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## Fresh seafood to celebrate



FULL SCALE MEAL SERVICE – Skagit River System Cooperative staff members served salmon, seafood and side dishes to those attending annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremonies at Swinomish last Thursday. The tribal gymnasium was filled with diners. Many joined in a walking procession to the shoreline for a program and prayer service asking protection for Swinomish fishers. – Photo by Marissa Conklin

## Annual Swinomish Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony

By Bill Reynolds

They say there's no such thing as a free lunch.

But that is not entirely true, as was the case at Swinomish Thursday.

That's when the local tribal community held its annual Blessing of the Fleet and First Salmon Ceremony, which led off with a noontime feast of salmon and seafood provided by Swinomish fishers.

The tribe's gymnasium was filled with those taking part in the meal, many of whom later walked in a large procession up Pioneer Parkway and down Moorage Way to the shoreline, where clergy and prayer warriors of various faiths asked protection for those venturing out on the water this season.

Tribal senator Brian Porter asked for a moment of silence to honor the memories of those previously lost at sea.

"This is an opportunity to reflect on the griefs and sorrows we have as a fishing community," said Porter. "Some of us here have been fishing our whole lives. We just pray that they all come home."

Soon after, Swinomish teens and La Conner High seniors Jamie Damien-Sams, Ariana Siddle, Joslin James and Chloe Edwards went out on boats to return offerings of salmon and shellfish to local waters.

"We're here for the blessing of the

fleet," Porter noted, "and with that blessing comes an offering. We go out on the water gathering and fishing. This is our opportunity to give back. We can't just take, take, take. This is our way to give back to the water."

Prior to the sit-down meal, Swinomish elder Bernadette Stone was honored for her commitment to passing down traditional teachings to today's youth.

"Our aunt has told us that we have to keep teaching for the generations to come," stressed Swinomish Senator and Cultural Events Director Aurelia Bailey.

Bailey pointed out that the Blessing of the Fleet and First Salmon Ceremony was passed down by the late Lorraine Loomis, who chaired the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission at the time of her death in 2021.

"Every part of this ceremony is important to our people," Bailey said. "I'm honored to stand here with my fellow leaders."

Among them was Swinomish Tribal Senate Chairman Steve Edwards, who welcomed everyone to the luncheon.

"I look forward to today's event," said Edwards. "I appreciate everybody in attendance today. Blessings to you all and let's be thankful for being able to get together and have good conversations with one another."

Swinomish Senator J.J. Wilbur paid

tribute to his late grandfather, Claude Wilbur, Sr., whom he described as "a lifelong fisherman who lived into his 90s."

Wilbur said his grandfather credited a salmon and seafood diet for his longevity.

Tribal fisheries committee member Bruce James further noted the generational Swinomish link to fishing and seafood harvesting, endeavors that are not without risk.

"We pray for protection for our people, protection for our fishermen," James said. "This is how we provide for our families and it allows us to enjoy this wonderful seafood."

Despite preparing a luncheon for several hundred people, lead

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## Holiday Closures

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 29

**Bank:** Closed

**Buses:** No service

**Library:** Closed

**Post Office:** Closed

**Schools:** Closed

**Town Hall:** Closed

**County government offices:**

Closed

**Trash pick up:** Regular

service

*So many have died, and still more.*

## Marna Hannerman is next La Conner mayor

By Ken Stern

Marna Hanneman will be La Conner's next mayor, no contest. Hanneman, on the planning commission since 2015, was the only person filing to run for the office during the May 15-19 period.

Council members Mary Wohleb, an incumbent elected in 2019, and Annie Taylor, filing for the position she was appointed to in 2021, will also be elected when they vote for themselves. No one filed to oppose them.

The only locally contested race is between John Agen and Janie Beasley for La Conner School District Director Position 2, almost a repeat of the 2019 election. Then challenger Agen defeated incumbent Kate Szurek in district 1. Beasley, then the district 2 incumbent, was defeated by Marlys Baker. Agen has moved into district 2.

Alana Quintasket and Kim Pedroza are unopposed for school board director positions 1 and 4. Both will gain full terms to seats they were appointed to this year.

Fire District 13 Commissioners John Doyle and J.J. Wilbur are unopposed. Doyle will gain a six-year term and Wilbur will finish four years of an unexpired term. They were appointed in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Loren Bogart is unopposed for Sewer District

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## High school student rescues two swimmers

By Bill Reynolds

A La Conner High School senior is a true lifesaver.

Not just once, but twice.

Finn Hakenson on separate occasions earlier this month helped two men in distress in Whistle Lake at Mount Erie Park in Anacortes. Both survived thanks in great part to Hakenson's fast thinking and strong swimming skills.

The first rescue, on May 12, was the most dramatic.

Hakenson was in the lake waiting for his friends and track and field teammates Brenden Kitchen, Isaac Kitchen, Floyd Dent and Flint Huizenga to dive in.

"That's when I heard a guy behind me yelling for help," Hakenson told the Weekly News. "He was about 30 feet behind me."

The man was trying to keep another swimmer, whom Hakenson judged to be in his early 20s, above water. The La Conner teen recognized that if the man kept trying to lift the struggling swimmer that he, too, could plunge underneath.

So, Hakenson quickly swam to them and helped the man who had called out bring the distressed swimmer toward shore.

"I was the first person there," Hakenson recalled. "He already looked dead. His lips were blue, his eyes were wide open and his arms were extended."

The other La Conner students rendered aid as well. It was Isaac Kitchen who called 911, then joined Dent in bringing first responders to the scene. All assisted getting the man out of the water.

CPR was performed by a friend of the swimmer

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## Newspaper forum reinforces key service provided by local journalism

By Bill Reynolds

Community journalism has a rich history, but the present business model has its issues.

Yet the future of local news coverage across America isn't lacking reasons for optimism.

Faced with shrinking advertising revenue that has led to a shedding of reporting, editing and production jobs across the nation, print newspapers are looking at creative strategies to keep the industry alive for the next generation of readers.

One promising option, among several suggested during a special forum in Mount Vernon last week addressing the decline of local news and its impact on democracy, calls for corporate sponsorship of print media outlets akin to what works for PBS and NPR on the broadcast side.

The two-hour event in the Mount Vernon High School auditorium, featured a panel of Ken Stern of the La Conner Weekly News, Jason Miller of the Concrete Herald, Ron Judd of Cascadia Daily News and Brier Dudley of the Seattle Times.

Mount Vernon High's award-winning debate team also performed. It was coordinated by the

Skagit County League of Women Voters.

Stern stressed that in an industry transformed by technology and which continues to be impacted by the digital revolution, old school reporting and editing approaches still have their place.

Engaging readers is a priority, reaching out to them for input on topics of interest to the community – and encouraging their writing guest columns.

"I call them up," Stern said. "That's how I engage people."

He also does so by penning weekly editorials, always intended to evoke responses – both favorable and critical.

"I have learned to say I have a strong editorial voice," Stern said.

In his six years at the Weekly News, Stern has often said that while he owns the paper, it belongs to the entire community.

