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Champs again: Volleyball four-peat



RIDING IN STYLE – Head coach Suzanne Marble gave a thumbs-up to those who gathered downtown Saturday afternoon to honor the state champion La Conner High School volleyball team. Team members Abby Udlock (front), Kennedy Miller, Makayla Herrera, Ellie Marble, Josie Harper, and Morgan Huizenga are pictured with coach Marble.

– Photo by Karla Reynolds

State volleyball champions honored with downtown parade Saturday

By Bill Reynolds

La Conner loves a winner. And the community is always up for a parade.

Townpeople and tourists alike enjoyed both Saturday afternoon, turning out to honor the arrival of La Conner High School's 2B volleyball champions from Yakima. The day before they secured the program's seventh state title.

Crowds gathered at Gilkey Square and lined First Street to greet the team as it rode through town shortly after 12 p.m. on Hook & Ladder fire trucks, feted with music from the pep band and cheered on with repeated sounds of and paper sprays from confetti poppers.

It was a festive scene.

This team, while expected to contend for the state crown the school has held since 2018, was not the favorite entering action Nov. 10.

Beset with heavy graduation losses and having lost a key non-league

road test in straight sets to 2B foe Manson in October, La Conner traveled to Yakima as the third seed.

But the Lady Braves, guided by Hall of Fame head coach Suzanne Marble, saved their best for last, losing just one set in the tournament. Read the page 4 story.

All the more reason to celebrate, And with bells and whistles at that.

Arrangements were made for the team bus to stop at the fire station on Chilberg Road and have players and coaches ride downtown on the Town's firetrucks.

"The La Conner fire department was honored to be included in the celebration of the La Conner High School volleyball state championship," Fire Chief Aaron Reinstra told the Weekly News. "It was amazing to see the community come out and celebrate the girls' hard work and dedication."

It was an occasion for young and old alike. Parents and grandparents

captured the moment on their cell phone cameras, in several cases doing so while standing near kids on bicycles and infants in strollers, backpacks and child carriers.

From First Street, the celebratory serpentine – followed by Bruce James and Patty McCormick in private vehicles – wound its way to campus. Melissa Miller, whose daughter, Kennedy, delivered several key service points at Yakima, said she and other parents planned to meet near there to cheer the team on further.

The support was much appreciated. "Wow, what a welcome home!" Marble said afterward. "Our families and community are amazing! The team felt so much love from everyone and it is a day our team will never forget. We are so lucky to live in such an amazing town like La Conner and I can't wait to put a '2022' up on the Home of the Braves sign."

Gilday vs Shavers is toss-up for state rep

By Ken Stern

Votes from greater La Conner and southwestern Skagit County may determine the Position 1 State Representative winner in state legislative district 10. State Rep. Greg Gilday (R-Camano Island) led by 15 votes after Monday's count with 34,940 to Clyde Shavers' 34,925 votes for the Oak Harbor Democratic challenger in the three county district.

Skagit County's approximately 17,500 uncounted ballots again lagged most of the state and all big counties. The number of ballots from LD 10 precincts is not known. Shavers has received 59% of in-county district votes so far.

Shavers increased his margin in Skagit County to 1,176 votes Monday. But Skagit County is less than 9% of the district.

Island and Snohomish counties each have some 1,000 votes left to count.

Shavers has 53.5% of the Island County vote, though Gilday led by 89 votes of those counted Monday. Shavers won over 59% of votes in early tallies. The entire county is in the district.

The northeastern part of Snohomish County in the district is majority Republican. Gilday has gained 59% of the vote.

It is not known how many outstanding ballots in Skagit and Snohomish counties are in LD 10.

All three counties will update tallies by 6 p.m. Nov. 15, after the Weekly News goes to press.

Shavers led Nov. 9 by over 2,500 votes

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Council considering changes to code

By Ken Stern

The La Conner Town Council's three hour meeting Nov. 8 included four public hearings. A 530 p.m. 2023 budget meeting started the evening.

Three hearings, including one on the budget, were dispatched quickly. Council did not adjourn till 9 p.m., however because the 25 residents attending had a lot on their minds, first with general comments and during the hearing on amending the municipal code.

The now Heart of La Conner tourist promotion icon on Gilkey Square was "deja vu times four," said project originator John Leaver in his lead presentation. Council granted \$21,000 in hotel motel tax funds in 2021, for their then fellow council member's plan to attract tourists.

Nancy Crowell, among many, oppose it. "It is in our historic district, in a small town square," she said. Reflecting on fishing villages in Nova Scotia and New England, she insisted a sign is not needed there, suggesting the roundabout entering town.

Leave pushed for approval, willing to compromise on location and design. Mayor Ramon Hayes corralled the discussion, "hearing the council is not opposed to the sign, with modifications," wrapping up 20 minutes with no decision made.

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Community was all-in at Art's Alive opening gala

By Anne Basye

Art, appetizers and wine and lots of buzz about the quality of the show – in short, the Art's Alive opening gala Friday was "a wonderful night," observed La Conner Arts Foundation board member Sheila Johnson.

Attendees savored food and beverages capably served by a crew of volunteers that included Mary Davis, Joyce Welch and Gretchen Dykers.

They also examined artwork by invitational and open show artists throughout Maple Hall.

La Conner resident Kathy Wyman was looking for something that would fit into her hallway – something by a younger artist.

"I know lots of the older artists from 20 years of auctions for the Museum of Northwest Art," she said. "I come to see work by the younger ones."

Soon after, her selection sported a red "sold" sticker. By Sunday afternoon, about three dozen such stickers could be seen around the gallery. More sales followed Monday the 14th.

Voted the People's Choice winners were Coizie Bettinger, first place for "Driving Home from Edison;" Keith Clements, second for "Rainbow Bridge

Reflections" and Margaret Arnett's "A Chuckanut Drive" and Mark Bistranin's "Sunrise Shadows," tied for third.

Organizers received lots of compliments on the quality of the show and art Johnson noted, and that people came from farther away.

Invitational artist Lynn Zimmerman enjoyed connecting with the community.

"Especially after being cooped up in the studio for months, it's so helpful to talk to people whose land it is that I'm painting," said the Bellingham artist, who often paints Skagit sloughs and waterways. "They give the most honest feedback and information about what I am painting in a deeper way."

