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Concrete hero honored

By Jason Miller

More than 250 friends and family members poured into the Concrete High School gym Aug. 10 to say goodbye to hometown hero Chief Warrant Officer 2 Douglas M. Vose III.

A decorated and dedicated military man, Vose died from wounds received

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A flag flew at half-mast outside the Concrete High School gymnasium Aug. 10 to honor Concrete hero Chief Warrant Officer 2 Douglas Melville Vose III. A memorial service inside the gym drew more than 250 attendees.



Ray Liotta (seated, wearing sunglasses) took a break during shooting while Tobey Maguire (standing, in profile) talked with the director of photography Aug. 25. *Photo by Marta Rensink.*

Tobey Maguire, Ray Liotta in town for "The Details"

By Jason Miller

Concrete hosted the film industry again Aug. 25, when a Seattle production company filming "The Details" came to town for a whirlwind single day of work.

In an exclusive, on-set interview with *Concrete Herald*, "Details" writer and director Jacob Estes said that although the

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Time capsule opened after 77 years

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Flanked by his children, Tanner and Mackenzie, Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson displayed the time capsule after removing it from the base of the safety statue monument in front of the Lonestar Building. The capsule was interred Aug. 11, 1932.

Old Grade School memories . . .

Centerfold commemorative feature, pages 14-15.



"Lyman History Challenge" essay contest announced

By Noel V. Bourasaw

The Lyman Minkler Mansion Committee issues a challenge to students in schools in the area to participate in a history competition in September 2009 to feature aspects of Lyman history: the significance of the town and its people in the history of the upper Skagit River region, and to feature, specifically, Birdsey D. Minkler and his mansion in Lyman. **Submissions are due Sept. 27.**



Minkler moved his family to Lyman in 1887, and built the mansion about four years later as he became a community leader along with Otto Klement. He built sawmills in Lyman and in the new town that he created at Minkler Lake. Lyman is celebrating its 100th year of incorporation and the city government already has moved into the mansion, which was kept largely intact from the early days.

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Concrete Postmaster to retire after 20 years

On Oct. 2, Concrete Postmaster Naomi Rumpff will say goodbye to the U.S. Postal Service, one month shy of 31 total years with the federal agency.

Rumpff's is a classic story of climbing a career ladder one rung at a time. She started as a custodian in 1976, became a clerk in 1978, then took on the postmaster position in the Marblemount post office in 1985. She began her role as postmaster of the Concrete post office in 1989, where she has served for the past 20 years, greeting customers with her radiant smile.

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After 31 years in the U.S. Postal Service, Concrete Postmaster Naomi Rumpff is retiring.

Concrete Councilman suffers stroke

Concrete Town Councilman Mike Criner suffered a stroke in the early hours of the morning Aug. 26, but already he is on the road to recovery.

Criner and his wife, Deb, had been in West Virginia, the culmination of a two-week road trip that took them on a winding route through several states before arriving at their destination.

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Editorial

There's a poster floating around out there, titled "How to Build Community." Beneath that headline is a list of ideas for achieving that goal. Here are some of the standouts:

- Turn off your TV
- Know your neighbors
- Use your library
- Buy from local merchants
- Garden together
- Support neighborhood schools
- Honor elders
- Pick up litter
- Hire young people for odd jobs
- Organize a block party
- Listen before you react to anger
- Learn from new and uncomfortable angles

I've found the last entry to be most applicable to my new station in life and my desire for the *Concrete Herald* to serve as the voice of eastern Skagit County: "Know that no one is silent, though many are not heard. Work to change this."

The message of this simple poster is one we all should work toward, no matter where we leave in Skagit County: Thou shalt care.

Here in Concrete, we've watched a building saturated with memories suffer from neglect, burn, and end up as piles of rubble. It's a teachable moment for all of us, a reminder of what can happen when the right people don't care and the rest of us don't fully fulfill our responsibilities as citizens.

That's right, I used the "C" word. Again. Under the crush of modern marketing and advertising campaigns, we Americans sometimes forget that we are not consumers or even mere residents of our individual communities; we are citizens. As citizens, we have certain responsibilities. Let's talk about those responsibilities in light of the old Concrete Grade School.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

An open letter to Congressman Larsen, Senator Cantwell, and Senator Murray

America is broke. President Obama even said so. We are in SO much debt, why spend more borrowed money on cap-and-trade and health-care programs? Check out the U.S. Debt Clock. America cannot continue to operate in this manner; we are going down the tubes.

Our unfunded liability for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid is close to \$100 trillion. Only a fraction of the stimulus money has been spent six months later. Could we, please, use that unspent money to pay down some of our debt?

Why won't members of Congress/Senate read the bills before they vote on them? If you read them, do you understand them? If you understand them, i.e., know that there is no more money to implement them, why do you vote for them? If/when these bills are signed into law, can most others understand the language without hiring a lawyer (or two) to decipher it?

Why are citizens mocked and laughed at when they ask their representatives to read the bills before they vote on them? Having a speed-reader try to read the stimulus bill in Congress was insulting. If you thought this was funny, let me tell you: It was not.

How did Van Jones, a self-proclaimed communist, become a special advisor to the President?

Did President Obama know of Van Jones' radical political beliefs when he named him special advisor? Some of the other czars he has appointed also have writings, opinions and personal backgrounds that are disturbing. Does President Obama share their views?

How much are the czars paid? What is the budget for their staffs/offices? How many government jobs have been created by appointing and staffing over 30 czars?

Politicians aren't writing the bills (the Apollo Alliance claimed credit for writing the stimulus bill) and aren't reading the bills. Do you have any idea what these 1,000-page plus bills actually impose on the American people? If you can produce this many new rules and regulations in a few months, how many more do you intend to burden me with?

If the "public option" health care plan is so good, why won't politicians agree to have that as their health plan? Better: How about just fixing what is wrong with our present health care system? Find and eliminate fraud. Initiate tort reform to reduce doctors' high cost of insurance. Consider giving doctors a tax break when they treat those using Medicare and Medicaid to help doctors recoup their monetary losses since government reimbursement is never the full amount charged. Issue insurance vouchers for the poor and let them choose their own insurers. Allow Americans to purchase health care policies from any state as I do now with other insurance. Don't try to force ALL Americans to buy health care, even when they don't want it. I'm not sure if that's legal for you to do anyway.

"Town Hall" meetings are intended for the politicians to learn what's on our mind; however, they spend much time talking instead of listening—really listening. When I speak out with an opinion different from yours, why do some of you call me un-American, part of a mob, a brown-shirt, Astroturf and many other untrue names, and then dismiss my honest concerns and fears as unworthy of consideration?

So many important bills are being pushed through in such a very short time. Why? To overload the system? Not let a crisis go to waste?

Are you aware and do you even care that these are just some of the questions that regular folks are so concerned about? I am not ready to have America "transformed."

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Letters policy

Letters of 150 words or fewer may be sent to Concrete Herald, P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237 or e-mailed to letters@concrete-herald.com. Writers must include their name and town or community for publication, plus a daytime telephone number for confirmation purposes. *Concrete Herald* reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity, accuracy, spelling, grammar, and potentially libelous statements. So be nice.

Corrections

In our July story on the Baker Lake Resort, we misspelled the first name of USFS Natural Resource Specialist Greta Movassaghi.

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Not all change is good change.
God Bless America

*Betty Hughes
Concrete*

Thank you, Boy Scouts

Cascade Days Committee would like to thank the Boy Scouts, Troop 74 of Concrete for leading our parade this year

Troop 74 has turned out five Eagle Scouts, with two more boys earning their Eagle this fall. We also want to thank the Cub Scouts Pack 74 for being in the parade. The Scouts have worked hard in our community to help improve our parks and ball field. Thanks to all the boys for their hard work.

*John Legg, president
Cascade Days Committee
Concrete*

Lions Club thanks the Brownlees

Concrete International Lions Club would like to thank Glen and Nancy Brownlee of Birdsvew for donating wood logs to Camp Horizon. The local Lions Club cut, split and delivered a large truckload of campfire wood to Camp Horizon.

The foundation is owned by Lions Club International's District 19 H, with more than 60 clubs in southern British Columbia and northwest Washington.

The camp is near Birch Bay and is a facility for individuals with special needs.

The Concrete club has sent several individuals over 10 years of age in the last few years as club funds permit. Anyone who would like to help send a special-needs person from our valley, please contact Richard Frank at Albert's Red Apple Market, at 360.853.8540.

*Jim Parker, board member
Concrete International Lions Club*

Got something to say?

Write a letter to the editor today. Letters of 150 words or fewer may be sent to Concrete Herald, P.O. Box 682, Concrete, WA 98237 or e-mailed to letters@concrete-herald.com.

Happy Birthday!

Krissy, 9/25

Kiya and Austin, 10/1

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Steve Gates has been working at Puget Sound Energy for 30 years. As a customer care manager, he does everything he can to do right by customers. And he's done the same for his community, serving as president of his Rotary Club, and head of the Citizens' Advisory Board for the Burlington-Edison School District in Skagit County. He's also coached soccer and baseball, and helps put on the back-to-school fair every year. Like Steve, PSE gives back too, supporting

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“Imagine Concrete” moves forward

The steering committee charged with organizing and facilitating “Imagine Concrete,” the visioning process with workshops held earlier in the year, will meet in September with the task forces formed to shepherd the five primary initiatives that grew out of the workshops:

1. Transform Concrete into a sustainable community/destination.
2. Clean up public and private areas within town limits and the urban growth area.
3. Preserve historic structures.
4. Adapt or adopt zoning and planning codes and strategies to create the kinds of places we want.
5. Promote and support local businesses, while encouraging those same businesses to meet local needs.

All citizens who signed up for a task force at the second visioning workshop—plus anyone who wants to contribute to any of the above initiatives by joining a task force—are invited to attend the next steering committee meeting on Wed., Sept. 23, at 6 p.m., at the Concrete Airport Lounge. At that meeting, the committee will discuss the newly drafted vision statement and begin to address the above initiatives.

Creative quilters commemorate Concrete

By Anne Bussiere

With snips of fabric and miles of thread, 13 contestants commemorated historical buildings of Concrete for the Cascade Days Centennial Quilt Challenge.

Each piece of artwork is a completed 16 by 20 inch quilt with a story of the building on the back. Contestants were provided sky fabric, batting and backing to ensure continuity, but the depictions were fully left to the artistic imagination of each entrant.



Quilter Della Payne took home first place in the Quilt Challenge for her skillful representation of the former Concrete Train Depot.

Winning first place in the challenge was Della Payne, who cleverly used an opening metal zipper as a railroad track to accompany her picture of the former Concrete Train Depot.

Doris Mears and Sue Deboer collaborated on their second place entry with a detailed St. Catherine’s Catholic Church. Marie Dahl chose Dr. E.F. Mertz’ mansion/hospital (now Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church) to earn third place. Fourth place winner, Bonita Yeager, created the 1918 Ford building, with its familiar roofline now centered on Main Street as the Concrete Herald Building. Other entries included: the first Concrete Post Office by Hannah Angel; the 1910 District School by Naomi Rumpff; the 1952 High School over Superior Avenue by Alvera Wright; the Argerin Building (now Baker River Woodworks) by Gayle Gamache; the 1923 High School by Noni Moody; the Wiseman Union 76 Station by Anne Bussiere; the Concrete Bank building by Pat Horn; five cement buildings on Main Street from the Drug Store to the Model by Kae Eagling; and Mount Baker Presbyterian Church in 1908 by Sharon Downey.

The quilt challenge entries were displayed in the Baker River Woodworks building for Cascade Days, but will be

donated to Concrete Heritage Museum for their permanent collection. Calendars featuring the buildings will be sold for 2010, with proceeds to also be donated to the museum.

Previous quilt contests for Cascade Days have required only an unfinished quilt top, and asking for completed small quilts was a new direction for the group. Participants reported it was both a challenge and a fun activity, so next year’s contest might be even more interesting. For more information about the calendar pre-sale, the quilts, or next years contest, contact Della Payne at Back to Basics Sewing, 853-7838.

Movie nights in Concrete

Looking for a little family-friendly entertainment before winter arrives?

Head to Silo Park in Concrete every other Friday night beginning Sept. 11 for a free movie that everyone will enjoy.

