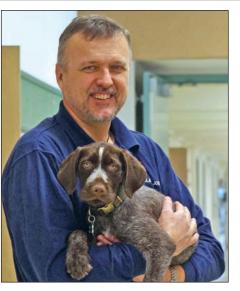
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during childhood/adolescence.

message that people at school are safe to

talk to and to use as resources during the

challenging times of sexual development

Don't sentence youth to having to search

the Internet or worse, question each other

for facts about this important area of their

lives. Let's give our children the education

As a transgender man in my 60s, I can

only imagine how this information could

have changed my life. Being different in

school is a very frightening experience.

and including all of the students in the

Remember, yes on Referendum 90.

Age-appropriate sex education in

so that all the young people in our state

understand everything they need to know

about human sexual activity, and are able

to stay safe and can interact with peers

The key phrase to remember is "age-

taught concepts they can understand, to

help them grow intellectually while not

to sensationalist, radical sex-related

As students advance through their

sophisticated, science-based concepts

and subjects, when they will be able to

The more our children understand

will be able to deal with potentially

complex human activity, the better they

harmful situations, both psychologically

and physically. The better informed people

are—of any age—the better able they are

understand and deal with the material in a

being misled by "back room talk" or other

bad influences. They will not be subjected

appropriate." Kindergarteners will be

Voters need to approve Referendum 90

Linden Jordan

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our schools

and adults responsibly.

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Letters to the editor

More violence

Violence promoted by known criminals broke out in Boston amid wider sporadic acts of insurrection against legitimate

Unrest has become more widespread in communities across the land as officers and government officials have been accosted and murdered. Government and private property have been targeted for vandalism, destruction, and arson. The shooting of a young vandal by neighbors attempting to protect their property was the catalyst that set this latest fire under the pot of discontent.

Minor skirmishes occurred in the two weeks that followed, when another young troublemaker accosted an officer on the street until that officer could take no more and responded with a smack to the delinquent's head. Word quickly spread throughout the community of miscreants and the church bells rang to assemble an unruly mob.

The officer involved in the earlier incident was on duty protecting a government building when the angry mob of 50 to 60 began the confrontation. Six more officers arrived and were taunted to fire their weapons, were spit upon, and were battered by a barrage of any handy objects the rioters—now 300 to 400 strong—could throw at them.

In the commotion, one officer was knocked down and discharged his weapon, whereupon the other officers also fired into the crowd, resulting in 11 injuries and three fatalities.

In response to local demands, the officers were arrested and tried. Six of the officers were acquitted and two were convicted of manslaughter, but received little punishment. The news of the "injustice" spread quickly and fanned the flames for open rebellion.

Sound familiar? This was the 1770 Boston Massacre. American history books say the rioters were noble people engaged in a noble cause against a greater they deserve. injustice than merely the events occurring in Boston.

How is today's civil unrest so dramatically different?

John Boggs Everybody wants to belong, and naming Concrete differences is a step to recognizing

Yes to Ref. 90

As November gets nearer, we are all focusing on the candidates running for office. Please also pay attention to the one referendum that will be on the 2020 ballot. Join me in voting yes to approve Referendum 90 for comprehensive age appropriate sex education in the schools.

There is no down side to this law. Other places that provide this education report fewer unwanted pregnancies among youth, greater understanding of and ability to give or withdraw consent for sexual activity, and greater acceptance of LGBTQ+ youth in the schools, which results in less bullying.

What do we owe our children? We owe them science-based, correct information that serves to help protect them from themselves and others. Opening up these conversations gives children the clear

See **Letters**, p. 3school years, they will learn more

Letters policy

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to deal with the complexities of life.

Be sure to vote to approve R-90 on

31 This being my third letter to the 39 threat to our very existence that wildfires bring, the actions decided upon must be carried out with the swiftness and resoluteness of a military strike, and these actions must be effective.

In my previous letter, I proposed the implementation of drone-operated river boats equipped with high-volume water pumps. This solution would be of limited scope and expense, and as such, it would have immediate effect on the areas to be protected, namely the swath of land on either side of the Skagit River corridor.

Certainly there are other and diverse measures we must also act upon to prevent fire in our area, as individuals and as a community. But the implementation of drone-operated fire boats is a fast, simple solution that is actually doable

Please get going, Mayor Miller and the Concrete City Council. Please direct our financial resources to ensuring a future for ourselves and progeny, because in the final analysis, we are all in the same (drone-operated fire) boat together.

Heidi Rausch Concrete

Bald Eagle Awareness Team seeks volunteers

Are you looking for a way to contribute to your community?

The Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team (SRBEAT), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is actively seeking community members to join the board of directors that oversees the operation and management of the Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center (SRBEIC). Located in Rockport at Howard Miller Steelhead Park, our environmental educational facility is open weekends in December and January each year to welcome visitors during bald eagle migration on the Skagit River. Our mission for the past 20-plus years has been to inspire appreciation and encourage restoration of the Skagit River Watershed ecosystem by providing opportunities to explore and learn about bald eagles, spawning salmon, and the interconnectedness of our fragile environment.

We are seeking individuals to serve on our board who are committed to furthering the mission of our organization, values, conservation awareness, and education, and will contribute to the growth and improvement of our education facility.

To learn more about what we do, please visit skagiteagle.org.

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Four Concrete businesses receive economic grants

Funds will support companies facing hardships from the pandemic

By Theresa Shreffler Edited by Katy Tomasulo

The Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC) has awarded four Concrete businesses grants through the CARES Act. Concrete Theatre, 5b's Bakery and Eatery, Lonestar Restaurant, and Mt. Baker Hotel each will receive \$8,375, for a combined total of \$33,500.

Designated for in-town businesses with 35 employees or fewer, the grant money will assist with operating expenses, upkeep, and payroll during the pandemic.

"I hope this gives at least these four businesses some hope," said Concrete Mayor Jason Miller, who believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed much stress on the community. "The fact is, COVID has dealt the town a significant blow. We are perhaps more susceptible than other municipalities because we started from the position of being a low-

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income community."

Miller also expressed his thanks to Lyman Mayor Eddie Hill for notifying him about the grant opportunity.

Miller and the Town Council will continue to partner with EDASC to seek out funding and support for small

Although traditionally not involved in grant administration, EDASC has championed several towns since COVID hit earlier this year. It has administered 160 grants—roughly \$1.5 million—across Skagit County since the beginning of the pandemic, including small businesses in Mt. Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, Lyman, and

"Destination towns rely on tourism and travel to support small business, so the impact of COVID is inevitable and severe," said John Sternlicht, director of EDASC. He hopes the CARES program will take some of the pressure off. "I'd

like to thank the Town of Concrete and Mayor Miller and Council for making these funds available to these small businesses. We are proud to have helped with the process.'

COVID-19's impact

The safety precautions and mandates because of coronavirus have created significant hardships for the four recipient businesses, as well as many others in the

Lonestar Restaurant, a local diner known for its generous portions, has been forced to operate at 50 percent capacity during COVID-19. A popular place for Sunday brunch, the restaurant can seat customers at only half of its tables because of new safety regulations.

"We have resisted applying for loans or grants, hoping we could work through this without help," said Owner Cary Constantine. "However, with the slow season upon us, this grant will enable us to stay current on our mortgage and utilities at least through December."

The staff at Lonestar is grateful to the local community, town leadership, and EDASC for the amazing support.

Concrete Theatre is popular for its events and community activity, but has been closed for six months. "No movies, events, fitness classes, or sales, with the exception of occasional popcorn parades,"

said Valerie Stafford, who owns the CARES grant will be a tremendous help in keeping the theatre alive, even though it's momentarily on 'intermission!""

Before COVID-19 struck earlier this year, Stafford had purchased the historic Carl Monrad building next to the theater By Jason Miller with a plan to open an ice cream parlor. "Not great timing," she says, "but we we believe in the future of Town Center." Sept. 21.

The new building will be home to Act down, but has not halted our plans," said to Kirby Co. Stafford. "Over the winter, we'll continue to renovate the new space." If all goes well, the theater and ice cream shop will open in March 2021.

The Mt. Baker Hotel usually benefits from a busy tourist season. Hikers and travelers heading to Baker Lake or Lake more than a year," he said. Shannon will stay at the hotel. However, lost half its revenue compared to 2019.

"Because of COVID-19, many customers canceled their summer vacation," Sul said. The hotel remains open for reservations despite the slow season. The grant money will help with operating expenses such as mortgage

theater with her husband, Fred West. "The Albert's sells, new name is Concrete MarketFresh

After 72 years, the Upper Valley's don't regret taking on this project because landmark grocery store changed hands on

Albert's Red Apple Market, owned and One Ice Cream Shoppe, as well as a larger operated under a handful of other names theater lobby. "COVID has slowed things by the Frank family of Concrete, has sold

Former co-owner Richard Frank said the decision was years in the making. "We looked for a buyer for four years, looking for someone who would be good for the community and good for the employees. That's why we negotiated with them for

Frank and his brother, Mike, took over according to Owner Jun Sul, the hotel has the family business in 2007. Their father, Albert Frank, started the grocery store in 1948 and called it Van Horn Service, located in Van Horn, east of Concrete. During the ensuing decades, it moved into town and then to its present location in

Grasmere in 1974. Kirby Co. CEO David Kirby said the

only initial major changes to the Red Apple building will be new refrigeration units and a name change to Concrete MarketFresh. Beyond that, they'll take things slowly and methodically. With six other stores in southwest Washington and Oregon, "we really focus on smaller communities; that's where we're comfortable," he said. "We try to become a good neighbor in those areas, working with the local population. We let our employees lead the way, and we'll take it one step at a time."

Kirby marveled at the Franks' tenure in the business. "We don't take that legacy lightly. We feel a strong obligation not to mess that up," he said.

A full-length feature article on the Frank family's business legacy and its passing to new owners is planned for the November issue of Concrete Herald.

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County health officer discourages in-person trick-or-treating

Skagit County Health Officer Dr. Leibrand has issued the following statement regarding Halloween activities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

"Halloween is coming up and unfortunately, COVID-19 is still with us. In light of the continued community spread of COVID-19, I am recommending that no in-person trick or treating take place this year. This is a difficult and disappointing decision, but one that is necessary to keep our community safe. Minimizing in-person interaction with people we do not live with is vital to slowing the spread of COVID-19. Trick or treating presents too much of a risk for widespread community transmission."

The recommendation follows and aligns with Dr. Leibrand's previous recommendation cancelling large-scale events through the end of the year, and

is supported by all eight Skagit County mayors, the Samish Indian Nation, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners and Board of Health.

Instead of trick-or-treating, community members are encouraged to participate in COVID-19 appropriate activities such as:

- Decorating your front yard or windows with Halloween-themed decorations.
- Taking a car ride with your immediatetaking them down after Sept 11.
- your own homes with your immediate family or small social group.
- Taking a picture of you and your family in costume and tag Skagit County to share your fun creations. Twitter: @SkagitGov Facebook: @ SkagitCountyWA

For more information, go to www. skagitcounty.net/coronavirus or call Skagit Public Health at 360.416.1500.

-Skagit County Public Health

If you are interested in joining our dynamic team and would like to discuss this unique volunteer opportunity, please contact the board of directors at srbeatic@ frontier.com or leave a message at 360.853.7626.

We look forward to speaking with you! Eric Spandl Rockport

Thanks to John Boggs

I would again like to thank John Boggs for putting up the American flags that have flown on Main Street since May, and

family to see community decorations. The flags makes Main Street look very Doing a scavenger hunt for candy in nice. Thank you again, John.

> Carol Rohan Cascade Supply

- 1. Civility was not part of the presidential motorcade that arrived in Cleveland.
- Although I chafed at the slogan. "Make America Great Again," I miss the time when civility, consideration for others, and honesty were values emulated by our national leadership. The past 3½ years has been a negative example of every lesson we try and teach preschoolers.
- Until civility is restored as an important value, the debaters should be in the old soundproof booths reminiscent of the old game shows. Until it's their turn to talk, their microphones should be turned off. The loudest mouth in the room should not be allowed to dominate a public forum.

John Boggs Concrete

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The first debate

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Halloween events planned around virus constraints

A handful of intrepid organizers plan to host Halloween events in Concrete while observing health guidelines from Skagit County Public Health officials.

VBS Family Auto Scavenger Hunt

Members of Community Bible Church in Concrete invite all community families to enjoy a VBS (Vacation Bible School) Auto Scavenger Hunt on Sun., Oct. 11, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The hunt is free and begins at the church, which is located at 45672 Limestone St. in Concrete. All participants must remain in their vehicles.

Interested participants are asked to RSVP to 360.853.8511. For more information, call that same number.

Haunted Town Tours

Ordinarily the Chamber would be getting ready to present the 15th annual Concrete Ghost Walk in October, with its co-sponsor, Concrete Heritage Museum. But in response to the constraints placed

on Skagit Valley communities during the virus pandemic, the chamber has instead created a way to celebrate the "spirit" of the community, with social distancing and other safety measures firmly in place.

Haunted Town Tours, a drive-through experience where guests stay in their vehicles, will take place on Sat., Oct. 24 and Sat., Oct. 31, starting at 7 p.m. each night (see ad, p. 15). The chamber has expanded its partnership to Fire District 10 Association, which in the past has staged a very popular haunted house. Together, the team of volunteers will offer participants a "nightmare on Main Street' in Concrete, showcasing the history and haunted hotspots, as well as the ghosts, ghouls, and zombies who might be lurking in Concrete Town Center.

More details and answers to frequently asked questions are posted on the Chamber Web site at www.concrete-wa. com. A limited number of tickets, \$25 per vehicle, are ready for online purchase at https://hauntedtowntours.bpt.me.



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Since 2015 the chamber, local businesses, and community volunteers have offered a Trunk-or-Treat event in Concrete Town Center to the delight of young children and their families. This year the free event will provide a safe way for families to celebrate Halloween from the safety of their cars.

The Trunk Team volunteers will set up near Bear Square on Main Street on Sat., Oct. 31, from 4 to 5 p.m. This is a drive-through event, featuring decorated cars and costumed characters, complete

program aims to

help low-income

homeowners

with social distancing, masks, and careful hand hygiene. Advance registration is not necessary. If you have questions about your family's participation or would like to be part of the Trunk Team volunteers, contact the chamber via e-mail at chamber@concrete-wa.com.

For more information about the Concrete Chamber, e-mail chamber@ concrete-wa.com, or call/text Valerie Stafford, president, at 360.466.8754.

Mortgage assistance

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 28 released application materials for a new mortgage assistance program to assist low-income homeowners affected by the COVID-19 economic downturn.

The application information is available at www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ Health. Applications must be hand delivered or mailed to Skagit Public

Skagit County Public Health 700 South Second St., Rm. 301 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The mortgage assistance program is for homeowners who have lost income because of COVID-19 and are currently at 50 percent or below of Area Median Income. That is up to \$2,617 per month for a household of two, or \$3,267 per month for a household of four. Additional eligibility criteria can be found on the application. The program can assist with up to \$6,000 in past-due mortgage payments, excluding escrow payment. The program is offered on a first qualified, first served basis until November 23, 2020, or until funds are expended.

"CARES Act funds have already helped a number of groups, but this is the first time in Skagit homeowners will be eligible for assistance," said County

Commissioner Ron Wesen. "As important as it is to help those who are experiencing homelessness or are renting and housing insecure, it's also important to keep homeowners housed. We're excited to be able to offer this program.

"One of the best things we can do to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic from spiraling into any number of community crises is to keep people housed, preferably in their own, current homes," said Commissioner Lisa Janicki. "Providing mortgage assistance for those who have lost income due to COVID-19 helps keep pressure off the rental market and emergency housing resources, keeps kids in secure, stable home situations and helps people continue to stay home and stay healthy. It's vital we do this.'

Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt said, "COVID-19 has impacted all of us, though some more than others. Helping those who have lost income due to COVID-19 keep their homes will lessen the duration of this crisis."

