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SUV total loss after farm field fire



ANOTHER NIGHT OF VOLUNTEER WORK – Firefighters from the La Conner (in brown) and Fire District 13 (black) fire departments answered the call last Tuesday night. Working together, they put out the fully enflamed SUV in less than 10 minutes. No one associated with the vehicle was found.

– Photo by Ken Stern

Car fire put out by local fire departments

By Ken Stern

Why an SUV was in a farm field just north of La Conner and who set it on fire last Tuesday night, Nov. 22 remains a mystery, but it is certain that it was totally engulfed in flames by the time Fire District 13 and La Conner fire department trucks arrived about 9:20 p.m. FD 13 responded first to the 911 call and toned out La Conner, requesting assistance. La Conner staff initially took command, FD 13 Chief Wood Weiss reported.

Two Swinomish Tribal Police cars were first on the scene after the fire was called in at 9:16 p.m. The officers provided traffic control on La Conner Whitney Road on both sides of Sullivan Slough. The vehicle was in a farm field about 50 feet in on the west side of the road just north of the slough.

By 9:25 p.m. two firefighters from each department were spraying water on the vehicle, La Conner firefighters on the south side and the FD 13 crew on the north side. Within 10 minutes the fire was out and they stopped

spraying.

Weiss brought the department's tender to supply the two fire trucks with 3,000 gallons more water.

Fire department staff looked in the vehicle and the slough for bodies but there were none. Wood reported no one associated with the vehicle was at the scene and that no license plate was on the vehicle.

A Skagit County Sheriff's Office deputy arrived about 9:53 p.m. Sgt. Beau Montgomery emailed the Weekly News Monday that "No one associated to the vehicle was located around it by law enforcement. Nothing else of evidentiary value was

found on scene. The vehicle was then towed by a tow company."

FD 13 Assistant Chief Avery ran incident command. Weiss assumed command for the wrap-up. He noted La Conner's prompt response, the "excellent effective teamwork exhibited by both districts" and thanked the Swinomish Tribal Police for providing traffic control.

Weiss was right: The vehicle was a total loss. Monday the Sheriff's Office had no information on cause or motive. The Skagit County Fire Marshal's staff were not called to the scene.

306 Center Street permit appeal heard Thursday

By Ken Stern

The final chapter on the fate of Brandon Atkinson's 306 Center Street condominium project opens Thursday with the appeal to stop the project before Town of La Conner Hearing Examiner David Lowell at 2 p.m., a Zoom-only hearing. Residents

Debbie Aldrich and Linda Talman are again presenting their case that Atkinson's conditional use permit must be denied since the town council in 1986 approved a contract rezoning of the property that placed conditions on its future use. Atkinson's one page response relies on Town planner (continued on page 8)

Shelter Bay officers in court Friday for injunction hearing

By Ken Stern

The officers of the Shelter Bay Community board of directors have a hearing in Skagit County Superior Court Friday to contest a preliminary injunction imposing a restraining order against them. The court ordered the hearing when plaintiffs Roberta and Wesley Fontenot filed a motion Nov. 16 against defendants Wendy Poulton, Monte Hicks, Louise Kari and staff they direct. The Fontenots asked for an emergency restraining order, concerned over the safety of funds in Shelter Bay accounts. They asked they court to "mitigate ongoing damage."

The defendants' lawyer filed a motion opposing the temporary restraining order the same day. Their request that the court deny the motion was turned down.

Their attorney, Kyle Rekofke, argued the Fontenots' evidence is speculative, that they "have not established that a real and actual injury will occur;" "have not demonstrated any legal or equitable right individual to themselves, nor have they connected any irreparable harm or immediacy which is required for such extraordinary relief." Rekofke asked the court to have the Fontenots post a \$100,000 bond.

The court denied the bond pending Friday's hearing.

The court was not persuaded by Rekofke's nine

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Shavers wins for LD 10 state rep but recount mandated

By Ken Stern

Democratic challenger Clyde Shavers, a political newcomer and recent returnee to Oak Harbor, has beaten State Rep. Greg Gilday (R-Camano Island) for state legislative district 10 State Representative Position 1. His 182 vote victory, 0.24%, with 50.05% of votes in the three-county district, triggers a mandatory recount since less than 0.5% separates the candidates.

Shavers gained 17 votes in the Skagit County LD 10 precincts and three more in Snohomish County precincts in that county's final count Monday. Skagit County's last 25 ballots were counted Tuesday, when all counties certified the Nov. 8 election results.

Shavers narrow victory was almost certainly a result of the Nov. 1 criticism of Shavers father, that his son badly misrepresented his Navy service experience. Shavers won the August primary by 2,000 votes.

Gilday won Snohomish County by over 4,150 votes, twice his August margin. But Shavers gained more votes in Island and Skagit counties. He took 56.5% of the Skagit County vote.

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Another heartwarming Waterfront Café community Thanksgiving meal

By Bill Reynolds

After more than a decade, the Waterfront Café has a tried-and-true recipe for its popular annual community Thanksgiving meals.

But this year a new ingredient was added to the mix – outdoor dining.

La Conner was greeted with bright sunshine and unseasonably balmy weather last Thursday, leading numerous diners to enjoy their traditional turkey-and-fixin's and beverages on the café's deck overlooking Swinomish Channel.

"I can't remember it ever being warm enough outside for people to eat out on the deck," recalled longtime volunteer server Jaime Stroebel-Reinstra.

For years owners Guy and Marla Vallee, Chef Dagmar, and the café staff and its loyal corps of volunteers have generated plenty of warmth inside by preparing and serving a no-charge Thanksgiving dinner for locals and long-distance travelers alike.

"This is the best Thanksgiving thing we've ever done," Guy Vallee, a veteran restaurateur, said. "You can feel the vibe here. So many places are closed on Thanksgiving, so there aren't a lot of places for people to go if they're on the

road and away from family."

Many, too, are regulars. They show up for good food, fellowship and the opportunity to donate to the charitable causes the dinners support.