Sponsored in part by Puget Sound Energy and *Concrete Herald*, the movies are rented from Swank Movie Productions. The Lincoln Theater in Mount Vernon is providing the screen and running the projection equipment.

Advertising limitations prevent the Town of Concrete from naming the movies in Concrete Herald or flyers, so head to www.townofconcrete.com to find out what’s playing next.

For further information or to make a donation to support this endeavor, contact Andrea Fichter at 360.853.8401 or andrea@concretewa.gov.

THIS AND THAT

By J.K.M.

Don’t forget: The **Upper Skagit Women’s Retreat** is planned for Sept. 11–12, at Baker Lake Lodge. If you’re a woman, you qualify! For more information, e-mail upperskagitwomen@stumpranchonline.com, call 360.826.3849, or go to www.stumpranchonline.com/upperskagitwomen.

The **Town Center sign fence** has a fresh coat of stain on it. Hopefully that will help it get through many wet winters. The Public Works team plans to oil down the sign logs again before the truly rainy weather arrives.

Summit Bank Concrete branch manager **Jean Johnson** is learning to ride her new motorcycle. Consider yourself warned.

Concrete Saturday Market update

By Athena Hornsby

With the dog days of summer behind us comes September and the last market days of the 2009 season. On Sept. 5 we have live music provided by Jane Selin and John Parent at 11 a.m. We also have our annual food drive for the local food bank on this day. Please drop off any nonperishable food. In addition, we hold a bake sale to raise funds for the Concrete Food Bank. In the produce department, corn and cabbage are ripe and also beans and potatoes.

On Sept. 12 we will close up the market this season in style with a music jam session from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These are all local talent and fun to have. We have a great selection of handcrafted items, including lotions and soaps, wood furniture and art, and unique fiber and yarn items.

The Concrete Saturday Market has had a wonderful season, mostly in part from the generous support from the community. Wholeheartedly, we thank everyone who has made this season complete.

Gardeners to meet

The Upper Skagit Gardeners will hold its first fall meeting on Sept. 19 from 1–3 p.m. The topic will be cuttings and propagation. We will have a Master Gardener speak on this. Questions? Call Gladys Silrus at 360.826.4848.

Kids’ birdhouses still needed for sign fence

Kids! The Concrete Parks Committee still needs birdhouses to top the fence posts behind the Town Center sign, and they want *you* to build them.

There are 13 posts, so 13 birdhouses are needed. Birdhouse floors should be 1 in. thick. This offer is open to any Concrete kid up to and including age 15, and posts will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. To get your name on the list, contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com.

The *Concrete Herald* will have a small (1 inch x 2 inch) brass plate made for the front of your birdhouse, engraved with your name and the date on which the birdhouse is mounted on its post.

The Town Center sign project won’t be complete until *you* add your personal touch, so join the fun today! So far, we have six birdhouses, so grab a hammer and get involved!



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August in pictures



Above: Concrete Laundromat owner Don Payne poses with his first-place trophy for Commercial/Business parade entry. His Concrete Laundromat car always steals the show!



Above: M2 Construction begins work on renovations to the public restrooms in Concrete.



Left: Jewel, a Humane Society success story, relaxes during Cascade Days.

Right: Becky Luttrell wields a chainsaw with skill and determination during the log-cutting contest at Cascade Days.



Left: Wes Gustafson puts Clyde (white horse) and Star through their paces for a rapt audience during Family Forest Owners Field Day in Birdview July 31 and Aug. 1. During the two-day event, Gustafson gave several presentations on horse logging, discussing its opportunities and limitations. The Field Day event offered more than two dozen educational programs for stewardship-minded landowners to increase their knowledge of how to be better stewards of their land. Presenters included speakers from recognized experts in forest health, silviculture, soils, and more.



Above: Steve Murray of Sauk Mountain Pottery unloads finished pottery Aug. 8 from his double-chambered climbing kiln. Murray stokes the kiln with waste-product cedar from the valley's shake industry, from 14 to 20 hours straight every two months, pushing the interior temperatures up to 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit. *Photo by Annie Murray.*



Above: Furry boots kept this Cascade Days attendee extra toasty on Aug. 15, when afternoon temperatures neared 80 degrees. Huh.



Above: Brandon Pratt, 9, of Concrete, shows off his pet rat Vez during Cascade Days.



Above: Chance Holder, 11, poses with his Soap Box Derby trophy and First Place ribbon during Cascade Days.

Below: Birdview and Concrete firefighters take aim at traffic cones during the Firemen's Muster competition at Cascade Days.



Sports

Are you ready for some football? Varsity Lions take on Liberty Bell Sept. 4

Varsity Football schedule

Date	Opponent	Event location	Time
9.4	Liberty Bell	Liberty Bell	7 p.m.
9.12	Inglesmor JV	Inglesmor	1
9.18	Nooksack	Concrete	7
9.25	Seattle Lutheran	Concrete	7
10. 2	Orcas	Concrete	4:30
10. 9	La Conner	La Conner	7
10.16	Darrington	Concrete	7
10.24	Orcas	Orcas	12
10.30	La Conner	Concrete	7
11.5	Darrington	Darrington	7



JV Football schedule

Date	Opponent	Event location	Time
9.14	Lummi JV	Lummi	5
9.21	Nooksack	Nooksack	5:30
9.28	Darrington	Concrete	5:30
10.5	Lummi JV	Concrete	5:30
10.12	La Conner	Concrete	5:30
10.19	Darrington	Darrington	5:30
10.26	Meridian	Concrete	5:30
11.2	La Conner	La Conner	5:30



Practice is in session for 2009–2010 Concrete Lions Football, with Head Coach Ron Rood returning to steer the team.



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High School soccer team prepares for new season

High School Soccer schedule

Date	Opponent	Event location	Time
9.5	Jamboree	MVC	1 p.m.
9.7	Nooksack	Concrete	4
9.8	Granite Falls	Granite Falls	4
9.10	Forks	Concrete	6
9.12	Kings West	Kings West	12
9.14	Liberty Bell	Concrete	5
9.15	Friday Harbor	Friday Harbor	4:45
9.17	La Conner	La Conner	6
9.19	Coupeville	Concrete	1
9.22	Mt. Vernon Christian	Concrete	5
10.1	Northsound Christ	Concrete	5
10.6	Orcas	Orcas	4
10.8	Friday Harbor	Concrete	3:30
10.13	La Conner	Concrete	5
10.15	Mt. Vernon Christian	Mt. Vernon Christian	4
10.20	Northsound Christ	Northsound Christ	4
10.29	Orcas	Concrete	5
10.31	League tie-breaker		
11.20	2B State Tournament		

Sports writers are needed!

Want to write about our valiant sports teams? *Concrete Herald* needs YOU. Contact Jason Miller at 360.853.8213 or editor@concrete-herald.com

Volleyballers hungry for wins this year

By Bill Mueller

Winston Churchill once observed, "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

The Lady Lions of the Concrete High School volleyball team have not experienced much success on the court lately, but a new season lies ahead. Like the Detroit Lions of the NFL, the lady Lions failed to win a game last year. Second-year Coach Billie Bjornstad wants to see that change. "I want them to know what it's like to win," she said.

Having only one senior last year means that a full team plus new freshman will bring enthusiasm and experience to this season. Captains Connie Castaneda and Ashley Johnson lead the Lions this year. "Connie is a great player and Ashley believes we can win every game," said Bjornstad.

The main challenge for this year's

team is that they have had a new coach every season for the past 13 years. That has changed this year with Coach Billie. This is a committed coach. She lives in Sedro-Woolley, works in Oak Harbor, and coaches in Concrete.

"It's worth the time. I love this team," said Bjornstad.

Coach Bjornstad sees every team they face as tough. The biggest challenge is La Conner, the state champs four out of the last five years. Still, "the toughest opponent is ourselves," she said.

The task this year is to play as a team. Bjornstad expects the defense to be stronger this year and that the offense will come along in time.

Coach Bjornstad, along with assistant coach Matt Williams, believe that once they win one game they will become hungry to win more.

High School Volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Event location	Time
9.5	Jamboree	MVC	1 p.m.
9.10	Mt. Baker	Mt. Baker	5:30 / 7
9.15	Friday Harbor	Friday Harbor	4:45 / no JV
9.17	La Conner	La Conner	5:15 / 7
9.22	Mt. Vernon Christian	Concrete	5 / 6
9.23	University Prep	University Prep	5 / 6:30
9.24	Shoreline Christian	Concrete	5 / 6
10.6	Orcas	Orcas	5:30 / 4
10.8	Friday Harbor	Concrete	5 / 3:30
10.13	La Conner	Concrete	5 / 6
10.15	Mt. Vernon Christian	Mt. Vernon Christian	5 / 6:30
10.20	Shoreline Christian	Shoreline Christian	5 / 6:30
10.23	Mt. Rainier Lutheran	Concrete	4 / 5:30
10.29	Orcas	Concrete	7 / 5:30
10.31	League tie-breaker		
11.13	2B State Tournament		
11.14	2B State Tournament		

Middle School Volleyball schedule

Date	Opponent	Event location	Time
9.7	PRACTICE BEGINS	Must have 10 practices	3 / 4
9.22	Orcas	Concrete	3 / 4
9.24	Conway	Conway	4 / 5
9.29	Mt. Vernon Christian	Concrete	4 / 5
10.1	La Conner	La Conner	4 / 5

Academics

A message from the superintendent

By Barbara Hawkings

Welcome back!

As superintendent of the Concrete School District, I look forward to another great year.

I am proud to inform the community that all of our staff meets the highly qualified requirements set by the federal government. Parents may request in writing information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's educators. Inquiries of this nature may be mailed to:

Concrete School District
45389 Airport Way, Room 103
Concrete, WA 98237

Like many other districts in the state, we are experiencing a budget crunch. It is our goal to make cuts in areas with the least amount of impact on students. As a result, you may see from the bus schedules that your child is being picked up at a different time than last year. Please check the article in the Academics section,

"Transportation Changes for 2009-10," for more specific route information.

Another change is that our elementary school will begin 20 minutes later. The elementary school (K-8) will begin at 8:20 a.m. and will be dismissed at 2:25 p.m. All of the elementary staff will have their planning time before school each day.

At the middle school and high school level, students will now be required to pay a \$30 fee to participate in extra activities.

The new school year is right around the corner, and I look forward to seeing you on September 2!

Transportation Changes for the 2009-2010 School Year

Because of transportation budget adjustments, there are time and route changes for some of the school bus routes for the 2009-2010 school year. Please review the changes carefully as they may pertain to your children who ride buses.

Because of morning school bell time changes, the following bus routes will

arrive at your stop about ten (10) minutes later than in prior years:

Orange, Green, Blue, Pink and White

As always, please have your child out by the road for the bus five (5) minutes prior to the expected arrival.

Additionally, the Black bus will not travel into the Pressentin community. The bus stop is now at the intersection of S. Skagit Highway and the entrance to Pressentin. The Rainbow bus will make its regular Pressentin stops for those children assigned to the Rainbow bus.

The Blue bus will no longer travel the Challenger cut portion of the Challenger Road. The first stop for the Blue bus will be at Challenger Road and Challenger Crossing.

To contact the bus garage, call 853.7331. To contact Transportation Supervisor Karl Kersteter, call 853.8117.

Immunizations and information updates

Keep your child—and others' children—safe and healthy this school year.

Consult with your child's health care provider for administration of any recommended or required immunizations before the first day of school.

For a list of vaccines required for school attendance, grades K-12, for the 2009-10 school year, go to <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/vaccine.htm>, then go to the "kindergarten-12th grade attendance" link and click on "2009-10 vaccines required for school attendance."

Also, please contact your child's school office with any updated phone numbers or emergency contacts so administrators can promptly contact families in case of emergency.

