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Tulips in flower, finally!



BRIGHT COLOR UNDER A GLOOMY SKY – Washington Bulb Company's Best Road tulip field was lonely for visitors Sunday as April stays stubbornly cool and cloudy. Down the road, fellow growers Tulip Town and Tulip Valley Farms are in a gloomy dispute. Story below. – Photo by Ken Stern

Tulip Town sues Tulip Valley Farms for competing

By Ken Stern

The weather has not cooperated or coordinated itself with this year's Skagit Valley Tulip Festival but sunny days are surely here again for Andrew Miller's new Tulip Valley Farms operation. His Bradshaw Road operation, in partnership with Larry Jensen and Shannon Perkes, continues to be open for business after an April 7 agreement between his lawyer and counsel for Spinach Bus Venture Group, owners of Tulip Town. Miller was sued on March 28 to halt his operations by Tulip Town's owners in Skagit Superior Court, through a preliminary and permanent injunction.

In court on April 7 the parties agreed to strike the pending motion for temporary restraining order and cancel the hearing on the motion. Though Tulip Town can return to court, outside lawyers assess the chances of Tulip Town getting relief against Miller as nil, that the attempt to enjoin Miller is over.

The complaint against Miller alleged unlawful include "duplicitous

conduct" and breach of contract. But Miller countered that his Bus partners knew in fall 2022 of Miller's new company. Most critically, the 2019 operating agreement of Spinach Bus Venture Group LLC contained this provision: "Any member or manager may engage in or possess an interest in other business ventures of every nature and description, independently or with other, including but not limited to ownership, financing or management ... in businesses that are similar to the business of the Company ..."

Partners no more

The owners of Tulip Town and Tulip Valley Farms – neighbors across Bradshaw Road from each other are at odds with each other, with accusations and information listed in the March 28 complaint making the dispute public. Miller was the CEO of the Spinach Bus Venture Group when it bought Tulip Town in 2019. The ventures fairly rapidly expanded with the purchases of Fairhaven Mill, Skagit Acres and Skagit Landing Restaurant within two years.

Then, Miller created Tulip Val-

ley Farms with Larry Jensen and Shannon Perkes in 2022, planting two tulip fields on land leased from Jensen.

In its complaint, Spinach Bus Venture Group was critical of Miller's performance, stating he was one of two paid owners, at \$120,000 and benefits annually. He was removed from the CEO position in September 2021, kept on salary for the next year, then in August 2022 told unless "the consulting business drastically improved" his pay would come to an end.

Miller was sued for breaches of contract, fiduciary duty, implied covenant of good faith and misrepresentation and conversion.

Miller's response, filed in court April 6, states that his former partners knew by October 2022 of Miller's "alleged misbehavior" but waited till March 28, days before the start of the Tulip Festival, to file their complaint. It states "the request for injunctive relief (was) clearly timed to cause the most disruption to Tulip Valley and Mr. Miller."

Shelter Bay board beats court injunction

By Ken Stern

Skagit County Superior Court judge Laura Riquelme sided with the five executive committee members of the Shelter Bay Community board of directors Friday, denying a request for an injunction that could have led to their removal from the board and would have prevented them from making financial decisions, including approving the community's 2023 interim lease with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

In a near hour-long hearing attended by 15-20 Shelter Bay residents and watched over Zoom by another 45, attorneys for defendants Wendy Poulton, Elaine Dixon Monte Hicks, Joseph Hurley and Louise Kari convinced the court that plaintiff Jan Henrie could not sue the defendants as individuals. She had not sued them as board members of the Shelter Bay Community.

Defense lawyer Candace Chuck conceded that even if Henrie had standing, a right to sue as a property owning member of the community, "the standing issue alone is enough to not grant injunction relief" and asked that the motion be denied in its entirety.

The judge ruled Henrie had standing. Paul Taylor, Henrie's lawyer, went through a litany of alleged financial mismanagement of Shelter Bay assets from the bylaws not being followed in bringing the master lease to the residents for approval, that the board has misled members,

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Shelter Bay residents recall director Kontos

By Bill Reynolds and Ken Stern

Last spring, Judy Kontos won election to the Shelter Bay Community's board of directors on a platform of increasing transparency and ushering in reform as part of the nine-member governing panel.

This time around, Kontos didn't fare well when Shelter Bay residents marked their ballots.

Kontos was recalled on a 343-149 vote last Wednesday when in-person and mail-in ballots were tallied.

Kontos, whose career background is in finance with extensive experience as a mortgage broker, was sanctioned and suspended from the board in February pending the April 12 community membership recall vote based on four code of conduct complaints filed against her last fall.

Kontos has vigorously denied allegations of improper conduct affirmed by an appointed community ethics committee which probed the matter and issued its findings earlier this year.

The recall vote results were announced at a special community membership meeting that reconvened on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., five hours after the election closed. Shelter Bay policy does not allow media access to community meetings.

The Teller's Report listed 492 votes cast, (continued on page 7)

Telling the Truth: 'Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America'

By Robin Carneen

The Swinomish and Tulalip photographer, filmmaker, podcaster and author Matika Wilbur shares her Indian/Spirit name "Tsa-Tsique," meaning "she who teaches children," with her mom, Nancy Wilbur. During an hour phone interview, Wilbur shared the story of her decade long journey leading to her new photography book "Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America." The 10 inch by 10 inch 416-page book can be ordered now.

Her research took her to all 50 states. It started in 2012 as a Kick-starter project. She has taken photos and gathered stories of Indigenous people from over 400 tribes.

I asked her, "why photography?" and she told me about how she wanted to learn how to do photography at the age of 17, while attending La Conner High School. Under the tutelage of an after-school instructor, Mr. Smith, she got her opportunity. She said, "he helped me get enrolled in a Skagit Valley College photography course and took the class with me. Not only that, he built a dark room for me to use."

She was also able to catch up on her homework because she had also decided to give up drinking (sober 22 years now). Smith was not the only person who believed in her and helped her get on this destined path. She also had a female mentor, who took her to the Rocky Mountain School of Photography.

"I got to watch lectures by different photographers who had gone all over the world to be photographers – like National Geographic explorers," she said. Wilbur wanted to be like them, thinking "as a photographer you get to travel the world and meet people. That's what I want to do, it was so inspiring for me."

She then took a summer intensive course at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography, where she created a portfolio. From age 18-21 years old she continued on with a three year program at Brooks Institute of Photography, where she became a "well trained photographer, studying digital imaging and advertising."

Behind the lens, there is much more that Wilbur is trying to do. She seeks to capture and portray contemporary Native Americans in a truthful way, but she also wants to educate

others who may have a stereotypical archaic idea of Indigenous people.

She reflected on her own experience growing up: "I felt like I should be ashamed of my Indian identity." She remembered when she was going to school she was told, "you have to get good grades, you have to get a good education so you can leave this place, so you don't end up a fisherman." I can remember a lot of the teachers saying stuff to me like that. I think that's really toxic, I don't think there is anything wrong like wanting to be like my ancestors who have been here, doing this for thousands of years. Being a fisherman is honorable and beautiful way to live." Her mother, Nancy, and other tribal relatives crab and fish.

She explained, "Statements like this are especially dangerous for Native American children and contribute to outcomes like low self-esteem, according to Dr. Stephanie Fryberg's research. She noted, "many people think we (Native Americans) are extinct." Her 250 images depict a very alive and thriving population of Indigenous people all across the nation telling their stories. She also (continued on page 7)



BEING A BRIDGE TOWARD THE WAY WE SEE – Matika Wilbur, a member of the Swinomish and Tulalip tribes, will be launching her new photography book, "Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America," April 25. She invites everyone to Swinomish for a shared presentation with guest speakers at 7 p.m. – Photo courtesy of Lino Manansala

From the editor —

Earth Day needed every day

Saturday is the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day. In the giddy, heady days of the early 1970s — with or without pot — people celebrated recycling. Going farther meant reusing and reducing.

Reflect on that, on how radical the concepts of reusing goods has become. In the 1960s parents and grandparents returned pop bottles back to the grocery and redeemed the deposit, with the bottles going back for washing and getting refilled. Fewer new glass bottles needed to be made. Aluminum cans once did not exist.

And when was the last time any of us took a radio or TV in to get repaired?