While the meals of turkey, potatoes, stuffing, corn and dessert, were free, Marla Vallee said diners pitched in over \$2,500 that will be donated to the La Conner Sunrise Food Bank and NOAH, a nonprofit animal adoption center and spay and neuter clinic in Stanwood. That included \$100 that came late from someone unable to attend.

"We have people who've been coming here for the last 10 years," Vallee told the Weekly News.

A healthy mix of La Conner area residents and visitors gathered at the downtown restaurant.

"Skagit Community Action posted the four places in the county where free Thanksgiving dinners were being served and we were the only one that's a restaurant," said Vallee, alluding to the out-of-town diners.

Brysen Russell of Naples, Florida was one. From a sunny spot on the deck he quipped that he was here for the weather.

The many long-term volunteers

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SUNNY OUTLOOK – Last Thursday's weather was so pleasant that diners at the annual Waterfront Cafe Community Thanksgiving Dinner chose to take their meals and beverages on the outdoor deck overlooking Swinomish Channel. Among those doing so was Brysen Russell, center, of Naples, Florida, who truly must've felt like he was home for the holiday.

– Photo by Bill Reynolds

From the editor —

Greetings from your community newspaper

Happy holiday season! Along with lights, trees and lawn displays comes this more recent tradition: the annual La Conner Weekly News subscription drive. These next three weeks your community newspaper will be delivered to every address in our local school district. Friends, neighbors and relatives of subscribers are invited to join the close to 900 households in greater La Conner who have decided that they are better off — and the community itself benefits — by their investment in their subscription to their local newspaper.

This is their — your — local newspaper. Everyone reading this editorial and taking the time to page through each week's issue is doing an increasingly rare thing. Several rare things, actually.

Each reader is self-identifying herself or himself as a member of this community. More: you are saying this community matters to me, in the same way that parents whose kids are grown, or retirees whose kids grew up elsewhere, come out for the high school basketball game or Rotary Santa Pancake Breakfast or Gilkey Square Christmas tree lighting.

When you read the Weekly News you get more details on the July 4th and Halloween parades even if your kids attended or their photos are on page 1.

When you subscribe to the Weekly News you are proving that the community matters to you, whether your live in Shelter Bay or Pleasant Ridge or the Swinomish Reservation.

When you take the time to read each week's issue, whether you are in front of the fire, on the back deck, in bed or on your boat, you are taking a bit of time to pause and hopefully to think and reflect about specific, local reasons why this area and community are important to you.

When you take the Weekly News out of your mailbox every week you are doing that odd democratic thing: you are in relationship with an independent, community-focused, locally-sourced newspaper. You are keeping your finger on the pulse of things large and small around you. You are doing something that your grandparents almost certainly did but it is questionable if your grandkids will.

In various ways, some as obvious as the boat parade and others as mysterious as a Glen Johnson letter on page 2, you are agreeing to be a stitch in the fabric holding your community together.

Many subscribers will tell you that the Weekly News is a part of their lives. I thank them for their attention, time and responsible participation in the community. That they give gifts of the paper is both generous and meaningful. That you, neighbors and friends, might join them will be better for all of us and strengthen the bond of community.

I hope you will.

— Ken Stern

U.S. cannot drill, frack and pump its way to oil independence

By Greg Whiting

The United States can become energy independent. We can develop an energy infrastructure with stable prices low enough to support a modern, growing society.

Although much of the discussion about energy independence revolves around increasing U.S. oil production, doing so is not sufficient to achieve America's energy independence goals. Increased domestic oil production cannot result in long-term low, stable oil prices.

American production cannot stabilize oil prices, no matter how much oil the U.S. produces. Oil is a global commodity. Its price reacts to supply and demand elsewhere, in the volatile and unpredictable manner characteristic of all commodities. OPEC and its allied countries can also simply choose to destabilize oil prices instantly, by withholding supply for economic or political reasons.

Increased U.S. production can help constrain the oil price (if other governments, or higher foreign demand, does not cause higher prices), but increased U.S. production cannot stabilize the price at a low level. Technology improvements like deep offshore drilling, oil sands refining, polymer injection and hydraulic fracturing have improved our ability to find and extract oil. Unlimited American drilling, fracking and pipeline construction do tend to lower oil prices. Oil production here has increased more than many people thought possible and could increase further.

However, advanced oil technologies are expensive. High cost



producers have to make money to produce oil. The U.S. fracking industry nearly went bankrupt in its entirety when the oil price fell below \$60 a barrel for a few weeks during early COVID-19 lockdowns. Discussion within the industry suggests that financing for new fracking will likely require sustained prices around \$80 a barrel. Therefore, even the removal of all regulatory constraints on the U.S. oil industry wouldn't keep the long-term oil price significantly below that level.

High oil production and delivery costs are not limited to the U.S. Globally, inexpensive oil — i.e., light, low-sulfur oil in shallow fields on easily accessible land, with high gas pressure in the geological formation — has already been found and extracted. Much discussion of theoretical new U.S. production is centered on deep offshore wells and Alaska. If exploration was successful, development would have high costs.

Everywhere, new oil is becoming harder and more expensive to find, extract and deliver from new fields even when exploration is successful. For example, production from Russia's west Siberian fields is declining. Russia anticipates moving its oil production to the high Arctic. To do so, Russia needs to invest

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LETTERS

Art's Alive a success

Art's Alive! 2022 wishes to thank the townspeople of La Conner for their continuing support of the fine arts show.

Our town attended this year's Art's Alive! in record numbers. Many were inspired by the perfect pieces of art now gracing their homes and businesses and we appreciate their critical eye and support.

Other support came from La Conner artists. Not only was their art acquired, but local artists were the resounding People's Choice Awards winners — Coizie Bettinger, Keith Clements, Margaret Arnett and Mark Bistranin. Thank you.

There are 34 very special people who volunteer to bring this art show to our town. Some volunteer throughout the year and others for one day, but each is critical to the art experience Art's Alive! brings each year. For sharing their time and talents, we are grateful.