Concrete High School 2nd Semester Honor Roll

The following students earned a 3.20-4.00 GPA during the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year at Concrete High School:

GRADE 12

Isadora O'Brien*
Phoenix Van Wagoner*
Brandi Dellinger
Shannon Moudy
Kevin Williams
Kellianne Lane
Amanda Geertgens
Reba West

Chad Hawkings
Brandie Plake
Lukas Scherer
Cody Holt
Violet League
Heather Tropak
Katlyn Grayson
Liam Walsh*

GRADE 11

Cheri Baker*
Tanner VanPutten*
Taylor Lee
Jacquelyn Scheer
James Martin
Greg McIntosh
Kelsey Barnett
Launi Harrell
William Stidman
Albert Zartman
Isela Garibay
Natasha Zitkovich

GRADE 10

Alex Aiken
Megan Rogge
Shae Van Wagoner*
Kellen Russell
Miranda Wallen

Kyler Howell
Spencer Duffy
Evan Holm
Cody Mills
Ashley Johnson
Shelby Lloyd

GRADE 9

Tyler Clark*
Kassandra Barnedt
Emily Ogle
Danielle Pringle
Aiden Walsh*
Arienne Fengler-Nelson
Sarah Spaeth
Jocelyn Hernandez
Laura Blasutto
Cody Corn

* denotes 4.0 GPA

Concrete K-8 School 2nd Semester Honor Roll

The following students earned a 3.0 or greater GPA during the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year at Concrete K-8 School:

4TH GRADE

*Treyton Howell, *Emma Riedel, Rebecca Ross, Anna Huppuch, Kyra Smith, Chloe Stidman, Riley Pritchard, Tom Kelly, Kiya Mann, Amy Storms, Elijah McGrupe, Kayla Jarmin, Brook Barnedt, Sidney Hockett, Katelynn Baumert, Emily Bridge, Tessa Coffell, Ashlee Gilbert, Jaycelyn Kuipers, Nickolas Parker and Tyler Wasson.

5th GRADE

*Joshua Gentry, *Hannah Kononen, *Hailey McNealey, April Allbritton, Adam Adkinson, Katherine Joens, David Quang, Tye Thompson, Dawson Bass, Angelica Zapata, Edison Bergsma, Dylan Clark, Cassidy Cargile, Ashten Tygret, Seth Shaffer, Jessica Bridge, Donald Olmstead, Megan Fenley, Katelin Pritchard, Brittany Schramm, Zeeta Thornton, Shelby Meacham, Suncirray O'Gwin, Brandon Roberts, Samuel Holbrook, Donovan Dellinger, Teegan Sterling, Erika Holm, Mindy Sutton and Randall Beacham.

6th GRADE

Sahale Riedel, Madeline Corn, Renay Miller, Jordan Munnings, Muriel Troka, Taylor Warner, Kathleen Haverstick, Emily Stidman, Anjelika Koenig, Shayane Gilbert, Ashlee Kisner, Chris Quang, Hailey Brashears, Tyler Richmond, Tiffany Forrester, Baylee Robinson-Oleary, Mathew Baird, Gibson Fichter, Krystal Augusto and Joshua Munnings.

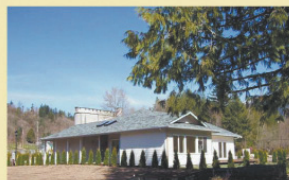
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Concrete K-8 School received a 3.2 grade point average or greater for the 2nd semester:

7th GRADE

*Dallas Newby, Aimee Adkinson, Forest Barnedt, Nathan Butler, Samantha Christensen, Kristien Mann, Simon Marks-Franks, Joshua Rogge, Jonnie Rohweder.

8th GRADE

*Frankie Rohweder, *Linnaea Groh, *Alexander Joens, Arielle Aiken, Olivia Davis, Ashlee Evans, Jessica Filtz, Celia Gracey, Brayden Gunderson, Hayden Holbrook, Drake Jansen, Claire Saludo, Melia Thompson and Kylee Warner.

* denotes 4.0 GPA

Alternative learning programs move to new "digs"

By Dan Arola

For the upcoming year, the Skagit River School House (home school resource program) and Twin Cedars High School (at-risk alternative learning) will be hosted in their new location on campus at the previous middle school site.

The programs will share the building space with the district administration and technology support. This move will greatly improve access to what the program offers, making it more easily reached for most students, along with permitting access for home-schooled students to engage in regular program classes and offerings.

For the past 11 years, the programs have been located at the forest service compound three miles west of Concrete. The new location (Concrete School District Administration Building) and address is:

Concrete Alternative Learning Center
45389 Airport Way (Rooms 111 and 102)
Concrete
360.853.8071

darola@concrete.k12.wa.us

During the upcoming school year, the Concrete School District will continue to offer these additional education opportunities in its dedicated pursuit to provide an education for all students.

Through the district's alternative learning experience program, students can earn a high school diploma and/or apply high school credits toward their goal of graduation. All state and district requirements for graduation must be met.

As society recognizes that there are as many different learning styles as there are learners, alternative methods of delivering education are made available. The district believes students and the learning

community must become responsible citizens, contribute to independent economic well-being and that of their families and communities, and enjoy productive and satisfying lives.

Our district mission is an educational cooperative of professionals, parents, and community members, committed to providing the full academic and civic potential of its students.

The Skagit River School House Home School Resource Center provides an opportunity for home-schooled families and their home-schooling parent/teacher. This partnership is a cooperative effort to supply additional support to enrich and enhance home-centered learning and provide students the opportunity to be aligned with state educational requirements.

Meeting together with other home-schoolers can be helpful; the support of this group offers encouragement and help along the way. The program can help with choosing curriculum, record-keeping, meeting state laws, and providing opportunities and activities for your students.

If you are presently home-schooling or considering that option, take the opportunity to investigate the Skagit River School House.

Twin Cedars High School

Twin Cedars High School offers an alternative learning education environment for grades 9 to 12. This program provides an opportunity for students to choose multiple options in a positive and self-directed learning environment designed to meet the needs of at-risk students who are not succeeding in the traditional setting.

Through this program, students with alternative needs are encouraged to gain knowledge and earn credits to complete the qualifications for a high school diploma, as well as prepare them for roles in society, careers, and the world of work.

Additionally, students who need to meet employment hours during the school day are potential candidates. We encourage those who wish to make the commitment to achieve an education to take the time to contact the Twin Cedars High School director and investigate program requirements and what it has to offer.

The opening of school schedule for SRSR/Twin Cedars is as follows:

- Aug. 24-28: SRSR/Twin Cedars School staff available
- Sept. 2: Skagit River School House Opening Day and Orientation, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 3: Twin Cedars High School Registration, 10 a.m.

Applications and information will be

available on or after Aug. 25 for the 2009-10 school year. Please contact Alternative Learning Education Coordinator Dan Arola on or after that date for more details.

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Time capsule opened after 77 years

By Jason Miller

Long it lay in the base of the safety statue monument in front of the Lonestar Building in Concrete.

Tracked down by Albert's Red Apple Market co-owner Richard Frank, the time capsule had been interred on Aug. 11, 1932. On Aug. 13 of this year, it once again saw the light of day after Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson sawed a hole in the monument's foundation just large enough to sneak out the copper box.

"It was divine guidance," Frank said of his efforts to find the precise location of the capsule.

Want to get a closer look at the time capsule's contents and gain a deeper understanding our Concrete's past? Head to the Concrete Heritage Museum, where a display of the artifacts has been created by Museum Board member John Boggs.



Cement dust billows around Concrete Mayor Judd Wilson Aug. 13 as he cuts into the base of the safety statue monument in front of the Lonestar Building in Concrete. Albert's Red Apple Market co-owner Richard Frank directed Wilson to the location after months of research to determine the site of the time capsule, which was interred in the monument Aug. 11, 1932.

Concrete School Board announces September meeting, work session

The Concrete School Board will hold its next board work session on Monday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m.

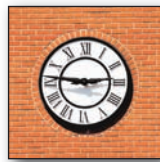
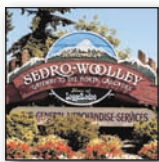
The regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.



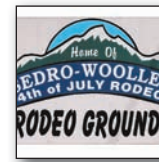
The contents of the time capsule were treasures for history buffs like Richard Frank. Items in the copper box included movie film, feature articles, photographs, letters, a company roster, and cement samples. Note the bright, unoxidized copper on the interior surface of the box lid.

What was in the capsule?

Letter from Portland Cement Assn, Jan. 4, 1932
Letter from National Safety Council, Jan. 27, 1932
Letter from Portland Cement Assn, July 18, 1932
Letter from Superior Portland Cement, Inc., Aug. 3, 1932
Program from Safety Award Ceremony Aug. 11, 1932
Photo of John C. Eden, founder of the Superior Cement Company
Photograph of Safety Committee, 1931
Photograph of Safety Team, 1932
Roster and signatures of Superior Portland Cement, Inc., employees, 1931
Safety Poster, with stars, 1931
"The Cementer," SPC, Inc., booklet, June 1929
"The Siren," SPC employee newsletter, July 1932
The Concrete Herald, Aug. 4, 1932
"Rock Products" article: Committee of A.S.T.M. to Study Mortars for Unit Masonry, Feb. 13, 1932
"Rock Products" article: Thirty-Seven Cement Plants Win safety Award, Feb. 13, 1932
"Pit and Quarry" article: Portland Cement Assn Reviews a Year of Accident Prevention, Jan. 13, 1932
"Pit and Quarry" article: Sand and Gravel Producers Reorganize Missouri Valley Association, Jan. 13, 1932
Bottles (2) of cement powder, July 29, 1932
Bundle containing safety pennant
Roll of 8 mm movie film



Sedro-Woolley



Council summary

A joint Council/Planning Commission Work Session was held Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., at City Hall Council Chambers. During the meeting, attendees addressed the potential citywide rezoning and changes to SWMC 17.28 – Industrial Zoning.

Planning Director Moore presented introductory remarks for the proposed citywide rezoning changes and changes to SEMC 17.28 – Industrial Zoning. He noted that the Planning Commission has reviewed and is requesting direction from the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding concern on proposed conversion from industrial to mixed commercial at the Skagit Industrial Plant. It was felt the site is suitable for industry with buildings, neighbors, buffers, etc. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg suggested consideration of a Mixed Commercial Transitional Zone, which would allow both industry and commercial as the owner's needs

demand. Concern also was expressed on R-15 zoning as a buffer, with discussion held including the concept of buffers for certain types of industry creating dust, odor, etc., not being next to residential, per prior Council position against commercial on Moore Street due to traffic issues and the need for industry to provide living wage jobs. Also discussed were origination of zoning request changes and the need to preserve industry.

Responsibility and type of buffering with possible mixed use, live/work units, open space and urban villages rather than apartment complexes were discussed, as well as the need for large enough chunks of land to allow a buffer as well as the project and avoid strip malls.

It was noted that a few years ago, Council pushed to eliminate R15 and have smaller apartment units interspersed throughout the city, rather than large apartment complexes. Discussion ensued regarding use of limited multi-family to be allowed on the fringe of the Central Business District. Concerns for parking were expressed and an alternative of mixed-use urban village with CBD as an overlay discussed. Further discussion ensued to include wishes for allowable vs. conditional uses in industry, especially retail in an industrial zone. It was suggested that office and parks would be a good consideration for a buffer between residential and industrial.

Attendees also discussed landscaping performance bonds to replace vegetation that dies, sound walls, 24-hour operation sound control, and business-friendly regulations.

Planning Director Moore displayed a sample postcard which will go out to residents and property owners informing



The Wild Women of Woolley graced the streets of Concrete during the Cascade Days parade on Aug. 15. Photo by Amber Lee.

them of the comprehensive plan update process and scheduled meetings.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Bill Rimmer, 2720 Club Court, #107, Mount Vernon, addressed the Council and Planning Commission to address his wishes to change his request for his property along Brickyard Creek, North of SR 20 to mixed-commercial and R-15.

Full burn ban remains in effect

A permanent ban on open burning remains in effect in the City of Sedro-Woolley and its urban growth area, as well as the Cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, and Mount Vernon and their urban growth areas.

For more information on the permanent burn ban in these cities, contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at 800.622.4627 or check their Web site at www.nwcleanair.org.

Because of continued high fire danger and dry weather conditions, a full burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Skagit County also remains in effect.

The restriction bans all outdoor burning

in Skagit County. The only exception is recreational fires in county, state, private, or national camp grounds with a Park Ranger or a Camp Ground Host.

All fires are to be extinguished by 10 p.m. nightly. No private homeowners are allowed to have campfires.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call 360.856.3500 for burn permit information. Washington State Parks and National Parks are subject to their own rules and regulations relating to burn bans.

