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From the editor

Joyce Harris is awesome

In May 2009, *Concrete Herald* returned to a regular publishing schedule. Only a few months after its first new issue hit the racks, Marblemount artist Joyce Harris hit me up with an idea: a comic strip featuring “Concrete Harold”—see what she did there?

Since September 2009, Joyce has faithfully drawn the cartoon’s titular bald-headed character (guess who *he* is modeled after), as well as a host of secondary players, including my cat, Bentley. She’s poked fun at me, my ex-girlfriends, tourists, the president, and more. She created characters from real and imagined people, and brought them to life in hilarious ways.

Last month marked Joyce’s final “Concrete Harold” cartoon—a full 10 years of submissions for a total of 120 cartoons. It boggles the mind.

I hope that this issue’s feature article is a fitting thank-you and tribute to one of the Upper Valley’s finest artists. Thank you, Joyce.

—J. K. M.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Response to “Open letter to those who are addicted to drugs”

Like you, Ms. Drexler, I am grateful to Skagit County government’s response to the opioid crisis and appreciative of the efforts being made to educate the public about fake pills laced with fentanyl. As a grieving mother of a child who died earlier this year from a fentanyl overdose, I am troubled that your message will deter those who are suffering with addiction from protecting themselves from risky behavior until they are ready to get help if they don’t share your philosophy.

Everyone’s life has meaning. If my son had used a test strip, he may still be alive today. The tips the county is suggesting are only tools to save lives. Many people are suffering from addiction and shame; my son was no exception. He was one of my greatest gifts in life and had a bright future had it not been for the grasp of addiction and the reckless greed of a dealer. I was on my knees praying every day for a solution; with great sadness it was not enough.

While I agree with you that “we are in a battle,” we differ in our approach to finding a solution for those who are addicted to drugs.

Claudia Marken
Concrete

Quarry article contained error

It has come to my attention that the small article on page 23 in the August issue of the *Concrete Herald* regarding the Quarry Opposition Fundraiser has an important error.

I was present for this fundraiser and witnessed many people who were in attendance during the three hours of the event. To describe the event attendance

as “dozens” in count, indicates the newspaper is uninformed, misleading, and biased. A better word would have been “hundreds.”

The article is small in length and shows one picture of a few attendees and once again, not reflecting an accurate representation of the facts and leading one to believe there was low attendance.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your tireless effort working to improve this community. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Margaret Silverman
Concrete

Setting straight some lies

I’d like to set straight some lies that are spreading about Game Night in Hamilton.

Game Night was Denise DuVarney’s project. It ran strictly on donations and her volunteer time. I was a huge supporter, often donating food, games, and prizes. I appreciate all the other people who donated as well. There was no town government involvement, no funding except donations. It was on a night that I often had other obligations, so my family didn’t go. When Denise passed away, no one stepped up to continue it. No one

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stepped up to continue the Block Watch that she started.

Programs like that, and the Heart to Heart Kids Club, which we had for a while, depend on volunteers. They are not government programs. I support them as much as I can when we have them. To hear people say that my family did anything to harm those programs is unjust and not true. If you want the truth about anything I’ve done, please contact me. I’d like to see our town help build each other up, not tear each other down.

Joan Cromley
Hamilton

Retain Cromley as mayor

My life and my son’s life have been made better by our spontaneous decision in late 2015 to buy and rehab a foreclosed property on the north side of the Town of Hamilton. We plan to spend the rest of our lives here.

Our mayor, Joan Cromley, and her family are our neighbors. She and her husband, Mark, have proven themselves to be thoughtful and hard working.

The current efforts to provide residents of historic Hamilton with an alternative to flooded homes and the loss of precious possessions represents years of solid leadership and supportive partnerships among various agencies, citizens, and the nonprofit group, Forterra. The giving of her time and energy to Hamilton is far ranging—from her passion for conservation of our natural resources to thoughtful planning for our future needs and the inevitable changes we know are on the horizon.

Joan is available to the people of Hamilton; all you need to do is attend a meeting, make a phone call, stop by the town offices—it’s our town; get involved and be present in your own future.

I urge you to vote to retain Joan Cromley as mayor of the Town of Hamilton.

Joan Fowler
Hamilton

Hamilton election “history making”

The election was history making all the council man’s seats being challenged and of course the mayor’s office. It was unbelievable and exciting experience like going to the Kentucky derby watching the winners come across the finish line. I was so excited with the results even though I received 14 votes from voters that believed in me and gave me their vote. I just want to thank each and every

one of them for making that sacrifice it really meant a lot to me that they done that. Mayor Cromley 27 and Carola R. Vandiver 27 with Renee Barley holding 14 votes that both of them need to win this November. I think I am going to put all my energy and confidence in Carla R. Vandiver to be the next Mayor of Hamilton. I spent time with Carla R. Vandiver and Carla R. Vandiver made it clear what the platform is going to be when she becomes Mayor. And I encourage each and every one of those 14 voters to vote for Carla R. Vandiver this November.

Renee Barley
Hamilton

Thanks for quarry benefit coverage

Thank you for the coverage of the July 14 “Stop Marblemount Quarry” benefit at Steelhead Park.

In addition to the two stellar bands that played on the old ferry “stage,” Jumbled Pie and Jenny and the Tomcats, our local a capella trio Kitchen Sync sang as well.

And the headline might have been more accurate if it read: “Quarry opposition draws hundreds,” rather than “dozens.” It was a big hit! Many thanks.

Christie Fairchild,
Rockport

Thank you to Concrete community

Birdsview Grassmere Association with Fire District 10 thanks all the merchants for their support and donations with our 2019 Purse Auction, held during Cascade days: Atlantic Power, Puget Sound Energy, Cascade Skies Herbals, Secret Garden Styling Salon, Cascade Supply, Wolf Design Hair Studio, Northwest Garden Bling.

The Dress It Forward clothing drive is and will continue to be a benefit for the youth of Concrete. Know that without the support from wonderful businesses like yours and all the locals who have donated clothes and funds for specific items, these kids would have a lot less. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Becky Luttrell
Birdsview Grassmere Association
Fire District 10

Praise for leader/call for volunteers

Concrete has enjoyed yet another successful year with Concrete Days as a highlight of the summer. This is due in no small part to the remarkable contributions of one person who consistently shows exceptional leadership and dedication: Ember LaBounty.

There are several volunteers who

contribute their time and efforts to help make Concrete Days happen, but Ember, as leader of the team, does the majority of the work without complaint and while putting in a 40-hour work week to boot. Younger citizens of the Concrete area, now is the time to come forward and share the tasks required to plan, organize, and produce one of the best promotions of Concrete. Ember has done a marvelous

job; it’s time to give her a break and let her do a bit less of the work while some other folks help shoulder the load.

E-mail ember@cascadedays.com if you want to volunteer. Thanks!

Bill Pfeiffer
Concrete



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Council tightens regulations on poultry and fowl

In response to resident complaints, Council adds additional rules to municipal code to protect both poultry and people.

By Chazlyn Lovely
Edited by Katy Tomasulo

On Aug. 12, Concrete Town Council voted to pass Ordinance No. 806 with regard to the Concrete Municipal Code section 6.12, dealing with poultry and fowl. The new ordinance puts limits not only on the number of and type of poultry/fowl permissible at residences within town limits, but also adds requirements on their dwelling conditions.

Council members approved the new rules, which seek to prevent violations that "constitute a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the Town of Concrete," unanimously after a brief discussion during the regular council meeting on Aug. 12.

The move came after numerous complaints about a property in town where hundreds of chickens were improperly

and inhumanely housed in overcrowded conditions inside and outside the home. Town residents expressed dissatisfaction with the previous ordinance, which they felt didn't go far enough to curb nuisance fowl situations in town limits.

In the new ordinance, roosters, turkeys, geese, ducks, peacocks, pigeons, game birds, and birds of prey are prohibited within town limits, and residents are limited to a maximum of 25 chicken hens. All poultry must be kept in the residential sections of town and on their owner's property; birds can be kept on "vacant" lots without human dwellings, but they must be contained in either an indoor or outdoor enclosure.

Further restrictions note that enclosures on lots with human dwellings must be placed in the backyard rather than the front, as well as 10 feet away from property lines and 25 feet away from

neighbors' dwellings. Indoor enclosures require 3 square feet per chicken within, while outdoor enclosures require 10 square feet per chicken.

Enclosures must be well ventilated and able to protect feathery residents from weather and predators, as well as cleaned every 14 days maximum. Fowl waste must not accumulate on the property; i.e., when it is no longer able to be stored in a sealed, air-tight container, it must be "properly disposed of" by the owner.

Failure to adhere to the new ordinance will result in actions as described in section 8.04 (Nuisances) of the municipal code; the town's code enforcement officer will issue a written order to correct the violation within a "reasonable" timeframe, and if the violation is not corrected within that time, a "Civil Violation" with an accompanying \$100-per-day fee will be issued.

Further inaction could lead to abatement, where the town takes steps to correct the violation itself by entering the property, making the required changes, and charging the owner for staff time and any incidental fees. Violations lasting longer than 30 days could end with criminal misdemeanor charges.

To read the ordinance in its entirety, inquire at Town Hall.

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Primary 2019 Primary election results certified

The results of the 2019 primary election in Skagit County were certified on Aug. 20, finalizing the following outcomes.

Hamilton

The hot spot in the *Concrete Herald* coverage area found incumbent Mayor Joan Cromley tied with Carla Vandiver at 27 votes each.

Council Position 2 has Theresa Boots in the lead with 27 votes (42 percent), followed by Travis Patrick with 21 votes (32 percent).

The remaining races had two candidates per race, who also will advance to the Nov. 5 general election:

- Council Position 1: Billy Fisher, Timothy Morrison (incumbent).
- Council Position 3: Lisa Johnson (incumbent), Dean Vandiver.
- Council Position 5: Geoff Perkins (incumbent, partial term).

Sedro-Woolley

Council Wards 1 and 5 had more than two candidates in the races.

- Council Ward 1: Brendan McGoffin edged Dave Bates with 60 votes to Bates' 56.
- Council Ward 5: Corrin Hamburg took first with 134 votes (44 percent), followed by Charles Owen at 113 votes (37 percent).

The remaining races had two candidates per race, who also will advance to the general election:

- Mayor: Julia Johnson (incumbent), Dennis O'Neil.
- Council Ward 4: Pola Kelley (incumbent), Glenn Allen.

All public service candidates in Lyman and Concrete are running unopposed this November.

—J. K. M.

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The 14th Annual Concrete Ghost Walk

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Concrete alone? Who is down that dark alley?

Learn about the characters, events and legends that have shaped our community, and you'll hear from local residents (living and otherwise) as you enjoy a tour along the haunts of our parks, alleys and buildings.

Tickets, \$15, online.
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Murder Mystery Evening

Thursday, October 24
Concrete Theatre
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6:00 p.m. Light Dinner & Special Presentation
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\$20 per person
7:00 p.m. Presentation
\$12 per person

It's an evening of murder and mayhem! You'll hear true stories of crimes in Skagit and Whatcom Counties during the early twentieth century. Filled with intrigue and rich, true history, this is a glimpse into the darker side of humanity, all from the safety of your theatre seat.
Please note: this event is not suitable for children.

Tickets, \$12- \$20, online.
Not available at the door.



Trunk-or-Treat in Bear Square

Concrete Town Center
Thursday, October 31
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Free!

Kids in costumes are invited to join us in Bear Square, where community volunteers will have the trunks of their cars stuffed with treats. It's a fun way to celebrate Halloween in a safe environment. Young children must be accompanied by an adult; no pets, please. Take lots of photos and post them to our Facebook page!
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Fixing up a fixture

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church gets a major facelift

The Mount Baker Presbyterian Church in Concrete is one of its most iconic structures, and more than 100 years old—the oldest building in town.

At that age, you might expect a need or two when it comes to restoration and renovation.

During the week of Aug. 19, local church members tackled a laundry list of repairs and renovations, aided (and funded) by a missions team from Westminster Presbyterian in Anacortes, led by David and Jolyn Lucas, who is that congregation's Missions chair.

"Everyone from Mount Baker Presbyterian who could show up, did," said Pastor Kevin Riley, who will mark this first year with the church this October. "Some were there every day."

The workers' to-do list was long, but they had the numbers, knowledge, and willpower to tackle it:

- They tore out and replaced the wheelchair access ramp at the back of the building (below right).
- They applied new coats of paint to the exterior.
- They ripped out weeds and removed the old readerboard.
- "We redid almost everything on the exterior," said Riley.

- The original exterior doors had been painted; they stripped the paint and applied new stain. "The doors are amazing; they still have the original wood plugs in them," said Riley.

Keep going? Okay.

- They planted flowers in the front planter, below the stairs (below), and pressure-washed the planter (that's church member Doug Henson doing the honors, bottom left).
- They painted the exterior concrete—the bottom half of the church— plus the railings and the window and door trim.

They're getting rid of the old oil tank. "Need one? It's free," said Riley.

This month, church member Don Smith will paint a mural of Mt. Baker and the foothills on the face of the front steps.

"This whole project started with a vision for 2019, a strategy to give us drive, to propel us toward something more than just showing up on Sundays, because we're more than that," said Riley. "We started by cleaning ourselves up from the inside out—getting rid of everything that we don't use. Then we moved to the outside." —J. K. M.



Photos courtesy of Kevin Riley.



Council summary

Concrete Town Council met for regular meetings on Aug. 12 and 26. The following is a summary of those meetings. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are posted on the town's Web site at www.townofconcrete.com/cminutes.php.

Aug. 12 regular meeting

- **Public safety:** Deputy Wolfe was asked a question regarding the weapons offenses listed in the incident report. He explained how calls are dispatched.

