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From the editor

Be like Tootsie

Remember the "Be Like Mike" commercials for Gatorade, the ones that showed Michael Jordan being ... you know, awesome? "Sometimes I dream / that he is me / got to see that's how I dream to be. I dream I move / I dream I groove / like Mike. If I could be like Mike."

A noble sentiment, to be sure, but after speaking with the dearly departed Tootsie Clark's son, Don, I think we would all do well to set the bar even higher and be like Tootsie. "She was known as a loving, open, generous, amazing person, primarily in that she was so open to everyone, so accepting and receiving of everyone," he said. What would happen if all of us in the Upper Valley community—myself included—made an effort to be as loving, open, generous, accepting, and receiving of everyone?

Be like Tootsie.

—J. K. M.



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Thanks for weeding help

One of the hats I wear is co-manager of our community garden. This year there were too many other hats to wear, and I fell behind in organizing control of the weeds in the garden. It got so bad that I heard rumors that the garden was no longer functioning. Not true! Not true! Just got prioritized downward this year.

I'm grateful to a handful of people who have stepped forward during recent weeks to help us gain some ground on those doggone weeds: Debbie Nickerson and Alejandra Peterson showed up during a work party last month, and Nikki Del Bosque (from Marblemount, mind you), has been nibbling away at the problem whenever she can.

Friends, thank you for your efforts. I and the other co-manager(s) will regroup for the 2018-19 season and make sure the garden is in tip-top shape.

Thanks again.

Jason Miller
Concrete

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- Jim and Elaine Fichter (Concrete)
- John "Peace Wizard" Bromet (sustaining member, Rockport)
- Mary McCarter (Birdsview)
- Cinema Septic (Concrete)
- Lucy DeGrace (Bellingham)
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- Greta Movassaghi (Rockport)
- Cindy Bjorklund (Lyman)
- Madeline O'Donnell (La Conner)
- Randy and Ruth Haverfield (Rockport)
- Dorothy Anthony (Concrete)
- Anonymous

As Skagit County Commissioner (and sustaining KSVU member) Lisa Janicki says, "KSVU is a valuable asset for our upriver communities. I'd hate to lose it for lack of funding."

Thanks to Lisa and everyone else, we are still on the air, representing your voice.

Christie Fairchild, KSVU volunteer
Rockport

KSVU benefits during "Double Your Donation" fundraiser

To all those who became members or renewed memberships during our "Double Your Donation" fundraising drive sponsored by the Port of Skagit's matching grant, we are forever grateful! Those folks include:

- Ingeborg and Lance Hightower (Corkindale)
- Don Smith and Cherie Donovan-Smith (Rockport)
- Lisa Janicki (sustaining member, Sedro-Woolley)
- Ron Wesen (Bow)
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Message from the mayor

By Jason Miller

The fall rains have begun, causing our Public Works team to monitor the wastewater treatment plant warily. We have not yet solved all of our "inflow and infiltration" problems yet, so stormwater can and does leak into the system, causing undue stress on the plant. We continue to work toward resolving that issue, which takes time and money (surprise, surprise).

On the bright side, the second of the three primary problems with the plant is in the process of being addressed: replacement membranes are being installed. The new membranes are a tremendous upgrade over the old style, which were prone to clogging. The new membranes are referred to by their manufacturer as "bulletproof," which is encouraging. The last item on our to-do list is to buy and install a finer screen to all but prevent grit and fiber from getting into the system.

The West Main Street renovation project is proceeding with only very slight delays so far. I'm enthusiastic about this final portion of our ongoing Main Street renovations, in large part because it restores the traditional neighborhood fabric in that part of town, making that stretch much safer for pedestrians and anyone else walking or rolling along the sidewalk. When complete, a square curb will visually and physically define the vehicle space and pedestrian space.

On Fri., Oct. 20, Concrete Herald will host a Candidate Forum at the Concrete Community Center (see ad at right). I will be there, and I'd love to answer any questions you may have about our town's government. It won't cost you a dime, and I'd like to meet you if I haven't yet. Please come!

Concrete Mayor Jason Miller can be reached at goodwords@frontier.com or 360.853.8213, or by sending correspondence to P.O. Box 39, Concrete, WA 98237.



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Spay/neuter project will fix feral cats for free

A partnership between the Skagit County Humane Society, the Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project, and Whatcom Education, Spay & Neuter Impact Program (WeSNiP) will bring a mobile animal surgical hospital to Mount Vernon in October, offering free spaying and neutering for feral cats. Donations are appreciated, and domestic cats may be spayed or neutered for a reduced rate of \$20 per animal.

The mobile hospital will be located at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy behind Skagit Valley College, at 2205 W. Campus Place in Mount Vernon. The hospital will operate by appointment only on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21–22, from approximately 7:30 a.m. till 4 p.m. both days. Participants should plan for day-long surgeries.

The event is part of a larger effort by Skagit County Humane Society to promote TNR—Trap-Neuter-Return. Trap-Neuter-Return is exactly what it

sounds like: Cats are humanely trapped and taken to a veterinarian to be neutered and vaccinated. After recovery, the cats are returned to their home—their colony—outdoors. Kittens and cats who are friendly and socialized to people may be adopted into homes. Left unaltered, free-roaming cats continue to reproduce, creating more homeless kittens. Through TNR, free-roaming cats live out their lives without adding to the homeless cat population. TNR programs are proven to stabilize and significantly reduce the size of free-roaming cat colonies. By limiting free-roaming cat populations, fewer cats become injured, sick, or euthanized.

Skagit Humane will assist folks on humane trapping and the benefits of altering, in addition to treating for feline leukemia, which can prevent sickness, suffering, and death in whole families of ferals.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 360.733.6549

Larsen to host veterans forums

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) will host six Veterans Forums in San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, and Island counties.

The forums, which begin on Oct. 15, are opportunities for veterans to receive updates on legislation affecting them and get answers to questions about reforms at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), health care, job training, and housing.

In the *Concrete Herald* distribution area, three forums are planned:

- **Oct. 20: Arlington**
Arlington American Legion Post 76
115 N. Olympic Ave.
1 to 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 20: Sedro-Woolley**
Sedro-Woolley Community Center
703 Pacific St.
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 21: Bellingham**
Bellingham American Legion Post 7
1688 W. Bakerview Rd.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

“Veterans know their community better than anybody,” said Larsen, a senior

member of the House Armed Services Committee, “and that is part of the reason these forums are so important—hearing veterans’ questions, concerns, and ideas directly from the community is the single best way I know how to become a better veterans’ advocate in Congress.”

Larsen has pushed to improve the well-being of veterans in the 2nd District, including establishing a Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Mount Vernon, which now provides primary and specialty care, including mental health services, to veterans in Skagit County; leading an effort to renew a transportation program that veterans use to get to and from health care appointments; pushing for resources to assist veterans experiencing homelessness through the Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program; and helping organizations that serve veterans in the Second District receive federal funding to help more veterans get permanent housing.

For a full list of veterans forums in October, go to www.larsen.house.gov/veteransforums.



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Trunk or Treat in Bear Square!

October 31

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.








October events in the Upper Valley

From spooky to silly to just plain fun, October events in the Upper Valley are designed to entertain all ages.

Ghost Walk (every Saturday)

Now in its 12th year, the Concrete Ghost Walk returns to share stories and legends of Concrete's colorful past. The tours take place every Saturday night—Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28—beginning at the historic and haunted Concrete Theatre, in Concrete Town Center at 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 each and available online: www.concrete-wa.com. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Participants will learn about the characters and events that have shaped this spirited community, hear from local residents (living and otherwise), and enjoy a tour along the haunts and landmarks.

Walkers should come prepared for the October weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a flashlight and umbrella if desired. The tour requires a 45-minute walk, including dark alleys, where participants will hear stories and tall tales, all "based on actual events!"

The Ghost Walk is limited to those over the age of 16; minors need to be accompanied by an adult. Please note: this is not a "haunted house," instead, it requires walking, standing, listening quietly. Plan accordingly when including younger people, and please leave babies and pets at home.

The Concrete Ghost Walk is a collaborative effort produced by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, Concrete Heritage Museum, *Concrete Herald*, and Concrete Theatre, with dozens of community volunteers supporting and assisting.

Space is limited, and only those with confirmed reservations will be lucky enough to participate.

For more details, contact Concrete Ghost Walk leader Valerie Stafford at chamber@concrete-wa.com, or text 360.466.8754.

Concrete Saturday Harvest Market (Oct. 7)

Community members and visitors are invited to a special Concrete Saturday Harvest Market on Oct. 7 at the Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad St.,

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scheduled activities include live music by Gretchen Hewitt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., story times with Carrie from the Upper Skagit Library at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., a bake sale to benefit the Concrete Food Bank, and a Home Harvest food swap from 3 to 4 p.m.

Shoppers will find apples, pears, squash, pumpkins, garlic, and other fall produce. Soaps, lotions, photography, wood products, knitted/crocheted items, fabric art, and jewelry will be offered by crafters and artisans. You'll see new products like local, organically grown apples, handmade musical instruments, herbal salves, metal art, and tie-dyed clothing, as well as current favorite items.

Watch for more information on Concrete Saturday Market's Facebook page. New vendors are invited to participate. For more information, e-mail concretesaturdaymarket1@gmail.com.

Sauk State Asylum (Oct. 13–14, 27–28)

This is the truly scary one, a haunted house in an abandoned warehouse at 44872 SR 20 near Concrete, just west across the field from the Grasmere Fire Station.

The \$7 admission fee will support the Concrete High School class of 2018 and Skagit County Fire District 10.

A preview will be offered on Fri., Oct. 13 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Regular showings are Oct. 14, 27, and 28, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Spirits that live in the museum (Oct. 13–14)

The Sedro-Woolley Museum (727 Murdock) welcomes back actor and paranormal investigator Chad Lindberg, who will revisit the spirits that call the museum home.

The event will be held on Oct. 13 and 14, with two tours each night:

- Oct. 13: 5 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- Oct. 14: 5 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Each event is limited to 25 people. Admission is \$10 per person. Depending on the response, there may be an encore on Sun., Oct. 15.

Reservations are encouraged; spots fill up fast. For more information and to make

reservations, call 360.855.2390.

Kids Halloween Bash (Oct. 27)

In Marblemount, Citipoint North Cascade Church has planned a Kids Halloween Bash for Oct. 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the church, 59850 SR 20.

Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes for the party, which will include games, candy, activities, and more.

Trunk or Treat (Oct. 31)

Parents looking for a low-key event for their littles will welcome Trunk or Treat. Held at Bear Square in Concrete Town Center, this perennial favorite places all the candy in the trunks of parked cars, with their owners standing by to greet your little goblins. Show up between 4 and 5 p.m. for a safe, fun environment with candy as the payoff.

Concrete Lions Club Halloween Party (Oct. 31)

The fun returns to the Concrete Elementary School gym on Halloween night, Tue., Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes and show up for games, candy, and hot dogs.

Lions Club members welcome anyone who'd like to help set up from 4 to 5 p.m.

THIS AND THAT

By J. K. M.

The WSU Snohomish County Extension Master Gardener Program

Join more than 350 Snohomish County Master Gardeners in sharing good gardening and environmental stewardship practices with county residents by becoming a WSU Snohomish County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Community Educator.

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Tuition for the training program is \$275 plus a volunteer commitment of 40 hours each year for two years.

For more information and an application, go to <http://tinyurl.com/y8srkp2y> or call the Extension office at 425.338.2400.

Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Sept. 11 and 25. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

Sept. 11 regular meeting

Public Safety: Deputy Glenn Backstrom reported there were a couple burglaries and a couple fights. He stated the Fire Marshal has reported they do not have any new information on the train car fire.

He stated there have been approximately nine stops in the school zone since school started. He stated that four or five of them have been for speeding and the others he believed were equipment failure stops.

Councilmember Ginger Kyritsis inquired about the animal issue in the report. Deputy Backstrom stated that believes this was a call regarding feral cats killing other cats. He stated this is not something they have the authority to enforce. Ginger stated that something needs to be done and that feral cats are an issue. Deputy Backstrom stated that he believes the Humane Society is going to be offering a free spay and neuter clinic in October or November if someone is able to trap these cats and bring them down. Discussion ensued on the need to trap cats in certain areas and transport them to the Humane Society. Discussion ensued on if there is a barking dog or noise ordinance.

Mayor Jason Miller requested that the deputies keep an eye on Cedar St. between S. Superior and Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. He stated that he is still receiving reports of speeding in this area. He stated that he also heard of an incident on W. Main St. where two vehicles were reported to be racing backwards down the street. Deputy Backstrom stated this was called in and they are aware of the incident.

Council discussed at length a proposal to decrease the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on Cedar St. between S. Superior and Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. Council decided to hold a public hearing on the topic during its Sept. 25 meeting.

Sept. 25 regular meeting

Public hearing: A public hearing was held for the proposal to decrease the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on Cedar St. between S. Superior and Concrete Sauk Valley Rd.

Citizen Gaile Norwood stated she was not aware there was a speeding problem, but suggested a blinking light like that by the school that displays the speed and maybe has a camera installed for pictures of speeding vehicles. Norwood later returned to the podium and stated that she doesn't believe lowering the speed limit is going help, but if tickets are issued that may help to get people to slow down. She also stated she wants to see safety for the kids, but if it is dropped, how will it be enforced?

Citizen Bill Sullivan stated he has lived on Cedar St. for more than 12 years. He stated his issue is that of safety. He stated there are anywhere from 17 to 20 school-age children in that area. He also stated that dropping the speed limit could save a life since that would give a driver more time to stop if they are going at a slower speed. He stated that he is for anything that will help with this problem and will work to improve safety.