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. Updated County burn restriction information can be obtained by calling the Skagit County Fire Warden at 360.428.3293.

Volunteer correspondents are needed for Sedro-Woolley!

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Concrete Heritage Museum News

The season is coming to an end for the Concrete Heritage Museum. We will be open from noon to 4 p.m. this Labor Day. Until next Memorial Day weekend, you can make an appointment to visit the museum or do research in our library; just call Robin at 360.826.3075 or e-mail us at concreteheritagemuseum@stumpranchonline.com. Our monthly meeting is year-round, and is held the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Now on display: **Time Capsule artifacts** from Superior Portland Cement, opened during Cascade Days Aug. 16. Board member John Boggs has put together a wonderful display of artifacts (see article in this issue of *Concrete Herald*). The board members are very grateful to Richard Frank and Mike Patricelli of CalPortland (current incarnation of the old Superior Portland Cement and Lone Star) for the contribution to the museum.

Imagination reigns supreme in October, as we participate in the ever-expanding

and highly popular **Ghost Walks**, organized by the Concrete Chamber of Commerce. Henry and Margaret Thompson walked the Thompson Bridge by lantern light last year, and many other historic characters from Concrete's past showed up on the streets and alleyways. This event was scheduled for nights on three October weekends, and was very well attended! Thanks to all who provided end-of-the-evening hospitality at the Museum and chatted with the visitors. We hope to have even more volunteers this year, either to bring historic characters to life, or host at the Museum.

The Centennial reprint of *So They Called the Town Concrete* is still available. The new edition features enhanced photographs and a more readable type font. New cover graphics were done by Philip Johnson. Copies are available at Albert's Red Apple and the Museum; an order form can be printed at our Web site at www.stumpranchonline.com/concreteheritagemuseum.

—DPR

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Community fundraisers

Rummage Sale, Sat., Sept. 5, and Sun., Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Currier Hall, Main Street, Newhalem. All proceeds go to nonprofit charity organizations in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. For details, contact Vonie Polomis at 206.386.4491.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5–6 Rummage sale for charity organizations in Skagit and Whatcom Counties, Currier Hall, Newhalem, more info at 206.386.4491 and notice, this page
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Concrete Saturday Market, Milepost 89, Concrete; 360.853.8765
- 11–12 Upper Skagit Valley Women's Retreat, Baker Lake Lodge; details at www.stumpranchonline.com/upperskagitwomen
- 19 Public telescope viewing, location TBD, 7–11 p.m.; details (eventually) on the online calendar at www.concrete-herald.com/calendar
- 22 Lyman Elementary Back to School Parade, downtown Lyman, 6 p.m.; info at 826.3818 or oney_brat@yahoo.com
- 23 "Imagine Concrete" steering committee meeting, Concrete Airport Lounge, 6 p.m.; more info at 360.853.8213 or goodwords@verizon.net

OCTOBER

- 3, 10, 17, 24 Concrete Ghost Walk, 8 p.m.; register at: concreteghostwalk@mac.com; more info at: www.concrete-wa.com
- 10–11, 17–18 Fall Color Festival, Concrete; more info at: www.concrete-wa.com

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Lyman



“American Country Pride” parade to march through Lyman Sept. 22

By Tammie Werner

The fifth annual Lyman Elementary Back to School parade will be held Tues., Sept. 22, at 6 p.m., and will celebrate “American Country Pride.”

This year’s Grand Marshal is Lyman Postmaster Roberta “Babe” Melton. Roberta has been postmaster since 1999 and was postmaster relief from 1984 to 1999. Roberta and her husband, Ray, donated a flag and flagpole to the Hamilton Cemetery and the Lyman Post Office. They were also instrumental in the flag and pole that were recently installed at the Minkler Mansion Town Hall, courtesy of the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Roberta is always happy to give tours of the post office for school children and loves the field trips there. “I love to do anything I can for the school and the children,” Roberta says. “I love this little town.”

The parade begins at the corner of S. Main St. and 2nd St., and travels to W. Main St., following it to Lyman Ave. and ending at the school.

Our fifth parade promises to be the biggest and best yet, with many new additions to the roster. The Big Lake Boy Scouts Troop #427 will start the parade this year. We welcome Skagit County Commissioner Sharon Dillon as an honored dignitary. Sedro-Woolley School District Superintendent Mark Venn, Lyman Elementary 2008/09 Principal’s Employee Award winner Kristi Johnson and new Principal Mark Nilson also are honored guests.

More than half a dozen floats are entered in the parade this year, and local groups and businesses are participating in a big way.

Americana Café will be open at 4:30 p.m. in the Lyman town park ran by the Big Lake Boy Scouts Troop. The boy scouts are raising money for their scouts to attend High Adventure Camps.

Immediately following the parade, Lyman Elementary will host an Open House. This is a perfect time to meet the teachers and staff, greet the new Principal, see your children’s classrooms and tour the school. Stop by the gym and check out the Book Fair put on by the Booster Group. Purchasing books will benefit the school library.

If you have a group or business that would like to be a part of this year’s parade please contact parade organizer Tammie Werner at 360.826.3818 or oney_brat@yahoo.com. If your group, business or family would like to help with this annual event, we are accepting cash donations, too. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1372, Lyman, WA 98263; checks should be payable to Tammie Werner. Donations also may be dropped off with Lyman Clerk Debbie Boyd during regular office hours.

Residents and families of Lyman Elementary students are encouraged to come out to support the school, staff and children. Although the parade roster has grown considerably this year, the stars of the parade are still the students and their teachers.



Jubilant fourth-graders show off their first-place standing for their entry in last year’s Back to School parade. Photo by Tammie Werner.

A word from the Mayor

By Mayor Debra Heinzman
Town of Lyman

As summer winds down and school begins, things will get back to a normal pace.

But Lyman isn’t quite done celebrating yet. Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. is the 5th Annual Back to School parade, which promises to be bigger and better than ever. And, Sat., Oct. 10, at the Centennial Celebration, the winners of the Historical Competition will be announced.

Hope to see you all there!

Movie Night thrills attendees

Movie Night at the Town Hall has turned into quite a success. Stacy LaCount reports they had 32 kids there one evening. Movie Night is every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and liquids are provided.

Library report

Library booster Elaine Kohler says the book sale at the Lyman Free Library during the car show was a success. They had a great turn out, lots of folks browsing, and even managed to sell several of the educational books. Several people commented on how nice it was to have both events going on at the same time.

A lot of work went into getting the book sale ready. Elaine would like to thank all the volunteers who made this possible: Lynn Jonasson, Janet Watts, Alisha Garvin, Linda Nasin, Marty Wicks and son, Pat Blunt, and Marge Conard. Patty Walker and her husband came and picked up all the books for recycling and are using them to get credit for the literacy program they are involved in. The rest of the books are ready to be distributed to any place who needs them. Tammie Werner says she can use them to send to people in the military. The money will be used to get some larger bookcases built, to replace the two smaller ones. Thanks to all who bought books and donated money to the cause.

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Memories of lives well lived

Wendell and Tecla McDaniel

By Wendy McDaniel

The McDaniel story—at least the more recent chapters of it—begins with Levi B. McDaniel and Ethel C. Huestis, who were married in Van Horn, most likely at their house, in 1912.

Grandmother McDaniel taught first grade in what dad (Wendell) said was the Presbyterian Church, and later was the town librarian. Levi B. McDaniel came from Barry, Ill., and was an assayist for the Silver Queen Mine behind what is now Ross Dam. He left the mine to teach school elsewhere, awaiting a job at the yet-to-be-opened cement plant, and when it opened he was hired as a chemist. Dad (Wendell McDaniel) said that he invented and patented “Hyurly Portland Cement” which set up fast and hard, but the formula was altered a little and he was a “company man.” He also patented a briquette building kit so kids could make little houses of their own—or a big mess.

Dad was an only child and was born in Concrete in 1920. His aunt, Myra Huestis, lived in Concrete before he was born and taught music (perhaps other subjects). She went on to teach music for the Renton School District and was second fiddle in the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dad went to Junior College in Mt. Vernon, worked at Boeing for a short time, then joined the Armed Forces and went to secret radio school in Tecumseh, Wisconsin. He survived two plane crashes, the latter near Attu where he was eventually stationed during the war. The first crash he wrote home about, but not the second one; however, he showed the Attu crash photos to everyone he could.

He also was a train buff and somehow collected the bell from the No. 6 engine that apparently worked the valley. I donated the bell to the Concrete Heritage Museum and recently found an antique photo of a locomotive and train crew with probably the same bell.

Dad began working at Puget Power after the war, starting as Electrical Machinist and ending as Project Manager for the Upper and Lower Baker and Nooksack power plants. He had an idea for siphoning off power from generators when they were shut down for maintenance; he gave it to a co-worker and they both won some award money for energy conservation from PSE. He retired when he was 73 after 53 years. He was active in the community, helping to wire the CCD Center and start up the ambulance service.



Wendell and Tecla McDaniel.
Photo courtesy Wendy McDaniel.

He also built their huge dream home, everything but the rockwork and the roof.

Mom (Tecla), her mother, Emilia, and siblings Frances and Siro emigrated from Italy in 1938. Their father, Isaia Cugini, had arrived here eight years earlier and was foreman of the loading dock. When he retired, it took three people to replace him.

Tecla was hired right out of high school for her bookkeeping skills to work in the office at the cement plant, and she remembered the combination for the cement plant safe, which they acquired, and which will remain in the family.

Mom worked there until eight days before I was born in August 1954. While we were in school, she worked at the Grade School, then the High School, and finally for Dr. Monzingo. She was also active in the Catholic Church and community.

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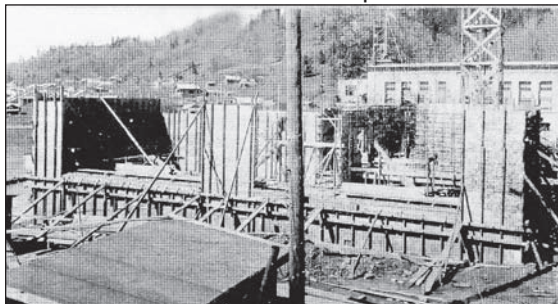
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1938: Construction begins on the new grade school building, adjoining what was then referred to as the "old grade school."

Photo courtesy Concrete Heritage Museum

I have so many memories of that school, even though I was only there from kindergarten until 3rd grade (when we moved to the new school). I particularly remember Mrs. Novy picking the two best nappers to go from the kindergarten class to the cafeteria to bring back orange juice and graham crackers for snack. It was always such a thrill for me when Steve and I both got picked.

I remember listening to songs like "Purple People Eater" and "Monster Mash" in Mr. Rantschler's music class, while watching kids on the swings from the second-story windows of the main building.

Bobbi Wasson, Kalispell, Mont.

"Stay off the terrace" should be the battle cry for anyone who attended this school...

Erik Krieg, West Seattle



August 11, 2009: The newest portion of the school comes down first, the fire-damaged concrete crumbling into powder in places as the wrecking ball slams into it.

A landmark building, demolished after fire damage

In 1938, a modern building came to Concrete. The building, a new grade school for the Concrete School District, was two stories high and included eight school rooms, a library, lavatories on both floors, a hospital room, a storeroom, and an office.

Work on the new building began Jan. 13, 1938 and was complete in time for the start of the school year that fall.

Billed as "practically fireproof" in the 1938 Yanica yearbook, the grade school building succumbed to exactly that element on April 27, 2008, after children entered the building illegally and left a smoldering mattress behind.

After the fire, Concrete Building Inspector Jack McCormick determined the old grade school was no longer structurally sound. An order to demolish the building was submitted to building owner Jack Clifton of Bellingham, who bought the old school in May 1990. Clifton, who had once attempted to transform the grade school into a sort of modern-day "castle," found himself strapped with hefty clean-up and demolition bills. "I put in over 12 years of my life on that building, and now it's all down the tubes. I had a lot of dreams, and met a lot of people who had gone to school there," said Clifton in an Aug. 30 interview.

On Aug. 14, 2009, the last wall of the landmark building fell to the wrecking ball.



April 27, 2008: Children set fire to mattresses inside the building. The resulting conflagration brings multiple fire departments to the scene. Photo by Danielle Jensen.