Deputy Wolfe also said he is working to get a district court in Concrete. He stated that any infractions have to be disputed in Mount Vernon no matter where they are issued. He stated he also believes that minor offenses could be done in Concrete as well. He stated that he has been having a lot of meetings regarding this idea, and the Sheriff's Department is on board. He stated his goal is to have this up and running by the beginning of 2020. He stated he also has the backing of at least one of the commissioners at this time. He stated support from the mayor and council would also be very helpful. Town engineer Cody Hart reported that grant applications for TIB are coming due soon. He stated that he suggests applying for as much as possible to go toward the Secondary Access Project. He also stated he will finalize the water reservoir plans and get those out to bid in September. Council approved Ordinance No. 806 – CMC 6.12, tightening the constraints around keeping poultry inside town limits.

Council approved Resolution No. 2019-17, a policy that incentivizes town employees for seeking out grants by giving them 1 percent of the total grant amount, but not to exceed \$15,000 per any fiscal year.

Council discussed a proposal from Aloha Lumber to sell to the town a 20-acre parcel in the Burpee Hill area. The parcel was disputed years ago; a lawsuit ensued, and a settlement was reached. Hart suggested that someone assess the area and see if there are any geological or slope stability issues. He said if there any issues and the town purchases this property, those issues would then become the town's issues and liability. The town

will have someone review the area before proceeding further.

- A request from an airport leaseholder compelled town staff to revisit the town's regulations for recreational fire pits. Town planner Marianne Manville-Ailles said she would work with Fire Dept. Chief Darrel Reed to develop language in the town's code that agreed more closely with what is written on the permit form.

Aug. 26 regular meeting

- Mayor Jason Miller introduced the new Public Works employee, Jesse Babcock, who began on Aug. 20.
- Deputy Wiggins reported the Sheriff's Dept. will continue to provide the school with a resource officer this year. He reported on the resignation of one of the deputies; they will work to replace him during the next couple weeks. He also discussed the trespassing issues on PSE property and the number of citations and arrests that have been made during the summer, most of which were made during this last weekend. He also reported they are at 378 calls for service so far this year, compared to 312 at this same time last year.
- Mayor Miller reported that he had just sent an e-mail to Sgt. Adams with various concerns. He said some of those concerns are significant increases in vandalism and graffiti throughout town. He stated Seattle City Light had reported vandalism to their ride share vehicle at the Park & Ride, where the door handles had been smeared with dog feces. He stated this also had occurred at the public restrooms at Silo Park, as well as damages to the inside of the restrooms. He also reported on the recent vandalism at the post office, where slugs, snails, and frogs were thrown against the building and windows. Mayor Miller stated concern about burnouts after the car show at Cascade Days. He stated these burnouts were done just feet away from people sitting outside and could pose a huge liability.

—Compiled from staff minutes

Keep track of your council

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

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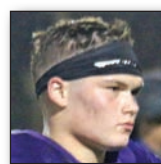
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Sports



Volleyball serves up season

Concrete High School volleyball started Aug. 27, and I am pumped for the season. All of the girls had a great summer, got in the gym, and we were able to send one of our setters and our libero to an Elite Nike Clinic, where they faced very high-level competition.

All of these things should strengthen us as a team as we head into the season. We will see what the first days of practice bring next week, but as of right now I do

not anticipate any seniors or freshmen in the program. This is something of an oddity, and has forced us to bring up 8th grade girls for the first time. I am hoping to field two teams (Varsity and JV), and expect us to be very competitive in the Northwest 2B League this year.

For more information, call 360.630.6063.

—Kevik Rensink, coach

Basketball club sign-up Sept. 5

Concrete Basketball Club will get underway right after school starts.

The program is for girls from 2nd through 6th grade, and sign-ups will be held on Thur., Sept. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Concrete Elementary School cafeteria.

The season runs six weeks, from the beginning of September to mid-October, with practices two days a week and games on Saturday mornings. At the conclusion

of the club season, there will be tryouts for the SWISH season, which starts Oct. 26.

There will be more information on the SWISH program in the October issue of *Concrete Herald*.

For more information, call 360.630.6063.

—Kevik Rensink, coach

YD update

Concrete Youth Dynamics went on two adventures this summer. The first was a Mount Baker summit attempt with seven high school students—and I emphasize the word “attempt.” Apparently, not everyone the mountain has other ideas, and we got a taste of those ideas. Despite the wind and rain on the day of the summit attempt, it was a great weekend surrounded in God’s beauty. I am so thankful for the challenge, the new experience, and the students and staff we were able to grow closer with on the mountain.

Our second retreat was a three-day camping/kayaking trip on the Lower Wenatchee River. We had originally scheduled a Methow River kayak trip, but the river flow dropped below the threshold needed for the guides to host the trip. The five students who went on this trip really enjoyed their time together, as it allowed

a more intimate setting, and more quiet/reflective time than is normally allowed on a YD excursion.

These really cool experiences cost money, as well as the food we bring on Monday nights, the vans we drive, the insurance we must provide, etc. Jeffery Garland and I represented Concrete Youth Dynamics again in this year’s Golf Marathon at Avalon Golf Course in Burlington. This charity event was held Aug. 26, during which we golfed 100-plus holes to help bring in enough money to finance another year of Concrete YD activities. Thanks to Jeffery for taking a day off work, and thanks to all the people who donated this year and in years past. We would not be able to run Concrete YD without your ongoing support.

We are assembling a new student leadership team, planning our events for the 2019–20 school year, and preparing for the first YD Monday Night of the year on Sept. 30.

—Kevik Rensink area director

Preparing mentally for a running race

PeaceHealth is the title sponsor of the Bellingham Bay Marathon on Sept. 29, so we’re focusing our attention these days on training our bodies and minds. Whether you’re thinking about challenging yourself with a 5K or a full marathon, mastering the mental aspect of running will be key to your success.

What to do before race day

It’s helpful to keep your mind quiet when running. Some experts advise repeating positive affirmations such as “relax, relax, relax,” or “soft is strong,” or “run strong, run long.” Find the words that work for you. As you get used to this mantra, you can use it on race day and it will be familiar to you.

Avoid negative self-talk. If you find that your stride is not smooth, don’t berate yourself. Just take the opportunity to correct your stride and get back into a good rhythm. When you start thinking about how tired you’re going to feel at mile 2 or mile 22, when you’ve only just begun, it can turn into a very long run. If you break up your run into manageable segments, it will seem easier, and you will get some mini victories as you run along.

Also, try to visualize the race wherever you may be training. As you prepare for your training run, mentally go through what you will be thinking and doing prior to the race. As you run, thinking about running with others and other unique aspects of the course can help keep surprises at a minimum on the day of the race.

On race day

Try to go through your typical pre-training routines, so that everything seems familiar to you. Try to stay relaxed and control your breathing. Remember the

mantra that you may have been using in your preparation runs and use it if you start getting nervous.

Focus on your race strategy. Try to stay in the moment and don’t think too far ahead. You’ve trained at a certain pace and keeping that familiar pace will help.

Run the race like you train.

Fatigue is not just in the body. We get fatigue signals from the brain well before fatigue in the body sets in. Think of the gas tank that warns you when the tank is nearly empty, well before you run out of gas. Don’t let the brain fool you into thinking you’re tired before you are. When you start feeling fatigue setting in, you can address it directly, and say, “Hello, fatigue, I can’t talk with you now, I have to finish this race.”

If you try running at 100 percent, you’ll get tense. Try running around 90 percent. This will help you stay relaxed, knowing that you still have something left. If you are feeling tense, try smiling, even if you don’t feel like it.

After the race

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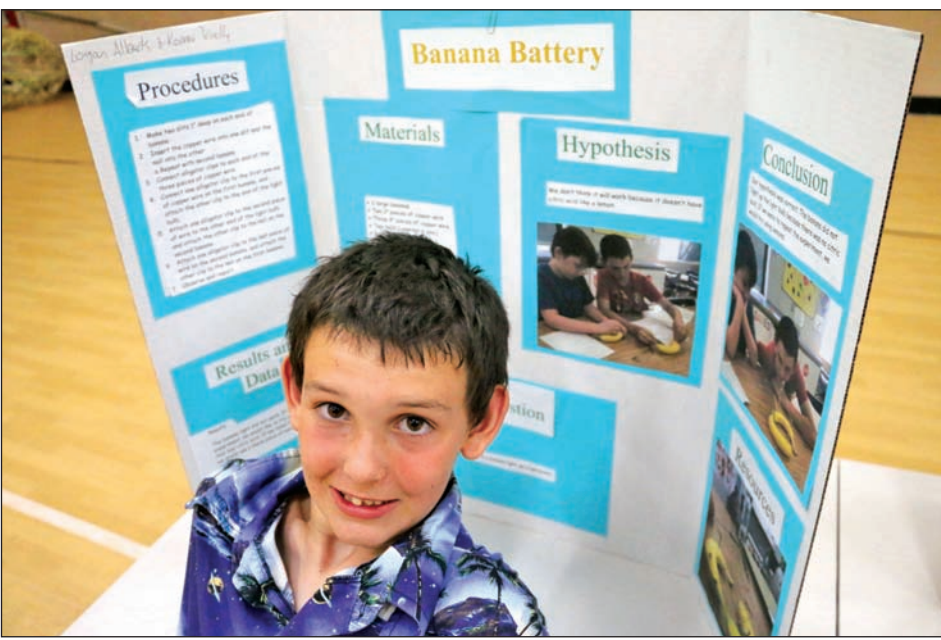
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Academics

Smarts on display at the Science Fair



Elijah Thompson poses with his experiment during the annual Science Fair at Concrete Elementary School on June 13. Thompson hypothesized that the petals of white flowers would change color if the stems were placed in water that had been colored with food coloring. Thompson reported mostly negative results: "The three flowers did not change color."



Above: Barrett Pritchard and Jayden Morgareidge wondered: Will toy cars travel farther after being launched from a 60-degree ramp, as opposed to a 45-degree ramp? Yes. Yes, they will. Twenty out of twenty cars traveled farther from the 60-degree ramp.

Left: Logan Alberts worked with Konnor Trindle to create a "banana battery." Would it power a light bulb? Only one way to find out ... nope. Didn't work. The boys believe the failure was due to a lack of citric acid. "If we were to repeat the experiment, we would try using lemons," they wrote.

SkagitNet: Focus on fiber

By Linda Tyler

A project that's been years in the making and decades in the "needing" keeps moving forward.

In 2017 the Port of Skagit, in coordination with Skagit County, Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC), cities and towns throughout the county, and the Skagit PUD worked together to develop a strategic plan for fiber optic infrastructure in Skagit County. That plan led to a strategic partnership between the Port and Skagit PUD called "SkagitNet," to build and operate key pieces of fiber optic infrastructure throughout the county. SkagitNet is "an open access, wholesale, fiber optic network that will span from Anacortes to Concrete."

But what does that actually mean?

In 2007, businesses at Port of Skagit's Bayview Business Park expressed the need for better Internet. The port surveyed business tenants and found a great need for fiber optic connectivity. Through a series of planning sessions and collaboration, the City of Mount Vernon designed and built an extension from its existing network to supply fiber to the Port in 2009. This system has been working great for the past 10 years for the 53 businesses and 5 Internet service providers at the business park, but like all technology, advancements and consumer needs have created a demand for more. It begs the question: Is there perhaps a better way?

The Port of Skagit and partners applied for state grant funding to develop plans and enlisted the help of others with experience in the telecommunications industry. However, neither the port, the PUD, nor SkagitNet are in the retail Internet business. These entities won't be activating service, creating customer accounts, or charging monthly fees for Internet access. What these entities are doing is making it possible for the private sector to do those things.

Digital divide

Skagit County, along with many communities nationwide, has significant digital divide issues. A Pew Research Center study last year found 15 percent of U.S. households with school-age children lacked high-speed Internet at home, putting them at a tremendous disadvantage for doing homework, applying for jobs,

and working toward careers. Businesses also are hampered by this digital divide because of cost and accessibility.

Telecommunications infrastructure is very expensive to build and maintain. Internet service businesses have a hard time paying for the construction of new infrastructure in more rural areas where the customer base is sparse. SkagitNet hopes to offer part of the solution to this challenge. By investing in publicly owned infrastructure that can be leased to private telecommunications companies to provide service in rural areas, SkagitNet can help lower the cost for the private sector to provide services and make it easier for them to reach our rural markets.

This work will require years to reach its full potential. Internet service providers are already using SkagitNet's fiber optic cable to reach new customers. At this point, those customers are limited to businesses, but with time and further investment from both the public and private sector, this infrastructure could expand to include residential homes.

Final segment pending

The project continues along its anticipated timeline, with construction of Segment 6 from Hamilton to Concrete scheduled to be complete in 2020. To date, SkagitNet has leveraged more than \$4.2 million in economic development funding for the network through Skagit County .09 Funds and the state Department of Commerce CERB program.

Currently, more than 800 different communities nationwide follow a similar model. Public infrastructure, private service, and more rural connectivity are common goals, and SkagitNet is a big part of the conversation at the state level in creating a replicable model.

But it's not done in a vacuum. It's done through strategic partnerships, collaboration, a willingness to learn and listen, and the bold idea that perhaps there is a better way.

Linda Tyler is Community Outreach Administrator for Port of Skagit.



CHS students Cheyenne Lewis (left) and Andrea Rogers (right) paused for a pic with chaperone Erynn Sendrick during their July trip to Dallas, Texas for a National Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America conference. Submitted photo.

Concrete Resource Coalition



The coalition welcomes back our students and staff at the Concrete School District. The coalition is looking forward to an exciting school year.

A recap of our summer included leading an Incredible Years parenting education series. We had seven adults in our community attend and graduate the 12-session course. Allison Burton and I facilitated the program and we enjoyed learning alongside this amazing group of parents.

In July we held our 12th annual Concrete Youth Activity Day. We had a great time and another successful, fun, free, family event.

Also in July we sent two local students (Andrea Rogers and Cheyenne Lewis) to Dallas, Texas, for a National CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) conference. There they learned about problem statements, logic models, and other evidence-based strategies. These strategies teach communities how to effectively target community problems and use the strategic planning framework to address local issues and make real sustainable change.