In this, its 37th year, Art's Alive! welcomed more visitors than ever before, with 1,900 guests. They represented three countries, 16 states and 15 Washington counties. Again, thank you, all, for your support of Art's Alive!

With appreciation,
Sheila Johnson
La Conner Arts Foundation

Town issues list

Dear Friends,

I would like to provide an update for town issues from my side of the table.

Regarding the north end issue, an appeal of the 306 Center Street project permit is working its way through the steps in the process. The issues are the Contract Rezone which was not honored and the Administrative Determination that we perceive to have errors. The oral arguments are Dec. 1. These arguments are the second last step.

Code: Code change suggestions are being sent or already have been sent to the planner to be placed on the docket for 2023 discussion and review. This is the only window of opportunity to submit ideas. This is why we wanted to have the Planning Commission be willing to provide times in their meetings so that people can talk with them, but the chat isn't required. And the council was opposed. The window for submission closes on January 31. I have no idea what has already been submitted to the planner because it is not shared.

It should be.

Trees: A wish list. Trees produce a cooling effect and give habitat to birds. Our home doesn't need air conditioning because of the trees here. Trees are protected in the Historic Preservation District. The rest of town is not protected and trees are disappearing. I hope that a group can be formed to identify special trees and consider how to encourage their protection.

Non-motorized transit, e.g. bikes and pedestrians. Also EV chargers. Another wishlist. We aren't doing well with this category and need to figure ways to improve — for health reasons, for habitat and to make us less reliant on fossil fuels.

Citizen action: The next council meeting is Dec. 13. Pack the room! See you there.

Thanks for your interest. I love hearing from you when I see you on the streets! All questions are welcome.

Cheery,
Linda Talman
La Conner

If I ran the zoo

By MEL DAMSKI



Okay, are you sitting down? You are about to be very surprised by what this progressive liberal is about to say.

I am very much in favor of the death penalty for murderers who are absolutely guilty of their crimes.

Mark David Chapman murdered John Lennon in 1980 as Lennon was walking into his apartment at The Dakota in Manhattan. Chapman remained at the scene reading J.D. Salinger's novel "The Catcher in the Rye" until he was arrested by police. Chapman is still alive. He has been interviewed by Barbara Walters and Larry King and given a tremendous amount of media attention.

Sirhan Sirhan shot Robert Kennedy, brother of John F. Kennedy, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, in 1968, Sirhan was an Arab Christian born in Jerusalem and was incensed by Kennedy's support of Israel in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Sirhan Sirhan was granted parole by a two-person panel in California this year, but Governor Gavin Newsom blocked Sirhan's release.

James Earl Ray pled guilty to assassinating Martin Luther King Jr., then recanted his plea. His death came after he spent nearly 30 years vainly attempting the right to what he considered a fair trial although he did not deny he was the killer.

There have been unsuccessful assassination attempts against Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

And so many killings of innocent ordinary people, with the numbers rising as gun violence continues to rise in America.

I truly believe that a great motivation to assassinate a famous person is to bring attention to yourself. The assassins have become famous and are allowed to live out their lives under a spotlight.

I believe that any kind of murderers, famous or not, should be sentenced to death if there is absolutely no doubt that they were the killers and it was not in self-defense. No fame, no glory, no lifetime reading books, meeting with others, continuing to be in the spotlight.

I could be wrong but I strongly believe that there would be less assassinations and cold blooded murders if they got much less attention and were immediately executed after their trial.

Urban sprawl from rural rezoning

The spot re-zone being requested by Bertlesen Farm LLC on sixty acres north of its winery on Starbird Road is what leads to urban sprawl as urban services are extended to rural land. Both the Growth Management Act and Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan were created by citizens and planners to stop sprawl. The goal is to not end up as Lynnwood everywhere. Be clear that the zoning request is not "like" the winery to the south — it includes a gas station, general store, campground, farmers market, equipment rental business, dog park, etc.

To get a little technical, the re-zone request out of rural reserve is for something new called a "LAMRID" (Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development), which are supposed to be small and consistent with rural landscapes, economies and services. But, this not-small development would require extension of urban governmental services, including water, road upgrades, stormwater management, additional fire and police protection; and next? A request for a sub-division, since all is in place.

This is an attempt to inappropriately convert undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density development. In addition to handwringing, you might ask the County for a land use assessment report that includes any "LAMRIDS" so we can see where sprawl gets its start. There are also zones called "small scale recreation and tourism zones," but they don't allow residential development and certainly don't allow a project of this size. Stop it already!

If you want to learn more or comment or complain, write to the Skagit County Planning Commission: pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us or Friends of Skagit County, skye@cnw.com, among others.
Jaye Stover
Burlington

Meal. . . (from page 1)

included Town Fire Chief Aaron Reinstra and La Conner Hook & Ladder members.

"Most everybody has been here for years," Guy Vallee said, "and they always come back to volunteer."

He singled out the Reinstra family connection.

"We raised money for Ashlyn Reinstra when she had leukemia," Vallee recalled. "Ever since then they have been a big part of this."

Vallee said Ashlyn Reinstra, a former high school and college soccer standout now in the health care field, frequently returns to fill shifts at the Waterfront Café.

"She works here during tulips and sometimes in the summer," he said. "She's like family."

Another key volunteer, realtor Angie Bassarte, was serving when a second rush of diners arrived around 1:30 p.m.

"I always look forward to coming in and helping out," she said between taking meal orders.

One familiar face was missing, however. Bill Stokes, a former town council member, was out of town and not able to bring homemade pies.

"God bless him," Guy Vallee said. "He has poured his love into this. He's been so diligent about it. He even picked the berries himself that he used to bake the pies."

With what they call their "lucky 13th" community Thanksgiving dinner behind them, the Vallees are already looking forward to next year's turkey day.

"We'd rather do this on Thanksgiving," explained Guy Vallee, "than just sit around the house."

People from all corners of Skagit County and beyond could not be happier that the couple's healthy appetite for public service remains intact.