My mom, Shelley, went to the old Grade School and says that she has memories of doing military marching drills with Mr. Evans and playing on the terrace on playday at the end of the school year.

I remember watching my aunt Colleen do several plays in the old gym where the theater was.

Michael Macomber

I went to school there from 1966-67. Loved it. Loved playing on the field during recess. Played dodgeball and basketball in the gym. Loved it so much, I came back to Concrete after a couple of years away.

Debbie Thompson



August 14, 2009: The last walls fall.

I attended school there from fall 1975-1978, (K-3). I remember watching Mr. Shubert's science class "blowing things up" outside the kindergarten windows. I remember having lunch in the kindergarten lunch room, which was a step down north of the main lunch room in the north section of the building. We had singing rehearsals for the winter concert and class photos taken in the upstairs gymnasium directly above the main lunchroom. I loved the high-polished old wood stairs and banisters in the main building. I remember getting sent home with the chicken pox from Mrs. Sjoboen's first-grade class in the southeast corner of the first floor. Many hours in the nurse's room, staring at the seams in the wallpaper above the "sick couch." Performing Thanksgiving "plays" on the stage in the library directly above the kindergarten rooms. Watching Oliver Twist on the same stage. Many wonderful hours reading in that "real" library: dark wood, tall windows, lots of books.

Heather Anderson

Goodbye, Concrete

Concrete Grade School

I attended the old grade school from 1966 until 1973. I remember playing basketball in the old gym and you had to watch where you bounced the ball because the floor was so soft in some places that the ball wouldn't even bounce back up.

I also remember going down into the basement under the small gym; that's where we ate lunch. It seemed like just a hole in the bottom of nowhere.

I remember that in the classrooms when it got really cold we would huddle around the old radiators, which used to clink and clank as the water ran through them.

I also remember one of my classmates getting a record number of swats in a year. I think he got 27 or 28!

Rich Riehl, Birdview

I attended all eight grades there. I walked to school about a mile every day, and later rode my bike and parked it in the back. I have nothing but good memories of going to school there. I liked the old school and hated to see what happened to it. I hope we can find a good use for the empty land, now.

Doug Gates, Concrete

My favorite memory is of being able to look out the huge upstairs windows during class and see the cement dust pouring out of the cement plant towers. They were like two volcanos side by side. I was far more interested in that than in the school work we were doing.

David Hicks, Federal Way



September 2007: Adorned with turrets, the building was an eyesore by some Concrete citizens; others saw potential as a youth center, hotel, or other use.

I attended Concrete Grade School for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade spanning 1979 through 1982. I remember making off with a handful of ketchup and mustard packets from the cafeteria and lying in wait in the bushes that lined the outside of the school. When the bell-bottomed ankles of other kids would appear in range, a well-rehearsed stomp onto the sweet spot and the packets would splatter the contents on target. The bushes then provided a perfect avenue for a good cleanup. Did I mention this happened nearly every day?

Erik Krieg, West

I attended at this school from 1952 until I graduated the eighth grade. We were never allowed to go over the terrace so that was what we wanted to do more than anything else. We could NOT roll down the terrace. I loved my teachers and the big windows and the coat rooms that were built into the blackboards on the sides of the rooms. It has saddened me for years to see its demise.

Penelope Bailey, Dur

old friend

School, 1938–2009



The old Grade School is viewed as an important point to the landmark structure's contributing venture.



August 1, 2009: Irreparably damaged by the fire, the old Grade School awaits demolition by order of Town of Concrete Building Inspector Jack McCormick.

I went to CGS from kindergarten to 7th grade. I think we moved to the high school in the 8th grade. My kindergarten class was upstairs, above the old furnace room on the north end of the building. And then when you went into the 3rd or 4th grade, you got to go upstairs. You felt so grown up.

When you got to the "middle school" building, you finally were allowed to go into the basement of the old gym for dances and, I think, Ping-Pong or shuffleboard. Someone reminded me about pounding the erasers out behind the building.

Elena Harp, Burlington



Aug. 25, 2009: All that remains of the building is several large piles of crushed rubble.

I went to kindergarten through 12 in Concrete, 1971–1984. Mrs. Novy was our kindergarten teacher. My 1st grade teacher was Mrs. Sjoboen. The principal's office was right next to our class. Mr. Rantschler and Mr. Cooper were the music teachers. I remember rolling down the terrace (yes, it was against the rules) and getting a note from Mom saying I could go to the Shanty for lunch. I still feel a little melancholy when I talk about Concrete.

Katrina Wasson, Whitefish, Mont.

I entered the school in the first grade (1942) at six years old. I later taught in grades six through eight in the old high school and, still later, became principal of the grade school.

I remember the school being "so big" to a little kid! The rows of desks screwed onto rails were neat and the janitor could quickly flip his mop from one end to the other. The room smelled good from the slightly oiled mop. The rooms were big and had blackboards galore. One large board went across the entire front of the room and the clothes closets had a blackboard on the outside of the pull-down door.

The whole school smelled very good about mid-morning as the cooks prepared lunch in the cafeteria at the end of the hall. The school was two stories and above the cafeteria was a large playroom. I remember this playroom as being very noisy.

The high school shop also added to the noise around the cafeteria area. The shop was above the cafeteria and boiler room. There was also one classroom in this area next to the shop and it was home to our eighth-grade class.

Another neat thing about the classrooms was the large area of window space that could be opened easily for fresh air. It also made the room feel large.

Looking back the most amazing thing was Mr. Boulton, the principal of the grade school, who was my principal in the first grade and was still there a few years before I became principal.

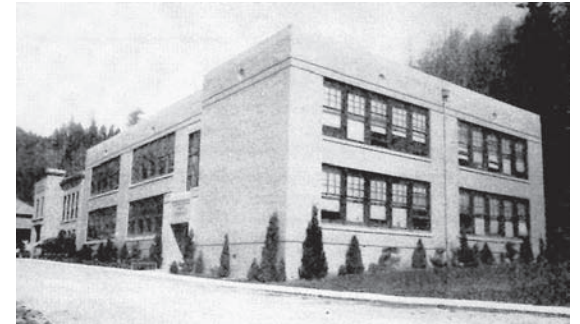
Robert Sjoboen, Anacortes

I remember starting 1st grade with Mrs. Sjoboen, when they moved us to the new school. I can remember the huge shelves/chalk boards/bookcases. It was a short trip to class, up a few stairs and to the right. There were maps that she would pull down, they were old, but the one cool thing was that the boards moved over the shelves.

Brandy Wilson, Tampa, Fla.

I knew people who lived in the empty rooms when the building was closed. Actually, a couple of them got ahead enough to get a start in life, and are doing quite well now. They'd all try to outdo each other in decorating the rooms. There were some very excellent artists that lived in that ole ghostly building at that time.

Sandy Lemos



1938: The new grade school is completed and classes begin in fall. This photo appeared in the 1939 yearbook. Photo courtesy Concrete Heritage Museum

I started in 1st grade then went to the high school. Our teachers always played with us at recess, and were in the cafeteria with us making sure we ate most of our lunch before we could empty our trays. I was in Mr. Shubert's first year of teaching school. Poor guy! I copied a lot of pages in the dictionary. I was very social.

Beverly Dellinger, Birdsvie



August 10, 2009: Demolition begins.



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Hamilton



From the mayor's desk

By Mayor Tim Bates

I've never been more excited to be mayor of Hamilton.

Recently, some great things have been happening here, none of which could have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of our Town Councilmembers. I've enjoyed working with them; they help to create a place we can all be proud of.

Here are some of the more notable things that have been happening here in Hamilton:

- Centennial Resources opened a pit to haul gravel at 5 cents a ton for infrastructure
- The Janicki Industries location was annexed into the Town of Hamilton and should bring in three times as much in tax revenue as the rest of the town has
- Verizon is building a new cell tower in town; AT&T plans to hook up a dish to it; the tower looks like a tree, which will help it to blend into the environment

- Hamilton has been in "clean up" mode for a couple of years: Junk, cars, tires, and RVs have been hauled off, and houses have been cleaned up, giving the town a nice look

- Janicki Industries has helped the town to put a new roof on the town buildings, finish the skateboard park, and pave the food bank and fire hall parking lot

- Skagit Ready Mix relocated to the Janicki site in the Hamilton

- Future plans for Janicki are to start a new wood pellet mill and possibly another big building

- As soon as funds are available, to the town plans are to build a baseball park on the FEMA lots

- The new water system has 600,000 gallons of water in reserve

- We've paved our main streets and are getting ready to stripe them

- The town has a new fire truck and has purchased a rescue rig

- The old water line has been replaced with a new C-900 water line

that Pitts and Sons would pay the billing for the testing already done. Two samples are negative in the most recent testing and one sample came back positive when tested just three days later. Mayor Bates stated for the record that Pitts and Sons Construction working for the town of Hamilton put six (6) holes there and ran into concrete and that the other two (2) foundations were already there, along with buried asphalt. Chet stated Tim DeVries, Skagit County Planning and Development Services, as a representative from the county, will work it out with the HOA, Mr. Pitts to do the test holes. It was agreed that they will meet.

- Margaret Fleek presented to the council a new Ordinance #284, which amended Ordinance #178 section 4 regarding standards for RV Parks. Council Bonner motioned to pass and Council Cromley seconded. Four aye votes.
- A public hearing was set for the next council meeting, August 11, 2009, for Mr. Richard Roetcisoender to set up a new RV Park.
- Water Dept.: Mayor Bates stated a magnesium test was required. Mayor Bates felt a magnesium tester should be purchased to perform the test and have a record. Tom Selin, Water Dept., reported he met with Nancy Fagin from the Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water and we received a favorable report. The survey (Water Facilities Inventory Form) from the Department of Health Office of Drinking Water was completed and returned to Ms. Fagin.
- Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Nick Bates reported that the white truck is no longer operable.

leave them in a vehicle all alone, with no medical attention.

As you may know, there was a woman found in this condition between Hamilton and Lyman.

Who could do such a thing as this and still call themselves a man or human being? Even animals aren't *this* cruel. I have seen bulls gather the cows and calves in a circle and stand guard to protect their herd from coyotes and wolves. But they don't bully and abuse them.

What does it take—a little alcohol or drugs to get this kind of "courage" or cruelty? Is this level of meanness born in a man or does anger sometimes turn them on? All I can say is that I hope never to encounter such a person—I won't call him a man; he's worse than an animal.

Birdsview buzz

By Kris Voigt

Not a lot happening in Birdsview this month. Aug. 1, we had our 3rd annual Birdstock at the brewery. It was the annual fundraiser for the Birdsview Fire Dept. All went well. Nicki Voigt came home from Boston for the event.

Mid-August saw everyone at Cascade Days in Concrete. A good time was had by all who attended the parade and other events.

Bill Voigt and his brother, Ned Voigt, attended Hops & Brew School in Yakima for two days, learning all about the growing, harvesting and processing of hops—and tasted a lot of very "hoppy" beers!

Kris Voigt went to Denver to attend the wedding of her good friend Angie's daughter, Erin.

Birthdays celebrated this past month:

Randy Bonaventura: Aug. 19
Aimee Adkinson: Aug. 27
Customer Lee: Aug. 27

Lots of upcoming birthdays and anniversaries in Sept.; stay tuned.

Jim and Alice Parker went to their granddaughter Kim Haner's wedding to Pat Wilder on Aug. 10. It was held at Rosario Beach and the bride was beautiful, according to Alice.

If you have Birdsview news, please stop by the brewery and let me know so I can include it.

Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a monthly meeting on July 14. Major topics included:

- Mayor Bates addressed the Shangri La property letter. Chet from the Shangri La HOA stated there were still concerns on decomposition of the septic tank, adequate removal of driveway and building turf. Mayor asked if they had done the spraying. Chet stated yes and they spoke with Edge Analytical. Testing would be done again in the fall. It was agreed

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Restaurant review: Annie's Pizza Station

By Linnaea Groh

Strolling through Grassmere Village, one might be tempted by the enticing scents that lace the air.

The deliciously tantalizing smell, which consists of a mouthwatering concoction of Italian spices and baked bread, emanates from a pale blue building. Spread across this structure is one simple word that says it all: Pizza. The letters are seemingly ablaze in the dusk of night; incandescent beacons that give both the glistening moon and the streetlights a run for their money.

