of the season,” Williams said. “We have second go-around with

some of the league teams, and we also have a couple of tournaments to measure ourselves and check for improvement.” The volleyball team will play seven league games in October and try to work its way into the top portion of its division.



Frankie Rohweder puts the ball over the net during the varsity volleyball team’s match with La Conner Sept. 21.

## MS volleyballers focus on fundamentals

By Jason Miller

This year’s middle school volleyball team is switching up its coaching staff a bit, with former head coach Rob Thomas moving to the assistant coach position, and Cari Dellinger moving up to lead the 7th and 8th grade squads.

With three matches under their belts at press time, the team’s record so far is “consistent,” laughed Thomas. “But the games have been getting closer, and they have won games, even though they’ve lost matches. I run with those wins, because the girls went away excited and they realize we can compete,” he said.

Thomas said the players’ attitude is “phenomenal,” and added that attendance is solid; they’re working hard and having fun. He and Dellinger are coaching 30 athletes this year, evenly split between the 7th and 8th grades. Thomas said they aim to teach the fundamentals in hopes of building a stronger high school volleyball program as the players mature.

“Most of our girls have never played volleyball before, so the biggest thing is helping them understand the fundamentals of the game,” said Thomas. “We’re giving

them the confidence to deal with returning overhand serves, sliding on the floor, and working together as a team. If we can continue to see improvement, we’ll be okay,” he said.

A Sept. 30 match against Darrington had the players in high-flying form, winning one of the games within the match.



Kelse Cargile goes high during an 8th grade girls volleyball bout against Darrington Sept. 30.

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### PTO news

By Debbie Ross, president

Concrete Elementary PTO will host a **Family Fitness Night** on Oct. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Concrete Elementary gym. The PTO will provide some healthful snacks. Attendees also will be able to buy t-shirts and magnets at this event.

To help lower the cost of our yearbook, we'll run a **Coin Drive** from Oct. 1–31. Let's see if we can make it to \$1,000! Kids can bring donations to their classrooms, and the general public can bring donations to the school. "Folding green" donations are more than welcome, too!

From Oct. 25–29, the PTO will participate in **Red Ribbon Week**. Parents are invited to hear speakers talk about the dangers of drugs and check out their kids' classroom window decorations.

From Nov. 1 through 5 we'll hold our **parent/teacher conferences**. During that same week, look for a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the Elementary School library

from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day except Thursday, when it will be held from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**PTO meetings** have been changed to the second Monday of each month, at 2:45 p.m., in the Elementary School library. Please plan to attend. At the Oct. 11 meeting we will elect our officers.

To **volunteer** or ask questions about the PTO or any of its events, send an e-mail to [concretek6pto@yahoo.com](mailto:concretek6pto@yahoo.com) or use the suggestion box, which is located in the elementary school office.

Thank you for your support. Remember to save your box tops, Red Apple receipts, Campbell's soup labels (bar code only).

### School Board meeting

The Concrete School Board will hold its next regular board meeting on Wed., Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. in the high school Commons. A work session is planned for Mon., Oct. 25, at 6 p.m., also in the Commons.

### Soroptimists announce scholarship recipients

Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley has announced the finalists of its Continuing Education Scholarships. The following will receive \$1,000.00 toward their education:

- Caitlin Dilley is a senior at Willamette University
- Hannah Moser is attending Willamette University
- Mackenzie Shipley is attending Hartwick College
- Hilary Dolstad is attending Williams College
- Roselyn Gober is a sophomore at University of Rochester
- Alyssa Stout-Ringhouse is attending Walla Walla Community College
- Carly Schmidt is a senior at Western Washington University
- Katie Huddle is a senior at Pacific Lutheran University

- Alexandra Dillon is a sophomore at University of Washington
- Katelyn Loomis is a junior at Gonzaga University.

These scholarships are made possible by the funds raised at the Walnut Tree Thrift Shop in Sedro-Woolley.

### Lyman Co-op Preschool opens enrollment

Lyman Cooperative Preschool at Lyman Elementary is now enrolling toddlers age 18 months to 3 years old, and Preschoolers ages 3.5 to 5 years old. Toddler class is held Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 to noon; the Preschool class meets Mon., Wed., and Fri. at the same time.

For more information, contact Janel Woiwod at 360.854.0361 or [mosescreekfarm@comcast.net](mailto:mosescreekfarm@comcast.net).

### 4-H kids travel to Puyallup Fair

In September, after qualifying at the county level, several east-county 4-H kids traveled to the Puyallup Fair to show their cats, dogs, and goats, and more at the state competition, hoping to bring home great experiences and some ribbons to boot.

The kids were Kimberly, Rebecca, and Brian Torheim; Thea O'Brien; Gabrielle Oliver; Alan Smith; and Taleah, Josiah, and Bethany Werda.

First-place winners were awarded blue ribbons, second-place winners were given red ribbons, and third-place winners took home white ribbons.



Elijah Smith spends a moment with Annie, his brother Alan's goat, during the Puyallup Fair. Photo by Dick Warner.

### Cats

Kimberly Torheim won Reserve Champion and Thea O'Brien won 5th place in the Fitting & Show for their cats in the Senior Division. Rebecca Torheim placed 9th in the Fitting & Show in the Intermediate Division. Also, Kimberly's cat Cleopatra placed 10th in the Type Division.

### Dogs

On Sept. 18, Kimberly competed with her dog, Pepper, in the Dog Agility competition. She received a red ribbon in the Pre-Novice Jumpers class and another red in Elementary Standards. She also competed in Showmanship and won a blue ribbon and Merit (score of 95 or more).

On Sept. 23 Rebecca returned with her dog, Melony, for her Obedience and Showmanship. In Obedience she won a

See **4-H Kids**, p. 23

## Imagine

### A Women's Health Fair

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**at United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley**

Our 7th annual women's health fair is a day full of education and inspiration. Imagine making healthy changes to your life! \$15 per person includes lunch and all activities. *For more information or to register: [imagine@unitedgeneral.org](mailto:imagine@unitedgeneral.org), (360) 856-7245.*

**8:30 a.m. – Check In**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Resource Expo

**9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
Workshops & Screenings  
Learn about heart health, fitness and nutrition

**11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
The Imagine Spa  
Skin cancer screening, nail care, massage

**Noon – 1:00 p.m.**  
"Healthy Abundance"  
Keynote Presentation  
by Lucy Norris

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
Displays, Demos & Workshops  
Learn about raising chickens, managing your stress, and more

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Celebration of Abundance  
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Keynote speaker, Lucy Norris, from the Puget Sound Food Network, and author of *Pickled, Preserving a World of Tastes and Traditions*, will open up your senses to the immense beauty and bounty of our region.

"Here in the Northwest, we're blessed to be surrounded by delicious food that is not only good for you, but good for our community and also good for the planet," says Lucy. "Eating healthy is about more than just counting calories and fat."

Lucy has professional experience in new food product development and recipe formulation. She has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Food Network*, *NPR's Morning Edition*, *The Splendid Table*, *Martha Stewart Living Radio*, and more.

"Sisters of Abundance" artwork by Mara Friedman.

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# Clear Lake



## Clear Lake Street Fair brought the fun *and* funds

By Jason Miller

This year’s street fair in Clear Lake dodged the weather and basked under a bright sun, drawing families by the dozens seeking a little fun and maybe a bargain or two on the “green strip” in Clear Lake. The event didn’t disappoint: It included a

bouncy house and slide for the kids, plus pony rides.

Sponsored by the Clear Lake Community Connection, the Aug. 28 event hosted 22 vendors, combined them with garage-salers, and raised about \$450 for that community organization, said event organizer Karen Wilson.

“It was great. The weather was perfect, and the vendors were busy. It was a relaxing day, and we had a lot of fun,” said Wilson.

Next year, look for even more vendors, plus a kids area.



**Left:** Jamie Lanning (in wheelchair) and his son, James Lanning (behind Jamie), take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the Clear Lake Street Fair Aug. 28. Another longtime Clear Lake citizen, Mike Langbottom (at left), pauses to examine a vendor’s wares. *Photo by Barb Rumsey.*



**Left:** This year’s street fair brought 22 vendors to Clear Lake. **Above:** The bouncy house and slide. *Photos by Kathy Schmidt.*



## September Oyster Run brings fewer bikes, but no less fun

Compared to years past, this year’s Oyster Run was smaller in terms of bike numbers, reported Clear Lake citizen Kathy Schmidt, who had a front-row seat from her home, which faces Highway 9.

Overcast skies and a misty rain may

have been to blame for the reduced turnout, but the riders who did show up didn’t let a little rain dampen their spirits. Dozens of bikes lined Hwy 9.

Clear Lakers Zachary Schmidt and Jonny Losee set up a table for their Boy Scouts popcorn sales and gathered an impressive number of donations for drying off seats and washing windshields.

—Jason Miller



## Halloween Parade

October 30th  
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immediately following the parade..



female quartet that performs music of the 1920s through 1960s in four-part harmony, and Dana Lyons, best known for his dynamic performances and outrageous hit songs “Cows With Guns,” “RV,” and “Ride The Lawn.”

Door prizes will be provided by honey- and cow-related local businesses The Valley’s Buzz, HoneyBee Holistics, Ovenell’s Double O Ranch, and Perks Espresso & Deli.

General admission to the show is \$10, and \$8 for over 65 or under 12. Tickets are available at the door; group tickets may be purchased in advance. Proceeds and donations will go toward the Sockeye Express repair/replacement campaign. For reservations and more information, go to [www.concrete-theatre.com](http://www.concrete-theatre.com), or call 360.941.0403.

### Ghost Walk

For a slightly creepy look at the spirited history of Concrete, plan to attend the 5th annual Concrete Ghost Walk on Sat., Oct. 16, 23, and 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Concrete Theatre, 45920 Main Street.

The Concrete Ghost Walk is a step into the past, highlighting the history of the town and the hard-living folks who

have lived here. Participants will hear about (and possibly even meet!) some of the colorful characters from bygone years, visit a number of haunted buildings and talk to some local business owners who will share stories of what could be paranormal activity. It is all in the name of good-natured fun, but the Concrete Ghost Walk is not appropriate for the young or weak-of-heart! Participants must be over 13 years old; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Please come dressed to walk in the weather.

The Concrete Ghost Walk is sponsored by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, *Concrete Herald* and Concrete Heritage Museum. Cost is \$10 per person; checks should be payable to the Concrete Chamber and mailed to P.O. Box 743, Concrete, WA 98237, or delivered to the Chamber office at the Skagit County Community Resource Center, 45770 Main Street, Concrete. Space is limited; reservations are required at least 48 hours in advance.

For information call the Chamber of Commerce at 360.853.8767 or e-mail [concreteghostwalk@mac.com](mailto:concreteghostwalk@mac.com).

**Concrete Herald**

## Christmas parade needs help now

This year’s Christmas Parade, to be held on Dec. 11, carries with it an urgent need for toys to be given to less fortunate kids.