Dudley lamented the loss in the state of daily and weekly newspapers, victims of a changing economy and the growth of social media. Nationally, he said, there are now 70 million people with

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BEST JOB EVER – Among the journalists at the Skagit League of Women Voters forum were Jason Miller, Concrete Herald publisher; Ken Stern, Weekly News publisher, and Brier Dudley, Seattle Times columnist, from left. Not pictured, Ron Judd of the Cascadia Daily News. It is a tough way to make a living, but oh, how fulfilling.

– Photo by Marissa Conklin



From the editor —

## The decisions we make

The march of madness and meanness continues. Last week Montana, Nebraska and Florida's legislators joined the stampede in outlawing gender-affirming care to teens and youths in their states. These laws will punish doctors and healthcare practitioners for assisting youth in developing into their genuine selves.

Gender-affirming care is "age-appropriate care that is medically necessary for the wellbeing of many transgender and non-binary people who experience symptoms of gender dysphoria, or distress that results from having one's gender identity not match their sex assigned at birth" as defined by the Human Rights Campaign, a national organization advocating for LGBTQ+ rights.

Because a faction of society with majorities in these and other state legislatures does not know and does not care to understand people who are transgender, they seek to control and punish them, as if a felony conviction to a doctor will scare kids and their parents into being straight or shock them out of playing and posing about their sexuality. These laws will not stop anyone from developing their true identity. They will lead to people moving from these states or suppressing who they are and to suicide. Transgender teens will have to cope with rejection, fear, hate and a hiding their true selves. State Representative Zoey Zephyr of Montana is absolutely right: the legislators will be culpable as kids harm themselves and seek to end their lives. From the trauma and deaths they cause, these legislators will have blood on their hands.

These legislators and the people they represent purport to be religious and they may be, but it is a religion of limited vision, of control, fear and intolerance. They fear what they do not understand. They deny the research, study and decisions of medical associations and are substituting their beliefs for complex facts in a complex world. History will prove them as wrong as the Catholic Church was when it locked up Galileo for his explaining that moons orbit Jupiter and that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

The facts of life and the universe are always shifting. Change is the one constant, but bigotry also seems ever present. People are not made whole by adopting a group's false hope of that group trying to shape reality to their beliefs. People will not be made healthy by praying the gay away or denying their genuine self, which might be a girl's soul in her boy body.

For hundreds of years some Americans sought control in legislating blackness, defining those who had one drop of African ancestry as black and discriminating against them. Until 50 years ago legislators prevented whites and blacks from marrying. The Bible is always the reference for these actions.

No, ministers who misuse scripture are misleading and conning people into fear and hate and laws that ruin and destroy people's lives. In the present moment these false prophets are ascendant. Their getting laws passed does not make them right. It merely shows they have the power to harm people whom they do not know and that they live in a world they do not care to understand.

This faction of society has friends, family, coworkers and neighbors. So do people who are transgender and who need abortions. Yet in this ever more complex world we are increasingly isolated from one another.

It is our choice to pay attention, or not, and seek to heal or hurt or speak against the fear and hate, or not.

— Ken Stern

## How to read your electricity bill



By Greg Whiting

One of the most common complaints electric utility customers have about utilities is that utility bills are hard to understand. I looked at PSE's website page, "How to read your bill." Having done that, I decided to write this.

Think of electricity as being similar to water. Water delivered to your home is usually metered in cubic feet. (There are about seven and a half gallons in a cubic foot.) The rate at which water is delivered is measured in cubic feet per second. When you get your water bill, you are billed for the total cubic feet of water that you've used.

Electricity is metered in kilowatt-hours (kWh). The rate at which electricity is delivered is measured in joules per second. One joule per second equals a watt. A thousand watts equals a kilowatt. A typical incandescent light bulb uses 60 watts. Leave that light bulb on for an hour, and it uses 60 watt-hours. Leave it on for ten hours, and it uses 600 watt-hours, or 0.6 kilowatt-

hours.

A residential electric meter records the total electricity everything in the house is using, cumulatively. At any given time, it shows a live reading of the cumulative kilowatt-hours the home has used since the meter was installed. Each month, the current number from the meter is recorded ("the meter is read"). On PSE's model residential bill, the previous month's reading and the current reading are both shown, along with the meter reading dates. Subtract the older reading from the newer reading and you have the raw number supplied by the meter.

However, there is a complication that PSE didn't explain on its model bill. Each meter has a "multiplier," which was used to help minimize manual meter reading errors. A meter may record, for instance, tens of kilowatt-hours rather than individual kilowatt-hours, thus reducing mistakes by allowing smaller numbers to be read. This is similar to water meters being read in cubic feet rather than gallons. (New electronic meters don't really need multipliers, but the concept is still built into the legacy system.)

On PSE's model bill, the "multiplier" is 10. The home on the model bill had an end-date reading of 131 and a start date reading of 26. Subtract 26 from

### Housing for Jensen Field

It's with great interest that I hear about the parcel of property being quasi-gifted to the town. I've looked at that property for a very long time. During the slough burp of Dec 27, it was pretty much covered in water.

I've lived at Channel Cove, contemplating this property has been a natural for me. As a lifelong farmer in the area, I've thought long and hard about turning it into a garden, but then I've thought about the strikes against it. Deer can climb and jump over significant fencing, raccoons can climb over any fencing and they'll harvest almost anything we'd try to grow. Squirrels and other rodents, are in significant numbers as well, not to mention the jays, starlings, robins and such. These realities are not just the views of a pessimist, but practicalities experienced by someone who has made a living from the land. Some gardening could certainly happen, but it wouldn't be easy, nor cheap.

So also have I thought about putting tiny homes in the space, which I've designed to fit into a permaculture styled development, 8-10 tiny homes of approximately 180 square feet. The tiny homes would be incorporated into a berm that would be built when a pond would be dug. This pond would be a multipurpose hole in the ground. It would be a place to store some future slough burp, a kids' swimming and wading pool, water for plants and garden area and for fighting fires.

There's space to put a significant greenhouse, so I've tried to bring a bit of everything to the space. The tiny homes could be an income stream for town, or managed by Home Trust of Skagit for housing low-income locals.

Personally, I'd like it to be a mix of money making for town and low income housing. This development would be a model of my much ballyhooed dike housing concept. The community could then "see" what I've been trying to explain for years. With the advent of 3-D concrete construction and a healthy dose of creativity, this micro-development could showcase what a cool small town can do.

Sincerely,  
Glen S Johnson  
Skagit Valley

131 and you get 105. Multiply that by the "multiplier" of 10, and you get 1050 kilowatt-hours, which is what the model customer is being billed for.

The "basic charge" is a charge the public service commission has approved to enable utilities to pay for costs that aren't directly related to energy use, like metering and billing. It's generally a fixed price. Think of it as the cost of being connected to the grid.

The other charges are all related to energy use. "Tier 1" electricity is billed at a different rate than "tier 2" electricity. "Tier 1" just means the first 600 kWh. "Tier 2" is billed at a higher rate than Tier 1. Tiers are negotiated between the utility and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The logic behind different tiers, historically, is that the utility has costs associated with building infrastructure to meet the marginal energy requirements of larger customers, and that smaller customers shouldn't be billed for infrastructure that's only required because of the larger customers.

The remaining charges and taxes are well-explained on the bill.