Walking into the white door, one feels instantly at home. Draped artfully on the tables, the linens provide a pleasant feeling with their vintage red and white checkerboard pattern. The walls are adorned with framed nostalgic prints, along with local pieces, like artwork by kids and posters from past Tulip Festivals.

Annie's Pizza Station has become a staple of Concrete, Washington. But don't confuse it with any other pizza joints. In my opinion, famous chains like Pizza Hut's pies pale in comparison with Annie's masterpieces.

On merchantcircle.com, a reviewer raved, "The best pizza ever! You can't beat the smell.... I don't know how the staff can get any work done and stay slim!"

Along with unique, handcrafted pizzas like the Oktoberfest Traveler and the Persian Premium, Annie's serves a wide array of baked meals. From calzones to Panini sandwiches, lasagna to unforgettable desserts, there is something on the menu for everyone. The innovative toppings range from spinach and Gorgonzola cheese to beer brats and sauerkraut, among other ingredients. There's also a new dessert section on the menu, with soft-serve ice cream, homemade cookies

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AT A GLANCE: Annie's Pizza Station

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Rockport



Skagit County issues decision on farmland homes

SKAGIT COUNTY — Skagit County Planning and Development Services issued a Notice of Decision Aug. 27 regarding an Administrative Interpretation regarding single-family detached residential dwelling unit and residential accessory uses on Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands.

Single-family detached residential dwelling unit and residential accessory uses shall only be allowed within the Ag-NRL zoning district when such uses are accessory to an agricultural use and provided that no conversion of agricultural land is allowed for accessory uses.

Aggrieved parties may appeal this Administrative Official Interpretation to the Skagit County Hearing Examiner following the procedures of SCC 14.06.110(7)-(14). Parties may submit the appeal form and appeal fees to the Planning and Development Services Department. Appeals must be submitted by Sept. 11, 2009.

The full text of the Administrative Interpretation can be viewed online at www.skagitcounty.net or at the Planning and Development Services Department at 1700 East College Way, Mount Vernon.

For additional information, contact: Gary R. Christensen, AICP, Director Skagit County Planning and Development Services 360.336.9410

Concrete Herald



Dozens of friends and family members gathered at Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport Aug. 17 to celebrate Jim Harris. Stories, memorabilia, and music were on hand; guests also were treated to a salmon dinner. Photo by Amber Lee.

Thank you, Saturday Market

Skagit River Bald Eagle Awareness Team wishes to sincerely thank the Saturday Market for their support of local 501(c)(3) entities.

This summer the market invited SRBEAT to be one of their local programs to support. We have a wonderful local Market every Saturday in the summer, bringing locals and tourists freshly grown food, crafts, and music at the same time they bring people off the street to spend some much needed dollars in the area.

If that is not enough, they invite nonprofit programs (Food Bank, Concrete Museum, Bald Eagle Festival, SRBEAT, and many more) a space for a bake sale. This is generous, as they give this space, and many of the vendors bake for the program of the week. Everyone wins even if they just buy cookies.

SRBEAT is very grateful for every donated dollar that allows us to bring visitors to the East Valley in the winter. Funds allow us to protect our environment and the Eagles as well, and to provide economic relief to area businesses.

Shop at the market and support YOUR community.

—Judy Hemenway

Outdoor Skagit

By Bob DiLeo

For many people, September in the outdoors is like New Years. Elk bugling, Canada Geese honking, salmon splashing as they fight the river's current, and cool mornings of the coming fall.

Bear season is in full swing, and the berry paths are a good beat if you can find a producing patch in this hot, dry year.

September also marks the beginning of archery season for deer and elk.

My favorite reality, however, is that 2009 is an odd-numbered year; that means Pink Salmon (a.k.a. "Humpies") are in the Skagit River.

We can expect more than 1.2 million pinks back this year in the Skagit, according to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

We are starting to see some good action in the Skagit River, which is currently open from the Dalles Bridge in Concrete to its mouth. It will open from Dalles Bridge west from Sept. 16 through Dec. 31 for salmon.

A 1/4- to 3/8-oz. pink jig fished slowly with a small bounce or twitch is working very well. The old staple of "plunking" also is very productive now. Plunkers are taking fish with a smaller pink wing bobber or Spin-N-Glos with or without a pink Hootchie or Squid and a single hook with a sand shrimp or prawn.

Try, also, a #6 or smaller pink Spin-N-Glo with white or silver wings with two to three feet of leader attached to a three-way swivel, and a dropper line of about one foot to a two- to three-oz. sinker, depending on river conditions.

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Cascade Days winners announced

This year's line-up of events and contests were a big hit Aug. 15–16. Here are the competitors who rose to the top, either by talent or sheer luck!

Parade winners

Antique Car: Raymond Drake's 1940 La Salle convertible
 Classic Auto: Gordon West's 1963 Chevrolet
 Animal: Nichole Gardner
 Band: Sauerkraut Band
 Class Reunion: Class of 1948
 Color Guard: George Baldridge American Legion Post 132
 Comic/Entertainment: Binkey the Clown
 Commercial/Business: Concrete Laundromat
 Daycare: Just As I Am
 Emergency Vehicle: Concrete retired firemen
 Farm Tractor: Bert Walter
 Float: Wild Women of Woolley
 Log Truck with Load: Chuck Davis and Bob Hillier
 Motor Vehicles Mini Cars: Niles Truckers
 Drill Team: Concrete High School
 Scout Packs and Troops: Concrete Scout Troop and Pack 74
 Sheriff: Skagit County Basic for Concrete
 Military: American Legion Post 43
 Miscellaneous: Cement City Swingers; Red Hat Society, Concrete Chapter

Parade Youth Winners

First Place: Concrete Royalty
 Second Place: Concrete Football Team
 Third Place: Jane Deer in Pink Tractor

Bed Race Winner

First Place: Cascade Supply

Soap Box Derby Winner

First Place: Chance Holder

Pet Show Winners

First Place: Dale Smith ("Bridget")
 Second Place: Don Huggne/Trisintluggins ("Richie")

Third Place: Rebecca ("Snoopy")

Jams and Jellies Winners

First Place: Bonnie Drake
 Second Place: Olson Family
 Third Place: Jason Miller

Duck Race Winners

First Place (\$100): Sue Ray
 Second Place (\$75): Bob Eden
 Third Place (\$50): Ashley Burmaster

Raffle Winners

Larry Haight: 4 Mariners tickets
 Rita Rivia: Overnight stay for 2 at Ovenell's Heritage Inn



The bed races filled downtown with laughter, cheers, and a broken cell phone.

Ember and Larry LaBounty: Table and Bench from Job Corps

Quilt/Wall Hanging Winners

1st Place: Della Payne
 2nd Place: Doris Mears and Sue DeBoer
 3rd Place: Marie Dahl
 4th Place: Bonita Yeager
 5th Place: Hannah Angell
 6th Place: Naomi Rumpff
 7th Place: Alvera Wright
 8th Place: Gayle Gamache
 9th Place: Noni Moody
 10th Place: Anne Bussiere
 11th Place: Pat Horn
 12th Place: Kae Eagling
 13th Place: Sharon Downey



Christopher Archuleta, 17, throws—and dunks—Raymond Benfit, 16, at the Dunk Tank during Cascade Days. The event was a fundraiser for Concrete High School class of 2011 senior class trip.

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movie is being filmed almost entirely in Seattle, one scene in particular required a setting that, apparently, only eastern Skagit county could provide.

The dark comedy follows a troubled marriage, with Tobey Maguire as philandering husband, Jeff, and Elizabeth Banks as Nealy, his wife. Jeff sleeps with the wife of another character, played by Ray Liotta.

"Ray Liotta extorts him for about \$100,000, and dumps the money in the river to teach him a lesson," Estes said with a laugh. "And that's what's happening here in Concrete."

The production crew, from Seattle-based Raccoonopolis LLC (named for the raccoons that populate the movie), set up a base camp in "Swap Meet Field" in Concrete, while the actual filming took place on the Dalles Bridge south of Concrete.

When it came time to litter the Skagit River with hundreds of pieces of paper, Estes said his team members had done their homework—and then some.

"We have rice paper with soy-based inks that will dissolve on contact with the

water—totally environmentally friendly. We've been obsessing about that for months, trying to find that kind of paper that dissolves. They had to ship strange, soy-based, Epson-compatible inks from I don't know where."

The movie is a small, independent effort with huge stars, said Estes. "They've all rallied around the project because they like it, not because they're getting paid," he said.



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Below: Crewmembers for "The Details" set up camp for the day in Concrete's "Swap Meet Field" Aug. 25. Filming took place on Dalles Bridge, which reminded Annie's Pizza Station owner Anne Bussiere that her team had fed the advance scouts last winter.

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These questions and more will be on the agenda at "Stormwater Management: One Backyard at a Time," a free educational program to be held Sept. 15, from 9–11:30 a.m., at the WSU Extension, 16650 State Route 536, Mount Vernon.

Learn about rain gardens with video and on-camera experts, plus discover the creative ways three innovative municipalities (including Whidbey Island) in the PNW are managing stormwater.

Award-winning producer Jan Seago will brought her unique style of on-camera interviews with local footage of projects that address watershed issues. This is the seventh annual broadcast on watershed issues and many of which deal with stormwater issues. (Previous broadcasts are available.)

This is an interactive, video-streamed conference, followed by a discussion. "We have some fine folks joining on camera, who will be eagerly awaiting viewer questions to answer live," said Seago.

For additional information on regional water quality issues, go to the PNW

Regional Water Program Web site at www.pnwwaterweb.com/flyers.htm for a list of Water Quality Updates. Select the Stormwater folder, or other folders for topics an education, drinking water, animal waste, nutrient and pesticide management, pollution assessment and prevention, watershed management, water policy, economics, environmental conservation, restoration and more.

Missing hiker found

On July 29, at approximately 8 p.m., the Skagit County Sheriff's Office received a cell phone call from a lost hiker. The hiker was able to identify himself and explain that he had been hiking off trail in the Darrington area and was now unable to find his way out.

Emergency ground search volunteers from Skagit County ESAR were dispatched and attempts were made during the night to locate the man. At one point voice contact was made but due to the rugged terrain and darkness his location could not be pinpointed. At about 5 a.m., cell phone contact was last made with the man before the signal was lost.

Emergency Search & Rescue volunteers and a Snohomish County Sheriff's Office helicopter continued the search the morning of July 30.

At approximately 12:15 p.m., the helicopter searchers spotted a man waving for help and were able to airlift him out. The man was accompanied by his hiking companion, a small mixed-breed dog.



Marblemount icon Tootsie Clark rides as Grand Marshal during the Cascade Days parade Aug. 15 in Concrete. Photo by Amber Lee.

Outdoor Skagit, cont. from p. 18

Pay attention to the smaller hits this year; fish seem to be hitting very lightly. Smaller pink spoons are doing okay as well. Pinks seem to want a smaller bait with a slower retrieve than usual this year.

Make sure you check the rules before going afield this September, and make safety your top priority. Take a kid or friend to the great outdoors and enjoy yourself in the outdoors of northwest Washington, our home.

Cascade River Road to Close at Hard Creek Bridge

The Cascade River Road in North Cascades National Park closed to vehicular traffic at Hard Creek Bridge (MP 12.7) beginning Sept. 1.

The road closure is meant to accommodate bridge installation and permanent road repairs. The Cascade River Road provides access to Johannesburg Camp and the Cascade Pass Trail.

The road will be open September 5–7 during the holiday weekend, but will close again on Sept. 8 through project completion in mid-October. Any cars left up-valley of the construction will not be able to exit Cascade River Road until the project is complete.

Foot or bicycle traffic may be allowed, but may encounter delays and must obey direction provided by construction crews to ensure their safety through the construction zone.

For additional information about the Cascade Pass Trail, call 360.854.7245 or visit www.nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit/cascade-pass-trail.htm.

All overnight stays in the backcountry require a free permit, which must be obtained in person and is issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Newhalem



Newhalem residents: The Upper Skagit Library waits for you

By Aimee Herschel

At the Upper Skagit Library, our summer reading program has finished for the year. Fifty kids signed up and more than half finished. The performers were great and the variety made them most interesting. (Drumming is way fun!)