In the past, most of the toys were provided by Toys 4 Tots, but Toys 4 Tots has stopped giving toys to nonprofit groups. With money from donors dwindling, event organizers are unsure where they’ll get the money to buy toys this year.

Please consider a cash donation or a donation of a new, unwrapped toy to help this event enjoy the success it’s had in the past. Without your help, the money simply won’t be there to buy toys and, in some cases, food for needy families.

In October and November, look for toy drop-off boxes at Summit Bank and Cascade Supply in Concrete. Please help if you can, with a donation of a toy or money.

Monetary donations may be made at Summit Bank under “Friends Helping Friends.” For more information or to donate money or a toy, please call Gladys Silrus at 360.826.4848 or Adrienne Smith at 360.853.8505.

—Gladys Silrus



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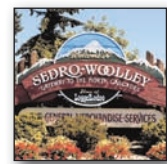
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# Sedro-Woolley



## History in the streets

By Jason Miller

Founders’ Day 2010 promised a lot of history and a little something for adrenaline junkies, and it didn’t disappoint. Presented by the Sedro-Woolley Museum, the two-day event ran from Sept. 11–12 and included a car show, a community picnic, an open house at the museum, and the now-famous reenactment of that famous 1914 bank robbery. Organizers showed a video of the robbery earlier that day. Plotted by five Ukrainian immigrants but carried out less successfully, the robbery led to a gun battle in the streets of Sedro-Woolley that sprayed 200 bullets and led to the death of a 13-year-old boy, Melvin Wilson, who was struck by a bullet that bounced off the street. The thieves made off with \$12,000 and were killed in Canada days later.

*Editor’s note: See p. 17 for another photo.*



Sedro-Woolley Museum Director Carolyn Freeman donned plenty of feathers and played the role of the bartender during the reenactment. Photo by Judy Johnson.

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## Military Troop Support Christmas drive begins

By Tammie Werner

Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support (SWCTS) will hold its 2010 Christmas Care Package drive from Oct. 12 through Nov. 11. Organizers are accepting names of military personnel. Anyone with a family member or friend in the military is encouraged to submit their name and mailing address to swctsgroup@gmail.com (include your own name) by Nov. 11. To support this project, donate items and/or cash, which is used for postage and phone cards. Cost-free ideas include writing a letter, which can be dropped off at any donation location. You can also help with packaging and the Drop Off Day events.

Donated items should be items that won’t melt (no chocolate), such as DVDs and personal care items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, etc. Donations can be dropped off at Rockport (Shell) Country Store in Rockport, East Skagit Resource Center (Skagit Community Action) and Eagles in Flight in Concrete, Grandy Creek Grocery in Birdsvew, and Cascade Mercantile and Town Hall in Lyman. Cash donation jars are located at area businesses; checks can be mailed to SWCTS, P.O. Box 817, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. All donations are tax-deductible.

A third Donation Drop Off Day (DDOD) will be held Sat., Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Food Pavilion in Sedro-Woolley. Face-painting, mechanical pony rides, balloons, stories, and other free children’s activities will be available. An American flag that was flown in a mission over Iraq and donated to SWCTS will be displayed. Another DDOD will be held Sat., Nov. 6, at Cascade Mercantile in Lyman; more details for that event will be available in the November *Concrete Herald*.

Become a Facebook fan for all the latest news, events, and photos by searching for Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support and find us on Twitter @swcts. To volunteer or for more information, contact Upriver Liaison Tammie Werner at 360.826.3818 or swctsgroup@gmail.com, or Coordinator Marilyn Pineda at 360.856.5143, ext. 1703 or mpineda@janicki.com.

## Political advertisement *JONES ATTERBERRY* A history of service

Jones Atterberry and the Atterberry families have served our 3rd District communities since 1906. In 1906, Ernest Atterberry moved his young family from Kansas and joined two uncles, George and Tet Atterberry, in Skagit County. Ernest moved into a log house that sat at today’s location of Cape Horn Road and Lusk Road next to the Skagit River. Work was plentiful in the logging industry. The Atterberrys were farmers, so hard work was not foreign to them. They drove horse teams pulling logs in the fall, winter, and spring. During the late summer they threshed wheat crops in the lower Conway farm areas.

Eventually most of the men in the family came west, bringing their families and children with them. From Lusk Road into Hamilton and then in the mid 1910s the family of six moved to the end of Utopia Road, just west of Lyman bordering Childs Creek. The farm still stands at the end of BD Minkler Road. The family served Lyman with Jones’ uncle Jim Atterberry as the town Marshal. A cousin, Forest “Buster” Atterberry, served on the Sedro-Woolley Council, and Tet Atterberry served Skagit County as a road supervisor.

From humble beginnings the family has served as store owners, gas station attendants, Realtors, restaurant owners, caterers, school teachers, baseball players, state employees, refinery workers, plywood mill owners, firefighters, cannery workers, fishing industry laborers, and in the military. The Atterberry family was honored in 2008 by the Skagit County historical society. If you take a trip through the Lyman cemetery with Jones, you will find a rich history of the Atterberry and Skagit settlers.

Once again an Atterberry is volunteering to serve: Jones Atterberry is a candidate for the PUD Commissioner’s position, which serves our 3rd District. Please consider supporting Jones by choosing him for this position.

*Sponsored by the campaign to elect Jones Atterberry PUD Commissioner.*

## CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

Even though the season is over, you can make an appointment to **visit the museum or do research** in the library outside of normal times by calling Robin Wood at 360.826.3075 or e-mailing us at concreteheritagemuseum@stumpranchonline.com.

**Monthly meetings** are held year-round at the museum, on the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The **Skagit-Snohomish Horseless Carriage Club of America** members who visited were delightful and generous with donations. They gave us as much information as we gave them! One woman had graduated from Concrete in 1965. Another, dressed in a black leather jacket, said she was of the Amelia Earhart era, threw her white scarf over her shoulder, and struck a pose.

John Boggs is part of a task force that has been created to address the fate of the **Sockeye Express**. Costs to repair

or replace it are under discussion by the Town Council, as is the cost to insure it. Concrete Chamber of Commerce President Valerie Stafford is championing the fundraising effort to pay for repairs or replacement.

The **5th Annual Concrete Ghost Walk** is scheduled for Saturdays, Oct. 16, 23, and 30. Tours start at 6 p.m. at the Concrete Theatre and end at the museum around 7:30. The Concrete Ghost Walk is sponsored by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, *Concrete Herald*, and the Concrete Heritage Museum.

Reminder: **Save those receipts** from Albert’s Red Apple for the museum. The Frank family graciously donates a small percentage of money for the total of those food receipts to the museum. You can give them to any board member you know.

You can also leave them at the Concrete

See **Museum**, p. 29

## At the Upper Skagit Library



There is a magical time between ages 3 to 7 when children expand beyond verbal communication and start to develop written language skills as well. If a young child doesn’t receive sufficient nurturing, nutrition, parental/caregiver interaction, and stimulus during this crucial period, the child may be left with a developmental deficit that hampers his or her success in preschool, kindergarten, and beyond.

Chicago’s publicly funded Child-Parent Centers have served almost 100,000 3- and 4-year-olds since 1967. Researchers tracked 989 of those children and 550 similar children not in the program for 14 years. The children who did not participate were 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. This program also cut child abuse and neglect.

Long-term studies have consistently found that investing in children has several lasting, important benefits for the participants, their families, and society at large, including taxpayers. These benefits include:

- Higher levels of verbal, mathematical, and general intellectual achievement
- Greater success at school, including less grade retention, less need for special education, and higher graduation rates
- Higher employment and earnings

- Better health outcomes
- Less welfare dependency
- Lower crime rates

Developing language skills appears to be more important for boys than girls in helping them to learn self-control; more emphasis should be placed on encouraging boy toddlers to “use their words”—instead of exhibiting unruly behavior—to solve problems, said Claire Vallotton, Michigan State University assistant professor of child development.

The number of early learning programs continues to grow, and they have become accessible in a variety of ways on the Internet, and through schools, libraries, and pediatricians’ offices. Programs such as Motherread, Raising a Reader, Reach out and Read, and Reading is FUNdamental emphasize parent/caregiver-child interactions such as reading together and discussing the story. No matter what program you choose, it’s important that you begin reading to and with your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood children.

From Oct. 10–30, Borders Books in Cascade Mall, Burlington, will hold a **book drive** to benefit the Upper Skagit Library.

This month’s **board of trustees** meeting will be held Oct. 21 at 5 p.m., at the library.

—Aimee Hirschel

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 7 Saukrates Cafe meeting, Annie’s Pizza Station, 6 p.m.; conversation topic posted at Upper Skagit Library and <http://saukratescafe.wordpress.com/>
- 8 Flu shots at Concrete Senior Center, 10 a.m. to noon; info at 360.853.8400
- 9–10 Fall Color Festival, Concrete; see ad, p. 32; info at [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com)
- 11 Columbus Day: Lyman, Hamilton, and Concrete Town Halls closed
- 11 Concrete PTO meeting, Elementary School library, 2:45 p.m.; info at [concretek6pto@yahoo.com](mailto:concretek6pto@yahoo.com)
- 11–16 Concrete School District Homecoming week
- 12 Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support Christmas Care Package Drive begins, runs through Nov. 11; info at 360.856.5143, ext. 1703 or [mpineda@janicki.com](mailto:mpineda@janicki.com)
- 13 North Cascades National Park Electronic Field Trip (free) for 4th through 7th grade students, 7 and 10 a.m.; register at [www.northcascadeseft.com](http://www.northcascadeseft.com)
- 13 Imagine Concrete meeting, Mears Field Pilots Lounge, Concrete, 6 p.m.; info at 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com)
- 14 Concrete Chamber of Commerce meeting, Baker Lake Lodge, 11:30 a.m.; RSVP requested: Send e-mail to [chamber@concrete-wa.com](mailto:chamber@concrete-wa.com)
- 14 Concrete Elementary PTO Family Fitness Night, elementary school gym, 6–8 p.m.; info at [concretek6pto@yahoo.com](mailto:concretek6pto@yahoo.com)
- 16 Ghost Walk begins at Concrete Theatre, downtown Concrete, 6–7:30 p.m.; info on ad, p. 7, and [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com)
- 16 Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support Donation Drop-off Day, Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; info at 856.5143, ext. 1703 or [mpineda@janicki.com](mailto:mpineda@janicki.com)
- 21 Concrete Senior Center Open House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. for first 50 diners; info at 360.853.8400
- 23 Ghost Walk begins at Concrete Theatre, downtown Concrete, 6–7:30 p.m.; info on ad, p. 7, and [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com)
- 27–29 Grandy Creek Grocery Pumpkin-carving Contest drop-off days; judging begins Oct. 30 at 5 p.m.
- 29–31 Hi. Lo. Country Haunted House, 45977 Main St., Concrete, 7–10 p.m. (Oct. 29 and 30), 6–8 p.m. (Oct. 31, for younger kids), \$3 suggested donation; info at 360.853.8000 or [hilocountryhotel@frontier.com](mailto:hilocountryhotel@frontier.com)
- 30 Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade, line up at 12:30 p.m. in municipal parking lot behind Wells Fargo, parade at 1 p.m., trick-or-treating after parade; info at [www.sedro-woolley.com](http://www.sedro-woolley.com)
- 30 Cardiac Arrest Fest, Birdsvew Brewing Co., 38302 SR 20, Birdsvew; info at 360.826.3406
- 30 Hi. Lo. Country Halloween Party, 4591 Baker St., Concrete, 9 p.m., prizes given for best costumes; info at 360.853.8000
- 30 Ghost Walk begins at Concrete Theatre, downtown Concrete, 6–7:30 p.m.; info on ad, p. 7, and [www.concrete-wa.com](http://www.concrete-wa.com)
- 31 Concrete Lions Club Halloween Party, Concrete Elementary School gym, 5 to 7 p.m., donations accepted for Northwest Sight & Hearing