Skagit County continues to make investments using federal CARES Act funds, including the mortgage assistance program. The Skagit County Commissioners are planning further investments in the education and childcare sectors. This summer, the commissioners allocated nearly \$1,000,000 in small business assistance using CARES funding.

For more information including application materials, go to www. skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health. For more information, call Skagit County Public Health at 360.416.1500.

-Submitted by Skagit County Commissioners Office

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Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Sept. 14 and 28. The 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.

-J. K. M. Sept. 14 regular meeting

Mayor Jason Miller introduced florist Dawn Newkirk and discussed her intended use of business incubator space. She would like to do a twoyear lease, effective Oct. 15. Newkirk said she would like to open a retail floral shop. She said that she had previously operated a business of this type for 25 years in her previous community. She said that she saw this as a need here and believes it can be done. She has taught floral design and has extensive training in this area. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to allow her early entry to the building to begin painting, and to bring the lease agreement back to council at its next meeting. Wastewater Services reported that

- Kelly Wynn with Water & they have begun the process for decommissioning the sewer lagoon and are moving forward on the new screen project. He invited all council members to tour the wastewater treatment plant and see the work they have been doing.
- Michelle with Waste Management (WM) reported on the company's pending contract with the town, which will be effective Nov. 1. She stated that 20 percent of residents are still using their own carts and that will change with the new agreement: All customers will need to use a WMprovided container, which will be provided by WM free of charge.

procedures regarding COVID-19.

Councilmember Beth Easterday

certain amount of time off. Clerk

Treasurer Andrea Fichter said there

asked about the 2/3 pay after a

Council approved Ordinance No. 818, a salary amendment adding a parttime Parks Maintenance position for 10 hours per week at \$15 per hour. This position will focus primarily on maintenance and upkeep at the Angele Cupples Community Garden. After discussion, council approved Resolution 2020-12, which addresses town policies and

stated depending on the reasoning for needing the time off, whether it be exposure, contracting the virus, or needing time off to care for a child whose school is closed. She stated that hopefully the town will not have to utilize any of these options and everyone will stay healthy. Fichter also stated that updating payroll in conjunction with these policies will be a nightmare.

are a lot of different hours of pay

Parks Committe Chair and Councilmember Marla Reed reported they are progressing on the East Main pocket park. She also reported the town hired Tyler Nibarger as the new parks maintenance employee; they met this evening to discuss projects, and he will be moving forward accordingly.

Sept. 28 regular meeting

- Council approved an event application for Haunted Town Tours and Trunk or Treat, both hosted by Concrete Chamber of Commerce.
- Fichter stated that she had given Kelly Wynn of Water & Wastewater Services a report before the last meeting, and that she will be working with him on some budget items for next year. Michelle with Waste Management
- again attended, and reported that the new contract, effective Nov. 1, would include a residential rate increase of 10 to 13 percent (\$2 to \$4 per month), and a business rate increase of 35 percent, the dollar amount for which will fluctuate more broadly, depending on the business. Council approved the revised contract, which does not add additional services.
- Council approved the agreement with Dawn's Floral and Gifts—the floral shop owned and operated by Dawn Newkirk, to open in the business incubator space on Oct. 15.
- Council voted to award the CARES Act funding in the form of \$8,375 grants to each of the four in-town businesses that had applied.

-Compiled from staff minutes

Keep track of your council

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you! Call Ember at 360-770-8340 or email Jim at president@cascadedays.com.

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Election, cont. from p. 8

Mark Lundsten (D)

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needs to change. For

ignored or put aside,

problems like water

including countywide

too long, too many

issues have been

"I am running

because Skagit

"Please vote for Ron Wesen."

security and affordable housing. The

both global issues—make it critical

effects of COVID and climate change—

effectively. Protecting our environment

fundamental to a strong economy and

fisherman in Alaska for many years, I

know that business requires a healthy

collaborate with people with diverse

"We need a more accessible and

to be done to keep Skagit County a

beautiful, bountiful place.

"As a politically involved commercial

opinions to craft sustainable solutions that

responsive government to do what needs

"See more at MarkLundsten.org. Please

remind at least three of your friends to

Skagit County Commissioner

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Election 2020

Ballots mail on Oct. 14. General Election is Nov. 3

Concrete Herald invited candidates in several key Skagit County election races to share their platforms in their own

Legislative District 39 State Senator

Keith Wagoner (R, incumbent)

Senator Wagoner did not submit a

Kathryn Lewandowsky (D)

"Raised in rural Pierce County, I have lived in the outskirts of Arlington for the last 12 years. I have been a Registered Nurse here in Washington for the last 30

"I am running because our healthcare system is broken; our elected officials have it within their power to fix it and yet they do nothing. I am tired of third party corporations profiting off of our healthcare system while adding no benefit to that

"We can and will do better. But only by electing people who have not been bought by powerful corporations. We need to start electing representatives who will vote for programs that support our citizens, not for the benefit of wealthy corporate donors.

"Enough is enough! Our lives have value! We will start representing the needs of our people. We will advance progressive policies in our government. We, the People, will win!"

State Representative Pos. 1

Robert Sutherland (R, incumbent)

"As your elected representative, I have worked hard to help create a better future for my children, and yours.

"Too many of our rights (property, personal, gun, etc.) are being systematically violated by elected officials in Olympia and we continue to be taxed



at an excessive

undermines our

rate, including our

property taxes. This

ability to raise our

children the way we

would like to, enjoy

we choose, and to

taxes even higher."

Claus Joens (D)

our life in the manner

pursue our own version of happiness,

maybe by purchasing a boat, a vacation

home, or expanding our current residence,

"I have a bill that will eliminate the state

portion of property taxes, about one third

of our total property tax burden. This will

the homelessness problem, and will act as

a stimulus to our struggling economy. My

opponent will favor raising your property

lower the cost of housing and help ease

trades apprenticeship program; and creating green energy projects to replace four Snake River dams to help our struggling Chinook salmon population.

"My opponent Sutherland said his top priority is passing HB 2960 to eliminate state property taxes, which would defund public schools by more than \$3 billion a year; he said Black Lives Matter is a terrorist organization and was photographed at a BLM rally carrying an assault rifle and pistol; and the Seattle *Times* reported he also went to Olympia carrying a gun and threatened violence against both the governor and law enforcement officials because he doesn't like the way the state is keeping people

safe from COVID-19.

"I believe my opponent Sutherland is tourism. Support development in our cities unfit for office, and ask for your vote this that provides affordable options for new November." homes and businesses.

Legislative District 39 State Rep.

Carolyn Eslick (R, incumbent) Ryan Johnson (D)

Neither candidate submitted a response.

Skagit County Commissioner District 1

Ron Wesen (R, incumbent)

"As commissioner, I've worked to maintain essential services, public health and safety, and protect the environment for future generations while reducing the that we address our local issues more cost of government.

"The current situation will require these and conserving natural resources are experiences. My top issues are: "Sensible spending: healthy communities.



With reduced support from the state and federal government, Skagit County must environment, and I know how to be more efficient in providing essential services in the future. work. I will use common

sense for short-term and long-term solutions for future generations.

"Quality of life: My goal is a safe, attractive, and affordable community with good jobs, good schools, and a healthy environment that maintains our community's heritage and natural beauty.

"Strengthen our natural resource industries and retain local jobs: Manage community change in a way that supports our maritime and marine industries, forestry and timber, agriculture, and



working for the good See Election, p. 9of all 126,000 people in Skagit County. I lam looking for Sound Solutions That Serve All People.

"Planned Growth

Peter Browning (NP)

"I am committed to

and the creation of living wage housing are essential to the healthy growth of our county. Having well-paid employees leave our community to go home to Whatcom or Snohomish and spend their paychecks there rather han in our county is not a good business

"We need good housing that does not take away from farmland. We must keep farms strong and look for value-added

opportunities such as our new flour mills or Skagit product only Brew Pubs. This will keep our farms vital. "Small businesses are essential to our

economy and our way of life. I will make sure that small businesses are encouraged and supported. Successful small businesses not only put their wages back into the economy, but they put their profits into our economy through investments and donations to causes. This is good for our county."

These are challenging times for the county budget. I have successfully owned businesses and managed county departments through difficult times. I have had to make tough financial decisions always with good data and thoughtful consideration. What I can offer is "Sound Solutions That Serve All People.'

"My background has prepared me to not only want to lead Skagit County in the right direction, it has prepared me to move Skagit County in the right direction.

"If you agree with me, I need your support."

Mary Hudson (D)

"During my time on the Mount Vernon City Council, I have participated in effective, efficient, and collaborative government. I'm ready to work hard to bring cooperative,

common sense government to Skagit County.

"Strong working relationships between the county and the cities is required for all of us to be successful. Under my influence, the county government structure will evaluate ways to streamline services that would increase efficiencies and save taxpayer monies.

"I believe everyone has a voice at the table and I encourage discussion and decisions based on strategic goals and fact finding. I have successfully advocated for our large agricultural community and thoughtful economic growth in our valley.

"I am a proven leader. I will work closely with our city governments, as well as our state and federal leaders, to move forward on projects that will improve the lives of the citizens of Skagit County."

See **Election**, p. 10

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Skagit Superior Court Judge Pos. 3

Tom SeGuine

"Superior Court experience matters for a Superior Court judge. For over 30 years I have prosecuted. defended, litigated, and resolved tens of thousands of criminal

and civil cases in Superior Court.

"I have more than three times the legal experience of the other candidate from every perspective, including quantity, at 30 years, and in quality, as prosecuting attorney, including the elected Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney from 2002 to 2006, as defense attorney, as public defender, in private civil disputes with citizens and businesses, in Superior Court, municipal courts, district courts, appellate courts, and federal court.

"I have now successfully run my small business, my law practice, here in Skagit County for 15 years.

"These experiences and these perspectives have fully prepared me to fill

Election, cont. from p. 10 the position Superior Court Judge.

"Please consider me for your vote on current Skagit problems with real Skagit solutions. I've done that throughout the

that at the PUD.

PUD Commissioner."

Kenneth Goodwin (NP)

an experienced leader

Over the past 25

years, I have been

results to various

communities as

a political leader.

role include:

delivering excellent

"Skagit PUD needs

county and across industries, and I'll do

menu, and as your PUD Commissioner,

Skagit County is represented at the water

"Please consider Andrew Miller for

most recently as a Port of Anacortes

Woodinville Water District

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make me an excellent candidate for this

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I'm committed to making sure all of

"If you're not at the table, you're on the

Elizabeth Yost Neidzwski

Neidzwski did not submit a response.

Skagit County PUD Commissioner Dist. 1, Commissioner 1

Andrew Miller (NP)

"Water is at the heart of what makes Skagit County so great. I grew up hiking the forests, working the fields, and fishing the Skagit River, and am committed to solutions that create



more than enough water for EVERYONE commissioner. My other experiences that in our community.

"Experience is about what you've done—and where you've done it. Our PUD needs local leaders that can solve

See Election, p. 11.

Board Member/VP/Treasurer Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts

Snohomish River Regional Water Authority Senior Executive Board Member

Water & Sewer Risk Management Pool. 17 years: "Ken was the single most effective leader in the history of WSRMP" —Executive Committee

• Over 40 years as a CPA, MBA, and a business owner in remote Alaska

"Providing safe, clean, and affordable water for today and future generations requires proven leadership and water governance experience. I ask for your vote for Ken Goodwin, PUD position 1."

Election 2020

Ballots mail on Oct. 14. General Election is Nov. 3 www.goodwinskagitpud.com ELECT Ken "Providing safe, clean reliable water for today and future generations

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*Create affordable housing *Deal with mental health and substance abuse issues

*Build better relations between the county and our cities

Mark Lundsten for Skagit County Commissioner

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Protecting Personal Property Rights

Property tax is a regressive tax which continues to rise even when your income does not. Property rights are essential to freedom and self-sufficiency. As a member of Citizens Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR), I have a strong voting record of defending your rights as a property owner.

Maintaining Gains in Behavioral Health

As the Ranking Member on the Behavioral Health Sub-Committee. I worked in a bipartisan effort to develop unprecedented state-wide policy improvements and to bring infrastructure dollars for treatment in our local communities. I will work hard to maintain these investments in our

most vulnerable.

Standing with First Responders

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experienced pragmatic leadership working for you in Olympia. Join me; be part of the solution.

In times of crisis we rely on Firefighters, Law Officers, Corrections Officers, and Paramedics. I will continue to promote policy that improves training, equipping and supporting these brave men and women. We cannot forget them or their families to include providing proper health resources commensurate to these

high-stress professions.

Defending Your 2nd Amendment Rights

requires proven

leadership and water

governance experience."

There is a concerted, ongoing effort to erode your most important Constitutional Right: the only right that ensures every other right. I have a 100% voting record of defending your right to firearm ownership and self-protection. I remain your voice in Olympia for firearm rights.





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School district moves to hybrid learning this month

Concrete School District plans to begin a combined in-person and online learning model in October.

In an Oct. 1 post to the district Web site, Superintendent Wayne Barrett laid out the strategy to bring all students back to school in a highly restricted manner, after being given clearance by Skagit County Health to begin transitioning to an inperson model for instruction.

The process will begin with K-1 students in a half-day "hybrid" format (combined in-person and online learning) on Oct. 5. "By dividing our classes in half, it will limit the number of students in a class to around 10 per session," said Barrett. "This allows us to keep small cohort groups together and exposes everyone to much less interaction."

Wednesdays will remain a remote learning day for all students, which allows

the district to deep clean its facilities.

"We are excited to have students onsite receiving additional support," said Barrett.

For more information, go to the school district Web site at www.concrete.k12. wa.us. Information regarding protocols and expectations during the hybrid model also is posted on the site.

Beginning Nov. 9, the district plans to bring all students back in "pods." Students in one group will attend inperson instruction Monday and Tuesday, while those in a second group—or "cohort"—will attend classes on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday again will remain a remote learning day for all students to allow district personnel to deep clean the facilities.

Specific questions regarding buildings should be directed to that building's principal.

During the hybrid instruction beginning Nov. 9, the district will use its normal school schedules, with more information to follow regarding transportation schedules and food service.

—J. K. M

Essay contest for grades 5 to 8 An essay contest for students in grades

5 to 8 is being sponsored by the Ann Washington Chapter of the Greater Skagit Valley of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Students may be in a public, private, or parochial school, or home schooled.

The subject is "The Boston Massacre," to commemorate the 250th anniversary of that event considered to be pivotal in paving the way to the American Revolution.

Writers are encouraged to imagine they are living in Boston and after witnessing the event, to describe their family's discussion about it and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British king and Parliament.

Essays must be the student's own work and 300 to 1.000 words, with all words counting except for the title page and bibliography. Dates count as one word. They must be handwritten in black ink, or typed or prepared on computer with nonscript font no smaller than 12-point and no larger than 14-point.

The deadline for submissions is Jan. 10,

Judging is based on historical accuracy, adherence to the subject, organization of material, originality, interest, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and bibliography.

Prizes are a ribbon medal, a certificate, and eligibility for the state contest, whose winner will be honored at a luncheon banquet in the spring.

For a copy of the official entry form or more information, send an e-mail to kimekimmy@gmail.com. Students need not live in Skagit County, but must reside in Washington State.

Concrete Resource Coalition



During the meeting we discussed the needs of local parents. One program for which we are currently registering is Parenting Wisely. This program is for parents with at least one child age 11 to 17. Parenting Wisely is an interactive, engaging, and relevant program full of tips and tools for parents on how to deal with common challenges of parenting preteens and teenagers. This online class can be completed at your convenience. Grant funding makes this \$80 program available to Concrete families at no cost. Please use the contact information below to sign up. Enroll now; space is limited so secure your spot soon!