Citizen Brian Koopsen stated he brought in a petition that was signed by those who could not attend this evening. He stated there are 14 signatures on the petition that are all for reducing the speed as a starting point. He stated he realizes this may not solve the whole issue, but it could save lives and is a good start.

Council voted to approve Ordinance No. 769, decreasing the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on Cedar St. between S. Superior and Concrete Sauk Valley Rd.

Councilmember Marla Reed updated on the Community Dinner this Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the high school Commons; this dinner is sponsored by Community Bible Church.

—Compiled from staff minutes

Keep track of your council

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

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Sports



Lions football undefeated so far

By Jason Miller

A punishing running game and a defense dialed in to attack have put the Concrete Lions football team on top of the dogpile, with a 3-0 league and 5-0 overall record at the end of September play.

"We're run-heavy," said Head Coach Marcus Carr, naming Marshall Fichter, Peyton Sanchez, Dalton Newby, Skyler Otto, Kendall Bass, and Hayden O'Neil as his go-to runners.

After a promising start—a 41-0 victory over Life Christian Academy—the Lions hosted Friday Harbor, trouncing the Wolverines 45-16. Fichter logged more than 200 yards rushing, with Sanchez adding a 36-yard interception return. Tyler Nevin brought another TD catch to the final score.

Vashon Island was next on the chopping block, folding to the Lions in a crushing 66-0 defeat. "Everything worked," said Carr of the speed-superior Lion squad. "We were able to get to their QB and rattle him early." Concrete notched 323 rushing yards on the day.

A huge Homecoming win against Darrington sent the Loggers packing with a 47-0 loss. Darrington's younger team was no match for the dominant Lions, who again established the run early.

Carr ended up putting in JV players after halftime to let them get some experience.

The biggest feather in the Concrete cap came with a Sept. 29 victory over longtime rival La Conner. "We view that as a statement game, to see how far we've come," said Carr. "We've taken some losses from those guys, and the shoe was on the other foot this time."

Concrete rushed for 414 yards on the night, with Fichter claiming 291, Sanchez with 113, and Newby scampering well again. Final score: 56-12.

Carr is pleased with his team's offense/defense balance. In four of the first five games, the Lions have scored on their first offensive play. "The offensive line has been terrific, putting in the work. Our rushing average has gone up each game because those guys are really working hard," said Carr.

The Lion defense has given up only 28 points in five games.

Remaining regular-season games

- Oct. 7 at home vs. Lummi
- Oct. 13 at Friday Harbor
- Oct. 20 at South Whidbey
- Oct. 27 at Darrington
- Nov. 3 at home vs. La Conner



Tyler Nevin hauls in a pass as the Lions took on the Friday Harbor Wolverines at home on Sept. 8. Concrete grabbed its second win of the season with a 45-16 rout, and has continued its winning streak, undefeated throughout its five games in September.

Volleyball team rising to meet challenges

By Kevik Rensink, head coach

Perseverance. This word sums up the volleyball season so far for our Concrete High School team. A month ago I said we had a young and inexperienced team, and it would take us a while to get going. That has been the case for the last four weeks.

I also said that once we got where we needed to be, that we would compete at a high level. That is where we are now.

Our varsity team started slow with new players, and old players at new positions. The cohesion and trust you need to succeed were not there, the stats showed it, and the win column showed it. But instead of getting frustrated and hanging their heads, the players have risen to the challenge. They are learning, they are growing, and they are trusting each other better than before. The result has been some very competitive matches with some very competitive league opponents.

Although we have been competing at a high level, we have not been winning. I have been telling the girls that we are close, and they have to keep believing we will win. They kept believing. Their energy level, their smiles, and sometimes all-out laughter in practice tells me they are not giving up. I love the attitude and work ethic they give every day regardless of the final result from the night before.

After starting 0-6, all of that hard work paid off in one of the best volleyball matches I have ever been a part of, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30 at Concrete High School. All I can say is if you weren't there, you missed something special. We hosted Seattle Academy. They are a big school with big players. Their starting front line had three girls that were 6 feet or taller. Our girls were intimidated from the time our opponent walked in the gym, and it showed in the first set when we were throttled 25-9. Between the first and second set, we talked about trust and how we needed to trust the teammate in front of us, to the side of us, and behind us. In the second set we kept hanging

around and hanging around until we snuck up and won in overtime 26-24. The girls were so excited. I told them don't settle for one. Let's do it again. They did, winning in overtime again 27-25. Our team was happy, but again I challenged them. Don't settle for a moral victory, let's go win this!

Well, we lost the fourth set 25-20. The fifth and final set is to 15 and you must win by two. Down 13-10, the girls fought back to tie the set, and send it into yet another overtime. Jalayne Hastings rotated back to serve for us with the score tied 15-15, and I had a good feeling that was all we needed. Laney (as we call her) has led the team the last two years in serve percentage, and is leading the team with a 95 percent serve rate. One of our team mottos is "Serve in to win." We can count on her for that. She did just that, going 34-34 from the serve line that night with five aces.

Kaitlin Earheart was an absolute monster at the net all night (17 kills and 10 blocks), so it was very fitting she finished off our opponent with a huge block, sending the ball crashing to the floor on the other side. Game over, and the girls finally got the win they deserved. It was so much fun to be a part of such a special night, and I have a feeling they are just getting going. I love where we are at right now, and I see a lot of good things ahead for this group of young ladies.

I love where our JV team is at right now too. They beat Seattle Academy 3-0, and have increased their season record to 4-6. Four wins for a team consisting of six freshmen and three juniors is very impressive. Some of these girls have never played until this year. They have improved so much in the short time they have been on the court. I am very proud of our high school volleyball program, and grateful they have me as their coach. Let's keep this going. Come on out and watch these girls play.

Right: Beka Rider soars to return the ball as Concrete faced the La Conner Braves on their court, Sept. 21.

Below: Kylie Clark rejects a La Conner attempt to spike.



Marshall Fichter pounds down the sideline for a touchdown early in the home game against Life Christian Academy on Sept. 1. The Lions crushed the Eagles 41-0.

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Women's soccer sturdy under pressure

By Madison Gardin, head coach

Starting out the 2017–18 school year, the Concrete Lady Lions soccer team has faced some challenging matches, but nonetheless has always held its own.

Our first game on Sept. 7 was a home opener. Friday Harbor took home a 10–0 win.

Our second game came only days later when we traveled to Orcas Island on Sept. 12. Throughout the game we had a couple breakaway runs by forward Mary Spangler and forward Carlee Brigham. All the while Emily Schmidt (defense) and goalie McKenna Kononen held our back line. We left Orcas with a 3–0 loss, but a big improvement for us individually and as a team.

Our third game was held at home on Sept. 14 against Mt. Vernon Christian.

Against tough competition we lost in a 5–0 match.

The next day we played a nonleague game against Mt. Rainier Lutheran. We held them at a 2–0 score, with Mt. Rainier in the lead. During the second half of the game, Kononen went down with a hurt ankle, later resulting in a sprain. Brigham finished the game in her place. We took

a 4–0 loss, Mt. Rainier Lutheran leaving with the win.

We had five days to recover and find a goalie to play until Kononen was fully healed. We traveled to La Conner on Sept. 21. Izabela Ramos started the first half in goal. The second half found Jade Morgan finishing the game in goal. Each did a terrific job for learning a new position so quickly and playing with confidence. We went home with a 6–0 loss.

Our last away game in September was on the 27th at Friday Harbor. Our team was down by four players, but we were still determined to play our best. We went home with a 9–0 loss.

Our last game in September was on the 28th where Orcas Island met us on our home field for our second matchup. We took a 4–0 loss but still played our very best. Ebby Buchta scored a goal, but was called back on a technicality. The girls have played a good season so far and have all learned and have grown a lot as players since our first game. I'm excited to see what the rest of the season holds.



Above: Carlee Brigham chops the ball from a Friday Harbor opponent during the Lions' away game on Sept. 27.



Right: Nora Towner manages to get the ball away from a Wolverine defender during the same game at Friday Harbor.

Middle school volleyball starts with sass

By Rob Thomas, head coach

Volleyball season for Concrete Middle School began the afternoon of Sept. 5 with just four 8th grade girls arriving at the elementary school gym. Yes, just four. But Ashley, Kayla, Kendra, and Payton were more than up to the task. With four very fast-paced practices the first week, the four girls showed great attitude and effort, especially while not knowing the fate of their upcoming season.

After some discussion with Concrete Athletic Director Randy Sweeney, as well as with WIAA, an invitation was extended to 6th graders to join the team. During the second week of the season, one additional 8th grader (Searrah) joined as did six 6th graders (Ava, Bella, Haley, Logan, Payten, Payton, and Winter) to bring the total to 11 volleyball players representing Concrete Middle School.

For many of the girls, this was their first exposure to competitive volleyball. The

goals for the season are:

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

The first match of the season was an away match against perennial power La Conner. Eight of the 11 girls were eligible to play and because of the number of girls on La Conner's team, five sets were played. As expected, many of the girls were nervous with this being their first opportunity to play against another school. But with each passing set, the girls grew more confident and showed significant progress. Even in light of jump serves and spikes from their opponent, the Concrete girls never backed down, but kept battling throughout the match.

The season consists of 10 matches: five at home and five away. This year's schedule will include La Conner, Friday Harbor, Darrington, Mount Vernon Christian, Orcas, and Conway. Most of their away games are on the same day and

location as the high school games. This provides additional opportunities to watch teams with more experience, as well as to allow the CHS volleyball team to come alongside and mentor the younger, less-experienced girls.

The team is looking forward to a competitive year, especially with getting to go to Orcas Island for one of their matches.

Matches are normally on Tuesday and Thursday, with the first game starting at 4 p.m. (contact Concrete High School for a current schedule). The Concrete Middle School girls would love to have you come (home games are at the Concrete Elementary School gym) and support them throughout the season, which will end on Oct. 24.

Right: Sixth-grader Winter Lewis puts the ball over the net while teammate Kendra Knuth (8th grade) looks on during the Concrete Middle School team's first game of the season on Sept. 21, at La Conner.



Yolanda Allard is Illuminous

First-time Upper Valley novelist offers her take on the teen werewolf.

By Jason Miller

Concrete writer Yolanda Allard describes her brain as “a cryptozoology textbook.” Small wonder, then, that her first published novel, *Illuminous*, focuses on one of the most popular mythical creatures: werewolves.

In the novel, 17-year-old Allie O'Hare is eager to graduate from high school and plan her future. One night she sneaks out to a party and gets scratched by a couple wolves along the way.

You know what that means.

With her future scrambled, Allie tries to keep her new reality a secret from her best friend and parents. Along the way she discovers more people who are werewolves. She feels betrayed by some and turns to others for comfort.

As time goes by, Allie realizes she's more than your average werewolf. She has new leadership abilities; heightened senses such as better sight, hearing, and smell; and increased internal instincts.

The story becomes even more intense when the local werewolf pack—the one that changed her in the first place—urges her to join them. If she doesn't, it could mean war.

Woven from a dream

“Illuminous” means “to shine from within,” and that's exactly where the novel sprang from. Allard said the entire story line for *Illuminous* came to her in a dream. Originally she was writing a separate book—more about that later—but woke up in the wee hours of the morning “and it was right there: the whole story. I woke up and thought, I have to write this down. It took a couple weeks for the first draft, then months of editing.”

The subject matter came easily enough to Allard, a fan of “monster books” and partial to vampire lore. “I was actually a little shocked that the first novel was about werewolves,” she laughed.

A fan of mythical creatures, Allard said she's always been fascinated with any mythology, from Greek to Egyptian. “That translated to Stephen King, and I just kept going from there. My parents were huge Dungeons & Dragons players, so I was

raised in that environment.”

But wait, there's more. Allard is so enthralled by paranormal creatures that she even has a mermaid tail that she slides into periodically—and swims. “In the water, on top of a frozen Lake Shannon ... I even swam in the Caribbean,” she said. “I'm weird, but I've accepted who I am.”

The creative process

Allard has parlayed her “weirdness” into *Illuminous* and a second novel, the one she was writing when *Illuminous* burst into her dreams. Married with four kids, she carves out writing time in her daughter's bedroom. “It's quiet and she has a desk—my own desk is covered with craft clutter.”

Allard is one of those writers for whom writing is a must. “I've always been writing something,” she said. “I'm typically a very slow writer, but I get it done. I spend some time each day writing. It can annoy my family, but they accept it. It's a process and it's hard work, but it's something I've always wanted to do. Sometimes I'm up at 2 or 4 a.m., writing.

Attached to her hip is a laptop, because she prefers to write with a keyboard rather than a pen and paper. “If I'm out and about, I take a (paper) notebook and write down ideas as they come to me. On

a great day, I can get 10,000 words, and that's why I prefer the keyboard. I can't do that with a pen and paper; my hand would just break off, crawl away, and be mad at me.”