As we start the new school year, the

coalition is hard at work getting teachers trained in new prevention programs around social/emotional health for students K-12. We also have a guest speaker, Caleb from Teen Truth, doing two assemblies in October. Caleb was the Keynote speaker at the Prevention Summit in Yakima last November. The students from the Concrete Prevention Posse were deeply moved by Caleb's message. They wanted all teens in Concrete to hear his message and were able to secure the funding from the coalition to make it happen this year. Teen Truth's message is about school inclusion and anti-bullying—a topic the club has focused on the last few years.

Our next coalition meeting is Thur., Sept. 19, at the CHS library. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Last, I want to give kudos to the Concrete Boys and Girls Club. They lead an educational, interactive, and fun summer program for students. It's hard to believe Oct. 1 will be one year since they opened their doors. We couldn't ask for a better community partner and we wish the Concrete Boys and Girls Club continued success!

For more information, contact me at stephanie.morgareidge@unitedgeneral.org or 360.854.7179.

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

A portrait of the artist

“Concrete Harold” cartoonist Joyce Harris closes another decade of creativity.

As an artist, Joyce Harris was a bit of an early bloomer. On a rainy day at age 3, seized by the desire to draw woman with a flowery dress, she grabbed a pencil and a scrap of paper and gave it her best shot. (That effort is reproduced on this page, bottom right.)

“I was horrified; my hands wouldn’t do what my mind was telling them to do,” said Harris. “But I managed a circle for a face, some sticks for arms, a body, a dress with hundreds of tiny flowers ... I thought my mom was mad at me when she yelled, ‘Did YOU do this?’ I cried. But then she said, ‘This is wonderful!’”

Still, Harris had some learning to do. “I remember wanting to draw, but I had to train my hand,” she said.

Year by year, she picked it up. At age 5 she visited her brother in his room and noticed a pinup picture on his wall. “A light bulb went on: He wanted to see a naked woman,” said Harris. “So I drew him one, although it probably looked more like my mom than he’d wanted. He showed mom the picture and I got a whipping for drawing dirty pictures.”

At age 6 she drew some figures in profile, then went to school and almost unlearned her gift, drawing the way everybody else did: square houses with triangle roofs, a round sun with lines coming off of it to signify sunbeams. Green grass. Blue sky. Stick figures.

“I showed my mom those drawings and she asked why I was drawing that way. ‘Because that’s the way they draw at school,’ I said.”

Her mother urged her to draw the way she knew Harris could, with dresses and profiles. “I drew the house and the tree and the sun in the sky, but it also had a woman as big as the house in front of it, in a bikini, with her boobs sticking out in profile,” Harris laughed. “The teacher gasped and fled from the room.”

But her second grade teacher recognized the talent in the budding artist and put her to work doing murals.

At age 7 a friend of her brother’s gave her a ream of mostly clean paper. “That was one of my prized possessions,” she said.

Struggling to learn

But as school went on, Harris found no opportunities for art training. “There were scholarships and awards for everything from making cherry pies to academics, but nothing for art,” she said. “I used to complain terribly: Why don’t we have art classes?”

In high school she pushed her principal for an art class—and got one. There were two students; Harris was one of them. “We made posters,” she said. “That was the extent of my art training.”

Thirsting to develop her talent, Harris

began copying existing artworks to learn how to draw. She drew images from movies, animals, people, couples, gymnasts, and more. At age 16 she tried a self-portrait.

She went to Western Washington University after working a year to earn the tuition money. She spent that year in newspapers, doing nothing but folding them. The publisher saw she was artistic, so he had her do advertising layouts.

At Western she majored in art and biology. “I thought a great career would be to illustrate scientific textbooks, but discovered I’d have to live in New York or Los Angeles, and the competition was akin to being a movie star.”

Career twists and turns

She married Jim Harris and moved to Marblemount. Had kids. Wanted to use her art to help people in any way. “It was used in a lot of different directions, I’d say.”

That’s an understatement.

When Jim was a teacher, she helped him with artwork and music. When he shifted careers to park ranger, she illustrated his brochures and helped him with slide shows—even drawing a cartoon strip for



Harris’ “Concrete Harold” comic strip often treated life’s ironies with a wry wit. In this comic from 2012, Harold’s girlfriend asks what he did to his bandaged hand. He replies, “I bought one of those super sharp ceramic knives that was so securely packaged, I cut my hand opening the package!”

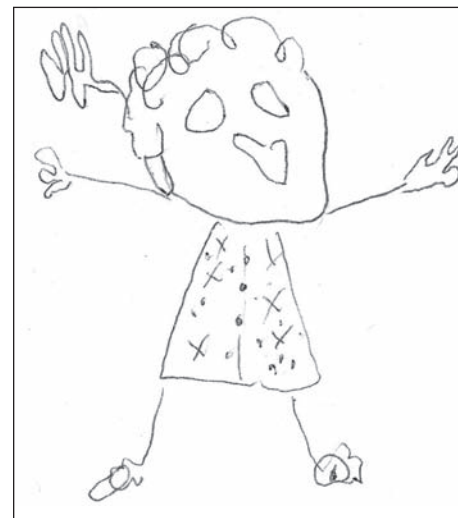
one of those shows. One of his brochures that contained her illustrations won a national prize.

And she crafted posters for various groups of protestors.

After her divorce in 1983, she found her way to PSE and provided artwork for them. Some hung in the fish hatchery in Marblemount.

She drew signage and logos. She created an image of Mount Baker Presbyterian

See Portrait, p. 13



Joyce Harris first displayed her artistic leanings at age 3, drawing a woman with a flowery dress. The image at left is a redrawn version of her first effort, which was too faded to reproduce well. The image at right is Harris’ revisiting of that same image, after she’d matured as an artist.



Portrait, cont. from p. 12

Church for the front page of its bulletin.

She developed images for patches of North Cascades National Park. She did portraiture. She even drew labels for Glacier Peak Winery.

Smaller projects filled her years until *Concrete Herald* returned to a regular publishing schedule in May 2009. She approached Publisher Jason Miller with a quirky idea for a comic strip called “Concrete Harold,” and drew the monthly cartoon from September 2009 through August 2019, filling in the gaps between deadlines with other projects.

“My Dream”

At 80, Harris lives quietly and modestly near Marblemount. Her home is filled with her work and her experiments: One such piece is a treatment of a fisherman throwing his nets from a boat, imagined

from the opposite angle than an existing painting.

After trying lead pencils, colored pencils, oils (“they take too long to dry”), and acrylics (“they dry too fast”), Harris settled on watercolors for her preferred medium. That choice is a good match for her compositions, which often have a dreamy quality.

Her own dreams are captured in 3-ring binders that contain her artwork and her writings about what the future may hold. In 2000 she started another binder, titling it “My Dream.” She’s still working on it, collecting her memories, giving voice and imagery to her belief that everyone is born with a talent, and trying not to cling too much to the way she thinks the dream will end. “When I give up my view, something better comes along,” she said.

—J. K. M.



Above: Harris captured movement with this painting of her daughter, Valerie Harris, swinging when she was a young girl.

Left: Harris’ son, Dan Harris, playing in a sandbox was the inspiration for this whimsical image of childhood.



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Clear Lake



HISTORY CORNER

Our photo this month is of the Clear Lake town baseball team in 1911.

B. R. Lewis, president of Clear Lake Lumber Company, was known for hiring good ball players who were attending the University of Washington. The ball players were in need of a summer job and were hired by Lewis to work in the Clear Lake Lumber Company's offices. Clear Lake was known for its winning team.

Included in the photo are ball players (back row, from left): Honus, Young, Ellswick, Bowlden, Pickering, Cook, Boggs, and Thompson. In front, from left: Everett McGuinnis and Buck Master. *Photo courtesy of Clear Lake Historical Association.*

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

Like the Clear Lake Historical Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clearlakehistory.

The Clear Lake Historical Association has new office hours: Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. For more information, send an e-mail to clha1987@gmail.com or call 360.856.6798.

—Deanna Ammons, historian

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SEPTEMBER

- 3 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 3 Sedro-Woolley School District: first day of school
- 3 Darrington School District: first day of school
- 4 Concrete School District: first day of school
- 5 Basketball Club sign-up (girls 2nd through 6th grade), Concrete Elementary School cafeteria, 5 to 7 p.m.; see article, p. 8; info at 360.630.6063
- 7 Marijuana: Evil Weed or Medical Miracle? Darrington Library, 1005 Cascade St., Darrington, 10:30 a.m. to noon; see notice, p. 32
- 7 Skagit River Salmon Festival, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; info at <http://skagitriverfest.org>
- 7 Senior Citizen Dance, 8334 W. 3rd St. (old Town Hall bldg.), Lyman, 2 to 4 p.m.; \$10 admission; see notice, p. 18
- 9 Lushootseed Language Classes (Mondays in Sept.), Darrington Library, 1005 Cascade St., Darrington, 4 to 5:45 p.m.; see notice, p. 32
- 14 "Radiant Hope" Women's Conference sponsored by Women HAND in Hand, Inspire Church, 805 Township St., Sedro-Woolley, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see ad, p. 3; info at 360.853.3066
- 14 Mansford Grange Centennial Jubilee Open House, Mansford Grange, Darrington, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; see article, p. 24
- 14 Fireworks and Season Championships at Skagit Speedway, 7 p.m., see ad, p. 19; info at www.skagitspeedway.com and 360.724.3567
- 14-15 Northwest Viking Fest, Sauk-Suiattle Powwow grounds; see article, p. 24
- 21 Wayne Carter book signing and discussion at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 3 p.m.
- 24 "Audism Unveiled" screens at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 7 p.m.
- 25 Sign Language Club and Q&A with Em Beals, Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 WSU Forestry Health Seminar, Concrete Community Center, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 32
- 28 Free Day at Rasar and Rockport state parks; see notice, p. 23
- 28 Flood Awareness 5K Fun Run/Walk/Roll, Skagit Valley Fields, 9 a.m. to noon; see ad, p. 17
- 28 Para-Con 2019, hosted by Forest Moon Paranormal, Sedro-Woolley Community Center, 703 Pacific St., Sedro-Woolley, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$10 admission, info and tickets at www.fmparacon.com
- 28 Community Preparedness & Prevention Fair, Skagit Valley College, Tollefson Plaza, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., free admission; see ad, p. 17
- 28 Sign Language Game at Upper Skagit Library, Concrete, 3 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Hamilton Town Council workshop, Hamilton Town Hall, 584 Maple St., Hamilton, 7 p.m.; info at townofhamilton.2010@gmail.com or 360.826.3027
- 5 Marblemount Community Club Open House and Membership Drive, Marblemount Community Hall, 60155 SR 20, Marblemount, 4 to 7 p.m.; see notice, p. 26
- 5, 12 Concrete Ghost Walk, 6 and 8 p.m.; see ad, p. 5
- 16 General Election ballots mailed
- 19, 26 Concrete Ghost Walk, 6 and 8 p.m.; see ad, p. 5
- 24 Murder Mystery Evening, Concrete Theatre, 6 p.m.; see ad, p. 5
- 31 Trunk-or-Treat in Bear Square, Concrete, 4 p.m.; see ad, p. 5

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

Community meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Concrete Community Center Committee meets the third Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m., at the East County Resource Center in Concrete. Meetings are open to the public. 360.416.1733 or claudiam3@communityactionskagit.org.

Concrete Economic Development Commission meets quarterly at 6 p.m. at Concrete Town Hall. Call 503.333.2406 for the date of the next meeting.

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

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

Concrete Heritage Museum Board meets the third Wed. of each month, at 6 p.m. at the museum. Meetings are open to the public. 360.826.3075 or www.concreteheritagemuseum.org.

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

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

Concrete School District Board: The board will hold a workshop on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m., in the admin. bldg., room 111. The board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., in the same location. 360.853.4000.

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

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

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

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

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

Imagine Concrete meets the third Thur. of each month in the Pilots' Lounge at Mears Field in Concrete, at 7 p.m. Open to the public. 360.853.8213 or goodwords@frontier.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Sedro-Woolley School District Board: Meets Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., at the Support Svcs Bldg. for a regular meeting. A second regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23 at 7 p.m., at Lyman Elementary School. 360.855.3500 or kcargile@swsd.k12.wa.us.

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

Upper Skagit Library District (USLD) Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the library. Public is welcome. 360.853.7939 or info@upperskagitlibrary.org

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

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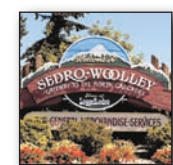
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Sedro-Woolley



Council summary

The Sedro-Woolley City Council held regular meetings on July 10 and 24. Following are summaries of those meetings. Complete minutes for every council meeting are posted online at https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/governing_bodies/city_council/meetings.php.

July 10 regular meeting

- City Supervisor/Attorney Eron Berg explained that the city, county, and Port of Skagit have been part of a partnership to redevelop Northern State Hospital with the focus on redevelopment and job creation. Berg spoke on the key technology and cornerstone of the redevelopment, which is the Varcor processor that is being installed in Hartley, Texas. Berg stated the city has requested legislative assistance to help fund the acquisition of a Varcor Processor for use at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), which would eliminate the need for a third digester. He noted there is potential for the funding to be in the governor's budget, and also spoke of a timing for Sedron to lease property at the SWIFT Center.
- Police Chief Lin Tucker reported on the recent I-1639 presentation regarding the changes in gun purchasing and gun transferring laws. He also stated the 4th of July went well, although they were busy during the weekend with five suspected DUI motor vehicle accidents. He also reported hearing of a bear sighting at Riverfront Park, but has not been able to confirm.
- Mayor Johnson reported on a great job to all involved with the Loggerodeo, including city crews, police, and fire.
- Fire Chief Klinger reported nothing major happened over the 4th. He also reported the county will implement a modified burn ban beginning July 12, and gave an update on the BLS criteria-based dispatch, as well as having new residents and EMTs.
- Planning Director Coleman introduced Katherine Weir, who has been interning for the summer and soon will become the full-time assistant planner. Coleman reported the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on ADUs (accessory dwelling units) at its July 16 meeting. The hearing is intended to get public

feedback on ADUs in order to move forward.