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Nov. 22 town council meeting

No 'Love La Conner' sign at Gilkey Square

By Bill Reynolds

A colorful Love La Conner "selfie station" at Gilkey Square is an idea whose time has come. And gone.

That was the unanimous sentiment expressed by La Conner Town Council last week. At their Nov. 22 hybrid meeting, members nixed the design for a marketing icon at the downtown waterfront location, saying the timing is no longer right for such promotional signage.

"It was conceived during COVID-19," Councilmember Rick Dole explained. "La Conner was empty during what would have been the height of tourist season. We've passed the worst of times. Its time has probably come and gone."

The sign's estimated \$20,000 price tag was covered by hotel-motel tax revenues, earmarked for tourism promotion.

Dole's assessment defined the consensus Council response to a power point presentation by John Leaver and John Durgin promoting a design of a structure standing shorter than four feet and comprised of flower boxes and local images extending about five feet in length. It is based on "Love La Conner" signage placed by the Chamber of Commerce was well received during the pandemic.

Leaver gained funding approval for a larger structure in 2021. Durgin, co-owns Katy's Inn, "Social media is a big deal,"

said Durgin. "This is what people do these days."

The two had obtained signatures of nearly three dozen members of the La Conner business community.

A group of residents maintained their objections.

Photographer Nancy Crowell read a letter from library board member Jim Airy. He termed it a "wrongheaded project" and "promotional cliché" and suggested the funds be used for street fairs and related public events rather than "a gimmick that doesn't fit the setting."

Maggie Wilder, reading from a letter signed by herself and three other residents associated with the La Conner arts community, called it an "ill-conceived project" that "detracts from La Conner's image."

Resident Chris McCarthy said it would be better to use the funds to educate the public on what the community has to offer and enhance safety features for tourists like improved sidewalks and lighting as opposed to investing in a sign she called "so dated and so commercial."

Councilmember Ivan Carlson agreed the promotional moment had passed.

Councilmember Annie Taylor agreed that safety should be prioritized and wondered if wall murals might be a better option for local tourism promotion.

"I don't know," Taylor said. "We've got to come up with something else. This is not it."

Other discussion

Mayor Ramon Hayes asked that attendees observe a moment of silence for the four slain University of Idaho students. He said that Jim and Stacy Chapin, the parents of one of the victims, Ethan Chapin, who grew up in Conway and graduated from Mount Vernon High School, are now La Conner residents.

Dole said the next in a series of Council communications committee town hall meetings is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 21. It will be at the La Conner Retirement Inn. "We want the residents of the Retirement Inn involved," said Dole.

Town Finance Director Maria DeGoede said "not a whole lot of changes" have been made to the 2023 budget. She and Public Works Director Brian Lease reported Maple Hall is in dire need of a new heating/cooling system. The system, which dates to the late 1990s, required \$4,000 in repairs last year, Lease said.

Estimated cost of a new system is \$85,000. "Can we squeeze one more year out of the present system?" Dole asked. "We did that this year," Lease responded.

"It's not a crisis," assured Hayes, "but we do have to be selective on what we fund and how we do it." Hayes has said the Town is facing major long-term infrastructure expenses, including replacement of the Skagit Beach water line at Channel Drive and mandated upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant.

Swinomish lands major grant for port projects

By Bill Reynolds

The future is now for the fledgling Port of Swinomish.

The tribal port authority, created just two years ago, was awarded an \$11 million federal grant in October that will fast track its long-range goals by a decade, according to Swinomish Port Commission Chair J.J. Wilbur. He shared a glimpse of more immediate goals.

"We are going to hire a consultant very soon to help advocate with state, federal and local agencies and continue to pursue funding opportunities," Wilbur told the Weekly News.

"We are also in the process of hiring a harbormaster," added Wilbur. "The position has been posted for some time. We're hoping to find someone soon."

The grant is through the Port Infrastructure Development Program part of this year's infrastructure bill. Projects include a boat ramp construction project and a Port Master Plan, design and construction of a boat launch with gear and storage space, design and engineering upgrades to an existing commercial pier and replacement of moorage floats.

Wilbur said the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community had anticipated waiting years to see those projects funded.

"With this grant," Wilbur said in a release to the media, "we can begin to put our vision into action for our community."

Wilbur praised Swinomish Director of Land Management Elissa Kalla for her work on the application.

The Swinomish Port Commission was created last year and since then has teamed with tribal staff and other organizations to draft designs for the initial phase of work toward enhancing waterfront infrastructure, maritime economic development and the Swinomish fishing fleet.

Wilbur said it is his understanding Swinomish has one of the few tribal port districts in the nation. The grant will help achieve the ultimate goal of developing a regional port facility.

Input from members of the Swinomish fishing fleet is being sought to further assess future needs, he indicated.

Wilbur pointed to past successful tribal long-range development plans, such as those unveiled in the 1980s for the north end of Swinomish Channel, by late Senator Susan Edwards Wilbur and other tribal leaders.

"Susan and our senate have had a history of being great long-term visionaries," he said. "There's lots of work to continue to do on behalf of our growing community."

Art's Alive 2022 a great success

Some 1,900 people viewed fine art in Maple Hall Nov. 11-14 during La Conner's 37th annual Art's Alive! Forty-seven art pieces sold, generating \$50,000, including donations. Maggie

Wilder sold eight paintings and Janie Olsen and Ria Harboe each sold six.

The La Conner Arts Foundation manages Art's Alive for the Town of La Conner.

Marina visioning open house Thursday

The public is invited to attend an open house hosted by the Port of Skagit Dec. 1 to share ideas and learn more about the vision and goals for redeveloping the La Conner Marina. Port staff welcome feedback from the com-

munity as the Port looks at the future of the 13 acre commercially-zoned parcel in the center of the La Conner Marina property.

The open house is 4-6 p.m. at the Swinomish Yacht Club
Source: Port of Skagit

Order free at-home COVID-19 tests

Order up to 10 free at-home COVID-19 test kits through the "Say Yes, COVID Test" program. Upper respiratory illness season is approaching its peak just as families gather for the holidays. At-home tests may help protect your loved ones, providing results in just a few minutes. Order today for November and again in December. The program ends Dec. 31.