She especially appreciated meeting a man whose property she painted his family has owned since the late 1800s.

Being on hand as one of her paintings was purchased by a local artist confirmed that the Art's Alive community is "amazingly supportive toward artists."

"I walked away with so much more than just purchases from the people I talked to," she said. "Art's Alive enriches the whole experience of being a painter here. I'm grateful."



ART ALIVE IN LA CONNER – The opening gala for Art's Alive last Friday filled Maple Hall with great art, wonderful food and enthusiastic appreciators of artists from our Pacific Northwest region. Invitational artists, and the reception, were on the first floor, but every room had art on the wall and sculptures on pedestals. Maggie Wilder had a well-deserved room of her own.

– Photo by Marissa Conklyn

From the editor —

La Conner's 2023 budget

Just like that, the La Conner Town Council is four weeks away from approving the 2023 municipal budget. Discussions started in September. Council has already approved \$173,260 for tourism promotion, awarding \$112,800 to nine groups and sending \$60,450 to public works for restroom and landscaping maintenance.

These are the mundane, specific line items in your — if you are a town resident — \$6.5 million 2023 expense budget.

At council's Nov. 8 meeting Mayor Ramon Hayes said, as he does annually, that he is being cautious, saving for coming large ticket infrastructure projects and preparing for an economic downturn with uncertain sales tax revenue. The proposed budget, as it has been for a couple of years, is a deficit budget, with expenditures higher than revenues.

Hayes is right to be cautious, but a municipal budget — or a family budget — places markers on a hoped for and planned future as well as accounting for the certainty of program costs.

The best example of expansive planning is the fire department championing a fire boat and needed equipment upgrades.

The 2023 budget grows to cover these costs.

Still, the budget's growth is cautious for revenues and liberal for expenditures.

Town staff succeed admirably at controlling costs. Over ten months, this year total costs are at 67%, \$1.86 million below the budget.

For revenues, everything is golden, \$67,000 over projections, again with two months remaining. The fund balance, a combination of reserves and monies held for planned expenses, is \$5.4 million, exceeding projected revenues. Town policy is 20% of the budget.

The annual deficit budget is in some ways a paper exercise, underestimating revenue and over-projecting the year's expenses. That may be the case again.

That tight framework constrains everyone, council members, residents and staff. The 2020 fund balance was \$3.99 million. Revenues grew through the worst of the coronavirus pandemic years and the feds threw in another \$260,000.

Money for new sewage treatment plants, water main pipes and road repairs is being set aside. Staff will pursue state and federal grants to supplement those necessary projects.

But saving and counting seed corn can stiffen the neck, hindering looking up at the stars. What are we not hoping for and therefore not planning or pursuing? Last year Council could not grant the new library a dime, maintaining a perfect zero dollar support history.

There is no talk of closing First Street to traffic or having horse drawn carriages shuttling tourists from Marina or school parking lots.

The crisis of poverty this quaint little town suffers from is too little imagination and creativity. It cannot be that Glen Johnson has cornered the market on big ideas. But who else is dreaming of a yet to be realized future?

Robert Browning wrote "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for?" People wax eloquently about the specialness of La Conner and the Skagit Valley. Perhaps a poet or two needs to be elected or hired to help us weave dreams as the start of realizing the special and specific future we both need and deserve.

— Ken Stern

Musings — on the editor's mind

I had the most surprising and joyful experience Sunday afternoon in St. Petersburg, Florida. I flew down last Thursday for the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of my friends Dick and Lisa. It is because of Dick that I am in La Conner. His August 2016 phone call and casual but spirited assertion that "you can win that newspaper," in Vermont, not Washington, set me on the path to La Conner.

Joanna Sikes praised the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art when we spoke recently. The museum was less than a block from my hotel. How could I not spend the last two hours before it closed at 5 p.m. Sunday there? Of course I did.

My going into a museum is like an 8-year-old going into a candy store with a \$10 bill. I can't get enough. I ran out of time.

I was the last one out, without getting through all the galleries.

I took photos for Amy Green and Ashley Sweeney. The exhibit, "Black Pioneers: Legacy in the American West," made me think of each as I spent time with specific quilts.

That is what good art does. It takes the participant out of the moment and their quotidian time and space. It did that to me.

I left the museum and was shocked to find myself in St. Petersburg. Minutes earlier I was with Edward Curtis on Lummi Island in 1899 and in South Dakota with the Sioux in 1907, including a deep white winter. There were other winter scenes and a stagecoach and Kit Carson and John Fremont exploring westward in 1844. There was Taos, New Mexico with avant garde artists 100 years ago and Native cliff village ruins at Canyon de Chelly yesterday or maybe 1,000 years ago.

And, besides being discombobulated, out of time and space, I was very clear-eyed and sad. I realized I was welcomed into a conversation with the most complex sources of my culture and was appreciative and a bit lonely. I earned my passage through the museum Sunday. For decades I have wandered through museums. I have chased down Edward Curtis at the Smithsonian Library. I have thought and thought and thought and asked questions.

So why did my self-inventory lead to sadness? I faced again the reality that culture and character are human choices and are earned, learned. We create civilization through individual, hard, mental, spiritual and ethical soul searching.

I have always advocated and wanted to believe that good character was inherent, instinctive in human beings. Anyone with a sixth-grade education could discern right from wrong and good from bad. That was both my belief and my hope. It is about humanity, not schooling.

Alas, the mass of men do lead lives of quiet desperation. Way too many do not think, do not reflect, do not want to drink the milk of

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Coal costs more to generate electricity

By Greg Whiting

Can you replace coal-fired electric generation with solar power even though the sun isn't up 24 hours a day? Are coal mines closing because of economics, or is it just politics?

As mentioned in my first column, my father got a lifetime achievement award from the coal industry. I've been underground in coal mines. I grew up with positive dinner table talk about coal: The U.S. has hundreds of years of coal reserves. "Mine-mouth" generation was eliminating the need to ship coal before burning it. Under regulatory pressure, the industry was inventing and adopting systems that reduced sulfur, nitrogen and particulate emissions. I went to grad school in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the heart of Appalachia. In an early career assignment, I worked on metal alloys for coal power plants.