For reducing, how many among us are even bringing coffee thermos to our favorite coffee shop? Using fewer paper cups — or using cloth napkins at meals — is not a significant action that will tip the scales to less waste, but, in a nation that loves symbolism, few wave their napkin as a flag of waste reduction after dinner.

Sadly, even if everyone in and beyond La Conner was an ace reducer, reuser and recycler those actions will not reduce the ever more present existential threat of climate change. The root meaning of existential threat — besides people in the mirror — is existence. Reverse the words, making threat a verb: threat to our existence. We are threatening our existence by our ongoing present actions, today, tomorrow, next year, the next decade.

Oddly, in all those reports the top notch scientists feeding data into the United Nations put out, they are hopeful — given that we dramatically and drastically change our ways. Buying an electric or hybrid vehicle is only a start.

Weather is not climate. But in its March update summary the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report that the "current temperature rise of 1.1°C (2° F) above pre-industrial levels, which has led to more frequent and hazardous weather events that have caused increasing destruction to people and the planet. [E]very increment of warming will come with more extreme weather events."

La Conner residents experienced extreme weather on Dec. 27, 2022. California residents experienced extreme weather throughout the winter. Can you say, "17 atmospheric rivers from December through March?"

Anyone counting winter tornadoes in the U.S.? No data this time, but in Ohio in the 1960s April and May was tornado season. Strong southern winter tornadoes are now in the news.

The United Nation report "outlines that the 1.5°C (2.7° F) limit is still achievable and outlines the critical action required across sectors and by everyone at all levels. The report focuses on the critical need for action that considers climate justice and focuses on climate resilient development. It outlines that by sharing best practices, technology, effective policy measures and mobilizing sufficient finance, any community can decrease or prevent the usage of carbon-intensive consumption methods. The biggest gains in well-being can be achieved by prioritizing climate risk reduction for low-income and marginalized communities."

Those least able to afford investing in resiliency and protection from the changing climate are most in danger. Seems like anyone living in a location where a freak sudden storm may occur is in danger. A flood moving east from the Swinomish Channel damaged property indiscriminately. We are all in this prevent climate change campaign together. Or we need to be.

This threat to our existence: how do we focus on it and agree to invest over the long term and change our habits and our culture when the sun is shining and it is warm outside?

Over one billion people around the world will participate in Earth Day activities this weekend. For those of us that live locally, we have the responsibility to continue actions post-Earth Day that reduce our carbon emissions footprint.

— Ken Stern

LETTER

New gun law punitive

The Democrat-dominated state legislature, fully endorsed by a sympathetic Democrat governor, has been "fine-tuning" highly restrictive measures that adversely affect gun ownership in Washington State (House Bill 1280).

When enacted — likely on an "emergency" basis — this law restricts the purchase, sale, trade and importation of a variety of semi-automatic rifles erroneously referred to as "assault weapons" in the language of the bill and by the mainstream media.

This misstatement of fact is done intentionally to influence public perception because the rifles in question "look like" their military cousins and are interpreted by some to be "scary looking!" (Functionally they are not the same rifles the military uses other than appearance; the difference is, military rifles are fully automatic capable, like a machine gun.) Millions of these popular rifles have been sold nationwide over the past couple decades, so any restrictions here in Washington will have nil effect overall.

This new law is punitive to all law-abiding gun owners and enthusiasts in this state, eroding their Second Amendment constitutional rights. It will not deter criminals in the slightest, who will pay no heed to it and are growing in numbers given the current "soft on crime" political climate. By any measure, this is a very bad law!

While it is unfortunate that such rifles have been involved in some mass-shootings in other states, none have been employed for that purpose here in Washington. And it is a fact that most gun crimes (e.g., street shootings, hold-ups, murders, suicides, etc.) involve hand guns, not rifles, and certainly not the type of rifles subject to this restrictive law.

No doubt this law will be challenged in the courts, primarily on the basis of violation of Second Amendment rights. Previous bans and restrictions have not been sustained, and neither will this one.

Bruce Elliot
La Conner

Two citizens' view —

Trust lost in Shelter Bay board

By Jack and Julie Jones

Recently, some friends have asked us why we moved from Shelter Bay into the town of La Conner. The simple reason is, we lost trust in the board to act in the best interest of the community and we lost faith that the board would begin to act in the best interest of the community.

Our trust started eroding with the outcome of the Rainbow Park fiasco. We were told it was in the best interest of the community to bail out a sitting board member to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. When we asked questions, we were told to attend committee meetings and to read the rules for answers, so we did.

We lost trust when we found that funds amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars from lease administration fees were not being accounted for.

We lost trust when we found consulting fees were being paid to relatives of committee members.

We lost trust when we found construction projects were awarded to sitting members of the board.

We lost trust when the board passed an operating budget without proper notification to the community.

We lost trust in the board when they approved millions of dollars to rebuild the marina without having previously secured funds to do so.

We lost faith in the board's ability to govern itself in a manner representing the interests of the community when we requested that meetings be recorded so more members could have access to the meetings. We were told it wasn't legal. This is not true.

We lost faith in the board after we discovered resigned board members still retained positions on committees that were advising directly to the board.

We lost faith in the board after reading the rules and the master lease and found that the board was not following the requirements outlined in the lease for the appraisal of the community to be applied to the lease adjustment.

We lost faith in the board when we discovered the names of the lease negotiating committee were secret. We have since found that two members are resigned directors, one is an appointed director, one is an elected director and the board didn't retain any advisors with Bureau of Indian Affairs experience to help with lease negotiations.

We lost faith in the board after their spending millions of dollars on a marina that only some members use, hundreds of thousands of dollars on bailouts that benefited no one in the general community and hundreds of thousands of dollars on lease consultants with no work product to show. We saw that the infrastructure was in dire need of repair, the greenbelts and associated walking paths were in disarray, and, sadly, the kids didn't have a pool.

Jack is a retired sea captain and Julie is a former physical therapist assistant. They moved to Shelter Bay in 2015.

LETTERS

For covering Shelter Bay

As a resident of Shelter Bay, I'm grateful for La Conner Weekly News coverage of the community's recent challenges. Because we are a very significant segment of the wider community, we unquestionably have an impact outside the confines of our neighborhood. So, it is appropriate for the local newspaper to cover the activities of our board and members, despite the apparent wishes of some to avoid that particular source of light.

Thorough, balanced news coverage demands skepticism, rather than meek regurgitation of officially sanctioned communications. The newspaper is doing its job well to ask hard questions that some board members might be more comfortable leaving unanswered.

After a career spent in corporate communications, I know for sure that it's almost always a mistake to try to control the flow of information. For one thing, it simply isn't possible to do anymore. There are too many easily accessible alternatives to official communication channels, and leaving inconvenient details out erodes trust when they are

inevitably discovered. Limiting the flow of information or disseminating information that seems to conflict with observable reality spawns rumors and speculation. While erring on the side of saying too much rather than too little can seem risky in the short-term, the payoff comes in the long term as trust grows.

Trust in the Shelter Bay board is broadly lacking right now, and board members have some serious repair work to do.

Christine Hill
Shelter Bay

Buy Rotary Club tulips

The Rotary Club of La Conner is once again selling field cut tulips at \$6/per bunch of 10, from their two booths. One is near the La Conner roundabout, the other is in Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant parking lot.

Both booths are open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday to Monday, closed Tuesdays, as long as there are tulips. All profits are returned to projects here in town and to help elsewhere.

See you there,
Ollie Iversen
La Conner

CORRECTIONS

Manny Pena was the staff person painting the town's curbs tulip red and Ms. Mo took the yoga class photo in the April 5 issue. Clemens Mitchell's name was misspelled April 12. The editor regrets these mistakes.

Maggie Wilder April art exhibit

Maggie Wilder's new oil on canvas works exploring a possible relationship to the Salish Sea and its watersheds is exhibiting in April at Perry and Carlson gallery, 508 1st Street, downtown Mount Vernon.

Musings — on the editor's mind

Very few of us are racist or know people who are racist.

Few of us stay quiet when racist remarks are made. That is what polling and folks discussing race in America or in their community say. Yet I know that I very definitely crossed the street once when three Black men were coming my way. Was that caution race-based?

So, a few of us are racist. Many argue that there is not systematic racism. So substitute power, control and fear as motivations driving individuals and individuals in charge of institutions to act. Statistically and historically, white men have dominated institutions using power and control over Blacks.