## LETTERS

### Shelter Bay leadership

Part II following May 17

So where are we at the moment? The Shelter Bay board once again surprises no one with their majority vote to declare the recall petitions for the five executive officers are invalid. Rather than listening and adhering to the community's wishes and intent, they narrowly interpreted their poorly written rules to establish a technicality.

The board majority (5) – with strong opposition by the board minority (4) – moved forward with:

- A rent adjustment index that virtually doubled the rent.
- Removing legal counsel that the minority wanted to oversee the master lease rent adjustment process including appraisals and arbitration;
- Continuing to negotiate with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community without legal representation even now with a perceived improved land value double what it was in 2018, when economists advised SB of unsustainability within eight to nine years.
- Authorizing and pushing for

the upgrading of the SB marina while allowing SB swimming pools condition and availability to lapse.

My hope for the new board is that they truly recognize the intrinsic value of the existing master lease. It has many protections that have been virtually ignored for the past 20 years, all due to the board majority's insatiable need to make concessions to acquire a new lease before the existing one expires. The best and final offer submitted in 2015 was proof of that! If the new lease under negotiation is based on improved land value and the appraiser considers unimproved land value that the board majority pushed through with their index, then the community should demand an updated report from a good economist! I would hate to see Shelter Bay become unsustainable under a new lease agreement adopted prior to the date the current lease expires.

Unless there is a major change in the direction this board is taking, I am not optimistic about the future.

Bruce Elliot  
Eagles Nest

## Flood mitigation options discussed

By Bill Reynolds

There's no escaping flood risks in La Conner, but there are temporary and permanent options that can improve the odds of successfully managing future high-water events like last December's that caused nearly \$2 million in damages.

Those options are spelled out in a flood mitigation report from engineer Evan Henke and presented to the Town's Emergency Management Commission at Maple Hall May 9 by Public Works Director Brian Lease.

"This plan," wrote Henke, of David Evans and Associates, "is intended to be a 'living' document that is frequently revised and amended as additional tasks are identified or completed."

It notes the exposure to sea level intrusion via Swinomish Channel or Sullivan Slough and landward flooding from breaches in Skagit River dikes.

"One of the challenges facing the Town," Henke reported, "is that the risk literally surrounds the urban area. There is only limited benefit in focusing on any one element or location when the system will fail due to the lowest point available."

The commission devoted much of the 75-minute session to temporary measures that can be employed prior to flood season this year.

Those include placement of sandbags and ecology blocks to protect low-lying areas. Use of water-filled tube bladders received little support from commissioners.

"Water tubes," said commission Chair Bill Stokes, "are vulnerable to a car backing into them or a knucklehead with a knife."

Permanent solutions, which are more expensive, run the gamut from the oft-mentioned ring dike at the northeast edge of town and flood walls against saltwater encroachment.

"There is not a 'one-size-fits-all' solution for each location," said Henke. "The final plan will likely be a patchwork quilt of measures tailored for each location and extent."

Lease, who has done extensive research on flood protection, will develop budget estimates

for the various remedies that commissioners can review, perhaps at their next meeting.

Stokes said the Town has about \$100,000 available now in its flood management account.

"But we don't want to spend it all on temporary measures," he cautioned. "And we might need to seek grant money for permanent solutions."

There are two simultaneous fronts for flood control: creating a temporary plan to deal with the next cycle of fall and winter flooding and addressing the long-term flood threats, including climate change.

"Long-term," stressed Mayor Ramon Hayes, "we have to figure this thing out."

"This year," said Commissioner Jamie Throgmorton, "immediate temporary measures are needed. But in the future, we have to anticipate more than 14-feet (of tidal elevation). We can plan for 20-25 years ahead after we get done with the emergency planning."

The Dec. 27 saltwater flooding was a 14-foot event.

Audience member Glen Johnson suggested the Town reach out to the City of Mount Vernon about the availability of its original flood wall structure.

"Something we might need for a quick fix," said Johnson, "might be Mount Vernon's old temporary flood wall. Something like that, we might be able to get fairly cheaply."

Lease said storage is a key issue regarding all types of flood control equipment and infrastructure.

"It's expensive," he said, "and then you have the question of where to store it."

And that's just part of the commission's focus. Preparation and response strategies related to earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, extreme weather and other emergencies are also their responsibilities.

Councilmember Rick Dole serves as liaison between the two groups. He termed the meeting "excellent" and praised Lease for his presentation of the work plan and ability to accurately and concisely answer all questions posed.

"It's a detailed report," Dole said, "and we have a lot to work with."

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## OBITUARY



### Frederick Hiller

Frederick William "Ted" Hiller, 96, a long time La Conner resident, died in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Ted was born in Norwood, Massachusetts on March 11th, 1927, at the beginning of the Great Depression. Ted learned independence from a very young age, mostly raising himself due to family circumstances. Ted told stories of hitchhiking "the triangle" around Massachusetts for fun before he was even old enough to go to school. In 1937, at the age of 10, he witnessed the Hindenburg's final flight; he told stories of collecting hazelnuts from fallen trees in the midst of The Great New England Hurricane of 1938.

After World War II broke out, Ted dropped out of high school and fibbed about his age, joining the United States Navy in 1943. He served the remainder of the War fighting in the European Theater as a signalman and the first loader, second barrel of a quad-40. When the War ended, Ted finished high school at a school for veterans in Washington D.C., driving taxi to support himself. During this time his stepmother and father started the Hiller Airport (now Tanner-Hiller Airport) in Barre, Massachusetts where Ted learned to fly.

With diploma in hand, Ted drove to Mexico in his military surplus Jeep to attend Mexico City College. Ted had many adventures in Mexico; in 1949 he drove to Paricutin, tied a scarf around his face and climbed the actively erupting volcano because, well why not? Arriving in Mexico thinking "Buenas noches" meant hello, he left a fluent Spanish speaker and with a degree in Economics and Latin American Affairs.

Ted began working in Alaska, but continued to spend time in Mexico. Early in the 1950s, as scuba diving was just getting started as a sport, Ted bought the necessary equipment on his way to Acapulco. After reading the brief how-to manual, he walked into the Pacific Ocean and taught himself to dive. Ted's years of diving led to many adventures: he was once bitten by a moray eel in shark infested waters; another time he got lost in a cenote cave system in Hawaii. Back with his gear in Alaska he became one of the first body recovery scuba divers in the entire state. Ted passed his love of diving to his sons, all of whom learned to dive with similarly precarious training.

In Alaska Ted worked many jobs: lineman, bus driver, corrections officer. Here he started his most long-lived career when he joined a construction company working on the Northern Slopes. He worked as a stake-hop, equipment operator, foreman, superintendent, and eventually the head of Northwestern Construction. In March of 1964, when the 9.2 magnitude Great Alaskan earthquake hit, Ted was working on roads in Homer on the Kenai Peninsula. Cut off from his wife in Anchorage, unable to communicate, and with most bridges between Anchorage and Homer destroyed,

Ted "commandeered" a small Cessna and its pilot to fly 200 miles and make sure she was ok. After the earthquake, he was heavily involved in the recovery efforts, rebuilding roads and other infrastructure.