I've been in towns in which the coal mine was the only significant source of economic activity. Coal paid for my food when I was a kid. Coal still pays for the food of a lot of kids, and for their parents' houses, and for the schools and hospitals and police and fire departments in their towns. Frequently, those towns are there only because of the coal. Miners cannot easily find alternative employment. It is not easy to re-train for another job in middle age. It is not easy to move away from your friends and family for that job, when everyone else in your town is trying to do the same thing and your home does not have any value any more because nobody wants to buy it.

I don't get excited when politicians gloat about closing coal mines. I get annoyed at their lack of empathy. However, mines that produce coal for electric generation are indeed closing and will continue to close.

In the early days of electric generation using photovoltaic solar panels, it took more energy to make panels than you would get from them over their lifetimes. Over time, technologies improve. New solar panels produce more energy than it takes to make, ship and install them. The energy payback happens within a few years, and the panels are expected to last for decades.

In 1959, solar panels cost a million dollars a watt. Mass production reduces costs. By 2009, solar panels cost about \$10 a watt. Today, a utility scale solar power plant costs less than a dollar a watt. Over the last 50 years, wind generation and battery costs have also fallen dramatically.

Today, in many locations, wind and/or solar generators installed at a utility scale (whether it is at a single location or on hundreds of homes) can produce energy at costs well below the costs of coal-fired generation.

When you add pumped hydro storage, or modern batteries, renewable energy can be available 24 hours a day. Faster computers, installation of renewables over large geographic areas, and changes in grid management have enabled solar and wind to be added the grid more easily. Renewable generators require less maintenance and are not subject to fuel price volatility. In places where coal might still be competitive, natural gas power plants tend to be more efficient and to have lower maintenance requirements.

Renewable power is beating coal, in more and more locations, because it offers the lowest cost, not just because of environmental regulations. Coal is being phased out because it's becoming uncompetitive.

LETTERS

Bertelsen expansion paves land

It was a surprise to discover that the Skagit County planning staff is recommending changing the zoning of approximately 70 acres of rural land at the intersection of I-5 and Starbird Road to allow a new gas station, general store, campground, farmers market, equipment rental business and a dog park.

Do we really need another gas station on I-5? The I-5 corridor is under tremendous pressure to be developed and paved over. People want to live in Skagit County because it is beautiful, because we have protected our rural areas and our resource lands. For twenty years citizens have worked diligently to protect our Valley through a comprehensive plan. We now have a comprehensive plan that complies with the Growth Management Act and limits commercial and industrial development to areas that are already paved along the I-5 corridor.

What is very strange is that at the "Shell" Conway intersection, just north of Starbird road where this new gas station and commercial development would be located, Skagitians to Preserve Farmland and the County Farmland Legacy Program have been raising money and working hard to purchase the development rights on 90 acres of farmland adjacent to I-5. It seems inconsistent that the County is using our tax dollars to limit development on one parcel, yet just a few miles away, is recommending a rezone to allow commercial development on rural land, doesn't it?

We have a comprehensive plan that works. We do not need to change it. Ask our Planning Department to enforce it and represent the well-being of all.

Find more information on the Bertelsen LLC rezone on the County's website: skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2022CPA.htm. Click on: LR22-01: Bertelsen Farms Small Scale Recreation & Tourism Rezone. Jaye Stover Burlington

Communications: just like tennis

I have a daughter who in her early teens was happy to sit hang out, or travel with me. She usually preferred to do so in near silence. I would say something, maybe an idle comment and she would smile silently and watch the scenery.

This was a little frustrating. I tried to accept it as normal for the age. However, I remained unsatisfied. I wanted to chat. I decided I needed a teaching aid, an analogy or metaphor, to illustrate the basics of communication. I found one, tennis.

"Genny, have you ever thought that hanging out with someone is like a friendly game of tennis?"

"Huh?"

"One person says something, serves the ball so to speak and the other person receives the ball and hits it back."

"Say what?"

"Genny, you have to hit the ball back. That one didn't even make it to the net."

"Net?"

Not a win, but progress.

A friendly time on the tennis court is not an apt metaphor for La Conner Town Council or Commission meetings. Those meetings have a different set of rules, time concerns and processes to follow. There is very little opportunity for two-way communication. It leaves questions unanswered, opinions suppressed and great uncertainty as to what members actually believe or value. A lot of balls are served and few are hit back.

I'm wondering if once in a while Council members, Commissioners, staff and even department heads might make themselves available for chats with the citizens — like a friendly game of low-key tennis without linesmen or judges or fault lines. Maybe it's not possible, but it sounds appealing, and may even be helpful for all.

Right, Genny?

Bob Raymond

La Conner

Council. . .

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During public comment, residents Debbie Aldrich and Mollie Right each advocated for the Town's planning commission meeting twice monthly. Right noted the 2025 comprehensive plan update is not that far off.

In summing up the record-setting sales tax revenue report Hayes again warned of future expensive projects, predictions of reduced revenue and "major challenges coming."

Councilmember Mary Wohleb noted the new staff hires. Ajah Eills, the assistant planner, started Thursday. Lynne Lovejoy, as office assistant, is at Town Hall.

Wohleb reported it was too expensive to repair the salmon slide at Conner Park, voicing "not to throw good money after bad."

Four public hearings

The hearing moving municipal code amendments forward was the longest by far. For over 90 minutes the Council discussed and agreed to language, starting with maintaining 25-foot setbacks bordering agricultural property, proceeding through setting one monthly planning commission meeting, the planning commission hearing industrial zone conditional use permit applications, definitions of tiny homes and a building story, the new court establishing a marine industrial zone.

Port of Skagit Planning and Development Director Heather

Rogerson explained the new zone will narrow business uses and increase building heights for future tenants.

She spoke against allowing the planning commission to decide CPU applications.

Gary Nelson told Council the Planning Commission "distinctly stated" support for the 40 foot height limit in the proposed port zone, saying that the fire department lacks equipment and fire fighters will be endangered.

Aldrich and Jim Matthews reinforced the Commissioners' position.

Right noted the contract hearing examiner is a divorce lawyer and she trusted the Planning Commission's ability.

Council members disagreed, Hayes summing it up: "The consensus is that it will always be the hearing examiner and the Planning Commission will be advisory, not rule but recommend."

Council passed all the proposed changes, which go to the state Department of Commerce fire review. In December Council will vote to approve the code changes.