- Public Works Dir. Mark Freiburger reviewed a Late Materials request to authorize advertisement for bids and authorize the mayor to award the contract, with ratification of the award at the August meeting for ADA Sidewalks and Ramps. He noted timing is a factor for TIP funding. Council approved.

Freiberger further reported the bypass piping at the WWTP has been finished. The contract will remain open to the end of the year to do additional improvements recommended by Brown & Caldwell. He noted David Lee is in the final stages of design for the Robinson/Borseth sewer project that was authorized last year.

July 24 regular meeting

- Bobby Castilleja, representing the volunteer fire dept., addressed the council and reported on the volunteer efforts of the fire dept. and the police dept., who have worked together to upgrade the baseball fields at Riverfront Park. He stated they built and installed benches, all with donated materials. He then showed before and after photos of the project and reported on future plans for more upgrades to the field next year. Mayor Johnson thanked Castilleja, the volunteers, and the police for taking on a much-needed project.
- Councilmember de Jong reported on the concert at Riverfront Park, noting it was well attended. He also asked who is responsible for graffiti removal and in what time frame to be removed. He stated there has been some tagging happening along State St. Public Works Dir. Freiburger noted tagging on the BNSF overcrossing. BNSF has been notified. A short discussion followed regarding tagging and clean up responsibilities.
- Following discussion on parking requirements and storage for accessory vehicles, council approved Ordinance Nos. 1931-19, 1932-19, and 1933-19. All three ordinances support the city's Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay.
- Council unanimously approved an Unoccupied Aerial Vehicle Policy that was developed by intern Tucker Link for its consideration.

—Compiled from staff minutes

Janicki opens new manufacturing plant

A large crowd gathered in Hamilton on Aug. 29 to welcome the latest milestone for Janicki Industries: a 90,000-square-foot manufacturing plant.

An open house event that day welcomed guests to the new facility, which will produce aerospace parts made of advanced composite materials that will support the U.S. aerospace industry, including commercial jetliners, military aircraft, and space exploration.

"Everything we're doing is a process," said Janicki President John Janicki during his remarks before the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "There are hundreds of processes [involved in product development and creation], and everyone needs to be trained."

Process is paramount in the new facility, which includes rooms and components that follow production every step of the way. The high-bay assembly space includes four cranes. A clean room—a.k.a. "controlled contamination area"—offers 15,000 square feet of space. And a drive-in freezer lets Janicki store carbon fiber material until it is thawed and cut with a robotic knife.

Even the entry roof is special: It's a live roof, with soil for plants.

The building took one year to construct and includes a climate control system that is the first industrial use of its kind in the

state: a series of 30 linked heat pumps that constantly monitor temperature and humidity.

"For our customers, it's all about trust," Janicki said after the ceremony. "When they see this facility and meet our employees, they will know they can trust us to provide a quality product."

—J. K. M.

Above: The new Janicki manufacturing plant in Hamilton offers 90,000 square feet of space. The company will move its parts manufacturing efforts to the new building from the existing nearby building sometime this month.

Right: Janicki President John Janicki praised the company's employees during his remarks prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Below: Mill 5 and 6 Cell Manager Brian Williams (left) and Senior Manufacturing Engineer Andrew Squires cut the ceremonial ribbon in front of their coworkers and guests during the Aug. 29 open house.



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Lyman notes

A variety of news tidbits and events are on tap for Lyman this month and next. Here's a look.

Historical committee update

Lyman Historical Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at Town Hall (Minkler Mansion) at 8405 S. Main St. in Lyman, at 6 p.m.

The committee is looking for new members who wish to help preserve the history of Lyman. The committee meets a few times a year with local elementary students to teach about how things used to be decades ago, to make homemade cider, and more.

For more info about the group or their upcoming events, contact Linda Mani at 360.826.4175.

Senior Citizen Dance

Heart to Heart Charity will host a Senior Citizen Dance on Sat., Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 8334 W. 3rd St., in the old Town Hall building behind the Fire Dept. in Lyman.

A fundraiser for the charity, the dance is for anyone 50 years old and older. Single, married, in a relationship—all are welcome.

Admission is \$10 per person. Tickets

include a free 4x6 photo, one raffle ticket, a live DJ, and a coffee/beverage bar with an assortment of cookies and snacks.

There will be a raffle, prizes, and contests. For tickets or more information, contact hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

Church of God

The Church of God meets on Sundays and Thursdays. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. A Sunday evening service is held at 5 p.m., and youth gather on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

The church is located on S. Main St. in Lyman, next to the Lyman Tavern.

KIDS Club September meetings

Heart to Heart Charity KIDS Club will be held at 8334 W. 3rd St. behind the fire dept. in Lyman on Sun., Sept. 15 and 29, from 3 to 4 p.m.

KIDS Club is free and is for kids ages 3 and older. Meetings will consist of crafts, and a snack, and the kids become involved in Give Back projects. The charity is accepting donations of craft items, fabric, and snacks. For more information or to donate, e-mail hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

Thirsty Third Thursday

Bikers are invited to hang out with other bikers on the third Thursday of every month. Meet at The Bull Pen at 701 Metcalf St. in Sedro-Woolley at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Frank Draper at 360.483.8877 or frank-n-style@hotmail.com.

Pack the Pantry

Heart to Heart Charity will host a Pack the Pantry event to benefit Lyman Elementary school in Lyman. The event is designed to support a new program at the school, which aims to provide students with snacks and lunch items. The program is active only when the school is open, not on weekends.

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

Drop off locations:

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

For more information, contact Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com.

Library seeks volunteers

The Lyman Free Library needs volunteers. It is open on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. It's an easy job for the most part, and help would be much appreciated. For more information, call Elaine Kohler at 360.826.3929.

Angel Tree gearing up

The Heart to Heart Christmas Angel Tree is now accepting applications for this year's program. Forms are due back by Oct. 31; however, the program usually fills up in September, so interested applicants are urged to get involved quickly.

Applications are available by e-mailing hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com or picking one up at Lyman Town Hall, the Dalles Rd. Free Library, or Grandy Creek Grocery.

The charity will help as many families and children as it can, depending on how much support it gets. Families of all sizes are in need of assistance; contact the charity for more information.

Questions can be directed to charity organizer Tammie Werner at hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. Donations of cash/checks are appreciated and help with additional needed items. Checks need to be made payable to Heart To Heart Charity and can be mailed to Heart to Heart Charity, P.O. Box 1372, Lyman, WA 98263.

—Tammie Werner

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August in pictures



Above: Shoppers browse a large selection of clothing during the Dress It Forward clothing drive at the Grassmere Fire Hall on Aug. 10. The drive, hosted by the Grassmere firefighters, was designed to assist "anyone and everyone who could use some clothes," said firefighter Becky Luttrell. *Photo by Becky Luttrell.*



Left: Whiskey Fever played Birdstock on Aug. 3. Shown clockwise from left: Andy Brown, Dennis Dorgan, Jack Mattingly.

Below: Concrete volunteer firefighter Steph Haubrich hams it up at the fire department's dunk tank during Cascade Days.



Scenes from Cascade Days. Above: Grand Marshal Tom Jones rode in style during the big parade. Left: Fire Dist. 10 firefighters Blaine Storms (left) and Tanner Wilson showed respect during the playing of the National Anthem before the parade. *Photos by Bryan Mellor.*



Above: Zach Goetz, 12, ponders his choice of backpack during the Back to School Blessing event at Concrete Assembly of God Church on Aug. 18. The event, which is organized by Karen Stafford of Rockport and driven by five Concrete churches, gives backpacks filled with school supplies to Concrete School District students before the start of each school year.

Left: Travis Miller built this four-compartment "Dalles Road Free Library" and installed it in front of the Miller house in February, and it's been a popular addition to the neighborhood and beyond. The library is located at 44435 Dalles Rd. near Concrete, and the full inventory is available to view on its Facebook page: Dalles Road Free Library. "We have more than 200 kids books, 30 activities, 37 youth books, and 80 adult novels," said Lacey Miller, Travis' wife, who manages the wee library. Donations can be left at Upper Skagit Library or by calling 360.333.0589. *Submitted photo.*

Right: From left, Brian Vessey, Juan Alvarez, and Jaron Peterson volunteer a second round of concrete installation at the Concrete Spray Park on Aug. 3. Peterson stepped forward to help the town with the monumental task of pouring a 10-foot-wide surround around the primary spray pad, as well as additional pours around the Silo Park restrooms. All three men work for LangCo Northwest.



Above: Some of Concrete founder Amasa Everett's descendants stopped at Concrete Heritage Museum in August to donate photos, let museum board members scan others, and impart much oral history about the family. Shown is Neil Lind (grandson) with museum board member Cheri Cook-Blodgett. Everett's great-grandson, Ron Lind, also was on hand. *Photo by Gail Boggs.* Right: A young lady gets her face painted during Cascade Days on Aug. 17.





Hamilton



Rockport



Council summary

The Hamilton Town Council held a regular meeting July 9. Following is a summary of that meeting.

July 9 regular meeting

- Council considered the Forterra annexation. Mayor Joan Cromley summarized the public hearing on July 8 that Forterra held at the church; she said most of the concerns are about traffic and management of elk habitat. There were 11 people signed in and all gave public comment. Mayor Cromley handed out copies of the initial assessment of the project, which will be presented to the Boundary Review Board and other agencies as the process continues.

Mayor Cromley suggested that the town make any proposed zoning changes along with its Comprehensive Plan modifications

later in the year. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the annexation into the town boundaries of the parcels owned by Forterra Hamilton LLC and listed in their Notice of Intent, with the condition that zoning will be determined concurrent with the annual Comprehensive Plan. Council approved unanimously.

Councilmember Perkins asked if there is a document that shows that there is no debt because the property could have a loan or other indebtedness. Bree Nicoletto from Forterra confirmed that the property has no indebtedness. Councilmember Perkins motioned that the Town of Hamilton will not be a party to any debt from those parcels, nor will it pass any Town debt to the same parcels, without written approval by the Town Council. Council approved unanimously.

Birdsview Buzz

Birdstock 2019 was a success. It wasn't the best ever for the Birdsview Fire Dept., but they did sell out of most of their food and raised about \$5,000 which goes toward scholarships. By our count, there were more than 1,000 in attendance, not including those in the family area.

We had the best band lineup yet. Thank you to all who attended and the bands and our volunteers for making it another successful event. We are really hoping to have a permanent stage by next Birdstock.

Congratulations to one of our summer employees: Whitney Claybo is now Whitney Storms, after marrying Blaine Storms Aug. 24 in Birdsview. You will still see her at the brewery occasionally when she isn't attending Bellingham Tech to be a surgical tech. Another summer employee, Josie, also will attend Bellingham Tech to be a dental assistant. Chef Jules will start Whatcom Community College to get some pre-reqs out of the way, and Lexi will do her senior year at Burlington-Edison High School.

Lots going on at the brewery for September:

- Sept. 7: Music by Cory Vincent at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Music by Brett Benton at 4 p.m.
- Sept. 13: Music by Dakota Poorman at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 14: Fundraiser for KSVU at 3 p.m.; music by Red Wells and Marcia Kester.
- Sept. 15: Music by Dead Lee at 4 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Music by Lil Joe Argo at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 27: Music by Queens Blue Grass at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 28: Music by Jeremy Abbott at 6 p.m.

If you know someone who is deployed and their spouse is having a baby, please check out Until I Get Home. They provide handmade blankets from the deployed service member to their baby born while they are deployed. I had the privilege of being able to deliver a blanket to a mom in Mill Creek.

Have a great September!

—Kris Voigt

From the Mayor

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Splash/Water Battle! It truly was a blast, personally, of cold water from a fire hose (thanks Hannah). Geoff brought water balloons filled with hot water, a perfect start since it was still a bit chilly. Water guns were freely used and shared, and the Fire Dept. made sure we were all properly drenched. All the water balloons disappeared too quickly, and we picked up as much of the debris as we could. It's a short but sweet event. Next year maybe I should bring hot cocoa instead of otter pops! Again, thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered.

Boots Bar and Grill has a donation box for school supplies and clothing for all ages. It will be there for a few more weeks; please drop off any extras there or at Hamilton Food Bank. Our kids deserve all the support we can give them. There are at least six different bus routes through Hamilton on school days. Please help make sure those kids and their drivers get home safely.



Hamilton does not have an official Web presence, mostly because all the rules regarding public records make it difficult to maintain. We are trying out a Facebook page, "Town of Hamilton, WA," as a start. There are rules posted regarding comments, like any other government agency. It is where the Town of Hamilton will be posting meeting and emergency info. We are also looking into getting an electronic reader board for Town Hall.

We have a full ballot for elections this year. I've heard interest in doing a debate and would like more input. Would you be willing to travel to Lyman for a bigger room? What questions would you like the candidates to answer? Would you be interested in a print version, where they are given the opportunity to answer those questions, and it gets mailed to every address in town? If any of the candidates are interested, there are Mayor-Council Handbooks from the Association of Washington Cities at Town Hall. It's also available as a download from awcnet.org. It's a good start to know at least some of the many rules any elected official needs to follow.

Let's build each other up, not tear each other down.

—Mayor Joan Cromley

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State Parks announces free days

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

The remaining 2019 State Parks free days are:

- Sept. 28
- Nov. 11, 29

State Parks free days are in keeping with 2011 legislation that created the

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

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

Hunter education classes still available

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hunter education classes are available now. WDFW schedules classes statewide, and about one-third are already full. Hunters born after Jan. 1, 1972, must show proof of completion of hunter education before buying their first Washington hunting license.

WDFW offers traditional and online options to complete the hunter education requirement. The traditional classroom experience includes direct person-to-person instruction from certified volunteer instructors. This format is especially beneficial to younger students, as well as those seeking more time with the instructors.

The online course offers the same

content, but on the student's schedule. Students who take the online course are required to complete an in-person field skills evaluation led by certified instructors. As hunting season approaches, field skills evaluation classes can fill very quickly.

To learn about hunter education requirements or to find a course, new hunters should visit the WDFW hunter education web page at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/basic>.