Through his career in "dirt moving" Ted built roads, pipelines, airports, and military facilities in Alaska, Hawaii, and Japan. During this time in Alaska, Ted married Judith Engel and together they raised three boys: Jason, Kyle, and Ryan. Every winter, when construction slowed due to freezing, Ted would bundle up his family and travel, driving the Americas in a motorhome, heading to Washington DC for the Centennial celebrations, floating the Sacramento river in a houseboat.

In 1978, Ted moved the family to La Conner, Washington while he continued to work in Alaska. Ted commuted every week, flying to work in Anchorage Monday mornings then returning home every Friday. Many weekends would be spent exploring the San Juans on the family's sailboat the Sunkist. He did this until his first retirement, never missing any of his children's events. They were the first priority in his life. Even with his weekly commute, he was a fixture, helping with homework projects, making costumes, fishing, skiing, swimming, and the star cook on "pancake day."

After retirement Ted moved to Bend, Oregon, rented a small ranch with his Border Collie Wilkie and joined the Deschutes County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Search and Rescue. One day, when in his 70s, while riding with his cousin Stacy along an embankment, his horse slipped in the snow and together they tumbled down into a creek-bed where Ted was temporarily trapped under his horse in the freezing water of the creek. After getting freed, Ted, with his frozen clothing, broken ribs, torn ear, battered horse and stunned cousin, stumbled home.

Ted left his mark on the people around Bend; if you visit the Tumalo Feed Company, stop and check out the plaque on the bar placed at his seat in his honor. Before moving back to Washington in 2009, Ted took part in an independent film called Big, in which he played a no-nonsense trail guide helping a fictional documentary crew in their search for Bigfoot.

He spent his last years in Washington enjoying family, not taking it easy, and playing his "winning system" at the Swinomish Casino. Ted passed away quietly on May 16, 2023 at the age of 96. He is survived by his three sons, Jason, Kyle, and Ryan, his seven grandsons, seven great-grandchildren, his ex-wife Judith, and many other friends and family. Once when asked what he would like people to remember about him, Ted replied, "Tell them I tried my best."

Ted's ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. You may offer your condolences and share memories of Ted to his family online at kernfuneralhome.com.

## Planning Commission refers proposed adult business regulations to Council

By Bill Reynolds

Now it is the La Conner Town Council's turn to decide how best to regulate adult businesses should one or more try to locate here.

Fortunately, the panel has received some grown-up advice.

The La Conner Planning Commission last week unanimously approved forwarding to the Council a detailed and highly restrictive framework developed with Planning Director Michael Davolio and Assistant Planner Ajah Eills based on court rulings issued in First Amendment and freedom of expression cases.

The plan limits to industrial zones on the town's north and south ends sites where adult-oriented businesses could open in La Conner. It also encumbers such ventures with stringent permit requirements and rules of operation.

The proposed regulations prohibit use of alcohol in adult businesses. In addition, individual applicants can be denied under the plan.

Establishing regulations for business types that town leaders would prefer to ban outright is akin to a necessary evil prompted

by legal precedents, Davolio said.

"It's necessary to regulate," Davolio said during the commission's May 16 hybrid meeting at Maple Hall. "If we don't establish regulations and someone comes in with a proposal, you're in no position to regulate. It's too late."

The goal has been to limit to areas remote from residences and the school campus those locations where adult businesses could be permitted.

La Conner resident Amy McFeely has asked that the south end industrial zone be removed from consideration based on its proximity to public park areas and neighborhoods that would be impacted by traffic to and from any adult business there.

The north end industrial zone is located at the Port of Skagit's La Conner Marina. Davolio said he has conferred with Port Planning and Development Director Helen Rogerson.

"Adult businesses are not consistent with their goals," Davolio said of Port officials.

Davolio said the Town would likely face litigation if it were to designate only one area as eligible for adult businesses.

"We want to make sure," said Davolio, "that we have enough land designated for this kind of

use that we can survive a legal challenge."

"This is doggone tight," commissioner Bruce Bradburn told Davolio and Eills. "You've done a good job. If somebody is going to try to do this, they're going to have to build a building. There will be a lot of processes involved."

As an advisory group, commissioners can recommend but do not take formal action on the matter. The decision rests with the Town Council.

"The blame," Davolio assured them, "won't fall on you."

## Expect delays on Best Road

Skagit County Public Works is working on Best Road Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from McLean Road to the Fir Island/Moore intersection through June 15.

Public Works is performing milling repair in preparation for the upcoming chip seal program in July and August, and everyone will need to expect delays during this time of construction.

Source: Skagit County Public Works

## Turnout small at Saturday town hall

By Kylee Forygin

It could have been the perfect weather or the Guitar Festival that steered residents away from the Citizen Engagement Opportunity in the La Conner Swinomish Library conference room last Saturday, May 20.

About ten people came to it, including La Conner Town Councilmembers MaryLee Chamberlain and Rick Dole. The relaxed setting encouraged public discussion of pre-selected topics: sustainable businesses; open spaces, infrastructure needs; public safety; and density development and growth. The gathering was put on by the council's communications committee to "support two way communication between the public and the town administration and elected officials" according to their flyer.

Development stole the show, with more than half of the time dedicated to discussing what has been going on in La Conner. Dialogue on the Jensen property centered on tiny home versus it remaining an open space. Some said that if housing does not get developed there, it will occur elsewhere.

One interesting takeaway was that state regulations are a factor in development. The town is required to allow development in its code based on county population density predictions. La Conner is not required to build anything itself, but it is obligated to create a comprehensive plan that provides sufficient areas to grow, and that is what developers use to build. Population

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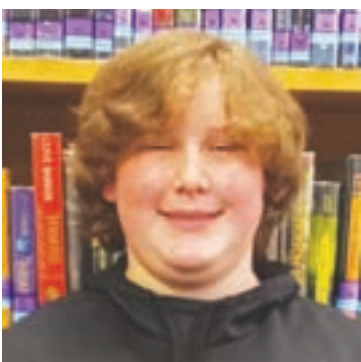


## April Kiwanis students of month



**Yamileth O'Campos Contreras**

The La Conner Kiwanis Club High School Student of the Month for April is Yamileth O'Campo Contreras. Yami is a freshman at the La Conner High School. She is the daughter of David and Karen Contreras. Yami is active in school sports playing soccer, basketball and softball. She enjoys her science and math classes. Outside of school Yami enjoys drawing and painting as well as hanging out with friends and family. After graduating she would like to become an interior designer or an artist.



**Conner Breckenridge**

The Middle School Student for April is Conner Breckenridge. Conner is in eighth grade at the middle school. His parents are Dan and Patricia Breckenridge. His favorite classes in school are science and math. Conner likes to play basketball and golf. After graduating he would like to become an auto mechanic.



**Sarah Pommels**

The Elementary Student of the Month is Sarah Pommels. She is in fifth grade. She is the daughter of Rohan and Connie Pommels. Sarah plays offense in soccer. She likes reading, hiking and swimming. Sarah also plays the trumpet. She would like to get involved in school track and get a track scholarship for college.

*Source: La Conner Kiwanis*

## Four La Conner High School golfers at state tournament

By **Bill Reynolds**

La Conner High School golfers nearly left the country to qualify for state competition in the Olympia area this week.