At the meeting we talked about the upcoming National Night Out. This event is traditionally led by law enforcement, but coalition member Eric Cooper has taken on the responsibilities of organizing this event. The coalition will be in front of Concrete Self Storage on Fir St. in Concrete—materials in hand—on Oct. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Thank you, Concrete Theatre and community, for filling out the community survey at the popcorn parade on Sept. 5. A big shout out to our coalition members who helped make the event successful: Athena Hornsby, Mary Janda, Allison Burton, Erma Baude, and Bryer Button. We still need to collect 100 more surveys; please visit our Facebook page to take

Want to learn more? Go to our Facebook page at www.Facebook/ ConcreteResourceCoalition/ to like, follow, and share. Stay healthy!

-Stephanie Morgareidge, coordinator Concrete Resource Coalition United General District 304 stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org 360.854.7179

YD update

Last month I told you we were going to figure out how to start up Concrete Youth Dynamics up in the fall. I am thrilled to announce we have accomplished that

they have in the past, where we have 40-plus students running around, playing still in Phase 2, so the teams can do games, and having fun. For now, we are conditioning stuff in groups of five, but meeting with smaller groups of students, everything is limited to what they can still on a weekly basis, still playing games, eating food, and having fun. The different edict from the state and Skagit students have been asked to make up their County Public Health." own groups of four, letting me know who Sweeney said that football, volleyball, to a staff person.

These small groups of five will be a much different look than we have ever hadschedules staggered so as not to be in the before, but until we enter Phase 3 (which same space at the same time. He added the guidelines of the Skagit County Healthand watching their athletes much more

I am excited about this new look to YD because it gives us the chance to better connect with our young people, get to know them at a deeper level, and create some pretty cool relationships as a result. The really cool part is that our teens now have the opportunity to get out of their houses and socialize, see other people, have meaningful conversations, and intentional interaction with their peers.

We have three groups signed up right now and are waiting for more students to contact us to set up a time to meet with one of our willing and excited YD staff members every week.

You can reach me at 360.630.6063 if you have a team of four and are ready to go, or if you don't know anybody or don't have a team, but want to be a part of Concrete YD activities. We would love to get to know each of you, as we adventure together.

Give me a call and let's get going! -Kevik and Marta Rensink area directors

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Sports still mostly a waiting game

Washington school districts are slowly easing back into activity, but it's slow

"Not much has changed since last Our weekly meetings will not look like month," said Concrete School District Athletic Director Randy Sweeney. "We're do in those smaller groups until we get a

is in that group, and then assigning them and even basketball, baseball, and softball were easing into some activities during the first full week in October, with practice may be coming soon) we will stay within that coaches would be taking temperatures closely as the state takes tentative steps

toward normalcy.

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), which oversees all prep school sports in the state, has laid out its game plan for the 2020–21 school year—subject to change.

Each sport will be given seven weeks of competition. The sports calendar began on Sept. 7, 2020, and ends June 26, 2021. No competitions will be held from Nov. 2 through Dec. 27.

Schools must comply with all COVID-19 requirements. Teams/ individuals that do not qualify for their sport's culminating event may continue to compete/practice during the culminating event week (also called "WIAA" week).

The schedule

The 2020–21 sports schedule developed by WIAA aims to make up for last year's

lost competition time while trimming this year's seasons across the board. The schedule allows for 70 percent of allowable contest limits.

Here's what the schedule kicked off for schools in the *Concrete Herald* coverage

- Cross Country (Boys & Girls) (alternate season): Sept. 7 to May 1
- Slowpitch Softball (alternate season): Sept. 7 to May 1
- Golf (Boys & Girls) (alternate season): Sept. 7 to June 26
- Tennis (Boys & Girls) (alternate season): Sept. 7 to June 26
- Basketball (Boys & Girls): Dec. 27 to Feb. 27
- Boys Swimming & Diving: Dec. 27 to Feb. 27

Wrestling (Boys & Girls): Dec. 27 to

Gymnastics: Dec. 27 to Feb. 27

- Football: Feb. 17 to May 8
- Cheerleading: March 1 to May 1 Volleyball: March 1 to May 1
- Girls Soccer: March 1 to May 1
- Girls Swimming & Diving: March 1
- Cross Country (Boys & Girls): March 1 to May 1
- Slowpitch Softball: March 1 to May 1 • Golf (Boys & Girls) (alternate
- season): March 1 to April 24 Tennis (Boys & Girls) (alternate
- season): March 1 to April 24 • Track & Field (Boys & Girls):
- April 26 to June 26 Tennis (Boys & Girls): April 26 to
- June 26
- Golf (Boys & Girls): April 26 to June 26
 - Baseball: April 26 to June 26
- Fastpitch Softball: April 26 to June 26







Clear Lake









This month's photo shows the Clear Lake 4-H Club circa 1930. Included in the photo are Walter Larson and Clyde Duvall.

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

> -Deanna Ammons, historian Clear Lake and Day Creek







Community Calendar 🔛 👀



OCTOBER

- VBS Family Auto Scavenger Hunt starts at Community Bible Church, 45662 Limeston St., Concrete, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; RSVP to 360.853.8511; see article, p. 6, and ad, p. 7
- Ballots mailed for Nov. 3 General Election.
- Haunted Town Tours (drive-through), Concrete, 7 p.m.; online tickets required, \$25 per car; see article, p. 6, and ad, this page; tickets and info at www.concrete-wa.com
- Drive-through Trunk or Treat, Concrete Town Center, 4 to 5 p.m.; see article, p. 6, and ad, p. 20; info at www.concrete-wa.com
- Trunk and Treat at Marblemount Community Hall, Marblemount, 31 4 to 6 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- Haunted Town Tours (drive-through), Concrete, 7 p.m.; online tickets required, \$25 per car; see article, p. 6, and ad, this page; tickets and info at www.concrete-wa.com

NOVEMBER

- General Election. Ballots must be postmarked by today's date or placed in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. today
- Community event at Marblemount Community Hall, 6 to 9 p.m.

DECEMBER

Holiday Bazaar at Marblemount Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Community meetings

Cascade Days planning meetings are held the third Mon. of every month at 7460 S. Dillard Ave., Concrete, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are not mandatory for volunteers. Info at pr@cascadedays.com

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

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

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

Concrete School District Board: The October board meeting notice had not been posted at press time. Call 360.853.4000 for more information

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 andreaf@concretewa.gov. See notice, p. 4, for information regarding virtual

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.

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

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 meets

the second Wed. of each month at the hall, at 6:30 p.m. 360.873.2323 Sedro-Woolley Town Council meets the second and fourth Wed. of each month, at 7

p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Metcalf St. 360.855.1661 Sedro-Woolley School District Board: Info

at kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us or 360.855.3500. Upper Skagit Library District (USLD)

Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., via Zoom. To attend, go to upperskagitlibrary.org for the Zoom link or e-mail info@upperskagitlibrary.org.

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Helping Hands Food Bank of Sedro-Woolley has named City of Sedro-Woolley Councilmember Karl de Jong as its new president of its board of directors. Former President Sue Nagel will remain on the board and retain the title of President Emeritus.

The current leadership team structure consists of President de Jong, Vice President Macklin Hamilton, and board members Virginia Good, James Kaufman, Sue Nagel, Racheal Scholler, Tony Smith, and Brian Williams. Rebecca Larsen continues as executive director.

"I am very pleased Sue has decided

to stay on board,"said de Jong. "Sue helped grow Helping Hands to a facility capable of delivering thousands of meals per week. She coordinated with the National Guard to streamline our response to COVID-19. She is an absolute powerhouse, and we are blessed to retain her energy and commitment."

Founded in a church basement in 1986, Helping Hands served more than 160,000 individuals in 2019. The National Guard was called up to assist pandemic response in 2020 after a brief closure to ramp up capacity. Helping Hands now assists more than 6,000 families per week in every

community in Skagit County.

Helping Hands has worked with the Washington National Guard to meet the growing need. Lieutenant Colonel Steve Hobbs, who also is also a state senator representing the 44th Legislative District, heads up the Guard's initiative to support

"Helping Hands is a crucial part of Skagit County's pandemic response," said Hobbs. "Service members appreciate working with a team so dedicated to ensuring no resident goes hungry."

"We couldn't have grown to where we are now without the Guard's help, and we wouldn't be here at all without the support of our community," said de Jong.

Skagit County Commissioner Ron Wesen agreed.

"I am so proud of all the volunteers, donors, Executive Director Rebecca Larsen, and the board of directors for all they have done at the Helping Hands Food Bank during the past year to help feed our community. Everyone from staff to the public makes that success possible. It is

a real team effort to make life just a little easier for our communities," said Wesen

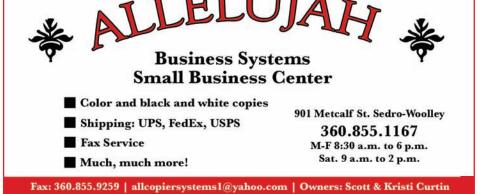
Board Member and Vice President Macklin Hamilton welcomed new board directors and noted the continuing legacy of President Emeritus Sue Nagel.

"I am excited about the prospect of newer Board Directors getting involved in leadership roles at Helping Hands,' said Hamilton. "Fresh eyes can lead to new ideas. We hope to continue our organization's growth and ability to serve folks across the region. I thank our outgoing President Sue Nagel for her service, and thanks to longtime Treasurer Virginia Good. Our team looks forward to continuing to serve our community with respect, kindness, and food without judgment."

"It takes all of us working together to meet the need," said de Jong. "That is our mission, our focus, and our passion. So long as the need exists, we will work to ensure every Skagit County resident has access to food."

-Submitted by Helping Hands





Walnut Tree celebrates 45 years

The Walnut Tree thrift shop in Sedro-Woolley will celebrate its 45th anniversary on Oct. 30. Owned and operated by Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley, the shop is the primary fundraising instrument for the club.

The Walnut Tree opened at its original location on State St., east of Liberty Bell (then Leber's) Market on Oct. 30, 1975. The project was spearheaded by then-president Bee Johnson and quickly became a favorite shopping stop for local

The shop operated in two other locations before purchasing the property at 713 Puget St.

One of the first local initiatives supported with Walnut Tree proceeds was construction of the Sedro-Woolley Community Center, completed in December 1976.

Since that time, Soroptimist volunteers have supported hundreds of local projects,

including scholarships for graduating seniors of Sedro-Woolley, State Street, and Concrete high schools; area food banks; Boys and Girls Clubs of Skagit County; WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutrition programs; and Meals on Wheels.

"We operate a business together and we provide a great resource for our community," said President Patricia Dow. "When people donate items to us or shop with us, they can be sure that the proceeds are used to help their neighbors."

The shop's Facebook page provides a link to curbside pickup shopping during the pandemic. The shop's current hours, donation policies, and more information are available via the page. Shopping hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m.; donation hours are Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. or until the donation room is "full."

Watch the Walnut Tree Facebook page for announcements concerning the shop's 45-year celebration, and plan to visit from Oct. 26-30 for official festivities.

-Judy Johnson





Soroptimists accepting applications for 2021 Live Your Dream Award

Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley, a global organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment, will present two \$2,000 Soroptimist "Live Your Dream" Education and Training Awards for Women to help two local women improve their economic situation.

The Live Your Dream Award provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or can be used for tuition, books, childcare. car fare, or any other education-related expense. Awards are competitive. The deadline for applications is

additional skills and training. The award

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Nov. 15, 2020. Apply online.

For more information about how Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls or to apply, go to www. soroptimist.org and click on the Live Your Dream Award link

-Submitted by Soroptimist International of Sedro-Woolley

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Town names new Public Works manager

Town of Lyman has hired Caleb White as its new Public Works manager. White has been working with former Public Works manager Mark Young for some time, learning the ropes. White and his family have lived in Lyman for about 10 months. "If you see him out and about, be sure to give a wave and welcome him to this new position," said Lyman Mayor Eddie Hills. White can be reached on his work cell phone at 360.630.7361.

Town of Lyman has bid farewell to former Public Works Manager Mark Young. "We thank Mark for his hard work and dedication during his time as Public

Works manager," said Mayor Hills. "His work ethic was appreciated and he is wished the best in his future endeavors. We all wish you the best."

Paying town bills

Town of Lyman accepts payments using credit/debit cards. The process is quick and easy: Call the Town Hall office at 360.826.3033 and pay over the phone. There is no need to drop off or mail a

Remembering Larry Weston

A celebration of life "protest" for Larry

Weston will be held on Sat., Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. The celebration is meant to be a time to celebrate Weston and honor his memory for all he has done for Upper Valley communities. For more information and location, contact Tammie Werner at tammiesue@gmail.com.

Location is not being made public because of COVID-19 restrictions; however, virus safety precautions will be followed.

-Tammie Werner

Charity announces coming events

Lyman-based charity Heart to Heart Charity's Christmas Angel Tree is accepting applications for this year's program. Forms are due back by Oct. 31; however, the popular program generally fills up in September, so applicants are encouraged to submit early. Applications are available via e-mail at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com

The charity will help as many families and children as it can, depending on how much support it gets. "This is a great way for families, groups, businesses, and more

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to celebrate the season—by adopting a child or family for Christmas," said Heart to Heart organizer Tammie Werner. "We have families of all sizes; just contact us for more information.'

For more information, contact organizer Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@ gmail.com. Donations of cash/checks are accepted to help with additional items. Checks should be made payable to Heart To Heart Charity and can be mailed to

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Online fundraisers planned

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Since COVID-19 doesn't let allow the

charity to host its regular fundraisers, and because the charity relies solely on donations to operate, the fundraisers are moving online.

Heart to Heart Charity will host an online Bake Sale on Fri., Oct. 30. The charity is looking for donations of homemade or bought items for this auction fundraiser. The auction will be at www.facebook.com/hearttoheartcharity, with items picked up in Lyman. To donate, contact hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

The charity also will hold an online auction fundraiser from Oct. 17 to 31. Up for bids will be gift baskets, gift cards, gift certificates, toys, and other gifts.

"Our Angel Tree program is going to need a lot of support this year because of how many families are in need," said Werner. "It has been a rough year, so we look forward to this fundraiser to help as many children be blessed this Christmas as we can."

For more information, go to the event page at www.facebook.com/ hearttoheartcharity.

The charity plans a third fundraiser—an online Sipology event—through Oct. 17. The event page is at www.facebook com/hearttoheartcharity. Sipology has numerous types of teas, oils, mugs, teapots, and more.

> -J. K. M.Tammie Werner

Council summary

The Lyman Town Council held a telephone meeting via Zoom on Sept. 15. Following is a summary of those meetings. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted in the hall by the front door of Lyman Town Hall

Sept. 15 regular meeting

- Skagit County Fire District 8 Commissioner Jim Kennedy contacted the town regarding the contract between the town and the district, which will expire at the end of the year. Councilmembers Ron to meet with Dist. 8.
- that she did not use the amount of water that her bill showed. She would like her meter either tested or replaced.
- Council voted to accept the town's contract with EDASC.
- Councilmember Jeremy Mast asked about the new Public Works employee. Mayor Hills said his name is Caleb White. Mark Young will stay night. Deputy Mullen investigated. on until Caleb is properly trained.

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of a female acting odd and claiming to be a census worker. She was reported to be driving a maroon KIA SUV. He was unable to find her. A suspicious male was reported in the

400 block of Cumberland St. in Hamilton The male was reported to be carrying a hatchet and talking to himself. He had last been seen walking toward the boat launch Deputy Mullen checked the area, but could not locate the subject.

Later, Deputy Dalton took a similar call of the suspicious male walking around talking to himself and carrying a hatchet. This time the caller was able to identify the subject, who is well known to the Sheriff's Office. The subject had not committed a crime and did not appear to be a threat.

A tenant of the Glacier Peak Resort & Winery called and reported to Deputy Hodgin and Mike Couch volunteered Moore that he had been staying on the property and working for a reduced Candy Cathcart was present to claim rent. He quit work and the manager was evicting him. The owner was taking money out of his check for his rent and he felt it was a violation of the CDC eviction rules. Deputy Moore referred him to the State Attorney General Office.