Most residents left at the 830 p.m. break. The other three hearings, on impact fees for developers to fund project infrastructure improvements, the 2023 budget and 2022 budget changed, took less than 20 minutes. Council agreed to impact fees. No one spoke on the 2023 budget, which has a deficit. Council agreed to grant \$7,500 to the La Conner Braves Club after school program

See website for expanded story

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Fire District 13 November meeting summary

By Bill Reynolds

Fire District 13 Commission Chair Bruce Shellhamer traveled over 300 miles to discover his department shares the same operational challenges with similar fire districts.

"We're not alone when it comes to staffing issues," said Shellhamer, told commissioners at their Nov. 10 monthly meeting, providing highlights from October's annual Washington Fire Commissioners Association conference in Spokane.

District 13 has lost personnel to what Fire Chief Wood Weiss calls "career departments" that pay full salaries and benefits.

"All (volunteer and hybrid) departments are dealing with hiring and retention issues," Shellhamer said. "It's not just us." Another common theme of concern among smaller fire protection departments and

districts is finances.

"Especially with inflation," Shellhamer stressed. "For instance, there has been a \$190,000 increase on a basic \$500,000 engine. That's a 38% increase. But our revenues didn't go up 38%. As we enter budget season, these are challenges. Every day that goes by, costs go up."

In other developments, training officer Drew Jenkins said District personnel will exceed state mandated training hours before the end of the year. He thanked Weiss for proposing increased funding for training in the district's 2023 budget.

Capt. Ted Turner said the local tsunami warning siren was activated for the annual Oct. 20 Great ShakeOut Earthquake emergency preparation drills.

"But polling people in Shelter Bay," Taylor said, "I was told they either didn't go outside to hear the message or they did and

couldn't understand it."

Taylor suggests that people log into mil.wa.gov/alerts on their cell phones to receive emergency instructions after hearing the siren.

Commissioner John Doyle reported he is navigating the permit process for the district's long-sought installation of a modular residential unit for shift personnel at the Sneec-Oosh Road station. He is in ongoing discussions with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Planning Department to complete the permit process.

FD 13 special budget meeting this Friday

Skagit County Fire District 13 Commissioners will hold a special meeting on the 2023 budget 9 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Sneec-Oosh Road station.

Port talks Marina at coffee

By Ken Stern

Half a dozen La Conner residents accepted Port of Skagit Executive Director Sara Young's invitation to coffee at the La Conner Marina last Wednesday. She hopes to reach more residents at an open house Dec. 1.

Young brought Planning and Development Director Heather Rogerson, Communications Director Linda Tyler and a Power Point graphic. Dashed lines outlined the 13 acres on North Third Street north of Sullivan Slough. The Port has "amassed the pieces of the puzzle," every property, for which the Port has a vision, Young said. "We want this property to be financially sustainable." That is the necessity.

Optimizing its use requires both opening up the space to the Swinomish Channel and redeveloping the inland-water infrastructure of the Marina, which will be "really expensive," Young noted. The Port must bring in a new mix of businesses at higher lease rates to draw a combination of marine and tourist customers.

"We need to figure out the next steps for the highest and best use. That happens over a long horizon, more of a 10-20 year horizon," Young said. "The real winning ticket means you have a whole system working together. We are trying to preserve the opportunity to do something that will be more cohesive and comprehensive."

Getting people – residents as well as tourists – to the waterfront is the first focus. Channel Drive resident Dave Buchan praised La Conner's boardwalk for its joining people to boating activity, a natural attraction. He has long championed re-opening a chandlery, a boating supplies store, and envisions food service amenities, starting with coffee.

A boardwalk from the Marina

to downtown, the right mix of businesses and even trails are what consultants call "activation" Young pointed out, and can take up to 20 years to fully develop. There is \$45,000 in next year's budget for creating pedestrian trails. The Port has a decades old design plan from local landscape architect Curt Miller.

Young is confident the Marina "has something to offer that's really distinctive." She is aware it must be developed in a way to not "overtour-ify" it, that the small town setting, with a necessary walk downtown after mooring their boats has the dog along thinking "it's really cool." Staff and consultants are

taking a dynamic, holistic approach to planning. Young realizes the May presentation in Maple Hall threw out a variety of possibilities, including housing. The Port's request for a marine industrial zone chapter in the La Conner municipal code added another variable. "May was probably the starting point of the conversation," she said. "It's more right now about listening." There is more than one meaning when the question of "what's the value of the property" is asked.

The community participating in an open house workshop in La Conner Dec. 1 "wraps up this phase of the process," Young said. "We want to give people the chance to have a conversation with us."



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Spotlight on Missy

Missy is approximately eight and a half years young and full of love for that special someone. She is an indoor cat; spayed and litter-box trained.

This pretty lady was surrendered to the shelter after the death of her person. She's a wonderful, loving companion kitty that needs someone to help her feel secure and provide her with a loving, quiet, and calm home.



Missy loves tummy rubs, lap time, window perches, cat trees & toys, and hideouts.

Missy is shy and fearful of other animals and commotion. She would do best in a home as the only cat (no dogs) with a mature owner who is home a lot to spend time with her.

If interested, or for more information, contact HSSV at 360-757-0445 or via email at shelter@skagitshamenc.org.

Rep. Larsen visits joint SVC and Swinomish dental therapy program

By Bill Reynolds

When the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Skagit Valley College partnered this year to launch the first Dental Therapy Education program in Washington state the joint program garnered national attention.

Second Congressional District U.S. Rep Rick Larsen noticed.

Larsen met with all six students from the first cohort of the pioneering dexwaxeybus (pronounced dahf-hi-ya-buus) professional dental program and toured its new state-of-the-art lab in October.

A decade of advocacy, planning, development and implementation between Swinomish and SVC went into its opening. Larsen discussed that with SVC President Christopher Villa.

"I enjoyed meeting with Dr. Villa to hear about his plans to support students, educators and staff and ensure Skagit Valley College remains a leader in offering a quality, affordable education in Northwest Washington, especially for first-generation college students, members of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color) community and veterans," Larsen told the Weekly News.

He stressed that the Swinomish-SVC dental therapy

program "is delivering critical health care to tribal members not just in Washington state, but across the country."