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Deadline for second-half property taxes; info at 360.336.9350
- 2 General election ballots must be postmarked by today’s date or submitted to a drop-off location by 8 p.m. tonight; see article, p. 5, for details
- 6 Sedro-Woolley Community Troop Support Donation Drop-off Day, Cascade Mercantile, Lyman, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; info at 360.826.3818 or [swctsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:swctsgroup@gmail.com)
- 13 Filling Santa’s Bag variety show to raise funds for Concrete kids, Concrete Theatre, 7:30 p.m.; info at [info@concrete-theatre.com](mailto:info@concrete-theatre.com), 360.941.0403, or [www.concrete-theatre.com](http://www.concrete-theatre.com)
- 15 Lyman Christmas Angel Tree donation period begins, Lyman Town Hall; info at 360.826.3818 or [oney\\_brat@yahoo.com](mailto:oney_brat@yahoo.com)

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





# Lyman



## Once upon a time, Wildcats ruled Lyman

By Tammie Werner

School pride bloomed in Lyman at the 6th annual Back-to-School Parade celebrating the love of books and reading with the theme of “Once Upon A Time...” Spectators lined the parade route to watch the floats, fire engines, classic cars, and the Sedro-Woolley High School and Cascade Middle School bands.

Sailing away with first place this year was Michelle Kloke’s Kindergarten class with their float entry of “Kindies Are Hooked on Reading” inspired by Peter Pan and Captain Hook. Their pirate ship float was outstanding and the costumes were wonderful, but it was their good manners that gave their class a perfect score, earning them a class party sponsored by the Lyman Elementary Booster Group. Second place went to Shawna Tesarik and Jamie McMillen’s fourth grade class for their float of “Toy

Story.” Third place was awarded to Kyle Swanson’s third grade class float for “Where the Wild Things Are.” Honorable Mention went to Grand Marshal Arretta Price’s float decorated by Patty Cook.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Lyman Wildcats and celebrate the start of a new school year. The Open House following the parade was well attended and the Book Fair raised money

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**Below:** Sporting a pirate theme and their first-place float prize, the kindergartners rode a decorated boat in the parade. **Right:** Escorted by best-friend Marge Conard (left), Grand Marshal Arretta Price begins the parade. A Lyman resident since she was 12, Price is Lyman’s oldest female citizen, at 85 years young. **Far right:** Exuberant 5th-graders cheer from Mr. Skiles’ float.



## Lyman Library tales

By Elaine Kohler

We certainly did not get much of a summer this year. The trees are turning and birds are at my feeders stocking up for the long trip south. The ducks on the river have been flocking and being very noisy, but I still love to see them against the sky.

It is getting to that time of year when more people come into the library for new reading material and to pick up some of the new puzzles. Once winter sets in, I know more folks will come to see which puzzles they have not done. They are a lot of fun and certainly something the whole family can do together. I keep an eye open at thrift stores and yard sales for new ones and of course we always welcome donations.

We had a nice donation of books by Dick Francis recently and I will give him a shelf of his own. Whenever we get a lot of one author, I have found it much easier to just give them their own place as it makes it easier for folks to find them. This can be a bit confusing to new people, but when we explain about the limited space, they begin to look around.

I have been going through a lot of my mother’s old knitting and crocheting books and will be taking a bunch to the library. It will only be a limited-time thing, so if you would like to have them, just stop by and help yourself. I have never been able to master the teeny thread projects in crocheting. I just use simple stitches in big yarn. As for knitting, well, Mom was great at it, but that gene never quite made it down to me.

The angel tree is looking for people to make scarves, hats, and blankets, and knitting and crocheting are wonderful winter crafts.

I found several of the Goosebumps series at the thrift store this week. It is getting to be a nice collection on the teen’s shelf.

Until next month, enjoy what we do get of Indian Summer.



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# Day Creek



## Fun, food, and fundraising at 2nd Annual Lawn Mower Races

By Simme Bobrosky and Jason Miller

Day Creek’s Fire Department is breaking a sweat, but not from the heat of a fire. The volunteer department’s budget continues to fall short; by 2012 it projects it will not be able to pay the rising costs of maintenance, training, and state regulations, resulting in its closure.

Enter a concerned and active citizenry, which hosted a Sept. 11 fundraising event to help bolster the department’s coffers. Lawn mower races, a parade, a semi-potluck barbecue dinner, and a dance aimed to raise money for the community’s fire department.

The mood at the event—especially the races—was lighthearted; even the awards ceremony was tongue-in-cheek, with Mike Pulver taking first (his prize was a box of candy) and Dave Henderson capturing second. Third place was awarded to “everyone else.”

### Open house

Oct. 2 found community members gathered again at their fire hall for an open house with a decidedly educational tone. The event ran from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m., and featured volunteer firefighters in full

gear. The fire chief, assistant fire chief, and two fire commissioners answered questions and distributed information about the upcoming levy lift request on November’s ballot. That measure, Proposition 1, would provide much-needed budget relief for the Day Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighters demonstrated the value of the fire department throughout the day, with demonstrations that included a motor vehicle accident rescue using state-of-the-art equipment to rip a vehicle apart and rescue trapped “victims,” and an “escape smoke house” for children to practice escaping a house and being rescued by firefighters. Fire Chief Travis Arendse, told visitors that power tools

such as the Jaws of Life enable firefighters to extricate victims within 20 minutes and send them on their way to the hospital.

The day was filled with learning and hope for the passing of Prop. 1 during the Nov. 2 election.



**Above left:** Day Creek firefighters demonstrate a vehicle rescue with a Jaws of Life during the Oct. 2 open house. *Photo by Simme Bobrosky.* **Above:** Day Creek citizen Simme Bobrosky whoops it up as she crosses the finish line in first place during one of the heats for the Sept. 11 lawn mower races. Bobrosky’s steed sported a custom paint job (with matching helmet) and a bowling-trophy hood ornament. **Below:** Dinner after the lawn mower races. *Photo by Donna Pulver.*



Day Creek lawn mower racers pause after the fun for a group photo. Back row, left to right: Pat Blair, Dave Henderson, Mike Pulver, Simme Bobrosky, Kathy Henderson, Nick Nicholson. Front row, left to right: Kenzee Oban and Maggie Cooper.



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**Left:** Aspiring Dalmatian Samantha Jepperson, 3, of Lyman, gets a little eye paint from her mother, Christina Jepperson, before the start of the Lyman Back-to-School Parade Sept. 28.  
**Below:** Lily Brown, 3, of Birdview, waited patiently (sort of) while her mother, Becky Lanier, fitted her with Dalmatian ears. The two girls rode on the Lyman Co-op Preschool float.



**Below:** Dave Henderson (left) gives Mike Pulver's roaring steed a little "help" during a heat at the lawn mower races in Day Creek on Sept. 11. Their tangle culminated with a pile-up moments later. *Photo by Donna Pulver.*



**Above:** The 11th Annual Upper Skagit Valley Women's Retreat at Mount Baker Lodge hosted 38 women from Sept. 11–12. The retreat's guest speaker was Sher Ross. Shown are members from the retreat's planning committee (left to right): Shirley Shepard, Linda Gagnon, Jeanette Jensen, Maureen Royal, Maureen Ford, Naomi Rumpff, Debbie Noboa, Gladys Silrus. *Submitted photo.*



**Above:** Concrete High School fans whoop it up Sept. 3 during the first football game of the season, against Liberty Bell. They had reason to holler: Concrete pounded the visiting team 54–0.  
**Below, left to right:** Colton Maloney, Arielle Aiken, Spencer Duffy, Dustin Brigham, and Dennis Dorgan painted up to cheer on the CHS volleyballers as they took on La Conner, Sept. 21.



# September in pictures



**Right:** Nick Bates steered a Hamilton Fire Dept. engine in the Lyman Back-to-School Parade Sept. 28. This year marked Hamilton's first appearance in the parade. *Photo by Debbie Boyd.*



**Above:** Judy Hemenway posed atop an antique hay rake during the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center's Garage Sale in the field west of Logger's Landing in Concrete, Aug. 28. The rake and other implements had been donated for the fundraising cause by John Boggs.



**Above:** Chris Fry (right) of Tacoma played Marshal Charles Villeneuve in the reenactment of the 1914 bank robbery during Founders' Day in Sedro-Woolley on Sept. 11. Fry's role carried special meaning for him: He is a great-great grandson of Villeneuve. The bank robbery perforated Sedro-Woolley's storefronts and left a 13-year-old boy dead. The robbers, which were Ukrainian immigrants, fled to Canada, where Royal Canadian Mounted Police killed all five of them.

**Right:** The Skagit-Snohomish Horseless Carriage Club of America visited Concrete Sept. 15. Shown are Ray and Vicki Markley of Maple Valley, with their 1914 Pullman "torpedo" touring car.  
**Below:** Dozens of the vintage cars filled Bear Square before club members left for the PSE Baker River facility.



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I've enjoyed spending Fridays in the East County office in Concrete and listening to your ideas, issues and concerns. I will continue to spend Fridays in the East County office.

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# Hamilton



## Council Summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting on Aug. 10. The following is a summary of that meeting.

- The letter from Mr. John Graves with FEMA was discussed. The reply to Mr. Graves was reviewed and changes were made and approved for sending. Revisions to the letter would be completed on August 11, 2010 and would be signed by Council Cromley as Mayor Pro-tem and mailed.
- A bid for the Town Sign for businesses from Skagit Valley Signs was presented. The bid amount was \$685.99 for a 4' x 10' single-sided alupanel sign with 12 spaces for business names. There was no drawing design with the bid. Tom Selin will go to Skagit Valley Signs and ask for a drawing design to present to the council.
- The Capital Project Wish List was compiled from the mayor, council, clerk, and maintenance staff. The list will be given to Margaret Fleek.
- Water Department: The clerk reported that the meter at the well and the usage for the month of July still showed a loss of water. Tom Selin, maintenance, reported he received a better price from H. B. Jaeger in the amount of \$700 for a new meter for the well; it has been ordered. He further reported there was another failure at the well on Monday, Aug. 9.
- Street Department: Tom Selin reported in response to a letter from the Sedro-Woolley School District, he was patching potholes with cement and crushed rocks.