Four of its members – Sammy Williams, Gage Tenborg, Abi Udlock and Natalee Koch – emerged from Northwest Tri-District 2B trials at Loomis Trails Golf Course in Blaine with single round scores allowing them to advance to the

state tournament at Tumwater Valley Golf Club.

Williams carded a 90 to place sixth on the Tri-District boys' leaderboard. Tenborg was one stroke back, at 91, to clinch seventh place.

On the girls' side, Udlock recorded a 123 for seventh place in the Tri-District field. Koch was 10th at 129, her best 18-hole finish this spring.

Corran Eisen and Hallie Walls also competed for La Conner at Loomis Trails but missed the cut for state on a difficult course with water in play on all but one hole.

The school golf program has

reached new heights under head coach Jamie Carroll and assistant Galen McKnight. Emma Worgum, now a key member of the Western Washington University women's team, won the girls' state 2B title last year as a senior.

McKnight noted that Tenborg surged on the back-9 at Loomis Trail, firing a 41 to secure a berth.

"Natalie played very good golf as well," said McKnight, "and shot her best score over 18 for the season."

First round state action got underway yesterday. The final round is set for today.

## Shelter Bay board election results

By **Ken Stern**

Shelter Bay residents reelected Joe Hurley to their board of directors Saturday, May 20 at the community's annual meeting. New on the board are Rod Proctor, who was appointed and served briefly in 2022, and Rick Parnell. The winners were overwhelming selected. Their totals: Hurley, 308; Proctor, 278; Parnell, 249. They beat candidates Jan Paul, 190 votes; Julie Peddy, 138; Marianne Remme, 90; and Larry Tagala, 87.

Also newly on the board is Lawson Earl, selected by board members May 17, replacing Judy Kontos, recalled by the community in April.

Turnout was 54.7%, 463 of 847 lot owners in good standing.

Members overwhelmingly approved the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, with 387 yes votes.

## May Soroptimist student

Jamie Damien-Sams, a senior at La Conner High School, was chosen as Soroptimist Honored student for May. Jamie has been a high school cheerleader for three years and recently received the Jamie Joe Cheer Leadership Award for "dedication to cheer squad, education and school spirit." Jamie joins the other cheer squad members supporting basketball and football teams at home and away games.

Jamie has played on the LCHS softball team since eighth grade. She started in the outfield and has moved up to third base. Her favorite position is second base because she gets lots of action.

Jamie supports the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community by serving food at funerals and



**Jamie Damien-Sams**

community dinners. She has done volunteer work at the NOAH Center (Northwest Organization for Animal Help) in Stanwood, a nonprofit animal adoption center and spay and neuter clinic dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable and treatable homeless cats and dogs through adoption and low-cost spay/neuter programs.

In her free time Jamie likes to get ice cream and sit at Sneec Oosh and Martha's beaches or under the cedar hats.

She is a lifelong La Conner resident and the daughter of Josiane Sams and William Damien. Jamie also has a nine year old sister Ava who she helps her mom raise.

Jamie will receive a gift certificate to Vintage Thrift, the thrift and consignment shop run by local volunteers to support women and girls in the community and enabled by the generous donations from the community.

*Submitted by: La Conner Soroptimists*

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# 60th anniversary Skagit Community Band concert

By Bill Reynolds

La Conner is no stranger to either history or good music. Both will be evident in town on Friday.

That's when the Skagit Community Band, directed by La Conner resident Vince Fejeran, celebrates its 60th anniversary with a free concert and silent auction at Maple Hall.

The concert, in keeping with the spirit of the occasion, will feature favorite selections from through the years. After all, the band has played at special events across decades throughout the Skagit Valley area.

But La Conner, where Fejeran was a popular music teacher and band director before taking a similar post in Anacortes and then assuming his present role as a Skagit Valley College professor, is a primary venue for the band.

The 40-60 player band plays at least three performances annually in town. The May 25 anniversary bash is 7:30 p.m., a half-hour after auction bidding begins and the opening of a no-host beverage bar.

Fejeran told the Weekly News Sunday that band members have much to celebrate this anniversary year.

"The people who make up the band come from diverse backgrounds," Fejeran said, "but the thing they have in common is a love of music. That really became evident during COVID when we couldn't meet. We were able to get together in small groups and hold small rehearsals and did some remote recordings. We came out of it stronger than ever and it showed how big a thing the band is for us. The pandemic highlighted the importance of the band and how much we missed it."

The band's fans felt likewise. From its start, dating to the early 1960s, the band has been known for being community oriented. In fact, it's often said that community isn't just in the band's name but is the way it presents music.

The band was formed to include community players from

the Skagit Valley College night school program. In those early years the group was known as the Skagit Valley Community Band. It and a spinoff big band, the Skagitones, played for weddings, picnics, reunions and other events.

Residents of a certain age will recall the band playing at the opening of One Moore Outhouse on First Street more than 40 years ago. More recently, the band performed when the town's waterfront boardwalk opened.

Fejeran has been with the band for three decades. He is one of six conductors to have held its baton, as did Jon Milas, who resided in La Conner in the 1970s.

"I just think the best part of it," Fejeran said, "is I've been directing the band for 30 years and every year I have to plan concerts, but it seems like I'm just starting out."

In 1979, a musical arts board under the umbrella of the Skagit Valley College Foundation was established that works in an advisory capacity for the band and now includes the Skagit Valley Symphony (of which Fejeran, a trombonist, is a member) and the Skagit Valley Concert Band, among other organizations.

Throughout its existence, the Skagit Community Band has taken pride in providing opportunities for talented young musicians and vocalists to solo. This Friday's concert at Maple Hall is no exception, Fejeran said.

Emily Jennings will sing "Let it Go" from the film Frozen and the classic, "Moon River."

The band has likewise fostered support for beginning music students by offering aid to school programs with instruments, equipment repair and fundraising.

It is little wonder, then, that the Skagit Community Band is the longest continual musical group of its kind in the valley.

"We've kind of been the group that has gone under the radar," Fejeran notes. "We'll do our concert at Gilkey Square in La Conner each August and people

will come up and ask where we've played and how long we've been at this."

The Skagit Community Band has been around long enough to have played at the opening of the I-5 rest stop north of Burlington, said Fejeran, a graduate of the University of Puget Sound and well known in jazz circles around the Puget Sound region.

Those attending the anniversary concert at Maple Hall will have a good idea of what the band is about simply by attending the silent auction beforehand. Many auction items have been donated by the band members themselves.

"A lot of those donations have come from their own businesses," Fejeran said, "so it further highlights the diversity of our members."

Auction proceeds will go to the band.

But the real payoff for its members is being able to again rehearse together and perform live concerts, like Friday's.

"We've actually been back for a couple years," said Fejeran, "but now we can do concerts without requiring immunizations and masking."

Smiling faces will be among the evening's positive notes.

# Ceremony

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cook Cathi Bassford and her kitchen crew announced – somewhat reminiscent of the biblical Sermon on the Mount – that there was plenty of food remaining for folks to take home.

Eugene "Huge" Edwards and the Swinomish Canoe Family led the post-luncheon procession, which stretched the width of the two-lane route. At the corner of Pioneer Parkway and Moorage Way it came to a stop as tribal senator Eric Day offered a blessing on behalf of the Edwards family.