Sept. 12

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All Valley Storage in Lyman called to report that nine of their storage units had been burglarized during the previous He was able to get a video of possible -Compiled from staff notes suspects. A few days later, one of the victims called to advise that he had found some of his stolen property in Seattle. He was able to retrieve his property and Seattle Police Dept. was notified. Deputy Mullen has developed several leads and will investigate the burglaries with the assistance of detectives.

Deputy Ayala observed a Honda Civic parked near Rockport. When he ran the plate, it came back stolen. He contacted the owner, who made arrangements to retrieve the vehicle.

Sept. 13

A fisherman called to report possible numan remains between Concrete and Rockport on the Skagit River. The ocation was described as west of where he Sauk River enters the Skagit River. Deputies responded to the area and ocated the remains of what appeared to be a small child. Detectives were able to identify the remains as those of Sage Adams, who was reported missing n July after a boating accident on the Skagit River near Bacon Creek above of Marblemount.

Sept. 18

Another vehicle prowl was reported

Mountain Loop. The reporting party said

that someone had broken a window and

entered his vehicle. The intruder took

Shots being fired into the trees near

were reported to the Sheriff's Office

the 540 block of Noble Ave. in Hamilton

around 12:30 p.m. The shots appeared to

be coming from across the river. Deputy

Mullen responded and interviewed the

reporting party. Deputy Moore checked

the river from the town. Deputy Mullen

the area of Finney Cumberland across

was advised that several rounds were

heard going through the trees near the

residence. The shots appeared to be

coming from south of the residence.

Deputy Moore contacted a subject who

had been sighting in his rifle across the

river on the Finney Cumberland Rd. He

been shooting. Deputy Moore was unable

to determine if the person he contacted

to make sure that he was using a safe

backstop and to be aware of potential

issues before shooting his gun.

Sept. 16

Sept. 17

had been responsible for the shots or if it

was someone else. He warned the subject

Deputy Mullen checked on a male who

was reported to be passed out in his car

near 920 Petit St. in Hamilton. The male

was alert and told Deputy Mullen he had

pulled over to use his cell phone to send

After returning home the next day from

jail, a resident of the 46000 block of Baker

Loop in Cedar Grove called to report that

almost \$40,000 worth of items had been

taken from his home. Deputy Wiggins

will follow up with the suspects.

investigated the burglary and was given

An employee at Logger's Landing in

discovered that approximately two hours

earlier, someone had stolen some alcohol

from the store. The employee was able

to provide Deputies Moore and Beisler

Washington State Patrol called to

request a deputy check the area near

the 35000 block of SR 20 for a person

pouring gas into the ditch. Deputy Mullen

was able to locate a vehicle parked along

SR 20 but no one was around. Later he

a person carrying a gas can near Lyman

Mercantile. The person said that they had

was advised that a trooper had contacted

possible suspect information.

run out of gas on SR 20.

Concrete called to report that she had

the names of several possible suspects. He

showed Deputy Moore where he had

some food. There were no suspects.

Sept. 15

near Marblemount at the Lookout

Deputy Holmes received information that there had been a threatening problem over fishing at the Baker River boat launch in Concrete. He took the information and passed it to Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for follow up. Sept. 20 Concrete Mayor Jason Miller reported

a subject was possibly setting up camp at the Veterans Memorial Park in Concrete. He advised that a subject at the park appeared to have camped at the park overnight and now appeared to be setting up a more permanent camp. The subject was now hanging clothes in the branches of the tree at that location. Deputy Holmes contacted the subject and asked that he remove his clothing and advised him that he could not spend the night at the park. The subject was cooperative and left the area shortly after.

A caller on Ranger Station Rd. in Marblemount called to report that someone had pulled up his mailbox and left it lying in the road. He had no suspects at this time.

Sept. 21

A neighbor advised the next door resident that he had caught two males carrying rifles outside of his residence earlier in that morning. When he yelled at them, they dropped the guns and fled eastbound on SR 20 in an old blue Chevrolet pickup. The resident checked her garage and found several items missing, including the rifles, two chainsaws, and a white 2019 Husqvarna motorcycle. Sergeant Adams and Deputies Gonzales and O'Reilly investigated the burglary. They were able to collect several items of evidence. The next day, Upper Skagit tribal officers observed the motorcycle and another blue motorcycle eastbound from Hamilton on Cape Horn Rd. Deputy Moore has developed two possible suspects and will continue the investigation.

An Amazon package was stolen out of a victim's mailbox sometime between noor and 5 p.m. The victim advised Deputy Arndt it contained a wrench valued at \$30. The victim did not have suspect information, but said the neighbor saw a gold-colored Saturn car with no license plate driving in the area earlier.

Sept. 22

Early in the morning, Sergeant Adams was advised of a person missing from a house in the 600 block of Maple Ave. in Hamilton. The reporting party said her elderly husband had left the house a few minutes before and now was missing. The husband, who has dementia, told

her room, she heard the door alarm go off and he was gone. Sergeant Adams located the husband about a half mile away, walking on Petit St. He was confused and disoriented. He was taken home, where his wife made arrangements to have him taken to the doctor for assistance. Sergeant Adams also talked to the wife about the Sheriff's Office Caretrak program for those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease who are at risk for wandering. A Town of Concrete employee reported that a motorhome was parked on private property located near Loggers Landing in Concrete, and needed to be moved. The motorhome had been reported to be parked on the property twice prior, but

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his wife that he was going to get some

watermelons. Before she could get out of

was gone before deputies were able to contact the driver of the vehicle. Deputy Mullen was able to contact the occupants They advised that they used to live in town, but moved several years ago. They were currently traveling through the area and had stopped and parked for a bit. Deputy Mullen advised that they were not supposed to park at the property and asked that they move along. The occupants advised they were not aware of that and that they would pack up their stuff and move immediately.

Deputy Mullen received a call from a U.S. Census worker, who told him that he was walking on the paved road when he made contact with a property owner who had not sent in a census form. The worker said that the property owner called him some obscenities and would not answer any questions. The worker got into his car and left. Deputy Mullen told him that he had made a good choice. The worker said that there were no threats made and he just wanted the incident on file.

Dispatch received a call for a removal in the 60000 block of SR 20 in Marblemount. The caller said that a male who used to live there was on his property with a knife. The caller said that he had used bear spray and a club on the male, who was now walking away toward Marblemount wearing only underwear. The caller said that he believed the male was on drugs. Deputies Ayala and Moore tried to locate the male suspect, but were unsuccessful. A drone from the Sheriff's Office drone aviation unit was used to attempt to locate the suspect, but was also

unsuccessful **Sept. 23**

A resident who lives in the 45000 block of Main St. in Concrete called to report

See **Sheriff's Blotter**, p. 22

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September in pictures



Left: Sasquatch himself graced this year's Sasquatch Conference in Marblemount on Sept. 5-6. Above: Dr. Robert Alley speaks during the conference. Photos by Syvella Kalil.



Above: Concrete Heritage Museum on Sept. 20 hosted a special tour for Frank Rousseau, a grandson of Amasa "Pegleg" Everett. Everett is credited with discovering rich deposits of clay and limestone on the east side of the Baker River in the late 1800s, which eventually led to the formation of Cement City and the Washington Portland Cement plant. The trip was arranged by Janna Raymond, who is related. The group was composed of Rosseau; his wife, Jean Raymond; and Raymond's husband, Casey. Tours were provided for some, while others pored over the collection of information and pictures donated last year by another grandson, Lind, who visited last year. The visitors removed their masks for a photo; left to right: Casey, Jean, Frank, Janna. Photo by Gail Boggs.





Below left: Wendy (Wood) Shields, Ross Wood, and Diane (Wood) Tanguy also dropped by the Concrete Heritage Museum last month to go over some of the Wood family's latest donations to the museum. A baby buggy (above) was among the donations, and originally purchased by Robin and Gerry Wood for Diane in 1950. Photos by Gail



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Rockport





State Parks offers more opportunities to reserve campsites, cabins this fall

Rasar State Park near Hamilton is one of several state parks in Washington that will benefit from an extended reservation season. Visitors will be able to reserve a campsite or cabin later into fall than usual.

The extension is in response to a higherthan-normal demand for camping because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Campers will be able to make a reservation and stay at Rasar and other state parks through Nov. 1.

For many parks, the camping season normally ends Sept. 30, and State Parks stops accepting reservations for the season on Sept. 15. The extension is for the 2020 season only.

Extended camping and reservations include the following additional state

- Bay View: campsites and all cabins
- Beacon Rock: campsites
- Belfair: campsites and cabins
- Birch Bay: campsites
- Cape Disappointment: campsites
- Larrabee: campsites
- Penrose Point: campsites
- Potlatch: campsites
- Rainbow Falls: campsites

For more information about each park, go to https://parks.state.wa.us/281/ Find-a-Park?utm_content=&utm_ medium=email&utm name=&utm source=govdelivery&utm term=.

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that her home had been broken into sometime overnight, and some tools and other items were missing. The victim said that she had possible suspect information. Upon reviewing the information, Deputy Mullen believed it could be a civil issue. He tried without success to call the victim.

Deputy Moore investigated a report of shots fired in the 8200 block of Cedar Grove Ave. The reporting party said that they had heard four to five shots near their house. Deputy Moore patroled the area and did not hear any more shots. He was unable to locate the source of the shots. Sept. 24

Department of Corrections (DOC) called to request that the Sheriff's Dept. assist them with a warrant service in the 45000 block of Main St. in Concrete. Officer Lee from DOC advised that they had a warrant for a suspect and they had received information that the suspect was currently at the house on Main St. in Concrete. Deputy Mueller assisted. The suspect was found in the bedroom of the house. During the arrest, Deputy Mueller discovered that there was an active order restricting the suspect from being at the house. The suspect was taken into custody by DOC and taken to jail. Deputy Mueller also arrested the suspect on a new charge for violation of a court order.

At approximately 9 p.m., Deputy Clark received a call that a white motorcycle had been left on Sobek Lane near Concrete. The caller thought it may have been stolen. Deputy Clark located the motorcycle and ran the vehicle

Fax Service

Much, much more!

it was a stolen vehicle from Seattle He contacted the owner and made arrangements to have it towed. **Sept. 27**

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office requested a member of Skagit Mountain Rescue to assist in the rescue of a stranded hiker near the north end of Baker Lake. Deputy Wolfe was able to contact Mountain Rescue members, who responded to assist.

A motorcycle was reported to have been stolen from the 8100 block of Lyman Ave. in Lyman. The victim said the motorcycle the free day affects Rasar State Park and had been parked in his yard and he had the only key. He discovered it missing just moments before he called. There are no suspects. Deputy Devero completed a stolen vehicle report and the report was entered into the state criminal computer

-Compiled by Sgt. Greg Ada

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M-F 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

State Parks offers free days in November

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has announced Nov. 11 and 27 as free days, on which the public can visit state parks at no charge. On "free days," visitors don't need a Discover Pass for day-use visits by

In the Concrete Herald coverage area, Rockport State Park.

On the two free days, the Discover Pass

is still required on lands managed by Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass. The pass costs \$30 annually or \$10 for a one-day permit, and is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, WDFW, and DNR.

The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required for day-use visits to state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands. -Submitted by WA State Parks

Work begins at site of SR 530 scouring

WSDOT announced on Sept. 21 that work had begun to repair a site along SR 530 at milepost 58.8, where the Sauk River had scoured out the bank and a portion of the westbound lane during the previous weekend.

Trimaxx Construction moved staff and equipment to the area on Sept. 21, and planned the following efforts:

Take over traffic control and 24/7 monitoring from WSDOT maintenance.

Work to try to get a protection layer into the scoured hole before the next round of rain/upper elevation snow arrives and river levels rise. Continue work on a permanent repair

in the area. Last year's work was a

temporary fix focused on one scour Work was to commence during

daylight hours, with monitoring occurring 24/7.

remain single-lane alternating traffic for the foreseeable future. WSDOT posts images of the site and

Drivers should expect this area to

progress of work there to its Flickr page: www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/ albums/72157712962961972. -J. K. M



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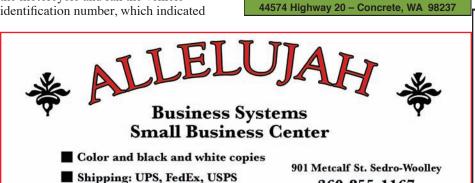
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By Marla Skaglund

Darrington Strong.

Businesses are alive and well on

Darrington St. in Darrington, and a new

The Darrington Street Alliance Group

composed of local business owners with

stores on Darrington St., discusses ways

into an inviting drive, complete with

benches, colorful lampposts, signs, and

greenery. The group is the brainchild of

JoAnn Milton, owner of Darrington Street

and a board member/event coordinator for

Variety Gift store and Whitehorse Photo,

Business owners in the group include

Store; Kathy Rodgers, Darrington Coffee

Shelly Sumption, Senior Center Thrift

and Tea Company; Steve Buchanan,

Liden, Uptown Auto Repair; Greg

Darrington NAPA Auto Parts; Tripper

Brose, Red Top Tavern; Neil Comeau,

River Time Brewery; and PJ Wieferich,

Highland Thrift Store. Chair Milton and

Co-chair Kathy Rodgers work together

with five associates who volunteer their

time and knowledge to improve visitor

The group meets on the third Saturday

Darrington Coffee and Tea Company, and

traffic on Darrington St.

of each month, at 12:30 p.m., at

to make improvements and turn the street

group has formed to get the word out.



Darrington group forms

to tout business health

Darrington







Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on Aug. 12, 2020. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall and online at townofdarrington.com.

The Darrington Event Committee is another group dedicated to adding more events to the local area to encourage visitors and residents of all ages.

a need," said Darrington Street Alliance Group Chair JoAnn Milton. "There are new families moving to town and many are a younger crowd, willing to help, have fun, meet people and be active."

The committee has plans to add more

events throughout the year to encourage visitors and give residents opportunities for fun for all ages. The committee includes Chair Milton, Noelle Donegan. Hafila Linke, Laura Little, Meadow Lightner, Sherrie Gentry, Alexis Montical, Deanna Mueller, Patricia Lee, and Joanne Perry Ruth. They are planning a Halloween event, but are awaiting approval from Darrington Town Council. The group will meet monthly throughout the year, with time and place to be

Both groups welcome new ideas and encourage new members possessing the willingness, time, knowledge, and dedication to success.

Darrington Event Committee

"Both groups came about because I saw

welcomes any input from local residents

and business owners in Darrington.

Aug. 12 regular meeting

- Ragina Gray with Snohomish County Health—COVID Pandemic addressed the council. She is the newly appointed head of environmental health. Gray discussed what the health district has been up to in 2020, and what they are hoping to do in 2021. She explained the county's COVID response. The target for the county is fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 in a two-week period. The health district is optimistic that the county has reached the peak of this influx, and that the county is on the down slope.
- Drew Bono provided an update on the proposed Internet startup. The idea is to bring affordable and more reliable Internet to the community. To do that, a group of volunteers has created a nonprofit. Contracts have been established to install transmitters on power poles to bring the service to Darrington. The last step is to get points of distribution

set up in Darrington. The nonprofit has partnered with a company that has services in Skagit and Whatcom near Mount Baring when witnesses counties to assist them with implementing the final steps. Three to five poles will need to be put up in town to provide service. Bono provided an information packet and will be up on the poles by the end of the year. They are waiting on an agreement with the town.

- Council voted to award a \$1,000 grant in CARES Act funding to the sole business that turned in an application.
- Council approved the 2021–23 Sheriff. The new contract provides the same level of service as has been provided in 2020.
- Council approved an initial offer of financial aid from the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB). This agreement with CERB paves the way for the town to of death. receive grant funding for the Wood Innovation Center.

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

SCSO investigates iail death

At approximately 5 a.m. on Sept. 16, a 34-year-old male inmate was found unresponsive in a single occupant cell in a general housing unit at the Snohomish County Jail.

The corrections deputy immediately called a medical emergency and staff began lifesaving efforts. Aid units responded to the jail and took over lifesaving efforts, but attempts to resuscitate the inmate were unsuccessful. There were no apparent signs or observations that indicated an obvious cause of death.