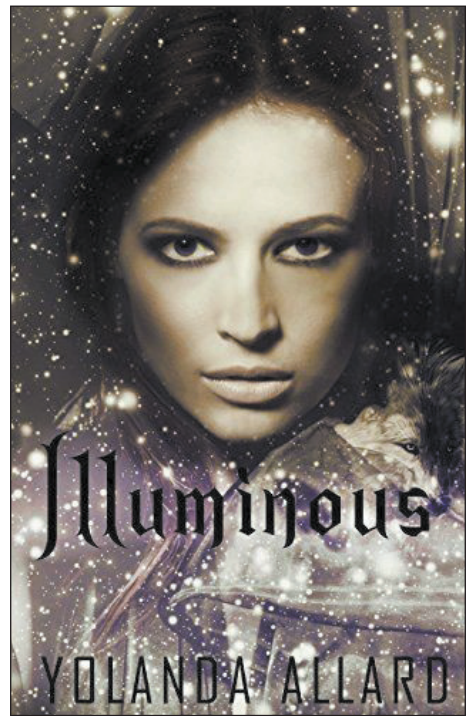
She looks to dreams and inspiration for her stories, and most of the stories come with more struggle than *Illuminous* presented. That second novel, however, is finished and at her publisher, Feather Dreams Press in United Kingdom. Titled *Song of Fire*, it tells the story of a girl—a mermaid—whose singing causes people to burst into flames and die. One can see

an immediate connection to Greek mythology; stay away from women who sing; they're nothing but trouble.

Allard celebrated the release of her first novel in style earlier this year, with a party at her home for which she encouraged guests to dress up as werewolves or other mythical creatures. It was a night to remember.

Illuminous is available locally at Albert's Red Apple Market and online at Amazon in hardcover and e-book form (e-book on sale during the first week of October for 99 cents). Also available on Kindle Unlimited. Allard is working on an audiobook version through Amazon.

“I'm weird, but I've accepted who I am.”



Yolanda Allard's first novel, *Illuminous* tells the story of Allie O'Hare, a 17-year-old girl who is transformed into a werewolf. Find it at Albert's Red Apple Market or Amazon.com.

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Academics



Concrete, Sedro-Woolley school districts offer flu shot clinics

Concrete and Sedro-Woolley school districts have partnered with the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association to provide flu shot clinics in an effort to protect students and their families.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the single best way to protect students and their families from influenza is to receive a flu shot each year. The CDC recommends that everyone over six months of age should be vaccinated against the flu.

Many people believe that seasonal influenza ("the flu") is much like the common cold and that it cannot be prevented. But influenza is a serious and potentially dangerous disease. Each year,

students miss approximately 38 million school days because of the flu, and parents miss more than 10 million workdays caring for their sick children.

Concrete School District

The Concrete flu shot clinic will be held in the elementary school cafeteria on Thur., Oct. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The clinic is open to all Concrete School District faculty, staff, students, and their families (children four years of age and older). Students under age 18 will need a Patient Consent Form signed by a parent or guardian. Parents of students under 18 should complete one Patient Consent Form for each person and bring the

form(s) to the event. Forms also will be available at the clinic.

All participants will be asked to provide their health insurance information (card) to receive an immunization. SVNA will electronically bill the insurance plan for each flu shot. They bill almost all insurance plans, but are not able to accept Cigna. Flu shots are considered preventive care and normally are not subject to deductibles or co-pays. Students 18 years and under without current health insurance coverage will be offered a flu shot at no cost. Adults without current insurance coverage may pay the \$30 immunization fee for standard Trivalent with cash or check.

For more information, go to www.concrete.k12.wa.us.

Sedro-Woolley School District

The Sedro-Woolley School District Flu Shot Clinic will be held in the Sedro-Woolley High School cafeteria on Tue., Oct. 17, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The clinic is open to all Sedro-Woolley School District children (4 years of age and older), their families, and community members.

All participants will be asked to provide their health insurance information (card) to receive an immunization. SVNA will electronically bill the insurance plan for each flu shot. They bill almost all insurance plans, but are not able to accept Cigna. Flu shots are considered preventive care and normally are not subject to deductibles or copays. Students 18 years and under without current health insurance coverage will be offered a flu shot at no cost. Adults without current insurance coverage may pay the \$30 immunization fee for standard Trivalent with cash or check.

For more information, go to the Sedro-Woolley School District's Web site, <http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3392>.



Happy fall!

The coalition was hard at work during the summer, finalizing a strategic plan for the 2017–2019 school years. The following goals were chosen:

1. Reduce family management problems.
2. Increase social skills in youth.
3. Increase opportunities for pro-social involvement for youth.
4. Decrease parental, youth, and community attitudes tolerant of substance abuse.
5. Increase perception of harm with youth marijuana use.
6. Increase community connectedness.

The 2016 Healthy Youth Survey results gave us confidence that the programs and strategies we have in place are improving the lives of our kids. Now we need to hear back from the community. Our community survey was launched in late September; please take a few minutes to fill it out online on our Facebook page, or contact me directly so I can send you a link.

Strengthening Families started in September, as well as Life Skills and PAX Good Behavior Game.

As always, our coalition meetings are open to the public and we welcome new faces, ideas, and energy. Our next meeting is Oct. 19, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Concrete High School Library. For more information, contact me at stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org or 360.854.7179.

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

YD update

YD is back! Concrete Youth Dynamics held its first Monday Night event of the school year on Sept. 25 at Veterans Memorial Park with a barbecue, Ultimate Frisbee, and a couple games of Zombie Tag after dark. We had a great time welcoming back students from last year, meeting new students, and introducing our all of our staff.

Our returning staff members are Mary Janda, Zack Allard, Paul and Kirstin Rider, Kellen Russell, Tim Colton, Marta, and me. Our interns this year will be Caleb and Kassandra Harrison, as well as Tyler Massingale. Mary has been with Concrete YD since it started in Concrete in 1992. She has served on the Steering Committee and now as staff for the last several years. Tim is in his second year after completing a six-month internship, and Paul is back for his eighth year after taking last year off. Zack, Kellen, Caleb, Kassandra, and Tyler are all former Concrete YD students who volunteer their time, recognizing this is a great opportunity to give back to our community after so much was given to them.

The really cool thing is that our entire staff is volunteer. This group of 11 adults give freely of their time every Monday evening, many weekend retreats, and other extended outdoor adventure trips. I appreciate our staff so much, and Concrete Youth Dynamics doesn't exist without them.

It also doesn't exist without our local teens. YD is open to any high school student to attend. Our first Monday night event had 49 students who showed up pumped for YD and all of the fun we will have this year. We have a great group of students at Concrete High School, and sometimes we get students from the neighboring school districts as well. It is so cool to meet these kids right where they are, and accept them and love them. We get the opportunity to build relationships with these students throughout the school year, and the end product is more rewarding than any paycheck could be. Lives changed for the better, kids choosing to live a life of purpose, our teens making a positive impact in their community, in their homes, and in the lives of others.

I am already encouraged by the possibilities within the walls of our school. The young people in this community inspire me and bring me hope for a better future in this community and



Jackie Daniels, 7, spreads her "wings" to experience the "What Lifts You" art installation at Concrete Elementary school during an open house event at the school Sept. 27. The project was spearheaded by art teacher Mary Bianchini, who borrowed the idea from interactive artist Kelsey Montague. "I thought it would be interesting to have all the kids in the school create a piece together," said Bianchini. The project began with students painting pieces of paper from dark to light colors. Then came white pencils. Then designs. Then flight feathers. "It has value, line, color, form, and space," said Bianchini. "It made everybody smile." Photo by Sheena Daniels.

in the communities they will live in some day. I want to make an impact so they can impact others. I want to leave a legacy so they may leave a legacy for their children one day. I get fired up when I think of the potential in our young people.

We have many fun-filled events on the calendar for October, including:

- Oct. 2: Capture the Flag
- Oct. 9: Dodgeball/Kickball Night
- Oct. 16: Town Shark Night
- Oct. 23: Think Inside the Box Night
- Oct. 30: Halloween Party

We are just getting started. If your son or daughter is of high school age and they want to have a safe, fun, and positive place to hang out on Monday nights, please send them our way!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 360.630.6063.

—Kevik and Marta Rensink
Concrete Youth Dynamics

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PTO calendar

The Concrete Elementary School PTO has a full lineup of events planned for October.

- Oct. 11: PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.
- Oct. 18: Two-hour late start.
- Oct. 26: Pumpkin Run, 5–7 p.m.
- Oct. 26: Community Dinner at Concrete High School.

- Oct. 30: Missoula Children's Theatre auditions for production of "Treasure Island" for grades K-12.
- Oct. 31: Concrete Lions Club Halloween party, Concrete Elementary School gym, 5–7 p.m.

Throughout October, local businesses will participate in a shop-local fundraiser. Percentages of the monthly sales will be donated to the PTO to raise money for the Missoula Children's Theatre project.

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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

This month's picture shows the Clear Lake Elementary School principal and school teachers from what we believe to be the 1910 school year.

Pictured from left to right starting with the back row: Mr. Weaver, Miss Merchant, Mrs. White, Miss Kilty. In the front row: Mrs. Minnie Washburn, Mrs. Weaver, and Miss Battersby. Mrs. Washburn had written the following on the back of the photo: "We have two hundred fifty enrolled. Fourth grade is down in Mr. Rusk's stable. Miss Merchant has 6th grade, Mrs. White 5th grade, and Miss Kilty the 4th grade. I have 38 in my room. Had to send DJ back to the 6th grade—too lazy to get the work. All others doing fine." *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

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—Deanna Ammons, historian



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Community Calendar



OCTOBER

- 7 Concrete Saturday Harvest Market, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see notice, p. 6
- 7 & 14 Adulting for Teens class, Burlington Parks & Rec Center, 900 E. Fairhaven, Burlington; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$50 admission; see notice, p. 34
- 7–28 Concrete Ghost Walk, every Saturday in October; see ad, p. 5
- 13–14 Spirits that Live in the Museum, Sedro-Woolley Museum, 727 Murdock, Sedro-Woolley, two tours per night; \$10 admission; see notice, p. 6; info and reservations at 360.855.2390
- 13–14 Sauk State Asylum (haunted house), 8 p.m. to midnight, \$7 admission supports CHS Class of 2018 and Skagit County Fire Dist. 10; see notice, p. 6
- 13–15 Skagit Valley College Powwow, 2405 E. College Way, Mount Vernon; free admission; info at arden.ainley@skagit.edu
- 14 Tootsie Clark Celebration of Life, Marblemount Community Hall, 60155 SR 20, Marblemount, 1 p.m.; potluck dishes encouraged; see article, p. 27
- 14 Darrington Community Dance, Mansford Grange, 1265 Railroad Ave., Darrington, 6 to 9:30 p.m.; \$7 suggested donation; see ad, p. 24; info at 206.402.8646
- 17 Sedro-Woolley School District Flu Shot Clinic, SWHS cafeteria, 3 to 7 p.m.; see article, p. 12; info at <http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3392>
- 19 Concrete School District Flu Shot Clinic, Concrete Elementary School cafeteria, 4 to 7 p.m.; see article, p. 12; info at www.concrete.k12.wa.us
- 20 Candidate Forum with Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Ave., Concrete, 6 p.m.; free admission; see ad, p. 3; info at editor@concrete-herald.com or 360.853.8213
- 26 Pumpkin Run at Concrete Elementary School, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 27 Author Monica Crosson reads from her new book, The Magickal Family, at Upper Skagit Library, 45770 Main St., Concrete, 5 p.m.; free entry
- 27 Kids Halloween Bash, Citipoint North Cascade Church, 59850 SR 20, Marblemount, 5 to 9 p.m.; free admission; see ad, p. 26
- 27–28 Sauk State Asylum (haunted house), 8 p.m. to midnight, \$7 admission supports CHS Class of 2018 and Skagit County Fire Dist. 10; see notice, p. 6
- 27–29 Annual Lighting Event at Northwest Garden Bling and Wolf Designs, Grasmere Village, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; see classifieds, p. 39
- 28 Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group Planting Party at Marblemount Boat Launch; see ad, p. 26; info at www.skagitfisheries.org
- 28 KSVU Benefit Halloween Dance, Marblemount Community Hall
- 30 Auditions for Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Treasure Island," for grades K-12, Concrete Elementary School, time TBA
- 30 Halloween Kiddies Parade in downtown Sedro-Woolley, 4 p.m.; see ad, p. 16
- 31 Trunk or Treat, Bear Square, Concrete (Town Center), 4 to 5 p.m.; free admission; see ad, p. 5 or notice, p. 6
- 31 Concrete Lions Club Halloween Party, Concrete Elementary School gym, 5 to 7 p.m.; free admission; see notice, p. 6
- 31 Second half property taxes are due for all Skagit County property owners; see ad, p. 11

NOVEMBER

- 4 & 18 Adulting for Teens class, Burlington Parks & Rec Center, 900 E. Fairhaven, Burlington; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$50 admission; see notice, p. 34

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

Community meetings

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

Christian Motorcyclists Assn Morning Star Chapter 39 meets the first Mon. of each month at Royal Star Buffet in Mount Vernon. Optional dinner at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. 425.770.6154 or cmchapter39@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Concrete Economic Development Commission meets quarterly at Concrete Town Hall. Its first meeting is Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. 503.333.2406

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a workshop on Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the high school commons room. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m., same location. 360.853.4000.

Concrete Town Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Town Hall, 45672 Main St., Concrete, at 6 p.m. 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Paranormal Discussion Group meets the last Sunday of each month at Concrete Center, 45821 Railroad St., Concrete, at 7 p.m. 360.630.5143.

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

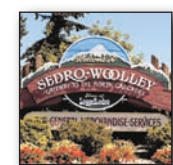
Sedro-Woolley School District Board: A regular meeting is planned for Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Support Services Bldg. A second regular meeting is planned for Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

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

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

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Concrete Elementary PTO meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m., in the Concrete Elementary School library.
For more information, call 425.350.5988.



Sedro-Woolley



Loggerodeo Parade names winners

The Sedro-Woolley Lions Club named the winners of the 2017 Loggerodeo Grand Parade, held on July 4, in timely fashion, but *Concrete Herald* is only now getting around to publishing them.