The expulsion of Reps. Justin Jones and Justin Pearson from the Tennessee legislature in early April got my attention. In group settings, when people are unruly and break the rules they get sanctioned. While a youngster, I was sat in the corner, stood out in the hall and sent to the principal's office. But getting expelled? That is an extreme form of punishment.

In Tennessee those that make the rules, ruled and they ruled Jones and Pearson right out of their elected offices, overruling the hundreds of thousands who voted

to have those two represent them. Fellow legislators deliberated and decided that these two men were in the act of "insurrection" and "mutiny." Read the news reports. That is how Republican legislators termed their colleagues' actions.

The use of power and control for extreme action is independent of political party. People in politics want to be in control. People of every party break small-d democratic norms when they can, when they are intoxicated with the control their wielding power brings.

Anyone else reflect on the May 1856 beating of U.S. Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts? Look it up. He is "best remembered for his role in a dramatic and infamous event in Senate history — what has become known as the 'Caning of Sumner.' Just days earlier, Sumner had delivered a fiery speech entitled 'The Crime Against Kansas,' in which he railed against the institution of slavery and unleashed a stream of vitriol against the senators who defended it. In retaliation, Representative Preston Brooks of South Carolina attacked Sumner at his desk in the Senate Chamber, beating him with a heavy walking stick until the senator was left

bleeding and unconscious on the Chamber floor."

That is power out of control. It was three years before Sumner resumed full-time duties in 1859.

That was from the U.S. Senate's website. Here are details from the House side. Rep. Laurence Keitt, also from South Carolina, accompanied Brooks to Sumner.

"[A]ngry House Members demanded the expulsion of Brooks and Keitt. The House failed to garner the necessary two-thirds vote to expel Brooks, but it successfully censured Keitt. Both Congressmen resigned to protest their treatment by the House. In his resignation speech, Brooks said, 'I should have forfeited my own self-respect, and perhaps the good opinion of my countrymen, if I had failed to resent such an injury by calling the offender in question to a personal account.' South Carolina voters held Brooks and Keitt up as heroes, returning both men to Congress by special election to fill their own vacancies."

Voters always choose representatives that reflect their beliefs. Then, those guys from South Carolina, were slaveholders.

Still, today we are not racists. But believe it or not, white people have almost all the power. Maybe all of us can agree that African Americans are not happy with that.

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District 13 firefighters ran practices on model trains ahead of BNSF derailment

By Bill Reynolds

Nobody anticipates a train derailment in their backyard. Nobody, perhaps, except Skagit County Fire District 13 Training Officer Chris Olbu. A model railroader, Olbu led a detailed tabletop exercise at the district's SneeOosh Road fire station earlier this year, presenting the many scenarios that can arise when a train derailed. As fate would have it, about two weeks after practicing moving model emergency vehicles around the train track Olbu had set up on the fire station's second floor, two BNSF locomotives derailed near the Swinomish Casino and Lodge, spilling diesel upland from the nearby Padilla Bay shoreline. District 13 responded with other agencies to the derailment. Its firefighters had the benefit of having studied the possible impacts of such an incident. "This is a great drill," District 13 Commissioner John Doyle said last Thursday upon inspecting the model track following the three-member panel's monthly public meeting. "I like this setup. It has a lot of flexibility. "You did a nice job," Doyle told Olbu, who has spent a small fortune on the model track, train cars, passenger, commercial and emergency vehicles and school buses laid out on the busy tabletop.

"It's important," stressed Olbu, "to know all the details and little things that can happen. I like to tailor these exercises to what we and our neighbors have." Olbu has forked over as much as \$100 for model tanker cars that imitate those that cross Swinomish Reservation to oil refineries on nearby March Point. "I go to swap meets quite a bit," he chuckled. The purpose of the model train tabletop exercise, Olbu said, was to build conscious awareness on the part of firefighters and emergency responders in preparation for actual derailments and the complex conditions they can pose. Doyle and Fire Chief Wood Weiss provided an update on installation of new residential quarters at the SneeOosh station. Doyle and Weiss said the new unit lacks only a mandated deck and ramp. Electrical and plumbing connections have been completed. "We're close," Weiss said of a project years in the making. "Hopefully, in the next couple weeks, we'll have a deck up." Chair Bruce Shellhamer, noting that the existing residential unit is named for retired fire chief Roy Horn, suggested and received unanimous support to name the new quarters in honor of former commission chairman Larry Kibbee. "It's a way to honor his legacy and great commitment to District

13," said Shellhamer. Service calls and transports continue to trend upward, commissioners were told. "Last year was our record year, but this year we're well on pace to be over 1,800 (calls)," Weiss said. Medical Officer Andrew Ferrell said the district's new CARES unit has received requests from law enforcement to help on calls involving those dealing with behavioral and/or mental health issues, such as a recent one prompted by a barricaded subject. Weiss offered praise for District 13 firefighter and high school assistant baseball coach Logan James, who is taking charge of an Adopt-A-Hydrant fundraiser at John K. Bob Ball Park, include a painting session, barbecue, prize contest and raffle, June 17 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Community members are invited to make a donation of \$100 or more individually or collectively to adopt and custom design a district fire hydrant. "Our goal," said James, "is to create a community-oriented event to kick off the summer by painting one-half of the fire hydrants within the fire district." James said barbecue sponsors are Santo Coyote Mexican Kitchen, La Conner Seafood & Prime Rib House and Shawn O'Donnell's American Grill and Irish Pub. Lopez Island Creamery will provide ice cream.

A View From The State House



Clyde Shavers
State Representative
District 10



How our bills are becoming law

Our legislature reviews hundreds of proposed pieces of legislation during sessions. This year, with the help of our team, I have drafted and introduced twelve bills. Six passed the House and five passed the Senate. So far, two have been signed by the Governor with more scheduled. As a first-time legislator, I would like to share how proposals become law with a bill that I've introduced this year, House Bill 1658, which allows high school students to earn credit for paid work experience and financial education. Every bill that we introduce comes from individuals within our community, just like you. In this instance, I spoke with community members in Mount Vernon who expressed a desire for financial education. Many of our young adults want to learn how to make better financial decisions for life after high school. As the vice chair of the Education Committee, I spoke with colleagues to work out a solution. Our policy staff worked with me to draft and introduce a bill that was inclusive, cost-effective and constitutional. After introduction, HB 1658 was referred to the Education Committee for a public hearing. At the hearing, I listened to testimony from numerous groups including the Washington State PTA and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. It was wonderful to hear how this bill will help every student gain financial knowledge and professional development. The committee then scheduled an executive session to pass or reject this bill. On Feb. 14, HB 1658 was voted out of committee with unanimous support and referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee can pull bills to the House floor for debate before the entire body. In this case, HB 1658 passed the House with 93 yeas and 4 nays with members from both sides expressing strong support. Once passed, the same process is repeated in the Senate. This provides another opportunity for the public to comment and for legislators to make important changes if needed. Fortunately, HB 1658 passed all these hurdles and enjoyed another strong bipartisan vote of 44 yeas and 5 nays. If a bill is voted out of the Senate with any changes, the bill comes back for another House vote to ensure both chambers agree on the final bill version. In this case, HB 1658 was voted out of the Senate without changes. On April 10 and 11, the bill was signed by the speaker of the House and president of the Senate and will be delivered to the governor to be signed into law. As always, thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue my life-long dedication to public service. As a veteran having attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduated from Naval Nuclear Power School, trained at a naval nuclear reactor plant and served in the Middle East and Southeast Asia as a public affairs officer, I am honored to serve you here in the Washington State Legislature.

Town approves moratorium pausing adult business sitings

By Bill Reynolds

The Town of La Conner won't be caught with its pants down while drafting rules regulating adult businesses. Its Town Council last Tuesday unanimously adopted a six-month emergency moratorium on development applications within commercial, commercial transition and residential zones while controls addressing adult-oriented businesses are enacted. The action stems any attempt to locate here before specific regulations are adopted. "The moratorium," planner Michael Davolio said, "will address anything that might come up in the interim." Restrictions can be enforced when on the books, Davolio has emphasized. Lacking them, permits for adult businesses are treated like other commercial ventures courts have ruled in First Amendment freedom of expression cases. "I recently received a telephone call from someone interested in opening an adult oriented business," Town Administrator Scott Thomas confirmed. "I don't know what it's about. I don't think I want to know. But now seems to be the time to address this." Thomas, the Town's attorney, composed the five-page moratorium ordinance. The moratorium's purpose is "to allow the Town to continue the process of analyzing the issue of adult concession uses without the possibility that applicants will flood the Town with applications for development under the existing codes. Council voted to expand the Town Emergency Management Commission to include an alternate able to vote when a panelist is absent. Jamie

Throgmorton was confirmed as alternate. Council agreed to residents Linda Talman and William Smith request to keep the Center Street apartment project a standing meeting agenda item. "It's not time to take Center Street off the formal agenda," Talman said. The controversial development was approved by Hearing Examiner David Lowell on appeal. There have been no recent updates on its status. Thomas promoted a survey seeking input on public priorities has been loaded onto the Town website. Results will help the Town develop a strategic plan and assist in the budget process.