The inmate, an Everett resident, had been booked into the jail on July 5, 2020, by the Everett Police Department for second-degree assault with a weapon. At the time of his death, the inmate was charge, and awaiting trial.

will be conducted. This is a review of the they located the deceased victim death from a clinical standpoint and is independent of the death investigation, which is being conducted by the Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit.

The identity of the inmate, as well as cause and manner of death, will be released by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office.

-Submitted by Snohomish Sept. 27 County Sheriff's Office Today the Sheriff's Office Search and

Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

The body of a 23-year-old New Jersey man who died while cliff jumping today has been recovered. Around noon today, the male was parachuting with a friend observed him hit the side of a mountain before disappearing into the mountain's steep terrain. Search and Rescue (SAR) teams

and the Sheriff's Office helicopter, a map showing three of the proposed SnoHawk10, responded to the area and sites. Their hope is that the equipment located the victim's parachute on the north side of the mountain, but ground teams were unable to gain access to the location because of the dangerous and difficult terrain. Early in the morning on Sept. 4, SnoHawk10 returned and delivered a four-person mountain rescue team to the ground nearby. It took the team several hours to navigate the steep terrain and get contract with the Snohomish County to the location of the parachute. Rescuers located the 23-year-old victim deceased The victim's body was flown to

Skykomish Airfield, where the Snohomish County Medical Examiner took custody of him. The medical examiner will provide positive identification of the decedent, as well as determine the cause and manner

-Compiled from staff minutes Today the Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) team and volunteers from Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue recovered the body of a 26-year-old man who died after falling into a glacier hole while hiking south of Glacier Peak. Around 2:30 p.m., the male was hiking with a friend on the glacier at Kololo Peak when he unexpectedly fell nearly 50 feet into a hole.

The victim's hiking partner activated an InReach SOS device, and SAR ground teams and the Sheriff's Office helicopter, SnoHawk10, responded to the area being held on \$10,000 bail for the assault Helicopter rescue technicians set up a rope system and lowered a rescue technician Following his death, a morbidity review approximately 50 feet into the hole, where

> The victim's body was lifted from the location and flown to Taylor's Landing, where the Snohomish County Medical Examiner took custody of him. The medical examiner will provide positive identification of the decedent, as well as determine the cause and manner of death

This is an active investigation.

degree child molestation.

—Compiled from SCSO releases

Rescue (SAR) team and volunteers from

Snohomish County Volunteer Search and

Rescue recovered the body of a 29-year-

Peak. Around 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 26, his

girlfriend called to report him overdue.

hike by 8 p.m. on Sept. 26, but had not

to attempt to locate the hiker. At daylight

today, the Sheriff's Office helicopter,

SnoHawk10, flew to Vesper Peak to

search for the missing hiker. Around

1 p.m., the helicopter crew located the

deceased male in a swift-moving creek.

Members of the Snohomish County

Volunteer Search and Rescue Swiftwater

location, where they recovered his body

The victim's body was flown by

where the Snohomish County Medical

medical examiner will provide positive

identification of the decedent, as well as

determine the cause and manner of death

Early this morning, the Sheriff's Office

Special Investigations Unit (SIU) arrested

degree rape of a child, second-degree rape

witnessed the 74-year-old suspect sexually

transported the victim to the hospital and

of a child, first-degree child molestation,

a 74-year-old Stanwood man for first-

and second-degree child molestation.

Around 10 p.m. on Sept. 25, an

adult female walked into a room and

assaulting a minor. The adult female

called 911. Patrol deputies responded

Investigations Unit (SIU) detectives to

determined they had probable cause to

arrest the suspect. SIU detectives wrote

a search warrant for the suspect and the

26, the search warrant was approved and

During an interview with detectives, the

The 74-year-old Stanwood man was

transported to the Snohomish County Jail,

where he was booked for first-degree rape

first-degree child molestation, and second-

of a child, second-degree rape of a child,

suspect admitted to sexually assaulting the

residence. Just before 7 a.m. on Sept.

detectives responded to the suspect's

residence and took him into custody.

victim for approximately two years.

respond. Throughout the night, detectives

and immediately called for Special

conducted several interviews and

Examiner took custody of him. The

SnoHawk10 to Taylor's Landing,

Rescue Team hiked to the victim's

been heard from.

Sept. 26

old man who died while hiking Vesper

September 9 marked a historic milestone for Darrington Fire District 24: The team earned its "Water Tender Credit" through the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau He was expected to return from a solo day (WSRB). A tender credit is applied to fire departments who show proficiency in flowing large volumes of water for an SAR ground teams responded to the area extended period of time in an area where fire hydrants are not available. The credit

> in the rural/nonhydrant areas to see a possible decrease in their home/rental insurance premiums," said Darrington Fire Dist. 24 Deputy Fire Chief Drew improvement, this shows that we are continually working to provide the best rural environment.'

Every fire department in Washington is

Darrington FD earns tender credit unincorporated Snohomish and Skagit

counties near Darrington, most properties aren't protected by fire hydrants, so the was earned after an independent onsite evaluation of the fire district's training and operations by a WSRB auditor. "The tender credit creates an

opportunity for homeowners and renters Bono. "In addition to the insurance rating level of service that we can, even in our

rated by the WSRB, which represents the insurance industry in Washington. The WSRB rates areas based on their ability to protect from fire using a variety of criteria, including water supply. In areas such as

local departments have to find a different mechanism to get water to the fire. Enter the water tender, which is basically an engine with a large water tank. Bono said that the district always has had tenders, "but there's a process to show the WSRB that we're proficient at using that equipment. We've been practicing for about six months, and it paid off. About 16 minutes into the drill, the auditor said 'I've seen enough; you guys obviously

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confident in your equipment and skills. Training Captain Joel Johnson built the training plan and steered the effort.

have your stuff together, and I feel

"We couldn't have pulled this off without a strong contingent of highly dedicated volunteers and staff," said Bono. "There aren't many places where communities rely on volunteers who carve time out of their lives to help their neighbors. It's incredible to be able to say that we still have a program that's successful because of its volunteers."

Treasures of the night sky

By Stephen Somsen

You may have heard the expression, "once in a blue moon." We will experience that celestial event in October. While the moon won't turn blue, there will be two full moon events this month. We refer to that second full moon in the same calendar month as a "blue moon." There are about 30 days between each full moon The blue moon event occurs once every 30 months.

Andromeda galaxy

Mars Mars reaches opposition on Oct. 13, giving us a great view of our solar system neighbor virtually all night long throughout the month. At magnitude -2.6 Mars will be brighter than Jupiter this month. Given that Mars also is physically closer to earth at this time, it also may appear slightly larger, although not "as large as the moon" as some sensational news accounts might claim. Look for the red-orange-hued planet in the east after sunset, to the south around midnight, and in the west before dawn.

October may be the best month to view

the most distant object visible to the naked eye. The Andromeda galaxy appears as a fuzzy glow at an incredible distance of more than 2 million light years. Your best viewing option will be on a clear night as close as possible to the dark sky provided by the new moon on Oct. 16. You will want to allow 15 minutes or more outside and well away from any artificial lights to give your eyes time to adjust. Then look high in the northeast sky between the "M" or "W" of Cassiopeia and the "Square" of Pegasus. The right leg of the "M" of Cassiopeia points in the general direction of the

your search for this gem. Consider your possible bragging rights the next time you have an eye exam if you succeed in viewing Andromeda.

Andromeda galaxy, home to billions of

Pegasus and Cassiopeia may assist you in

stars. Viewing Internet images of both

Amateur astronomer Stephen Somsen is a volunteer for the North Mountain Lookout project and a member of Darrington Strong. Reach him at ssomsen@aol.com.

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Sasquatch conference short on attendees, long on fun

With COVID-19 a factor, this year's Sasquatch Conference was not well attended; however those who attended were treated to a solid lineup of presenters, contests, food, and fun.

Keynote speakers this year were Thom Cantrall and Dr. J. Robert Alley. Four of the top open mic speakers were Michelle Kussy, Linda Rolph, Ron Nelson, and Judy Carroll. All of the speakers had had encounters with Sasquatch. Their stories were compassionate and heartfelt.

The speakers brought facts and casts of Sasquatch feet. We even had a very special guest: Bigfoot himself!

On Sept. 5 the Sasquatch Calling contest yielded three winners: 2nd place was a tie with Bit and Alexandra, and 1st place went to Sam Norman. On Sept. 6, 2nd place was taken by Ron Nelson, with 1st place coming in overwhelmingly for Alexandra. This young lady will be a superstar in calling Sasquatch.

Tossed into the mix were some wonderful raffle prizes and door prizes, including autographed copies of either Thom Cantrall's book or Dr. J. Robert Alley's book.

Guests enjoyed shaved ice, plus burgers, nachos, pulled pork, and tacos. JP Falcon Grady entertained guests with songs. Vendors included Rowdy Sasquatch, Sasquatch the Legion, and Singleton Metal Works.

Trunk and Treat at Marblemount Community Hall

A Trunk and Treat event is planned at Marblemount Community Hall on Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Children in Marblemount and beyond are invited. Every person that would like to participate is encouraged to drive their car, truck, bus, or other vehicle to the Marblemount Community Hall on Oct. 31. Decorate your vehicle and open your trunk or doors for the kids to Trick and Treat. Vehicles will be spaced 6 feet apart and masks must be worn by everyone, especially the kids as they move from vehicle to vehicle.

Vehicles can come early for decorating their cars.

Marblemount Food Bank

Washington National Guard is still assisting at the Marblemount Food Bank distributing Helping Hands Food Bank food for those in need.

The food bank will be open every week on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until further notice. The food bank is located at the Inspire Church for drive-up service. If you ride a bicycle or walk up, keep a 6-foot distance between you and the next customer. A volunteer will deliver your items to you.

-Syvella Kalil



Above and below: Scenes from this year's Sasquatch Conference, which drew a modest crowd because of virus constraints, but still offered attendees engaging presenters, contests, food, and fun. Photos by Syvella Kalil



fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m.—or call Battalion Chief Bob Hopfield at 360.420.7887 for more info. This position is subject to a background check.

Burn bans lift after temps drop and rain falls

Burn bans in Skagit County and across the state were lifted last month after sustained cooler temperatures and rains.

Skagit County lifted its outdoor burn ban on Oct. 1, once again allowing residential yard and land-clearing fires in unincorporated Skagit County. There, burn permits are required for piles exceeding 4 feet by 4 feet. Burn permit requests can be submitted by phone at 360.416.1840.

Only natural vegetation (leaves, grass, tree trimmings) are allowed in residential yard and land-clearing fires.

Garbage, household trash, lumber, building construction waste, or demolition debris may not be burned.

Smoke, odor, or ash that unreasonably nterferes with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties is prohibited.

Property owners within an incorporated city or town, or within an urban growth area, are encouraged to contact their local fire departments for burn restriction

For more information about open burning in Skagit County, contact the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office at 360.416.1840, or go online to http://www. skagitcounty.net/departments/firemarshal/ burning.htm.

WDFW lifts fire restrictions

Also effective Oct. 1, the Washington

Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW lifted fire restrictions, including the temporary ban on target shooting, on most department-managed lands.

Some restrictions will remain in place in south central Washington, including a campfire ban through Oct. 15 at all WDFW wildlife areas in Yakima and Kittitas counties, because those areas remain very vulnerable to fire.

A campfire ban also is in place through Oct. 31 at the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area in Grant and Adams counties, and at the Klickitat Wildlife Area in Klickitat County because of their drier, more sensitive nature.

For more information on wildfire impacts on WDFW-managed lands, go to https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/wdfw-lands/ wildfire.

For more information about fires and fire prevention on public lands, go to the Washington Department of Natural Resources' Web site (http://www.dnr. wa.gov) or the U.S. Forest Service Web site (http://www.fs.usda.gov).

North Cascades National Park

Effective Sept. 25, the burn ban on all lands within North Cascades National Park Service Complex was lifted.

The directive included all National Park Service lands and campgrounds in Stehekin, along State Route 20, and the Ross Lake area.

Campfires are allowed in designated areas only in front country and backcountry campsites.

-Compiled from news releases

Skagit County presses City Light during FERC relicensing

By Jason Miller

A Sept. 15 letter from the Skagit County Commissioners to the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Seattle City Light's Skagit River Hydroelectric Proiect in Newhalem took to task numerous actions that the city has taken historically and in recent years, referring to them as "uncoordinated, unplanned activity."

The 6-page letter signed by Commissioners Ron Wesen, Ken Dahlstedt, and Lisa Janicki lays out a pattern of neglect on the part of City of Seattle toward Skagit County and in particular rural eastern Skagit County and smaller taxing districts.

The commissioners noted three specific areas of concern in their letter:

- 1. The city's dam failure early warning
- Existing and new mitigation lands within the hydroelectric project area and the county, which the City has taken off the local tax rolls, shifting the property tax burden to local property owners and adversely affecting local Skagit governments.
- River system analysis and channel migration planning for the Skagit River, which the county sees as having great potential for significant adverse impacts on utilities, roads, infrastructure, and local land use plans, including the county's Comprehensive Plan and Shoreline Management Plan.

Dam failure early warning system

The letter contends that the existing dam failure early warning system in eastern Skagit County is inadequate because it relies largely on a continuous ringing of the local fire district's sirens, which ring numerous times a day on most days for other reasons, effectively becoming white noise for locals and rendering the sound ineffective for alerting citizens to an actual dam failure.

"... [City of Seattle] should be required to install a more comprehensive and effective dam failure early warning system in Eastern Skagit County," wrote the commissioners.

City mitigation acquisitions

City of Seattle has purchased 13,738 acres of land within Skagit County since its 1995 relicensing, all downstream of its Newhalem hydroelectric project. The letter notes that the City of Seattle, using a state law exemption from local property tax available to government entities, has removed the 13,738 acres within Skagit County from the tax rolls, creating a tax burden shift to the remaining properties in the area, a tax shift of more than \$3.2 million thus far. "To provide an example of the

significance of this tax shift, consider Fire

Protection District No. 19, one of the geographically largest and most rugged fire districts in the State of Washington. which encompasses much of Eastern Skagit County. Its volunteer firefighters routinely respond to accidents and emergencies arising from City Light employees and guests who reside here, and tourists traveling to or from City Light facilities, as well as participating in wildland firefighting. Funded largely by [assessed value property taxes], Fire Protection District No. 19 has only one fire engine of dubious reliability, and its volunteers must frequently resort to paying for fuel and personal protective equipment from their own pockets. This has a direct nexus to the Project and its mitigation activities, and is not a satisfactory state of affairs.

"The City Mitigation Lands have themselves created a wide range of problems for our community, such as the proliferation of noxious and invasive weeds, illegal garbage dumping, illegal drug activity, and trespassing on private lands through use of the City Mitigation Lands—issues and problems that local

Body of missing Chehalis boy found

Detectives with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office announced last month that the body of 10-year-old Sage Adams had been found in the Skagit River near

The SCSO on Sept. 13 received a call from a fisherman that human remains had been located on the bank of the river at the

Detectives went to the area and recovered the remains, which were later determined to be the deceased boy.

July 7 while kayaking with his father on the river near Marblemount Adams' remains were located approximately 8 miles west of Marblemount

who had gone

missing on





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Seniors





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under the tree. The baby started to climb out of the buggy and in her hurry to get down before the baby fell, Mrs. Kauffman caused the ladder to fall, throwing her to the ground. Her leg was caught in such a way that both bones were snapped just above the ankle, and the bones protruded through the

She was given first aid by Dr. E. F. Mertz and an ambulance summoned to take her to the

By Verna McClure

Verna's

Kitchen

Sugar cookies

- . Cream together 1 cup Crisco and 2 cups sugar. Add 2 eggs.
- 2. Mix together ½ teaspoon salt, 4 cups flour, and 2 teaspoons baking powder.
- Add the dry ingredients to the sugar mixture alternately with 1 teaspoon vanilla and 6 Tablespoons milk.
- Roll out the dough and cut out the designs.
- Grease cookie sheets. Bake in a 350-degree oven until a little tan around the edges.