Log Trucks

1st Place: Rob Graham Trucking
2nd Place: Bob Hillier Trucking

Floats

1st Place: Deming Log Show
2nd Place: Sedro-Woolley Museum
3rd Place: Mike Martin—Aliens Return to Sedro-Woolley

Bands, Drill Teams, Marching Units

1st Place: Sedro-Woolley High School and Burlington-Edison High School Marching Band
2nd Place: Combat Veterans International, Chapter 6
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Cascade Two-Cylinder Club

Youth Group

Girls 8–10 All Star Softball

Community/Church Group

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Candidate forum focused on housing and homelessness

A Sept. 26 City Council Candidate Forum hosted by Community Action drew one Sedro-Woolley City Council candidate to answer questions about housing and homelessness in Skagit County.

City Councilwoman Germaine Kornegay, who is running unopposed to retain her Ward 2 seat, had three minutes to field each of three questions posed.

Question No. 1: What zoning strategies in the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Action Plan would you support in your jurisdiction?

Noting a 43-unit apartment project currently under construction, as well as mixed-use efforts, Kornegay said

Sedro-Woolley no longer aspires to be a bedroom community to larger cities to the west. "We don't want sprawl; we believe in high density," she added. "I'm a proponent of mixed use," she said, while expressing her displeasure at empty buildings in the Sedro-Woolley downtown.

Question No. 2: What kinds of locally controlled funding mechanisms do you believe are most feasible to generate money for housing and homelessness services?

"Our options are like puzzle pieces, and sometimes we feel like our hands are tied," said Kornegay. She suggested

seeking grants for renovations and reduced rents. "In the end, nobody should be living on the street when there are places available to live."

Question No. 3: How would you help your city balance the need for short-term and long-term housing and homelessness investments?

"I've been there," said an emotional Kornegay on the subject of homelessness. Her short-term hope is to free up some of the empty buildings for winter use to keep people warm. Long-term, Kornegay suggested working with organizations like Skagit Home Trust to help people finance a home.



Sedro-Woolley City Councilwoman Germaine Kornegay responds to a question during a Sept. 26 Candidate Forum on Housing & Homelessness hosted by Community Action. Kornegay is running unopposed to retain her Ward 2 position on the City Council.

All city and town council candidates listed on the Skagit County Elections Web site were invited to the forum.

—J. K. M.

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Naked Clothing will continue to sell clothing via its online store, www.nakedclothing.com, and may reopen briefly during the holidays for a "flash" sale.

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Back to school



The Lyman Back to School Parade again filled the streets of Lyman with music, shouts, laughter, and some downright puzzling costumes (see left). This year's parade was held on Sept. 21, and followed a shortened route so it was a little more contained. Music was provided by the Sedro-Woolley High School band.



From left, Cooper Needham, Zack Brothers, Modesto Tenorio-Garcia, and Douglas Nieves feed the machine.

Who's up for some cider?

On Sept. 29, Lyman Elementary School teacher Shawna Tesarik took her 4th graders to Lyman Town Hall for a lesson in cider pressing on an antique press donated to the children of Lyman by Ken Kidder and Patty La Brie Kidder. Using apples donated by Perkins Farm, members of the Lyman Historical Committee helped the students get a feel for what it takes to press cider.



Alivia Adams (left) and Nalaiah Kraft put the squeeze on the leftovers.



From left, Melody Thompson, Brianna Franklin, John Wegleitner, and Gage Harlan grind apple chunks.

Community notes

Vote YES on new levy this fall

It has been 14 years since the Day Creek community approved a bond that allowed Fire District 16 (Day Creek) to purchase a 2003 fire engine. This engine has rendered assistance for hundreds of calls since. The Day Creek Fire Dept. and community have benefited from the use of this engine and will continue to do so until 2033.

Currently, the Washington Insurance Rating Bureau and the NFPA rules only allow a fire department to use a fire apparatus for 30 years, and then it must be retired. Because of this regulation, District 16 asks the Day Creek community to provide the support it always has counted on to vote "Yes" to continue the current taxing bond, which will allow the fire department the funds required to maintain its fire tender (water truck) and second-out fire engine.

This vote is not for a new tax, simply the continuation of the current tax rate for the next 20 years. The Day Creek Fire Department needs this bond to provide funds to maintain compliance for its fire insurance rating because its current fire tender is 29 years old and its second-out engine is 21 years old.

Approval of this bond will provide resources to cover and achieve the following:

- No new tax.
- Upcoming maintenance needs of two fire apparatuses.
- Provide a more capable water source

since the community does not have any fire hydrants.

- Improve firefighter safety.
- Maintain the district's current fire rating with the Washington Insurance Rating Bureau.
- Ultimately provide improved services for the Day Creek community.

Operation Christmas Child

Day Creek kids are gearing up for "Operation Christmas Child." This is a great time of filling shoeboxes with toys and fun gifts, packing them up, and sending them overseas to children who have very little.

There will be a fundraiser luncheon prepared and served by the kids on Oct. 8 at noon. Bring your kids and join the fun.

For more information, contact Sue Walden at 360.391.1709.

Potluck needs new leader

Donna Pulver is retiring as organizer of the Community Potluck and gatherings. She has put out the word, hoping someone will be inspired with new ideas for community bonding, and will be willing to take over her position, by January 2018.

Interested? 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581.

Friendship House Helping Hand

Together we can reach out to the homeless and serve a monthly dinner at the Friendship House. Prep is at 3 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month.

For more information, call

360.391.1709.

WOMEN HAND in hand

WOMEN HAND in hand is scheduling its spring event.

Kingdom Builders

Kingdom Builders works together with the help of our community, reaching out to be a help to those in need of trips to the doctor, hospital visits, store runs, and more. Drivers are needed and donations are always welcome.

Kingdom Builders and the Friday Morning Bible Study Group have assembled Homeless Giveaway Bags. Anyone who wishes to keep a few in their car should call 360.826.3581.

Anyone interested in becoming available to be a community helper may call 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581.

Report illegal dumping

If you see anyone illegally dumping garbage in or near our community, try to write down their vehicle license plate number and then report the activity by

2017 Community Potluck dates

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Women's Bible study

A women's Bible study is planned to begin soon, to be held Wednesday mornings 9:30 a.m. The group will study Beth Moore's "The Quest."

For more information, Call Sue Walden at 360.391.1709.

If you have an idea for community gatherings, call 360.826.3003 or 360.826.3581, or send an e-mail to winningcircularanch@gmail.com.

—Kathy Henderson



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September in pictures



Above: Lyman Elementary School 4th graders posed for a group photo after learning all about cider pressing—and experiencing it firsthand via an antique cider press donated to the Lyman Historical Museum by Ken Kidder and Patty La Brie Kidder. See more photos on p. 18.



Above: Sept. 24 saw 119 cars roll through Concrete and up Burpee Hill, stopping for lunch first at area restaurants. "We had a great drive," said a representative from the group. "We started in Conway, stopped in Darrington and Marblemount, then lunch in Concrete, then over Burpee Hill and ending in Burlington." Photo by Jude Dippold.



Above: SCSO Sgt. Chris Kading (right) listens while Concrete American Legion member John Boggs presents him with a Law Enforcement Certificate of Commendation during a Sept. 18 gathering in Kading's honor. Kading has moved to another position within the SCSO, and has been replaced at the East Detachment by Sgt. Greg Adams.



Above: Chuck Harris is a retired carpenter, but you wouldn't have known it if you saw him helping Concrete Laundromat owner Don Payne with painting the building in late September, before the weather turned. No photo will be shown of Payne's innovative "ladder" system; we don't want him in Dutch with OSHA.



Above: Bob Lahr from Concrete captured this double rainbow over Concrete last month. About a week later, a triple rainbow was spotted over Rockport.

Left: They aren't sexy, but the new membrane units in Concrete's wastewater treatment plant are serious upgrades over the old membranes. The new membranes are almost impervious to caking, and retain a startling level of efficiency even if they are sliced.

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Hamilton



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Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting Aug. 8. Following is a summary of that meeting.

- **Public Comment:** Janet Koopsen expressed concern about the lack of enforcement of the animal and RV ordinances, especially the number of RVs showing up lately. It was discussed that Scottie could do code enforcement.
- Lori Japhet stated she felt it would be appropriate for the Town Council to get involved in more community service activities. She also wanted to discuss the noise/smell/flies concerning her neighbors livestock.
- Council approved Resolution 04-2017, assigning fees for animal licensing/violations in town.
- Council appointed Councilmember Brian Kirkpatrick as Mayor Joan

- Cromley's alternate to attend Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) meetings when needed.
- Council reviewed the Gensburg water bill voted to lower the bill to the lowest tier so Mr. Gensburg could catch up.
- **Water Dept.:** Cas Hancock reported a 7 percent loss.
- **Fire Dept.:** A letter from Fire District 8 was mentioned; the fire chief and the mayor will discuss it.
- **Street Dept.:** Fighting to stay on top of four beaver dams.

—Compiled from staff notes

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Birdsview Buzz

Happy October, everyone!
Not much going on in Birdsview. Lots of elk helping themselves to crops and sunflowers, but they don't touch the hops. Hmmm. Anyway, happy birthday this month to:

- Pat Erwin on the 6th
- Dennis Russell on the 14th
- Ryan Gillian on the 25th

No Cardiac Arrest Fest this year. We might be doing a fundraiser for the Concrete Food Bank instead. Check our Facebook or Web site for details.

Our Fresh Hop pale ale is out. We grew the hops on the property and got some from Ray Hambleton in Concrete and Dan Brown in Sedro-Woolley, along with malt from Skagit Valley Malting. Can't get much more local than that. It's Da Porter is back on tap and our stout will be back on in November or December.

—Kris Voigt

Fishers, cont. from p. 34

"Conservation of the species as a whole remains our highest priority."

Project partners emphasize that this is a delay, not an end to the project. WDFW, the U.S. National Park Service, and Conservation Northwest have been leading an effort to reintroduce fishers since 2008.

"We've made great progress restoring fishers to the Olympics and south Cascades, and we anticipate resuming reintroductions into the North Cascades as soon as possible," said Dave Werntz of Conservation Northwest.

The project team also has begun seeking other stable, healthy populations of fishers outside of central British Columbia that could serve as a source of animals for the ongoing effort.

Project partners released nearly 160

fishers on the Olympic Peninsula and in the South Cascades over the past decade, with growing evidence of survival, reproduction, and population increases among the animals.

"Introduction of 80 additional fishers in the North Cascades is the third stage of the project and was scheduled to begin this winter," said Dr. Jason Ransom, a wildlife biologist with the National Park Service.

Fisher project partners continue to document ongoing expansion of the fishers' range, reproduction, and survival that will one day take them off Washington's endangered species list, said Anderson.

"We are doing all we can to bring fishers back," she said. "The timetable has changed, but the goal remains the same."



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WDFW proposes simplified freshwater fishing regulations, seeks public comment

State fishery managers are seeking public comment on a proposed package of simplified recreational fishing regulations for freshwater species, such as steelhead, trout, and warmwater fish.

As part of that effort, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has scheduled six workshops to discuss the proposed changes with the public.

To review and comment on the proposed rules, go to http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/rule_proposals/. Comments will be accepted through Nov. 30. For a hard copy of the proposed rules, call 360.902.2700.

Since last summer, state fishery managers have been working to simplify Washington's fishing regulations for freshwater species, including steelhead, trout, warmwater fish, sturgeon, shad, and carp, said WDFW Director Jim Unsworth.

"For years, we've heard from people about how our regulations are complex—even for some of the most seasoned anglers—and act as a barrier to people trying to take up the sport," Unsworth said. "So we've been developing a set of regulations that will be easier for all anglers to understand."

This is the first year of a three-year effort to simplify sportfishing regulations throughout the state. Next year, fishery managers are scheduled to work on salmon fisheries in marine and freshwater, while fisheries for shellfish and other marine fish will be addressed in 2019. "We're excited about this effort and look forward to discussing our first year of proposals at upcoming meetings with the public," Burley said. "This is a great opportunity for anglers and others to help us make our recreational fishing regulations more user-friendly."

The remaining public workshops are scheduled for:

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- Oct. 4, 6 to 8 p.m.: WDFW Region 5 headquarters, 5525 S. 11th St., Ridgefield
- Oct. 5, 6 to 8 p.m.: Montesano City Hall, 112 N. Main St., Montesano

Changes proposed this year would apply to freshwater throughout the state, with some exceptions. Some of the changes include:

- Standardizing the statewide season for rivers, streams, and beaver ponds to the Saturday before Memorial Day through Oct. 31.
- Eliminating mandatory steelhead retention in most waters.
- Reducing the complexity of regulations—such as daily limits, size limits and seasons—in lakes and ponds.
- Standardizing regulations in rivers and streams for bass, channel catfish, and walleye. Under the proposal there would be no daily limit or minimum size for those fish.

The public will also have the opportunity to provide testimony on the proposals during the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission's meeting Dec. 8 and 9 in Olympia. Go to the commission's Web site at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/meetings.html> for details on the meeting. The commission, which sets policy for WDFW, is scheduled to vote on the proposals during a meeting in January.

—Submitted by WDFW

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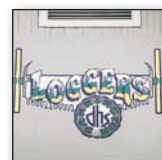
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Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

Sept. 10

On Sat., Sept. 9, Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue (SCVSAR) members responded to Mt. Pugh to search for a 25-year-old Seattle man. The missing hiker called 911 from his cell phone Saturday around 4 p.m., stating he had become separated from his hiking partner and was off trail, lost in the fog, near the summit of Mt Pugh. The phone reception was weak and specific coordinates could not be obtained. The subject was not equipped to spend the night, wearing only light clothing and tennis shoes.