Councilmember MaryLee Chamberlain announced three probable Council Communications Committee public forum events this year. One will be held in conjunction with the Planning Commission and focus on community visioning. Another is being planned as a come-and-go session designed to attract a cross-section of La Conner area shareholders. Chamber Director Mark Hulst said last month's "Murder Mystery" event drew participants from Vancouver, B.C. to Portland and between 200 and 250 people stopped by at the Chamber office. There was a positive economic

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Community dinner raises funds for local family

By Bill Reynolds

Tyrone McLeod has been a builder much of his life, the elaborate ramp he installed at a Morris Street home across from The Slider Café is a prime example.

He has built even more goodwill here over time. That was much in evidence Friday when La Conner service organizations held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit McLeod and his family, which last winter lost to fire the house he had labored five years to build on Swinomish Reservation.

The event raised several thousand dollars with donations still coming in from those unable to attend.

One of the benefit's corps of volunteers estimated around \$4,000 was raised on Friday.

"It's amazing how much the community has come together to help out," McLeod's mom, Linda Rumbolt, told the Weekly News. "People have come up to me and given me money or said: 'I have a check for him.'"

Rumbolt said members of the La Conner chapter of Soroptimist International contacted her soon after the fire to suggest a fundraising event.

"These folks just got after it," she said.

The La Conner Rotary and Kiwanis clubs pledged their support right away as well.

La Conner Schools culinary staff and Soroptimist volunteers began working in the elementary school kitchen around 1 p.m. Friday, four hours ahead of serving the meal.

"They've been so busy, they're all so awesome," Rumbolt said.

McLeod's pastor David Hensman and another friend, Jacob Parker, came in support from Stanwood-Camano Island, where the McLeods have rented a place since the fire.

McLeod and Hensman share familial roots in Canada's most easterly province of



HELPING OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE - Part of the Soroptimist volunteers, the kitchen crew worked the McLeod benefit dinner. From left: DyAnn Provezano, Jan Paul, Karen Quesnell, Nancy Hinton, and Julie Peddy. La Conner Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and PEO organized the April 14 fundraiser at the elementary school. - Photo by Bill Reynolds

Newfoundland and Labrador. And it's their shared faith that's helping McLeod overcome trauma inflicted by the blaze.

"I don't know exactly what I'll do," McLeod said while finishing his dinner and dessert alongside daughter Skye, age six and son Jorn, 13, who delivered a heartfelt message of appreciation to diners. "I'll just have to trust in Jesus and start over somehow."

McLeod isn't inclined - at least for now - to build by hand a replacement house.

"It's a huge financial investment and takes a lot of time and energy to do something like that," he said. "I don't know if I can do it again."

There's one thing of which McLeod is certain, however. He won't give up his goal of securing a permanent home for himself and his children.

"What I tell myself is that I've always managed to come out on top," McLeod said. "I'm not going to lay down and cry about it."

"Well," he added, flashing his trademark smile, "I did cry about

it, but I didn't lay down. I sat on a rock."

The custom 2,100 square foot home McLeod had basically completed but not yet moved into on Indian Road - it featured an indoor climbing wall and large walk-in pantry - went up in flames last January. Fortunately, it was while he and his two children were away. Swinomish Police are investigating what caused the blaze.

McLeod, who has worked as a roofer, lost the tools and equipment he had stored inside the house while out of town in mid-January. Painting the exterior was the next scheduled step.

Seeing the remains of what had been his dream home burnt to the ground has been a painful image for McLeod and family members to bear.

What they saw at the elementary school gym Friday, however, was a sight to behold.

"It was so wonderful," Rumbolt said, "to see what a beautiful community we all belong to."

La Conner diamond teams swept by Coupeville

By Bill Reynolds

The Coupeville High School baseball team stole a win at La Conner last Thursday.

Not that the visiting Wolves eked out an unexpected NW2B/1B triumph. A veteran Coupeville lineup, ran wild on the basepaths -19 stolen bases - and prevailed 12-2 over the youthful Braves, who averted a shutout when Kenai Zimmerman delivered a bases-loaded two-run single in the third inning.

La Conner, falling to 1-7, kept within striking distance up until the game's midpoint.

The Braves received a solid start from southpaw hurler Logan Burks, trailing just 5-2 following Zimmerman's run-producing hit.

Three Coupeville pitchers, however, combined to ring up 12 strikeouts while checking La Conner on just two hits.

Braves eighth grader Kaleb Otis ripped a one-out double to center in the fifth. His teammates could not bring him home.

In the fourth frame, Ivory

Damien led off with a walk, stole second and advanced to third on a Wolves throwing error but couldn't score when Anderson fanned the next three batters.

Softball results
The La Conner softball team also put up a spirited fight against Coupeville Thursday, rallying for five runs after trailing 8-0 early before falling 24-7 in six innings.

The Lady Braves were looking to break into the conference win column, but could not overcome 14 Coupeville hits and 17 walks issued to the victors.

The two La Conner teams resume their home league schedule today at 3:45 p.m. when they entertain Concrete. Both visiting clubs are winless.

La Conner hosts NW2B/1B baseball and softball counterparts from Darrington on Thursday.

The Braves have a Saturday conference matchup against visiting Mount Vernon Christian at noon.

The Lady Braves have the weekend off.

Murdock sweeps hurdles at Skagit Showdown meet

By Bill Reynolds

La Conner High School hurdles standout Tommy Murdock took top honors in his races at the Skagit Showdown Meet in Sedro-Woolley last Wednesday.

Students from various sized schools competed, but Murdock was clearly in a class by himself.

The junior swept the boys' 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles, hitting the finish line in 0:16.02 and 42.00, respectively.

The reigning state 2B hurdles champ placed a strong third in the 100-meter dash, clocking an 0:11.46 finish, behind Carsten Reynolds (0:11.17) and Connor Cox (0:11.29), both of host 2A

Sedro-Woolley. Murdock also ran a leg on the mile relay, joining Jacob Pommels, Isaiah Price and Thomas Kitchen for a second-place finish. They recorded a 3:47.64 finish in the 4x400 meter finale.

La Conner thrower Alexander Martin also mined gold, winning the discus competition with a toss of 118'-2".

The Braves edged Mount Vernon Christian for third place on the leaderboard, trailing Sedro-Woolley and Burlington-Edison.

Simon Bouwens, Flint Huizenga, Lane Tenborg and Isaac Kitchen placed second in the 800-meter sprint medley relay, at 1:49.10. In the sprint relay, Pommels, Price, Thomas Kitchen and Kali Adams clinched third place at 0:47.16.

Pommels added an individual silver in the 200 meters, crossing the tape in 0:24.12. Bouwens finished fourth, four-tenths of a second behind Pommels.

On the girls' side, La Conner was paced by Morgan Huizenga, who was second in the javelin (79'-0") and fifth in the shot put (23'-11").

Addison Wigal picked up fourth place in the javelin, at 70'-9."

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'The Odd Couple' opens this week at school auditorium

By Bill Reynolds

A La Conner High School student group is proving you can play around and learn at the same time.

The school's extracurricular theater arts program group is presenting Neil Simon's popular comedy "The Odd Couple" with six shows at the Bruce Performing Arts Center starting this Friday at 7 p.m.

Performers include Jack Dougliss, Eleanor Drews, Gabe Barnett, Jonathan Gonzales, Rachel Haley, Madoc Hiller, Olie Phillips, Emily Smith and Josi Straathof. They are also gaining valuable math, carpentry, team-building and public speaking skills as they prepare sets and rehearse lines.

They have been practicing under the tutelage of club sponsors Jess Clement, Taylor Pedroza and Alicia Pedroza several nights each week, including a two-hour session last Friday.