The program, co-located at the Swinomish Dental Clinic and SVC's Mount Vernon campus, addresses oral health workforce disparities among underrepresented minorities, specifically the American Indian/Alaska Native communities. Students undergo a rigorous three-year curriculum that cultivates them in the scope of dental therapy and understanding the broader functions within a dental team.

The program vision is to apply evidence-based practices for clinical excellence, rich in cultural humility, public health and community awareness, provider integrity, and a holistic health team approach. The goal, say SVC and Swinomish officials, is to grow primary oral health providers who enhance a dental team through excellence in education, research, patient care and community service.

Swinomish has long been a proponent of dental therapy education. Its efforts were featured in a major New York Times front section two-page article and photo layout several years ago.

"Swinomish and SVC staff (continued on page 5)

Hope Island fish pen lease canceled

The Washington state Department of Natural Resources has ended the two remaining net pen aquaculture leases on state-owned aquatic lands.

DNR officials informed Cooke Aquaculture Monday that the two expired leases will not be renewed for their aquaculture facilities off Hope Island in Skagit Bay and in Rich Passage

off Bainbridge Island.

The company has until Dec. 14 to finish operations and begin removing its facilities and repair any environmental damage.

The Hope Island lease expired in March and has been in month-to-month holdover status since. The Rich Passage lease expired in November.

Source: WA DNR

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State champion La Conner netters dominate all-league selections

By Bill Reynolds

The La Conner High School volleyball team is truly in a league of its own.

Not only has the Lady Braves program won every Washington state 2B tournament championship since 2018, but head coach Suzanne Marble and her players headline this year's NW2B/1B All-League selections.

Marble, who last week guided La Conner to its seventh state title in her 30-year tenure here, was named the 2022 league coach of the year.

Joining her in garnering

conference post-season honors is her daughter, senior outside hitter Ellie Marble, a Central Washington University volleyball recruit, tabbed as the NW2B/1B Outstanding Player of the Year, and four other key players.

Senior middle blockers Makayla Herrera and Josie Harper and junior outside hitter Morgan Huizenga were first unit all-league selections while junior setter Abby Udlock received second team NW2B/1B recognition.

The team went undefeated in league play this season and

beat several teams from larger schools in posting a 27-7-2 overall mark, including invitational tourney action, again primarily facing big-school foes, including those from the 4A ranks.

The Lady Braves closed out the 2022 campaign by defeating Okanogan, Lind-Ritzville-Sprague, Manson and Colfax in successive matches at the state tournament in Yakima last week. La Conner lost just one set during the two-day state competition.



THE AWARD IS EVEN LARGER – La Conner Schools' Andy Wheeler, director of special programs, left, and ceramic arts teacher Steve DeLeon accept a \$4,500 check, a gift from Epting Foundation Trustee Kathleen Faulkner, Nov. 9
-Photo by Madoc Hiller

La Conner soars to another state volleyball championship

By Bill Reynolds

On a mission to capture its seventh state title, the La Conner High School volleyball team braced for battle at the Yakima SunDome Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Two battles, in fact. The Lady Braves, having worn the 2B volleyball tournament net crown since 2018, were tasked with avenging a late regular season loss to Manson and defeating a powerhouse Colfax which La Conner had not beaten in the championship round in five previous meetings.

All on the same day. But when the dust had settled, it was a case of mission accomplished. The team had entered the tournament seeded third behind Manson and top-ranked Kalama.

La Conner posted an impressive straight-sets triumph in the semifinals over Manson. The Lady Braves then prevailed 3-1 (25-13, 24-26, 25-16, 25-19) over Colfax, which had ousted Kalama in their semifinal.

Under coach Suzanne Marble, La Conner first won the state



A MARBLE-OUS OCCASION – Before catching the team bus last week to Yakima, where she helped lead the high school to yet another state volleyball championship, Ellie Marble paused to officially sign her collegiate letter of intent to attend Central Washington University next fall. Family members, including mom and head volleyball coach Suzanne Marble, dad Curt Marble, Joan Marble and Gene "Pops" Marble, from left, were on hand to take part in the signing ceremony held on campus.
-Photo courtesy of C.J. Woods, La Conner Schools

tournament in 2002. Titles followed in 2006, 2007, 2018, 2019, 2021 and now 2022. There was no state tourney in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senior outside hitter Ellie Marble, who signed her college

letter of intent with Central Washington University prior to the team's departure, and senior middle blocker Makayla Herrera posed near impossible matchups throughout.

"The size of La Conner was the difference," an NFHS network commentator said on the network's broadcast after the Lady Braves had downed Colfax.

He had marveled at Marble's work at the net, especially a monster kill that thwarted a Colfax comeback bid midway through the fourth set.

"She knows when to hit it hard and when to go off-speed," he noted. "She has a good feel for it right now."

Senior middle blocker Josie Harper and junior outside hitter Morgan Huizenga each delivered key points during Friday's action.

Junior setter Abby Udlock fueled the attack while senior Kennedy Miller provided important service points, most notably in the match with Manson.

Thursday, La Conner had 3-0 wins against Okanogan and Lind-Ritzville-Sprague.

Okanogan appeared amped in the first-round and briefly led 16-13 and 19-15 in the second set before the Lady Braves pulled away for a 25-20, 25-23, 25-17 verdict. A deft Herrera tap that found open court space followed by an Okanogan net violation closed out the match.

Against L-R-S, La Conner controlled tempo with consistency at the service stripe, blocks from Herrera and Harper and cross-court spikes by Marble and Huizenga.

Peaking at the best possible time, following a long regular season with a brutal non-league

schedule including foes from the 1A-4A ranks, La Conner was stoked for its rematch with the Lady Trojans.

The teams were even through most of the first set, deadlocking at 19-19 before La Conner finished with a flurry – a 6-2 run sparked by Huizenga's serving and three kills from Marble, one a soft tap and the other two blistering spikes.

The Lady Braves bolted to a quick 11-3 lead, riding multiple kills by Marble and Herrera, and never looked back. A Huizenga kill capped a 25-15 win.

Behind Udlock's serving, the team jumped out to a 6-2 set three lead, a spurt defined by a nifty assist from Harper to Marble for an emphatic spike.

"Any time they need a point," the NFHS broadcaster said, "they go to Marble."

More points followed in what ended up a 25-22 third set final score.

That set up the championship match with prior tourney nemesis Colfax.

For Ellie Marble, it was poetic justice.