Washington honors all 50 states hunter education certifications. Those who are unable to complete a hunter education course before the fall hunting seasons may qualify for a hunter education deferral. For more information on the deferral, go to <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/deferral-program>.

—Submitted by WDFW

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Darrington



Mansford Grange Centennial Jubilee

By Marla Skaglund

On Sept. 25, 1919, 18 people crowded into the old Bennetville School to hold a very important meeting. The business at hand was to discuss whether or not there would be enough local support to start a local grange. Twelve of those people paid their dues of sixty cents, half of which was sent to the State Grange for an application of charter.

On Oct. 29 the first meeting of Mansford Grange #710 was held to elect its officers. It wasn't until 1926 that the grange built its first hall across the Sauk River at Mansford. Money was raised to buy a piano, and they held their first dance.

For decades the Mansford Grange members brought many changes to the Darrington area, such as installing streetlights and helping to install phone lines. It gave the community of Darrington a city park and was instrumental in developing the first campground. 4-H clubs were started and fairs were held at the grange hall. The Womens' Auxiliary was always busy teaching home skills such as canning, and they were always ready with disaster relief.

The Mansford Grange has been instrumental in improving and building roads. The Darrington Improvement Club, Arlington Commercial Club, and the Mansford Grange built the Squire Creek

Campground. High waters washed out the bridge to the grange in 1932. They moved the grange to the Mansford School; a few years later the Sauk River flooded again, destroying the school. The grange later relocated to the Darrington Club rooms.

In 1944 the Mansford Grange purchased land at the old C.C.C. Camp Darrington site and used the commissary building for its hall. In 1946 the brand new City Hall building was completed with a dance hall upstairs, and the city clerks and mayor's offices on the middle floor. The fire hall was on the street level and the jail and court room in the basement.

In the same year, the grange and other community members decided to sponsor a festival called the Timberbowl to raise money for a new fire truck. In 1953 the grange again became homeless when heavy snows collapsed the grange hall roof. It was decided to rebuild on the same location. Also in 1953 the grange donated the land behind the Sauk River Trading Post for a small city park. When the new hall was completed in 1955, it kept some of the old C.C.C. Building to the west side. On May 1 of that year the grange members met in their new hall, which is the hall building currently used today.

On Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Mansford Grange will hold an open house celebrating the 100 year anniversary of its humble beginnings. The event will include a speaker, awards, and lunch. The grange will provide a pot roast with potatoes, plus veggies and cake. Guests are asked to bring a dish for snacking or to go along with the dinner provided. There will be

a "children's table" where kids can color and draw. There also will be history of the grange with photos of historic and current activities taking place.

In 2006 the remaining members planned a community 4th of July Fair. The goal was to keep it simple with old-fashioned fun. Games were created for the kids, prizes were purchased, and the grange reached out to other community organizations to participate. They developed a mission statement—"To Build a stronger sense of community in the Darrington area!"—and created t-shirts that said "Mansford Grange #710" with a new slogan, "Community Is Job One!" The fair started in the center of town at Old School Park right after the annual 4th of July Parade.

After 100 years in the community, the Woman's Auxiliary is again teaching canning to community members, and holiday baskets are put together for families in need. The Mansford Grange has brought BINGO to the community for more than 40 years. The annual Spring Plant & Bake Sale has become a good fundraiser so the grange can better serve, such as raising the money for the new basketball hoops and standards at Old School Park. Comedy Night at the Grange is a barrel of laughs for everyone. The Harvest Festival has pumpkin carving for the kids and more. Much of the proceeds from the fundraising goes to maintaining the Grange Hall, which for decades has served its community as an affordable hall rental. The grange recently remodeled the kitchen and has a new paint job outside.

Other activities will include kids' jewelry making by Gracie's House, kids' shield making by Ravens' Eye Shields, face painting, henna, and chain mail, as well as weaving and spinning demonstrations by Horse 'n' Round.

—Marla Skaglund

Viking Fest coming this month

The Northwest Viking Fest will come to the Sauk-Suiattle Powwow grounds near Darrington from Sept. 14–15, with historically accurate demonstrations, including sword fighting, weaving, and other Old World skills. Axe, knife, and spear throwing; archery; foam swords; and more will be offered.

The event will open with Norse storytelling by Jim Beidle in the bleachers by the fighting arena, where Empire of Medieval Persuits will share the recreation and enjoyment of the realities, myths, and legends of the ancient to medieval world. Visitors may participate in the interactive shield wall with Willhelm Far-Traveler.

The Northwest Viking Fest is a historical demonstration and Norse cultural festival. This year, Gallows Hymn, a progressive folk metal band, will play throughout the festival. Combining the atmosphere and sonic landscapes of world music with the visceral energy of metal, "Gallows Hymn" writes all their songs based on stories and concepts from different world cultures across history, spanning the Viking Age to Native American folklore.

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—Marla Skaglund

Council summary

Darrington Town Council met for a regular meeting on July 10, 2019. The following is a summary of that meeting. Complete and council-approved minutes for every council meeting are available at Darrington Town Hall.

July 10 regular meeting

- Council voted to suspend its second July meeting.
- Snohomish County Parks provided an update on some of its parks. There is surveying occurring at Whitehorse Community Park. The county is looking to build camping sites at Whitehorse Park. There are plans to rehab two of the baseball/softball fields. An update on Whitehorse Trail was given.
- Drafts of the water rights programs were provided. Tom McDonald would like to attend the next council meeting to discuss the programs further with the council.
- The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) scale shack has been deemed surplus and the USFS wants to know if the town would like it. Mayor Dan Rankin is thinking of putting the scale shack in one of the parks. Who will move it? Mayor Rankin hopes a group of volunteers will move it. One side of the shack and one add-on are not sound enough to stay with the shack when it is moved.
- Council questioned the progress on the streetlights on Montague and Emens. The request has been sent and PUD has approved it, but they are backlogged.
- Concern was voiced about horse trailers being parked on the approach to the airport. Signage will be put up. Mayor Ranking informed the council about the workshops that he attended at the AWC Conference in Spokane. The 2017–18 town audit is scheduled for November.
- The Shoreline Master Plan update was scheduled for July 11; there was an open house and a planning commission meeting.
- The Public Works crew gave an update on their projects and the town's water.

—Compiled from staff minutes

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

Snohomish County Sheriff's Report

Aug. 9

Major Crimes detectives are seeking tips from the public that could lead them to the whereabouts in two unrelated missing persons cases.

Twenty-two-year-old Ruben Babak was last seen leaving his residence at the 15600 block of 48th Ave. W. in Edmonds around 2 a.m. on Aug. 6. Babak is 5'11" with brown hair and blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a grey sweater and blue jeans.

Twenty-year-old Nicholas Williams had traveled to central Washington with friends. On their way home on Aug. 6, they met for lunch in Leavenworth and then departed in separate cars. Williams never returned home. He had told friends he would take a different route home, but didn't supply specific details. Williams is 6'1" with brown hair and brown eyes, and was last seen driving a silver 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse with a Washington plate No. BFM5818.

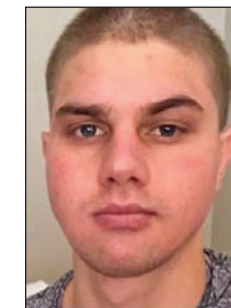
The two men are not known to each other, and the cases are unrelated.

Anyone with information of either Babak or Williams is asked to call 911.

Aug. 23

The Sheriff's Office Collision Investigation Unit responded to a fatal collision near the 7300 block of Rivershore Rd. around 3 p.m. today. A motorcycle was traveling on Rivershore Rd. when the driver lost control and collided with a tree. The driver of the motorcycle, a 60-year-old Enumclaw man, died at the scene. The road was closed for several hours Friday afternoon while detectives investigated the crash.

Identification of the deceased, as well as cause and manner, are pending from the



Babak



Babak

Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

Aug. 27

Snohomish County's Concealed Pistol License (CPL), issued by the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, has a new look. As of Sept. 1, CPLs issued by Snohomish County will be printed on plastic cards, similar to a driver's license, replacing the old paper format.

The new CPL card is one of several changes the Sheriff's Office has made to improve CPL services for Snohomish County. County residents may apply for a new CPL or renew one online, which means the application can be completed at their convenience at home or on their smart phone. The new system also provides an option to pay by debit or credit card (service fees apply), in addition to the no-fee options of paying by cash or check (at the courthouse). Applicants are notified by e-mail, text message or a phone call when their CPL is available after a background check is completed. Previously, applications could only be handled in person at the Snohomish County Courthouse or Sheriff's Office precincts, and lobby wait times could sometime be up to 45 minutes.

Aug. 28

Around 2 p.m. today, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team located two missing hikers near Sulphur Creek. The first hiker located was 59-year-old David James. He was flown by SnoHawk10 to Darrington and transported by aid to Cascade Valley Hospital for medical treatment. About an hour later, 64-year-old Marshall "Buster" Cabe was located by ground searchers, flown out by SnoHawk10, and transported home.

James told rescuers they had been out of food for five days and he didn't think he would have survived another 24 hours. The two hikers left on Downey Creek Trail on Aug. 16 and were expected to return from their hike on Aug. 23. On Aug. 26, family members called 911 to report the hikers missing and Snohomish County SAR launched a search operation.

—Submitted by SCSO and WSP

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Open house slated for October

Marblemount Community Club will host a community Open House and membership drive on Sat., Oct. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Community Hall, 160155 SR 20 (about milepost 106), in Marblemount.

The club will serve pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and beverages on a donation basis. Local musical talent will serenade diners throughout the evening and be available for sing along/play along. There will be plenty of time to meet the board members, say hello to your neighbors, visit, and talk about what goes on here and what more there is to do.

All are welcome

Membership is open to everyone east of Concrete, including Newhalem and Diablo, as well as those with roots in the

area. Years ago, dues were required to be a part of the Community Club. Now dues are actively encouraged. Income from dues forms one vital way of keeping the hall well maintained and open for Upper Valley activities.

The membership voted at the May annual meeting to set dues at \$25 per year per person, or \$40 per year per couple. Membership comes with significant discounts on hall rental, as well as updates on club activities and coming events.

There are many activities inviting participation: Salmon BBQ, Eagle Festival, December Bazaar, Grub 'n Groove, and others mentioned in previous posts. The more participation and membership there is, the more that ongoing community activities can be supported.

Come, learn what's scheduled, and talk about what you'd like to see happen at Marblemount Community Hall—serving the entire Upper Valley community.

Be sure to visit the hall's Web page: marblemountcommunityhall.com, follow and "like" us on Facebook, or e-mail us at marblemountcommunityhall@yahoo.com.

—Merlene Buller

Volunteers needed for Fire District 19 Marblemount Fire Department

Stop by the Fire Hall for an application on meeting nights—the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 p.m.—or call Battalion Chief Bob Hopfield at 360.420.7887 for more info. This position is subject to a background check.

Applications being accepted for fall Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program

Skagit Conservation District is now accepting applications for the fall 2019 Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program.

The Watershed Masters Program is intended for community residents, age 17 and up, who want to increase their knowledge about local watersheds, water quality, and beach and stream ecology. Participants attend eight evening sessions, held weekly beginning Wed., Sept. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday evening through Nov. 13. Participants also will attend three Saturday field excursions, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 28, Oct. 12, and Oct. 19.

In return for 40 hours of free training, participants provide 40 hours of volunteer service by participating in local water quality-related projects of their choice.

Evening sessions will be held at the Padilla Bay Research Reserve meeting facility, 10441 Bayview Edison Rd. Class limit is 25 (first-come basis). Pre-register by Sept. 20 by contacting Kristi Carpenter at 360.428.4313, ext. 1018 or kristi@skagitcd.org.

—Submitted by SCD

WDFW discussing recommendations for fall 2020 cougar season

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has assembled an internal working group of department biologists and enforcement officers to develop recommended changes to the cougar hunting seasons.

After hearing from concerned constituents at the March 2019 commission meeting, the department began reviewing its current cougar hunting rules in order to bring the commission potential amendments for their consideration.

"Our group has met five times during the last six months to discuss changes to the hunt structure," said Anis Aoude, WDFW game division manager. "After completing our internal process, we will begin a public engagement process to receive feedback from our stakeholders."

In the coming months, WDFW will discuss progress with the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their Wildlife Committee meetings, seek input from key external stakeholders, open a public comment period, host a digital open house with a question and answer session, and provide information through social media.

In addition, the commission will seek public comment as they consider changes during a public hearing on proposed rules in March prior to making a decision in April 2020.

WDFW cancels open houses on wolf post-recovery plan, will schedule online interactive webinars this fall

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has canceled a series of in-person wolf post-recovery planning open houses and will schedule online, interactive webinars this September and October.

"We've seen incredible intensity around wolf issues this summer, on both sides of the issue. For outreach to be meaningful, our meetings have to be productive. Unfortunately, we've received some information that indicates to us that the meetings could be disrupted, possibly creating an unsafe meeting environment for the public participating," said WDFW Director Kelly Susewind. "Based on our initial outreach to stakeholders, we think digital open houses and a robust survey will be our most productive means of gathering feedback on this initial scoping effort."

The 14 open houses—one had been scheduled in Mount Vernon—were aimed at helping to inform the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process that will be used to develop a post-recovery plan. The first step in the SEPA process involves scoping.

"Scoping helps us determine proposed actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the post-recovery wolf plan," said Julia Smith, WDFW wolf coordinator. "The scoping process is intended to improve decisions, find early resolutions to potential conflicts, and frame the relevant issues. We want this to be a thoughtful and constructive process for all involved."

In lieu of the public open houses, the department will hold three live webinars open to all, where participants can receive

information, ask questions, and learn how to provide input. The dates for these digital open houses will be announced soon. The Department's work to develop this plan is a multi-year effort. As wolf management options begin to take shape, there will be further opportunities to engage with agency staff.

The public scoping comment period will remain open until Nov. 1. The department is encouraging interested parties to provide input on the scope of the future wolf plan. The department is accepting comments via online survey and in writing.

"We will schedule additional in-person engagement opportunities later in the process, once we have a draft plan and are requesting comments. We will do our best to ensure that those meetings will be productive and safe," Susewind added.