Order at: sayyescovidhometest.org.

Giving Tree at Edward Jones

La Conner Kiwanis and the local Edward Jones office are again collaborating to bring a bit of holiday cheer to the less fortunate children of La Conner and the Skagit Valley. A Giving Tree is in Scott Price's office, 708 Morris Street. Tags for La Conner families are available, if people want to give to specific needs. Or, bring toys for the

Forgotten Children's Fund, for Skagit families. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wrapped packages for the La Conner students must include the tag from the tree and be returned by 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Toys for the Forgotten Children's Fund deadline is Dec. 22.

Source: La Conner Kiwanis

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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@skagitshamc.org.

OPEN HOUSE

La Conner Marina Visioning Open House

The community is invited to ask questions and provide input on the redevelopment of the La Conner Marina, and learn about the Port of Skagit's goals and priorities.

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at Swinomish Yacht Club

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New Lady Braves hoop coach plans fun and fundamentals

By Bill Reynolds

Succeeding a Hall of Fame coach is a tall order, but fortunately for the La Conner High School girls' basketball program new mentor Joe Harper stands 6'-5".

He takes over from Scott Novak, who guided teams to multiple state tournament appearances and trophy finishes during three decades. For much of his tenure here he coached the Braves and Lady Braves simultaneously.

Novak, a 2015 state coaches Hall of Fame inductee, remains on the faculty. His longtime protégé and coaching assistant, Dustin Swanson, has moved on to lead the 3A Stanwood High School girls' team.

Harper and his assistants have only praise for Novak and Swanson.

"One thing we want to stress," Harper said, "is that we appreciate everything Scott and Dustin have done for this program."

That includes not having left an empty cupboard.

Harper inherits senior post Ellie Marble and guard-forward Josie Harper, the coach's daughter.

She led Skagit County in scoring as a sophomore. Their team placed fourth at the 2022 Hardwood Classic and defeated foes from the 1B-4A ranks on the road to Spokane.

Harper expects senior Kennedy Miller and underclassmen Shaniquah Casey and Maeve McCormick to be significant contributors. He is hopeful that 6'-2" Makayla Herrera, who played on La Conner's 2020 state runner-up team as a freshman, will return as a force in the paint.

The team provided a brief snapshot of what fans can expect this season during a two-game set at Lynden last summer. La

Conner blew out 3A Sehome and tied defending state 1A champion Lynden Christian. There was no overtime period, but Marble scored a game-high 32 points. Harper added 18.

Coach Harper will build on that experience, crafting an offense that allows players to improvise if set plays break down.

"I'm an encouraging coach," Harper said. "I want everyone to be able to make decisions on the court. I want to let the girls play."

He envisions Marble being the hub of the attack.

"I see a big role for Ellie," he said. "The ball will definitely go through her."

Josie Harper will stretch defenses, taking pressure off Marble.

"Josie has a pass-first mentality," said coach Harper, "but she also shoots over 40% on three-pointers."

He anticipates playing an up-tempo pace, allowing the Lady Braves to go with deeper rotations while building roster depth.

La Conner will intentionally play a challenging schedule, facing six 4A programs in Skyline, Jackson, Kamiak, Sky View, Kentwood and Union High of Vancouver, WA.

"A lot of those games will be around mid-season," said Harper. "Playing tough opponents should make us a better team and prepare us for post-season."

Harper plans to include thematic nights at Landy James Gym. His idea is to schedule a Native American Night, Alumni Night and Youth Night at the very least.

"We want to maximize community involvement," said Harper, a regional vice-president for Genie, the company that manufactures work lifts and construction platforms.

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Kiwanis Club October students of the month



Eleanor Drews



Iris Turner



Desmond Miller

The Kiwanis Club of La Conner High School Student of the Month for October was Eleanor Drews. Laurel Strong is Eleanor's parent. Eleanor is a senior and is active in the drama club, cheerleading and Green Club. Outside of school she enjoys reading, baking and singing. After graduation Eleanor would like to study biology and theatre. She hopes to continue

on to veterinary school to get her DVM.

Middle School Student of the Month for October was Iris Turner. Her parents are Logan Turner and Erica Johnson. She is in eighth grade. Iris enjoys her science and social studies classes. She also plays soccer. After graduation she would like to attend college.

The Elementary School Student

of the Month for October is Desmond Miller. Desmond's parents are Sean and Nicole Miller. He is in fifth grade. Desmond enjoys PE. Outside of school he plays video games with friends. He also enjoys camping, fishing and swimming with his family. He would like to pursue a degree in engineering.

Source: Kiwanis Club of La Conner

Joslin James November student Soroptimist

Joslin James, a senior at La Conner High School, is the Soroptimist of La Conner Honored Student of the Month for November. Joslin is the granddaughter of Barb James, a Swinomish Senator, and Bruce James Sr; and the daughter of Sonny and Lana Fornsby James. The Jameses are a Canoe Family at Swinomish. It is not surprising then that Joslin is also very involved in Swinomish culture.

James participates with the Swinomish Canoe Family dancers. The group performs in their regalia at school, pow wows, and Swinomish Days and trains under Aurelia Washington's guidance for the dances and regalia (the clothes people wear for cultural events). When Indigenous Culture Day was celebrated at the school Swinomish kids of all ages, some wearing regalia, participated in the gym.

James's younger brother Chas is also a dancer but is in the



Joslin James

Warrior category. Culture night is something that James also participates in. Culture night is for families – young and old. The purpose is to hold on to tradition.

Cheer is a school activity that James enjoys very much and one that she will miss a lot when she goes on to the next part of her life after graduation. She plans to go on to beauty school and specialize

in extensions. And she will likely continue to go crabbing with her dad and her uncles – an activity that requires strength and agility along with knowledge of the waters around here and a willingness to bait the traps.

We wish James an eagle sighting every day she is out.