## Birdsview buzz

By Kris Voigt

Well, fall is officially here and the weather is almost better than it was in the summer! Hope everyone has settled back into the school and work mode.

Happy Anniversary to Swede and Diane on Oct. 14.

### October birthdays

- |    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| 1  | Diane Ray                     |
| 5  | James (favorite prison guard) |
| 6  | Rashel Russell O'Neil         |
|    | Annabelle Babcock             |
| 7  | Jim Fichter                   |
| 8  | Paul Olson (my brother)       |
| 10 | Brandon Hoover                |
| 12 | Zach Michaud                  |
| 13 | Gilly Boardman                |
|    | Don Smith                     |
| 14 | Dennis Russell                |
| 21 | Mandy Warner                  |
| 26 | Thalen Cambo                  |
| 29 | Sarah Ridley                  |

Congrats to our daughter Jessie for passing the Oregon State Bar. All your hard work finally paid off. And way to go Gilly Boardman too. Darrell and Anita Weidkamp recently celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas.

### Brewery news

We are taking our annual vacation Sept. 27 through Oct. 11, but we will be open on the weekends, courtesy of our daughters who volunteered to run the place.

Cardiac Arrest Fest will be Oct. 30, and because it's the day before Halloween, costumes are encouraged. There will be music by Bad Chuck and the Screaming Sheep. And again this October, we will raise money for the pediatric cardiac unit

at Children's Hospital in Seattle. In September we raised \$104 through customer donations and our donations from selling pink growlers.

I'm sure there's more, but my brain is in vacation mode! Have a great October, stop by the brewery and see what's new, and let me know what's going on.

## Grandy Creek Grocery announces pumpkin-carving contest

Birdsview's Grandy Creek Grocery will hold a pumpkin-carving contest this month.

Drop off your carved pumpkin during business hours from Wed., Oct. 27 through Fri., Oct. 29. Judging will begin Saturday, with the winner announced at 5 p.m.

The first-place winner will receive a \$25 Grandy Creek Gift Certificate. The second-place carver will take home five free movie rentals.

Trick-or-treating. Kids can show up in their Halloween costumes between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and pick up a treat. Parents can grab a free small coffee to keep them alert when making the rounds.

Trick-or-treat!

On Oct. 31, make a point to stop by Grandy Creek Grocery before going trick-or-treating. Kids can show up in their Halloween costumes between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and pick up a treat. Parents can grab a free small coffee to keep them alert when making the rounds.

### Broadband, cont. from p. 4

(author of *How We Decide*), and an amazing array of other thoughtful folks ([http://scienceblogs.com/cortex/2010/06/the\\_shallows.php](http://scienceblogs.com/cortex/2010/06/the_shallows.php)). After reading many of the posts and following a few other leads, I've decided to continue my pursuit of broadband for the masses.

Hence, I joined some of your friends and neighbors at a Sept. 29 meeting with Henry Van, Regional Manager for Frontier Communications. After this meeting, we attended a Broadband Workshop sponsored by Washington State's Department of Information Services. Look for a report on these events in the November issue of *Concrete Herald*.

Meanwhile, if you want to be on our e-mail list of people concerned about broadband access, send an e-mail to [upriverweb@gmail.com](mailto:upriverweb@gmail.com).

## Outdoor burning restrictions lifted Sept. 15

SKAGIT COUNTY — The outdoor burn ban was lifted Wed., Sept. 15, at 8 a.m., for all unincorporated areas of Skagit County.

Residents within an incorporated city, town, or Skagit County urban growth area should contact city fire departments for burn restriction information. Concrete, for example, does not allow any outdoor burning other than recreational fires within town limits.

Four-foot-by-four-foot (or smaller) burn piles of natural vegetation are allowed without a permit in unincorporated Skagit County (outside urban growth areas). Burn permits must be acquired from Skagit County Fire Warden Fred Wefer for natural vegetation burn pile sizes larger than 4' x 4'. To apply for a permit, leave a message for Wefer at 360.428.3293.

Only natural vegetation (leaves, grass and tree trimmings) may be burned. It is never legal to burn garbage, household trash, lumber, building construction waste, or demolition debris.

For more information regarding the burn program, go online to [www.skagitcounty.net/firemarshal](http://www.skagitcounty.net/firemarshal) or contact the Skagit County Fire Warden at 360.428.3293.

### In The Service, cont. from p. 3

"But now he's fine, back on active duty," reports mother Patti Renner.

Welcome home (soon), Eric. In early April, **Josh Thomas** from Concrete will head to San Diego as an E2 Private First Class in the U.S. Marines. Thomas, 23, will attend Boot Camp first, then begin schooling for what he hopes will be a position in Intelligence, although he hasn't yet heard whether his application for that position has been approved.

Why the Marines? "It's something I've been thinking about since elementary school," said Thomas. "I have a lot of family in the military—my grandpa is retired Air Force—and it always appealed to me. I think it's where God wants me at this point. I think there are many opportunities to serve God as a Marine."

## Business Spotlight: North Cascade Lawn Maintenance

By Cora Thomas

Summer has come to an end and fall is upon us with trees displaying their vibrant orange and yellow leaves, and the arrival of crisp, cool weather. With the changing season you may be thinking about finishing up your summer yard projects and getting ready for winter.

North Cascade Lawn Maintenance (NCLM) has the capacity to help you with all your lawn care needs. Robert Lahr established the business in May 2009.

"I've been cutting lawns forever," he says, and he thought he might as well utilize his skills in lawn care and expand to open his own business.

Between NCLM and his other business,

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Whether he needs to pull together a specialized crew for a job or do it himself, North Cascade Lawn Maintenance owner Bob Lahr gets the job done.

Lahr Custom Woodworking, Bob's schedule is pretty busy. The services he provides include mowing, trimming, edging, weeding, tilling, flowerbed design, reclaiming, pre-sale cleanup, rental cleanup, storm cleanup, debris hauling, pressure washing, and snow removal. Lately, he had a few foreclosure properties to maintain in these rough economic times.

His service area reaches from Skagit, Whatcom, and Island Counties and as far south as Freeland, Whidbey Island. His

motto is "Do it right every time." He describes his simple business philosophy with three succinct phrases:

- Show up on time
- The customer is always right
- Be reliable

Bob aims to please, and he shares a story about a Birdsview client as evidence.

"We went in and did a complete flower bed renovation. After it was finished, [our client] said it was the best she'd ever seen. It was more than she could have imagined. She was

thrilled with her new flowerbeds."

These kinds of stories make the job worthwhile, says Bob. His work is rewarding "because it's like instant gratification, a ragged looking piece of property will be looking sharp pretty fast," he says.

North Cascade Lawn Maintenance can assist you anytime, when the leaves clog your storm drains in the fall, when snow piles up in the winter, and when the grass and shrubs start to grow fast in the hot summer months. Bob is licensed and insured, provides free estimates, and treats his customers so well they don't hesitate to call him back.

"Thank you to my customers who have supported me over the last few years," says Bob. "I'm looking forward to serving the community for years to come!"



North Cascade Lawn Maintenance owner Bob Lahr's rig is a familiar site in eastern Skagit County. He landscaped it and drove it during this year's Cascade Days parade—and took home a first-place trophy in the Commercial Business category.

## Open for business: Save on Furniture

By Jason Miller

Downtown Sedro-Woolley has a new anchor tenant. On Aug. 1, Save on Furniture opened its doors at the corner of Metcalf and State Streets.

Built in 1922, the building first housed JC Penney. From 1984 till 2008, the Bus Jungquist Furniture Store set up shop in the 17,000-square-foot building. Today, Save on Furniture continues the tradition of selling fine home furnishings.

The twist in this story is not the



Save on Furniture occupies the former Bus Jungquist Furniture Store Building on the corner of Metcalf and State Streets in Sedro-Woolley. The new furniture store opened its doors Aug. 1.

quality of Save on Furniture's merchandise; owners Paul and Shelley Sanchez carry some of the finest brands on the market. What sets this store apart from the rest is its prices.

Save on Furniture sells liquidated furniture at a fraction of what you'd expect to pay. Inside its doors you'll find recliners, sectionals, home décor, lamps, bedroom sets, kitchen appliances, rugs, mattresses, baby toys and furnishings, and much, much more. Paul Sanchez told *Concrete Herald* he plans to add food products and clothing in the near future.

The Sedro-Woolley store is the second one for the Sanchez family, which started



The Save on Furniture stores in Bellingham and Sedro-Woolley are run by members of the Sanchez family. Shown here relaxing for a split second in their Sedro-Woolley store are (left to right) Paul, Shelley, Dayton, Zach, Dominic, and Sarah Sanchez.

in the furniture business 10 years ago, in Bellingham. The effort is a family affair, with Shelley running the Bellingham store, son Zach managing the warehouse, and son Dominic managing the Sedro-Woolley store. Sarah, 16, and Dayton, 13,

round out the family. The family started out with auctions, then moved to liquidations, says Paul, 45, a former Navy man who recently retired from a law enforcement position with Customs at the Blaine border. He attributes the store's success to the family's straightforward business strategy. "It's quality with affordable prices," he says. "No gimmicks. No special sales. Just a hometown feel with no high-pressure selling. Brand-new stuff, liquidation prices. We're always going to be cheaper." It's a formula that's worked so far: The family has been running nonstop ever since the Sedro-Woolley store opened. "Hopefully in a year we'll open another store in Seattle," says Paul.

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# Rockport



## Eagle Festival regroups for 2010–11 season

By Deanna Ensley

It is time for The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team to start prepping for the upcoming eagle viewing season! These are the dedicated people who managed the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival and Skagit River Interpretive Center at Rockport for decades. The Bald Eagle Festival had great success for 22 years. The festival was set aside with the failing economy of the past few years. The Skagit River Interpretive Center opened in 1997 in the old Rockport Firehouse and moved into Howard Miller Steelhead Park in 2007. The interpretive center will once again host all the same attractions that the Bald Eagle Festival did in the past. Weekend after weekend this winter through the prime bald eagle viewing season of December and January, the center will

provide a warm place to watch bald eagles and to take in the great programs that visitors have come to expect. The popular Sardis Raptor shows are scheduled once again for this winter, even more school and educational programs are planned, and regular interpretive walks on weekends and an array of know-ledgeable speakers will be offered too. I spent 16 years with this nonprofit, nine years on the Board of Directors. After many years of volunteer experience throughout the Skagit Valley, this organization has all my support and endorsement. This group has endured change and progressed with success. The Skagit River Interpretive Center was our dream for years. The center fills a gap. It is essential that it be preserved as a winter community and visitor service of Eastern Skagit County. In my opinion, The Skagit River Interpretive Center has been the most important citizen-driven accomplishment of eastern county. The interpretive center

has provided community and natural history education for 6,000 to 10,000 visitors a season for years now. Just yesterday a long-time east-county resident recognized me as a “festival” member and asked me about the festival this year. I proudly told him the details. There are many of you who have enjoyed the festival or who should plan to experience the benefits of the organization. If you have watched a bald eagle soar, fished an area lake or stream, or simply enjoyed the outdoors, please consider supporting and knowing The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team. There are numerous opportunities to assist this organization; e.g., volunteering, financial contributions, office staffing, board meetings, planning, community relations, etc. Please visit its Web site at [www.skagiteagle.org](http://www.skagiteagle.org) for an overview of the organization, its accomplishments, and programs. Or, call the interpretive center at 360.853.7626 or send an e-mail to [srbeatic@fidalgo.net](mailto:srbeatic@fidalgo.net).