Washington's wolf population has been growing since 2008. WDFW proposes to develop a post-recovery conservation and management plan to guide long-term wolf conservation and management under state authority.

More information and the survey on wolf post-recovery planning can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf>. Live webinar dates will be posted there as soon as they are announced.

Written comments can be mailed to:

WDFW – Wolf Post-Recovery Plan
Scoping
P.O. Box 43200
Olympia WA 98504-3200

—Submitted by WDFW

Comment period reopened on Draft North Cascades Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

The National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are reopening the public comment period on the Draft North Cascades Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for 90 days, through Oct. 24. The public is invited to view the Draft EIS online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grizzlydeis>.

All comments previously received on the Draft EIS during the public comment period that was open from Jan. 12, 2017, through April 28, 2017, will be considered. Anyone who wishes to provide additional comments may do so as follows:

The preferred method for submitting comments is on the NPS PEPC Web site at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grizzlydeis>.

Individuals also may mail or hand-deliver comments to:

Superintendent's Office
North Cascades Nat. Park Svc. Complex
810 State Route 20
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

The NPS and USFWS will consider all additional comments received or postmarked no later than Oct. 24.

Comments will not be accepted by fax, e-mail, or any other way than those specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Before including an address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, the public should be aware that their entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. "While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so," said Chief of Visitor Services Denise Schultz in a press release.

If additional opportunities for public comment are offered, they will be announced via news release and posted on agency Web sites, including the Web site listed above, at least two weeks in advance.

—Submitted by NPS

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By Verna McClure

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- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup melted butter

1. Combine all ingredients in a casserole dish and top with crushed potato chips.
2. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes.

Way Back When

100 years ago

Sept. 6, 1919: William Felton of Sedro-Woolley was tried in Justice Chambers' court in Mount Vernon Wednesday on a charge of carrying too much liquor on his person, and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail and pay a fine of \$250.

As he was unable to pay the fine, he was given 175 days in jail.

90 years ago

Sept. 12, 1929: While no definite date has been set for the reopening of the big sawmill in Clear Lake, indications are that the plant will be in operation within a comparatively short time. A crew of about 100 men is busy at the mill overhauling the machinery, making repairs, and getting the plant in shape to start operations. The plant will be operated by the Puget Sound Pulp & Paper Co., which is erecting a huge pulp factory in Everett.

80 years ago

Sept. 28, 1939: A meeting of the Sunday School instructors at the home of Mrs. E. B. Ashworth Wednesday night was pleasantly interrupted by a wedding party, and those present had the pleasure of witnessing the ceremony.

The prospective bride and groom, Miss Lois Morgan and Arthur Indahl of Marblemount, and their party came in search of Rev. Davis and saw no need to take him away from the meeting. As a result the ceremony was arranged and held in the Ashworth parlor.

The couple were attended by the bride's mother, Mrs. Walter Morgan, and a group of friends. Bridesmaid, best man, rice, and all

the other necessary details were provided.

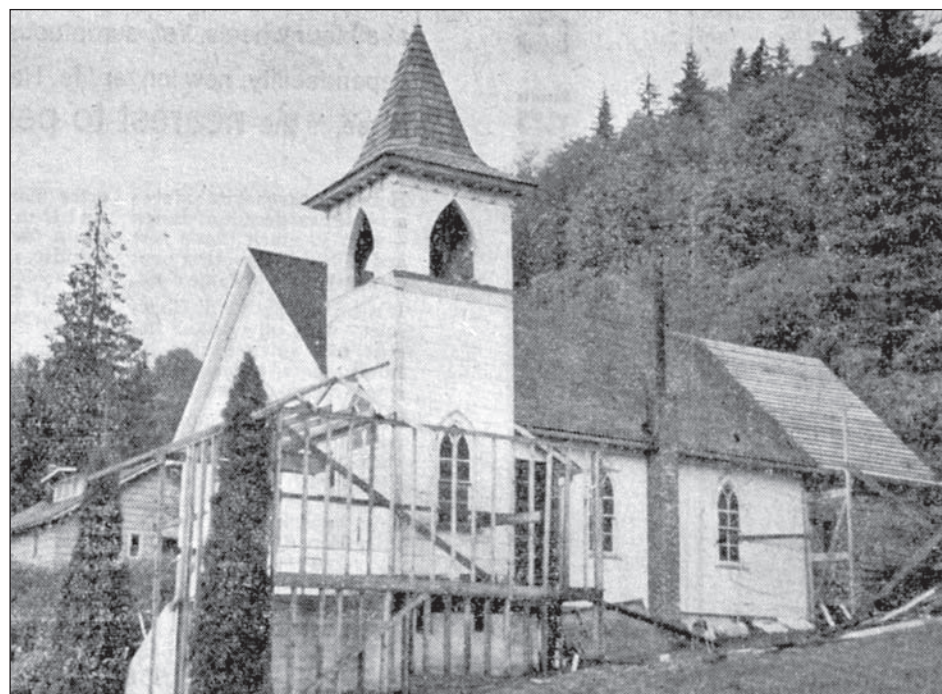
70 years ago

Sept. 22, 1949: Stiff fines were handed out in Judge Frank Hunt's police court in Mount Vernon last Thursday to the two women arrested near Marblemount on Aug. 26 in a liquor raid.

Ruby Morgan pleaded guilty to the illegal possession of liquor and was fined \$350 and costs. Rose William pleaded guilty to illegal sale of liquor and was fined a similar amount.

The convictions were the first in a long time, as previous cases

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60 years ago, Oct. 1, 1959: Remodeling fever overcame St. Catherine's Catholic Church on the hill in Marengo Addition in Concrete. Word was started last week to enlarge the building in several ways. A new entrance will be provided, the interior of the building will be lengthened, and more space will be created in width. Additions can be seen in framework in this photo. *Archive photo.*

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seemed always to dissolve after a payment of bail. Sheriff Harold H. Hinshaw and Deputy Prosecutor Charles Stafford are cooperating in an attempt by State Liquor Enforcement officials to wipe out the illegal "joints" of the county.

10 years ago

Sept. 2009: 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.

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.

—Compiled from archives

Right: 60 years ago, Sept. 3, 1959: President George Zahn

of the North Cross State Highway Assn showers new President Charles Dwelley with the now well-known promotion signs. Looking on are Martin Pressentin, new secretary-treasurer; Morris Bollinger, east side secretary; and Wade Troutman, new vice president of the association. The next activity of the group will be attendance at the state Good Roads Assn convention in Tacoma on Oct. 1. *Archive photo courtesy of Wenatchee Daily World.*

Right: 30 years ago, Sept. 21, 1989: Concrete High School

students took time from their studies Friday afternoon to honor the POWs and MIAs. In doing so they joined groups statewide who commemorated the day of recognition for those who are prisoners of war and/or missing in action. At CHS, Student Body President Steve Monrad read off the names of Washington State's 60 service people who are still unaccounted for—58 from the Vietnam War, one from the Korean conflict, and one from World War II. As he read each name, a red helium balloon was set free to float away on the warm autumn breeze. Rick Poncia, one of the organizers of the event, built a bamboo cage similar to those used to contain U.S. prisoners in Vietnam. *Archive photo.*



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Sunday School lesson

Count the cost

By Matt Del Bosque

Luke 14:25–28

Now great crowds accompanied him, and He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

These words from Jesus to large crowds that surrounded him seemed pretty shocking to the people. Everywhere Jesus went, people flocked to him to listen to his words or to receive healing from him. But Jesus wasn't looking for a bunch of fanatics, he was looking for completely sold out and committed followers. So his words in Luke were a bit extreme for his listeners. What he was trying to get them to understand is that there is a cost to being his disciple. He was not implying that people must truly hate their families. After all, the Bible teaches to honor your father and mother. The point he was making is that his followers must regard him as more important than their families and even themselves.

His next statement of bearing your own cross meant that his disciples must be willing to kill off some things in their lives in order to follow him. That means killing off certain bad habits, addictions, and attitudes. When you commit to Jesus, it requires a lot of changes in order to move you from the old you and into the new you.

Last, he uses an illustration of building a tower. Basically telling the people that they would have to count the financial cost needed to build this tower so that they would know if they could actually complete it. Now was he truly speaking of construction work? The answer is "No." He was trying to get the people to see that indeed there is a cost to following him.

Being a disciple of Jesus isn't easy. If it were everyone would be doing it. It requires some changes in your life. It requires you reprioritize some things. It requires you to sometimes leave some people behind. And it will even bring you opposition from others and occasionally some persecution. But is it truly worth it? Absolutely. Because in the midst of the hardships and trials, you will find a life truly worth living.

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

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Skagit County Sheriff's Office Blotter

July 26

Deputy Moore investigated a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence in Hamilton. The vehicle had been taken sometime overnight. It was later located and recovered.

Later that day, Deputy Case recovered a stolen four wheeler out of Arlington. A caller said he had purchased the four wheeler from a male in Hamilton who had advertised it on Facebook. When the reporting party returned home, his neighbor told him it looked like a stolen four wheeler out of Arlington that the

Level 2 Sex Offender NOTIFICATION

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

Coleman, Michael Allen

Age: 42
Race: Asian
Sex: M
Height: 5' 2"
Weight: 125
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Address: 56xx Park Ridge Pl., Sedro-Woolley



Coleman was convicted of 3rd degree rape in June 2015 in Skagit County. His victim was a 15-year-old female who was known to him. He also was convicted of a second charge of 3rd degree rape in 2015 in Skagit County, and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor from Oregon. That victim was a 16-year-old known female.

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

Source: Skagit County Sheriff

Sheriff's Office and Sedro-Woolley was attempting to locate. Deputy Case confirmed that the four wheeler was the stolen quad from Arlington. The quad was seized and the information turned over to the investigating detective for further investigation.

A few hours later, Deputy Moore also responded to a possible stolen vehicle parked at the intersection of Baker St. and Petit St. in Hamilton. Deputy Moore was able to confirm that the vehicle was stolen out of Mt. Vernon. It appeared that it had been stripped. The owner was contacted and the vehicle turned over to him.

At approximately 9:20 p.m., Deputies Montgomery and Hill responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Rustic Ln. in Rockport. The reporting party said that the victim had been assaulted by her brother and now had a broken wrist. Deputies discovered that the victim had confronted her brother about using meth while at her house. He became upset and assaulted her, injuring her wrist. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail for 2nd degree assault.

July 28

At approximately 4:30 a.m., Deputy Wiggins responded to a domestic disturbance in Lyman. The victim said the suspect had broken down her door and pushed her to the ground, then spit on her. After investigating the incident, Deputy Wiggins arrested the suspect and booked him into jail.

Upon signing into service, Deputy Wiggins was advised of possible trespassers at the "Devil's Tower" area near Lake Shannon. When he arrived he contacted two suspects walking away from the buildings located in the area. He advised that the area is private property and well posted. He cited both of the suspects for trespassing.

July 29

A motorhome was reported to be blocking Medford Rd. near the 7000 block near Hamilton. Deputy Brenner contacted the subjects with the motorhome and discovered that one of the subjects had warrants for his arrest. The warrants were for failure to report to jail for a 30-day commitment. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail to fulfill his commitments.

July 30

Dispatch advised deputies of a burglary in progress in the 500 block of Maple St. in Hamilton. The reporting party said that someone had tried to enter his house through a locked door. There were two suspects: a white male, approximately

20 years old, with messy black hair; and a Hispanic male with a white t-shirt. Both were wearing black clothes and backpacks. The suspects were believed to have used an off-road motorcycle to get away. Deputy Brenner was able to develop leads and has a suspect.

July 31

Deputy Tweit took a complaint of theft of a child's toy on Main St. in Concrete. The reporting party said that someone had stolen her granddaughter's pink motorized car from in front of their house. The Sheriff's Office asks that anyone with information please call.

While patrolling the area near Sobek Lane near Concrete, Deputy Arndt discovered a vehicle being driven by a suspect with warrants and no license. He stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver for driving with a suspended license, no interlock device, and two warrants. The suspect was taken to jail.

Aug. 1

Cascade Supply hardware store in Concrete reported that a male had stolen parts for a grinder from the store. Deputy Tweit was able to locate the suspect, who said he had not stolen any parts, but was willing to go back and pay for the parts

even though he said he didn't have the parts and didn't take the parts. The suspect returned to the store, paid for the parts, and then was trespassed.

Aug. 2

The Sheriff's Office received a report of a domestic disturbance that occurred in the 8500 block of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. The reporting party said her daughter had gotten into an argument with her ex-boyfriend, who wouldn't let her leave and then proceeded to damage her car with an axe. Deputies Kobak and Moses investigated the incident and discovered that there was an active no contact order between the victim and the suspect. Deputies looked for the suspect but were unable to find him. Deputy Kobak referred the suspect for multiple violations of the no contact order, 2nd degree malicious mischief, reckless endangerment, unlawful imprisonment, and a weapons offense.

Aug. 3

While checking for a suspect in a domestic violence crime, Deputies Wiggins and Johnson contacted a male who was parked near Benjamin St. in

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Worship directory

Assembly of God

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

Citipoint Church North Cascade

59850 SR 20, Marblemount
360.873.2504
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m.
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Baptist

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

Hamilton First Baptist Church

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

Lyman Church

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

Catholic

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

Covenant

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

Call for weekly youth group/Bible studies

Episcopal

St. Martin/St. Francis Episcopal Church
55223 Conrad Rd., Rockport
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Free Methodist

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

Lutheran

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

Methodist

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

360.856.6412 / centralumcsw@yahoo.com

<http://centralumcsw.org>
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. worship: 11 a.m.

Mormon

Concrete Group Meeting
7879 S. Superior Ave., Concrete
(Pilots Lounge at Mears Field)
360.540.7502
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Community Bible Church

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

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CONCRETE HERITAGE MUSEUM NEWS

The “bank” in Concrete is synonymous with only one bank and only one location. The ancestry of this essential part of our community pre-dates the consolidation of the towns of Cement City and Baker to create the town we now know as Concrete. It had humble beginnings and a troubled youth.