Vintage La Conner will award Joslyn a gift certificate to use at their volunteer run store, the proceeds of which support women and girls in the community, primarily with scholarships but also with special needs as they arise.

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Source: La Conner Soroptimists

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Christmas kicks off this weekend

By Marissa Conklin

The Christmas season has arrived along with a variety of holiday events La Connerites can participate in this December. First on that list is the Festival of Tiny Trees silent auction at the La Conner Swinomish Library on Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Participants can enjoy refreshments, including wine and hard cider, and bid to buy their favorite tiny decorated holiday tree. You can preview the trees at the library until Friday and sign-up at the library or WaFd Bank on Morris Street.

The following day, Dec. 3, is the Santa Breakfast, presented by the Rotary Club and La Conner United. Breakfast will be served from 8-11 a.m. at Maple Hall. Adults are \$7 and children are \$3. There will be photo opportunities with Santa. Bring your camera.

Stay in Maple Hall for the Holiday Craft Show, sponsored by La Conner Kiwanis and La Conner United, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum will have an open house.

Stroll down to the Museum of Northwest Art for their holiday open house, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the museum gift store, also Dec. 3. There will be gifts for all ages, live music with Ford Giesbrecht, refreshments and more.

Children and elders will gather at Gilkey Square at 5 p.m., waiting for Santa's arrival and his lighting of the town's Christmas tree.

On Dec. 3-4, an early 1900s themed "La Conner Christmas Past" will take place downtown. Locals and tourists are encouraged to dress in turn-of-the-century costumes and participate in holiday festivities. There will be music, carolers, shopping, dining and an elf hunt.

Book review —

Paul Newman's life, as he told it

By Terri Schlichenmeyer, *The Bookworm*

The eyes must've been two feet tall. And they were looking right at you.

For a minute, you imagined that they were following you as you sat eating buttery popcorn in a darkened room. And that was your introduction to the work of a man you loved more with every movie he made. Now meet Paul Newman in his memoir, "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man" and follow him.

In the fall of 1986, Newman sat down with "a dear friend" and they began a series of recordings of Newman's thoughts on his life. Volunteers and family made transcripts and the project grew, then disappeared when he died in 2008.

In 2019, it was found and the family decided "to finish what was started."

Newman began his story with surprising bitterness. His family was well-to-do, but the sounds of "constant warfare" filled the home; his father seemed trapped in a life he did not want, his mother was a "suspicious" person. Newman "began to feel like an outcast."

It didn't help that he was scrawny as a teen and was obsessed with girls. That preoccupation continued when he was drafted and entered the Navy. He came home from World War II with romantic experience and immediately enrolled at a non-coed college, which he says was a mistake. It reignited his obsession with women.

It was there that he auditioned for a part in a play and discovered acting.

Readers will have to look hard to find any bragging in this book, which is refreshing but

also rather curious: Newman-the-heartthrob was reticent about the details of his love life. Still, he shares keen memories of meeting and falling in love with Joann Woodward when he was still married to Jackie Witte, a woman he loved and respected. They had children, but "Joanne gave birth to a sexual creature."

Fame, for Newman, was "a dream and a nightmare at the same time." He admired the steely professionalism of Elizabeth Taylor; loved being a parent, but seemed slightly baffled by it; drank too much and he knew it. And, surprisingly, he said, "I never enjoyed acting."

To say that "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man" is like eavesdropping on your favorite celebrity is not going far enough. This book is like having drinks in an overseas pub with him and he doesn't think you know who he is.

An unguarded attitude is apparent from the very beginning of author Paul Newman's part of this book; there are other points-of-view scattered about here, but Newman is the star. In his own words, we get a story, nothing glossy, no hogwash, straight facts, emotions and a near-total lack of varnish that's shocking in its nakedness. That's something you don't expect in a book about Hollywood.

Also don't expect unnecessary names in "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man," because it's not that kind of memoir. It's humble, but honest; charming, with an I-don't-care-what-you-think attitude. And if you're wondering if you'd like that kind of book, the eyes have it.



Library Happenings

By Jean Markert, *La Conner Swinomish Library director*

In this season of Thanksgiving, the library has so many things to be thankful for. We are extremely thankful for the amazing community volunteers and school district partners who helped us move our books into the new library. Every single book in our library was moved here by someone from our community. We feel extremely fortunate to have so many people who support our library.

We are also thankful that we are open and can welcome everyone into our new space. Our children's tugboat area has been very popular with both kids and adults. It is the perfect place to come in and enjoy a story with one of our story buddies, play with our toys or build a puzzle. We are thankful to have so many kids and parents coming in to enjoy our tugboat.

If you haven't made it in yet, remember as the days turn dark and stormy, the library is the perfect place to settle in read a book, work on your laptop, build a puzzle or discover a fun new game. We have something for everyone to enjoy and we look forward to welcoming you in.

As the holidays approach, come join us for these fun events: Every Friday from 11-11:30 a.m. we have story time in the tugboat. This is a great time for kids to listen to a story. Katryna has great stories and fun activities for kids. This is also a perfect time for parents to connect while the kids are busy listening to their story.

Friday, Dec. 2, the library will host the annual tiny trees auction. Everyone 21 and older is invited to join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for sparkling wine or cider, light appetizers and a chance to bid on one of our fabulous tiny trees. The festive trees will be on display in the library from Nov. 28 until the auction Dec. 3.

Santa will visit the library on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 5-7 p.m. Come do a fun craft and listen to Santa read the "The Night Before Christmas." You will even have a chance to get your picture taken with Santa and to tell him what you want for Christmas!

Kids, need something fun to do after Christmas? Come on Dec. 28 at 1 p.m., have some fun, eat snacks and learn how you can ride the bus for free! This is going to be a fun party.

Don't want to stay up until midnight? Kick off the New Year at the library with Noon Year's Eve on Saturday, Dec. 31 11-12 p.m.. We will have fun crafts, snacks and just before noon we will count down to Noon Year! Come have fun and make some noise to ring in the Noon Year!