Yield is 1½ to 2 dozen bars.

Editor's note: In memory of our dear Verna, this column will continue until her recipe inventory has been exhausted.

Right: 50 years ago, Oct. 8, 1970: The urging of cheerleaders Tina Green, Lenna Robideau, Vicki Martin, and Becky Hornbeck. pictured here left to right during a pre-game rally Friday afternoon, may have added to the spirit of the Lions' gridiron squad that trompled the Lynden team 32-0 in this year's Homecoming game. Taking part in the afternoon pep rally but missed by the *Herald* camera were cheerleaders Pam Bangert and Deb

Mellom. Archive photo.

Way Back When

90 years ago

Oct. 2, 1930: Mrs. C. A. Groken was painfully injured last Friday when she fell through the ceiling of a dwelling and struck on the floor below. She had gone to the attic of the Robbins cottage, across the street from her home, to remove a small airtight heater. In carrying the stove, she stepped between the joists, the ceiling giving way and causing her to fall about 9 feet to the floor below, with the stove falling on top of her. She received a number of bad cuts

and was badly bruised on every part of her body, but fortunately no bones were broken. She has been suffering great pain and will likely be confined to her room for some weeks. She was alone at the time of the fall, but she screamed as she fell and was heard by E. J. O'Brien, who ran to the house and found her unconscious on the floor.

Oct. 2, 1930: Mrs. R. H. Mansuer, who resides across the Skagit River from Rockport, completely severed the forefinger of her left hand Monday while splitting wood at her home. The handle of the axe caught on an obstruction and caused the sharp blade to descend on her hand. severing the finger and cutting a

deep gash across her hand. She wa brought to Concrete, where she was given temporary relief, then taken to the Burlington hospital, where the injury was dressed by Dr. E. F. Mertz. She was considerably weakened by shock and loss of blood by the time she reached Concrete, but she now is said to be out of all danger.

Oct. 9, 1930: Mrs. Geo. D. Kauffman had both bones broken in her lower leg last Friday afternoon while picking apples at her home south of the Skagit River She was standing on a ladder to pick a basket of apples, and her granddaughter was in a baby buggy

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October 2020 activities

East County

Concrete Community Center Meal Program

Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Take-out only. Must be present to pick up a meal. Donations always appreciated.

East County Resource Center

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 360.416.1733

We are open and providing critical need services, information, and referrals to individuals, one person at a time.

For more information, please visit the Community Action Web site link, "COVID-19 Response," or call 360-416-

Please join us for an all-new, free, virtual Spirit of Hope on October 8, 2020. Support Team East County by donating to https://secure.ggiv.com/event/ spiritofhope/team/868354/

Burlington hospital, where the leg was set. At latest reports, she was getting along nicely, but it likely will be several months before she will be able to leave the hospital

80 years ago

Oct. 3, 1940: The shutdown of the Superior Portland Cement Inc. plant in Concrete was made complete this week when pickets appeared in town Tuesday morning from Seattle, and all men working at repairs in the mill or at the quarry were forced to remain off the job. About 100 men are affected in Concrete.

The pickets were placed by the United Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers Union No. 47, because of a dispute between the Diamond (Seattle) plant of Superior Portland Cement Inc. and the workers there over a new wage agreement. Negotiations have been in

progress for five months. The union agreed to arbitration, but the company so far has refused. Pickets were placed in Concrete to prevent the company from filling its Seattle orders from this plant, and will be withdrawn when the company agrees to arbitration.

The Seattle plant, which pays the highest wages of any plant in the nation, objects to wage increase demands. Company officials declined to make any statement.

President Fred Macklin of the local union said that no dispute exists between the union and the company, and that their only part in the dispute is observance of the union regulation that forbids them to pass the picket line.

Work at the Concrete plant, which had been under way, was mostly of a repair nature, but daily shipments are blocked and no cement orders will be filled until the pickets are withdrawn.

70 years ago

Oct. 12, 1950: The Skagit Public Utility District (PUD) filed condemnation proceedings last Thursday against the properties of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co. in Skagit County, including the Baker River dam and hydroelectric plant in Concrete. The move is being made by PUD to offset the action being taken by the City of Sedro-Woolley to acquire property of the light company.

The PUD has had the right to condemn the power company's holdings since 1936, but had been working for an overall purchase of all the PSP&L holdings in this corner of the state.

The power company is opposed to any piecemeal condemnation of its properties.

—Compiled from archives

Right: 59 years ago, Aug. 3, 1961: A roadside tourist attraction was spotlighted in this issue of Concrete Herald. The eye-catching attraction was created by cutting a a path through one of the huge cedars at the upper end of Baker Lake. The tree, about 15 feet in diameter, was hollow inside; looking upward for 50 feet or so, there was a small opening that let in light. The tree was beside the highway just this side of the new Baker Bridge. Archive photo.



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and utilities. "Thank you to EDASC and Concrete for giving us this grant. It will greatly help our hotel business get through this pandemic," said Sul.

5b's Bakery and Eatery initially shut down in March, but reopened as soon as owner Em Beals knew how to handle the new COVID-19 regulations. "I didn't want to put any of my employees at risk," she explained. Still, COVID has completely changed the business. "The 'no waste' kitchen is completely shot. Everything must be individually wrapped and single-use, so the amount of trash has increased. We empty the garbage three times a day."

Beals tries to use only locally sourced ingredients, but has been driving to Seattle to find supplies. "It used to take about one day to source ingredients; now it takes about 3.5 days, and I have a 25 percent cut list. For four weeks, I couldn't find eggs. I drove to the Cash & Carry under the Space Needle, and I still couldn't find eggs." Now she has a surplus of eggs, but seasonal items like chocolate chips are becoming scarce.

Beals plans to use the grant money to create "Put Together Packs" for the winter months. "People can come into the store or order online on their phone. We will have a touchless payment system in place. Then we will hand off their "Put Together" bag, and they can have readymade breakfast or dinner at home." She hopes this will help keep the

business afloat, and keep people employed

through the winter months, as COVID-19 numbers are expected to spike. EDASC encourages people in the

community to support local businesses by purchasing gift cards or shopping locally wherever possible. "We're all doing a lot of treading water

right now," says Mayor Miller, "but we hope revenue will rebound in time."

Freelance writer Theresa Shreffler lives

Freelance editor Katy Tomasulo lives on Bainbridge Island.

Searching for students of Mary Novy

Mary Novy (Mrs. Novy) taught kindergarten at Concrete Elementary School from the 1970s-1990s. Her students meant so much to her, and she's hoping to hear from them for her 90th birthday on Oct. 18! Please send your letters to the below address:

Mary Novy 1918 Poppy Ln. SE Lacey, WA 98503

Thanks, Becca Avery Granddaughter of Mary Novy

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A citizen in the 8300 block of Cedar

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.

Dillingham, Darin Lee

Age: 50 Race: W Sex: M Height: 5'7' Weight: 210 Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel Address: 307xx SR 20, Lyman

Dillingham was convicted of 2nd degree rape,

indecent liberties in December 1985; three counts of indecent liberties in January 1990; communication with a minor in January 1990; communication with a minor in December 1992; and indecent liberties in April 1993—all in Snohomish County.

His victims ranged from 2- to 9-yearold males and 2- to 60-year-old females who were related to him, as well as strangers. The incidents occurred from the time he was 13 into his mid-20s. He was incarcerated for more than 20 years in the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island in Pierce County, Wash., as a sexually violent predator. He was granted unconditional release in August 2018 after his Sexually Violent Predator petition was dismissed by the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Dilllingham 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

Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove called to report that there were prowlers outside. Deputy Wiggins checked the area and determined that there were no prowlers. The area where the prowlers were supposed to have fled was covered with blackberry briars and would have been impossible to go through. Deputy Wiggins responded to a report

of suspicious noises coming from the area of the water towers in Concrete. The reporting party advised him that they could hear what sounded like banging pipes coming from that area for the last 30 minutes. Deputy Wiggins checked the area, but did not locate any issues. Trespassing at the Lake Shannon quarry

was reported by a person who received a picture of the suspect posing in front of one of the buildings located at the quarry. Deputies Wiggins and Moore checked the area, but did not locate the suspect. They located several people at the Lake Shannon boat launch and advised them that the area is closed after dark.

A person who had been kayaking down the Skagit River near Lyman called to report that the kayak they had left along the river was gone. The caller told Deputy Moore that a friend had to leave, so they put his kayak on top of a rock so they could come back the next day to retrieve it. When they returned, they found that the kayak was gone. They described the area as being where the houses had fallen into the river in Lyman. At this time there are no suspects.

Aug. 31

A resident in the 46000 block of Baker Dr. in Cedar Grove called, stating that her neighbor was driving by her property and took pictures of her house, calling it a dump. She was feeling harassed. When Deputy Passovoy contacted the neighbor, he denied the allegations and said he was driving by because he lived in that area.

Deputy O'Reilly received a report of a stolen camper from the Harry Osborne Horse Camp off of Medford Rd. The victim said that she had left to go home and when she returned the next day, her camper was gone. She has no suspects at this time. A stolen vehicle report was taken and entered into the state computer system.

Sept. 1

Limestone St. in Concrete was reported to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Struiksma called the alleged victim. She said that her car was taken overnight. She believed that her estranged husband may have taken the car. Deputy Struiksma checked the area

Deputy's Corner

Education Citation Program

By Paul Wolfe

One of the many benefits of working in the Concrete Area (East Precinct) is the close interaction with the community. Occasionally, the Sheriff's Office is tasked with a special event or a program. One program I was involved with—and very proud of—originated right here in Concrete.

The Education Citation Program (ECP) is aimed at keeping juveniles out of the criminal justice system and getting them in touch with resources through education.

First, some background: Most people are familiar with the crime of Minor in Possession of alcohol and/or marijuana commonly referred to as "MIP." This crime makes it illegal for anyone under the legal age (21) to possess alcohol or marijuana.

Prior to the ECP, this was a seldomenforced offense, which lead to the perception in the community of it being extremely unlikely to be "caught" for an MIP offense. A survey conducted in 2016 provided alarming information on the use of alcohol and/or drugs by youth in our community. Statistics show underage alcohol or marijuana use can lead to health problems, and early contact with the criminal justice system can have an adverse impact on a iuvenile's life.

All of this led to the ECP, where we could address the perception of non-enforcement, allow the juvenile an opportunity to stay out of the court system, and provide juveniles in need with resources. Deputies are now using

where the victim believed her husband

may be staying, but could not locate him

A stolen vehicle report was entered into

the state computer system. The next day,

Elementary School. It was returned to the

Deputy Eichman recovered the vehicle

where it was parked, at the Concrete

in conjunction with the ECP are now widely enforced. Deputies are able to contact the juvenile, hold them accountable. and know they are giving them an opportunity to get help instead of a court date.

this program. MIP's

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The first year of the program was entirely focused on the Upper Valley community. Based on the success of the program, it quickly expanded countywide during the following few years, where today it's been incorporated within all municipalities.

The ECP has been recognized throughout the state at prevention conferences. The program was most recently highlighted at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Conference in Washington, D.C.

The ECP has made a difference in our community and changed the way the Sheriff's Office handles MIPs. Change is never easy and often takes time to implement. A program like ECP only works with the support of strong community partners. I hope everyone shares my appreciation to work in a community that supports programs like the ECP.

For more information about the program, stop by the East Office and ask for Deputy Wolfe.

Paul Wolfe is a deputy with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. He is assigned to the East Detachment Office in Concrete, a field training officer, a member of the Skagit SWAT, and active with Skagit County SAR.

Worship directory

Assembly of God Concrete Assembly of God

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

Citipoint Church North Cascade 59850 SR 20, Marblemount

360.873.2504 Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. www.citipointchurch.com E-mail: mattd@citipointchurch.com

Baptist

First Baptist Church 12732 Hemlock St., Clear Lake 360.856.2767

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sun. worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. E-mail: pastorjohn@firstbaptistclearlake.com

Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

Lyman Church

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

Catholic

St. Catherine Mission Church 45603 Limestone St., Concrete Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley

Office: 360.855.0077 Weekday hours: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sat. Mass: 8:30 a.m. www.svcc.us/scm

Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

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

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

Lutheran

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 46372 Main St., Concrete / 360.853.8814 www.uprivergrace.com Sun. worship: 10 a.m.

Methodist

Creek, 8 a.m.

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

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

Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Concrete Group Meeting 7879 S. Superior Ave., Concrete (Pilots Lounge at Mears Field), 360.853.5417 Meeting Every Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m. Potluck after services

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

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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.

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Sun. worship: 10 a.m. Bible studies: Call for times 360.708.4330

Presbyterian

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church 45705 Main St., P.O. Box 246, Concrete Church 360.853.8585; office 360.826.3849 Pastor: 360.901.4520 https://mountbakerpres.wordpress.com/ Sun. worship: 9 a.m.

A complaint of a stolen vehicle from

owner.

Sept. 2 Deputies Passovoy and Clark investigated a domestic disturbance in the 7900 block of Acorn Lane in Marblemount. The victim said that he from L.A. to live with him. He said that today they had gotten into an argument and she assaulted him, hitting him in the face numerous times. He said that when she hit him he would spit in her face, then she would hit him again for spitting in her face. This went on for several minutes before the victim decided he had been beaten enough and quit spitting in the suspect's face. The deputies contacted the

had recently moved his ex-girlfriend back

See **Sheriff's Blotter**, p. 35

CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

It's harvest time

"The gathering in of the crop; the time or season of such a gathering.

-Webster's dictionary

A harvest is usually the taking, curing, and consuming of something edible, either for humans or for other animals. Nut gathering for squirrels, alpine "hay" for pikas, and of course berries and other wild fruits for many others. Our indigenous communities respected and followed the "seasonal round" of hunting, fishing, and gathering, as well as manipulating some landscapes for food production. Carefully calculated meadow burns allowed select berries to flourish and grow, especially in the higher elevations.

The Upper Skagits had, of course, favored places for this, one being a place we now know as Cow Heaven. Taking the steep trail from Rocky Creek north to Olson Lake and Helen's Butte, this cultivation produced wild blueberries and huckleberries in abundance for millennia, as well as attracting wildlife such as bear, mountain goats, and deer. Today, the Upper Skagit Valley is reknowned for its commercial berry production, no doubt influenced by this long history.

But what about other harvests? Fall is hunting season—deer and bear in particular. Autumn's golden, slanting ight in the forest speaks of spirits and a time to prepare for winter. It is also a time of spawning salmon and preserving that harvest by drying and smoking—still practiced today.

Other harvested foods? Since the clearing, logging, and burning of river-to-ridge old growth forests we

Euro-Americans have managed here in the past 100+ years, there are some significant farm and ranch lands upriver now. Most obvious near Birdsview, Van Horn, Rockport, and Marblemount, these "openings" in what was previously dense forest grow various crops, but are mostly known for local hay production. With the arrival of immigrant settlers,

hay was needed to feed their domestic livestock, and a 1920 photo of two native shovelnose canoes tethered together hauling two tons of baled hay down the Skagit River is one picture I'll not forget! The photo, by Will D. Jenkins, can be seen in the Concrete Heritage Museum and also reproduced on p. 157 in Jenkins' book, Last Frontier in the North Cascades: Tales of the Wild Upper Skagit.

Hay continues to be an important crop today, and the old Buller homestead, known now as Glacier View Ranch, produces some of upriver's best. Most of the ranch's original 440-plus acres are thankfully still in agriculture, with 2 to 3 feet of loamy topsoil, 90 inches of rain/ snow annually, and an east wind that dries and cures the crop to perfection. The oldtimers called that land "Windy Flats."

So it's harvest time, my friends—my favorite time of year. Gather up those apples for cider, sauce, and pies. Put up your berries as jam or freeze them, but don't let any crop go to waste. It's time to get the last of your firewood in, your woolens out, and the tea kettle on.