United General Hospital has provided the library with a grant to purchase books on important social issues: bullying, inappropriate touching, anger, sharing, honesty, caring and understanding. Most of these are for children and are on display in the children's section.

For those of us looking for ways to better our lives in these tough times, we have several new titles that may help.

Decades ago, while living in Lapwai, Id., Carla Emery wrote a book on country living that was self-published and became an instant hit. (I remember the library's copy mimeographed on colored paper and held together with leather string.) Today's version of *The Encyclopedia of Country Living* is a "real" book, still very popular and in high-demand.

Another book is *Back to Basics: a complete guide to traditional skills*, which includes ideas for a simpler life, making things by hand, without spending a lot of money. Hundreds of projects are illustrated in step-by-step diagrams and instructions.

The final title is *The Backyard Homestead*, with ideas on how to put your backyard to work. Grow the vegetables and fruits your family loves, keep bees, or raise chickens, goats, or even a cow. And when the harvest is in, you'll learn how to cook, preserve, cure, brew, or pickle the fruits of your labor. A quote on the book's cover says, "From a quarter of an acre, you can harvest 1,400 eggs, 50 pounds of wheat, 60 pounds of fruit, 2,000 pounds of vegetables, 280 pounds of pork, 75 pounds of nuts."

Sounds like a challenge to me! These would be great winter reading for planning next spring's projects.

The Library Board will meet next on Sept. 10 at 5 p.m., at the library.

Rumpff, cont. from p. 1

"I feel like I'm being called into a new chapter of my life, almost as though I'm graduating from high school or just getting married, and now a new part of my life is starting," said Rumpff, 55.

"I'm sure there's plenty out there for me to do. I'm waiting to see what God has for me, because I'm assured it will be great."

Rumpff said her decision to retire didn't come easily. "I asked myself if I felt I could feel productive if I wasn't working at the post office. Then I walked into my sewing room and realized that if I can get that organized, I will certainly feel productive!"

Her retirement plans are varied and include time with family. "I'm looking forward to spending time with my husband—that's the thing I'm looking forward to the most—we love to fish and camp and ride our Harley. And we have about 8 million projects around the house that we have to do together."

Rumpff has quilt projects waiting in the wings, too, as well as volunteer possibilities, cooking and sewing classes,

and more.

What will she miss most? Her crew and her customers, she said. "My crew makes me look good. I'm going to miss them more than anything. We really are a little family. I love each and every one of them, they're all unique and wonderful."

"I have loved my job. It's been a really good match for me, and along the way, I was lucky to be in the right job for my personality. I feel blessed."

At press time, no word had come from Rumpff's supervisor regarding her replacement.

Volunteer correspondents are needed for Newhalem and Diablo!

Want to write short updates, or simply provide news tips for *Concrete Herald*?

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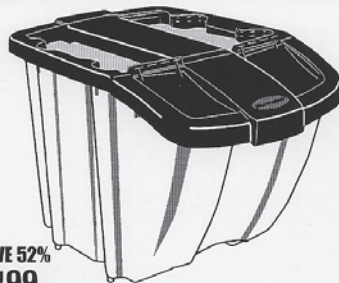
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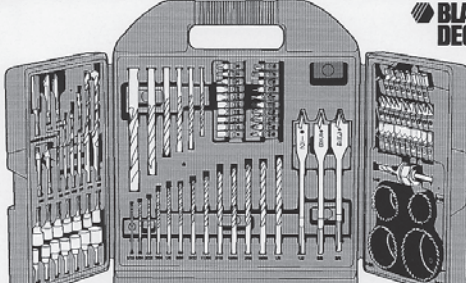


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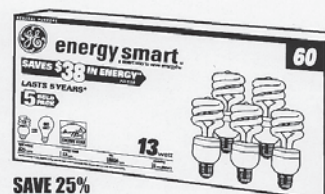


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Seniors

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Are you a collector?

By Patrick Kennedy

Look around you. Do you need everything you see in your residence? Or are you a packrat, collecting things you are going to leave to your grandchildren, who will probably throw them away?

Maybe you call it a hobby, all those knick-knacks, 78 rpm records, and months of newspapers and magazines—those irreplaceable memories of times past that take up so much room you must watch the TV in the kitchen while eating over the sink.

Some who study human behavior speculate that collecting is a modern expression of our ancient instinct as hunter-gatherers. Do you feel that old, or are you a throw-back to the cave ages?

Some things you need to collect, such as cash, trash, the mail, and dirty dishes off the kitchen table, but maybe not belly-button lint accumulated from your youth.

One person's junk is another person's treasure, but be careful how you define "junk." Some say it is discarded things, or things regarded as worthless or causing clutter, or cheap and poorly made goods, or secondhand goods offered for sale. Have you been to a state or county or local street fair lately and seen the wares of collectors? Have you been to a yard or garage sale lately?

If you are a packrat hoarder of junk, such as toy trains, baseball cards or matchbox cars, fishing lures or old postcards, there are

places where these items can be traded or sold. There are buyers out there. There are clubs and organizations that deal with many of these "treasures."

There are almost as many collectors as there are things to collect. Why? People like to collect things. That, you see, is the real reason they collect stuff, because they love it. It matters not why; it makes little difference if these things are obsolete or ugly, that they cost far too much and take up a ridiculous amount of space and serve absolutely no practical purpose whatsoever. In collecting, as in love, irrationality wins.

If you are one of these types, the first step toward dealing with it is to organize it. After doing this, you have to figure out what to do with your treasures.

If you have some time on your hands, there are collector's sites on the Web whose primary purpose is to provide free information for collecting clubs, collectors and the antiques, art and collectibles industry. Search on "cigarette lighter collectors" or "salt shaker collectors"; you will be surprised.

Of course there is eBay, which has a bidding process that helps you sell your items. Or, you can organize a yard sale, either your own, or as a part of a block effort. There are many out there just like you.

Patrick M. Kennedy is the author of How to Have Fun with Retirement, a sneak peek for which is available online at www.funwithretirement.com.

Way Back When

70 years ago

Sept. 14, 1939: Among the damage suits to be heard at the coming session of the Superior court is one, set for Oct. 16, in which Ed Pressentin of Rockport will ask \$9,174 from C. C. Hill and E. R. Stowe for damages resulting from an automobile accident near Rockport last year. This was the accident in which Hill's "pickle truck" created considerable interest here, being completely smeared inside with a coating of pickles, sandwich spread, and mayonnaise after the wreck. Hill also had to be washed off before he could be looked over for injuries.

60 years ago

Sept. 1, 1949: Ruby Morgan and Rose Williams of Marblemount were taken to the county jail last Saturday morning following a raid on a house four miles above Marblemount early that morning. The raid was conducted by Vic Reynolds of the Washington State Liquor Board and Sheriff Harold Hinshaw and three deputies, following complaints of residents in that district.

Ruby Morgan was charged with illegal possession of liquor, and Rose Williams is being charged with illegal sale of liquor.

50 years ago

Sept. 3, 1959: The high Cascades claimed another victim on Sunday when Don Grimlund, 23, of Seattle was instantly killed by a falling rock while on a mountain-climbing

expedition up Johannesburg Mountain in the Cascade Pass district.

Grimlund was with a party of six from Seattle. At the 7,400-foot level, they ran into a slide area of rock and split up into parties of two to make the crossing without the danger of kicking rocks down on one another. It was about noon when a rock dislodged above Grimlund and his brother, Dick. The rock struck Don on the head, killing him instantly.

40 years ago

Sept. 10, 1969: Charles Stafford, 85, long-time resident of Marblemount, died last Thursday at United General Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Lemley Chapel with Pastor James Larson of the American Union Sunday School of Bellingham officiating. Interment was in the Lyman Cemetery.

Mr. Stafford had lived in Marblemount for the last 40 years. He was born in Plumbtree, N.C., May 29, 1884. He was a member of the Yellow Mountain Baptist Church and the Marblemount Union Sunday School.

30 years ago

Sept. 13, 1979: Concrete School enrollment reached 589 this week, Superintendent Roy L. Plante reported at Tuesday's meeting of the School District Board of Directors.

The total includes 318 in the grades and 269 in high school. Three administrators and 33 teachers have been employed to instruct these students.

Annie's Pizza, cont. from p. 17

and brownies, and towering, tempting sundaes.

The relaxed, welcoming atmosphere makes Annie's the epitome of a family restaurant. The staff is cheerful and engaged with their customers, their smiles genuine and steadfast amidst the organized chaos of the kitchen. Against one starch-white wall lies four game

machines. Kids always gravitate toward the fun appeal of pinball and Pacman. If you have youngsters, be prepared to come armed with plenty of quarters. Anne describes her establishment as a "family centered business" perfect for "parties, meetings, and family get-togethers."

Annie's Pizza Station started humbly in downtown Concrete. Initially, Annie's was in the old Peterson's Texaco building,

succeeding the two former pizza parlors, Pumphouse and Roadkill Pizza.

Before Anne Bussiere was in the business of making mouths water, she worked for a newspaper in Mount Vernon. But wanting to work close to home was a dream for her. Says Bussiere, "I was ready to do anything . . . I was ready to have an ice cream stand in the street!"

Fulfilling the need for work in Concrete, Anne and her husband, Chuck, purchased the Fire Hall Building (now home to River View Trading Post) and started Annie's Pizza. Later on, the business moved to its current location, which was also originally a gas station. They remodeled the space in 1995, and have expanded upon it ever since. But the Bussiere's ambition to have a larger business has not ended. There are plans to make the party room and the kitchen bigger, Anne says.

Having a business in a small town such as Concrete has its hardships. "[There are] a limited number of people in the area that will eat out," says Anne.

But where there are cons, there will always be pros. "I really like being a part of the community" says Anne. "I get to know a lot of the people, and I think we serve the need of more jobs." Let's hope that Annie's Pizza continues making our taste buds cheer for years to come.

Concrete Senior Center September 2009 Activities

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Quilting
10:30 a.m.	Men's Group
11:30 a.m.	Jigsaw puzzle
Noon	Mexican Train Dominos

Special Events

9/3	Foot care by appointment
9/4	Senior Center closed due to Furlough Day
9/6	Senior Center closed for Labor Day holiday
9/9 11 a.m.	Advisory Board meeting
9/9 1 p.m.	Bingo
9/22	Skagit Seniors Picnic: Sedro-Woolley Waterfront Park
9/22 12:45 p.m.	Leap of Faith
9/30 12:30 p.m.	Birthday Lunch
9/30 1 p.m.	Birthday Bingo

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DSHS Representative	1st & 3rd Tues.	Call for appt.
Legal Clinic	2nd & 4th Fri.	Call for appt.
NAMI Adult Craft Classes	Every other Thurs.	1:30–3:30 drop in
Needle Exchange Program	1st Wed.	2–4:30
Teen Clinic (no appt. required)	1st Wed. & 4th Tues.	2–4:30
Veterans Representative	2nd & 4th Mon.	Call for appt.
WIC (call 336.9392 for appt.)	2nd & 3rd Tues.	9:30–3
Women's AA	Wed. nights	6 p.m.

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SCCAA & Skagit County Satellite office	Energy Assistance program info
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East County event publicity/community info	Meeting space available

Sunday School lesson

Who is my neighbor?

By Tom Ross

Some Bibles label Luke 10.25-37 “The Parable of the Good Samaritan.”

A lawyer approached Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Luke adds that he intended to test Jesus.

As was his custom, Jesus asked back, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

The lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God” from the first of Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 6:5) and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18b).

Jesus congratulated him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

Figuring that he already knew that answer, the lawyer did not quit while he was ahead, but asked, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus responded with a remarkable story about a man traveling 25 miles down the desert road from Jerusalem to Jericho, where he was attacked, robbed, and left to die. When a priest and, later, a Levite (an assistant

priest) came to the victim, they passed by on the other side. If they had touched him, they would have become ritually unclean and thus unqualified to perform their priestly duties.

The third to reach the scene of the crime was a Samaritan. In the eyes of the Jewish lawyer, Jesus picked a most offensive example, right up there with tax collectors for the Roman occupation forces. A Samaritan was politically and economically backward, racially an unclean half-breed, and religiously a heretic. The closest parallel today is the person who makes you disgusted just to look at. This Samaritan had pity on the victim and provided his care.