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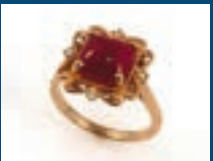
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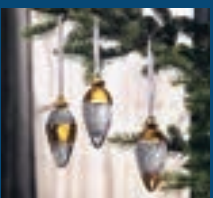
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Hearing . . .

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page brief criticizing the motion for "blatant procedural rule violations."
He argued that the accusation these board members misused funds will "cause them immense reputational harm."
All issues will be presented at the oral hearing.
The complaint the Fontenots filed in Superior Court Nov. 7 asked for "damages arising from legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, assault, defamation, and intentional infliction of emotional distress, including but not limited to incidental and consequential damages,

in an amount to be proven at time of trial." Shelter Bay attorney Philip Buri is accused of "intentionally providing incorrect legal advice to the Board in order to assist them in violating their fiduciary duties to the residents of SBC Inc."
The officers, including Joe Hurley and Elaine Dixon, and former board members Steve Swigert and Jack Galbraith, president in 2021-2022, are also listed on the complaint.
Board member Judy Kontos, elected in May by Shelter Bay residents, filed a nine page, 26 point declaration in support of the Fontenots with the court Nov. 15.

Wins . . .

(from page 1)
The 10th legislative district covers Island County, the southwestern portion of Skagit County and the northeast corner of Snohomish County.
Only two races changed significantly in Skagit County. Corrin Hamburg won the Position 3 Public Utility District Commissioner race with 51.1% of the vote against incumbent Germaine Kornegay after trailing the first week of counting.

For Secretary of State, Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson beat Steve Hobbs here. Hobbs also led the first week, but Nov. 15 Anderson took the lead. She won Skagit County by some 1,890 votes, 48%, and the Republican write-in took 7.4% of the vote. Hobbs won statewide with 49.8%.
Winning candidates in all other Skagit County and statewide elections were decided on election night, except for the final totals.
All elections will be certified by the Secretary of State's office Dec. 8.

Energy . . .

(from page 2)
in new, expensive Arctic roads, rail lines, pipelines, ports and cities for support personnel. If the Russian government starts building infrastructure instead of buying tanks for Ukrainian farmers, Russian oil production may stay high, but Russian production costs will increase.
Even Saudi Arabia, after decades of production, is seeing increased costs as gas pressures in its oil fields fall. This increases the amount of energy that has to be used to keep oil flowing.
Finally, demand is relevant. If global oil demand grows or even stabilizes, prices will go up, because supply growth is constrained and new supplies are expensive. If global demand falls, prices will fall – but only so far, because at low prices, expensive producers like U.S. frackers and Canadian tar sands operators cannot make money.
Energy independence cannot be achieved through U.S. oil production. Next time, I will talk about how U.S. energy independence can be achieved.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF LA CONNER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2023 FINAL BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Final Budget of the Town of La Conner has been filed with the Town Clerk and that a copy will be furnished to any citizen who requests it from the Clerk's office. A public hearing will be held on the 2023 Final Budget during the regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Located at 204 Commercial Street (Upper Maple Center) or via Zoom. Information to join will be published in the La Conner Weekly News and on the Town Website. At this time any citizen may appear and be heard in favor or against any part of the 2023 Budget Ordinance.
Maria DeGoede, Finance Director
Published in the La Conner Weekly News Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 2022.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SKAGIT IN PROBATE No. 22-4-00577-29 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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Answers to November 30 puzzles

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Estate of MILDRED JUNE LANDRY, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of CARMELIA ANN THOMPSON. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT of the State of Washington in and for the County of King. In the Matter of the Estate of Carmelia Ann Thompson, Deceased. No. 22-4-07570-5 KNT Probate Notice to Creditors. (RCW 11.40.030).
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as the Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication: 11/23/2022
Personal Representative: Kimberley Anne Thompson
Attorney for Personal Representative: MICHAEL SAFREN, WSBA # 46377
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King County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-07570-5 KNT
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Plaintiff, Moe Brothers, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, Craig E. Cammoch 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:
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Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.
DATED this 26 day of October, 2022.
SKAGIT LAW GROUP, PLLC by CRAIG E. CAMMOCH, WSBA #24185 Attorney for Plaintiff
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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: No. 22-2-00832-29 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF KING Estate of: JUDITH LEE CROSS, Deceased. No. 22-4-07206-4 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
The Personal Representative named below Personal Representative has been appointed and has qualified as the 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: (1) 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 (2) 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

SUPERIOR COURT 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. Cammoch 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:
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POLICE BLOTTER

SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sunday, November 20
10:19 a.m.: Attempted truck theft arrested – A female suspect attempted to steal a truck from a residential driveway. The suspect ran off when confronted by the homeowner. She was later located and arrested by deputies for attempted vehicle theft and warrants. She was booked into the Skagit County Jail. McLean Rd., Greater La Conner.

1:16 p.m.: Not enough room – Non-injury collision from two trucks passing each other and hitting mirrors. Report of minor damage to the trucks. 1st St., La Conner.

Monday, November 21
11:30 a.m.: Abandoned truck – A truck was left at this location after it was involved in a collision on Maple Street days prior. The truck owner was contacted, and he came and recovered the vehicle. Park St., La Conner.

3:12 p.m.: Online bank fraud – An online banking scam was reported where a fraudulent subject took over the victim's bank account and

claimed they deposited 16k into the account by mistake. The fraudster then requested the victim wire back \$15,500 to them but could keep the extra \$500. It was later determined all funds came from the victim's account. 1st St., La Conner.

Tuesday, November 22
1:31 p.m.: Gun shots – Report of gun shots heard in the field to the east. The shooting was coming from hunters in the field. South Basin St., La Conner.

9:16 p.m.: Car on fire – FD 13 and La Conner fire departments responded to an unoccupied SUV on fire in a field just north of the roundabout. The fire was extinguished and then the vehicle was removed by a tow company. See story on page 1. La Conner Whitney Rd., La Conner.