## Postal news

### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Kathy Watson

You can help further breast cancer awareness research by purchasing designated semi-postal stamps. Each First Class stamp is 55 cents; a sheet is \$11. Eleven cents from each stamp goes toward research. Research funds from the sale of the these stamps nationally since July 29, 1998, is more than \$70.7 million!



Kathy Watson is Postmaster of Marblemount.

## Second-half property taxes due

SKAGIT COUNTY — The due date for the second-half property taxes is Nov. 1, 2010 (RCW 1.12.070), according to Skagit County Treasurer Katie Jungquist. Payments post-marked after that date are subject to a 1 percent per month finance charge. In addition, an 8 percent penalty is assessed if the payment is made after Nov. 30, 2010. Senior citizens and disabled persons who own a residence or mobile home and are 61 years or older, or are retired because of a disability and make \$35,000 or less, may qualify for a property tax exemption. County residents may remit tax payments by credit card via [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or 888.272.9829. The Jurisdiction Code is 5611. Payments can be left at the drop box located near the stairs in the parking lot behind the Skagit County Courthouse. Those who do not have a tax statement or who need assistance should contact the Treasurer’s office at 360.336.9350 or at [treasurer@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:treasurer@co.skagit.wa.us). For more information, contact Skagit County Treasurer Katie Jungquist at 360.336.9350 or visit [www.skagitcounty.net/treasurer](http://www.skagitcounty.net/treasurer). **CH**

## Envision Skagit 2060 committee members chosen

SKAGIT COUNTY — The Skagit County commissioners and the mayors of Anacortes, Burlington, La Conner, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley have selected a 14-member citizen committee to help guide the next phase of the Envision Skagit 2060 project. On September 1, the Skagit County commissioners and mayors met as the Skagit County Growth Management Act Steering Committee. Together, they agreed by consensus to select 14 of the 29 Skagit County residents who applied to serve on the citizen committee. East county citizens chosen for the committee include James Meyer of Cascadian Farm near Rockport; Kim Mower, a dairy farmer near Hamilton; Nicole Pomerleau, a Registered Nurse and owner of a small family farm east of Sedro-Woolley; and Grace Popoff, a citizen activist from Concrete who is a member of Friends of the Upper Skagit Library and the library board. The citizen committee will work over the next 10 months considering input from diverse community viewpoints and developing a forward-looking plan for Skagit County during the next 50 years. **CH**



# Home & Garden



## Concrete’s community garden prepares for bed rentals

By Jason Miller

Reservations are being accepted for raised-bed rentals in the Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete. During the coming winter, the northwest corner of the garden will slowly fill with raised beds in three different sizes, in time for the start of a March 2011 rental year. Community garden task force members intend to build seven more 4’ x 8’ beds, four 4’ x 10’ beds, and nine beds that measure 4’ x 12’. Budget pricing Rental prices are designed to ensure that renters will be able to grow produce whose value exceeds their rental payment: 4’ x 8’ bed: \$25 per year 4’ x 10’ bed: \$35 per year 4’ x 12’ bed: \$45 per year The rental year runs from March 1 through February 28. Renters may plant and replant their beds as often as they like during that period. A complete set of garden rules will be provided to each renter by March 1, 2011. Reservations open Anyone who wishes to rent a raised bed in the garden should contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com). Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event

that reservations exceed the number of planned beds, reservation seekers will be placed on a waiting list. Payments After making a reservation, prospective renters must pay for their bed at Concrete Town Hall by March 1, 2011. Any renter who does not make the payment by March 31, 2011, will forfeit the bed and be placed on the waiting list. Donations needed Funding is needed for the materials to build the raised beds, as are helping hands to build and install the beds. Anyone who wishes to contribute in any way should contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com). Infrastructure under way Spring 2011 garden plans include a shed measuring 10’ x 12’, which will be used to store garden tools and serve as an education hub for the garden, with handouts of gardening tips and more. The shed will be located just inside and south of the west gate. In the southwest corner, task force members plan a “Memory Garden,” a quiet, human-scaled space where those who have lost children can remember and continue to heal.



The Angele Cupples Community Garden in Concrete is shown Oct. 1 after the perimeter fence received its first coat of stain. Garden task force members Marla Reed and Jason Miller say a series of raised beds in the garden’s northwest corner will be installed and ready to rent by March 2011. Other spring 2011 goals include the construction of a shed and a “Memory Garden.”

## How to rent a bed

Reservations currently are being accepted for raised-bed rentals in the Angele Cupples Community Garden. Prices 4’ x 8’ bed: \$25 per year\* 4’ x 10’ bed: \$35 per year\* 4’ x 12’ bed: \$45 per year\*

Reserve To reserve a bed, call Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or e-mail him at [goodwords@frontier.com](mailto:goodwords@frontier.com). Pay Make your payment at Concrete Town Hall before March 1, 2011. If you have not made your payment by March 31, 2011, you will forfeit your bed and be placed on a waiting list. \*Rental year runs from March to March.

## WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Program seeking volunteer educators

The WSU Skagit County Extension Master Gardener Program is accepting applications for its 2011 Annual Training. Those accepted into the program to become Master Gardener volunteer educators will receive computer-based class work along with six weeks of classroom education in home horticulture, integrated pest management, and plant problem diagnosis from WSU specialists and other experts. Classroom training begins Thurs., Jan. 20, and will take place on Thursdays each week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To request an application, call 360.428.4270, ext. 0; go online to <http://www.skagit.wsu.edu/MG/apply.htm>, or write to WSU Skagit County Extension Master Gardener Program, 11768 Westar Lane, Ste. A, Burlington, WA 98233. For more information, call 360.428.4270.

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# Marblemount



**Above:** Ilona Whiting studies case-related paper-work outside her Marblemount home Aug. 1. **Below left:** Jenny the porcupine figured out how to escape from her cage at only three days old. **Below middle:** Willy the crow in 2000. **Below right:** Corky, the male porcupine, in an undated photo. *Submitted animal photos.*



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## Marblemount woman’s animals confiscated

Porcupine died shortly after being taken; crow euthanized; others in sanctuaries

By Jason Miller

On April 16, Skagit County Animal Control Officer Emily Diaz and two Wash- ington Fish & Wildlife officers knocked on Ilona Whiting’s door in Marblemount and confiscated her potbellied pig, two porcupines, and her crow —her “children,” as she refers to them.

According to Diaz, the seizure was more than justified. Her report—which includes findings by an independent veterinarian who specializes in birds and exotic animals—details a long list of health prob- lems that warranted the animals’ removal. For Diaz, the issue was animal cruelty.

The porcupines—a male and a female— were removed for failure to provide medical attention, said Diaz. “[The female] was missing the majority of her quills, her skin was highly infected, there was pus in her eyes and on her body, and her nails were incredibly long, to the point where it was painful.”

The male porcupine was found to have an abscessed tooth. Numerous additional issues were discovered, including “suspicion of unsanitary conditions, due to the porcupine coats being soiled with urine and feces on their feet and claws,” said Diaz.

The crow was removed because it is illegal to own crows in Washington State, said Officer Jeff Lee with Washington Fish & Wildlife, who was one of the officers present during the April 16 confiscation. “You can’t possess any migratory bird without a migratory bird permit,” said Lee, adding that only organizations like zoos are granted the permits.

Diaz said the crow also was removed for failure to provide medical attention. It was missing a wing and had a crippled, infected, swollen leg. “It had bumblefoot,” said Diaz. “It was in pain.”

The pig was found in the back half of a

horse trailer, with no evidence of it ever getting out, according to Diaz. Its living quarters were filled with manure, urine, and moldy hay. “It was morbidly obese,” said Diaz. “It had trouble standing up; its legs started to buckle. Its hooves were incredibly long. It had a red rash on its belly from lying down most of the time in unsanitary conditions. He was so fat it had rolled over his eyes and he couldn’t see well.”

Shortly after the animals were seized, the female porcupine, whom Whiting had named “Jenny,” died under anesthesia. The crow, named “Willy,” was euthanized because, in the veterinarian’s opinion, “it was inhumane to allow him to live, because he was in such a great deal of pain,” said Diaz.

The male porcupine, “Corky,” was allegedly relocated to a wildlife rehabilitation center. The potbellied pig, “Kermit,” was relocated to Pigs Peace Sanctuary in Stanwood, where Director Judy Wood renamed him “Kirby” and continues to care for him.

“What they say is not true”

Whiting, 66, faced animal cruelty charges and filed a petition with Skagit County District Court for the return of her porcupines and crow. Her petition was denied during a June 17 hearing. The

See Whiting, p. 28



Kermit the potbellied pig was relocated to Pigs Peace Sanctuary in Stanwood, where Director Judy Wood renamed him Kirby.



# Newhalem



## Seattle City Light tours under scrutiny

By Jason Miller

After suspending its Skagit Tours for the 2010 season because of budget cuts, Seattle City Light (SCL) plans to bring back the popular tourist attraction in 2011, even though it appears that budget realities are the same, if not worse, than last year.

The possible scale and components of the tours were the subject of an often contentious public meeting hosted by SCL representatives on Sept. 9 in the Pilots Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete.

Squeezed by a projected \$67 million general fund deficit in 2011, the City of Seattle—whose City Council makes decisions governing the tours—is seeking public comment on what budget items should stay and which could go.

Led by Director of Communications and Public Affairs Suzanne Hartman, the SCL representatives posed the following ideas for feedback during the Sept. 9 meeting:

- Three boat tours per week during July and August, with an optional meal

- One “Seniors” boat tour per week during July and August, with a chicken dinner
- Two walking tours per day during June, July, and August
- A specialty tour (e.g. historical or dam operations-related) during July and August
- Information Center open for three days per week in June and September; open daily in July and August

The ideas were met with yawns and outright derision by most of the meeting attendees, most of whom represented businesses from Concrete, Rockport, and Marblemount.

“I’m very disappointed in what you have there. I don’t see what you’re offering that will draw people from 300 miles away,” said Don Clark, who manages Clark’s Cabins and Eatery in Marblemount. “I want to go on record here: This is a dismal picture of what SCL thinks is a quality tour,” he said.