"This means a lot to go out beating them in a state championship," she told the media. "It means so much. This team has been working so hard all year and now to go out my senior year like this is incredible."

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Source: Skagit County Historical Museum

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Dance opportunities abound in Skagit

By Judy Booth

“Get up offa that thing ... dance and you’ll feel better!”

— James Brown

Whether you’re a six-year-old aspiring ballerina or a closeted John Travolta, Skagit Valley is chuck-full of dance performance and instruction.

“May I have this dance?” begins Taylor Winningham’s introduction to dance etiquette on his Anacortes web site. His advice, while apropos, also shows his sense of humor and laid back, but very professional teaching style.

After studying ballet and jazz, Winningham studied ballroom with Fred Astaire studios, competing, teaching and performing until leaving to start his own studio in Arizona.

Dancing in stage productions such as “Foot Loose” and performing at Super Bowl XXX, with twenty years of study under his feet, he is sure to make you believe you can dance!

He landed in Anacortes when an opportunity presented itself. Yay for us!

“He’s a great teacher and makes it easy to learn as an adult. The private lessons are super valuable because you just learn so much when you are one-on-one and group classes are fun because you get to dance with other people. I think we are so lucky to have a teacher of his caliber here in Anacortes,” said Amaya Pryce, an adult student. “I love to dance and teach.

One of my greatest joys is to get my students to that place where they are in a real partnership – not just two bodies doing the same dance steps but dancing as one with their partner and the music,” says Winningham.

Check out his swing classes,

waltz, salsa, cha-cha-cha and – this November – The Hustle! Christmas gift certificates as well as sign-up lessons are available at www.winprods.com or call 602-657-4031.

A nutcracker, usually made to resemble a toy soldier, magically becomes a prince and wages battle with the evil Mouse King. So begins “The Nutcracker,” the story inspiring Tchaikovsky’s ballet.

Skagit Valley Academy of Dance has been performing “The Nutcracker” longer than any other ballet company in Western Washington other than PNW Ballet and is performing it again this holiday season at McIntyre Hall. Tickets online at www.ticketing.mcintyrehall.org. Hurry, it runs Dec 2-4.

SVAD has been in operation since 1967; they offer ballet, tap, acrobatics, jazz, pointe and hip hop. Set your stars-in-her eyes six-year-old ballerina on her way to the performing arts, but more importantly encourage him or her to develop grace, technique and self-confidence. And maybe perform at McIntyre Hall one day! More info at: www.skagitvalleyacademyofdance.com.

“Planting the seeds of a dance education is pivotal for the next generation’s development of competencies and creative skills in all areas of life,” notes Tom Mayock, professional teaching artist and former SVAD student.

Kim Hargrove, owner of Happy Valley Dance, just celebrated her 40th year teaching social dance. “I started out teaching country and it has expanded into east coast and west coast swing.”

You can find her at the Cook Road Grange in Burlington – no need to bring a partner as there are plenty of people to dance

with.

Tuesdays are line dancing and Thursday is partner dancing. Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Contact Hargrove at happyvalleydance@comcast.net.

Yvonne Cox has been teaching at Burlington’s Academy of Dance for thirty years offering young students ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and theatre.

BAOD, family focused, participates in community activities – like the Harvest Pumpkin Festival in Burlington, back-to-school fairs and dance competitions. For such a small community these students have received high awards from Ms. Starbound, America’s largest dance competition and Dance Educators of America.

Their next performance will be the June dance recital, with over 80 students performing. Imagine, choreographing 80 kids – some as young as two. Email: academy-of-dance@hotmail.com

In Anacortes, Fidalgo Academy of Dance is also presenting “The Nutcracker” at Brodniak Hall at Anacortes High School Dec. 9-10. Their winter celebration performance follows, also at Brodniak Hall.

FAOD offers preschool, parent/toddler movement, tap, ballet and offers a unique class – dance for Parkinson’s. Information: fidalgodanceworks.org.

“It brought me joy; taught me how to meet and set goals and keep going when things become difficult and strive for more. With more than 25 years experience, I still love it,” says Linda Johnston, assessing her career as a teacher, choreographer and director.

So what are you waiting for? “Get up offa that thing.”

Larson

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have worked for years to develop this important training program and then to take the steps necessary for accreditation,” tribal senate chair Steve Edwards said in August.

The dexwxayebus program, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, is the first of its kind in the lower 48 contiguous states to receive that status.

“Dental therapists,” Edwards said, “bring culturally appropriate oral health care to

Native communities. There’s an unmet need for dental therapists, and now this training program will make dental therapy training available here in Washington, so students won’t have to move far from home to learn these valuable skills.”

Agritourism meeting at 6 p.m.

Skagit County is looking for your feedback on policy options for agritourism in the community. The in-person public meeting is today, Nov. 16, at Maple Hall from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The second meeting is Dec. 6 at the Skagit County Commissioner’s Hearing Room from 6-8 p.m.

For more information on the agritourism study and to take the online survey, please go to the project website: www.skagit-county.net/departments/planning-and-permit/agtourismmain.htm

Source: Skagit County

Musing. . . (from page 2)

human kindness, do not want to raise their eyes to the stars or accept the invitation to work for a kinder, gentler world.

We learn our way into culture. And too many of us enjoy saying no and will ban books and burn books and throw amazing, priceless paintings into the fire because the tossers are confused and fearful and do not care to try to understand the limitless possibilities within their own human hearts.

That is what two hours in this museum led me to consider.

Toss-up. . .

(from page 1)

districtwide vanished after the Nov. 11 results. No analysis is available to evaluate the impact of the Nov. 1 criticism of Shavers father, that his son badly misrepresented his Navy service experience. Voting continued through Nov. 8.

By contrast, districtwide, fellow Democrat Dave Paul (D-Oak Harbor), the Position 2 incumbent, is running almost 1,400 votes ahead of Shavers. Paul increased his lead against challenger Karen Lesetmoe, an Oak Harbor realtor, to 2,700 votes, 3.1%

Island County’s Nov. 14 votes were not included in the Secretary of State’s website tabulation.

Federal and statewide

U.S. Senator Patty Murray handily won re-election. Statewide she has 57.1% of the vote against first-time candidate, Republican Tiffany Smiley. Smiley conceded Wednesday.