"The kids are really developing their talents," Clement told the Weekly News. "They're growing by leaps and bounds. And how cool is it that they're so self-motivated to be here tonight on a Friday."

The sponsors, who have day jobs, are as stoked about doing theater work during their off hours as are the students who devote to acting what otherwise would be free after-school hours.

"It's important to us," said Clement. "Theater is a calling. And it might be the thing that sets them on fire going forward. There's so much that theater arts can do for students. For one thing, there's no better way to learn to have empathy for others than through playing characters."

The characters portrayed in "The Odd Couple" are well known to people of a certain age who remember the show's run on Broadway, its movie version from the 1960s and the iconic television series starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall in the early 1970s.

Then came a Saturday morning cartoon and a couple TV remakes, one in the 1980s and another from 2015-2017.

"We've tried to stay true to the spirit of it," Clement said.

Audiences can expect to see conflict and comedy in equal measure.

The plot focuses on friends Oscar Madison, a sloppy sportswriter and Felix Unger, a fussy photographer, ending up sharing a New York City apartment after each goes through a divorce and must find a place to stay.

Today's students find the script as compelling now as it was a half-century ago.

Phillips, a freshman, was recruited to the drama club by other cast members aware that he had acted in plays while attending Port Susan Middle School in Stanwood.

"The greatest part of it," Phillips said, "is just doing it. The rest of the cast is pretty cool, too."

Drews, a key performer in last spring's school production, delivered a flawless rehearsal Friday highlighted by her energy and enthusiasm.

She and her cast mates will look to extend that energy and enthusiasm six times in performance.

Anticipation of the stage curtain drawing open is building among all participants. "I'm really excited," Clement said.

And, judging from the vibe apparent at rehearsals, everyone associated with the production feels the same.

The show opens Friday and runs two weekends.

Attendees will "pay what you can," Clement said. Proceeds will benefit the drama club.

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BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAYS

Theatre review –

'Something Rotten' at Lincoln is anything but

By Ken Stern

Shakespeare does not have to be difficult. Here is a great way to make his work accessible: weave it with American musical comedy. Combine lavish costumes, a 13-piece band, an energetic, uniformly top-notch cast, great direction and producing and whisk it into the spring Skagit Valley College music department's theatre production and you have "Something Rotten," which is really a must see show at the Lincoln Theatre April 21-23.

Whether you are smart or clever or funny or like singing or dancing, choosing is not an option, for they are all combined in this production. Imagine 1590s London: "Welcome to the Renaissance," "The Black Death," how it must be "Hard to be the Bard" and yes, Shakespeare is "Will Power."

These are all songs, most of them with dancing and all supported by Diane Johnson's conducting and Damond Morris' directing.

If there was rock music back then and somehow Shakespeare attracted attention like Mick Jagger or James Brown, you would have "Something Rotten." Poor Nick Bottom (Shawn Steiner, a strong lead among a strong cast). Against Shakespeare (Rob Neeleman, superb), he is a hack poet. Not even his very talented brother, Nigel (Michael Turner, also good) can make headway with patrons, producers or audiences.

So, "God, I Hate Shakespeare," the brothers sing with their actors troupe (supportive ensemble players). Are they going to starve? No, wife Bea Bottom (Z Morris, energetic) loves her husband, loves her life and won't settle for being a 1590s housewife. She knows she is Nick's "Right Hand Man" and can get a job and does, even if she has to disguise herself as a man. Subtle, right, since male actors played female parts back then.

Despairing, Nick steals from the family's moneybox to pay a soothsayer to find where his successful acting lies. The key question: What will Shakespeare's greatest hit be? Enter Nostradamus (Mike Marlin, singing, dancing, tumbling in a great court jester's costume; five stars to costumer Cally Holden and assistants).

What does the future of theatre hold? "A Musical," and all stops get pulled out. Nostradamus stumbles his way into his vision of the future, foreseeing plays where "an actor is saying his lines, and out of nowhere he just starts singing" and the Company fills the stage and does just that. Yes, it is one over the top number after another, as folks in robes, blouses, doublets and tights join in a precision dance and form a kickline.

Later the confident Nick engages Shakespeare in a tap dance duel during "Bottom's Gonna Be On Top." And, there are dancing eggs, of course.

Alas, Nostradamus was askew. Instead of predicting "Hamlet," he foresees "Omelette" and a Danish pastry instead of a prince. All this is great fun: imagine Hamlet holding up and speaking to a giant egg instead of a skull.

Meanwhile there is love and truth, because they are in the mix when art is made. Nigel turns out to be the genius we credit to

Shakespeare and the charismatic Will here is a plagerizer. And a rock star. Neeleman is silky, sultry, the center of attention and a show stopper. Kudos to the lighting design team led by Brooke Hoffstetter.

While Bea loves and stands by Nick, Nigel runs into Portia (Anwyn Thompson, good, too). She is the daughter of a Puritan preacher, but poems light her up and she sneaks out with Nigel to party after a poetry reading.

Brother Jeremiah (Moses Marlin) takes his daughter away, to a tower and Nigel is inspired. Where else would "get thee to a nunnery" have come from? Nigel can't crack the meaning of "Omelette," but his heart and soul lead him to this: "Sure as the day follows into night/Sure as the sky turns to blue/This much I know/This much is true/Above all else, whatever you do/To thine own self be true."

Whether songs or Shakespeare draw you to the theatre, go see "Something Rotten." This show is delicious.

Book by John O'Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick and music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick, created by the co-director of "The Book of Mormon: and the producers of "Avenue Q." It opened on Broadway in 2015.

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Tulip tourist day in our local town

By Ken Stern

Friday was tulip-flowers-in-bloom day, a wonderfully sunny day, if still cool and with a bit of a breeze. It was as much officially the start of the tulip tourist season as the first pitch and Opening Day was for the Mariners two weeks earlier.

It was the day La Conner's merchants have been waiting for since, well, Christmas.

Morris and First street curbs were lined with cars and shoppers populated sidewalks in clumps in and around the business district. Up Third Street some went in returning to their cars.

Young, old, pushing strollers or walkers, some leaning on canes. Not many bikes that afternoon, but a few were making their way in on Chilberg Road.

And there was art in and about for people to get to or go to. Rexville Grange, the Pickle Barn at Schuh Farms, art at the schoolhouse at Christianson's Nursery – and their Vinery

market, too.

In town there was an Art Bash through the weekend ensconced in Maple Hall and Ginny Darville carrying out her good deed managing Vida Nueva rugs, Oaxacan weavings, and a weaver, at the Seaside Gallery at Gilkey Square.

The shops and restaurants? Not even anecdotal evidence, but they had to have a jingle jangle bang up day given all the cars and associated people in town.

And for the locals, the day could end with the spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the McLeod family at the elementary school.

Not a typical day in La Conner this spring, but the hope is that every Tulip Festival day smiles like this.

But no, like Brigadoon disappearing into the mists after 24 hours, Saturday was overcast and wet and Sunday was darker and wetter. Both were unseasonably cool.

It remains to be seen if the town's April tax coffers will be uncharacteristically low.

Students apply for art competition

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) is inviting high school-aged students who live or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District to showcase their artistic talents in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition.

Art submissions and forms are due to Larsen's office no later than Monday, May 1, at 5 p.m. Students can find details and a full list of contest rules larsen.house.gov/helping-you/2023-art-competition.htm

Source: Office of Rick Larsen

April 22 Earth Day poetry

The April 22 Earth Day poets reading in celebration of National Poetry Month at 7 p.m. at Pelican Bay Books are Kevin Murphy and local Randy Dills, fine readers with much to say about the natural world. They have new books out.

Pelican Bay Books: 520 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes.

Source: Madrona Last Saturday Series

Recall petitions filed on 5 Shelter Bay directors

By Ken Stern

The turmoil continues in Shelter Bay. Resident Judy Kontos filed five petitions, one against each executive committee member of the Shelter Bay Community board of directors, Thursday, April 13. The day before Kontos, elected to the board in May, was ousted from the board by a 55% yes vote of 492 of residents. This followed Kontos' sanction and suspension from the board in February.

"Collectively, I delivered over 1,000 signatures," Kontos told the Weekly News Monday. Each petition had 220 signatures, she said. Community rules require 25% of the households, one per lot, or 218 leaseholders.