**Above:** East county business owners met with Seattle City Light representatives in the Pilots Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete Sept. 9 to discuss the future of the Skagit Tours.

## Feedback opportunities

Seattle City Light is a municipal utility. As such, decisions surrounding the Skagit Tours are made by the Seattle City Council. Faced with a \$67 million general fund deficit for 2011, the City of Seattle is seeking public comment online and during two public hearings in October.

To find out how to make your voice heard, read this press release on the City of Seattle’s Web site:  
<http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/news/detail.asp?ID=11035&Dept=28>

### 4-H Kids, cont. from p. 8

white ribbon, and in Showmanship a blue.

Taleah Werda, age 14, showed her dog and received a red in Obedience and blue in Showmanship.

Josiah Werda, 12, competed in two different dog team contests. For Dog Judging, his team won first in State! For Dog Bowl they didn’t place, but still did a great job.

Bethany Werda, 10, showed her dog and received a red in Obedience and Champion in Showmanship.

**Plenty of winnings**

Alan Smith, a 10-year-old junior in 4-H, competed in several categories during the Skagit County Fair and earned the following awards: Performing Arts: red ribbon; Arts & Crafts: blue ribbon, red ribbon; Baked Goods: three blue ribbons and one red; Desserts: red ribbon; Vegetables: two blue ribbons, one red, one white; Fruit: one red ribbon; Dairy Goats: a blue ribbon for Fit & Show, a blue ribbon for Type, and a blue ribbon for Best of Show Junior Doe Open Class; Educational Posters: two blue ribbons; Rabbits: a blue ribbon for Fit & Show, a

blue for Type and Best of Breed, and two red ribbons for Type.

At the Puyallup Fair, Alan also won ribbons for the following: Dairy Goats: a blue ribbon for Fit & Show, a blue ribbon for Type, and Best of Show; Rabbits: a blue ribbon for Fit & Show, a blue for Best of Breed, and two blues for Type; Baked Goods: one blue ribbon; Vegetables: three blue ribbons and two red ribbons.

Taleah Werda’s rabbit won her a blue ribbon in Type and another blue in Fit & Show. She received a blue for her Public Presentation too. She also entered several photos, sewing projects, crafts, vegetables, baked goods, and a flower box. She receive a coveted merit award for her upside-down apricot cake.

In addition to two dog contests, Josiah Werda brought entries for the Photos, Food Preservation, and Baked Goods categories. He also received a merit for his Chewy Granola Bars.

Bethany Werda received a red for her Public Presentation. She also entered several photos and a sewing project.

—Tonya Torheim, Cheryl Werda, Jennifer Smith

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# Seniors



## Coffee Break

Seniors then and now

By Patrick Kennedy

Remember when you could do 100 sit-ups? Now you can't sit up from the easy chair without a grunt.

Remember when you could party all night and go to work the next morning with only a couple hours of sleep? Now you get only a couple hours of sleep with the memories of live music dancing in your brain.

That was then, and this is now. The body wanes as time marches on. But don't forget, like wine and cheese, people really do get better with age.

These days, of course, there are small events that make each day a gift, things like opening child-proof caps with a hammer and chisel; going a full hour without your aspirin, Absorbine Jr., Beano, and antacid; or being totally aware that you are grinning all the time because you can't understand a word anyone is saying.

You're not cantankerous just because you are a senior. It's just

that there are some things you don't like, such as traffic, waiting, crowds, small children, politicians, loud music, etc. You know they are making adults much younger these days and you do your best to avoid as many as possible. And daily you wonder, "If I'm only as old as I feel how can I still be alive at 150?"

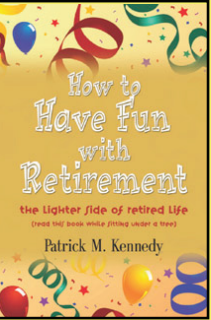
They say there are things that can be done to make senior life much better. You can get a pet, find a hobby, and, for gosh sakes, learn how to dress. Ditch the granny dresses and overalls and comb your hair once in a while. Venture into unknown territory and shop—or at least window shop—for new rags at the mall.

Fords, Chevys, and Plymouths were the cars to drive back then; nobody had heard of a Honda motorcycle or a moped. Things are different now, and it does no good to be anti-everything. Of course you are a walking storeroom of facts from those good old days and you've lost the key, but you have to find the key to that memory bank and store some new stuff.

The past is gone, and all you can do with it is remember it and relay the stories and lies to your friends and relatives. The present is a whole new beginning that has to be created and enjoyed with all your whims and desires. Go crazy. Have fun.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of *How to Have Fun with Retirement*, a sneak peek of which is available online at [www.funwithretirement.com](http://www.funwithretirement.com).

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## Way Back When

### 80 years ago

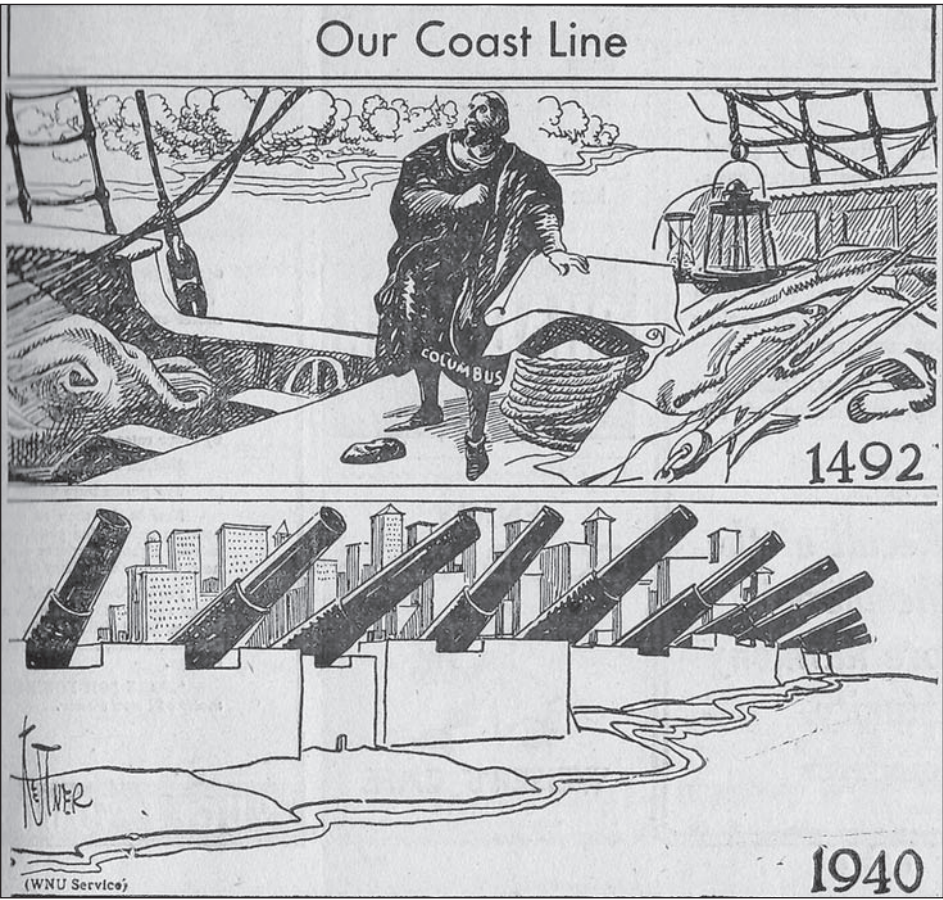
Oct. 30, 1930: All highway traffic from Concrete to the Upper Skagit valley was cut off for two days the first of the week. A sudden rise in the waters of the Skagit took out the ferry landing on the south side of the river at the Kauffman ferry; as a result, it was impossible for cars to get on or off the ferry on that side of the river. A crew of men was immediately placed at work on rebuilding the landing,

and late Tuesday afternoon the ferry resumed regular service.

### 60 years ago

Oct. 19, 1950: The Hobby Show, sponsored by the Cascade Club at Rockport last Saturday, proved to be a success in every way. The big gymnasium was filled with interesting exhibits; the visitors started coming before all displays were up and were still coming when the show was ready to close.

Most surprising was the number and variety of hobby displays. The most ambitious was the display of art and ceramics by Mrs. Wenrich of Rockport.



**70 years ago:** This editorial cartoon appeared on the front page of the Oct. 10, 1940, *Concrete Herald*. Concrete Herald archive photo.

### 50 years ago

Oct. 6, 1960: Gertrude Mary Slipper, resident of Hamilton since 1895, died last Thursday in Seattle at the age of 79. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellingham and burial was made in Greenacres Cemetery.

### 30 years ago

Oct. 2, 1960: A 50th Anniversary celebration is scheduled by Birdsvew Grange Oct. 11, starting at 8 p.m. The celebration and "booster night" meeting is open to the public. The grange was organized Oct. 10, 1930.

## Concrete Senior Center October 2010 Activities

Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m.

### Mondays

9 a.m.	Gray Ladies Hoop Quilting
1 p.m.	Skip Bo

### Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
1 p.m.	Skip Bo

### Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
1 p.m.	Skip Bo

### Thursdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Wii Sports play
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle

### Fridays

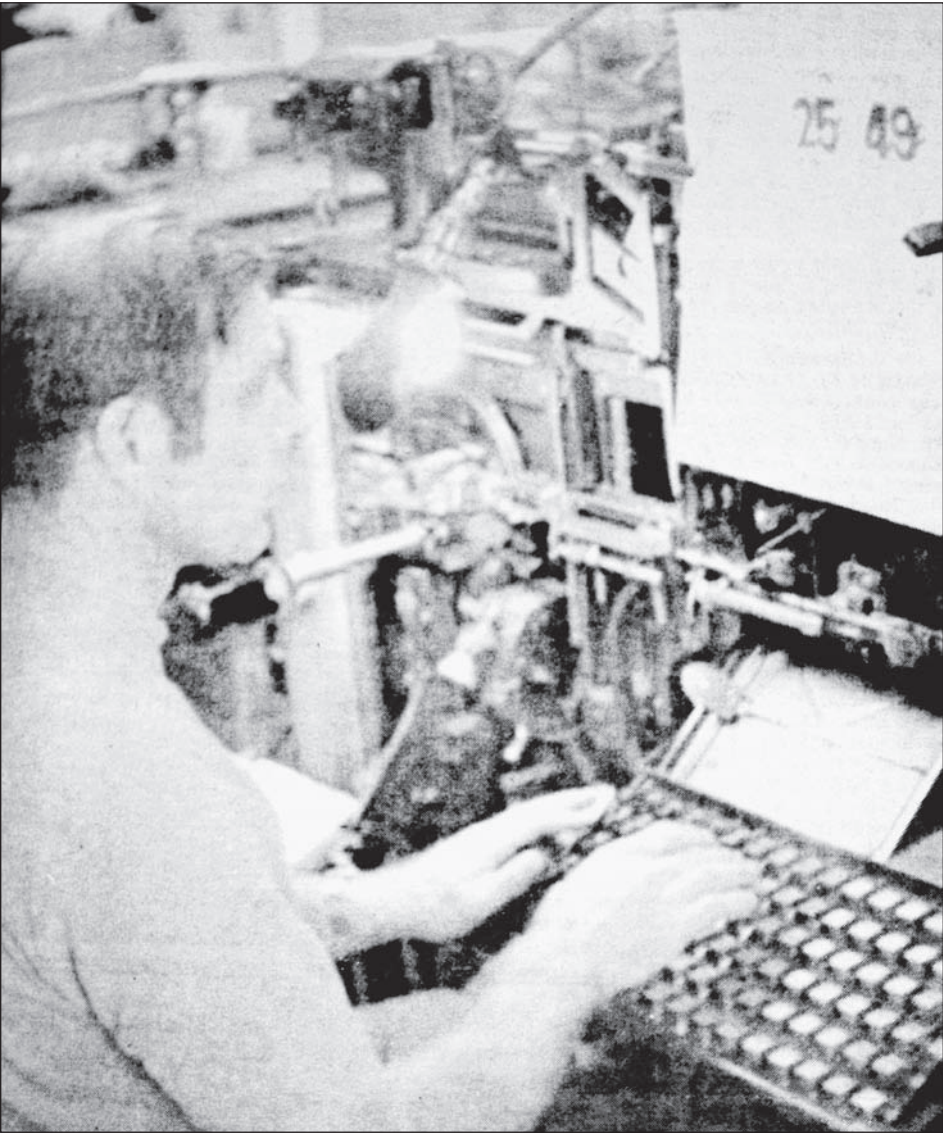
11 a.m.	Men's group
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
Noon	Mexican Train Dominoes

### Special Events

10/8	10 a.m. - noon	Flu shots
10/12	1 p.m.	Rebekahs
10/13	11 a.m.	Advisory Board meeting
10/21	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Open House (door prize drawing at noon)
10/26	12:45 p.m.	Leap of Faith
10/26	1 p.m.	Rebekahs
10/28		Foot Care by appointment (853.8400)
10/29	12:30 p.m.	Halloween / Birthday Lunch

### Holiday Closures

10/11 Furlough Day: all Skagit County offices closed



**40 years ago:** "Something new has been added to our old typefaces" proclaimed the caption for this photo of Co-publisher R. B. (Bob) Fader in the Oct. 8, 1970, issue of *Concrete Herald*. Fader was trying out the keyboard of the new Intertype typesetting machine that had been installed at the *Concrete Herald*. The addition of this machine plus six new fonts (totaling 12 different typefaces) introduced new and more modern type to the paper and helped to speed its reproduction. Concrete Herald archive photo.



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# Sunday School lesson

Where is your focus?

By Dave McAllister

The journey of faith is one in which we are called to stay focused upon what we would not naturally be compelled to consider. What we are subtly convinced that we either need or need to escape from soon becomes our driving force in life. Before we know it, we are listening to every voice other than the voice of God.

This world has a way of dictating for us what specific desires or fears will be our guide and master. Truth be told, we as His children are all in process and are learning to discern His directing in our lives (John 10:27, Phil. 1:6). But so often in the New Testament, we hear clear admonitions concerning what is to be the intentional focus of our hearts and minds.

In 2 Corinthians 4, the Apostle Paul highlights this dynamic: “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (v. 18). Realizing the “trials along the trail” that those first Christians were facing, he reminds them of what so many of us today need to acknowledge as well: Things are not only as they seem. That is to say, there is more to reality than we can know with our unaided intellect and emotions.



Apart from the work of the Spirit of God, we would fail to find hope and encouragement in the fact that there is an invisible God who is very big, very powerful, very wise, and very good. That is why David could not help but burst into his song of praise in Psalm 145, proclaiming, “Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom” (v. 3).

David was keenly aware of a fact that seems to slip our minds on a daily basis: that there is never a time when the Creator of this universe is not on the throne (Psalm 47:7-9). Therefore we need not fear what everyone else fears, for God is at work in this world to a degree far beyond what our visual circumstances would have us believe. Even so, the most accurate viewpoint comes when we turn our eyes away from our ever-changing circumstances and place them firmly upon both God and His Word. Only then do we see most clearly!

*Dave McAllister is a recent graduate of Regent College in Vancouver, B.C., and currently is pursuing full-time pastoral ministry.*

## Worth repeating...

“We have come from God, and inevitably the myths woven by us, though they contain error, will also reflect a splintered fragment of the true light, the eternal truth that is with God. Indeed only by myth-making, only by becoming ‘sub-creator’ and inventing stories, can Man aspire to the state of perfection that he knew before the Fall. Our myths may be misguided, but they steer however shakily toward the true harbour, while materialistic ‘progress’ leads only to a yawning abyss and the Iron Crown of the power of evil.”

— J. R. R. Tolkien



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# Heavenly minded

## Area pastor and amateur astronomer gazes at God.

By Bill Mueller

In 1953 a young boy was outside looking up at the star-filled sky, when an older friend pointed out the Big Dipper to him. Little did that friend know that his actions would begin Acme resident and Concrete pastor Tom Ross’ lifelong love of gazing at the stars.

In spring 1957, a comet named Arend-Roland was visible to the naked eye every night and weeks later every morning. This inspired Tom even more in his fascination with the stars and planets above.

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Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

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Marcus Stroud, pastor

### Nondenominational

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E-mail: cbcofconcrete@earthlink.net  
Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Worship Svc: 10 a.m.  
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11982 Martin Rd., Rockport, WA 98283  
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Pastor and amateur astronomer Tom Ross adjusted his 13-inch Coulter Dobsonian telescope before a September 2009 stargazing event in Concrete.

A move by Tom’s family from Michigan to Pittsburgh introduced him to the Science Center telescope. This opened up a new world of stargazing for him. His dad worked for U.S. Steel and he was able to obtain the needed supplies to build their own telescope. Viewing the sky through this homemade telescope became a neighborhood event. Yard parties became a time of gathering friends to look at the wonders of creation above.

During this period, Tom read the “All About Books” series, which featured books on several subjects, including science. He planned to become an engineer, but was encouraged to enter the ministry after college. So from 1971 to 1975 he studied at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree.

Tom, 62, has ministered to several churches here in the west, finding a way, whenever possible, to blend his two loves. While serving in Nevada, he taught astronomy at Northern Nevada Community College, as well as New Testament Greek.

Along with his wife, Sher, he has pastored at Mt. Baker Presbyterian in Concrete for 16 years and at Deming Presbyterian for 10. When asked about his motivation to view the sky, he said, “It’s fascinating. God’s creation is to be marveled at, along with His creativity. Plus, there is so much to see. As Psalm 19 states, ‘The heavens declare the glory of God.’”

One of the more interesting places he has been to look upward is aboard a Royal Cruise Line ship sailing from Acapulco through the Panama Canal. There he gave three lectures on Halley’s Comet and was able to do for his fellow passengers what had been done for him as a young boy.

An avid reader of *Sky & Telescope* magazine, Tom owns and uses a 13-inch Coulter Dobsonian telescope and a

See **Astronomer**, p. 31

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# Sheriff’s blotter



September 7: Cascade Burgers in Concrete was burglarized sometime during the evening of Sept. 7. The burglars broke the drive-through window and took the cash register, boxes of meat and cheese, bacon, and other food items. Restaurant owners estimated damages at about \$1,500.

“We have insurance, but [using it] would just drive up our insurance costs, so we’re going to handle it out of pocket,” said owner Susan Taxdahl.

An investigation is ongoing. A \$250 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators.

“If someone was in here because they were hungry, I would have given them a burger,” said Taxdahl. “They don’t have to steal it.”

### September 11

A Marblemount caller had several junk vehicles with no titles on his property. He needed a deputy to inspect them for junk car status and sign them off. A deputy checked the cars, and they were signed over as junk and can now be removed.

### September 8

A Rockport caller reported being in a civil dispute with her adult son over the ownership of some silver. She said that she is the rightful owner and that her son had pawned the silver. She did not want to pursue this as theft, but wanted it on record.

### September 8

A Sedro-Woolley caller had a travel trailer parked on property belonging to another person. The caller said he

had checked on his trailer and found the landowner inside it. Caller told the landowner to leave; he did. Caller said he checked the trailer and found evidence that the door had been pried. He said the landowner denied doing that. Caller just wanted the incident on record and planned to move his trailer.

### August 31

A Marblemount caller said she got a phone call from a man with a Jamaican accent who said if she didn’t give him some money he would call the FBI and tell them she had been ordering drugs from the Dominican Republic.

### August 27

Deputies doing marijuana surveillance from aircraft spotted a small “grow” in a backyard. Deputies will follow up with a warrant and ground search.

### August 18

A woman and two young children came to the Sheriff’s office in Concrete and dropped off a camera they’d found near the public restrooms. Thirty minutes later a man called, saying he had been bike-tripping through and lost his camera. The man was reunited with his camera.

## Level 3 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

The Skagit County Sheriff has released the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnap offender’s presence when, in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

### Slater, Dustin Scott

Age: 29  
Race: W  
Sex: M  
Height: 5’09”  
Weight: 175  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Address: 74xx  
Spruce St., Cape Horn

Slater was convicted of Child Molestation

1st Degree in Skagit County. His victims were young males around the age of 7 who were strangers to him.

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



Source: Skagit County Sheriff

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# These kids are all wet!

## Concrete Youth Activity Day winners raft the Skagit

By Vicki Dinkins

Eleven Concrete area youth and one extremely courageous dad experienced a first on Aug. 28 as they braved the waters of the Skagit River on a rafting trip. The participants were Sammy Christensen, Dakota Jones, Cassidy McJunkin, Kevah and Pastor Bruce Martin, Sam Miller-Jack, Sarah and Levi Newman, Cassandra Pace, Emily Stidman, Muriel Troka, Alyssa Wahlgren, and Justin Ellingson. Incredible weather permitted the kids to raft from Newhalem to Clark’s Cabins in Marblemount. They piled into two rafts, each with certified oarsmen at the helm, ensuring that the trip was as safe as it could be. The trip filled approximately five hours with rowing, splashing, and fun in the sun! Dave Button, owner and operator of Pacific Northwest Rafting Trips, donated the rafting trip for our east county youth. Our hats go off to you, Dave, for giving the children an experience of a lifetime, which hopefully will create a love for rafting and nature in the future. Additional thanks go to Captain Ron Houser, Greg RiGiovanna, and Dave (the certified oarsmen), for braving our youths’ tremendous enthusiasm and for making this trip possible! Want trip photos? E-mail mommy\_luvs5@hotmail.com.