"We thank everyone for being with us," said Day, "and for going down (to the shoreline) to bless the fleet and help get ready for fishing season."

# Skagit Adult Day Program funding

Skagit Adult Day Program will host their 10th annual "Music and Memories Dinner & Fundraiser" at Maple Hall June 3 from 5-8 p.m. Dinner and drinks will be provided from Santo Coyote along with musical entertainment from local duo Joe and Kelly. Tickets are \$80 per person.

SADP is the only organization in Skagit County providing day programming for adults with dementia. Clients are currently served at Bradford House in Burlington but one of their goals is to bring back Gentry House in Anacortes. Please visit [skagitadulthoodprogram.org](http://skagitadulthoodprogram.org) or call 360-755-1235 for more information.

Source: SADP



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# Mayor

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The only contested Skagit County mayoral elections are Burlington, with incumbent Steve Saxon facing Joe DeGloria, and Sedro Woolley, where JoEllen Kesti is running against incumbent Julia Johnson.

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# Journalism

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no local newspaper coverage. Others have what Dudley called “inferior coverage,” papers with remote owners whose pages are thin on local news, filled instead with wire service copy generated for a national readership.

Dudley, the only columnist in the U.S. covering full-time the local journalism crisis, said the loss of ad revenue and increased publication costs has created a “death spiral” for community newspapers. “There’s a bit of doom and gloom sometimes,” he said, “but exciting things are happening, too.”

Sponsorships by corporations and philanthropists support addressing key topics. “The former CEO of Microsoft contributed funds to the Times to cover mental health issues,” he noted, one of a number of examples.

Miller recounted how he was told that when the weekly Concrete Herald — which had enjoyed its heyday decades earlier under the legendary Charles Dwelley, who retired to Shelter Bay — folded in 1991, the upriver community was crushed. “People lost that sense of connection with each other and with the upper valley,” he said.

Miller, who disdains social media, has relaunched the Herald as a robust monthly publication.

“I’m sick of social media, which is long on opinions and short on facts,” he said. “I have a searing passion to print facts.

“Social media,” he added, “turns into a pit of vipers. That’s what the algorithms are trying to do.”

Miller said the beauty of print journalism is that readers will save valued articles and photographs. “In print,” he explained, “they cut something out and keep it and 25 or 30 years from now they’ll bring it out.”

Judd, a former Seattle Times columnist, has found a winning formula in the Bellingham paper.

In its second year, the publication has a growing staff. Last week alone it received nearly two dozen letters to the editor, he noted, that local journalism is still sought by readers.

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“I believe there’s a market for news,” Judd said. “We’re just trying to come up with a new business model.”

“We’re here,” he said, “because readers are there.”

Dudley knows, pointing out, “the role of local journalism is as important now as it ever has been, perhaps more so.”

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Answers to May 24 puzzles

### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY Estate of DOLORES JANE CLAYTON, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00282-29 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 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.

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James Joseph Graffy, Personal Representative c/o Jayne Marsh Gilbert, WSBA #24656 Attorney for Personal Representative 314 Pine Street, Suite 211 Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR KING COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HECTOR HUGO MAURO, Deceased. NO. 23-4-03334-2 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

Kate E. Bevegni has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent that arose before the decedent's death 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 attorneys 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: (a) Thirty (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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, KING COUNTY Estate of AUCENCIA N. BARRERA, deceased. Case No. 23-4-03426-8 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY In the Matter of the Estates of ROGER D. FLOE and BETTY L. FLOE, husband and wife, Deceased. NO. 23-4-00276-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having claim against the decedents 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

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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 decedents' probate and non-probate assets.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR WHATCOM COUNTY In re the Estate of: LEILA JO MEYER, Deceased. Cause No. 23-4-00481-37 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of the above 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 probated 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.

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY No. 23-4-00281-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In the Matter of the Estate of Patricia S. Hammond, 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.

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAGIT COUNTY No. 23-4-00225-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In the Matter of the Estate of Kenneth A. Fiedler, 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 as-

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SNOHOMISH In the Matter of the Estate of THERESIA DARNELL, Deceased. CAUSE NO. 23-4-00658-31 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.020)

The person named below has been appointed 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 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 probate 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.

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A woman: Karen Hunter; owner, holder in due course, landlord; who at times acts as assignee; to property on Skagit County, Washington; is bringing a land patent forward; the property on Skagit County records is as follows: P123532, S25, T33, R04, Willabelle Estates, auditor number 200510250130; any parties having a claim, debt, lien, or other equitable interest in said land who fail to file a suit in a court of law within 60 days from date, do expressly and implicitly waive all future claims against said land, and said land will be viewed as Legal and Lawful property of said woman; and title to said property will be held as allodial freehold property of the assignee to said land patent.

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## NOT TO BE MISSED

**City of Sedro-Woolley.**  
**Blast From the Past.** June 2-4. Arts vendors, antiques, car show, kids zone, live music, and more. Downtown Sedro-Woolley.  
**Skagit Adult Day Program.**  
**Summer Fundraiser.** June 3, 5-8:30 p.m. at Maple Hall. Dinner and drink are included in ticket price. Purchase tickets online.

## LIBRARIES

**La Conner Swinomish Library.**  
 520 Morris St, La Conner. 360-466-3352. [lclib.wa.us](http://lclib.wa.us). Open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.  
**Storytime.** Every Friday at 11 a.m.  
**Anacortes Public Library.**  
 360-299-8067. [CityofAnacortes.org](http://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.  
**Mount Vernon Public Library.**  
 360-336-6209. [mountvernonwa.gov](http://mountvernonwa.gov). 315 Snoqualmie St, Mount Vernon.  
**Virtual Reality.** Every Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Must be 18 or older.  
**Baby Storytime.** Every Friday 10:30-11 a.m.

## MUSEUM EXHIBITS

**Museum of Northwest Art.** Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [monamuseum.org](http://monamuseum.org), 360-466-4446.  
**Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum.** Wed-Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [qfamuseum.org](http://qfamuseum.org), 360-466-4288. 703 S Second St, La Conner.  
**Exhibit: On the Grid, Structure as Visual Aesthetic.** Through May 28.  
**Skagit County Historical Museum.** 360-466-3365 or [skagitcounty.net/museum](http://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.

## MEETINGS

**Town of La Conner.**  
 204 Douglas St, La Conner. 360-466-3125. Zoom info @ [Townoflaconner.org/calendar](http://Townoflaconner.org/calendar).  
**Planning Commission.** June 6, 6 p.m. at Maple Hall.  
**Arts Commission.** June 8, 10:30 a.m. at Maple Hall.  
**La Conner School District.**  
 Zoom info @ [lcsd.wednet.edu](http://lcsd.wednet.edu).  
**School Board Meeting.** June 12, 1 p.m. at District Office Board Room.  
**Skagit Conservation District.**  
 2021 E. College Way #203, Mt. Vernon. 360-428-4313. Zoom info @ [skagitcd.org](http://skagitcd.org).  
**Board meetings.** Every fourth Wednesday 7:30-9 a.m.  
**Rotary Club of La Conner.**  
[laconnerrotary.org](http://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 Buher's home, 17604 Valentine Rd., Mount Vernon.  
**Little Mountain Gamblers.**  
**Gamblers Anonymous.** Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Senior Center in Mount Vernon. 1401 Cleveland Ave. Any questions, call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous hotline at 855-222-5542.