The petitions against Board President Wendy Poulton, Vice President Joseph Hurley, Treasurer Louise Kari, Secretary Monte Hicks and Secretary pro tem Elaine Dixon read the same: "In accordance with Shelter Bay Community, Inc. Article V, Section 2, we the undersigned members of Shelter Bay Community, Inc. and Shelter Bay Company call for an immediate mailing of 10 day notices to each member to facilitate a RECALL VOTE of the following Officer (name)."

Kontos said the clock has been running since Thursday. She believes it is up to the three uninvolved board members, Gary Ladd, Dan McCaughan and Nancy Shimeall, to manage the

recall process, though she noted the process is not clear. Hicks is board secretary but under recall.

Kontos filed copies with Anne Serwold, but not the originals. There is no trust. "If they want to challenge a signature I will be more than happy to bring them over," she said, "but I not going to make the petitions available."

The petition process requires scheduling a special meeting of residents. Its purpose will be to have the community vote on recalling each board officer individually.

"We want our meeting, and we want our vote," Kontos wrote in an email.

April 22 is the tenth day after April 13.

Hurdles

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Maeve McCormick placed fifth in the long jump (13'-5") and 400 meters (1:09.84) and seventh in the 100 meters (0:13.96) as her team finished fourth in the girls' standings.

Lydia Grossglass edged McCormick for sixth place in the 100 with a 0:13.95 clocking.

The team took part in another highly competitive non-conference test, venturing into the Cascades for the Cashmere Invitational Track & Field Meet Saturday.

Murdock, Martin and Price again led the way. Murdock bettered his 110-meter hurdles time with a 0:15.58 finish but settled for second place behind

Porter Wilhite of 1A Lynden, who ran a 0:15.51. Martin was second in the discus with a 112'-5" heave and Price was second in the javelin at 145'-7".

Murdock took fifth in the 100-meter dash (0:11.78) and joined Pommels, Brendan Kitchen and Thomas Kitchen to finish fourth in the 4x400 relay with a 3:46.07 finish.

Pommels contributed a fourth in the 200 (0:23.58) and an eighth in the 100 (0:11.93) and the team tallied 41 points for fifth out of 17. Lynden ran away with the boys' title, amassing 157 points. Cashmere was the runner-up with a 104.5 score.

The Lady Braves notched their lone point at Cashmere with an eighth-place finish in the 4x100 sprint relay. Huizenga, McCormick, Wigal and Grossglass ran it in 0:56.19.

Glass artist Toots Zynsky at MoNA

Glass artist Toots Zynsky speaks at the Museum of Northwest Art April 29, 1 p.m. Her work is included in the exhibition, "Geppetto's Children: Italo Scanga at Pilchuck Glass School."

Zynsky will talk about her career as an artist using the distinctive "filet de verre" technique she invented, her work both past and present, the impact and influence of working with Dale Chihuly and Italo Scanga and what it was like being at the founding of Pilchuck Glass School.

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Shelter Bay

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Tribal Community favored the tribe and disadvantaged residents and that board members misspent funds, malfeasance, in paying the fine and penalties after then-board member Steve Swigert's cut down trees in the community's Rainbow Park in 2020.

Riquelme noted the master lease is between the company and the tribe and that the board represents the company. She prompted the defense to "speak to obligations of the board of the company to the community."

Chuck explained the community's "board of directors owe a duty to the association and not to individual members." Henrie's trying to sue individual

defendants was "trying to hijack the board."

Riquelme brought the hearing quickly to a close, saying she was "signing the order for denial of injunctive relief and temporary restraining order."

In a phone call Monday night Taylor would not reveal his legal strategy. He said repeatedly, "it is not over" and referred again and again to the recall of the five defendants as "something more important" and "the thing that is going to have consequences."

Henrie's complaint alleging actual damages incurred is still active.

Other lawyers predict that the defense attorneys will file a motion for summary judgment to have the complaint dismissed.

Kontos

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representing 58 per cent turnout of total eligible voters - community members in good standing, not owing fees. Only 16 in-person votes were cast.

Shelter Bay Board Secretary Monte Hicks, in an email updating the Teller's Report Thursday, wrote that 22 ballots were dropped into the election box at the front office Wednesday morning. No details were provided on the source of those ballots. The teller's report lists both 492 total votes and 470 total members voting.

Kontos challenging recall

Monday night Kontos was prepared to challenge her recall, saying there are "a have a bunch of irregularities of how the thing was handled." She will call for an election audit. "If they decline I will see them over in Superior Court," she said. She went into great detail describing a flawed and irregular process she said did

not adhere to the bylaws, rules or impartiality.

Her criticisms start with not keeping to the 10-day period from her suspension in February to this vote. Each election, Kontos maintains, requires a unique color code ink for tracking, electronic voting and a neutral, hired third-party elections processing company. Instead there were yellow ballots mailed but white ballots cast in person. The blue security envelope went inside the white mailing envelope which residents signed. She said her ballot watchers saw white ballots being removed from blue envelopes. This was not confirmed independently.

"It was so confusing it was an Alice in Wonderland" process, she said, not proscribed by the community's rules.

Recalled April 12, Kontos delivered separate petitions for the recall of the five executive committee board members April 13.

Town

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ripple effect. "I know we put people in hotels, restaurants and stores," he said.

Councilmember Rick Dole said the fun factor also came into play as folks tried to solve the mystery.

"As I was walking around," Dole quipped, "I kept getting asked if I was the murderer."

Turns out, he was framed. "Lisa Judy," Hulst confirmed, "was the culprit this year."

Hulst noted that a couple dozen people a day are calling asking about tulip blooms.

Town Fire Chief Aaron Reinstra said the department's annual Pioneer Park Easter Egg

Hunt was a success, noting, "The kids picked up about 2,000 eggs in about five minutes."

The St. Patrick's Day Dance fundraiser cleared enough profit to buy eggs, he said, though, "We ended up buying plastic eggs because the cost of real eggs is so high right now."

Councilmember Mary Wohleb, a founder of the Skagit Valley Clean Energy Co-Operative, announced the co-op's Solar Jam May 13 at Maple Hall. It will include solar education presentations and blues artist Nick Vigarino and the A-Town Big Band.

Now that promises to be the kind of adult entertainment for which neither a moratorium nor restrictive ordinance will be necessary.

With Mayor Ramon Hayes visiting family in Florida, Dole chaired the hour-long meeting.

Anacortes trail permanently closed

The trail between the beach at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal and the Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve is closed indefinitely. King tides and winter storms destroyed the boardwalk and dramatically changed the fragile wetland and the public is being asked to stay out.

Visit the Washington State Ferries Facebook page for updates and information about the Anacortes Ferry Terminal.

Source: Washington State Ferries

Native America

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also wants this body of work, especially for the Native youth, to be one where they see themselves reflected.

She is concerned that "82% of Native children polled in this country think they won't live past the age of 25." She hopes that in pursuing her dream and sharing her work, especially through school systems, she will become a role model, giving hope and inspiration to kids who may want to be a photographer someday, travel the world and help change the narrative.

She is aware of the great personal sacrifice she made, being away from her homelands. She has missed a lot of community functions and events, funerals and being an "Auntie" for her nephew. However, "I met some kids along the way ... that I became 'Auntie' to. I have great friends now and was allowed to

participate in different ceremonies. This was also a spiritual journey for me as well."

Wilbur invites everyone to her first event. Swinomish will help "sing her book in." at a shared presentation with guest speakers April 25, 7 p.m. It will be open to the public and hosted at the Social Services Building, 17337 Reservation Road. She will be at Seaport Books in La Conner's Gilkey Square July 6. The store is taking book orders and store staff will distribute pre-ordered books at the La Conner Swinomish Library April 25.

In between, her family will take their RV on another cross-country trip to launch the book.

Find out more about "Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America" at project562.com/the-book.

There is a 40-page learning guide for high school students for classroom use. Email her for a copy.

Upper Skagit Pioneers talk April 23

"Pioneers of the Upper Skagit," exploring early Europeans who eked out a living in the mountains of the North Cascades, by local historian Jesse Kennedy is Sunday, April 23, 2-4 p.m. at Skagit City School. It is the second "Denizens of the North Cascades and the Salish Sea," history talks on unique Skagit characters.

The talks are sponsored by the Skagit County History Museum.

Cost: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, members free. Skagit City School is at 17508 Moore Road, Mount Vernon.