Happy harvest to all! For more local history explorations, go to the museum's Web site and take a virtual tour until it physically reopens post-pandemic:

www.concreteheritagemuseum.org. -Christie Fairchile

Upper Skagit Library

Happy fall from everyone at the library! We continue to offer curbside service on Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can place holds online (https://upperskagitlibrary.org/), by e-mailing (info@upperskagitlibrary.org). or by calling 360.853.7939. If you want to browse our newest items, you can do so from the walk-up service side of our library (closest to the entrance for the Resource Center).

We continue to offer new books and DVDs, as well as many other nontraditional items. We have four LEGO kits available for checkout, a Discover Pass, WiFi Hotspots, and equipment you can use to make your own videos or chat with your family and friends online. For more information about our newest additions, please see our social media or visit our Web site: https:// upperskagitlibrary.org/.

If you would like to join us for virtual programming, you can find our calendar of events on our Web site. We have programming for all ages, both live and prerecorded, so you can attend when convenient for you. Our newest live program is "In Stitches," where Library Assistant Tina and I talk about our recent knitting and crochet projects with our fellow crafters.

new-building-project-progress. If you have comments or questions

Things are moving along with the new

about our collection or programs, or if youproviders are allowed access to the our monthly board of trustees meetings, you can e-mail or call us, or send a letter goal, says Entrikin, is to "bring access to P.O. Box 99, Concrete, WA 98237.



Concrete Chamber of Commerce News

By Valerie Stafford, chamber president

Concrete Chamber of Commerce will

meet online on Thur., Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Andrew Entrikin, broadband manager at Port of Skagit, will provide an update on the Skagit County Community Fiber Optic Network Project This project aims to develop a fiber library. Updates can be found on our Web optic network running from Anacortes to as an open-access, multi-provider environment. Private telecommunications would like to make a public comment at system, providing consumer choice and competitive pricing for customers. The to high speed Internet to the citizens

-Amanda Perez, director of Skagit County for the purposes of Upper Skagit Library economic development, education, public health and safety, and transportation."

Haunted Town Tours

Ordinarily the Chamber would be getting ready to present the 15th annual Concrete Ghost Walk in October, with our co-sponsor, Concrete Heritage Museum. But in this extraordinary time, we have instead created an innovative way to celebrate the "spirit" of our community, with social distancing and other safety measures firmly in place.

Haunted Town Tours, a drive-through experience where guests stay in their vehicles, will take place on Sat., Oct. 24 and Sat., Oct. 31, starting at 7 p.m. each night. We have expanded our partnership to Fire District 10 Association, which in the past has staged a very popular haunted house. Together, this "dead-icated" team of volunteers will bring you a "nightmare on Main Street," showcasing the history and haunted hotspots, as well as the ghosts, ghouls, and zombies who might be lurking in our Town Center.

More details and answers to frequently asked questions are posted on the Chamber Web site: www.concrete-wa. com. A limited number of tickets, \$25 per vehicle, are ready for online purchase at

https://hauntedtowntours.bpt.me.

Since 2015 the Chamber, local

businesses, and community volunteers

Trunk or Treat

have offered a Trunk-or-Treat event in Concrete Town Center to the delight of young children and their families. This year the free event will provide a safe way for families to celebrate Halloween from the safety of their cars. The Trunk Team volunteers will set up near Bear Square on Main Street on Sat., Oct. 31, from 4 to 5 p.m. This is a drive-through event, featuring decorated cars and costumed characters, complete with social distancing, masks, and careful hand hygiene. Advance registration is not necessary. If you have questions about your family's participation or would like to be part of the Trunk Team volunteers, please contact us via e-mail at chamber@ concrete-wa.com.

For more information about the Concrete Chamber, e-mail chamber@ concrete-wa.com, or call/text Valerie Stafford, president, at 360.466.8754.

Valerie Stafford is president of Concrete Chamber of Commerce.



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Lions roar

Happy fall!

While things have not been happening "normally" for your Concrete Chapter of Lions Club International, we have still been busy with projects throughout the summer and plan to continue with more projects as the remainder of 2020 moves

During the summer, Lions Club members built a fence around the garden at Concrete Elementary School and, after members who had been helping independently with the construction of the school district greenhouse finished that project, they then built benches for the inside of the structure as well.

Club meetings should start this month. The exact date and time is still to be determined, but you can check our social media page on Facebook (look for "Concrete Lions Club" there) for the announcement and details. While the annual Halloween party at the

elementary school will not happen this year, we are still hoping to sell Christmas trees as the club has done for many years in the past. Details on where and when also will be announced on our Facebook page, as well as an upcoming edition of Concrete Herald.

If you would like information on how to join Lions Club, feel free to contact us through our Facebook page or club secretary, Barb Hawkings, at 360.391.1384. We would love to see you at an upcoming meeting.

Lions Club – We Serve! Come join us. -Lion Kelly Siebecke Smithhai

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Out & About





The mortgage assistance program is

for homeowners who have lost income

at 50 percent or below of Area Median

Income. That is up to \$2,617 per month

for a household of two, or \$3,267 per

eligibility criteria can be found on the

with up to \$6,000 in past-due mortgage

payments, excluding escrow payment.

November 23, 2020, or until funds are

Skagit County continues to make

assistance program. The Skagit County

investments using federal CARES

Act funds, including the mortgage

Commissioners are planning further

application. The program can assist

The program is offered on a first

qualified, first served basis until

expended

because of COVID-19 and are currently

Burlington

Port of Skagit gets clean state audit

Welcome snownobilers!

September 25, 2020

The Port of Skagit recently underwent its required annual audit by the State of Washington and announced on Sept. 25 that no findings were reported.

The annual audit conducted by the State Auditor's Office, which normally takes several weeks to complete on site, was done almost entirely virtually this year because of COVID restrictions. The annual procedure includes two sections of review: an accountability audit to review all business matters from 2019 to ensure the port is safeguarding public resources

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and assets, and a financial statement audit to ensure that finances are prepared using appropriate general accounting principles.

There were no findings in either of the two sections of the annual audit for the Port of Skagit, essentially a "clean bill of health."

2019 was a busy year for the Port of Skagit, including several economic development projects, work on the countywide fiber optic infrastructure. the addition of U.S. Customs & Border Protection services, and managing operations and growth at the port's four properties: Skagit Regional Airport, Bayview Business Park, La Conner Marina, and SWIFT Center.

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Skagit County

Skagit County offers mortgage assistance program

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 28 released application materials for a new mortgage assistance program to assist low-income homeowners affected by the COVID-19 economic downturn

The application information is available at www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/ Health. Applications must be hand delivered or mailed to Skagit Public

Skagit County Public Health 700 South Second St., Rm. 301 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

suspect, who said that her ex-boyfriend had been calling her filthy and ugly names, so she slapped him. When she hit him, he spit on her, so she hit him again. This went on until the boyfriend left. The suspect was arrested for assault and taken

Sheriff's Blotter, cont. from p. 31

Sept. 3

A reported burglary occurred in the 37000 block of Cape Horn Rd., east of Hamilton. The victim told Deputy Passovoy that her shop had been broken into sometime in the last few days. The month for a household of four. Additional window was smashed and the door was found open. The victim did not know if anything had been taken. She was going to check her video and call back if she discovered anything.

Sept. 4

Deputy Moore received a call of ATVs being ridden in the river channel off Thunderbird Lane east of Concrete. This has been an ongoing issue. Deputy Moore referred the information to Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for that area.

investments in the education and childcare Sept. 5

After receiving a report of possible problems at the Lake Shannon boat launch, Deputies Wiggins and Arndt checked the area. They located a subject who was parked at the launch after the closing time. He was very belligerent when they asked him to leave the launch since he was trespassing. He returned to his car and turned his music all the way up. After trying and failing to convince him to leave, he was cited for trespassing and the county noise ordinance.

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office the Baker Lake Hot Springs off Baker Lake Rd. for the victim of an assault. Officer Mahoney checked the area, but did not find the victim or anyone with knowledge of an assault.

A caller advised Deputy Moore that an older white male driving a rusty blue van "In addition, without consulting Skagit tried to give her "weed." Deputy Moore checked the area, but did not find the

requested that deputies check the area of County's state-approved Comprehensive Deputy Mullen and U.S. Forest Service

Deputy Moore investigated a call where a citizen observed a white male run into a brushy area. The caller then saw a green Mercedes vehicle with "F*** Love" spray painted on the back, with two females "This kind of uncoordinated, unplanned that the male and females may be casing the residences in the area looking for things to steal.

Sept. 6

Firearms being fired near the 9900 block of Sauk City Road prompted a resident to call the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Moore investigated and found that a neighbor was sighting his rifle and was doing just broken a window out of a vehicle at so safely. No action was taken by the the Hamilton Baptist Church on Hamilton Sheriff's Office.

Sept. 7

An employee of Seattle City Light called to report that two subjects were parked on City Light property without permission. Deputy Clark contacted the subjects, who were not from the area, and advised them they were trespassing. The subjects left without incident While patroling in the 33000 block of

5:30 a.m., Sgt. Adams located a dark

new Upper Skagit Tribal Cemetery. Two females were near the truck with two bicycles. When he contacted them, they told him that they were just going for a bike ride. When questioned about why they were biking so early in the morning while it was still dark, they were unable to answer. Neither bike had lights and neither suspect appeared to be prepared to go biking. One bike had a bent rim, while the other bike was a very expensive mountain bike, which seemed out of place. When asked about the bike, the suspect said she had worked three days for her boss, who gave it to her and also gave her \$100. The suspect also said that the bike had been painted green with something like nail polish, but she had removed the paint. Sergeant Adams and Deputy Clark could find no evidence the bike had ever been painted. After researching the bike, Sgt. Adams determined that the bike was valued at over \$3,000. The bike was checked to see if it had been stolen, but no reports had been received by the Sheriff's Office. Both suspects were arrested on warrants. The Sheriff's Office will continue to try to locate the owner of the bike. Sept. 8

At about 2 a.m., a prowler was reported in the 46000 block of Baker Loop Rd. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party advised Deputy O'Reilly that a person was standing in her backyard and she believed that the person was trying to get into her house. When Deputy O'Reilly arrived he checked the area, but didn't find anyone. The reporting party said that she had seen the subject in her backyard and heard voices, but didn't see anyone else.

Earlier in the day, Deputy Clark responded to a report of malicious mischief on Burpee Hill north of Concrete. The gate on the way up to the lookout that overlooks Concrete had been ripped out, possibly by heavy equipment The property owner was advised. There are no suspects at this time. A caller reported that a male suspect had

Cemetery Rd. The caller advised that

as the vehicle drove past the suspect, he

swung an axe at the passenger window and shattered the window. The vehicle continued to drive away before stopping across the street. Deputy Clark and Sgt. Adams made the initial contact. The suspect claimed he had wanted to speak to the driver of the vehicle about taking Hamilton Cemetery Rd. at approximately a car battery from him. The driver had attempted to driver over him, and as the green Dodge truck parked in front of the car went by, the suspect swung the axe and accidentally hit the car. The driver and passenger in the car said the suspect was an ex-boyfriend of the female passenger. After picking up their food items from the food bank, the suspect angrily approached their car, coming out rapidly from behind a tree near the roadway. As he came toward the car, he held the axe with two hands in a menacing way, as if he was going to swing it at the car. The driver swerved to avoid the suspect, who hit the window as the car passed the suspect. Multiple witnesses at the location also said the suspect approached the car as if he was mad and was trying to hit it with the axe. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail for two counts of reckless endangerment and malicious mischief

Deputy O'Reilly checked the 29000 block of Bacus Rd. west of Lyman for gun shots. The reporting party said that she had heard several gunshots, then a single gun shot, followed by four rapid gun shots. She said the shots came from somewhere east of her property. Deputy O'Reilly checked the area, but was unable to locate anyone shooting.

Earlier, Deputy O'Reilly handled a call of two goats walking down SR 20 near Hamilton. The caller advised Deputy O'Reilly that she was able to get the goats off of the highway and was currently putting leashes on them so she could return them to the owner who lives in the

Deputy O'Reilly stopped a truck near Concrete for no rear license plate light. The driver said she didn't have a driver's license and had a warrant out for her arrest. Deputy O'Reilly confirmed this information through dispatch. She was cited for driving and advised to contact the courts to set up a new court date since the courts are not currently issuing bookand-releases. Later, Deputy O'Reilly checked on a

female who was reported to be lying on the sidewalk in a sleeping position near Main St. and Coffell St. in Concrete. The female was transported by Med 7 to the

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Deputy O'Reilly investigated a report of a violation of a court order and possible stolen vehicle in the 11000 block of Martin Rd. in Rockport. The victim advised that the suspect, who had previously been arrested for assaulting him, had come over to his residence and taken his truck. Deputy O'Reilly determined that there was a valid order restricting the suspect from being within 500 feet of the victim's residence. He also investigated the possible stolen vehicle, but was unable to determine if it was stolen or possibly a civil matter between the victim and suspect. Deputy O'Reilly attempted to find the suspect, but was unable to locate him. An attempt to locate was placed on the suspect, and charges were referred for violation of the order.

A camper at Howard Miller Steelhead Park called and advised Deputy Holmes that her husband had not returned from his fishing trip. As Deputy Holmes drove to the park, the reporting party called back and advised her husband had just returned

Deputy Passovoy called a citizen, who reported that he lost his backpack while on the Hidden Lake Trail in Marblemount The caller said that the backpack contained his passport and foreign student visa. The backpack was described as a green, three-zipper Suntop backpack. Deputy Passovoy checked with National Parks, but no backpack had been turned in

A citizen electronically filed a theft report with the Sheriff's Office. The victim said that he had been parked near the fish hatchery in Marblemount while fishing. When he returned, he discovered that someone had broken into his car and taken a rod and reel. He had seen a white van in the area, but did not know if the van was involved.

Sept. 10

standing outside talking to a telephone pole near a residence in the 500 block of Hamilton Ave. in Hamilton. Deputies Arndt and Johnson checked the area for the subject but were unable to find him. The telephone poles in the area had nothing to say.

A male subject was reported to be

Sept. 11

Deputy Moore checked the area of Shields Court in Concrete for a report

See **Sheriff's Blotter**, p. 19

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The Voice of the Upper Skagit Valley

Letter, cont. from p. 27

government must deal with at local taxpayer expense, drawing on a tax base that the City's activities are steadily degrading.

As for the existing 13,738 acres of City Mitigation Lands within Skagit County, the commissioners called for "specific management protocols in any new license to reduce the ongoing problems and impacts, in addition to payment of \$3,147,256.18 in lieu of taxes to local junior taxing districts such as Concrete School District and Fire Protection District No. 19 as necessary to compensate for the prior impact to the local tax base."

River system analysis and channel migration planning

The commissioners expressed solidarity with the Upper Skagit Tribe, which has requested a comprehensive fish passage study, and endorse other studies sought by Upper Skagit that consider geomorphology, riverine habitat. hydrology, and instream flows, adding, "the scope of the studies requested by Upper Skagit and others must include the

entire length of the Skagit River." Fish passage was not studied in the

course of the previous 1995 relicensing.

The commissioners also took issue with City of Seattle's pre-application document, dated April 2020, which discusses a large number of other comprehensive plans the city intends to consider, yet fails to mention Skagit Plan and Shoreline Management Plan, "despite being the comprehensive plans most highly impacted by the City's mitigation plans and related activities pursuant to the license."