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### Whiting, cont. from p. 22

animal cruelty charges have since been dropped, according to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Sloan Johnson, who added that since her petition for the return of her animals was denied, Whiting stands no chance of ever getting them back. Whiting disputes many of the elements of Diaz’s account, and she’s not alone. A wildlife rehabber “since age 6,” Whiting says she has 60 years of experience with wild animals. Local media in Maine—where Whiting lived before moving to Washington 10 years ago—called her “a perfect porcupine protector.” Whiting maintains that ignorance and lack of training led to the deaths of Jenny and Willy, and wants the animals still living to be returned to her. “I’ve been studying [porcupines] for more than 20 years—100 or more have passed through my care—and the oldest one, at 20, was one of the oldest documented porcupines,” said Whiting. “Corky must be nearing 20 years now, so that would mean I’ve had the second and third oldest porcupines in the world in my care. For years now I’ve been doing a good job, and these idiots came and took them away. I told them how to handle my animals, and they ignored me. And now two of them are dead. They were old, so old, if I hadn’t taken good care of them, they wouldn’t have grown that old,” said Whiting. “Now they’re gone and I ache for them. I ache.” Whiting has worked as a wildlife consultant with the San Diego Zoo and numerous wildlife rehabilitation and animal husbandry groups during the past decades. One such organization is Wild Wonders in Carlsbad, Calif. Director Jackie Navarro told *Concrete Herald* that something in Skagit County doesn’t smell right to her. “[Ilona’s] knowledge on nutrition has been right on. Anytime I had a problem with porcupine nutrition, I called her. The two porcupines we got from her were extremely healthy,” said Navarro, whose organization moved porcupines back and forth between their facilities and Whiting’s. “Diaz told my staff member that Ilona was feeding them only bread. I’m not calling her a liar, but that goes against everything Ilona believes in. Ilona feels very strongly about feeding them only what they eat in the wild,” said Navarro. Whiting’s veterinarian, Perry Stanfield with Kulshan Veterinary Hospital in Lynden, has treated the two porcupines and Mars, Whiting’s Great Dane. Stanfield said he has never been to Whiting’s

home, a rental trailer where she lives with her son, Leo, but added, “her basic husbandry knowledge and her passion and attachment to these animals are second to none. I don’t think anybody, including Animal Control, questions her passion for these animals.” Stanfield diagnosed skin disorders and dental infections in the porcupines, for which he prescribed antibiotics and other treatments that Whiting says she administered. “They seemed to respond to different therapies,” said Stanfield. Stanfield wrote a letter of support for Whiting dated June 8, in which he stated that although he understood she did not have the proper licenses to keep the animals, “It seems to me they would have been better off staying with her.” In an interview with *Concrete Herald*, Stanfield said, “Do I think it was coincidental that Jenny died after being confiscated? No. I think it was stress. Ilona was taking reasonably good care of the animals and in the big picture, I would have wanted her to continue taking care of them. I would have a really hard time seeing her being accused of cruelty to animals.” Navarro concurs with Stanfield’s theory that stress caused Jenny’s death. “When an animal is taken from a familiar place and thrown into a new environment, it can get stressed. And porcupine stress turns into health issues very quickly. They’re a lot more fragile than humans in that way. You know how stressed a dog or cat is when they’re brought into animal control—you can imagine how terrifying that would be for a wild animal. They’re stressed. And stress kills them,” she said. Both Navarro and Whiting disagree, too, with Diaz’s statement that Willy, the crow, had bumblefoot, an inflammatory or degenerative condition of the weight-bearing surface of a bird’s foot, and a common affliction of captive birds. “Bumblefoot? You don’t have a crow live 20 years with bumblefoot!” said Navarro. “Ilona may be a lot of things, but she knows what she’s talking about when it comes to porcupines,” said Navarro. “Diaz said they gave Ilona several opportunities to repair the situation, but that’s not what I heard. It’s just a tragic situation, and now two animals have died.” With no chance of recovering her confiscated animals, Whiting maintains that with the exception of the pig, they should never have been taken. “What they say is not true. Any animal that will eat, play, and breed is happy with itself,” she said. Whiting recently created a nonprofit, Joyful Porcupine Wildlife Rescue and Rehab Center. She is applying to get her license.

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### Museum, cont. from p. 13

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—Dan Royal

### Parade, cont. from p. 14

for the school library. Special thanks to Patty Cook, Debbie and Casey Boyd, Lynn Jonasson, Larry and Kathy Weston, Brandon and Austin Werner, Mark and Kim Kitchen, and Zesper Sanders for work with floats, driving, judging, and traffic control.

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### Angel Tree, cont. from p. 3

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Hark, is that a scream I’m hearing  
from the graveyard’s stealing mist?  
It seems a freezing hand is searching  
up my back and ’round my chest.

A black cat streaks to the basement.  
I see a shadow flitter by,  
my heart is beating like an engine.  
Is that my own voice I hear cry?

Beyond the town a coyote’s wailing,  
a raven’s calling from the roof.  
I hear a harness creaking by me  
and the muffled drum of hoof.

Through the blackness eyes before me  
blaze without a form or face.  
I barely sense a body drifting,  
floating through this ghastly space.

I smell a smell like sulfur burning,  
hear the clomp of marching feet,  
stagnant breaths around me breathing,  
sabers rattling through the street.

The moon is red for clouds harass it  
like a cat torments a mouse.  
A figure’s fleeting past the window  
of widow Martin’s musty house.

Homeward, homeward I am running  
yet my feet seem made of clay.  
I cannot move, the earth has gripped me.  
I scream and pant and try to pray.

From void a moldy shade emerges  
to fill my soul with trembling horror  
and whispers through the black that binds me,  
“Tis I who’s seeking my Lenore.”

One bony hand holds up a blackboard,  
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Steve Grubb



Self portrait,  
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By Stig Kristensen



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## An Elf’s Life

By Jonathan Carter



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## Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



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**Editorial**, cont. from p. 2

I’m proud of our Sockeye Express too. The brainchild of a local pioneer and logger, Herb Larsen, the Sockeye was brought to life and created around the big table of the T. P. Inn over several cups of coffee and a lot of tales being told.

Quiet old Herb started with his “jitney,” which was “kind of running.” A route was established, brush was cut down for a path from the school, signs were purchased and put up on the historical and meaningful parts of our community and surrounding areas, and a script was written. Fabric, foam, and paint were purchased, logos created, and brochures printed. A contest was held to name the jitney—and the Sockeye Express was born. The hundreds of people involved in the creation of the Sockeye Express smiled with pride every time it passed by.

Herb Larsen drove the Sockeye Express for years, wearing his bright pink shirt and ringing the bell. A narrator sat in the back and told the history and tales of Concrete and the surrounding area. The Sockeye Express tour gave our town a wide audience, as well as a truly unique tour and ride around town.

I believe that the rejuvenation of our Sockeye Express, with its clanging bell and connection to history, is a vital part of the continuing health and growth of our Concrete community. Of all the many unique “things” we have to offer, the Sockeye Express is one of the most important.

—Karen Ganion

## Astronomer, cont. from p. 26

good pair of binoculars. He got a taste of even bigger telescopes during a recent visit to the Big Island of Hawaii. On the extinct volcano Mauna Kea there are 15 major telescopes and two of the biggest telescopes in the world. For Tom it was a great experience.

Want to know more about the heavens? Just ask Tom Ross. He’ll soon have you gazing up at the wonders above.

## Budget, cont. from p. 4

Logically, one would expect other revenue sources, such as sales tax and utility taxes (power, telephone, Internet, and cable) to follow a similar trend. Some preemptive measures have been taken and the town has terminated the services of one part-time employee, and preliminary budget numbers have at least one employee giving up medical and dental benefits.

A cursory glance at projected

expenditures reveals many are going up. The contract with the Skagit County Sheriff, up for renewal in 2011, will increase 2.5 percent per year, if the current proposal is accepted. Medical and dental benefits for employees will rise 2.6 percent in 2011, even with the elimination of one employee.

Still, the town’s mayor, Judd Wilson, remains optimistic for the 2011 prospects in regard to the general fund, as well as maintaining current employment and service levels. In a phone interview, he indicated he is not worried about having to lay off or furlough employees, and he does not see any further employee benefits being cut. On the other hand, “the water situation is going to be a little different,” said Wilson, indicating the water rates will be raised.

On Sept. 27, during the first of the town’s budget workshops, which focused on proposed utility and fee increases, the Town Council discussed a \$5 increase across the board for water and sewer rates. Percentage-wise, this represents a substantial increase for users. Those hit hardest will be customers relying on Social Security; they did not see a cost-of-living adjustment for 2010 and will probably not see one in 2011.

The combined increase for the in-town sewer and water customer of \$10 represents respective increases of 8 percent and 24 percent (composite increase of 12 percent). The proposed rates for out-of-town residential water connections increase by 16 percent. The rationale behind the increase is, of course, to meet the financial needs of the operation, and still keep rates below \$100 per month for the combination. Fichter suggested the town may want to partner with Rural Community Assistance Corp., a not-for-profit organization, to analyze its utility rate structure. As its name indicates, the company, in business since 1979, specializes in helping rural communities meet their needs at no expense to the town.

The Town Council will continue to hold budget workshops through mid December. Currently the meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m., an hour prior to the regular council meetings, on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

## Liquor, cont. from p. 4

and boost the state’s wine industry.

But those projected benefits don’t tell the rest of the story, said Ken Betts, who, with his wife, Pat, manages the Concrete Liquor Store, a state-contracted business in Concrete Town Center. Their store is

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Betts told *Concrete Herald* his store averages \$45,000 per month in liquor sales, covering an area from Lyman to Washington Pass. “If it opens up to everybody, every convenience store or gas station could get a license. If you take that \$45,000 and divide it eight ways, the pie has too many pieces,” he said.

Betts believes the initiatives are “dead in the water” for more than personal reasons, however. Because it holds a monopoly on liquor sales, the state returns a portion of its profits to cities every year; during fiscal year 2010, Concrete received \$10,575, Lyman received \$5,650, and Sedro-Woolley got \$126,769. Skagit County and its other cities received a total of \$1,119,981.

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special projects got \$62.6 million. Health care services received \$49.4 million. If the initiatives pass, that funding would dry up.

“The state can’t afford to lose those revenues,” said Betts. “Take \$62 million away from law enforcement, and how many cops lose their jobs?”

Many contract store owners have long-term leases on their buildings, said Betts. “We’re fortunate; we own our building. But if others go down, they’ll go straight into bankruptcy. For some of these people, it will be devastating.”

Contract stores have a greater than 96 percent compliance ratio when it comes to underage drinking, said Betts. Convenience stores and gas stations fall between 70 and 73 percent. “If there’s greater availability, more kids will be buying it,” he fears.

Both initiatives will have “seriously negative impacts. It’s all in the name of greed from the big-box stores,” he said.



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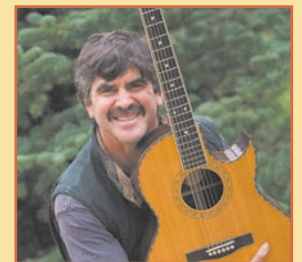
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