More than 20 Search & Rescue volunteers and a Sheriff's Office Deputy set up search operations at Mt. Pugh trailhead. Weather conditions on the mountain were wet and foggy. The temperature was in the low 40s near the summit. Search & Rescue Volunteers ascended Mt. Pugh to the 6,300-foot level, where they eventually made voice contact with the missing subject around 1 a.m. The subject was stuck on a small ledge along a cliff face experiencing hypothermic symptoms. Rescuers were able to reach the subject, warm him, and then walk him out to safety around 5:30 a.m. on Sept. 10. The hiking partner had safely made his way out of the area by 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10.

Sept. 12

An unidentified adult male was recovered from the Skykomish River near Sportsman Park this afternoon after being underwater for almost half an hour. He was transported to the hospital around 4 p.m.

Witnesses called 911 just before 3 p.m. to report that the man was in the river, yelling. Witnesses told responding deputies that the man had been acting strangely before jumping in the river, where at first he appeared to be swimming, then became increasingly distressed, eventually calling for help. He went under around 12 feet of water before he could be recovered. Swift currents hampered the rescue efforts of first responders and civilians providing assistance.

Sept. 15

Snohomish County Sheriff's deputies are seeking information from the public about graffiti found spray painted on a mosque on Old Owen Rd. in Monroe. The incident is believed to have occurred between 4 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 10 a.m.

on Sept. 15. The graffiti was discovered and reported on Sept. 15. Deputies found unintelligible words spray painted on the building in yellow paint that appears to have then been painted over in black spray paint, followed by a vulgar phrase written in black spray paint.

"We will not tolerate any crimes motivated by prejudice in Snohomish County," said Sheriff Ty Trenary. "We are asking for the public's help to find who committed this hateful act and so we can bring them to justice."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Office Anonymous Tipline at 425.388.3845.

Sept. 24

The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit and SnoHAWK 10 recovered the body of a Seattle man who fell from Wallace Falls the evening of Sept. 24. A woman called 911 around 5 p.m. and reported her 33-year-old husband had fallen over an embankment near the Sky Valley Lookout at middle falls. The Sky Valley Lookout is 2.4 miles up the trail from the Wallace Falls State Park parking lot. The couple was on a hike with family and friends when the man fell.

Search crews arrived at the scene and located the male at the base of middle falls, but couldn't attempt a rescue because of treacherous terrain. SnoHAWK 10 was able to lower rescuers to the scene and later transport the body to Taylor's Landing, where it was turned over to the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

Fire District 26 personnel were able to rescue the family's dog, which had also fallen over the embankment.

Sept. 24

Today the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit and volunteers from Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue rescued an injured woman from the Foggy Lake area east of Granite Falls.

The 32-year-old Seattle woman was with a group of five other hikers on Saturday afternoon when she fell on the trail and struck her head on a rock. It was initially believed to be a minor head injury, but her condition worsened overnight. A member of the group was able to text 911 and request help Sunday morning. The injured woman was hoisted out by SnoHAWK 10 and was transported to an area hospital by aid car Sunday afternoon.

—Compiled from SCSO releases

Collaborative plans stewardship projects

By Marla Skaglund

A group of about 30 local residents, timber interests, U.S. Forest Service employees, conservationists, and representatives from Senator Maria Cantwell and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene's offices attended a public meeting of the Darrington Collaborative on Sept. 5 in the Community Center.

With the current Segelsen forest restoration contract closed for bid, the meeting included a discussion about upcoming projects with which the Collaborative plans to be involved. These include a stewardship contract as part of the upcoming South Fork Stillaguamish Thinning Project and a larger restoration thinning project in the Segelsen area.

The stewardship contract includes the removal of timber and the completion of three restorative projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The Segelson thin is the first project associated with the Darrington Collaborative and is a vegetation project with an aquatic component of road drainage restoration in second growth stands within the North Fork Stillaguamish River drainage area. The project is a 70-acre restoration thinning with a stewardship component of drainage

restoration in both the Segelson area and Clear Creek area, with an upgrade to road culverts, ditches, and surface conditions.

The Forest Service sent letters to potential bidders that included location, estimated quantity, and an evaluation criteria for reviewing bids. The stewardship business plan for the Collaborative includes encouraging benefits from any project be awarded to the local community. In the technical proposal, the Forest Service explained local employment opportunities would be taken into consideration. Utilization of the local workforce, local hiring, prime contractors who live locally, local key personnel, and local subcontractors would all be given a higher rating. Contractors who make delivery and processing of the forest products in the local area would also be rated the highest.

Forester Derek Churchill of Stewardship Forestry will work with the Collaborative and the Forest Service to identify and design pilot projects. The types of timber sales the Collaborative is proposing are habitat-restoring thinning of dense second growth in clear cut areas so it can become a more complex habitat, which follows the existing guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan.

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on Aug. 9. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

Aug. 9 regular meeting

- Peter Forbes (USFS) gave an update on the Suittale Fire. He displayed a map that showed the current fire location. He briefly gave a history from when the fire started and the agencies involved. He indicated that the fire was doing good and was maintained. The weather helped with keeping the fire at bay. He briefed council about other USFS projects that were being worked on as well. He indicated that the cause of the fire was listed as unknown; however, it was likely human-related.
- Mayor Dan Rankin went over the mock-up design for the upcoming gateway sign that is being worked on. Councilmember Kevin Ashe asked if there has been any further contact from WSDOT. Mayor Rankin said no. He also indicated that the town has applied for an LTAC grant for the signage around town and at the parks. Councilmember Gary Willis asked if the other gateway signs would be moved. Mayor Rankin indicated that the only sign the town would move would be the main gateway sign to the west of town.
- On the topic of water rights, Mayor

Rankin discussed his phone call with Ecology. They are suspending all searches for water rights and are in a deal with Seattle City Light and PSE to increase spillage over the dams to maintain low water levels in the Skagit River system. They would like to talk to council in October or November; however, at this time there will be no negotiation with Ecology.

- Councilmember Ashe asked about Old School Park construction. They are hoping for late September for finishing. There had been talk about a "Grand Opening"; some would like to see it coincide with a "Planting Party." Councilmember Willis asked about the concrete by the gazebo and if it will be filled in. Organizers are working to resolve these issues.
- Councilmember Ashe asked if there have been any complaints about the smell from the marijuana plant. There have been no complaints.
- Councilmember Willis commented about S. Sauk Ave. The construction of the sidewalks are much nicer and safer.
- Councilmember Ashe announced that the grizzly bear project managers are currently evaluating public comments.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

Darrington Community Dance

Sat., Oct. 14

Potluck: 6 p.m. // Old-time dance: 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Live music by Northern Contra Band
Caller: Amy Carroll

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October at the Darrington Library

Children and family programs

- Family Storytime, Wed., Oct. 4-25; 11 to 11:45 a.m.; all ages welcome, caregiver required.
- LEGO Engineering, Wed., Oct. 4; 3 p.m.; LEGO WeDo Robotics kits available.
- LEGO Free Play, Wed., Oct. 11; 3 p.m.
- Saturday Family Storytime, Sat., Oct. 7; 11 a.m.; all ages, caregiver required.
- Evening Family Storytime, Mon., Oct. 30; 6 p.m.; all ages, caregiver required.

"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," rated PG-13, Sat., Oct. 28; 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; popcorn served.

Adults

- Darrington Book Group, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, Wed., Oct. 4; 5:30 to 7 p.m.; potluck optional.
- Write Now: You Wrote a Book, Now What? Understanding Today's Publishing Choices. Take an unbiased and unvarnished look at a modern writer's publishing options, from "Big 5" traditional publishers to small presses to self-publishing to "hybrid" and other emerging models. Taught by a publishing professional who appreciates both sides of the fence, this class gets past the hype and examines pros and cons of each choice, realistic costs and income potential, as well as scams and pitfalls to avoid. Most importantly, it helps writers seeking publication understand their own goals, strengths, and how to make a decision that's best for them. Sat., Oct. 14; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Business Pros: 10 Ways to Navigate Cycles: The Ebb and Flow of Sales. Includes the causes of cycles, assessing marketing activities, the 80/20 rule of revenue, creating a niche, and other ideas to help move your business forward. Sat., Oct. 21; 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

—Asheley Bryson, branch manager

All ages

- Discover Darrington Photo Contest: drop off photos at circulation desk or e-mail them to ryocum@sno-isle.org; open to all ages; Oct. 2-30.
- Stars and the Wayfinder (voyage of the Hokule'a, a 63-foot catamaran that sailed 2,300 miles), Mon., Oct. 16; 6 p.m.
- Darrington Strong, Inc. meeting, Wed., Oct. 18; 7 to 8:45 p.m.
- Saturday Family Movie Matinee:



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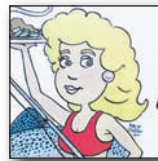
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Harvest Fest, Halloween Dance to benefit KSVU

Steaming pumpkin soup, hot spiced cider, seasonal casseroles, salads, and pies will welcome autumn revelers on Sat., Oct. 28 for Upriver Radio KSVU's 7th annual Harvest Fest and Halloween Dance in the Marblemount Community Hall.

A potluck supper starts at 6 p.m.; live music by local favorites Undecided and Jumbled Pie will begin at 7 p.m. and continue throughout the evening.

Raffle and silent auction offerings will be available to view and bid on, with drawings for winners at the end of the night.

As KSVU's biggest annual benefit, the party not only raises critical funds to keep the local community radio station on the air, but provides a great venue for folks to celebrate the season, eat great food, visit with friends, and dance, dance, dance.

Costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded to those deemed "best of," as well as to every child attending. New this year, a photo booth will be set up to capture images of the goblins and pirates in all their glory.

The event will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Suggested admission donations are \$8 per adult or \$15 per couple, with free admission for kids ages 12 and under.

"It's the best party of the year!" said KSVU member and local musician Linden Jordan. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

You shouldn't either.

For more information or to offer items or services for the raffle or auction, call the KSVU studio at 360.853.8588 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

—Christie Fairchild



Top right: Cider pressing was all the rage during Marblemount Community Market's final event, a Harvest Faire on Sept. 10.

Right: Members of Bike-and-Build gathered at Marblemount Community Hall Aug. 31 after an overnight stay on the second-to-last day of their 4,000-mile journey from New Hampshire to Bellingham. Along their path across the northern U.S., the group built and roofed homes for the homeless. (see www.bikeandbuild.org). Photos by Christie Fairchild.



Tootsie Clark Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life in memory of Tootsie Clark will be held on Sat., Oct. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Marblemount Community Hall, 60155 SR 20, Marblemount. Potluck dishes are encouraged.

Farewell, Tootsie

Ethel Madrene Clark, known to the world as the iconic Tootsie, passed away at age 95 in her Marblemount home Sept. 24. Famous for her cinnamon rolls she passed out to eager travelers at the opening of the North Cascades Highway each spring (and opening the gate itself—above—as she did once again this past May), Tootsie had repeated the annual

ritual since the 1970s.

"She will be sorely missed, sorely missed, sorely missed," said her son Don Clark. "Her effect on the community was 95 years long and touched almost everyone in the community at some point, especially in her younger days. She was known as a loving, open, generous, amazing person, primarily in that she was

so open to everyone, so accepting and receiving of everyone.

"I knew from my youth the goodness that came from her heart and how people responded to that goodness, so it's no surprise to me that she's an icon, dearly remembered by so many people.

"She gave away 90 cinnamon rolls every year—that's the epitome of humor,

generosity, fun, tradition ... it covers so many other bases, and it made her who she became known to be. Families and friends are fortunate to have known her intimately.

"You can't make up a personality like that."

—J. K. M.



Upcoming Events:

- **Oct. 20** *Wild & Scenic Film Festival*
@ Lincoln Theater
- **Oct. 21** *Salmon Sightings*
@ Cumberland Creek
- **Oct. 28** *Planting Party*
@ Marblemount Boat Launch
- **Nov. 4** *Salmon Sightings*
@ Oyster Creek



For more information on these and other events hosted by SFEG, visit:
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Seniors

Way Back When

101 years ago

Oct. 14, 1916: Mrs. Cummings was hostess at a quilting bee given at her home in Grasmere, and the time was industriously spent, the ladies quilting four quilts that are to be wedding gifts for Mrs. Cummings' niece in the east.

Verna's Kitchen

By Verna McClure

Microwave Peanut Brittle



- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup lite Karo syrup
- 1 cup salted peanuts (dry roasted works well)
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

1. Mix Karo syrup and sugar well in a 3-quart Pyrex bowl, and microwave on high for 4 minutes.
2. Add peanuts and mix well, then microwave on high for 3 minutes.
3. Add vanilla and butter. Mix well, then microwave on high for 1 minute.
4. Add baking soda and stir gently until it becomes milky. Pour on a buttered cookie sheet immediately. Let cool and break into pieces.
5. Enjoy. Be happy!

Each lady wrote a note to the prospective bride and signed her name. These notes were then pinned on the quilts. The hostess served a delicious chicken dinner.

F. Mack will give another of those enjoyable dances at his hall in Van Horn, Sat., Oct. 21. An elegant lunch will be served in the dining room adjoining the hall. Everyone is cordially invited to come and have the best time of their lives. A four-piece orchestra will dispense the delightful strains of the latest dance music.