Smiley carved into Murray’s lead in Skagit County: Murray has 53.8% of the vote here.

Congressman Rick Larsen is wining with 60.8% of the vote for the 2nd Congressional Dis-

trict Seat. In Skagit County he has maintained 55.3% of the vote against Dan Matthews.

Steve Hobbs has been elected Secretary of State. He was appointed last November. He has 49.8% of the vote. Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson conceded Thursday. She has 46%. A Republican write-in earned 4.1%

Skagit County offices

In Skagit County, 38,877 ballots, about 69% of the estimated votes cast, have been counted. Headed to victory for county offices are Danny Hagen, county assessor, 56.3% of the vote; Lisa Janicki, county commissioner, 60%; Sandy Perkins, county auditor, 56.3% and Don McDermott, sheriff, 65.5%. Hagen takes over for the retiring Dave Thomas. The others are incumbents.

All unopposed Skagit county officeholders won re-election, as did the three state Supreme Court justices.

Skagit County election staff estimate some 56,500 residents will vote, 66% of the county’s registered voters.

Skagit County will certify its vote Tuesday, Nov. 29 and the Secretary of State’s office by Dec. 8.

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AGENDA

Town Council Agenda
November 22, 2022
104 Commercial Street
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Information is below and on the Town Website

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments (Limit: 3 minutes per person)
- IV. Presentations:
 - V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Consent Agenda (Approved without objection 5/0)
1. Approval of the Minutes: Council Meeting October 11, 2022
- Finance:
 - Approval of Accounts Payable
 - Approval of Payroll
- VI. Reports
 1. Administrator's Report
 2. Mayor's Report
 3. Council Committee Reports
- VII. Unfinished Business:
 1. 2023 Preliminary Budget Discussions
 - VIII. New Business
 - IX. Mayor Roundtable
 - X. Executive Session

There may be an executive session immediately preceding or following the meeting as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 and as announced by the presiding officer.

Meeting ID: 862 7023 2522
Passcode: 8hpq2F

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 1215 at the October 11, 2022, Town Council meeting. A summary of Ordinance No. 1215 is as follows:

An Ordinance Amending Section 7.05.060 of the La Conner Municipal Code - noise caused by maintenance, repair and/or new construction of residential property.

Complete copies of Ordinance No. 1215 are available at La Conner Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 9th Day of November 2022
Maria DeGoede, Town Clerk.
Published in the La Conner Weekly News Nov. 16, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of La Conner, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 1216 at the November 8, 2022, Town Council meeting. A summary of Ordinance No. 1216 is as follows:

An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Budget.

Complete copies of Ordinance No. 1216 are available at La Conner Town Hall, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 9th Day of March 2022
Maria DeGoede, Town Clerk
Published in the La Conner Weekly News Nov. 16, 2022.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR WHATCOM COUNTY

In re the Estate of: JAMES F. CAREY, JR., Deceased.

Cause No. 22-4-01036-37
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed and has qualified as Administrator 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 administrator or the administrator'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 probated proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the administrator 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 First Publication: November 9th, 2022.

Name of Administrator: TONY A. CAREY

Attorneys for Administrator: David M. Neubeck, WSBA #31321 Sara LC Hulford, WSBA #52098 Todd L. Sliva, WSBA #54298

Address for Mailing or Service: Elder Law Offices of Meyers, Neubeck & Hulford, P.S. 2828 Northwest Avenue Bellingham WA 98225-2335 Telephone: (360) 647-8846 Facsimile: (360) 647-8854.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY

DWANE E. PORTER & STEPHANIE L. PORTER, h/w Plaintiff vs.

ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN OR TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY

Defendants. No. 22-2-00832-29 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN OR TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 9th day of November, 2022, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiffs at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

The object of this action is to quiet title to certain real property, located in Skagit County, Washington, and described as follows:

That portion of the platted alleyway appurtenant to Lots 1-6 inclusive, and that portion of the platted alleyway appurtenant to Lots 28-31 inclusive, Block 19, "TOWN OF McMURRAY, SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON", as per the plat thereof recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, page 107, records of Skagit County, Wash.

EXCEPT any portion thereof that may lie within the right-of-way of the P.S. Pulp & Timber Co., a Delaware corporation, as conveyed by the English Lumber Co., a Washington corporation, by instrument dated January 1st, 1945 and recorded November 3rd, 1948 under Skagit County Auditor's File No. 424512. (P75144 & P75146)

DATED: November 2nd, 2022.

CRAIG SJOSTROM #21149
Attorney for Plaintiff
1204 Cleveland Ave.
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 848-0339

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

Estate of W. LOUIS BARRETT, Deceased.

No. 22-4-07231-5 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.020, .030

Laurie V. Little has been appointed as personal representative ("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) 30 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication of this Notice: November 9, 2022

Personal Representative: Laurie V. Little

Attorney for Personal Representative: Sarah C. Smith, WSBA #45798

Address for Mailing or Service: CONDIE & ADAMS, PLLC 611 Fourth Avenue, Suite A Kirkland, WA 98033

Court of probate proceedings and cause number: King County Superior Court, Cause No. 22-4-07231-5 SEA

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY

In the matter of the Estate of JENNY F. KINGSBURY Deceased. No. 22-4-00537-29
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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Date of First Publication: November 2, 2022.

Personal Representative: CAROL F. HALL
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Attorney for the Estate: NELI T. ESPE, WSBA # 29783

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

Estate of ANNE E. MACLEAN, Deceased.

No. 22-4-07342-7 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.020, .030

James B. MacLean has been appointed as personal representative ("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 attorney of the personal representative 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) 30 days after the attorney 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: November 2, 2022.