## ART & THEATRE

**Anacortes Community Theatre.** 918 M Ave, Anacortes. [acttheatre.com](http://acttheatre.com), 360-293-6829.  
**Live Theatre: Singin' In The Rain.** Through May 27. Thurs-Sat 7:30 p.m. and Sun 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online or at door.  
**Museum of Northwest Art.** [monamuseum.org](http://monamuseum.org), 360-466-4446.  
**Teen Art Club.** Fridays twice a month, 3-5 p.m. Free for grades 6-12. Pizza, snacks and art supplies are provided. Find schedule online.

## MUSIC

**Ukelele Fun & Song Circle.**  
 Meet every Wednesday. 1-2 p.m., Burlington Senior Center. For more info, email [yogahearthspace0@gmail.com](mailto:yogahearthspace0@gmail.com).  
**Shelter Bay Chorus.**  
 Meet every Thursday. 4:30-6:30 p.m., Shelter Bay Clubhouse. No auditions required, just a joy for singing. Questions, call Joan 360-941-7507.  
**Lincoln Theatre.**  
 712 S 1st St, Mount Vernon. 360-336-8955. [lincolntheatre.org](http://lincolntheatre.org).  
**Skagit Community Band.**  
**60th Anniversary Concert.** May 26, 7:30 p.m. at Maple Hall. Free admission. Donations accepted. Food and beverages for everyone.

## SERVICE & VOLUNTEER

**La Conner Sunrise Food Bank.** Food distribution every Monday from 2:30-5 p.m. 602 S. 3rd St., La Conner. 360-488-3878. [laconnerfoodbank.com](http://laconnerfoodbank.com).  
**Swinomish Helping Hands Food Bank.** Food distribution every Thursday from 2-5 p.m. Non-essentials every first Thursday. 17444 Sneo Oosh Rd, La Conner. 360-856-2211. [helpinghandsfoodbank.org](http://helpinghandsfoodbank.org).  
**Skagit Valley Humane Society.** 18841 Kelleher Rd, Burlington. 360-757-0445. [skagithumane.org](http://skagithumane.org). Find volunteer/donation opportunities online.  
**Skagit Land Trust.**  
**Barr Creek Work Party.** May 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Barr Creek Conservation Area on Conrad Rd. Sign up at [skagitlandtrust.org](http://skagitlandtrust.org).

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By Patricia Aqimuk Paul, Esq., Food Editor.

## Coonstripe Shrimp

Fresh local seafood is wonderful! I pulled out my largest aluminum bowl to hold the shrimp. Alive, jumping around. I kept them in the bowl until ready to cook. I cooked them immediately. I pulled out my very large canner, to boil the shrimp. I use a Brita water filter to filter the cooking water. I filter the water and add sea salt to the cooking pot. Coonstripe shrimp are sweet and we enjoy them warm. They are cooked whole. The water must cover the shrimp in the cooking pot.



- Ingredients**
- Fresh shrimp, 10 pounds
  - Water, two gallons
  - Sea salt, 1 tbsp
- Preparation**
- Prepare the water first. Add the sea salt and bring to a boil. Add in the shrimp, all at once. Keep the temperature high. Set the timer for one minute. Once done, turn off the burner. Scoop out all the shrimp into a large bowl. I decided into two bowls, to share one. Begin eating right away. Twist off the head and peel the shell. These are sweet enough to eat plain. They will keep in the refrigerator for two days. You can peel and add to salad.
- [AqimuksKitchen@outlook.com](mailto:AqimuksKitchen@outlook.com)

**Live Oak Society**

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- Brenda Weaver

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>DOWN</b>                                  |
| 1 Jacob bought his birthright                          | 1 Many an alimony recipient                  |
| 5 City in Pennsylvania                                 | 2 Sports domes                               |
| 12 Hooting avian                                       | 3 Haul in                                    |
| 15 Factory type  | 4 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance                    |
| 19 Pibb — (soda brand)                                 | 5 Year, in Paris                             |
| 20 Kenya's capital                                     | 6 Pilsners, e.g.                             |
| 21 Foot digit  | 7 Arena section                              |
| 22 Vicinity  | 8 Mined metals                               |
| 23 U.S. president ordering steeds to turn right?       | 9 "Ni-i-ice!"                                |
| 26 Have a strong desire                                | 10 Spurs' gp.                                |
| 27 Ending for cyan                                     | 11 Website for finding homestays             |
| 28 Turns sharply                                       | 12 Lazy or useless                           |
| 29 Winter footwear item                                | 13 Refuses to support                        |
| 30 Styx and The Stones                                 | 14 Table                                     |
| 31 More suspicious                                     | 15 Old Testament prophet                     |
| 33 Inclined positions                                  | 16 Steam locomotive, in old lingo            |
| 35 "Da Ali G Show" star — Baron Cohen                  | 17 Listen supportively                       |
| 36 Taken in food                                       | 18 Dawdles                                   |
| 37 Women's suffragist keeping an apiary?               | 24 Show clearly                              |
| 42 I, to Freud   | 25 Heap affection (on)                       |
| 44 Speak wildly  | 30 Swung sticks                              |
| 45 "Absolutely not!"                                   | 32 Generational treasures                    |
| 46 "Dallas" actress fancying blue birds?               | 33 "— talk?" (Joan Rivers catchphrase)       |
| 53 Lumber tool   | 34 Prefix with discrimination                |
| 54 Underworld  |  |
| 55 Disprove  |  |
| 56 Otherwise called, in brief                          |  |
| 57 Some city planners                                  |  |
| 60 Big, ornate cupboard                                |  |
| 62 Send off  |  |
| 63 Historic time                                       |  |
| 64 Tuskegee University founder steeping beverages?     |  |
| 71 Kitten's call                                       |  |
| 72 Gal pal, in Paris                                   |  |
| 73 Receptacle in a kitchen sink                        |  |
| 75 Trees with very light wood                          |  |
| 78 Performed   |  |
| 79 Car parker  |  |
| 82 Road runner   |  |
| 83 Fruit drink   |  |
| 84 "Hidden Figures" actress growing podded vegetables? |  |
| 87 Placed in a carafe                                  |  |
| 91 "Point taken"                                       |  |
| 92 — Lanka   |  |
| 93 Sci-fi writer going on cruises?                     |  |
| 98 Split-off religions                                 |  |
| 102 New Hampshire city                                 |  |
| 103 Quiet spells                                       |  |
| 104 Govt. aid for a start-up                           |  |
| 106 Ballet dancer's rail                               |  |
| 107 Lamarr of old films                                |  |
| 108 Coup — (overthrow)                                 |  |
| 110 Rosemary player Farrow                             |  |
| 111 "SOS" quartet                                      |  |
| 112 "Gone With the Wind" producer piling up debt?      |  |
| 116 Hog's food   |  |
| 117 "Is" pluralized                                    |  |
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| 119 Have a strong desire                               |  |
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| 122 Deep bows of respect                               |  |
| 123 They precede omegas                                |  |
| 35 — -cone   | 77 Format for presenting films in video form |
| 38 Europe-Asia border river                            | 79 Stamps on passports                       |
| 39 "Don't — didn't warn you!"                          | 80 Copycat                                   |
| 40 Runner or writer Packer                             | 81 Onion relative                            |
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| 43 Israelites  | 85 Jack's hill-climbing partner              |
| 46 Old TV's "— Na Na"                                  | 86 Counterfeit                               |
| 47 Basil or sage                                       | 88 Remedial regimen                          |
| 48 Sailor's saint                                      | 89 Debussy's "Clair de —"                    |
| 49 Razz  | 90 Before, to Browning                       |
| 50 Tibetan monk  | 94 High dice roll                            |
| 51 Pair for the slopes                                 | 95 Quattro carmaker                          |
| 52 Sacred vow  | 96 Astronomer Tombaugh and aviator Cessna    |
| 57 Summits   | 97 Value highly                              |
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| 59 Novelist Hawthorne                                  | 100 Meditative Chinese martial art           |
| 61 Big furniture retailer                              | 101 Some reptiles                            |
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| 65 "And there you have it!"                            | 106 Perch's kin                              |
| 66 Muslim ruler  | 107 Rabbit's kin                             |
| 67 Verdi opera   | 108 Ten: Prefix with discrimination          |
| 68 It's a thought                                      | 109 This, in Spain                           |
| 69 Musical work  | 112 24-hour span                             |
| 70 Post-WWII alliance                                  | 113 Lab eggs                                 |
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by Linda Thistle