70 years ago

Oct. 23, 1947: Final approval

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by the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) of all the plans, specifications, details of title, and financing on the municipal airport project for the Town of Concrete was accorded early last week. This was the signal for immediate calling for bids in order to be under the wire before the closing of the CAA books, which have a good-sized allotment earmarked for the local field.

The contract will call for the clearing and grubbing of 18.25 acres of the site south of the Superior plant, clearing of 41.32 acres, and excavation of some 27,050 yards of dirt to level the strip. Further items of the contract will provide for fencing the entire plot, furnishing one gate, and the wind cone and mast.

60 years ago

Oct. 17, 1957: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Ovenell have been named "Mr. and Mrs. Conservation Farmer for 1957" for the Skagit Soil Conservation District.

The Ovenells are Skagit County pioneers, having been born near Avon, and have lived in the county since that time. The Ovenells for many years farmed near Burlington, but during the past 10 years, Ovenell has resided on the farm south of the Skagit River near Concrete, which was originally developed as a partnership between Ovenell and Harold Pierson. This farm plus the Burlington operation are presently owned and operated by Ovenell with the assistance of his sons, Norman and Lyle.

The farm includes 730 acres of land, 330 acres of which are now cleared. Soil conservation surveys were used as the basis for

land clearing operations and farm development.

Ovenell has cooperated with soil Conservation District technicians in trying new legume and grass mixtures for use on low-capability upland soils. Beef cattle have utilized production from the grass-legume fields.

—Compiled from archives

Concrete Community Center

October 2017 Activities

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

Monday through Friday

Jigsaw puzzles, walking group, games, more

All subject to change. For latest information:
www.facebook.com/concretecommunity or call
360.416.1377.

Wednesday

10/18 1 p.m. CPR/AED class

Thursday

All 1 p.m. GED prep
10/5 12:30 p.m. Pinochle
10/19 11:15 a.m. United Health Care
10/19 12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Friday

All 1 p.m. GED prep
10/13 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Janicki
10/20 6 p.m. Candidate Forum with Mayor Jason Miller

Saturday

All 7 p.m. AA meeting
(moved to East County Resource Ctr Conference Room during October)
10/7 10 a.m. Saturday Market



30 years ago, Oct. 1, 1987: Concrete Public Works employees Alan Wilkins (left) and Dave Herring dig a trench that will hold a new culvert to curb flooding by Lorenzen Creek. Major reconstruction work was under way on Limestone St. where Lorenzen ran deeply under a residence and the street before emptying into the ditch. The deep culverts placed years before had started to collapse, causing damage to the roadway and potentially to the home built in later years over the lines. Using Skagit County Flood Protection matching grant monies for part of the estimated \$10,000 project, Town of Concrete crews dug deep trenches to place the new culvert and reroute the creek. *Archive photo by Anne Bussiere.*

More than Halloween

October a celebratory month for Baha'i Faith followers

Halloween gets the spotlight during most Octobers, but this year the festive month in fall is particular special for followers of the Baha'i Faith.

This October includes the 200th anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah (literally translated "Glory of God"), the founder of the religion and one of many prophets and messengers—"divine educators"—recognized by followers of the faith. Other prophets include Abraham, Krishna, Zoroaster, Moses, Buddha, Jesus, and Muhammad. Baha'u'llah is the most recent of these messengers, or manifestations of God.

Local music teacher Gretchen Hewitt is a follower of the Baha'i Faith, which has followers worldwide. For Hewitt, her belief in the faith represents "a beautiful life," one she first was exposed to by a close friend.

"She represented a beautiful life, but I didn't embrace it until I moved to Seattle, met other Baha'is, and that's when it clicked for me," she said. "I find that the organization of it is so beautiful, because we have such clarity of where we are in the world today, and what we can do. So much of it is based on listening, appreciating, respecting, loving, encouraging, and wanting people to thrive."

Baha'is believe in progressive revelation, portioned out over time by the manifestations of God—the

messengers. Baha'u'llah—the most recent messenger—said that the religions of the world come from the same source and are in essence successive chapters of one religion from God.

Baha'is believe the crucial need facing humanity is to find a unifying vision of the future of society and of the nature and purpose of life. Such a vision unfolds in the writings of Baha'u'llah.

Another aspect of the faith is that its followers believe that peace is not only attainable, but inevitable. "The time in which we're now living is the day of complete unity of the planet and the oneness of humankind," said Hewitt.

Baha'u'llah put it similarly in his writings: "This is the Day in which God's most excellent favors have been poured out upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all created things. It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness."

"I find it inspiring every day," said Hewitt. "It's a beautiful thing to see people thrive. If a person is born, they're in the right place. Because they were born, they have every right to have a great life, to be appreciated and enjoyed. It's so simple, but it's so meaningful to me."

—J. K. M.

Sunday School lesson Live outside of the boat

By Matt Del Bosque

In this day and age, we have a lot of luxuries and products offered to us in order to make us "comfortable." We want soft, comfortable couches in our homes. We want our cars to run smoothly so we have a comfortable ride to our destinations. We want comfortable clothing to wear. We even want our social media accounts to show only the things that we desire to see, so that we are comfortable. Thank goodness for the "I don't want to see this," the "block," and "unfollow" options on Facebook! But truly we are a culture and society that loves to live in comfort.

Often that desire for comfort follows us into our churches and our faith in Jesus. There is a great story in the Bible in the book of Matthew where the disciples of Jesus were in a boat out on the water when the wind and waves picked up and Jesus came walking toward them on top of the water. This is what happened next:

Matthew 14:26-31:
"But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.'

And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is

you, command me to come to you on the water.'

He said, 'Come.'

So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

When it comes to Jesus, we have two options: Stay in the boat or get out of the boat. Staying in the boat is easy. It's comfortable. The boat gives us safety and assurance. We won't drown as long as we stay in the boat.

Following Jesus requires us to be like Peter and step out of the boat. Following Jesus is all about leaving our comfort zones and trusting in his leadership. Sure there will be a lot of uncertainties, but the rewards are absolutely worth it! Just think of how God could use you to make a difference in this world if you lived a life outside of the boat. I guarantee you would never regret it!

Matt Del Bosque is pastor for Citipoint Church North Cascade in Marblemount.

Obituaries published in Concrete Herald

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

Sept. 1

Deputy Esskew took a report of a stolen vehicle from the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove.

While patrolling the Cedar Grove area, Deputy Devero stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The driver's license was suspended, and he had warrants out of Sedro-Woolley Municipal Court. The driver was arrested.

A travel trailer was reported stolen from the Lake Tyee area.

Deputy Wolfe took a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner said it had been stolen from the 45000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The vehicle was later found

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.

Stolpe, Collin Andrew

Age: 29
Race: W
Sex: M
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 165
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Address: Not given, Sedro-Woolley



Stolpe was convicted of third-degree rape of a child, indecent liberties, unlawful imprisonment, and luring a minor with developmental disabilities in September 2012, in Skagit County. His victim was a 13-year-old female stranger.

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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

by Deputy Devero and returned to the owner's property. The car had been towed to the wrong location and left without the owner's knowledge.

Deputy Devero took a complaint of a stolen chain saw and gas cans from the 61000 block of SR 20 in Marblemount. No suspects.

Sept. 2

Deputies took a report of malicious mischief near the 8000 block of Cedar Grove Ave. No suspects at this time.

Deputy Todd Adams responded to a motor vehicle accident at Logger's Landing in Concrete. A red pickup truck had hit another car, then left the scene. An attempt to locate the truck was put out, but deputies were unable to find the suspect vehicle.

Deputies responded to a report of debris in the roadway near Lyman on Lyman Hamilton Hwy. Hundreds of pieces of concrete were strewn on the road for three miles. Deputies spent almost two hours clearing the road.

A caller reported dirt bikes going around the locked gate on Haystack Rd. near Concrete. The reporting party felt that the subjects were possibly poaching. They left prior to deputies arriving.

Sept. 3

Deputy Devero responded to a suspicious call on private forest property off Haystack Rd. near Concrete. He located a suspect riding a motorcycle and trespassing. He was warned and told not to ride motorcycles on the property.

Deputy Wolfe responded to a search for a missing hiker near Marblemount. The lost hiker eventually walked out.

Sept. 4

Deputy Backstrom investigated a report of malicious mischief at the Lake Shannon boat launch near Concrete. It appeared that someone had been driving recklessly and had rocked two cars that were parked at the launch. Both cars sustained damage. No suspects at this time.

Deputy Case investigated a violation of a court order in the Hamilton area. He determined that the suspect had violated a valid court order. The suspect was referred for charges.

Deputy Backstrom and Sgt. Adams investigated a report of a theft of a motorcycle from Clark Cabin Rd. They developed information to arrest the suspects. The suspects were not located, but charges will be sent to the prosecutor's office.

While patrolling Rockport Cascade Rd., Sgt. Adams stopped a truck for expired registration and equipment violations.

The driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license and several warrants. A passenger also was arrested for warrants.

Sept. 5

Deputy Backstrom, Deputy Tweit, and Sgt. Adams served arrest warrants in Marblemount. Suspects were arrested on multiple warrants.

Sgt. Adams stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign in the Cedar Grove area. The driver had a felony warrant for her arrest. She was arrested for the warrant and for driving with a suspended license, and for operating a motor vehicle without an interlock device.

Sept. 6

Deputy Gutierrez investigated a report of a stolen car from Cockreham Island near Lyman.

Deputy Tweit investigated a burglary in the area of Cedar St. in Concrete. The owner was observing someone near his residence on a surveillance camera attempting to enter his residence. Deputy Tweit investigated and determined it was the neighbor who had observed the garage door at his neighbor's house was open and was attempting to secure it. No crime occurred.

Sgt. Adams investigated a trespass complaint in Cedar Grove. The suspect

who was transient had moved her motor home onto private property without the owner's permission. She was arrested for trespassing.

While investigating a tip from a citizen, Sgt. Adams discovered that three suspects were trespassing on property near the 45000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The suspects had located the property from a real estate advertisement and moved onto the property without permission. The suspects were told to vacate the property or be arrested.

Sept. 7

Deputy Devero, with assistance from the Dept. of Corrections, arrested two suspects on felony warrants near the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. near Concrete. Both suspects were taken to jail.

Sept. 9

Deputy Struiksma responded to a report of a prowler in the 44000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The reporting party advised that she had heard footsteps outside her residence. The deputy checked the area, but did not locate anyone.

Deputy Esskew handled a theft-of-services call on Main St. in Concrete. A subject was dumping her garbage in

See Sheriff's Blotter, p. 33

Worship directory

Assembly of God Concrete Assembly of God

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

Citipoint Church North Cascade

59850 SR 20, Marblemount
360.873.2504
Sunday Gathering: 10:30 a.m.
www.citipointchurch.com
E-mail: matt@citipointchurch.com

Baptist

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

Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

Lyman Church

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

Catholic

St. Catherine Mission Church
45603 Limestone St., Concrete
360.873.2504
Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley
Office: 360.855.0077
Weekday hours: 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Sat. Mass: 8:30 a.m.
www.svcc.us/scm

Covenant

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

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

Episcopal

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

Free Methodist

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

Methodist

Central United Methodist Church
1013 Polke Rd., Sedro-Woolley
360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com
<http://centralumcsw.org>
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Presbyterian

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

Lutheran

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

Nondenominational

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

Community Bible Church

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

The RIVER Gathering

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

Rockport Christ the King Comm. Church

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

Wildwood Chapel

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

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

As we head into **Ghost Walk** season, I perused the online editions of *Concrete Herald* for relevant stories. It was 88 years ago when the front page informed the community that Nell Wheelock of the Skagit River Telephone Company was featured in Ripley's syndicated column "Believe It Or Not" as the only female "lineman." For more about Nell and her sister Kate, attend one of the Concrete Ghost Walks given every Saturday night in October. Be sure to reserve at least one evening for a night of fun and entertainment. See the Concrete Chamber of Commerce Web site (www.concrete-wa.com, Annual Events) for details and reservations, which are required.

Concrete Herald has always been known for covering "all the news that is the news" in the Upper Skagit Valley, so it's no surprise that the Oct. 4, 1928, issue covered Bill Crofoot getting pecked in the eye by one of his chickens. No mention was made, however, of what Bill ate for dinner that evening. Many stories raise more questions than answers, such as the Oct. 3, 1929, story about Walter Ross's car being "stolen" in Seattle, only to be recovered by him the very next day. I think a lot of us actually know someone who has "found" their car the morning after.

Although the number of stores in Concrete has dwindled during recent

decades, a wide variety of merchandise has always been available. October 15, 1915, saw the opening of the Concrete Hardware, Furniture, and House Furnishings store by manager Mr. T. I. Lowe. For the convenience of his customers, he also partitioned part of his store to be used for his undertaking business. Now that's full service!

The year 1929 might be known for the great stock market crash, but in Concrete it was the year of the big boom. The Oct. 10 edition of the *Herald* cites that the Superior Portland Cement Company was preparing to fete their company executives and reporters to a big blast using 25 tons (yes, tons) of blasting powder to free up 250,000 tons of rock to be used in their cement plant. To prepare for the big day, Fred Baker was tamping a charge, which exploded prematurely, killing him instantly and injuring six others. E. E. Wolbert died of his injuries a few days later. The blast could be heard for miles.

The museum is now closed for the season, but **special tours can be arranged**, with enough advance notice, by contacting John Lloyd at autohistory@hotmail.com or John Boggs at jboggs@washington.com.

The next **monthly business meeting** will be on Wed., Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at the museum. The public is always welcome, and we will appreciate your input.