Wednesday, November 23
9:56 a.m.: Deceased dog – Report of a deceased pit bull or heeler mix wearing an electric collar on the side of the road. McLean Rd., Greater La Conner.

Hoops. . . (from page 4)

Harper's own heavy lifting leading up to the season involves establishing for the team what he calls its five pillars, the structures upon which the Lady Braves ethic will be built.

"Those pillars," Harper said, "are respect, courage, citizenship, integrity and empowerment."

A 1994 graduate of Monroe High School, where he was a member of the school's eighth place state tourney entry, Harper is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran whose extensive youth coaching resumé ranges from basketball to snowboarding.

He is assisted by La Conner alums Lynette Cram, Scottie Miller, Anna Cook and former Mount Vernon and SVC coach Roger Valentine.

"I want to get our players all the help possible," said Harper. "It won't be a 'my way or the highway' approach. I want them to get better and to do that I want to call on all available resources." More than that, though, Harper



Joe Harper

wants his players to take joy in what they're doing.

"This game is all about encouragement and connections," he insisted. "It's not about yelling and screaming. The key word for us is fun."

"If they're having fun," he said, "we're doing well."

Volleyball match Sunday

Ellie Marble, Josie Harper and Makayla Herrera will play in the Washington State Senior All-Star match at Burlington-Edison High School on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

A back in the day reflection —

Cecil Glenn was the real deal, a La Conner original

By Maggie Wilder

Not many of La Conner's unique features were ever the result of a conscious effort to attract visitors, much in the same way a person does not add to their character by attempting to be noteworthy.

I first came to La Conner in the fall of 1966, playing hooky with my high school art teacher, who used to spend summers at the Planter Hotel for a dollar a day. He thought creativity was an ever-present opportunity and paying attention was far more important than how you put paint on canvas.

Every fall he told us stories about his time in La Conner, including installments about a fictional local oyster-shucker, his summer paramour. (He was actually gay. People have been making stuff up about La Conner for a long time!)

One look around and I got it. No, the love affair was not with a person, but something more mysterious.

Wandering down First Street I saw working boats, a café, a tiny art studio with a famous artist practicing inside and a few shops. One in particular had curtains hanging outside the window, shedding a gentle rain. The sign said, "Den of Antiquity." Irresistible! Inside there was an elderly woman bent over a heap of miscellany on the floor. She seemed to pay

us no mind. There were wares displayed, but no discernible theme. There were some strange odors. When my teacher wandered into an area where the bent woman did not want him to go, she began to sing softly, the lyrics telling him that he was out of bounds. We left her with a kind word but without a sale.

Later I learned the shopkeeper's name was Cecil Glenn. She lived within sight of her store, just above on Second Street, in a house that imitated a riverboat steamer. I stopped into the Den of Antiquity whenever I was in town.

One Mother's Day, my sisters and I drove our mom to La Conner. We liked to imagine that the seafood lunch we were about to have at the Lighthouse Inn was caught in the waters just below our table. (Not knowing that in those days, raw sewage was being spewed directly into those waters!) Afterwards, we stopped in to see Cecil, promising mom we'd treat her to something at "The Den." She dutifully found a pair of candlestick holders.

By now we were regulars and Cecil, wanting to treat us right, began polishing what we thought was my mother's silver gift. The metallic paint rubbed right off, exposing pale pink plastic. Mom loved them none-the-less. And we loved Cecil, for making our day. That surprise, the resulting story, was worth far more than

what we paid.

Sometimes Cecil could be found watering plastic flowers in a planter box. She once mistook a local attorney for a valet and demanded that he park her car while she dined at the Planter. She was most often referred to as "colorful."

In the late seventies, the man who became our first wastewater treatment plant manager, Dale Carlson, a guy who helped solve our sewage problem, rented the small place next door to Cecil Glenn. He was there to notice when Cecil went beyond colorful to something more vivid.

Eventually he bought that small house and fixed it up like the boat hull design you see at the top of the staircase, just as Cecil would have liked. And he cared for her until he could no more.

Both Dale and Cecil are gone now. I wonder sometimes what else we've lost. Would a Cecil Glenn be embraced by La Conner in 2022? Some would say that Cecil was not playing with a full deck. Are we? Would Cecil Glenn be warehoused in some institution far from our view, in favor of a more sanitized kind of tourist attraction?

A reminder to us all: a full deck includes the The Fool, The Magician and The King of Cups. Cecil Glenn was the real deal, an attraction found nowhere else on earth.

Appeal. . . (from page 1)

Michael Davolio's September administrative determination and its finding of facts, making no additional arguments, only repeating the Town staff's position that the "Contract Rezone Agreement is unenforceable as a matter of law."

Town staff are relying on the assessment of Kenyon Disend, the law firm it hired last summer. Their lawyers concluded "Given what is known, however, we believe that failure to record the Contract Rezone likely means that it does not bind subsequent purchasers or owners because they had no constructive or record notice of the Contract Rezone."

Aldrich and Talman have disagreed since Talman unearthed the contract rezone in April, after the March 31 hearing on Atkinson's conditional use

permit. They resubmitted their lawyer's, David Bricklin, six-page August letter as part of a 52 page appeal: another eight pages of argument and 38 pages of historical Town documents.

The Town has not addressed Bricklin's analysis.

In their one-page response, Aldrich and Talman point out that Bricklin, unlike Atkinson, directly addressed the three questions posed in the Hearing Examiner original, June findings. They now ask Lowell to "consider Appellants legal argument and documentary review as unrefuted."

Their legal argument is that the 1986 council decision changing the Blades property from residential to commercial placed Historic Preservation District restrictions on it, the council approving "both a private contract and a legislative amendment to the Town's

Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code." The council minutes state: "Councilmember Sellen made the motion, seconded by councilmember Zimmerman, to rezone the aforementioned property to Commercial Use placing same restrictions on property as in Historic Preservation District and to also change the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried with Councilperson Morefield voting nay."

If Lowell upholds the Town's position, Aldrich and Talman will have to decide whether to appeal to Skagit County Superior Court.

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