“Who is my neighbor?” A person in trouble? In the end Jesus turned the question around, “Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The lawyer answered, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

It is easy to say, “I love God,” but much harder to love those across the table, the fence, the street, or town. Congregations in Concrete want to put hands and feet on their faith in God, by being neighbors to others in town. They brought a group from

Everett to repair mudslide damage. They gave backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and clothing to start the school year. They continue to assist emergency needs.

How about you? Who needs you to be their neighbor?

Tom Ross is pastor of Mount Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Diane R. Cotton

3/1949 - 8/2009

“You were the BEST MOM EVER!

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Diana and Paula

Vose, cont. from p. 1

while conducting combat operations in the Kabul Province of Afghanistan July 29 while serving as the Special Forces Assistant Detachment Commander with Operational Detachment Alpha – 0114, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), in Stuttgart, Germany.

During the service, Vose’s nobility, courage, and dedication were front and center as family members remembered the man who followed in death his father, who passed away in April of this year.

“Fear was not in Doug’s DNA,” said Jason Vose, Doug’s younger brother. “He was a complex, complicated person, and exactly what a big brother should be.”

Vose, 38, was killed by intense direct small arms fire while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a member of the International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) – Afghanistan.

During his school years, Vose demonstrated his aptitude in virtually every course and pursuit. He captured the first chair in band in two years, without learning to read music, said his brother. He eventually became a Golden Gloves boxer, and a superb linguist and interpreter.

Twenty-three out of 35 of Vose’s high school class of 1988 attended the memorial service. Classmate Danna Thompson said Doug’s intangible qualities were foremost during the ceremony.

“While people tend to over exemplify others after their deaths, there was no such need with Doug. As we shared experiences and stories from different

times and arenas of Doug’s life, one common thread was apparent. Doug was defined by his honorable character and his ability to always be there when needed. There is no doubt in my mind that it was these aspects of Doug that led to the events on July 29, 2009,” said Thompson.

LTC. Petit, commander of Ft. Lewis’ 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, was amazed by the attendance at the service when he realized that Polly Vose and her family had not lived in the Valley for over 15 years. “Very rarely do we (as military) see services so highly attended as this one. It shows the commitment and heart of a community when it pulls together to honor one of their own even when time and life events have separated them,” he said.

Vose’s awards and commendations were numerous. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

Vose also earned the Airborne Badge, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

Concrete salutes Douglas Melville Vose, III. Farewell, hero.

Criner, cont. from p. 1

“I woke up around 4 a.m. to go to the bathroom, and noticed I had to grab the walls to walk. I couldn’t sleep after that, lying there for an hour or so. I got up again and fell against the dresser. [Deb] called the paramedics, who suggested I head to United General, where an MRI showed the blockage.”

Criner won’t immediately be resuming his duties as Councilman or teacher at Concrete High School. Immediate plans include rehabilitative therapy at St. Joseph’s in Bellingham, since he has some lingering problems with slurring his words. “My left leg just isn’t there, either,” he said from his hospital bed Aug. 27. “That’s one of the things I’ll work on.”

Worship directory

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Tom Ross, pastor

To add your place of worship to these listings, call or e-mail
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“When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbreak, temptation, disappointment, sickness, or by thwarted desires, a broken friendship, or a new friendship—when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach us.”

—Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest

Sheriff's blotter

August 11

A Sedro-Woolley caller was concerned about noise, saying either guns or fireworks were very loud and scaring his dog. Deputy checked, but was unable to locate the source of the noise.

August 10

A Rockport caller reported that a loose pitbull-type dog was chasing her daughter and their horses. The daughter was safely inside the house at the time of the call, but caller wanted a deputy to check into the dog. An Animal Control officer was to follow-up on this report.

August 9

A Rockport caller reported that his neighbor was cutting down trees and bushes with a chainsaw. The trees are on the caller's property and he wanted it to stop. This is an ongoing property line dispute. Deputy contacted all parties involved.

August 8

In the Cape Horn area, a deputy stopped a vehicle for driving 80 mph in a 50 mph zone on South Skagit Highway. The driver said she was late for an appointment. A drivers license check showed the 31-year-old Cape Horn woman had been cited five times in the past two years for speeding, and also had a suspended license. The driver was cited for negligent driving.

August 7

A deputy went to the Sheriff's detachment office in Concrete at 8 a.m. with a prisoner, and discovered someone had shoved toothpicks and glue into the door locks at the office, as well as the Town Hall office door. A locksmith had to drill out the locks at a cost of more than \$300 for repairs. The locks were fine at 3 a.m., so this happened sometime in the early morning hours. No suspects at this time, but an investigation continues.

August 7

An employee of a Big Lake store arrived this morning to discover someone had thrown two rocks at the store's window

during the night, breaking the glass. No entry was gained and no suspects.

August 6

A Concrete caller reported that shortly after midnight, he heard a vehicle run into his gate. Deputy arrived to discover the gate to the driveway was completely destroyed. Two beer cans lay nearby and tire tracks were found in the driveway. Deputy checked the area for the suspect car, which was described as having a "very loud muffler," but was unable to locate anyone.

August 4

A Cape Horn caller said he left his residence for a few hours in the morning. When he returned, he noticed his black pick-up canopy was missing and a white one with a broken window was left in its place. No suspects at this time.

August 3

A Hamilton caller advised she had found unauthorized charges on her credit card. She believed she knew who stole her card information and may have done it. A deputy is following up on the case.

August 2

A Concrete caller reported a an, possibly intoxicated, standing in the street, yelling. Deputy contacted the man, who advised him that he is legally blind and he could not see to get home. The man also admitted he had been drinking. Deputy assisted the man to his residence, where the man reported he had lost his key and requested the deputy to help him open a window so he could get inside. No further issues.

August 1

A Hamilton caller reported her neighbor's Bull Mastiff attached her Chihuahua while it was in her yard. The Mastiff then ran with the chihuahua in its mouth to its own yard before releasing the dog. The Chihuahua owner took the dog to a vet for emergency help. Animal Control will be citing the Mastiff's owner for the potentially dangerous dog.

July 31

A Marblemount caller reported that a

possible meth lab existed by the river, and that a man, woman, and infant were camping at the lab. Deputies investigated. No lab was located, but Child Protective Services was advised of living situation for the infant; CPS will get involved.

July 31

A Sedro-Woolley caller reported that her son had left his bicycle in a field while cutting grass, and the bike is now gone. Later, they spotted the bike sitting at someone's house. Deputy contacted the residence; the people there said they found the bike and the owner should not just leave it sitting around if he cares about it. The bike was returned to the owner.

July 30

A Birdsview caller reported that his ex-wife was at his house and he wanted her to leave. Deputy arrived, and spoke with the ex-wife and her new boyfriend. The ex-wife thinks she has as much right to the house as her ex-husband. Deputy explains how she should handle situation in civil court if she feels that way. Problem is resolved (for now).

July 29

A Cape Horn caller told dispatch that no one was able to catch the people who broke into his vehicle the previous week, so he was going to go out with a gun tonight and hunt them down. Dispatch advised caller sounded intoxicated. Caller said if deputies try to stop him he would shoot them. Deputies arrived in the area, saw the caller driving his truck, and witnessed him crash into a power pole. The man fled the accident scene; the deputies tracked him down. The 49-year-old Concrete man was arrested for hit and run, intimidating a public servant, and violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act.

July 28

A Marblemount caller reported that someone had entered his unlocked 2003 Toyota, and stolen his Tom-Tom GPS and the license plates from the vehicle. No suspects at this time.



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"All it takes is a careful perusal of the daily papers to make one realize that Concrete is a mighty fine place in which to live."

—Jan. 26, 1939

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"A minister now advocates blacklisting movie actors who have had more than two marriages. Why not, every other kind of hunting seems to have a bag limit."

"Trying to get along in this world is getting to be a question of either knowing your job, the right horse, or a congressman."

"Once upon a time there was a man who could always tell you just how everything should be done, and was never busy when it was time to do it. But he died young."

—March 16, 1939

"Last week, Concrete was given another bit of prestige by the addition of March's Variety Store. Every new business means just that much more for everybody. Business these days is much on the 'shopping center' plan. Give folks a town where they can buy everything they need and that's where they will stop. However, you must let them know that we have such a town."

"The man who is sitting pretty today is the fellow who doesn't own a thing, doesn't smoke or drink, or buy gasoline. The taxes he saves on these things could

give him a good bank account in no time at all."

—May 18, 1939

"Don't plan any picnics for Sunday. Concrete's baseball team has a game scheduled at home. Rain is certain."

"Business is never so bad that you can't advertise."

—June 22, 1939

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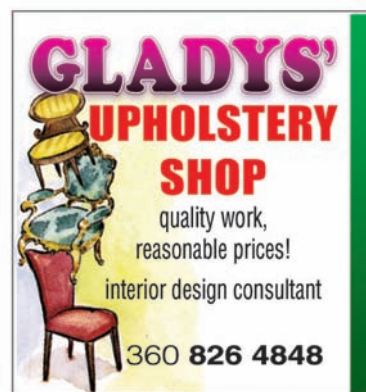
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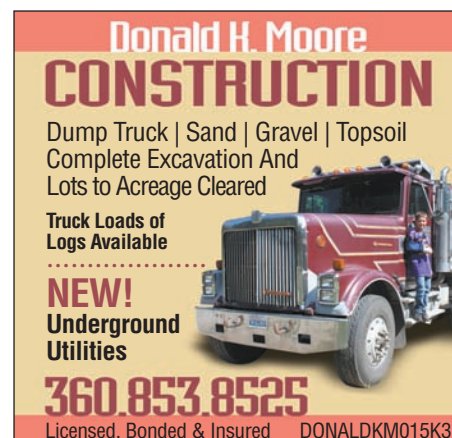
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History Challenge, cont. from p. 1

The mansion committee is working closely with Lyman Grade School's new principal, Mark Nilson, to determine how teachers and students can be involved.

Freedom of expression

While the emphasis will be on essays, other projects will be accepted, such as art, period costumes, etc. Essays should explain the importance of history to their lives and can include an interview with a family member or neighbor, a review of a history book or Web site, or other sources.

Entry forms with complete rules will be available online at the *Skagit River Journal*, (www.skagitriverjournal.com), as well as participating schools.

Students are to write an essay using Microsoft Word, and attach to it copies of photographs they may find after interviewing sources; middle-school and high school writers will be expected to provide bibliographies and footnotes.

Completed essays must be submitted to the committee by Sept. 27.

Students submitting art or costumes should e-mail the address below at least a week ahead. The committee asks that the student include their sources and answer a few questions about the essay if they are finalists.

Students at any Sedro-Woolley or upper valley school are encouraged to sign up. Age ranges for consideration will be: Grades 1-5, 6-8, 9-12.

We are alerting parents and grandparents now to encourage and aid their student family members to begin planning for the contest this summer and perhaps to begin interviews and research about upriver history, along with looking through family collections for photographs.

Prizes and certificates will be awarded at a special centennial year celebration oriented to students at the mansion in Lyman at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10, 2009.

Students can begin their research with study of stories about Lyman and Minkler in the online Skagit River Journal, www.skagitriverjournal.com, and the editor will answer e-mailed questions to help students with their work.

Questions should be directed to Bud Meyers at 360.826.3301 or flyghotir@gmail.com, or e-mailed to Noel V. Bourasaw, the *Journal* editor, at skagitriverjournal@gmail.com.

Teachers or family members who want to inform their students also may e-mail that address for more information and details.

Editorial, cont. from p. 2

- Citizens who own property in any community should take the necessary steps to maintain the land and any buildings that rest on it. If windows are broken, fix them immediately. If the landscaping is overgrown, deal with it. If, say, trespassers are a problem, block their entry via all means at your disposal and consult with local law enforcement to prevent future incidents.
- Citizens who have children should make it a priority to instruct their children in the basic tenets of right and wrong. Building a gazebo for the town? Right. Painting a fence for a neighbor? Right. Pulling weeds for the family garden? Right! Breaking into a building and setting fire to it, thereby breaking the heart of a community and forcing an elderly man to deal with financial hardship during his last years on earth? WRONG.
- Children and youth, it's time to start learning about social responsibility. So, learn. *Learn*.

—JKM

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