—John Boggs

At the Upper Skagit Library

Thanks to everyone in Marblemount and the surrounding areas for coming to the **Marblemount Market** to ask questions, check out books, and learn more about the Upper Skagit Library services and programs. We look forward to seeing you in the Upper Skagit Library and the market next year.

Although we are sad to say goodbye to summer, fall brings us back to **Storytime!** Families with young children are invited to join us for stories, songs, and a simple craft on the first and third Saturday of each month, October through May, at 11 a.m. This season's first Storytime is Oct. 7. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us as we welcome **Monica Crosson** to the Upper Skagit Library, Fri., Oct. 27, at 5 p.m. She will read from her new book *The Magickal Family*, "a real-life guide for those who want to practice magick and simplicity, but need a little nudge to take a break from the workaday world. Filled with tips, ideas, stories, and projects to bring you and your family closer to nature and to celebrate the God and the Goddess, this book shows how to be true to your magickal self ..." We will create Poetry Masks, enjoy her favorite Moon Cookies,

and discuss raising a family in a modern world.

Join us for **Craft Friday** at 5b's Bakery, the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. This month we will be making keychains. Bring dual-function pliers and a can-do attitude. All other supplies are provided.

New on our shelves

In adult fiction, *Haunted* by James Patterson and *The Kaiser's Last Kiss* by Alan Judd, made into a movie called "The Exception," which we have on DVD for you to check out.

In adult nonfiction, *Wizard: The Life and Times of Nikola Tesla* by Marc J. Seifer and *The Sleep Solution* by W. Chris Winter, MD.

In young adult, *The Bane Chronicles* and *City of Heavenly Fire* by Cassandra Clare.

In children's, *The Bad Seed* by Jory John and *Red Pizzas for a Blue Count* by Geronimo Stilton.

The next **Upper Skagit Library Board of Trustees meeting** will be held on Thur., Oct. 12 at 5 p.m.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

Lions R-O-A-R



Concrete Lions Club **meetings this month** will be held on Oct. 4 and 18 at Annie's Pizza Station. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.; however, there is always a group that gathers around 6 p.m. to eat and socialize before the meeting starts. All existing members, mark your calendars. Anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about your local Lions Club, feel free to stop by.

On Sept. 20 the Concrete Lions Club was proud to induct **five new members**. We extend many thanks to our community members for stepping up and helping out.

Coming events

The Lions Club is proud to sponsor the Concrete Lions Club Halloween Party at Concrete Elementary school on Tue., Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games, candy, and hot dogs! Setup will be from 4

to 5 p.m. for those who are volunteering to help.

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

I encourage members of our community to think about and **join your local Lions Club**. Our club is your club. We are a club to serve you and our community. Our hope for 2017 is to double our membership numbers. We all have friends and family who have seen the outreach of your local Lions Club, so now is the time to give great thought about being a member!

Thank you for your prayers for the healing of our Lions Club members.

—Connie Smithhart

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a dumpster belonging to her neighbor. Subject was advised not to continue using the dumpster or she would be arrested for theft of services.

Deputy Esskew responded to a theft complaint at Logger's Landing in Concrete. The store had a video of a suspect taking a bottle of Mad Dog 20/20, putting it down his pants, then walking out. Deputy Esskew was able to contact the suspect by phone, who denied the allegation. Deputy Esskew advised him that he had a video of him stealing the alcohol, and the suspect would be referred for theft.

Sept. 11

Deputy Backstrom investigated an assault that occurred at Concrete High School. Deputy Backstrom determined that a student had in fact assaulted another student. The student was referred for assault.

Deputy Case and Deputy Pacini responded to a domestic violence call in the Concrete area. The suspect had

ripped the door off the hinges and was being disorderly. After investigating the incident, it was determined the suspect would be referred for malicious mischief.

Sept. 13

Deputy Backstrom investigated a theft at a local business in Concrete. The owner of the business reported that a suspect had attempted to pay with a \$100 counterfeit bill. When confronted, the suspect grabbed the counterfeit bill and left without paying. The Sheriff's Office is awaiting the video from the incident.

A victim reported that someone had stolen \$260 dollars from her young daughter's piggy bank. The suspect is currently transient and has no address. The investigation is continuing.

The Sheriff's Office received information that a suspect who has numerous felony warrants and is a suspect in several felony crimes was at the Lyman Mercantile. Deputy Tweit responded and located the suspect near Healy Rd. He attempted to stop the suspect, who was on a motorcycle, but the suspect fled at a very high speed. Deputies were unable to

locate him.

Sept. 14

Deputies located a motor home associated with a suspect wanted in connection with dozens of crimes in the Upper Valley community, approximately three miles up Finney Cumberland Rd. off the South Skagit Hwy. The suspect had made numerous threats to law enforcement officers and was in possession of stolen guns. The Skagit County East Detachment, Pro-Act Unit and High Risk team responded. The suspect was not at the motor home, but numerous stolen items were recovered, including guns, generators, and a motorcycle.

Sept. 16

Deputy Esskew responded to an assault call on Baker Dr. near Concrete. The victim said that his brother had assaulted him earlier, then left. Deputy Esskew determined that the victim had been assaulted. He attempted to locate the suspect, but was unable to at the time. He referred the suspect to the Prosecutor's Office for assault.

Deputy Esskew responded to a report of a "gas and go" at Logger's Landing. He was able to develop a suspect and attempted to locate the suspect. At this time he was not successful, but will continue investigating the incident.

Deputy Wolfe stopped a car for speeding near Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. A female passenger was arrested for warrants and taken to Skagit County Jail. When she was booked into jail, several needles and a substance believed to be methamphetamine were located on her. She was booked on the warrants and new charges.

Sept. 17

Deputy Esskew responded to assist a Forest Service officer on Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The officer had two suspects detained for possible illegal drugs. Deputy Esskew determined that the suspects were in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Holmes investigated a theft of cigarettes at Lyman Mercantile. A male

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Out & About



Breast cancer: Five facts you may not know

By Binay Shah, MD

Of all the diseases women face, few may concern us more than breast cancer. The disease is common, but there are still misconceptions about it.

Here are a few facts that might surprise you:

- Breast cancer is not the leading health threat to women. Heart disease is actually far deadlier for women.

Nationwide, breast cancer causes 1 in 31 female deaths every year. But coronary heart disease causes 1 in 8 female deaths. Looking only at cancer deaths, lung cancer kills more women in the U.S. than breast cancer.

- Most breast cancer is not inherited. Only about 5 to 10 percent of all breast cancers appear to develop directly from gene defects—such

as those in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene—passed on from a parent. Even a family history of breast cancer is not as concerning as many women might fear. While having a close relative with breast cancer raises your risk, fewer than 15 percent of women who get breast cancer have a family history of the disease.

- A preventive mastectomy doesn't completely eliminate the risk of breast cancer. Some women who are at high risk for getting breast cancer opt to have both breasts removed to avoid the disease. A preventive mastectomy can, in fact, reduce the risk of developing breast cancer by 90 percent or more. But some risk still remains, since even a mastectomy can't remove all breast tissue.
- Dense breasts are a risk. Women with dense breasts have up to twice the risk of breast cancer as a woman with average breast density. Dense breasts may also make mammograms less accurate. Your doctor can tell you if you have dense breasts—you can't tell by feeling them.
- The effects of a fatty diet aren't clear. Lifestyle measures appear to reduce

the risk of getting breast cancer. Walking at least three hours a week and eating a Mediterranean diet have been shown to reduce the risk of recurrence in women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and doing these things also appears to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer, and some other types of cancer, in the first place.

The best thing you can do for your breast health is to stay in touch with your doctor. That way you can understand your personal risk and get screened at the right time.

Binay Shah, MD, practices hematology, oncology, and internal medicine at PeaceHealth United General Medical Center in Sedro-Woolley.

Continue the cycle

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Burlington

Adulthood for teens

Teens who plan to move out on their own or are thinking of heading to college are invited to attend a two-day class that covers all the basics they'll need to know before taking the big step.

Day 1 includes how to sew on buttons, boiling an egg, how to do laundry, and healthy meal planning. Day 2 teaches creating a budget and savings plan, establishing good credit, understanding rental agreements, and more.

The class is open to attendees 14–23 years old and will be held at the Burlington Parks and Rec Center, 900 E. Fairhaven Ave. Admission is \$50.

The two-day course will be held on Saturdays:

- Oct. 7 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 4 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pre-register one week prior to each course by calling Burlington Parks and Recreation at 360.755.9649.

Burlington Dept. of Parks & Rec issues call for vendors

Burlington Parks & Recreation has issued a call for vendors at two upcoming events.

A Kids Giant Garage Sale is planned for Sat., Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Burlington Parks and Recreation Center, 900 E. Fairhaven Ave. Open to kids ages 18 and under, the vendor fee is \$15.

An Evening Gift Show is planned for Wed., Nov. 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., also at the Burlington Parks and Recreation Center. The vendor fee for this event is \$25.

For more information, go to www.burlingtonwa.gov/recreation the office at 360.755.9649.

—Submitted by Burlington Parks & Rec

NARFE Health Fair planned

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees' Association will hold its local Annual Health Fair and meeting on Tue., Oct. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland St., Mount Vernon.

Representatives from the major health plans (Blue Cross Blue Shield, Group Health, Kaiser, GEHA, Aetna, etc.) will discuss the 2018 plans and how Federal Employee Health Benefit changes in the coming year will affect benefits for current federal employees, NARFE members, retirees, and their spouses.

A business meeting for NARFE will follow.

The health fair and meeting are free to attend. For more information, call 360.738.6496, e-mail bgreen5645@aol.com, or go to narfe196.com.

Skagit County

Trooper helped save motorist's life with newly issued NARCAN

Washington State Patrol (WSP) announced Sept. 8 that a WSP trooper had helped save a driver's life with a dose of the drug Naloxone, otherwise known by the brand name of NARCAN. The drug is used to revive individuals who have overdosed on opioids. This was the first reported use of NARCAN issued to a WSP trooper. The incident occurred shortly after noon on Sat., Aug. 26, at Grip Rd. and Mosier Rd. in Skagit County.

The motorist was found unconscious in the driver's seat of his SUV. The driver was a suspect in an earlier hit-and-run collision involving a motorcycle, which occurred at southbound SR 9 at milepost 59, two miles south of Sedro-Woolley. Once the 35-year-old driver was revived, he was arrested for DUI, hit and run attended, resisting arrest, and obstructing.

The WSP recently started issuing NARCAN to troopers in order to give them an additional tool to protect

themselves and the public from the potentially deadly effects of opioids. NARCAN allows troopers, who are often the first emergency responder on a scene, to counteract the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. Eventually, all troopers will have NARCAN in their patrol cars.

NARCAN also is being distributed to crime lab employees in an effort to help address the rise in cases tested at the lab because of the current epidemic of opiate overdoses. In 2016 the WSP Crime Lab handled 3,902 cases involving opioids. This was a 7 percent increase from 2015.

The majority of opioid cases involved heroin, but Fentanyl cases are on the rise. In 2015 the crime lab processed 19 Fentanyl cases; in 2017 forensic scientists have already processed 50 cases. Law enforcement agencies nationwide have seen an increase in accidental exposures to the opiate drug Fentanyl, which can have lethal consequences if not treated immediately.

State

British Columbia fires delay fisher restoration in North Cascades

Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced Sept. 19 that biologists have temporarily halted plans to reintroduce fishers to forests in Washington's North Cascades using animals from British Columbia.

The fishers—housecat-sized mammals related to otters and wolverines—typically come to Washington compliments of Canadian trappers operating in regions in British Columbia that have recently suffered dramatic habitat loss from fires.

"Before proceeding with restoration of fishers to the North Cascades, we must be sure that the source population in Canada remains robust and sustainable," said Hannah Anderson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) listing and recovery manager.

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suspect had grabbed the cigarettes and run out the door after the clerk set the cigarettes on the counter. The suspect was identified and had been involved in a "gas and go" the previous day at Logger's Landing in Concrete. Deputy Holmes charged him with theft.

Sept. 18

Deputy Esskew responded to a disorderly complaint in Hamilton. The suspect had threatened a neighbor and was beating on the victim's car. The victim grabbed a can of pepper spray and sprayed the suspect, who fled screaming. The suspect was located at a nearby residence, trying to wash off the pepper spray. He was told not to go back to his neighbors and to stop making threats.

Sept. 20

Deputy Todd Adams investigated a suspicious situation near Albert St. in Concrete. He contacted three subjects standing outside their vehicle. One of the subjects was a suspect in numerous crimes in Eastern Skagit County and had nearly \$125,000 in warrants. When contacted, the suspect fled from deputies, who were unable to locate him. Another subject also had a warrant and was booked into jail.

Sept. 21

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a suspicious vehicle sitting at Silo Park in Concrete. Deputy Devero contacted the driver, who had been hunting all day and was resting before going back to Anacortes.

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary in the 48000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Rd. The reporting party said he was getting the residence ready to sell,

and found the front door kicked in and numerous items taken. No suspects.

Deputy Esskew and Deputy Gonzales responded to a report of a domestic assault near in the 31000 block of SR 20. Several people reported a male had assaulted a female, then they had gotten into a van and left westbound on SR 20. Deputies located the vehicle. Both the victim and the suspect denied an assault. After contacting the witnesses, who confirmed the suspect had hit and pushed the victim, the suspect was arrested and taken to jail.

While on routine patrol, Deputy Wolfe observed a vehicle turn without using its turn signal. He stopped the vehicle. The driver admitted to being intoxicated and asked to go to jail. Deputy Wolfe gave the driver Standardized Field Sobriety tests. The driver failed two before deciding not to take any more tests. He was taken to the East Detachment Office and given a breath test, which he failed. The driver was cited for DUI and released.