County government, the City ... and ... the State Department of Ecology, have

what our State Growth Management Act was meant to prevent."

been actively involved in furnishing water rights for selected areas of the Skagit Valley downstream of the Project dams, thereby incentivizing new residential growth in the same areas that the City is pursuing mitigation activities." driving in the area. The caller believed

activity at an ecosystem scale is exactly

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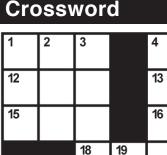
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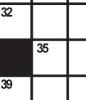


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17. Divulge a secret 19. Alien craft

11. Right on!

21. Wise one 22. Old hat

23. Sweater tug 25. Newspaper writer

26. Japanese movie style

27. Milk dispenser 30. Like a goldfish, like a

31. Dead against

37. Polecat's defense 39. Supporting

41. Marina sight 43. Japanese wrestlers

45. Three spot card 47. Cow or sow

48. Rowboat need 49. Free market economy

50. Antlered animal

51. Brewed drink

Sudoku To solve the Sudoku puzzle, place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each

from one to nine. 9 8 8 9

row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers

*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39

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Funny as Facebook

The following funnies were pulled from original Facebook status updates in September: • "I don't roll with an OH on my window. I sport that Harbor Freight so people know I'm broke and won't break into my rig."

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"If anyone needs me, I'll be standing in front in the fridge looking for answers to all my

"I'm 26 years young, but when I shave I still get five o'clock shadow. Just doesn't show up

"Anyone local have extra zucchini? Our plant didn't do as well as I had hoped."

"Phone call on landline (gasp). Representative asks if they can speak with the

homeowner. I said no. He asked why not. I answered because I said no and have a nice day. I disconnected. [Husband] stands there laughing."

"In other news, one of the huge fires in California was started by some bozos releasing some sort of pyrotechnic during a gender reveal party. If pink is for girls and blue is for boys, the bright red must be for the spawn of Satan.

"No one. No. One. Not a single person, not your mom, your dad, your second cousin Larry who was kicked the head by a mule, your nana, your best friend, your in-laws, your aunt Tina with the MAGA hat, your dog, your sister who's cuter than you, your stepbrother, you father's cousin's son's former roommate. NONE OF THEM CARE IF YOU'RE HAVING A HE/HIM OR A SHE/HER!!" [paired with a photo of a California fire]

"Learned how to throw an axe (overhand and underhand). If I am ever attacked by a stationary target, I have an edge."

"My mom, a retired educator, is teaching in her sleep. Not sure what she is teaching; might be a lecture. At least she is laughing."

"I just said out loud, 'I need to vacuum that.' My dog ran over to the vacuum cleaner and started barking at it."

Yolanda

Odd advice. Think twice.

To keep our town's landscaped areas neat and trim, why not fence the entire town, then turn llamas and alpacas loose to graze?

Grazed, Upriver

Dear Grazed:

Fantastic idea. A fence all around the town would solve many issues we've had. It would help keep out the undesirables, such as the wildlife we don't want roaming our streets. All pets would finally, technically, be fenced in. Then we unleash our alpaca army to tend to the town's needs. They can araze and spit as they wish. All backyard gardens could be moved to the community garden to make sure the livestock don't get confused. We wouldn't have to feed them. If we needed the town cleaned up for a day for one of our parades, we could have a town llama wrangling—all of the locals running around with ropes calling "Here, llama llama, nice llama! Oh, you're secretly an emperor, I think I have a potion for that!"

How about we build a restaurant on top of the concrete silos at Hwy 20?

Hopeful Restaurateur, Concrete

The silos are a staple in our community. Visitors stop often. Why shouldn't we monetize that? We could name all of the dishes and drinks based on local history, things our town is famous for. For example, we could have a drink called "This Boy's Life Brew." A burger dish titled "Supernatural Bear Burgers," based on the episode of "Supernatural" that was set here. Even have "Devil's Tower Happy Hour." When patrons finish their meal, we could slap a helmet on them, hook them up, and have the diners zipline down for the full adventurous experience you'll find here in the mountains. Keep thinking up great ideas like this one!

I'm having a hard time with this new distance learning, teaching multiple ages and grades. I can't sit on top of them to make sure they do their work: I have to work myself. It's stressing all of us out and all I seem to be doing is yelling. How can I be a teacher and a parent at the same time, while also working?

Anonymom, Birdsview

Dear Anonymom:

I want to say, "You've got this," but you don't. The good news is none of us do. My advice is drop the yardstick and have some fun. When you get home from work, go outside. For math, count the differently colored leaves you find. Language Arts? Tell scary stories to each other until you can't sleep. History? Summon the spirit of an old prospector to tell your children about the "good old days." Science? Set up elaborate pranks to play on your

backyard at night. Maybe run away from the ghost

unsuspecting neighbors. P.E.? Hunt for fairies in your

If you find yourself still yelling, stand together while all of you snap your fingers at the same time and spin in a circle. That will give you all a chance to start over—or it will send one of your children to an alternate dimension. Let's hope it's the child giving you the most trouble. If all else fails, grab a broom and fly away to somewhere less stressful. Call it a mommy vacation.

I'm supposed to get married within a month. No one wants to wear facemasks; how can I make sure all of my auests are

Blushing Bride, Concrete

By Stig Kristensen

THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS

WHENEVER THEY FORGET

TO FEED US ...

People generally spend thousands of dollars on weddings. If you want my advice, I suggest putting some of that money toward hazmat suits for all guests. Or have fun with it. Since your wedding is close to Halloween, get everyone a costume that comes with a mask, and have yourself a monster

I'm sure it will be a araveyard smash.

'Ask Yolanda' comes from the mind of Yolanda Allard, an international bestselling author of numerous fantasy novels. A mermaid who seeks adventure wherever she goes, she likes to drag her devoted family along for all of her crazy shenanigans. E-mail questions to her at yolandaallard@

Dwelleyisms:

Collin's realm of truly awful jokes 55

What do you call a bunny in a kilt?

Hopscotch.

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

"Arguing over whether or not we have sufficient defense funds is somewhat like arguing over predictions seen in a crystal ball. No facts, just a matter of which guess sounds most reasonable."

-Feb. 4. 1960**21**. Borina

"It has been suggested by the Soviets that perhaps the destruction of Sodom and Gamorrah was the work of people from other planets. ... It's a new train of thought that opens a wide field of imagination. Next time you need to alibi to your wife, say you were detained by a group of little men from 34. NCO part a flying saucer."

"There's always the forgotten man. How about a week, a fund, or a tag day for people who have nothing whatever the 39. Stew matter with them?"

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28. Sandwich cookie 29. Rap sheet letters

36. Sgt. Snorkel's dog 38. First-aid, for one

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35. Jar top

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57. Take to court 58. Time 59. Small fry

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46. Coffee holder

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55. Dupes

44. Granola ingredient

47. Quesadilla side (2 words)

you tell me your name" The

_, I love you, won't

60. Sawbuck

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5. Cheer

9. Deuce in poker 10. Today in Espanol

7. Berth place

4. Joltless joe 6. Id's associate

8. Antidote

3. Proper behavior

country

53. French avenue 54. He's a real doll

TO HAVE THIS VERY THOUGHT?

Public Service Announcement

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A history of the Upper Skagit Valley

Retyped by Gail Boggs; edited for style

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Chapter 2 THE HOMESTEADERS AND THE FOREST SERVICE

Davis also complained about the right-

of-way and received permission to use the land until such time as it might be needed for a railroad. In June 1909 the Forest Service informed Davis that the right-ofway was completely eliminated and that approval of the Davis claim was under way. On April 11, 1910, the land was withdrawn from the Forest Reserve. Davis could have made final application to the Land Office, but this was delayed when he repeated his petition requesting the 17 acres of timber land. He was instructed by the Land Office to take the land granted and to worry about the remainder later. In 1912 Congress ordered that all forest lands be surveyed. This delayed action on the Davis claim since all available personnel were required to work on the survey, which was not completed until late in 1914. Further confusion was caused when Supervisor Park, in August 1916, accused Davis of changing the location of trails leading into the Upper Valley so that a public thoroughfare would not be established. Park maintained that the trails were altered every two years. The charge

in floods. The final papers giving title to the claim were signed on June 15, 1917. A small section of the Stetattle Right-of-Way was left through an administrative error, but this land could be used by Davis until otherwise needed.

was discredited when Davis showed

that the trails were not altered but were

replaced after they had been washed away

Glee Davis, who had married Hazel Campbell in 1913, and Lucinda Davis, continued to live at Cedar Bar after 1917. Davis worked for the Forest Service making trails and building lookout stations. In October 1917, Glee's brother Frank moved to Cedar Bar from Tacoma, where he had been employed by the Post Office. The two men built a small dam across Stetattle Creek and added a 2.000foot flume from the creek to Cedar Bar. It provided water to irrigate Lucinda Davis' garden. The roadhouse was enlarged until it contained 11 rooms and in general,

300 to 400 people traveled through the area yearly. Some of the men who visited the Davis Roadhouse were investigating the Upper Skagit as a possible course of hydroelectric power.

In December, 1917, Seattle City Light acquired from the Department of Agriculture the rights to develop the Skagit Valley. They began work on their power project at Gorge Creek, and Glee Davis worked for them as a carpenter. Davis had considered construction of a power plant and improved his flume with this in mind.

City Light continued to expand and in

June 1926, they planned a dam that was to be built at Diablo Canyon, and they planned to acquire the Davis homestead. On Jan. 11, 1927, a summons was served on Glee and Lucinda Davis issued by the Whatcom County Superior Court at Bellingham. The City of Seattle was moving to extend the "—City's existing construction railroad from the Gorge Creek Diversion Dam to said Diablo Canvon as an incident to the construction of such a dam." The ordinance allowed the City of Seattle to acquire land through "sale of condemnation" for its railroad right-of-way and transmission lines, and specifically, to acquire from Glee Davis, nine acres "more or less."

Attorneys for the Davis Family applied

for a hearing, which was held on Feb. 10, 1927. City attorneys asked that proceedings be postponed until March, at which time the Davis family demanded a jury trial. Concomitant with the March trial was approval from the Forest Service for City Light to extend the railroad across National Forest lands. The Davis family claimed that the railroad would disturb the flume that carried water to their power house. Glee Davis exhibited his Forest Service permit, obtained in November 1920, which gave him the right to use Stetattle Creek for a water power. The City attorneys submitted proposed plans for maintenance of the flume after the railroad was built.

On April 13, 1927, the jury awarded the Davis family \$11,500 for the land condemned by the city, plus an additional \$800 for damages to the flume. City attorneys moved that the verdict be

returned and that a new trial be held. Grounds given included the claim that court proceedings had been irregular and that the jury had acted under the influence of "—passion and prejudice." The ruling, however, was upheld.

On Jan. 4, 1928, Glee Davis was served

with a second summons, and on June 22, 1928, a hearing was held in Bellingham. Seattle City Light wished to condemn all of the Davis Homestead. The case went before a jury on May 26, and the verdict stated that the Davis family should receive \$20,000 for lands condemned by City Light. City attorneys filed a petition for a new trial and stated that the award of \$20,000 was too high

recognition of the claim.

Look into it."

Late in November the new

Park wrote to Conrad and inquired about

the original boundaries of Dohne's claim.

Both he and Conrad suspected that Dohne

Park wrote the following: "Mr. Freeman

had increased the size of his claim to

and Mr. Russell of the Skagit Power

afternoon to discuss whether Dohne had

adjoining the Ranger Station in Sec 21.

withdraw the balance of the SE quarter

Company called here last Saturday

include the "desirable tract."

Glee Davis appealed to the State Supreme Court. But when a date was set for a second trial, he withdrew the appeal. On Jan. 29, 1929, the trial was held in Bellingham. As a result of this trial, the City of Seattle acquired the Davis property and was required to pay only \$15,000.

Glee, Hazel, and Lucinda Davis left Cedar Bar during the following few months. They moved to Sedro-Woolley, where they established an electrical shop. Lucinda Davis died early in 1930. City Light extended its railroad to the Diablo construction site and used the Davis power house to supply electricity to its camp on Reflector Bar. In the 1950s a high dam was built at Gorge Creek, and in 1960, Cedar Bar was flooded. The remains of the old Davis powerhouse were moved to a site next to the Diablo power house

where they may be seen today. Glee Davis was not the only settler who a valid claim to the land lying south and had difficulties with the Forest Service, but who managed to gain title to his He said if Dohne had a valid claim, it land. August Dohne also had to struggle them a great deal of annoyance. They to maintain his claim. Dohne was born in Germany in 1851 and subsequently suggested, however, that it might be that emigrated to the United States, where they would have to go south of the river for their building site, depot for supplies, he lived in the Dakotas. Later he moved to Puget Sound and settled at Goodell's and machinery, etc., and if this is the case, it would seem to be a good plan to Landing on the Skagit. In 1893 Dohne had a small cabin just downriver from Goodell Creek, but he left it in 1897 when of Sec. 21 as suggested. Unless it can be he bought the buildings at the Landing from Harry Dennis. During the winter of 1901, the log structures burned. Dohne then build a two-story cabin, which was

finished in 1905, and he continued to add **History**, cont. from p. 38 other buildings.

When the Forest Homestead Act was anything but allow it to go to patent." passed, August Dohne had lived almost

Park wrote to Conrad and requested 10 years on the Skagit. On Sept. 15, 1908, detailed information. Conrad talked to he applied for his claim. Ranger Calvin Dohne's neighbors, but received little Farrar was sent to Goodell's to investigate help. Still, he continued to maintain that the claim and to mark it off, using the Dohne must certainly have altered the rectangular survey system if possible. boundary.

In his report, Farrar stated that Dohne's In a letter to Calvin Farrar, Park stated homestead consisted of an eight-room, that Dohne probably had a valid claim to two-story building of cedar worth \$500, a parts of the homestead, but that he did not barn, a bunkhouse, and 124 acres. Three have any right to Lot six, which he had acres were plowed and 10 more were included in order to secure "a hotel site cleared. The report stated that three to six and the base of operations of the Skagit million board feet of timber stood on the Power Company.' claim and that "—the place is comfortably Park again wrote to the Portland Office

furnished and is used as a roadhouse or and stated that Dohne had changed the hotel as it was by the former claimant boundaries of the claim. He questioned Dohne's right to any of the land and felt Dohne filed in September. By Novemberthat if Dohne had altered one boundary, he Farrar had sent his report to Charles H. had probably altered all of the boundaries. Flory, the forest supervisor in Bellingham. But Park's letter was premature. On Jan. The claim was not contested by any party 14 he received an answer from Calvin and Farrar stated that Dohne was, "a creditFarrar, who had surveyed the land and to the community." He recommended who stated that Dohne had lived on the land longer than the required time and that

the boundaries of the main claim had not superintendent, Charles Park, received been changed. Concerning Lot Six, which a letter from Ranger Alfred B. Conrad was not in the main claim, Farrah wrote: in Rockport. Conrad discussed Dohne's "And I believe that if we can prove that claim and the progress of the Skagit the Ranger Station was withdrawn before Power Company, a private power he asserted any claim to that particular lot. company which planned a development that we could hold it, and that I am afraid near Goodell's Landing. He concluded: might be hard to prove. At any rate, if we "Dohne is trying to claim land needed by cannot prove that, we must allow him to the 'Power Company' and this company take lot 6 or knock out the whole claim." would rather deal with the government.

To be continued next month

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NOTICES

CAPE HORN RD — NOTICE OF SALE

Per court order, an estate sale is planned at 37353 CAPE HORN RD. CONCRETE, WA on SATURDAY. OCTOBER 10. All items will be sold or disposed of on this date If there is movable property at this address

you believe belongs to you, contact SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES at 360-650-9033 / admin@ seniorsupportservicesinc.com BY OCTOBER 7 to schedule pickup. Items will not be held past Oct. 10.

CALL FOR BIDS

Lake Tyee Recreational Community has put out a call for bids to renovate two clubhouse change rooms. Work is targeted to begin Jan 2021 and to be finished in Mar 2021. Bids are due by 5PM, 06 Nov 2020. Documents are available at:

www.laketyee.org/clubhouse-change-roomrenovation-rfp

> TOWN OF CONCRETE NOTICE OF TOWN COUNCIL 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Concrete Town Council will hold workshops on the following dates in preparation for the 2021 Budget:

- October 10, 8:00 a.m.: Review 2020 Budget 2021 Salary/Benefit Workshop 2021 Utility Rates and Fees
- October 31, 8:00 a.m.: Proposed 2021 Budget

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