James B. MacLean, Personal Representative

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY Case No. 22-2-00734-29

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION MOE BROTHERS, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, Plaintiffs, vs. ARLYN PACHECO, individually, and all lawful Heirs, Devises and Assigns of FRANKLIN BUCK and MAGGIE BUCK, husband and wife, deceased; Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SAID DEFENDANTS: ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED HEREIN YOU ARE HEREBY summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 26th day of October, 2022, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and

answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, Moe Brothers, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, Craig E. Cammock of Skagit Law Group, PLLC, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of the action is to quiet title on real property in Skagit County, Washington against the claim of Defendants, "ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT," which real estate is situated in Skagit County, Washington, and is legally described as follows:

That portion of Government Lot 6, Section 25, Township 34 North, Range 3 East, W.M., described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Section 25, Township 34 North, Range 3 East, W.M.; thence South 89°48'21" Northwest ¼ of said Section 25 for a distance of 1,330.62 feet to the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 6; thence South 0°48'58" East along the West line of said government Lot 6 for a distance of 1,056.06 feet, more or less, to the South line of the North 1,056.00 feet (as measured perpendicular to the North line) of said Government Lot 6 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 89°58'21" East along said South line for a distance of 1,216.10 feet, more or less, to a point on a non-tangent curve on the Westerly right-of-way margin of Penn Road; thence along arc of said curve to the left, concave to the East, from which the center bears South 87°35'45" East, a radius of 1,289.70 feet, through a central angle of 0°22'12", an arc distance of 8.33 feet, more or less, to the North line of the South 264.00 feet (16 rods) as measured perpendicular to the South line of said Government Lot 6; thence North 89°56'56" West along said North line for a distance of 180.01 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the lot created for Skagit County Short Plat No. 25-81 (Revised April 15, 1981) and recorded under Skagit County Auditor's File No. 8104220036; thence continue North 89°56'56" West along said north line for a distance of 1,035.91 feet, more or less, to the West line of said Government Lot 6 at a point bearing South 0°48'58" West from the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH easements, reservations, restrictions, covenants, liens, leases, court causes, and other instruments of record.

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.

DATED this 26 day of October, 2022.

SKAGIT LAW GROUP, PLLC By CRAIG E. CAMMOCK, WSBA #24185 Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Special Meeting Public Hearing La Conner School District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the La Conner School District #311 will hold a special meeting for a public hearing to review the La Conner Indian Policies and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2024, at 4:45 pm on Monday, November 28, 2022, in the District Office Board Room, 305 N 6th Street and/or via Zoom.

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 comments must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022.

Will Nelson, Superintendent
La Conner School District No. 311
PO Box 21 03/305 N 6th Street
La Conner, WA 98257

Dated this 14th day of November 2022.

ATTEST: Will Nelson, Superintendent
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Individuals who may need special accommodation or modification to participate in a meeting should contact Cheri Kahns, ckahns@lc.k12.wa.us as soon as possible in advance so that special arrangements can be made.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sunday, November 6

6:15 p.m.: Loud music – Shortly after a report of loud music, the music was turned off and remained off the rest of the night. Fir Island Rd., Greater La Conner.

Monday, November 7

8:15 a.m.: Stolen license plate – A rear license plate was stolen off a vehicle during the overnight hours of Nov. 5. The vehicle was parked in a residential driveway. A stolen license plate form was submitted for record. McLean Rd., Greater La Conner.

12:11 p.m.: Abandoned pets – Report of two dogs and two cats abandoned. The owner was contacted, who advised they would be back at the house later that day and did not want assistance with the animals. Maple Ave., La Conner.

6:55 p.m.: Hunters near farm – A subject entered a farm property and complained to the owner about hunt-

ing and shooting activity on the farm. The subject was concerned about hunters shooting in the direction of buildings on his property. He was asked to contact law enforcement and not to return to the farm. Beaver Marsh Rd., Greater La Conner.

Thursday, November 10

2:17 p.m.: Bothersome customer – A subject was reported for bothering employees and customers in the store. This has occurred on more than one occasion. The employees requested the subject not return to the property. 1st St., La Conner.

Friday, November 11

2:26 a.m.: Lost dog – A dog being boarded and taken care of by a friend at the owner's request ran off during a storm. State St., La Conner.

9:00 p.m.: Be careful for deer – Report of a deceased deer in the road. The deer was removed. Best Rd., Greater La Conner.

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Local runner goes the distance at NYC Marathon

By Bill Reynolds

Char Burks always seems to be on the run, whether at her Country Grounds Coffee stand at the roundabout, shifts with the Swinomish Tribal Police Department or keeping up with her kids.

But in New York City recently she really stepped up the pace.

Burks joined over 50,000 other runners, including her cousin, Holly Hendren, and friends Cheryl Otis and Amanda Bedker, in the field of the 2022 New York City Marathon, one of the sport's elite events.

Burks finished the race in just under five hours, a solid time given the day's record November heat. She followed an online program to train for the 26-mile test of speed and stamina.

She, Hendren, Otis and Bedker crossed the finish line alongside one another, having weathered together the unseasonably warm fall temperatures.

"The humidity was rough," Burks told the Weekly News. "It was 75 degrees and hot."

Fortunately, she was prepared. Prior to hitting the ground in New York, she had run up to 20 miles each week here, supplementing that road work with regular CrossFit workouts.

"Running and CrossFit have been my mental and physical therapy for years," Burks said.

It also helped that she and her three running mates went to New York with a higher purpose. Their marathon mission included raising funds for Camp Korey, which provides transformative camp experiences free of charge for families having children with serious medical conditions.

Burks said she took great pride in running the Marathon on behalf of Camp Korey, east of Mount Vernon and named for Korey Rose, who lost his battle with bone cancer at age 18.

She was inspired as well by the large crowds that cheered entrants from all over the globe as they strode through the city's five boroughs. Burks said they crossed several of the city's iconic bridges, starting with the double deck Verrazano-Narrows suspension span connecting Staten Island and Brooklyn.

"The crowd's energy in each borough just got better and better," said Burks. "I'm not sure this one can be topped."

Before the marathon, Burks

and friends took in the New York City atmosphere. Over several days leading up to the race, they walked more than 30 miles and took in the city's storied landmarks. They saw the Empire State Building, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the 9/11 Memorial, Trinity Church and Cemetery, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty and Battery Park, to name a few.

For Burks, who owns a business in a destination town, it was great having the opportunity to be a tourist in the Big Apple. And despite the grueling nature of a marathon, she truly enjoyed every minute – and mile – spent in the nation's largest city.

Bob Woodward visits Bellingham



A VERY GOOD REPORTER – Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, left, broke the story of the 1972 burglary of the Democratic Party's Watergate Hotel headquarters. In 2022, he wrote "Peril," on Donald Trump's final days as president. He was interviewed by Ron Judd, of Cascadia Daily News, Nov. 12 at the Mount Baker Theatre. – Photo by Mel Damski

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