Sept. 22

Deputy Backstrom responded to a report of three females in a small gold car involved in drug activities near the 45000 block of SR 20. Deputy Backstrom checked the area, but the car appeared to have already left the area.

Deputies responded to the 34000 block of Hamilton Cemetery Rd. in reference to a speeding motorcycle. Deputies contacted a subject near there who had warrants for his arrest. Deputy Backstrom arrested the subject. Deputies were unable to locate the motorcycle.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams



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- **Nov. 4** *Salmon Sightings*
@ Oyster Creek



For more information on these and other events hosted by SFEG, visit:
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Smile



... from the Concrete Herald archives ...

Voice on telephone: "Are you the game warden?"
Game Warden: "Yes, ma'am."
Voice: "Well, thank goodness I have the right person at last! Will you please suggest some games suitable for a children's party?"
— § —
A young woman was permitted to the use of her father's car on the promise that she would not drive over 40 miles per hour. Forty was reached with ease, and 50 was just a wee bit of throttle beyond, that the first thing the girl knew, a motorcycle appeared in the "cop detector" and she knew she was in for a ticket, her dad's wrath, and no more use of the car.
So she obeyed the first impulse and tramped on the accelerator, hoping to lose the law in her dust. Sixty, 70, 80 ... and finally 90. But the cop hung on.

Suddenly she spied a filling station just ahead. Slamming on the brakes, she slid to a stop and made a wild dash for the ladies restroom.

Ten minutes later she emerged, demurely powdering her nose, and before the irate cop could get in a word, flashed him a golden smile and with a sigh of relief, announced, "Boy, that was a close one!"
— § —
A young mother, somewhat embarrassed, had just told her son the facts of life. At the end, she said, "Now if you want to know anything else, ask me."
The lad pondered a moment, then said, "How do they get the *Saturday Evening Post* out on Tuesday?"

Dwelleysisms

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

"As often stated, newspaper men don't make the news, they only write it. Editors change it, the typesetters transpose it, proofreaders revise it, make-up men scramble it, and pressmen print the result. If occasionally a newsman does bite a dog and gets in print, they spell his name wrong. So bear with the breed—it takes a hardy soul to keep so many detractors employed."

"A lot more people would admit that life is a song if some of it was written in their key."
"Don't be a co-signer on borrowed trouble."
—Aug. 2, 1967

"China, once deemed a backward nation, is now feared as the one that may trigger nuclear war. We have to remember, however, that we smart alecks invented the game."

"LBJ's wailing for more tax money would be unnecessary if only one basic rule in economics was adopted in government spending. We can absorb inefficiency, waste, or war, but not the theory that prosperity can be gained by hiring untold thousands of people to give money away."

"History is rapidly becoming a study of revised geography—with daily footnotes."

"To get the best view of your surroundings, borrow the eyes of a newcomer."
—Aug. 9, 1967

Public Service Announcement



Concrete Harold

By Joyce Harris



Crossword: "By Degrees"

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Sudoku

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

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*Solutions to both puzzles are below.

Funny as Facebook

The following funny was pulled verbatim from Facebook status updates in September:

- "We are in TROUBLE! Harper turned 2 today. Tonight (5 min. ago) she started singing, 'Boys boys boys, play with me, cook dinner, cook pizza ...' And that is why my daughter will be locked in the highest room of the tallest tower."

Sudoku solution

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Crossword solution

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| 30 | A | L | O | O | F | 31 | E | A | S | Y | 34 | E | A | T | |
| 37 | W | A | R | M | I | 38 | N | G | T | H | E | B | E | N | C |
| 41 | L | E | Y | | | 42 | O | G | E | | 43 | A | L | O | N |
| 44 | A | F | T | | | 45 | F | A | L | L | E | N | | | |
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| 59 | H | O | T | W | A | T | E | R | 60 | B | O | T | T | L | E |
| 62 | W | O | R | E | | 63 | S | A | K | I | 64 | W | A | I | S |
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THE BODY IN THE BLACKBERRIES

By Nicola Pearson

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a new serialized story by award-winning author and playwright Nicola Pearson of Sauk City. Future installments will appear on this page each month during 2017 and 2018 until the story is complete. Previous installments are posted at www.concrete-herald.com.

Lange was pounding down Sauk Mountain Road in the heat of the mid-morning when he suddenly became aware of something beside him. He startled so fiercely his whole body jumped. "YOU SCARED THE SHIT OUT OF ME!" he yelled at the blonde in the silver Range Rover, which had appeared without him hearing it approach at all!

"I'm so sorry," said the driver, her brow wrinkled over her big blue eyes.

Lange felt his hostility evaporate, especially when he noticed her lush, pink lips. He felt a tug inside him, something he hadn't felt for a long time.

"Might you be Callum Lange?" asked the blonde.

"I might," Lange offered. "It depends on who you might be."

The blonde chuckled, obviously not bothered by Lange's wariness.

"I'm Agent Pate-Swenson, with the DEA," said the blonde, showing him her badge.

"The DEA!" Lange exclaimed. "What in the world is the DEA doing all the way out here, in the middle of nowhere?"

"The middle of nowhere is where small planes like to drop drugs they've flown in from Canada."

This triggered something in Lange's mind. "A small plane," he mused out loud. That would explain it.

The agent propped her left elbow on the open window and leaned toward Lange, obviously curious about the connection he'd just made. "Did you see one?"

"Er, no, well, I mean, no, I didn't 'see' anything ..." Lange said, rattled. She was leaning close enough that he could smell her perfume, and he liked it so well he couldn't focus. He swung left—because for some reason he needed to look down the road—and felt his synapses clear, putting him back on point. "It's just," he went on, "the other morning I heard a noise, and I couldn't quite place it." His eyes narrowed as he thought back to the moment. "It was early, not yet 6:00, I

want to say, and I was writing at my desk in the middle of the yurt, listening to a podcast ..."

"Which one?" asked the agent.

"What's that?" Lange made eye contact with her again. "Oh. Serial."

Agent Pate-Swenson nodded, like she knew it. "Detectiving even when you're not detectiving," she remarked.

"It helps me switch my brain off so I can concentrate," Lange explained. "Anyway, the podcast had some distracting background sounds in it, so I wasn't sure if the noise I thought I heard was coming from that or from outside. But now that you mention it, it did sound like a small plane."

"Did you go investigate?"

"What? The noise?" Lange shook his head. "No, because I wasn't sure I'd heard anything."

"Have you noticed anything out of the ordinary since you heard it? Which was when, by the way?"

"Monday."

"So yesterday."

"If today's Tuesday that would be correct."

"I guess I meant Monday of this week? It could have been last week."

"You're right." Lange thought for a moment. "But no, it was yesterday. I guess I don't really pay attention to the days living out here."

"So have you seen anything unusual since then?"

"What? Here on the road, d'you mean?"

"Yes. Maybe when you were out for your walk?"

Lange wanted to say, "How did you know ...?" but there was something very disarming about the way Pate-Swenson was looking at him. "Did I notice anything unusual?" he repeated. He did take a walk on Monday, to blow the cobwebs out of his brain, so he retraced his steps in his mind. He stopped, remembering something. "There's this place just off the road, beyond one of the big logging

company gates, where I like to pick wild blackberries. I walked in yesterday, to see if the berries were ripe yet, and I do remember thinking that the hillside above the berries looked disturbed."

"In what way?"

"There were bent and broken branches, like something had gone through them. I'd seen a pile of bear scat, so I assumed it was the bear, foraging in the berries, but," he shrugged, "it could have been a shipment of drugs, dropped from the sky." Lange visualized the patch of brush, trying to remember if he'd seen anything down amongst the brambles. But he hadn't. He'd been too focused on sampling the ripe berries.

The DEA agent's face remained passive. "Can you take me there?" she asked.

"Sure," Lange replied. He respected her ability to hide her reactions. "It's not that much farther down the road. You can follow me if you like."

"Why don't you hop in?" Pate-Swenson said, tapping the seat beside her with her right hand.

Lange felt caught off guard again. "Umm, well I was ... I guess I ... erm ... what's your name again?"

"Pate-Swenson," smiled the agent. "But you can call me Michelle."

"Michelle," Lange repeated, glad to know her first name. He was immediately embarrassed that he'd said it out loud and hastened around the front of the vehicle, climbing in without making eye contact. As soon as he reached for the seat belt, he felt something warm on the back of his neck. Lange jumped for the second time that morning.

He spun around to find himself nose to nose with a large German Shepherd. "What the?!"

"Oh, that's Kojak," said Michelle. "He won't hurt you."

Lange peered over his shoulder at the canine, who didn't seem the least bit interested in him, only having eyes for his mistress. Smart dog, thought Lange. "Can I pet him?" he asked.

"Oh sure. He's very friendly. Unless you're carrying drugs, of course."

"He's a working K9 then?" said Lange, as he let the pup smell his hand.

"Not anymore. He's retired. Aren't you, Kojak?"

The dog made a couple of talky whine sounds, as if it were answering. Lange studied him. He looked vibrantly healthy, with shiny dark eyes and a coat that was reminiscent of natural amber with its mix of honey browns, grays, and gold. "He's got a lot of hair for a Kojak."

"Yeah, but...who loves ya, baby?"

grinned Michelle.

Lange couldn't help but grin, too. "They don't mind you bringing your dog to ride along even if he's not at work?"

"I only bring him when I come this far up the mountain. Just in case I meet any strange men," Michelle replied. She glanced at him, her eyes full of mischief. Was she flirting with him, he wondered? Or was that just her natural way of being? He half closed one eye and twitched his head repeatedly. "You find me strange?" he said in a deep, Frankenstein's monster voice.

Michelle laughed.

"Okay, slow down," he said, seeing the long, tubular, yellow gate out his window. Michelle slowed to a crawl.

"This is where we get out."

The gate was set back from the main road, and Michelle pulled into the wide spot. "D'you mind if I bring Kojak?" she asked, as she took the keys out of the ignition.

Lange shrugged no. He opened his door to step out and heard Michelle click twice in her cheek. He looked back to see the Shepherd bound across the driver's seat and out the door after his mistress. Lange and the agent slammed their doors at the same time and then moved in tandem toward the long, low gate.

Kojak raced ahead of them, ducking his narrow form easily under the lowest bar on the gate. He cantered down the abandoned logging road, his tail swinging happily behind him. Lange and Michelle edged around the gate, then fell in step on both sides of the pearly everlasting growing down the center of the road. The white herbaceous wildflowers were almost to Lange's hip.

"Is that where you were?" Michelle asked, pointing forward at the German Shepherd, who had stopped running a hundred feet ahead of them by a small fir tree lying across the road.

"No, the berries are farther along," said Lange.

"Well he's found something to sniff."

"Probably that bear scat."

They caught up with the dog and hiked their legs over the fallen tree. Michelle clicked in her cheek again for Kojak to follow. The dog raced after them, passed them, then came to a screeching halt a good hundred yards farther. He picked across the blackberry vines growing out of the uphill side of the road, sniffing the whole way, and suddenly stopped, his body taut, his coat shimmering in the sunlight as if from excitement, his right

front leg poised to spring up the hillside. "Kojak, STAY!" Michelle shouted, pumping the pace beside Lange. The dog set his paw back on the ground, but his nose was bumping the air with alacrity. "That the spot?" she asked Lange.

"Exactly."

"DOWN," commanded Michelle. The dog lowered himself, eyes back on his mistress. "I just don't want him to disturb what you saw," she explained to Lange. Within seconds they were next to Kojak

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The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability for public review of documents comprising the Administrative Record File for the selection of a time-critical response action at the Ladder Creek Settling Tank Site in Newhalem, Washington, located within Ross Lake National Recreation Area. The NPS seeks to inform the public of the availability of the Administrative Record File at the information repositories listed below, and to encourage the public to review documents in the Administrative Record File. Although public comments are welcome at any time, a formal public comment period will begin on October 2, 2017 and will extend for 30 days following. During this time, public comments can be made electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CERCLALadderCreekSettlingTank> or submitted via mail to the contact listed below.

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NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL 2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Concrete Town Council will hold workshops on the following dates in preparation for the 2017 Budget:

October 14, 8 a.m.: Review 2017 Budget 2018 Salary/Benefit Workshop.

The Concrete Town Council chambers are handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate the needs of special classes of citizens, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving twenty-four (24) hour advance notice. Contact Andrea Fichter at

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to heel, all the while praising him in a soft, high-pitched voice. The dog came to her left side and stayed close as she moved her eyes slowly this way and that. Lange sniffed; there was a faint scent of warm berries in the air and something else. Something that was nudging a memory.

Michelle interrupted him before he could place it. She was looking uphill now. "Were you referring to those smashed-down ferns?" she asked.

Lange nodded. "Yes." He pointed across

her. "And that wild cherry has some hanging limbs."

"Uh-huh," agreed Michelle. She tipped her head back to see the sky. "If a large delivery of drugs dropped from a plane overhead, could that have caused such a trail through the brush?"

"It's possible," said Lange. "Depending on how it fell. Although I see what you're getting at. It does seem to have made a fairly wide swath." Which made him think. "I wonder if the package landed in the ditch, under the blackberries?"

He stepped forward and looked down. Instantly he saw that it wasn't a shipment of drugs that had landed in the blackberries. And he knew what that smell was.

"Is that a body?" came Michelle's voice from beside him.

Behind them, Kojak tipped his head back and let out an anguished howl.



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