Originally founded as the 1st National Bank of Concrete, its owners built a new bank building on the north side of Main Street across the street from its current location. That’s the location that appears on the Sanborn Insurance map of Concrete, dated 1909. The fire that ravaged Concrete during July 1915 destroyed that new building, as well as six others, and damaged 23 more, predominantly businesses on the north side of Main Street. Between the fire and some financial hard times, the bank floundered.

Then along came some of the executives from the Superior Portland Cement Company, which bought the bank and reorganized it as the State Bank of Concrete in 1914. Acquiring the bank complemented the cement company’s financial hold on Concrete, which lasted for years. This new organization, augmented by money from new investors,

built the “new” building we all recognize as simply “the bank” in 1915 next to the original location for the *Concrete Herald* newspaper and print shop on the south side of Main St. In 1916, it even boasted having the largest plate glass window in Skagit County. The building also was a business hub that housed offices upstairs for doctors, lawyers, other commercial headquarters, the U.S. Forest Service, and the local Baker River Telephone Company. The western half of the building was home to McGowan’s Mercantile, and later the Concrete Post Office until it moved into the Hoover Building down the street.

For the better part of the 20th century, it was the oldest privately-owned and continuously operating bank in the State of Washington. Many of the names of the bank’s investors will no longer be recognizable, but three stand out as having current ties to the community.

George Campbell, one of the SPCC executives, is related to Philip Moran, who returned to Concrete from Seattle to manage the bank through three successive owners. Another was Albert Frank, whose family still supports the Upper Skagit

See Museum, p. 38

Civil Air Patrol

The Concrete Civil Air Patrol portion of Skagit Composite Squadron, United States Air Force Auxiliary, has several activities coming up.

In October, we will host an open house for those who might be interested in joining CAP. Watch for the open house announcement in next month’s edition of *Concrete Herald*.

Also in next month’s *Concrete Herald* will be an announcement about where Skagit Composite Squadron cadets and senior members will sponsor fundraising events at local grocery stores, raising money for Wreaths Across America. Held every December, WAA is an event where donation-sponsored evergreen wreaths are placed on the graves of veterans across the country. In 2018 our squadron raised more than \$350 (23 wreaths) for WAA in one day at Albert’s Red Apple in Concrete.

Because one of CAP’s core values is service, Concrete cadets recently spent a meeting in service at the CWO2 Doug Vose III memorial at Concrete High School, cleaning the engraved bricks, as well as the tiles that surround the monument.

Another upcoming service event will be helping out at the annual Lions Club Halloween party, handing out candy and running a game booth for our local kids.

If you are interested in cadet programs, community service, aerospace education, or emergency services and disaster relief, CAP might be the place for you! We meet in Concrete at Mears Field, 6 p.m., all but the first Tuesday of every month. E-mail inquiries to kelly.siebecke@wawg.cap.gov or the squadron commander at robert.shupe@wawg.cap.gov.

—2d Lt. Kelly A. Siebecke

At the Upper Skagit Library

September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**. Signing up for a library card is the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning. Come by the library to learn more about our services and events, then sign up for a library card.

Day of the Programmer: All day on Fri., Sept. 13, Loly Gomez, our library technology specialist, will serve up information on programming languages, the history of programming, important figures in the world of coding, and free pizza—the sustenance of programmers! Special guest Daniel Munoz, a software development engineer with Amazon, will talk about life as a programmer. Afterwards, Loly will demonstrate how to make your own SCRATCH code. Check our Web site later for the time our guest speaker will be at the library.

Author Book Signing and Discussion: On Sat., Sept. 21 at 3 p.m., local author Wayne Carter will discuss his contributions to *Dancing in the Unknown* and *Shamanism in the New Millennium*.

International Week of the Deaf is

Sept. 22–28. Join us for a screening of “Audism Unveiled,” check out our brand-new Sign Language Club, and play a sign language Handshape Card Game. Open to all ages and skill levels.

Banned Books Week also is Sept. 22–28. Come by the Library and check out a “banned book” to be entered to win one of the most banned books in America.

WSU Associate Professor Kevin Zobrist will present a public seminar, “Why are all the Trees Dying? Forest Health in the Puget Sound,” on Fri., Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Concrete Community Center.

Drop-In Tech Tutoring is offered on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next Upper Skagit **Board of Trustees meeting** will be held Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. The public is always welcome.

For more information, go to www.upperskagitlibrary.org. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest.

—Tess Carroll, Library Associate

September at the Darrington Library

Children & Families

- Family Storytime, Wednesdays, Sept. 4–25; 11 a.m.; all ages welcome; caregiver required.

Tweens & Teens

- My Summer Outside 2019: A Short Movie of Your Outdoor Summer Adventures. Sat., Sept. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

All Ages

- Darrington Book Group discusses Jane Harper’s novel, “The Lost Man,” Mon., Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m.
- Lushootseed Language Classes. James Ironheart will provide introductory Lushootseed language classes for native and non-native community members. Mondays, Sept. 9–30, from 4 to 5:45 p.m.
- My Summer Outside Video Showcase & Awards. Awards, pizza, and refreshments, Fri., Sept. 13, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Marijuana: Evil Weed or Medical Miracle? Washington State University

- professor and psychopharmacologist Rebecca Craft explains the history of marijuana use and policy in the United States and discusses the latest research about the potential for marijuana to heal or harm. Sat., Sept. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Friends of the Darrington Library meeting, Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Conversation in an Angry Age, with David Smith. At what point does a conversation become a battle? Sat., Sept. 21, 5 p.m.
- Write Now: You Wrote a Book, Now What? Today’s publishing options. Wed., Sept. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Build Apps Without Code, a Business Pros class. Sat., Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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

—Ashley Bryson, branch manager

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Concrete. The male had a no contact order, which stated he was not to be in the area of Benjamin St. After confirming the order, the male was arrested for violation of a no contact order and taken to jail.

While patrolling the Lake Shannon quarry, known as “Devil’s Tower,” Deputy Wiggins found four subjects trespassing at the site. Three of the suspects were cited for trespass and one, who was a juvenile, was referred for charges.

Aug. 4

A vendor from the Swap Meet in Concrete advised that a female suspect had stolen some items from some vendors, stashed them in her bra, then attempted to leave. When she was confronted, she returned the items and left walking east on SR 20. Deputies attempted to contact her, but were unable to locate the suspect.

Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Cedar Court in Hamilton. The reporting party said that his ex-girlfriend had come over to get her belongings and had assaulted both him

and his new girlfriend. After investigating, deputies were able to locate the suspect and arrest her for 4th degree assault. She was taken to jail.

Aug. 6

A report of an assault at the Concrete Library was reported to the Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Murdock and Sgt. Adams responded to investigate. The alleged victim advised she had met the suspect on the Tinder dating Web site and decided to travel with him to the Concrete area to spend the weekend camping on property in Rockport. After being trespassed from the Rockport property, they went to the library to spend the night. During the night they got into an argument and the suspect made threats. There was no assault, but some of her items were taken. At this time she did not want to prosecute, but wanted to leave the area.

The owner of Cascade Burgers called to report that someone had discharged pepper spray inside the restaurant. Deputy Wolfe responded, where he contacted a female who admitted that her bear spray had accidentally gone off while she

was trying to find her wallet within her backpack. She apologized and left a big tip for the employees.

Aug. 7

Loggers Landing called to report that a customer had purchased \$20 of gas, then had driven off with the hose still in the car, pulling the hose off the gas pump. The driver returned and placed the hose on the ground next to the pump, then left without notifying the store. The driver was not from the area.

A resident in the 7600 block of Medford Rd. near Hamilton reported that she had located a bullet hole in the window of her garage. She believed that it had occurred sometime in the last week. Deputies were unable to determine the actual cause of the hole, but it appeared to be a bullet hole. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 11

A citizen called to advise that she had observed a male who was parked at the Concrete boat launch injure a small puppy intentionally. She advised that as she was down by the water, she saw a male and female parked in a small white car. The

male seemed to become agitated at a small puppy that was barking in the car. He got out, went around to the passenger side, picked up the puppy, raised it above his head, then slammed it to the ground. It was apparent that the puppy’s leg was broken. When Deputies Case and Caulk arrived, the car and suspect had left. They were able to determine the identity of the suspect and sent the case to Animal Control Officer Diaz for follow up.

Aug. 13

Deputy Wolfe observed a driver traveling westbound on SR 20 who was not wearing his seatbelt. Deputy Wolfe stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver, who did not have a valid license. He was arrested for driving without a license and for not having his mandated ignition interlock device, which prevents him from driving intoxicated.

Deputies investigated an assault in the 8200 block of Cedar Grove Ave. in Cedar Grove. The victim said her mother came home from the bar and wanted to fight

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Out & About



Mt. Vernon

Skagit Community Foundation plans fall trainings

Skagit Community Foundation will host two training sessions this fall with the Washington Nonprofit Association.

The trainings will be held at the Burlington Public Library, located at 820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington. The training lineup is:

- “Ask, Thank, Report, Repeat” focuses on successful fundraising efforts. Thur., Sept. 19, 1 to 4 p.m.
- “Finance Unlocked for Nonprofits” is aimed at nonprofit board members and nonprofit staff who want to

elevate financial knowledge within their organization.
Thur., Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m. to noon

For more information, call Skagit Community Foundation at 360.419.3181.

Accepting grant applications

Skagit Community Foundation has opened its 2020 grant cycle process and is now accepting applications. The process is as follows:

1. Register the organization.
2. Fill in grant application online. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2020.
3. Board of directors will approve at the board meeting in April 2020.
4. Notifications sent within two weeks.

Applicants may begin the application process by going to <https://www.skagitcf.org/grant-opportunities-guidelines.html>.

Craft Fair seeks vendors for November fundraiser

Organizers for the 3rd Annual Hero Craft Fair in Mount Vernon are looking for vendors for the annual fundraiser. Moneys raised at the event—scheduled this year for Nov. 8–10—are donated to the Mount Vernon Police Dept., the Mount Vernon Fire Dept., and veterans organizations.

“Our craft fair is unique; we try to help the wonderful and talented crafters who put in a great deal of time, and we also raise funds for the three groups,” said organizer Robert Longdon.

Longdon hopes to include 50 vendors at the nonprofit event this year. The rental fee is \$75, which includes an 8' x 10' space and free coffee. A table, a chair, and electricity are available for a small additional fee. Registration is due by Sept. 16. Checks should be made payable to Robert Longdon and mailed to him at P.O. Box 672, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

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

- Fri., Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested vendors and anyone who wants to learn more about the event should contact Longdon at 360.399.3069 herocraftfairmv@gmail.com.



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State

WDFW removes depredating OPT wolf pack

On Aug. 16, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) lethally removed the four known remaining members of the OPT wolf pack. A series of WDFW investigations had shown the pack responsible for 29 depredation incidents.

WDFW Director Kelly Susewind reauthorized the lethal removals on July 31, in response to continuing depredations of cattle on federal grazing lands in the Kettle River range of Ferry County.

The removal decision was made with guidance from the state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00001) and the lethal removal provisions of the department's wolf-livestock interaction protocol.

The OPT pack had been involved in 14 livestock depredations in the previous 10 months, with nine in the previous 30 days, and a total of 29 since Sept. 5, 2018. The livestock producer who owns the affected livestock took several proactive, nonlethal, conflict-deterrence measures to reduce conflicts between wolves and livestock, and WDFW will continue to monitor for wolf activity in the area and work closely with producers.

This was the fourth time Director Susewind has authorized lethal removal in the OPT pack since Sept. 12, 2018.

Plaintiffs, supported by the Maryland-based Center for a Humane Economy, filed a petition for review of Director Susewind's July 31 reauthorization, and sought a temporary restraining order in King County Superior Court on Aug. 1. The motion for a restraining order was denied by a court commissioner at the time, allowing the removal effort to continue. The hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction was scheduled for Aug. 16, when the court heard an update on the department's removal activities.

—Submitted by WDFW

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her. Eventually her mom assaulted her. Witnesses confirmed the event. Deputies arrested the suspect and took her to jail.

Because of problems with trespassing and malicious mischief, Deputy Wiggins was checking the property owned by Puget Sound Energy near Lake Shannon. He contacted five juvenile suspects who were trespassing. He contacted the parents of the trespassers and advised them that they would be referred for trespassing. The suspects were then escorted off the property.

Aug. 16

While checking the river access near Dalles Rd., Deputy Wiggins located a parked vehicle with two subjects. The male subject had a felony warrant out of the Department of Corrections (DOC). With the assistance of Deputy Johnson, he arrested the suspect and transported him to DOC.

Aug. 17

Deputy Wiggins responded to a motor vehicle accident on Limestone St. and Seidel Place in Concrete. He contacted the driver of the vehicle who had struck a power pole. The suspect was arrested for DUI and hit and run, and booked into jail.

Two subjects contacted Deputy Wiggins near the gated property belonging to PSE near Lake Shannon. They asked him the location of “Devil’s Tower.” He advised them that “Devil’s Tower” was private property and was not open. He then asked where they came from, and they advised they had been walking on the “trail,” pointing to the road that goes through the private property. They told him they had walked from the Lake Shannon boat launch. Unknown to them they had actually walked by the old buildings known as “Devil’s Tower” located on the private property. Deputy Wiggins arrested both suspects and provided them with a ride back to the boat launch.

Aug. 22

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Deputy Wiggins arrested 13 trespassers he located at the Lake Shannon property owned by Puget Sound Energy. They advised they had been camping on the property. Deputy Wiggins located numerous cans of paints. He cited all for trespassing and one of the suspects for malicious mischief, for

painting the building.

That evening he arrested three more suspects for trespassing at the same location.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Deputy Hill observed a vehicle eastbound on SR 20 near Concrete. The vehicle had a defective headlight. He stopped the vehicle and discovered that the driver had numerous warrants for his arrest, plus a suspended driver's license. Deputy Hill arrested the driver and booked him into jail.