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# POLICE BLOTTER

SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Sunday, May 14

**4:00 a.m.: DUI arrest** – A driver was observed crashing his vehicle into other vehicles parked on the street. The driver was stopped by law enforcement and arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Caledonia St., La Conner.

## Monday, May 15

**1:02 p.m.: Hot dog** – A dog was locked in a hot parked car. Town code enforcement was notified to check on the car and dog inside. 1st St., La Conner.

## Thursday, May 18

**7:52 a.m.: Thirsty and stubborn** – Report of a man sitting on the porch

of a property and refusing requests from the owner to leave. Law enforcement contacted the man and gave him water. He then walked off the property. Fir Island Rd., Greater La Conner.

## Saturday, May 20

**4:01 p.m.: Motorcycle hit and run** – A motorcycle rider crashed into an unoccupied parked car. The rider and bike went down to the pavement. The rider picked up the bike and then rode off. He was later contacted by Sheriff's deputies and cited for a hit and run motor vehicle collision. 1st St., La Conner.

# MARINA MOORINGS

Port of Skagit

**Guitar Festival:** This week we had numerous guests who came to La Conner expressly for the La Conner Guitar Festival. Many of them have come before and plan to come again. I can see why! Walking into Maple Hall with all of those incredible pieces of art – guitars of all shapes and sizes – was just breathtaking. It was worth the cost of entry just to walk through the hall, and the shows were a bonus. We had a guitar circle in the RV park two nights in a row and at least one luthier stayed with us as well. We had a few boats visiting for the festival, but the RV park was a busier destination for festival-goers. Regardless, it was a lot of fun.

**Waitlist:** Speaking of the marina, we have waitlists for all slip sizes at the marina. The 30' list is not too long, though, so if you're thinking about getting a slip it is still worth getting on the list. Give us a call or submit your form online and we will call when something opens up.

**Reminder:** One of the things that comes up every year is boat registration renewal. All boat stickers expire on June 30, so be sure to get renewals in the mail early to the state Department of Licensing.

**Boat Maintenance:** Do you ever wonder if that wire is large enough to hold all the electricity it's carrying? Can you really run an anchor windlass off a 12 gauge wire? What's the worst that can happen if you use a wire that's too small? The answer: picture the worst and you are not far wrong. Wires carrying electricity have to shed heat, and undersized wires can literally cause boats to burst into flame. One of the more interesting marine electric sites out there is BoatHowTo.com sponsored by Nigel Calder, who wrote the textbook for many marine electric classes, and Dr. Athenstadt. They have a ton of articles on marine wiring, a wire size calculator (very important!), and even entire courses on the website. Topics like "Lead Acid vs. Lithium-Ion" battery technology may not be everyone's cup of tea, but are certainly of interest to today's boater as electrical systems keep getting more complex. It's a great starting place to look for advice on marine electrical systems before you contact your qualified marine electrician.

See you on the Channel!

— Chris Omdal, harbormaster

# Swimmers

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as Hakenson ran up the nearly 1.3-mile trail to find more help.

"I'm in track," Hakenson said modestly, "but I'm not a long-distance guy."

When he returned to the scene, Hakenson saw the man receiving treatment from paramedics.

"He was responsive," said Hakenson, obviously much relieved.

La Conner High School head track coach Peter Voorhees, who has made community service a team priority, was impressed at how his charges reacted under pressure.

"I'm proud that they responded so well in a really hard situation," Voorhees said.

For Hakenson, his Good Samaritan role was only half



Finn Hakenson

complete. He returned to Whistle Lake the following Monday – a day in which local temperatures flirted with the 80s – and once again came to the rescue.

This time, Hakenson saw a man attempt to dive backward off a cliff above the lake. He didn't

land well.

Hakenson could tell the man needed assistance.

"He was panting, struggling to swim," Hakenson said. "I grabbed an arm and dog-paddled to shore. He looked like a young person, maybe about my age and he could swim, but not very well."

Hakenson has always enjoyed swimming but hasn't received any lifeguard training. His instincts, however, suggest otherwise.

For now, though, he's looking forward to a little less excitement going forward.

"I'm going to SVC in the fall," he said, "and in the meantime I'll keep working in town at the Waterfront Café."

Whether in the classroom or on the job, one thing is certain. Hakenson clearly knows how to keep his head above water.

# Town hall

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density numbers are from the state, which then assigns percentages based on metrics such as affordable housing. This follows the state's Growth Management Act. The metric on affordable housing was added in 2021.

"La Conner is surrounded on three sides by critical farmland and water on the other. We are geographically restricted," said Dole. "Coupeville didn't have that issue and lost their small town vibe." A resident suggested the small town vibe be defined by creating a handbook for developers. It would not have legal

backing, but would be a way to influence developers to respect the town's character.

The group acknowledged that high housing costs are keeping families from buying here. On the other end of that, wealthier outsiders are able to buy "week-end homes," great for demonstrating what a desirable place this is to live, but it means that people are less likely to integrate into the day-to-day community.

Buck Striegel of La Conner said it reminds him of what happened in Carmel-by-the-sea, California, "People born and raised here have to move out. How does the city contain the situation?"

Also discussed during the three hour meeting were the possibil-

ities of building a road to the La Conner Marina to reduce town traffic and increasing capacity to the waste treatment plant per state requirements. A resident brought up multiple examples of empty, dilapidated buildings in town and on the channel, asking what can be done about them.

It is good that the town is engaging with citizens, but it would be better to have representation from more residents, since how we plan today will have a ripple effect on our future. As one person put it, "La Conner is changing. It's changed in the last two years especially." The time for citizens to get more informed and involved is now. One place to start learning more: townoflaconner.org.

GMA information: commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/growth-management-topics/planning-for-housing/updating-gma-housing-elements/.

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