Source: History Museum

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 1225 at the April 11, 2023, Town Council meeting. A summary of Ordinance No. 1225 is as follows:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 1221, establishing the Emergency Management Commission.

Complete copies of Ordinance No. 1225 are available at La Conner Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 12th Day of April 2023

Maria DeGoede, Town Clerk Published in the La Conner Weekly News April 19, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 1226 at the April 11, 2023, Town Council meeting. A summary of Ordinance No. 1226 is as follows:

An Ordinance amending Section 1.15.010 of the La Conner Municipal Code, Hearing Examiner.

Complete copies of Ordinance No. 1226 are available at La Conner Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 12th Day of April 2023

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Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 1227 at the April 11, 2023, Town Council meeting. A summary of Ordinance No. 1227 is as follows:

An Ordinance imposing a moratorium on acceptance of development applications for adult use as defined.

Complete copies of Ordinance No. 1227 are available at La Conner Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 12th Day of April 2023

Maria DeGoede, Town Clerk Published in the La Conner Weekly News April 19, 2023.

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY Estate of PAUL RICHARD GINGERICH, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00174-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of the Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as pro-

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vided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication of this Notice: April 19, 2023

Heidi Gingerich, Personal Representative c/o Jayne Marsh Gilbert, WSBA #24656

Attorney for Personal Representative 314 Pine St., Ste 211 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY Estate of FREDERICK MESMAN, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00141-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed us as Co-Personal Representatives of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to us at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication of this Notice: April 19, 2023

Robert Paul Mesman c/o Gilbert & Gilbert Lawyers, Inc.

Jayne Marsh Gilbert Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives 314 Pine Street, Suite 211 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT IN PROBATE No. 23-4-00158-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of DANA RAE PEARSON, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative

served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of filing copy of NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: 4/3/2023.

Date of first publication: April 12, 2023.

Troy Pearson Personal Representative LAW OFFICE OF COLE & GILDAY, P.C.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY Nonprobate Estate of JANET L. KAISER, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00176-29 NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.42.030)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

As Notice Agent, I have elected to give notice to Decedent's creditors.

On the date of filing of this Nonprobate Notice to Creditors with the Court:

- I had no knowledge of: Any other person acting as Notice Agent, or The appointment of a Personal Representative for Decedent's probate estate in the state of Washington.

According to the records of the Court that were then available:

No cause number regarding Decedent had been issued to any other Notice Agent, and No Personal Representative of Decedent's probate estate had been appointed.

Any person having a claim against Decedent must present the claim:

- Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and In the manner provided in RCW 11.42.070:

By filing with the Court the original of the signed Creditor's Claim, and

By serving upon or mailing by first class mail to me at the address provided below a copy of the signed Creditor's Claim.

The Creditor's Claim must be presented by the later to occur of:

- Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice to you as provided in RCW 11.42.020(2)(c), or Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice.

If the Creditor's Claim is not presented within the foregoing time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

In accordance with RCW 9A.72.085, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true

and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNED this 27th day of March, 2023 at La Conner, Washington.

Martha L. Ekvall, Notice Agent. Address for Mailing or Service: 118 Lummi Drive, La Conner, WA 98257

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Brian R. Boyd, Deceased. Cause No. 23-4-00192-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: April 12, 2023

Personal Representative: Diana L. Boyd

Attorney for Personal Representative: Aaron M. Rasmussen, WSBA #29496

Address for Mailing or Service: North Sound Law Group, PLLC, 300 N. Commercial St., Bellingham, WA 98225; Phone: 360-733-0212

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY No. 23-4-00165-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of Gordon R. Sjogren, Deceased

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after

the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of first publication: April 5, 2023

David L. Sjogren Personal Representative

SKAGIT LAW GROUP, PLLC MEGAN OTIS MASONHOLDER, WSBA #29495 Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 336/227 Freeway Drive, Suite B Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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Notice of Public Hearing of the La Conner School Board of Directors: Title VI Grant Through the Office of Indian Education

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the La Conner School District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to review our application for the Indian Education Grant Proposal (Title VI) 2023-2024. This program is designed to address the unique cultural, language, and educationally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, and ensure that all students meet the challenging State academic standards. The informative hearing will be held in conjunction with the Board's April meeting at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023, in the District Office Board Room, 305 N 6th Street, and via Zoom to provide an opportunity for the public, including parents, and students, to become more familiar with the Title VI program.

Questions about the Title VI program - Contact Andy Wheeler, Director of Special Programs and Project Director at 360-466-3295 or awheeler@lc.k12.wa.us The meeting is open to the public and comments will be taken during the public hearing. Any person may appear and be heard for or against any part of the policies and procedures.

Documents are available on our website, BoardDocs, in the district office, or call 360-466-3171.

Written testimony must be submitted by 2:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Dated this 7th day of April 2023.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY Estate of: WILLIAM E. BENSON, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00899-2 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable stat-

ute of limitations, present the claim in the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: April 5, 2023

JULIE D. MACKENZIE, Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Catherine E. Janicki Address for Mailing or Service: 5806 A - 119th AVE SE, # 143 Bellevue, WA 98006

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT IN PROBATE No. 23-4-00147-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of VERA E. MEEKHOF, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Mount Vernon Parks & Rec.
Earth Day Celebration. April 22, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Park. Games, activities and giveaways.

Anacortes Arts Festival.
Nautical Treasure Hunt. April 14-23. 200 nautical prizes hidden in downtown Anacortes. Visit anacortes.org/treasure for more information.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.
Street Fair. April 21-23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Mount Vernon.

Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon.
Salmon BBQ. Friday-Sunday through April 30. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Hillcrest Park Lodge, 1717 S 13th St, Mount Vernon.

Anacortes Public Library.
 360-299-8067, CityofAnacortes.org. 1220 10th St, Anacortes.
Tech Help. Every weekday at library front desk. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Drop-in for hands-on help.
Jazz Lecture Series: John Gilbreath. April 20, 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon Public Library.
 360-336-6209, mountvernonwa.gov. 315 Snoqualmie St, Mount Vernon.
Virtual Reality. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Must be 18 or older.
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MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Museum of Northwest Art. Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. monamuseum.org, 360-466-4446.
Exhibit: Permanent Immigrant, Italo Scanga in the Dale and Leslie Chihuly Collection. Through May 14.

Exhibit: Geppetto's Children, Italo Scanga at Pilchuck Glass School. Through May 14.

Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum. Wed-Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. qfamuseum.org, 360-466-4288. 703 S Second St, La Conner.
Exhibit: Bedtime Stitches. Through April 30.

Skagit County Historical Museum.
 360-466-3365 or skagitcounty.net/museum. Hours: Thurs-Sun 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Exhibit: Quilt Until You Wilt. Through June 2023. Design your own paper quilts.
Pioneers of the Upper Skagit. April 23, 2-4 p.m. at Skagit City School. Jesse Kennedy will present stories about pioneers.

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MEETINGS

Town of La Conner
 204 Douglas St, La Conner. 360-466-3125. Zoom info @Townoflaconner.org/calendar.
Town Council. April 25, 6 p.m. at Maple Hall.
WAB Meeting. April 26, 6 p.m. via Zoom.
Planning Commission. May 2, 6 p.m. at Maple Hall.

La Conner School District
 305 N 6th St, La Conner. 360-466-4113. lcsd.wednet.edu.
School board meeting. April 24, 5 p.m. at District Office Board Room.

Skagit Conservation District 2021
 E. College Way #203, Mt. Vernon. 360-428-4313. Zoom info @skagitcd.org.
Board meetings. Every fourth Wednesday 7:30-9 a.m.

Rotary Club of La Conner.
laconnerrotary.org. Meetings Monday, 6-7 p.m. at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse restaurant - optional dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Skagit Cemetery District One.
Regular meetings. Every second Thursday, 5 p.m. at Lori Buhler's home, 17604 Valentine Rd., Mount Vernon.

SERVICE & VOLUNTEER

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Swinomish Helping Hands Food Bank. Food distribution every Thursday from 2-5 p.m. Non-essentials every first Thursday. 17444 Snee Oosh Rd, La Conner. 360-856-2211. helpinghands-foodbank.org.

Skagit Valley Humane Society. 18841 Kelleher Rd, Burlington. 360-757-0445. skagithumane.org. Find volunteer/donation opportunities online.



By Patricia Aqimuk Paul, Esq., Food Editor.