Aug. 20

An employee for Town of Lyman called to report that during the past several weeks, a number of town signs had been stolen. Information given to the town revealed that the signs were located at an address in town. The residents of the address had moved into the residence just prior to the signs being discovered missing. Deputy Moore is investigating.

Tonight Deputy Wiggins arrested only two suspects for trespassing at “Devil’s Tower.” Upon approaching the old buildings, he smelled what he identified as wet paint. When he reached a building, he observed the suspects painting a mural on an exterior wall. The suspects told him they were only beautifying the building. He explained to them that they needed permission to beautify the old building. He arrested both suspects for trespass and malicious mischief, and seized approximately \$500 worth of paint.

Aug. 22

Locating a parked vehicle at the Lake Shannon boat launch, Deputy Wiggins contacted a male suspect who had multiple warrants. He arrested the suspect and took him to jail.

Aug. 24

A Town of Concrete employee called to advise that there was a male sleeping in the public restroom on Main St. Deputy Tweit contacted the male and told him he was not allowed to sleep in the restrooms.

Deputy Wolfe was advised that a citizen had located his trailer, which had been stolen in 2010. The victim was currently out with the trailer near Lyman. Deputy Wolfe responded to the location to investigate.

—Compiled by Sgt. Greg Adams



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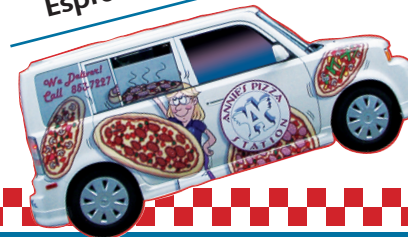
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— § —

When your house is in disorder and you see company coming, just throw things around a little more and tell them you have just started house cleaning.

— § —

"Mama, can Angela come over to our house and play?"

"No, you make too much noise. You'd better go over to her house, dear."

— § —

Intoxication: Having the feeling of sophistication without being able to pronounce it.

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"Dreams of fortune usually must have a blend of larceny about them to cancel out the hard work factor. Like our idea of perfecting a bank check that will self-destruct before being charged against your account."

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"Humility is most sought by those who need it to prove that their lack of it was an oversight."

"The fool may make some stupid mistakes, but none so inexplicable as those made by wise men fooling around."

"Most disturbing about race tension is that it is being rushed violently toward no logical end by those least equipped to solve the problems."

—May 28, 1969

"Money may talk, but it never speaks up at the right time for most people."

"If the consternation and excitement generated at school about this time of year can be correctly interpreted, school doesn't close—it slams shut."

"If anything is really wrong on this earth, blame can be traced directly back to the fact that it was created in six days, without a study committee."

—June 4, 1969

Public Service Announcement



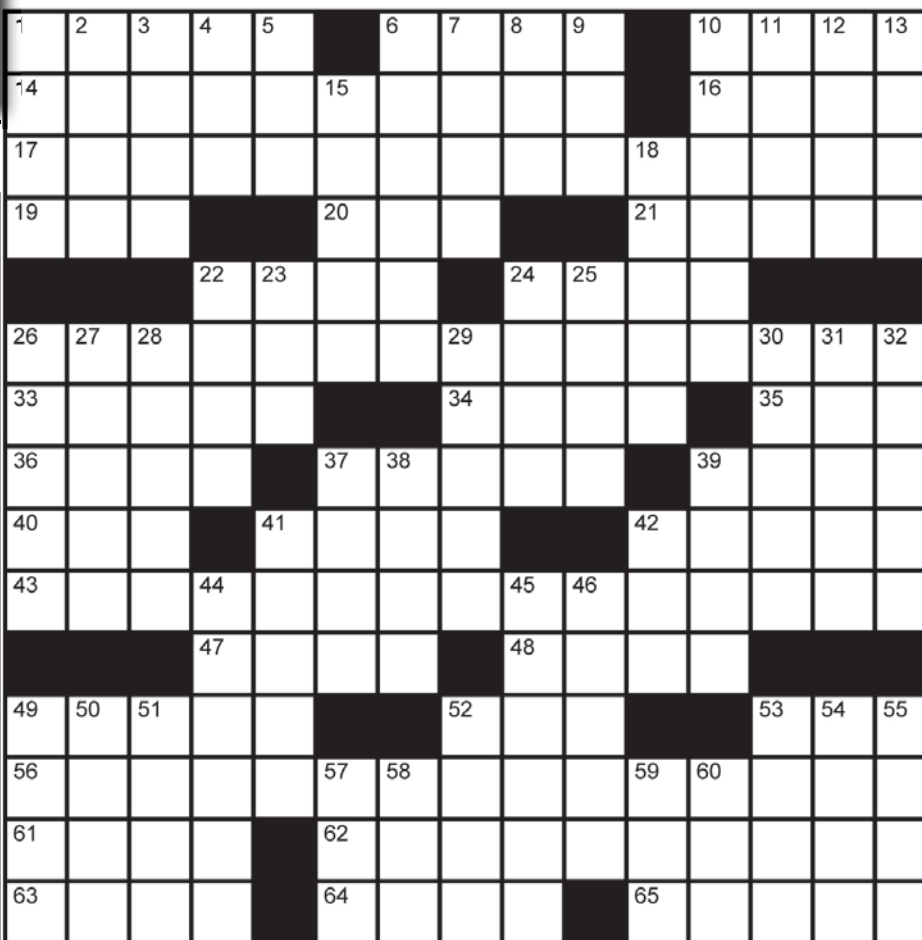
Concrete Harold Classic

By Joyce Harris



By Stig Kristensen

Crossword: "Facing the Music"



Across

- 1. Out of place
- 6. Hardly thrilling
- 10. Fit as a fiddle
- 14. Food wrap
- 16. Organic compound
- 17. They were introduced by Sohmer & Co. in 1884
- 19. " ____ Miniver"
- 20. One of the Clantons
- 21. Be bombastic
- 22. Stalk
- 24. A dog's age
- 26. Folk instruments
- 33. Ranees' wrap
- 34. Microprocessor type
- 35. Dorothy Parker quality
- 36. Pen pals?
- 37. Hike
- 39. Glazier's item
- 40. Grp. involved in "the Troubles"
- 41. "Two Years Before the Mast" writer
- 42. Elite
- 43. They're in the key of G
- 47. Sacred
- 48. Snakelike fish

- 49. Category of arachnids
- 52. QB's cry
- 53. Frostiness
- 56. Certain strings
- 61. Blackhearted
- 62. Promenades
- 63. Blue hue
- 64. Like some chatter
- 65. Get rid of

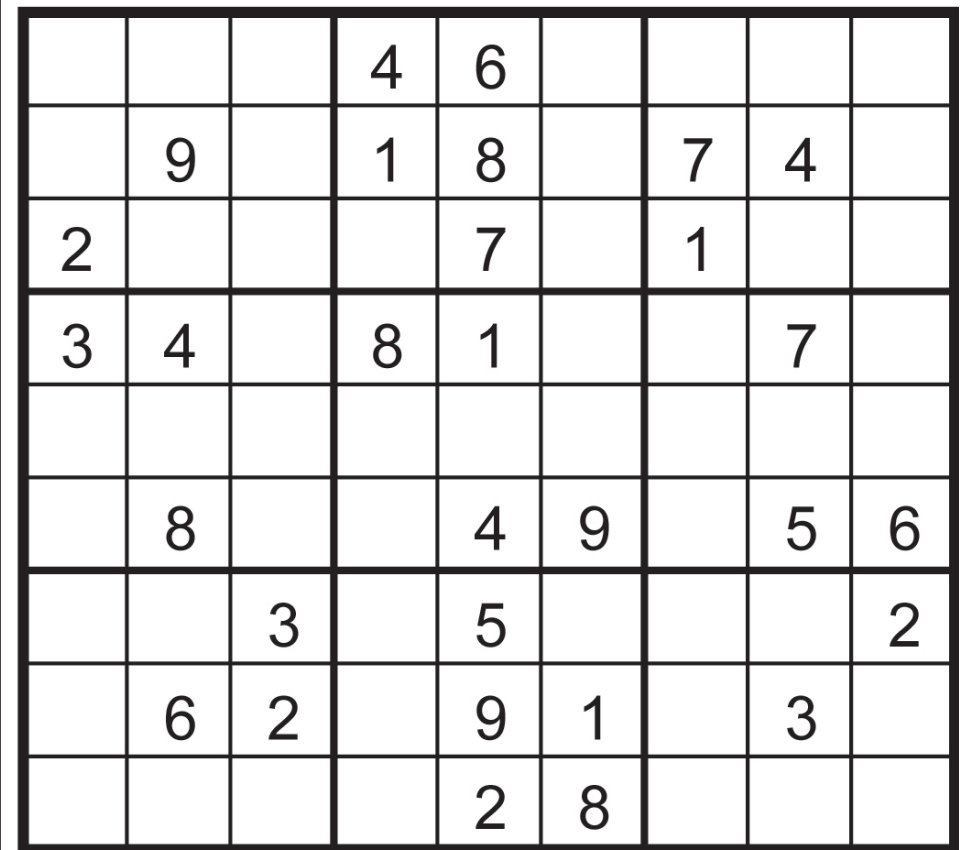
Down

- 1. SALT subject
- 2. At hand
- 3. Priestly garb
- 4. Layer
- 5. Dress (up)
- 6. Hindu path to salvation
- 7. Pool division
- 8. Not to mention
- 9. Cool, once
- 10. Kidnap victim
- 11. "The King and I" role
- 12. Cabbage
- 13. Besides that
- 15. Letters
- 18. Charged, in a way
- 22. Shades
- 23. Apply

- 24. Auspices
- 25. Bounce
- 26. Jellied garnish
- 27. Where "Aida" premiered
- 28. Club publication
- 29. Dalmatian, e.g.
- 30. Anticipate
- 31. Dentist's direction
- 32. Editorial directives
- 37. False god
- 38. Just
- 39. See 8-Down
- 41. Legal right
- 42. The whole enchilada
- 44. Excite
- 45. Body of work
- 46. Malodorous
- 49. Look out for, maybe
- 50. Bat's home
- 51. Soprano's song, maybe
- 52. Get better
- 53. "Cleopatra" backdrop
- 54. Contents of some cartridges
- 55. "Hey, over here!"
- 57. Kimono closer
- 58. Doze
- 59. Be shy
- 60. Time delay

Sudoku

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



*Solutions to both puzzles are on p. 39.

Funny as Facebook

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

- "I learned something about myself today: I have neither the talent for, nor the patience for, yo-yo's."
- "I got sick. Which is a once-in-a-million issue for me, yet here I am sounding like a broken windpipe, Popeye the sailor, and a discount Johnny Cash had a baby and named it something stupid, like Gabe. Oh, and my chest and head feels like it's being dunked into the ocean by that one family uncle that doesn't understand how not to drown in 3 feet of water. Seriously, my voice is a good six octaves lower of nasally fun. I sound like a dramatic movie announcer that just got a nose job."
- "I'm available for interviews if any news outlets would like to speak with the one person who did not get their picture taken with Elizabeth Warren yesterday."

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No. 128	No. 111	No. 233
No. 394	No. 302	No. 533
No. 105	No. 523	No. 290
No. 312	No. 308	No. 134
No. 395	No. 326	No. 408
No. 477	No. 378	No. 489
No. 602	No. 338	No. 340
No. 82	No. 31	No. 54
No. 80	No. 24	No. 72
No. 7		

Parade Trophies

- Best Farm Vehicle (tie):**
Daryl Weidkamp and Fred West
- Best Patriotic:**
Wing Racing
- Best Classic Vehicle:**
Robert Hornbeck 1941 Chevrolet
- Best Musical:**
Community Bible Church
- Best Drill/Marching:**
Youth Cheerleaders
- Best Log Truck with Load:**
Leonard Hornbeck
- Best Float:**
Class of 1959
- Best Animal:**
Furs-n-Things 4-H
- Best Church/Community:**
Boys and Girls Club
- Best Novelty:**
A Pirates Life For Us!
- Best Class Reunion:**
Class of 1949
- Best Not Judged:**
Hamilton Classic 1977 Firetruck
- Best Commercial / Business:**
Cascade Burgers



Top: Breanna Coggins, 12 (left), and Julia Mejia, 11, tackle the water slide as a team during the second round of Cascade Days, Aug. 18.

Above: Grayson Krieg, 5, of Camano Island is the picture of concentration as he hauls in a large trout at the PSE-sponsored trout pond during Cascade Days on Aug. 17, aided at the net by Kendra Knuth.

Right: A chainsaw artist does some detail work on a soaring eagle sculpture during Cascade Days in Concrete, Aug. 17-18 this year.



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Valley. The most visible name for many decades of bank operations was the Ross family. While some investors came and went, the Ross family continued to buy more shares as they became available and finally owned controlling interest. Walter Ross spent more than 40 years with the bank and is responsible for its endurance through the years.

A quick check of the mortgages recorded with Skagit County proves the lasting imprint the Ross family had on the Upper Valley. At one time, almost all the loans in the area were held by our local bank, and most of the charitable organizations and the schools benefited greatly from their willingness to contribute to making the Upper Valley a better place to live. For those involved in the bank's earlier years, they saw their businesses as a means to serve the community, not just to make a quick profit. There was no magic formula or credit score in those early days to determine your eligibility for a loan. In a small town you were judged on your work ethic and integrity. The bankers trusted their neighbors and the neighbors trusted their bankers, which allowed the bank to prosper.

But times change, and when an opportunity came to sell the bank, the shareholders decided it was time. Little did the shareholders know that the bank's reputation would be undermined by the owners of Summit Bank, which resulted in the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation seizing the bank and prison terms for the owners. Columbia Bank stepped into that void, although that reprieve has been a relatively short one.

Since the inception of that first bank in Concrete, the industry has changed significantly and will continue to do so. How the community participates and shapes that future remains to be seen, but that unknown can never detract from the great history of service the bank, under any one of the four names, has provided us.

The museum is open every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. through September. Arrange special tours by calling/e-mailing 360.982.0423 (autohistory@hotmail.com) or 360.853.8347 (jboggs@comcast.net).

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