Smoked Salmon Quiche

Quiche is one of my favorite breakfast foods. Adding smoked salmon makes it even better! Use a moist smoked salmon. You can substitute the cream with milk.

Ingredients

- Pie Crust (single)
- Smoked Salmon, 1 cup, crumbled
- Onion, 1 small, chopped
- Olive oil, 1 tbsp
- Mild cheddar cheese, ½ cup shredded
- Cream, 1 cup
- Milk, ½ cup
- 4 eggs, beaten
- Dried parsley, ¼ tsp



Preparation

Lay the pie crust onto the pie plate and flute the edges. In a small frying pan, sauté the onion in olive oil and when it cooks to a translucent stage, add in the crumbled smoked salmon. When the salmon is warmed through, add the onion/salmon as the first layer to the quiche. In a small bowl, beat the eggs before adding in the cream/milk. Sprinkle in the parsley. Mix in the shredded cheese and then pour over the onion/smoked salmon. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes. To test for doneness, insert a table knife into the center, it will come out clean. The top of the quiche will be lightly brown. Serve warm or cold.

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 - 19 Beethoven's "Für —"
 - 20 "The Wizard of Oz" actor Bert
 - 21 Abu — (Persian Gulf emirate)
 - 22 Over again
 - 23 Ailey of choreography
 - 24 Mild Dutch cheese
 - 25 Tricky billiards shot
 - 26 Fare- — well
 - 27 Start of instructions for making sense of 67-Across
 - 31 "— Haw"
 - 32 "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
 - 33 Aleve may relieve it
 - 34 Got in a trap
 - 37 Rowing blades
 - 39 Be present
 - 41 Renoir's skill
 - 42 Vent views
 - 43 Part 2 of instructions
 - 45 Appear to be
 - 47 Goulash, e.g.
 - 48 Fetal homes
 - 49 Cooing park scavenger
 - 51 Genre of serious films
 - 54 Kissing and caressing
 - 58 Greek god of the sun
 - 63 Huge Brit. lexicon
 - 64 Pedicured body part
 - 66 "Ay, —!" (cry on "The Simpsons")
 - 67 Message to congratulate solvers who figure out this answer
 - 72 Northeast African nation
 - 73 Decorator
 - 74 Suffix with Gabon
 - 75 Welding alloy
 - 76 Jihad
 - 78 Capri and Aruba
 - 80 Plant lice
 - 82 Disconnected
 - 85 Units of work
 - 89 Locale
 - 90 Part 3 of instructions
 - 96 Ballet moves
 - 98 "Planet Money" aier
 - 99 Misspends
 - 100 Spout off
 - 101 Calif. volcano
 - 103 Basic idea
 - 104 "We need assistance!"
 - 106 Onetime Pan Am rival
 - 107 End of instructions
 - 111 Heath
 - 113 Former congressman Mo
 - 114 For — (not gratis)
 - 115 Acoustic
 - 116 Push along
 - 117 Gymnastics legend
 - Comaneci
 - 118 — a soul (no one)
 - 119 Headstone locale
 - 120 Disarray
 - 121 Artery-opening tube
 - 122 Portuguese for "years"
 - 123 More rational
 - 3 Monte Carlo setting
 - 4 "Yeah, right!"
 - 5 Actress Berger of "De Sade"
 - 6 Brits call it a "lift"
 - 7 Put freight on
 - 8 Make pointy, as a pencil
 - 9 Hostile insect in a swarm
 - 10 Guys writing slogans, maybe
 - 11 This and —
 - 12 Item dyed for a spring holiday
 - 13 One who fails to show up
 - 14 Stadium rows
 - 15 Sleeps lightly
 - 16 Get via will
 - 17 Simple shirt
 - 18 Baaing "ma"
 - 28 Dodge
 - 29 Venetian beach resort
 - 30 "Fifth Beatle" Yoko
 - 35 Indy-to-Cleveland dir.
 - 36 Dawn droplets
 - 38 Pond gunk
 - 40 Coiled like ivy
 - 41 Speller's clarification
 - 44 Zeta follower
 - 46 Fine goat coat
 - 49 What a head rests on in bed
 - 50 Brand of spongy balls
 - 51 Sleeps lightly
 - 52 Printing proof, for short
 - 53 Aleve alternative
 - 55 Naval acad. grad's rank
 - 56 Groups devising plots
 - 57 Tyke
 - 59 Tyke
 - 60 Push along
 - 61 Like Santa, weight-wise
 - 62 Strongboxes for valuables
 - 64 Pipsqueaks
 - 65 Three — kind
 - 66 Pool stick
 - 68 "— be my pleasure!"
 - 69 La — Tar Pits
 - 70 Title for a monk
 - 71 Mesmerized
 - 76 List of currently popular songs
 - 77 Polish river
 - 78 Hip-hop mogul Gotti
 - 79 Mix together
 - 81 Suggested subtly
 - 83 Elvis and Priscilla
 - 84 Fable writer
 - 85 Tree infested by bark beetles
 - 86 No longer active: Abbr.
 - 87 Fake hearth items
 - 88 Balls, geometrically
 - 90 Taunt in fun
 - 91 Rosh —
 - 92 "Here We Are" singer Gloria
 - 93 Fiber source in some muffins
 - 94 Disentangle
 - 95 Country music's — Brothers
 - 97 Used a chair
 - 102 Shell-shocks
 - 103 Note a half step above F
 - 105 Thick rugs
 - 108 Actress Lena of "Chocolat"
 - 109 Streamlined, informally
 - 110 Ambience
 - 111 Not saying a word
 - 112 Metal in rocks

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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POLICE BLOTTER

SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monday, April 10

8:30 p.m.: Suspicion at boat launch
 - Two subjects were seen getting into a junk abandoned boat near the boat launch. The two subjects left in a red truck and were not seen again. Conner Way, La Conner.

9:48 p.m.: Intersection blocked
 - Two suspicious vehicles were reported parked and blocking the roadway at an intersection. The caller said the vehicles left toward Mount Vernon. Law enforcement checked the area and confirmed the vehicles were gone. 3rd/Morris St., La Conner.

Tuesday, April 11

1:28 p.m.: Moving the geese - A suspicious vehicle in the fields

turned out to be farm workers getting the geese to move along. Best / Chilberg Rds., Greater La Conner.

Friday, April 14

6:01 p.m.: Traffic cone theft
 - Traffic cones moved from the roadway by a citizen were returned to the owner at the request of law enforcement. Jungquist Rd., Greater La Conner.

Saturday, April 15

10:57 p.m.: Thief arrested - A male suspect stole items from a gas station. The suspect was arrested by law enforcement for the theft and trespassed from the store. La Conner Whitney Rd., Greater La Conner.

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Source: Swinomish Police Department

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Tulip Town's Locals Night more sun than blooms



APRIL THE WAY WE LIKE IT - The clouds parted, the sun came out and Skagit Valley residents accepted the invitation to tour Tulip Town last Wednesday for the annual locals night chance to see tulip fields without the crush of out-of-town tourists.

- Photo by Kirill Fortygin

By Kylee Fortygin

It was a beautiful, sun-filled evening to catch up with locals at Tulip Town last Wednesday April 12. Instead of encountering big crowds of tourists, Skagit residents flocked to the colorful tulip fields. Since it is a late season, only a few rows had popped up, but that didn't stop people from coming out.

"It's a long season," murmured a passerby. "It will probably pick up later." Staff ensured there was a spectacle to see no matter what, which was evident by their detailed mural artwork indoors. The carefully crafted quaint European town with bouquets of tulips once again offered plenty of photo ops for social media. Visitors enjoyed the indoor/

outdoor beer garden, grabbed kettle corn and other eats while a DJ played tunes in the background. A large promenade became an impromptu dance floor when Jeri and Jerry Kaufman decided to show off their moves. The couple, who have been coming to locals night for twelve years, are no stranger to public performance. They are frequently dancing at Gilkey Square.

Jerry Kaufman is one of the founders of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, which started back in 1984. He was impressed to see how it's evolved from being a one weekend event in its first year to drawing over a million people annually throughout April.

The entire evening people

were lined up for tractor rides along the perimeter of the carefully planted fields. Families took the opportunity to take photos of their kids in front of the fountains brimming with tulips and other spring blooms. People brought their leashed dogs to enjoy the scenery as well.

The tulips may be late this year, but residents are budding with excitement as the valley's colorful landscapes begin to fill.

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